

Board of Director's Meeting

RI District 6270

Special Board Meeting in 3rd Quarter • RI Year 2025-26

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 • 5:00 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), Harry Farchmin (DGN), Don Griffing (PDG2), Michael Phillips (PDG3), Karlene Leatherman (S), Dean Danner (T), Debra Duick (F), Marta Carrión (LF), Ted Gurzynski (DAL Small Club)

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

Other Attendees:

Andy DeWitt (AG), Rob Bassett (PP), Kristopher Ulrich (DGND), Jeff Reed (CoL), Paul Langer (AG), Bob Karmann (AG), Bob Canham (TECH), Steve Chevalier (AG), Tom Curl (STEW), Angela Reister (DEI), Cindy Petted (WEB), Jim Padilla (PCE/SCHOL)

Absent:

Voting Members for Quorum:

Peter Bosch (PDG1), Gillian Leggett (M), Angelica Niemann (PI),

Non-voting Members:

Dana Kohlmeyer (AA, Ex-Officio)

CALL TO ORDER – 5:02pm

ATTENDEES ROLL CALL

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

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

- a) (none)

APPROVE AGENDA

- a) Motion by Ted, second by Don. M/S/P

NEW BUSINESS

a) Nominating Committee Report (Pete Bosch)

Harry: Motion to approve the Nominating Committee Report. Second by Dawn. M/S/P

b) Proposed Budget for Rotary Year 2026-27 (Dawn Fiedler)

- i. 602000 District Conference – Kristopher would like to discuss
- ii. Liz: (Scratchpad) Do \$47.50 dues include district & RI? No (the \$47.50 is only District dues, RI dues are billed separately and aren't part of our budget at District level)
- iii. Liz: (Scratchpad) Rotaract Leadership Development - what is that? Nothing in budget (Scholarship for zone & Tricon) – did not flow through to actual budget
Do we really need anything like that?
Dana: Rotaract does not pay district dues. RI dues are charged to sponsor club.
Don: Rotaract Leadership Development is to send Rotaract to Zone. Haven't had one for past 2 years. District was giving scholarships to Rotaract & Satellite Club chairs to PETS. They would go through Emerging Leaders track. There are no funds available now. All have been spent. If PE of Rotaract club goes to PETS next year they would go through PE track. There were no requirements for Satellite clubs to go to PETS. Encouraged them to go to Emerging Leaders. No interest. Satellite Clubs Chairs are required now. Dean: Rotaract clubs are billed for PETS)
Steve: Rotaract has been reignited in Milwaukee.
- iv. Liz: District Conference – hotel is full (Kalahari). Would like to see \$4000 added for 1st time attendees to District Conference. Dawn: Reluctant to add since over budget already.
- v. Liz: Zone Emerging Leaders \$3600 (to pay \$600 toward fee for 6 people). Dawn would rather send people to Emerging Leaders to PETS (very well received this year) rather than Zone. Can we create a different line item under PETS?

Don: Motion to add line item under 59000 Training/Learning Expenses for Emerging Leaders Scholarships, amount under 641000 Zone/Emerging Leaders of \$3600 would be transferred.

Second by Marta. M/S/P (one opposed)

Harry: Would like to see this kept under PETS.

Marta: Would like to see this under PETS if it is for PETS only. Spring training & Fall training is not showing under training. Can those be moved?

DON: Amend motion – from 641000 Zone/Emerging Leaders to sub category 625300 Midwest PETS rather than under learning expenses. Second by Harry. M/S/P

Don: Dues being increased \$1/member (on scratchpad).

District Conference – pledge money to RI convention in 2028?

Tricon will not be held in 2028 because of the convention in Minnesota in 2028.

Kristopher: 2028 RI Convention seeking funds. D6220 pledging \$10,000, D6250 pledging \$37,500, would like D6270 to pledge \$10,000. Do not need to send 2026-27 year. Do need to send 2027-28 year.

Concerns on why money is needed. If we are concerned on what the convention is doing with the money, we can contribute to the Rotary Magazine for a year-long ad promoting the convention. We can contribute to the magazine or to the committee.

Liz: Harry would like to have “something” rather than eliminating the District Conference. Spring learning event?

Cindy: Minneapolis in 2028 ... Chicago in 2030.

Kristopher: Would like to support Minneapolis & Chicago. Great opportunities.

Angie: Pledging to 2030 also?

Jeff: Surrounding districts are not holding conferences, but planning some pre-conference activities.

Dawn: We get a lot more attendance at District Conference than an RI Convention. Scholarship? Have a "district bash" at the RI convention? Same for Chicago. Hire busses? Scholarships for PETS & Tricon well received. Registrations at RI more expensive.

Harry: Need to have further discussion about Minneapolis & Chicago at another meeting. Purpose of this meeting tonight was to approve budget. RI Convention & District Conference have different agendas.

Liz: Add to next board meeting on 5/13/2026 – discussion about Minneapolis & Chicago Conventions.

Don: Motion to amend amount for District Conference line 602000 to be \$24,000 (\$4,000 would be used so we can do scholarships in 2027.) Second by Liz/Ted. M/S/P

Harry: Motion to approve the budget 2026-27 – Second by Don.

Discussion: Line 301000 – change from \$108,205 to \$107,017.50 – incorrect calculation. M/S/P

Dean will update budget with above amendments. Dana will post.

c) Set date for Annual Meeting (Liz Nevitt)

i. Dana: Clubs must have time to submit a resolution.

ii. Wednesday, 5/20/2026, time TBD – practice

Thursday, 5/21/2026, 6:30 – Annual meeting

Motion by Don, second by Dean M/S/P

Dana: How long will the Annual Meeting be? Don: Try for 1 hour, advertise 1-1/2 hours.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:16pm

a) Motion by Don, second by Dawn. M/S/P.

Respectfully submitted

Karlene Leatherman

District Secretary

03/25/2026

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

DGN: District Governor Nominee Designate

F: Finance

ISC: International Service Chair

LF: Learning Facilitator

M: Membership

PDG: Past District Governor

PCE: Peace Fellowships

PI: Public Image

PP: Polio Plus

RFE: Rotary Friendship Exchange

S: Secretary

STEW: Stewardship

SCHOL: Scholarships

T: Treasurer

TECH: District Technology

WAS: World Affairs Seminar

WEB: Website

M/S/P: Motion, Seconded, Passed