

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2026 – 4:00 PM
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE, ISLE CASINE, WATERLOO

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Presidential Suite at the Isle Casino in Waterloo. Present were PDG and Board Chair Shannon Duncan, PDG Ward Budweg, DG Jeff Halverson, DGE Dave Jenson (via zoom), DGN Steve Benton, DGN-D Tami Heljik, Foundation Committee Chair Michelle Bell, and District Treasurer Gary Winterhof. Also present were District International Service Chair Chris Lindell, Rotary Youth Exchange Chair Jeff Hassman, and DES Suellen Kolbet.

Board Chair Shannon Duncan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

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

- DG Line minutes of 5-26 and 7-8, 2026
- District Board minutes of 5-19-2026
- District Governor Nominee Designate Interview
- Electronic Votes
- Foundation Committee minutes of 5-18, 6-16, 7-9, and 7-21-2026
- International Service Power Point
- District Governor Club Visit Schedule

Written Reports were received as follows:

- District Secretary Activity report
- District International Service Committee Report
- Foundation Report
- Membership Report
- Rotary Youth Exchange Report

Jeff Hassman – Rotary Youth Exchange Chair was also present and gave his report. There are currently five outbound students and there will be five inbound students as well. He has scheduled two informational zoom meetings for those interested in learning more about Rotary Youth Exchange and youth opportunities in general through Rotary.

Chris Lindell, District International Service Committee Chair, reported on the International Service survey results he compiled. He met with three clubs and have four more scheduled. He has put his presentation on the District website. The hope is that by promoting International Service, it will boost membership in the District. He wants to promote International Service opportunities in our District. He printed

brochures for Michelle Bell to take to the Zones Conference in Cancun to promote Sister Clubs.

District Treasurer Gary Winterhof reported on the Financial Reports. The Budget report for year ending June 30, 2026 show revenue exceeding expenses by approximately \$8,000. The Balance sheet for the end of June shows a balance of \$350,000 and August 20 a balance of \$405,000, due to yearly dues payments. There is \$235,000 in Certificates of Deposit, with an average rate of 3.9% Moved by Benton, seconded by Bell; To approve the Financial Reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bell, seconded by Benton; To set the District Executive Secretary salary at \$23,400, as per budget, for 2026-2027 and make it retroactive to July 1, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Halverson reported that Becky Esker from the Linn County Club has agreed to be the Polio Walk Chair. The Polio Walk will be held on October 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.. She is currently participating in monthly zoom meetings. The primary focus is to increase awareness of Rotary's goal to eradicate Polio and the secondary focus is to raise funds for Polio plus. Suellen will send the flyer to the Board, Assistant Governors, and Club Presidents, and ask them to promote it to the clubs. Jeff Halverson is promoting it at his club visits.

NCPELS Update

The North Central President Elect Learning Seminar will be held March 11 – 13, 2027 at the Gateway Conference Center in Ames, Iowa. There will be a full NCPELS Board meeting on September 14. Dave Jenson is looking for ways to encourage in-person attendance. Suellen Kolbet will send an email to all clubs announcing the date of NCPELS and encouraging them to designate a President Elect as soon as possible. At NCPELS they will push PEs to set 3-5 year goals.

Jill Olsen has volunteered to write the nomination for this year's "Service Above Self" award. Jeff Halverson asked the Board to forward him the names of any Rotarians that could be candidates. The application is open the month of October.

Jeff Halverson reported on the club visits he has done so far. He briefly went over his presentation with the Board. He is enjoying meeting the Clubs.

The Zones Conference will be held in Cancun September 16 – 19, 2026. Attending from our District are Jeff Halverson and his wife, Michelle Bell, Dave Jenson and his wife, Steve Benton and his wife, Jeff and Maripili Hassman, and Carole and Tim Bernhard.

The District has received a request for Zone support, as a direct cash donation or the purchase of advertising. There is \$350 in the budget for Zone support. Moved by

Budweg, seconded by Benton; To purchase a \$500 advertisement promoting Sister Clubs. All ayes. Motion carried,

The Rotary International Board will decide if the International Convention in 2028 will be held in Minneapolis at their Board meeting in September. We have pledged \$25,000, which will give us a seat on the Host Committee Board. Jeff has asked Tim Coffey of the Mason City Club to be our representative. He has not given him an answer yet.

The Board discussed the Rotary Road Map and Rotary Club Action Plan process. Action Plan Summits, regional sessions, have been proposed. It was agreed that the process can be intimidating for some clubs. It might be easier if it is broken down into goals. Suellen will ask Carole Bernhard to share the document she created.

Assistant District Governor training was discussed. The job description was reviewed. Other districts will be contacted to see what they use. The subject will be on the next DG Line agenda.

Jeff Halverson reported that the 2027 District Conference will be in Ames at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center on April 30, May 1, and May 2. Committees are being formed and the core Committee met in Ames on August 17. Jeff went over a list of speakers that are being considered. He welcomed any other suggestions.

The next three quarterly Board meetings will be held on November 17, 2026, February 16, 2027, and May 18, 2027 at 7:00 a.m. via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.