

Summary of Key Board and Trustee Decisions Related to Rotary Clubs and Districts

*From the February 2004 Meetings of
The RI Board of Directors
and
The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation*

Key Decisions of the RI Board of Directors

No. 180 A New Rotary Fellowship Group

The Board agreed to recognize the Humanitarian Service Resource Fellowship (HSFR). Their aim is to develop an international network of Rotarians who are involved in organizing humanitarian service projects. Through their fellowship, Rotarians are expected to share their expertise and experience with others engaged in the same type of humanitarian efforts.

No. 182 Rotaract

The Board agreed that Rotaractors may attend Rotary club meetings without asking permission and encouraged Rotaract clubs to establish twin club relationships and to get involved with intercountry committees. The Board also encourages district governors-elect to appoint experienced Rotarians to serve as district Rotaract chairs, and to create related training opportunities for them.

No. 187 Intercountry Committees

The Board encourages Rotary clubs and districts to create and promote intercountry committees and awareness of their function. It also encourages the promotion of international meetings of intercountry committees, and participation by Rotaract clubs.

No. 192 The 2006 Rotary Convention

The 2006 RI convention destination will be known as “Malmö/Copenhagen.”

No. 195 2005 International Institute

An International Institute will be held from 17-18 June 2005 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Those eligible to attend the institute are past, current, and incoming officers of RI (including reported governors-nominee), and current RI committee members.

No. 198 Mailing to New Rotarians

The Board requested the President of RI to send welcome letters to new Rotarians, starting 1 July 2004.

No. 201 Extension to Non-Rotary Countries

The Board reaffirmed its decision not to establish additional provisional Rotary clubs in the People's Republic of China. The Board also commended District 3450 for its work with the Hepatitis B project, and encourages other clubs and districts to support it.

No. 204 Amendments to the Districting Procedure

The Board added the following four required elements for all future proposals:

- 1) A list of existing clubs with their charter dates, and number of members as of 1 July over the last five years, noting each club's continuous operation and good financial standing with RI for the past five years, and location of growth and extension possibilities in the proposed district(s);
- 2) Charts of the district's(s') existing and new proposals for the districts' leadership plans, a map showing the clubs assigned to each assistant governor, and a description of the assistant governor responsibilities.
- 3) Documentation illustrating that no more than 10% of the clubs in each new proposed district have membership of 20 Rotarians or less; and
- 4) A statement signed by the governor(s) stating the proposal has been referred to clubs in the district(s), and that the governor has communicated effectively the origin of the re-districting proposal and the necessity of each club to carefully consider the proposal for vote by the majority of club members.

For a copy of the complete text of the updated districting procedure, please consult the Rotary Code of Policies, section 17.010.6, or contact your CDA representative.

No. 209 The Rotary Anthem

The Board confirmed that the march from Ludwig von Beethoven's Overture to Egmont is the Rotary anthem. Plans are underway to hire an orchestra to record an original version of this anthem, and make it available for sale to Rotarians.

No. 212 Best Cooperative Projects Award

The Board approved the establishment of a Best Cooperative Projects Award to recognize outstanding club service projects done in cooperation with other organizations—such as the Boy Scouts, UN agencies, or local groups—especially those that require hands-on participation of club members. Projects that only involved fundraising are not eligible. Effective 1 July 2004, each district may submit up to five nominations.

No. 220 Procedures for Collection of Club Past Due Financial Obligations

In conjunction with the new dues collection cycle for clubs that goes into effect on 1 July 2004, the Board modified its policy concerning the reinstatement of clubs terminated for non-payment of financial obligations, as follows:

“When a club is reorganized within 90 days of termination, it must pay the amount of its outstanding obligations at the time of termination, including all semiannual dues payments that continue to accrue during the period between termination and reorganization. A club may only revise its membership list within 365 days (1 year) from the semiannual period due date. When a club is reorganized more than 90 days after termination, it must follow the policy for a newly admitted club and pay a charter fee. In order for a club to maintain its name, history, and charter, it must be reorganized no later than 365 days (1 year) from the termination date. If only partial payment is made by the 90th day following termination, that amount will be applied to the club’s delinquent financial obligation. However, the club will still have to undergo the admission procedure and pay a charter fee plus all outstanding obligations including the reinstatement fee. Reorganized clubs will be billed semiannual dues according to the schedule for newly admitted clubs.” *RCP 9.020.8*

Key Decisions of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation

No. 69. Implementation Plan for the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

The Trustees adopted the implementation plan for the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, beginning in 2005-06. Nomination forms and brochures will be sent to all Rotary districts in April/May 2005 and will be available on the RI website (www.rotary.org). Forms will be produced by The Rotary Foundation and sent to RRFCs and FARG members for regional distribution.

No. 78 Funding of Centennial Activities

The Trustees requested the general secretary to identify and to solicit sponsors of centennial activities and events related to The Rotary Foundation. Sponsor contributions may be in the form of cash, materials, supplies, and pro bono services directly related to centennial activities of The Rotary Foundation. Corporate sponsors and cooperating organizations will receive a special centennial recognition certificate and letter of appreciation from the Trustee Chairman and the RI President.