

Minutes

RI District 6270

Annual Business Meeting • RI Year 2025-26

Thursday, May 21, 2026 • 6:30 PM • Zoom



Rotary International's Vision Statement – Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The meeting was held via Zoom only.

Meeting documents are on District 6270 Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17jFqMACxa-q0MG8bf1sOmRFD89kODbBa?usp=sharing>

1. Call to Order

- a. Liz Nevitt (DG) called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. Notice of Meeting

- a. Was sent on **April 15, 2026** by Dana Kohlmeyer (AA).

3. Roll Call

- a. Quorum of District Clubs
 - i. A quorum was present (minimum 8 clubs represented by 20 electors) per Dana Kohlmeyer (AA).
 - ii. See page 4 for attendees

4. Explanation of Voting Procedure – Mentimeter

- a. Don Griffing (PDG2) explained. Only electors are allowed to vote. Sample question tested for all.

5. Changes to agenda

- a. Liz Nevitt (DG) called for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none.

6. Approve agenda

- a. **Vote to approve agenda**
 - i. **Motion by Angela Rester (Milwaukee Amigos After Hours), second by Pete Bosch (Waukesha)**
24 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

7. Approve Minutes

- a. Annual Meeting (2025)
- b. **Vote to approve minutes from the Annual Meeting 2024-25, held 4/25**
 - i. **Motion by Dennis Swetlik (Two Rivers), second by Harry Farchmin (Elmbrook/Brookfield)**
21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

8. Finances

- a. Consolidated Financial Statements, Hawkins/Ash Review
 - i. Accountants Conclusion – *“Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.”*
- b. RI Annual Statement & Report of District Finances, Dean Danner (T)
 - i. As of 6/30/2025 = \$270,504.06 revenue, \$285,422.32 expenses, balance \$193,587.74 assets
- c. **Vote to approve Financial Statements**
 - i. **Motion by Pete Bosch (Waukesha), second by Harry Farchmin (Elmbrook/Brookfield)**
25 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

9. Presentation and adoption of 2026-2027 District Budget

- a. Dawn Fiedler (DGE)
 - i. District dues being raised to \$47.50/person annually (= \$1/person) (RI dues raised by \$3.50/person)
 - ii. PETS fee increased to include hotel fee, 2 nights (\$450 tuition \$300 hotel) Each club pays for President Elect to attend. PEs are required to stay at hotel. Attendance at PETS is required.
 - iii. DG reimbursement from RI
 - iv. Emerging Leaders track at PETS rather than sending to ZONE. More cost effective.

- v. Rob Bassett: Visioning session recently held, how will that be funded? = Liz's budget/reserves. \$1,466 spent
- vi. First time TriCon attendee scholarships added to this budget.

b. Vote to approve Adoption of 2026-2027 District Budget

i. Motion by Kristopher Ulrich (Oshkosh Southwest), second by Steve Chevalier (Milwaukee Downtown)

24 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

10. Affirmation of Kristopher Ulrich (DGND)

- a. Nominating Committee, Pete Bosch (PDG)
 - i. Approved Craig Burnett (Oshkosh Southwest) as primary and Jeff Reed (Fond du Lac Morning) as secondary designate to the CoL for 2026-2027-2028.
 - ii. Approved Kristopher Ulrich (Oshkosh Southwest) as candidate for DGND
- b. Vote to accept the Nominating Committee report – since this is a committee report, no motion or second is required**
 - i. 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain**

11. Other Reports or Resolutions

- a. None received.

12. Old Business

- a. (none)

13. New Business

- a. Liz recognized Terry Schacht (AG)(Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise) – All of his clubs have club goals registered.

14. Comments from Liz Nevitt (DG)

- a. Thank you for the confidence.
- b. Have met so many amazing people.
- c. The projects & pride everyone has for their community is awe-inspiring.
- d. Appreciate everything that everyone does.
- e. Know we are making the world a better place.
- f. Thank you to everyone on the call.

15. Outlook and plans for 2026-27 Rotary year – Dawn Fiedler (DGE)

- a. Appreciate Liz for everything she has given to our district this past year.
- b. Discussion at the Visioning Session recently held
 - i. Going to work really hard to lessen the number of emails ... 1 per week ... just be sure to read them.
 - ii. Suggesting an open mic night in lieu of Presidents' meeting.
Invite anyone to join the district zoom meeting to come and be a part.
- c. We are a team! I am not the source of all knowledge in the universe.
- d. Will be asking when visiting clubs this year ...
 - i. What can the district do to help you?
 - ii. Why are you in Rotary?
 - iii. What brings you in?
 - iv. What keeps you engaged?
 - v. What is so important about Rotary?
 - vi. An email with questions prior to visit. Discussion items at the meeting.
- e. This past year has been a struggle. Works full-time. Always on call. Will not turn anyone away.
- f. Reach out, be patient for response.
- g. Did you know ... There is no such thing as a perfect Rotary club. All clubs have their issues. We're all different people. But it's ok! Gives us the strength to do better.
- h. Pushing Leadership Development. There are openings at the District level – need Assistant Governors in 3 areas. Jane Ipsen is AG Coordinator.
 - i. Will not micromanage. Will help.
- j. We all have a place in Rotary. Where is yours? What makes your club valuable to your community? Would your community notice if your club was no longer there??
- k. What are you doing to encourage youth? Do you have an Interact Club? Rotaract? Rotary Youth Exchange? Sending anyone to the World Affairs Seminar?
- l. Collaborate with other service clubs in your area. Lions? Kiwanis? Jaycees?
- m. Do you have a membership chair in your club? Every member is a part of your membership committee.
- n. This year's Presidential theme - Create Lasting Impact.
- o. Thank you for trusting me to be your DG for this year. Transparency is key. Looking forward to meeting your clubs.

16. Adjourn 7:49pm

- a. Motion by Pete Bosch (Waukesha), second by Gene Kamholz (Hartford). M/S/P
- b. Future Quarterly Board Meetings – will remain on 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm, Zoom
8/12/2026, 11/11/2026, 2/10/2027, 5/12/2027

Respectfully submitted

Karlene Leatherman

District Secretary

05/21/2026

AA: Administrative Assistant

AG: Assistant Governor

CoL: Council on Legislation

DAL: Director at Large

DDF: District Designated Funds

DEI: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

DG: District Governor

DGE: District Governor Elect

DGN: District Governor Nominee

DGND: District Governor Nominee Designate

F: Finance

FR: Fundraising

ISC: International Service Chair

LF: Learning Facilitator

M: Membership

PDG: Past District Governor

PE: President Elect

PI: Public Image

PP: Polio Plus

RFE: Rotary Friendship Exchange

RPF: Rotary Peace Fellowship

SS: Scholarships

S: Secretary

SC: Stewardship Chair

T: Treasurer

WAS: World Affairs Seminar

M/S/P: Motion, Seconded, Passed

District Board Members Attendees:

Liz Nevitt (DG)
Dawn Fiedler (DGE)
Harry Farchmin (DGN)
Peter Bosch (PDG1)
Don Griffing (PDG2)
Michael Phillips (PDG3)
Dean Danner (T)
Karlene Leatherman (S)
Debra Duick (F)
Dana Kohlmeyer (AA, Ex-Officio)

2026 Annual Meeting Attendees

Cedarburg-Grafton: Cindy Petted
Elkhorn: Debra Duick, Dawn Fiedler, Shelly Higgins
Elmbrook (Brookfield): Bill Petterson
Fond du Lac Morning: Jeffrey Reed
Green Lake: Pat Ellis
Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise: Terry Schacht
Milwaukee: Melissa Marschka
Mitchell Field: Rob Bassett
Oshkosh: Don Griffing
Racine Founder's: Liz Rosenberg
Ripon: Liz Nevitt
Thiensville-Mequon: Karl Hertz
Waukesha Sunrise: Dean Danner
West Bend Sunrise: Gary Loop

Electors Reported - By Club Name

Elkhorn: Kristin Belongia, Katie James
Elmbrook (Brookfield) (eSin Fronteras): Tom Curl, Harry Farchmin
Geneva Lake West (GLW, Delavan-Darien): Don Vandello
Hartford: Jim Bohn, Gene Kamholz
Kenosha: Christian Venegas, Fran Wargolet
Milwaukee Amigos After Hours: Angela Rester
Milwaukee: Steve Chevalier, Kent Lovern, Mary McCormick, Allen Witt
Mukwonago (Union Grove): Jim Cotturone
Neenah: Dana Kohlmeyer
Oshkosh Southwest: James Chitwood, Sarah Danahy, Karlene Leatherman, Kristopher Ulrich,
Plymouth: Jim Hansen
Racine: Daniel Widmar
Ripon: Kelly Mundell, Nita Krenz
Two Rivers: Dennis Swetlik
Waukesha Sunrise: Tamie Koop
Waukesha: Pete Bosch
West Allis (West Allis After Hours): Nancy Rhodes
Whitnall Park: Terri Delke