

DISTRICT 5970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 1, 2022
ZOOM FORMAT
4:00 P.M.

The February 1, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Bell at 4:00 p.m.. via Zoom format. The following Board members were present: Board Chair Michelle Bell, PDG Lowell Stoolman, DG Jeff Hassman, DGE Don Meyer, DGN Carole Bernhard, DGN-D Shannon Duncan, Foundation Chair John Wasta, and Treasurer Eric Levenhagen . Also present was District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbetl.

DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

Moved by Bernard, seconded by Hassman; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Minutes of **12-7-21** BOD Meeting
DG Line minutes of 1-11-22
Foundation Committee minutes of 12-13-21 and 1-10-22

The Board reviewed the following reports:

District Governor Activity report
District Secretary Activity report
DRFCC Report
Interact Report
Rotaract Report

District Governor Jeff Hassman has completed his club visits.

Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2022 were discussed. Moved by Meyer, seconded by Duncan; That Financial Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the surplus funds in the District accounts. Due to COVID, funds were not spent. They discussed ideas that would encourage greater engagement and involvement in Rotary. District Governor Jeff Hassman suggested some of the funds be used to cover District Conference registration fees for District leadership such as Past District Governors, Assistant District Governors, Committee Chairs, Club Presidents and Presidents Elect, and Rotaractors/Interactors. He would like to dedicate up to \$10,000 for this. Interact and Rotaract has requested a small budget to attend the conference. Michelle Bell said she would like to see some encouragement for commitment to continue to serve the District. Moved by Hassman, seconded by Duncan; To extend an invitation to attend the District Conference at the expense of the District (registration only) to Past District Governors, Assistant District Governors, Committee Chairs, Foundation Board, Club Presidents and Presidents Elect, Rotaract and Interact. They will be allowed to ask for reimbursement by June 1, 2022, we will reimburse up to \$10,000 on a first come, first served basis. All Ayes. Motion carried. District Governor Jeff Hassman will send out a newsletter to those eligible explaining this opportunity.

Each District Governor is allowed a budget of \$10,000 to attend international conferences for a three year period. Because of COVID, Jeff, Lowell, and Michelle have not been able to attend all these conferences. Moved by Wasta, seconded by Meyer; That a reserve account be created in the amount of funds left for those in the DG line who have not been able to attend International Conferences, for them to be able to use for conferences in Houston, Australia, and Singapore, as long as they are still active in Rotary and District 5970. These funds will be forfeited after 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Shannon Duncan reported that the Stewardship Report has been submitted and approved. This year's grant period will be easier to review because grants checks weren't sent until Clubs had all their paperwork submitted. John Wasta will contact all grant recipients to ask them for interim reports.

The Foundation Committee approved the 2022-2023 Grant Handbook and submitted it to the Board for approval. Moved by Wasta, seconded by Bernard; That the 2022-2023 Grant Handbook be approved and posted on the District website. All ayes. Motion carried.

District Governor reported on activities that will be held at the All Iowa District Conference on April 22 and 23, 2022.

DGE Don Meyer reported that he had good participation in the One Rotary Summits, both in person and virtual. He received good comments from the evaluations.

DGE Don Meyer reported on North Central PETS. It will be virtual this year, on February 24 and 25, 2022, with two more sessions on March 29 and May 9, 2022. 35 of 50 presidents elect have registered.

Don Meyer and [Carole Bernhard](#) reported that the YRYLA Committee has decided to suspend YRYLA this year. They would like to send some people to Colorado to be trained and restart the program in 2023. They will get more information on what it would cost to send someone from our District to attend the training in Colorado before a decision can be made. Carole will get that information and send it out to the Board.

Review of the 2020-2021 Finances was discussed. Suellen will send out reports to Club presidents on Mar 15, 2022 and setup a Zoom meeting on Apr 15, 2022 to all for comments. Larry Pump, a CPA from the Charles City Rotary Club has volunteered to chair a committee to review the finances.

Suellen will post a story on the District website seeking District Governor candidates for 2025-2026 and will send an email out to all District rotarians. Lowell is the Chair of the Committee to select someone, and the Committee consists of him, a past president of a club, and any past District Governors that would like to serve. If anyone has suggestions of good candidates, they should get them to Lowell.

Two Interact Clubs have applied for District grants. A request for an email vote will go out next week.

The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.