



Highlights from the September 2017 Rotary Foundation Trustees Meeting

The Rotary Foundation Trustees met on 18–21 September 2017 in Evanston, Illinois, USA and reviewed 8 committee reports and recorded 46 decisions.

Administration

The Trustees

- elected Trustee Gary C. K. Huang as their chair-elect in 2018–19 and deferred election of their vice chair in 2018–19 until their January 2018 meeting;
- with the nomination of their 2017–18 Vice Chair, Barry Rassin to serve as the 2017–18 president-elect of Rotary International, elected Trustee Kenneth Schuppert Jr. to serve as their vice chair for the remainder of the Rotary year;
- adopted four priorities for three years beginning 1 July 2018 as follows:
 - End polio—Countdown to History
 - Increase sustainability of our service efforts within the six areas of focus through the use of both district and global grants
 - Encourage the full use of district designated funds
 - Encourage gifts and commitments that establish personal legacies within Rotary's endowment;
- approved a new regional leader evaluation methodology to be used for annually assessing the performance of regional Rotary foundation coordinators, endowment/major gifts advisors.

Fund Development

The Trustees

- adjusted their 2017–18 fundraising goal from US\$315 million to \$360 million based on the new and increased Gates Foundation match of \$100 million for Polio if Rotarians raise \$50 million, including DDF funds;
- endorsed a goal for 2018–19 to be announced at the 2018 International Assembly;
- increased the Secretariat's philanthropy staffing levels to help achieve the fundraising goals established for polio eradication, growing the Foundation's endowment to US\$2.025 billion by 2025, and increasing Annual Fund contributions.

Programs

The Trustees

- received the Strategic Planning Committee's proposed updates to the process and criteria for establishing Rotary's next corporate project and requested the committee propose recommendations on this process and criteria, including a timeline, at the Trustee's January 2018 meeting;
- extended the PolioPlus partners program through 2018–19 and allocated US\$3.5 million from the PolioPlus Fund for PolioPlus Partners grants in 2018–19;
- approved \$49.5 million in PolioPlus grants to WHO and UNICEF totaling for operational support, surveillance, and social mobilization activities in Afghanistan, Chad, DR Congo, Eastern Mediterranean region, Guinea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan;
- agreed to consider holding a Rotary Peace Symposium on a triennial basis, beginning at the 2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention;
- agreed that the prevention of children's traffic injuries be a funded activity in disease prevention & treatment global grants;



- requested the general secretary to institute a new recognition platform for external organizations beginning at contributions of US\$100,000;
- agreed in principle to participate in the co-financing, development, and implementation of the National Multi-Sectorial Plan on Nutrition of the Ivory Coast, an early childhood nutrition intervention in the Ivory Coast from 1 January 2018 through 30 June 2023 and delegated authority to its Executive Committee to finalize the commitment to participate in this partnership based on the report from Rotarians conducting a site visit to the Ivory Coast;
- selected the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recipient and the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award, to be announced at the Toronto convention;
- selected 24 Rotarians to receive the Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding efforts on behalf of The Rotary Foundation;

Finance

The Trustees

- accepted the preliminary, draft 2016–17 audited financial statements and report on The Rotary Foundation's financial results;
- took several steps to address the concern in some districts of the accumulation of district designated funds.