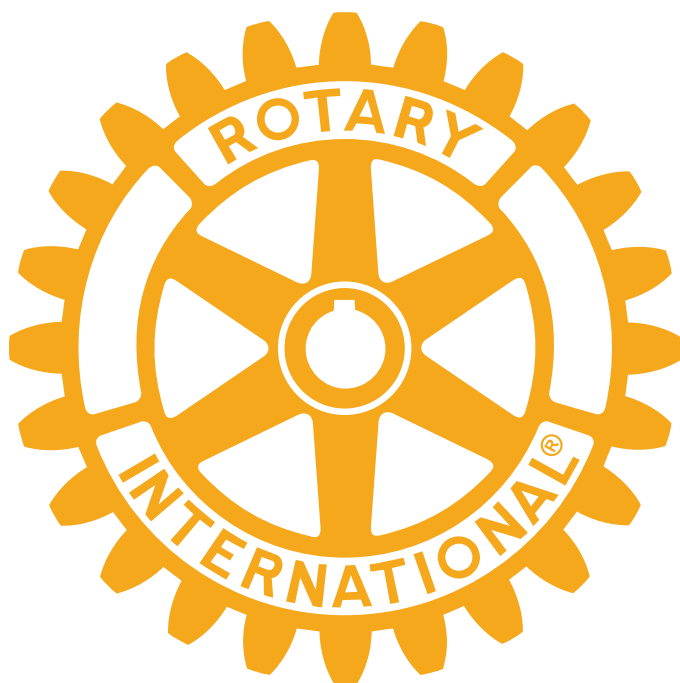




2024 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

REPORT OF ACTION

15-31 October 2024



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Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Resolutions of Rotary International met online from 15 to 31 October 2024. In accordance with subsection 9.150.1. of the RI Bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council.

44 resolutions were transmitted to the Council. The Council adopted 18 resolutions, of which 11 were recommendations to the RI Board and eight were recommendations to The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The Board and the Trustees will consider these items at their upcoming meetings.

Should you have any questions about the Council on Resolutions or the adopted items, please contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the next Council on Resolutions is 30 June 2025.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION 24R-02

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that presidents-elect complete the Club President Basics learning plan prior to attending PETS

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Salou, District 2202, Spain

1 WHEREAS, Rotarians have access to online training courses through the Rotary
2 Learning Center on My Rotary, and

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4 WHEREAS, training seminars are most effective when attendees have
5 familiarized themselves in advance with the materials to be studied during the
6 meeting

7
8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider recommending that presidents-elect complete the Club
10 President Basics learning plan, available on the Rotary Learning Center, prior to
11 the presidents-elect training seminar (PETS). It is also requested that this
12 recommendation be included in section 20.070.2., Program of PETS, of the
13 Rotary Code of Policies.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

14 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
15 In January 2023, the RI Board approved a decision for key Rotary and Rotaract
16 club leaders to complete their learning plans on the Rotary Learning Center
17 before 1 July of their term of service.

RESOLUTION 24R-04

To request the RI Board to consider creating a status of ‘club in formation’ during the period preceding a new club’s charter

Proposer(s): District 2150, Belgium

1 WHEREAS, substantial planning and preparation are required before a new club
2 can be officially chartered by RI, and

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4 WHEREAS, the information provided on rotary.org is very useful in preparing a
5 club for this process, and

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7 WHEREAS, future club presidents and club board members require training and
8 should review the informational materials made available on My Rotary

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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider creating a status of ‘club in formation’ during the period
12 preceding a new club’s charter, as well as allowing any future member of a club
13 currently in formation to access the My Rotary website (rotary.org), and
14 especially the online Learning Center, for up to a year during this process.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 The clubs recently formed or currently in formation within our district believe
16 there is insufficient information made available to the members of a newly-
17 formed club in the period prior to its charter.

18
19 Having access to the My Rotary website, and in particular to Rotary’s online
20 Learning Center, would be helpful in resolving this issue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
22 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
23 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-09

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that each district establish a District Council on Legislation committee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe Seishin, District 2680, Japan

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider recommending that each district establish a committee that
3 is equivalent to the Council on Legislation or the Council on Resolutions of Rotary
4 International, to be referred to tentatively as the District Council on Legislation
5 committee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

6 Currently, enactments and resolutions are proposed by districts and clubs
7 throughout the world and are then considered by the Council on Legislation and
8 the Council on Resolutions. The single representative elected by each district has
9 one vote for each item. The Council on Legislation is convened triennially in
10 person, while the Council on Resolutions meets annually to consider resolutions
11 which are voted on electronically.

12
13 In preparing enactments and resolutions, it is necessary to go through the
14 process of receiving proposals from the clubs in each district and compiling the
15 opinions in the district. It is already a significant burden for a single
16 representative to handle these tasks.

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18 It cannot be denied, moreover, that the procedure of deliberating and gathering
19 opinions on many enactments and resolutions, proposed by districts and clubs
20 around the world, may also be an excessive burden if it is left to the
21 representative alone.

22
23 Noting also that club presidents and secretaries are unfamiliar with the RI
24 Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Standard Club Constitution, it would seem
25 necessary to have a body that is in charge of promoting and raising awareness of
26 the deliberations of the Council on Legislation or Council on Resolutions.

27
28 Therefore, it would be desirable to establish a District Council on Legislation
29 committee within each district that would be responsible for developing,
30 promoting, raising awareness about, and deliberating upon each of these
31 proposals.

1 Since it is natural that the autonomy of each district should be respected, it does
2 not seem appropriate to make the District Council on Legislation committee a
3 mandatory committee. It should be a voluntary committee and should only be
4 recommended by the RI Board. Similarly, the organizational and authoritative
5 relationship between the governor, the representative, and the District Council
6 on Legislation committee should be left to the discretion of the district, which
7 shall decide whether this committee should be a fully independent committee or
8 merely an advisory body of representatives.

9
10 The establishment of this committee in each district to prepare and deliberate on
11 proposals for each Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions would help
12 to enhance Rotarians' awareness of the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the
13 Standard Rotary Club Constitution, as well as the Recommended Rotary Club
14 Bylaws. It would also help to increase general awareness about RI at the club level.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 24R-10

To request the RI Board to consider implementing enhancements to the training for assistant governors

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Rantasalmi, District 1430, Finland

1 WHEREAS, assistant governors have very different individual levels of expertise in
2 matters of Rotary, and

3
4 WHEREAS, the use of assistant governors varies widely from district to district, and

5
6 WHEREAS, assistant governors aren't given sufficient credit for the work they do,
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, the importance of assistant governors grows as districts increase in
10 size, including their geographical boundaries, and

11
12 WHEREAS, governors often do not recognize the many potential uses of assistant
13 governors

14
15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider implementing enhancements to the existing training for
17 assistant governors in such a way that each assistant governor could at the
18 beginning of his/her term participate in uniform training organized by the zone,
19 and paid for by RI, together with the district governor-elect or district governor-
20 nominee training.

End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 The role of assistant governor can be enhanced and diversified with more
22 uniform training. This training could positively impact membership growth
23 through the introduction of new and innovative perspectives and would also
24 contribute directly to the mental well-being and enthusiasm of assistant
25 governors by increasing appreciation for their work within the district. In
26 addition, such partial joint training will enable governors to better recognize and
27 make use of the valuable resource they have in their assistant governors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on RI
29 which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope
30 and extent of support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-17

To request the RI Board and the TRF Trustees to consider amending the Codes of Policies to state that officers will refrain from making public statements in support of or against conflicts around the world when acting in their official capacity

Proposer(s): District 2452, Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, and United Arab Emirates
District 6110, USA
District 6200, USA
District 6820, USA
District 6840, USA

1 WHEREAS, RI is characterized in its bylaws as non-political, and

2
3 WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies

- 4 1. does not permit the Rotary world to support any particular political belief,
5 issue, or viewpoint;
6 2. directs RI and its member clubs to “refrain from issuing partisan political
7 statements”; and
8 3. prohibits any “corporate action or corporate expression of opinion” to be
9 “taken or given by Rotary on political subjects” because of Rotary’s
10 worldwide membership, which includes persons of many facets of political
11 opinion, and
12

13 WHEREAS, the bylaws and policies of RI make no distinction between public and
14 private statements by Rotary leadership, and
15

16 WHEREAS, because of its non-political nature, the bylaws and policies of RI do
17 not offer any guidelines as to which international conflicts may be commented
18 upon and which to avoid, and
19

20 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies does not materially refer to
21 these matters at all, and
22

23 WHEREAS, by supporting one side or another through our public statements, we
24 place Rotary clubs and their members at risk of retaliation, and
25

26 WHEREAS, by commenting on a conflict, we may create further divisions among
27 our own members who deem other conflicts more worthy of Rotary attention,
28 and
29

30 WHEREAS, the leadership of RI is tasked with representing all clubs

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation consider amending the
3 Rotary Code of Policies and The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies to state that
4 RI directors and corporate officers and The Rotary Foundation Trustees and
5 corporate officers will refrain from making statements, written or oral, accessible
6 to the public, in support of or against participants in conflicts around the world
7 when acting in their official capacity representing RI or The Rotary Foundation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The purpose of this resolution is to safeguard the neutrality of Rotary in
9 providing for the representation of all Rotary members and clubs. We also wish
10 to safeguard Rotary members and clubs from reprisals from any quarter in
11 conflicts around the world due to statements by its leadership and to ensure that
12 Rotary is not put into a situation in which our leadership must defend itself from
13 choosing to comment upon one international conflict rather than another.

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15 This resolution does not limit personal statements of conviction that all
16 individual Rotarians may exercise according to their own values and beliefs.
17 Rather, it affects only the public statements of Rotarians, written or oral, made
18 while they are representing Rotary in their official capacity.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI
20 or The Rotary Foundation.

RESOLUTION 24R-18

To request the RI Board to consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political subjects by RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tokyo Ochanomizu, District 2580, Japan

1 WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 3(a) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution states
2 that a Rotary club “shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and
3 shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political
4 nature,” and

5
6 WHEREAS, this prohibition of political subjects should, of course, also be applied
7 to RI, which is an association of Rotary clubs, and
8

9 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the day after Russia invaded Ukraine, RI
10 released a statement on My Rotary regarding the situation in Ukraine on behalf of
11 Rotary International, and
12

13 WHEREAS, this statement violates the above provision as it clearly deals with a
14 political subject
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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political
18 subjects by RI.

End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 The intent of this proposed resolution is neither to comment on the relative
20 merits of the statement made by RI nor to take a particular side in this issue.
21

22 The statement clearly violates the provision prohibiting comment by RI on
23 subjects of a political nature and is therefore also in violation of the constitutional
24 documents. It is, quite simply, a question of organizational management.
25

26 This resolution would allow reliable Board operation in accordance with the
27 constitutional documents of RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 24R-23

To request the RI Board to consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages of RI

Proposer(s): District 3170, India

1 WHEREAS, currently, only English, French, German, Italian, Korean,
2 Portuguese, and Spanish are recognized as official languages of RI, and
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4 WHEREAS, Rotary has developed within India to the extent that it is now the
5 second largest membership concentration worldwide, and
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7 WHEREAS, as India's national language, Hindi is spoken proficiently in most
8 parts of the country, whether it be in rural, semi-urban, or urban areas, and
9

10 WHEREAS, language is the best medium for communication, which creates
11 direct impact and comfort to an individual, and
12

13 WHEREAS, language provides diversity, equity, and inclusion
14

15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages
17 of RI, which will help revitalize membership, enhance participation and
18 engagement, and help grow contributions to TRF.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 Rotary's aims, objectives, motto, and philosophy of service can best be explained
20 within the comfort zone of the individual member. Information about the
21 organization, provided in the local language, will create interest amongst the
22 members. Transformation of a person into a Rotarian is made easier through the
23 use of the language of a land wherein great potential for Rotary membership
24 development and retention exists. Providing online learning in Hindi will
25 reinforce the commitment of members towards RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
27 which cannot be determined at this time. RI currently provides support for Hindi
28 based upon needs determined from surveying clubs and the local office. For
29 example, club officer kits are provided in Hindi.

- 1 The increase in expenses would be due to providing more publications in Hindi,
- 2 adding Hindi to the RI website, and full-time translation and interpretation
- 3 services.

RESOLUTION 24R-25

To request the RI Board to consider undertaking a detailed review of the cost-to-value proposition associated with the Rotary magazines

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra, District 9705, Australia

1 WHEREAS, Rotary magazines have been a longstanding tradition within the
2 organization, and

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4 WHEREAS, the cost of the Rotary magazine(s), included in club membership
5 fees, directly influences the perceived value of Rotary membership, thus
6 necessitating a review of the optimal cost-effectiveness of information
7 distribution methods, and

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9 WHEREAS, members are unable to opt out of the expenses tied to the
10 magazine(s), which would otherwise reduce membership fees, and

11
12 WHEREAS, there is a need to assess the effectiveness and value proposition of
13 current magazine offerings to ensure Rotary information dissemination methods
14 align with current best practice and member expectations

15
16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider undertaking a detailed review of the cost-to-value
18 proposition associated with publishing and distributing Rotary magazines. The
19 express aim of this review is to identify alternative cost-effective methods of
20 information dissemination while achieving maximum cost savings for members.
21 The RI Board will report back to the membership with the report, findings, and
22 recommendations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a review aimed at assessing the cost-
24 to-value proposition of publishing and distributing magazines produced by
25 Rotary and the Rotary Global Media Network.

26
27 Rotary members require clear accountability from the RI Board, ensuring that, as
28 a modern organization, we adopt best practices in information-sharing methods
29 and provide optimal value for money for members.

30
31 The focus of the review should be on evaluating the expenses associated with
32 producing and distributing Rotary magazines, with a keen emphasis on the cost
33 impact on club membership fees. This review should aim to provide actionable

- 1 insights into alternative publishing methods and information-sharing approaches
- 2 by providing recommendations that enable effective and timely information
- 3 dissemination across Rotary while reducing costs, in an environmentally
- 4 sustainable manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 6 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 7 support provided by the RI Board to undertake a detailed review of the cost-to-
- 8 value proposition associated with publishing and distributing Rotary magazines.

RESOLUTION 24R-27

To request the RI Board to consider establishing guidelines for Rotary clubs and Rotarians when providing support during large-scale disasters

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Osaka-North, District 2660, Japan

1 WHEREAS, due to the change in global climate, there has been a steady
2 acceleration in the number of extreme natural disasters reported throughout the
3 world, and

4
5 WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and Rotarians throughout the world are expected to
6 collaborate both effectively and efficiently in their support of response and recovery
7 efforts after such disasters
8

9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider establishing guidelines for action to be taken by Rotary clubs
11 and Rotarians when providing support for victims of and areas affected by large-scale
12 disasters.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Disasters such as large-scale floods and high-magnitude earthquakes continue to
14 increase in frequency throughout the world due to the change in global climate.
15 There is a growing need for collective action by Rotary clubs and Rotarians to
16 provide relief for and support recovery of the affected communities. It is to be
17 expected, therefore, that RI should establish guidelines for the management of its
18 efforts in this regard. The aim of this proposed resolution is to provide for a more
19 effective and efficient response from Rotary clubs and Rotarians in large-scale
20 disasters by establishing guidelines for action that has components of public
21 image enhancement, as well as risk management for Rotary clubs and Rotarians.
22 People around the world will trust and engage with Rotary. This would also be
23 beneficial as a general means of solidifying Rotary's activities and would serve as
24 a catalyst for future development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
26 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
27 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-28

To request the RI Board to consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time for meetings

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Herzliya, District 2490, Israel

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, RI has set the meeting dates for the International
2 Assembly, Rotary Institutes, and other zone meetings on or around the Jewish
3 High Holidays, and

4
5 WHEREAS, these gatherings eliminated participation from Jewish Rotarians,
6 and

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8 WHEREAS, it would not be acceptable to have such RI meetings on Muslim,
9 Christian, Catholic, Protestant, or Mormon holidays, and

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11 WHEREAS, it would be odd to be invited on Easter, Christmas, or even
12 Thanksgiving

13
14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
15 consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time
16 for meetings, assemblies, conference, or conventions. It should be a small task to
17 check the calendar before fixing the dates of assemblies to suit every one of our
18 communities' activities globally.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 The purpose of this resolution is to eliminate planning international meetings
20 that fall on or close to religious holidays. It is likely that a significant number of
21 Rotary service activities will be cultivated and elevated by leveraging Rotary in its
22 global network of clubs and volunteers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
24 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
25 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-29

To request the RI Board to consider allowing Rotaractors to serve as sergeants-at-arms at RI events

Proposer(s): District 4530, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, currently, the Rotary Code of Policies provides that only Rotarians
2 may be included on the list of candidates for the role of sergeant-at-arms, and
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4 WHEREAS, through their participation in local conferences and events held at
5 the club or district level, Rotaractors around the world have already gained
6 substantial experience serving on sergeant-at-arms teams, and
7

8 WHEREAS, many Rotaract club members have professional experience in areas
9 related to event protocols and ceremonies
10

11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
12 consider allowing Rotaractors to serve as sergeants-at-arms at RI events.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 This proposal would allow Rotaractors to be included in the list of sergeant-at-
14 arms candidates and thus to officially serve in that capacity at RI events. The
15 opportunity created by such an experience should be especially appealing to
16 Rotaractors, and particularly to those who have previously demonstrated an
17 interest in this role.
18

19 Certainly, there is much to be gained by allowing Rotaractors to become part of
20 the RI event team. And considering that no changes would need to be made to the
21 procedure for nominating sergeant-at-arms candidates, there can be only positive
22 results for RI.
23

24 The proposal would also provide opportunities for Rotaractors to participate in
25 events such as the International Assembly, International Convention, and
26 Council on Legislation, and to connect with the Rotary community around the
27 world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 24R-31

To request the Trustees to consider increasing the percentage of funds distributed to districts

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe Naka, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, the foundation of a Rotary club is the community to which it belongs.
2 Rotary clubs cannot exist without the maintenance and growth of the community's
3 population, as well as the sustainable economic development of the community, and
4

5 WHEREAS, in order for clubs to be accepted by the community and enhance their
6 public image, it is essential for them to conduct service activities that are relevant and
7 responsive to the issues the community faces, and
8

9 WHEREAS, to be more active in community service, Rotary clubs need more funding
10 than ever before, and
11

12 WHEREAS, if contributions from club members to The Rotary Foundation are set at
13 100 percent, only 23.75 percent of such funds will be available to clubs and districts
14 as district grants after three years
15

16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider
18 increasing the percentage of funds distributed to districts in connection with their
19 Annual Fund-SHARE contributions and Endowment Fund earnings from 23.75
20 percent to 34.2 percent as follows:
21

- 22 • Change the ratio of the DDF (District Designated Fund) and World Fund
23 SHARE system based on annual contributions from 50:50 to 60:40.
- 24 • Change the distribution of district grants and global grants in the DDF based
25 on annual contributions from 50:50 to 60:40.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 One of the priorities of the 2024-25 annual goals for RI and The Rotary
27 Foundation is to "Increase our impact" and encourage community assessments
28 and measurement of projects and programs at the club, district, and international
29 level. The second and third goals are to "Expand our reach" and "Enhance
30 participant engagement." In addition, the "Increase our ability to adapt" goal
31 encourages members to support regional adaptability by testing innovative
32 approaches to foster greater collaboration and operating efficiencies. Rotary

1 activity is strong, but membership continues to decline and club membership is
2 declining commensurately in many communities. Rotary clubs cannot exist
3 without the maintenance and growth of the community's population and
4 sustainable economic development of the community. Community-based service
5 activities that are accepted by the community and aimed at solving local issues
6 are now required of Rotary.

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8 By increasing the SHARE percentage of DDF and district grants, The Rotary
9 Foundation will enable clubs and districts to expand and diversify those service
10 activities that most effectively contribute to the sustainable development of their
11 communities.

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13 Clubs that engage in local community service activities will receive recognition
14 from their communities, retain and grow their membership, and help to
15 positively impact Rotary's public image.

16
17 Also, an increase in the DDF SHARE percentage and district grants would
18 incentivize contributions from Rotarians and clubs to the Annual Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
20 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
21 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
22 goal. This resolution would put significant pressure on the World Fund.

RESOLUTION 24R-32

To request the Trustees to consider modifying the (DDF) SHARE allocation ratio for district grants from 50:50 to 60:40

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe Naka, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, the foundation of a Rotary club is the community to which it belongs.
2 Rotary clubs cannot exist without the maintenance and growth of the community's
3 population, as well as the revitalization of the community, and

4
5 WHEREAS, in order for clubs to be accepted by the community and enhance their
6 public image, it is essential for them to conduct service activities that are relevant and
7 responsive to the issues the community faces, and

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9 WHEREAS, considering the ongoing decline in Rotary club membership throughout
10 the world, it would be advisable to reduce the financial burden placed upon clubs in
11 funding service activities in order to allow for an increase in the number of service
12 projects funded by district grants

13
14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider
16 modifying the (DDF) SHARE allocation ratio for district grants from 50:50 to 60:40.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 As a result of the ongoing worldwide decline in Rotary membership, it has
18 become necessary for clubs to actively engage in service activities that contribute
19 to the sustainable development of the community. By reducing the financial
20 burden assumed by clubs in conducting community service activities, they can
21 actively plan and implement service activities.

22
23 Clubs that engage in local community service activities will receive recognition
24 from their communities, retain and grow their membership, and help to
25 positively impact Rotary's public image.

26
27 Furthermore, an increase in the DDF SHARE percentage for district grants would
28 reduce the amount of unused district grant funds, resulting in more effective use
29 of contributions. It might also motivate Rotarians and clubs to increase their
30 contributions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on The
- 2 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be
- 3 dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to
- 4 accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-33

To request the Trustees to consider allowing unused district grant funds to be used in funding the district grant of the subsequent year

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chiba, District 2790, Japan

1 WHEREAS, contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE are evenly divided after three
2 years between the World Fund, which is used for worldwide activities, and the
3 District Designated Fund, a portion of which is made available to districts annually
4 and used at the discretion of the district foundation committees to meet the demand
5 for funds within the district, and
6

7 WHEREAS, unused funds from a district grant undertaken during the previous year
8 may be used only for global grants or contributions to various funds, and cannot be
9 used to fund local projects or those taking place within the district, and
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11 WHEREAS, donors expect their contributions to be used to meet local needs within
12 a few years, and this expectation also applies to unused district grant funds, and
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14 WHEREAS, for example, when a serious natural disaster causes many district grant
15 projects to be canceled, a large amount of the district grant fund may remain unused.
16 In such a case, there will be an increased demand in the following year for funds to
17 restart the canceled projects or to assist in the recovery of the affected area. Even in
18 such cases, however, TRF's current rules prevent the use of the remaining funds from
19 the preceding year. This causes a great deal of disappointment and dissatisfaction
20 among the donors
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22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
23 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
24 consider allowing unused district grant funds for a given year to be used in funding
25 the district grant of the subsequent year.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 This change would lead to a greater understanding of and support for district
27 grants among Rotarians and, in turn, an increase in contributions to the Annual
28 Fund. It would also lead to increases in global grants and the World Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

29 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
30 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
31 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
32 goal. Modifications could be required for the current system.

RESOLUTION 24R-34

To request the Trustees to consider allowing district grants to support activities for up to three years instead of one

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe Naka, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, the foundation of a Rotary club is the community to which it belongs.
2 Rotary clubs cannot exist without the maintenance and growth of the community's
3 population, as well as the revitalization of the community, and

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5 WHEREAS, in order for clubs to be accepted by the community and enhance their
6 public image, it is essential for them to conduct service activities that are relevant and
7 responsive to the issues the community faces, and

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9 WHEREAS, to this end, it is also important to include the idea of continuity in the
10 planning and implementation of Rotary service activities so that they can eventually
11 be passed along to other organizations

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider
15 allowing district grants to support activities for up to three years instead of one.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Single-year service activities increase opportunities for Rotarians to participate in
17 service activities and contribute to their communities. However, by working
18 together with the community to address local issues on an ongoing basis, clubs
19 will achieve greater general acceptance within the community and thus be more
20 effective in enhancing Rotary's public image. On average, it takes three years for a
21 club's service efforts to be accepted by the community, to inspire people in the
22 community, and to be passed on to other organizations.

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24 Furthermore, at its November 2023 meeting, the RI Board:

- 25 • agreed to eliminate the creation of an annual presidential theme and logo
26 starting in Rotary Year 2025-26;
- 27 • approved a framework by which a set of multi-year Action Plan-led
28 presidential messages shall be proposed by the Communications
29 Committee and Strategic Planning Committee and approved by the Board,
30 starting in Rotary Year 2025-26;
- 31 • approved a process of setting three-year rolling targets and three-year
32 rolling regional plans at the club, district, and zone level beginning in
33 2024-25.

1 Rotary is now in a situation where club visioning and action plans over multiple
2 years, rather than a single year, are essential. For grant projects, a visioning and
3 action plan can be expected to improve the quality of service activities in a step-
4 by-step manner over a three-year period.

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6 We request, therefore, that the standard term of support of district grants be
7 extended to stimulate Rotary club service activities that contribute to the
8 sustainable development of the community in line with RI's multi-year Action
9 Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
11 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
12 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
13 goal. Modifications could be required to the current system.

RESOLUTION 24R-36

To request the Trustees to consider reinstating the 100 percent match formerly offered by the World Fund for District Designated Funds used in global grants

Proposer(s): District 3170, India
District 4590, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, the unusual global events that compelled the RI Board and
2 Foundation Trustees to reduce the World Fund match from 100 percent to 80
3 percent for district designated funds (DDF) applied to global grants have now
4 largely passed, and

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6 WHEREAS, contributions to the Annual Fund are returning to normal in the
7 Rotary world due principally to a growing awareness of the need for donations to
8 create new projects, and

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10 WHEREAS, during the period of austerity imposed by the Board and Trustees,
11 districts and clubs were responsible for providing a greater percentage of the
12 funding for their service projects. Therefore, it is appropriate that The Rotary
13 Foundation now revert the DDF match to its original percentage value. This will
14 greatly help to balance the amount of DDF funding received for proposed projects
15 with that contributed to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation

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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
19 consider reinstating the 100 percent match formerly offered by the World Fund
20 for District Designated Funds used in global grants.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 On 1 July 2021, new rules were established by the Trustees regarding resources
22 invested by The Rotary Foundation in global grants. This action was intended to
23 address the declining TRF contribution levels and increased global grant activity
24 experienced by the Foundation at that time. It also allowed the Trustees to adapt
25 the resources of the World Fund to the rapidly changing circumstances
26 associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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28 Times have now changed, however. Contributions to the Annual Fund are making
29 a comeback and the economy, although still recovering from the previous
30 situation, is stabilizing.

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32 This proposed resolution requests the Trustees to reinstate the 100 percent
33 match by the World Fund for District Designated Funds used in global grants.

1 Reverting to this percentage will allow sponsors proposing a global grant project
2 to cover the amount of the 25 percent reduction, and also provide them with
3 more resources to use on the project. It is regularly stated that contributions to
4 The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund are returned to districts and Rotary clubs
5 in the form of global and district grants, and the restoration of the 100 percent
6 match will confirm this for regular donors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
8 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
9 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
10 goal. This resolution would put significant pressure on the World Fund.

RESOLUTION 24R-38

To request the Trustees to consider allocating recognition points for donations made to TRF's Endowment Fund

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Poona, District 3131, India

1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation allocates recognition points to Rotarians as a
2 means of acknowledging their donations to the Annual Program Fund, PolioPlus
3 Partners, or restricted giving, such as the club share of a global grant. The only
4 purpose of these recognition points is to make someone a Paul Harris Fellow.
5 However, no such points are accumulated on donations made to The Rotary
6 Foundation's Endowment Fund

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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
10 consider allocating recognition points for donations made to The Rotary
11 Foundation's Endowment Fund and thereby giving parity in terms of recognition
12 to those who contribute in any of the Foundation's donor categories.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Rotary Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute
14 more than US\$1,000. Donors receive one recognition point for every US dollar
15 contributed. Above US\$1,000, donors can transfer such points to help others
16 qualify as Paul Harris Fellows or Multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Such recognition
17 points are given for contributing to PolioPlus and the Annual Program Fund, as
18 well as restricted giving; however, contributions to The Rotary Foundation's
19 Endowment Fund do not receive recognition points. All donations should be
20 treated equally, and recognized commensurately, as per The Four-Way Test.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on The
22 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Costs would be
23 dependent on the number of recognition points given for Endowment Fund
24 contributions and the fulfillment of those awards per year.

RESOLUTION 24R-41

To request the Trustees to consider establishing a PolioPlus Society

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of São Paulo-Aeroporto, District 4420, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, despite major advances, the persistence of polio in some areas of the
2 world poses a constant threat of global resurgence, especially in communities
3 with low vaccination coverage, and

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5 WHEREAS, since the launch of PolioPlus, RI has been a leader in the global
6 effort to eradicate polio, reducing polio cases by more than 99 percent since 1988,
7 including a significant decrease from 30 cases in 2022 to 12 in 2023,
8 demonstrating the continued effectiveness of polio eradication efforts, and

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10 WHEREAS, success in polio eradication depends on continued and robust
11 funding for vaccination campaigns, research, and outbreak monitoring, and

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13 WHEREAS, the reduction in polio cases may lead to a decreased sense of urgency
14 and, consequently, a decrease in funding, which could result in a resurgence of
15 the disease, and

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17 WHEREAS, eradicating polio would not only save lives but also significantly
18 reduce long-term health costs around the world, and

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20 WHEREAS, the creation of a PolioPlus Society would strengthen collective action
21 by Rotarians and supporters, demonstrating a unified global commitment to the
22 fight against polio

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24 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
25 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
26 consider establishing as a global initiative a PolioPlus Society to mobilize fixed
27 annual contributions of at least US\$100, which may be paid in installments, from
28 Rotarians and supporters. These contributions, in addition to being instrumental
29 in funding polio eradication, symbolize Rotary's continued commitment to the
30 fight and will be counted towards Paul Harris Fellowship recognition, thus
31 fostering participation and strengthening the fight against the disease.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 This proposal aims to establish the PolioPlus Society, which would be designed to
33 mobilize sustainable and strategic resources to eradicate polio, as a global
34 initiative under the umbrella of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.
35 The main goal is to address the ongoing funding challenge, which is one of the
36 biggest obstacles in the fight against this devastating disease.

1 While Rotary and its partners have managed to reduce polio cases by more than
2 99 percent since 1988, the virus still persists in vulnerable areas of the world,
3 threatening to reverse decades of progress. Polio is a disease that knows no
4 borders; a single case anywhere is a threat everywhere. Thus, total eradication
5 requires a continuous and intensified effort, especially in terms of funding.
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7 The PolioPlus Society will address this challenge by encouraging Rotarians and
8 supporters to commit to fixed annual donations, thereby creating a predictable
9 and robust revenue stream solely dedicated to fighting polio. This funding will
10 ensure the continuity of vaccination campaigns, surveillance and monitoring
11 initiatives, and support for communities affected by the disease.
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13 The creation of this society is not just a matter of fundraising; it is a statement of
14 our collective and unwavering commitment to see a polio-free world. It is a step
15 towards ensuring that future generations live in a world where the threat of polio
16 is only a memory of the past. By establishing the PolioPlus Society, RI would
17 reaffirm its historic and critical role in eradicating one of the world's most feared
18 diseases, bringing us even closer to our goal of a polio-free world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary
20 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
21 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
22 goal. Currently, PolioPlus Societies have been established at the club and district
23 level where they may choose the amount that is appropriate for their region.