



## Highlights from the April 2016 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The fourth 2015–16 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 16–18 April 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed 12 committee reports and recorded 46 decisions. The following are highlights from this meeting:

### Clubs and Districts

The Board affirmed the importance of the requirement that all district governors provide an annual statement and report of district finances to each club in their district for discussion and adoption in accordance with Article 15.060.4 of the RI Bylaws, and noted that the sanctions approved by the Board at its October 2015 meeting will be strictly applied to past district governors who fail to comply with these requirements.

### Programs and Awards

#### The Board

- approved the Trustees' plan for new endowment fund centennial recognition opportunities that would include a named plaque at One Rotary Center and temporary naming rights to certain rooms at the Secretariat depending on the contribution level;
- selected Venky Venkatesh to serve as one of two lead facilitators on the 2017 Regional Leaders Training Institute planning team (the Trustees at their April meeting selected Past RI Director Mary Beth Gowney-Selene as the other facilitator);
- agreed to add a half day of programming the 2017 Youth Exchange Officers preconvention in Atlanta, USA;
- recognized the proposed Rotary on Pins Fellowship and authorized the use of the word "Rotary" in its name.

### Administration

#### The Board

- adopted job descriptions for RI president and director that will be distributed to candidates and nominating committees;
- agreed to establish a Zone Realignment Committee to recommend criteria, guidelines, and a timetable for rezoning;
- approved establishment of an RI investment office that would assume authority, responsibility, and accountability for the investment programs at RI and the Foundation and requested the Investment Committee to advise the general secretary on the selection, recruitment, and training of a chief investment officer, and further requested the Investment Committee to develop policy statements to ensure that this investment office operates without influence of individual investment requests.
- adopted new procedures for nominating and electing Rotary Foundation trustees.