

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 30, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
ZOOM FORMAT

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Present were DG Carole Bernhard, DGE Shannon Duncan, DGN Ward Budweg, DGN-D Jeff Halverson, Board Chair/PDG Jeff Hassman, Foundation Committee Chair John Wasta, and District Treasurer Gary Winterhof. Also present were DES Suellen Kolbet, Global Scholar Chair Chris Lindell, and Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Coordinator Maripili Hassman.

Board Chair Jeff Hassman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

Moved by Budweg, seconded by Bernhard; That the consent agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were:

Minutes of the 2-6-24 BOD Meeting
Electronic votes
DG Line minutes of 4-10-24
Foundation Committee minutes of 2-21, 3-20, and 4-17-2024
RYLA Board minutes of 2-17-24
Report from Financial Review Committee
Finance Committee minutes of 4-23-24
Global Scholar Interviews

Reports were received as follows:

District Governor Activity report
District Executive Secretary Activity report
RYLA
DRFCC Report
Rotary Youth Exchange (in person)
Global Scholar Report

Maripili Hassman reported on Rotary Youth Exchange. All current inbounds are doing well. All inbound and outbound students for the 24-25 year have been selected. Brian and Beth Globokar have joined the RYE committee. John Wasta reported on the Global Grant initiated by the Cedar Valley Club that is not finalized. The District will not be getting any more funds until this is resolved and we may have to repay grant funds. John is working with Rotary International and Global Grant Chair Michelle Bell is also aware of this.

Treasurer Gary Winterhof reported on the District financials. The District is in good financial condition. There are six staggered CD's invested in two different banks with an average interest rate of 4.9%. There are no budget concerns at this time. It appears

that the District will end the year with a positive net profit. Suellen Kolbet reported that she has the Board Financials from 2022-2023 ready to send out to the Club presidents. Approval will be requested at the District meeting to be held on June 8, 2024. Moved by Budweg, seconded by Halverson; That Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2024 be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Since Don Meyer has left the District, Carole Bernhard has volunteered to serve as Board Chair for the 2024-2025 year. Moved by Budweg, seconded by Duncan; To appoint Carole Bernhard as the 2024-2025 Board Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Carole Bernhard reported on the Human Connections team. One workshop was held in person and two virtually. There is another workshop scheduled for Estherville in person on May 23, 2024. The Committee doesn't plan on moving forward in this manner in the future because of low participation. The Committee is trying to work toward a more club by club fashion. They are still planning on a cultural dinner at the District Conference.

Carole Bernhard reported on plans for the District Conference. The preliminary agenda is ready to go out to all members. Rotary Youth Exchange students will help at both luncheons.

Shannon Duncan reported on North Central PETS. Twelve PEs were not trained, and three clubs have not identified a club president. She plans to have those that missed watch the videos from North Central PETS and then contact Shannon when they are done.

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 budget. Moved by Bernhard, seconded by Winterhof; That the 2024-2025 Budget be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. The budget will be sent to all club presidents and they will vote on final approval at the District Conference.

Carole Bernhard had been approached by District 6000 with concerns that the Rotary International Insurance coverage was not sufficient for RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange. After discussion with Dennis Drager, District Governor in District 6000, and RI insurance representatives, both District Governors feel both youth programs are covered.

We have not received any applications for the 2027-2028 District Governor. Board members need to make contact with possible candidates to get them to apply.

A new PETS Board member needs to be selected. It is a five-year commitment. Carole Bernhard volunteered to serve in this position. Moved by Wasta, seconded by Budweg; To appoint Carole Bernhard as the North Central PETS representative from District 5970. All ayes. Motion carried.

A representative and alternate for the RI Director Nominating Committee needs to be selected. They need to be a Past District Governor. Carole Bernhard has selected Jeff

Hassman as our representative on the Rotary International Nominating Committee and Michelle Bell as the alternate.

No progress has been made on the Strategic Plan update. It will be discussed at the next District Governor line meeting..

Dates and times need to be selected for the Board meetings and DG Line meetings in 2024-2025. Suellen Kolbet will send out a survey to find the best dates and times.

Suellen Kolbet had been asked if the District was interested in forming a passport club. Rotary International information regarding this kind of club was discussed.

The Board decided to delay further discussion of the By-laws review to the beginning of next year.

Chris Lindell has received the Citation for Meritorious Service to The Rotary Foundation for his work on the Global Scholar Committee. Peter Teahen has received the Service above Self award.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.