

Board of Director's Meeting

RI District 6270

Quarterly Board Meeting • RI Year 2025-26

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 • 4:00 PM • Zoom



- Board members make the motions and are the voters in the meeting.
- *Meetings are open to all members of Rotary District 6270.*

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Members for Quorum:

Liz Nevitt (DG), Dawn Fiedler (DGE), Peter Bosch (PDG1), Don Griffing (PDG2), Michael Phillips (PDG3), Karlene Leatherman (S), Gillian Leggett (M), Debra Duick (F), Marta Carrión (LF), Ted Gurzynski (DAL Small Club)

Total 13 – Minimum of 7 - A quorum was present.

Other Attendees:

Rob Bassett (PP), Steven Chevalier (AG), Tom Curl (SC), Mary Beth Seiser (PDG), Nancy Rhodes (PDG), Jane Ipsen (AG), Jeff Reed (District Grants)

Absent:

Voting Members for Quorum:

Harry Farchmin (DGN), Dean Danner (T), Angelica Niemann (PI)

Non-voting Members:

Dana Kohlmeyer (AA, Ex-Officio)

CALL TO ORDER – 4:02 pm

ATTENDEES ROLL CALL

- a) Board & Guests
- b) Quorum of Board Members needed to conduct business - present

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

- a) Dawn Fiedler - The Board will not review or vote on the budget at this time. The discussion has been postponed, and a separate meeting will be scheduled for a detailed review. The proposed budget was presented to the Finance Committee on 2/11/2026. Per governance requirements, the budget must be distributed to the Board 30–60 days in advance of approval (Karlene is confirming the exact timeline). The budget is currently planned to be presented to the Board in April.

APPROVE AGENDA

- a) Motion by Pete Bosch, second by Ted Gurzynski, M/S/P

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of all items, items for discussion must be identified prior to approval vote of consent agenda.
- b) DG may ask for committee chairs/coordinators to summarize recent actions of committee.
 - i. Financial Report – Treasurer
 - ii. Meeting Minutes: November, 2025
 - iii. DG Line Report DG, DGE, DGN and AG's Report
 1. *Remove DG report – reimbursement for WAS should be \$500 (not \$1000)*
 - a. *Should be half of tuition fee. Will revisit when report has been corrected*
 - iv. Committee Reports (example), Technology, Grants, RYE, etc.
 - v. Miscellaneous Reports
- c) Vote – Motion by Pete Bosch, second by Liz Nevitt. M/S/P

NEW BUSINESS

- a) TriCon 2026
 - I. The District is supporting first-time TriCon attendees by covering their registration fees. Liz has identified 8 interested participants, with 3 registrations confirmed to date. Planning efforts are progressing well. Clubs are being asked to donate raffle baskets to help raise funds for PolioPlus. The committee is currently seeking event sponsors and a stage manager. Liz is working with 4imprint (Oshkosh) to provide notebooks for the event and exploring the opportunity for them to become the only Rotary-approved vendor in Wisconsin.
- b) World Affairs Seminar 2026
 - I. The District will pay half of the TriCon registration fee for one additional attendee sponsored by each club. A total of \$7,000 has been allocated for this initiative. Clubs will be reimbursed upon verification of both registration and attendance. Due to WAS taking place at the end of June, the reimbursement process will require a quick turnaround. (Apologies, Dean.)
- c) Annual Funding Report for fiscal year 2024/25
 - i. Has been received.

Motion by Don Griffing to accept the report and send on to the District, second by Mike Phillips.
M/S/P

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Tabled from 11/12/2025 meeting – have questions for Jeff Reed

MoPP change recommendations - District to allocate 50% of DDF to District grants
Has been an informal policy.
MIKE: Recommended by Jeff Reed. Came from District Grant sub-committee. Recommended to Governance Committee. Passed recommendation. Passed to board for vote.
The Governance Committee has passed a recommendation that the District MoPP be modified to include the following paragraph immediately prior to the subtitle "Subcommittees of the DRFC," which is currently on page 12 of the MoPP.
District 6270 shall use 50% of the annual District Distributed Funds for District Grants, or whatever is the maximum allowed by The Rotary Foundation. A one year exception can be made with the approval of the DG and DRFC Chair.
DON: Has concerns about wording.

Don Griffing & Jeff Reed had discussion prior to the board meeting.

Intended as a guideline, not a rule.

Suggested wording:

District 6270 shall make every effort to use the maximum percentage of DDF allocation by The Rotary Foundation to be used for District Grants, recognizing that the final amount of District Designated Funds is not known at the time allocations are determined. A one-year exception may be approved by the District Governor and the District Rotary Foundation Chair.

Motion by Don Griffing to amend the policy as written above, second by Pete Bosch. M/S/P

- b) Tabled from 11/12/2025 meeting – was not ready to be discussed at Board level
Moving District “local” rules for District Grants & Global Grant into MoPP

OTHER

Emerging Leaders – PETS

Liz has budgeted funds to support up to 13 Emerging Leaders to attend PETS. To date, seven participants have registered. The program includes Friday hotel accommodations and Saturday meals and registration (Saturday-only conference participation). We are exploring whether attendees may pay separately for the Friday dinner in order to participate in the Friday evening speakers and activities.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 4:50pm

- a) Motion by Pete/Don, second by Don/Pete. M/S/P
b) Future Quarterly Meetings – TriCon, 4/17-18/2026

Respectfully submitted
Karlene Leatherman
District Secretary
02/11/2026

AA: Administrative Assistant
AG: Assistant Governor
CoL: Council on Legislation
DAL: Director at Large
DEI: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
DG: District Governor
DGE: District Governor Elect
DGN: District Governor Nominee
F: Finance
ISC: International Service Chair

LF: Learning Facilitator
M: Membership
PDG: Past District Governor
PI: Public Image
PP: Polio Plus
RFE: Rotary Friendship Exchange
S: Secretary
SC: Stewardship Chair
T: Treasurer
WAS: World Affairs Seminar

M/S/P: Motion, Seconded, Passed