

URGENT ENACTMENT 20E-01

To amend who is a member of the Council

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 28 MOP)*

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3 **Article 9 Composition and Procedures of the Councils**

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5 **9.110. Council Officers.**

6 The council officers are the chair, vice chair, parliamentarian, and secretary. A
7 chair, vice chair, and parliamentarian shall be selected by the incoming president
8 in the year immediately before the council on legislation and shall serve for three
9 years or until a successor is selected. The general secretary shall publish their
10 names to all clubs. The chair and vice chair are non-voting members except,
11 when presiding, either may vote to break a tie vote.

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13 **9.110.6. Non-Voting Members.**

14 The president, president-elect, ~~one member of the board elected by the board~~
15 other members of the board, and general secretary are non-voting members of
16 the councils. A TRF trustee, elected by the trustees, is a non-voting member of
17 the councils.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 COL item 19-112 amended the RI Bylaws so that only the president, president-
19 elect. and one other member of the board could speak at future Councils and
20 deleted the provision that allowed past presidents to serve as members of the
21 Councils. The stated purpose was to reduce what was perceived to be the
22 excessive travel and accommodation costs associated with the presence of so
23 many non-voting board members and past presidents. Historically, the Board
24 met in Evanston before the COL for its regular Board meeting and to prepare for
25 the COL. They met again during and after the COL at the venue to respond to
26 COL actions. This will be the case for the 2022 COL.

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28 An unintended consequence of the adoption of item 19-112 was that it would
29 impose a heavy burden on the three board members approved to attend the COL
30 as non-voting members. Over the past 20 years, the board has proposed between
31 10 and 28 pieces of legislation to each COL, each of which must be presented by a
32 member of the board. As a result of item 19-112, this task would now fall on only
33 three board members, rather than spread out among 19.

1 This item seeks to restore all members of the board as members of the Councils.
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3 Board members also propose and speak to legislation throughout the COL, and
4 explain critical strategic, operational, and historical implications. This role helps
5 to ensure that the representatives have the benefit of additional information to
6 consider when deciding and voting on legislation. Throughout the history of
7 the COL, the president, president-elect, and all members of the board have been
8 non-voting members of the COL. This system has enabled the Council members
9 to have access to the knowledge and insights provided by the diverse Rotarians
10 that constitute the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. The majority of
12 the cost for attendees at the COL is airfare, hotel, and meals. Historically, the
13 Board has met in Evanston before the COL for its regular April Board meeting, as
14 well as during and after the COL at the COL venue to respond to COL
15 actions. Therefore, the cost for additional Board members to attend the COL is
16 related to the incremental hotel and meals costs and would be minimal.

COMMENT: The original enactment moved at the last Col effectively only allowed for three representatives from the Board to attend the Col as non-voting members. These three are the President, P-E and one other Board member. The resolution was raised at last Col in response to the perceived interference and lack of value seen in the Past Presidents attending as observers. This was at the end of the Col and the reps were fed up with the PPs. The proposer included the Board in that and used cost as a rationale, perhaps without fully understanding the situation with the Board. As stated in the rationale for the urgent enactment, "Over the past 20 years, the board has proposed between 10 and 28 pieces of legislation to each COL, each of which must be presented by a member of the board. As a result of item 19-112, this task would now fall on only three board members, rather than spread out among 19." This seems eminently sensible to me given that most Col reps have only one or two items to present and the vast majority have none. In addition, having the informed Board members there to interact with Col reps and network is a further benefit that I see (also explained by President Holger in his letter of support).

This is our Board, elected by us, to manage affairs on our behalf. They should be there.

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-02

To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing the importance of actions based upon Rotary's ideal of service

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

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a club ballot, 17 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, a portion of Rotary's membership strongly believes that we are an
2 organization primarily dedicated to the ideal of service, though their misgivings
3 about "take action" have led to misconceptions about that term as it is applied to the
4 ideal of service, and

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6 WHEREAS, the preamble for the Object of Rotary, as found in both Article 4 of the
7 RI Constitution and Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, "is to
8 encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The word
9 'enterprise' in this phrase is taken by some to mean either a corporation or a
10 business, which has led to a long-standing interpretation that vocational service
11 forms the foundation of Rotary, and

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13 WHEREAS, the fact that the word 'enterprise' in these articles should be interpreted
14 more generally as meaning 'activities,' rather than simply 'corporation' or 'business,'
15 has been made clear in the 2019 Council on Legislation's response to Proposed
16 Enactment 19-10, "To amend the preamble to the Object of Rotary," which received
17 a vote of 320 to 184, and might have been adopted had it not sought to revise the RI
18 Constitution, which requires a two-thirds majority to be amended

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20 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
21 International consider further emphasizing the importance of actions based upon
22 Rotary's ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This proposal seeks to revitalize Rotarians' activities through an increased
24 emphasis upon the call to 'take action'. Such revitalization would improve
25 Rotary's public image, and could also help to slow or reverse membership
26 decline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENTS: This resolution has no practical way to be implemented given the current emphasis on people of action already. Agreed that "enterprise" should be changed to "activity", but unless the wording in the Constitution is changed it becomes ineffectual and confusing. Better to resubmit to COI 2022.

VOTE 0

RESOLUTION 20R-03

To request the RI Board to consider reintroducing professional development as a value of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Paris 20ème Service & Industrie, District 1660, France

Endorsed by: District 1660 through an annual district conference, Île-de-France, France, 15 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, one of the original goals of Rotary was to support the professional
2 development of its members, and

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4 WHEREAS, the stagnation of membership worldwide, combined with the rising
5 average age of Rotarians, has been increasingly evident in recent years, and

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7 WHEREAS, the recruitment of new members at all costs in countries
8 experiencing no growth has caused a decrease in the quality of membership
9 without significantly increasing the number of new Rotarians, and

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11 WHEREAS, Rotary's lack of recruitment of young leaders demonstrates that it
12 holds no attraction for them

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider reintroducing professional development of its members as
16 a value of Rotary with the same priority as ethics and service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 We often explain away the difficulty in recruiting young professionals as being
18 due to their lack of motivation and sometimes their individualism, or perhaps to
19 the high cost of dues. However, many of our Rotaractors do not join Rotary.
20 Professional organizations (like BNI, Dynabuy, etc.) are successfully recruiting
21 dues-paying members. In comparison with such organizations, both dues and
22 time commitment during the busy life stage of a young professional has put
23 Rotary behind. For Rotary to become a primary choice again, it would be
24 desirable for our organization to re-adopt professional development as one its
25 major goals. But this is no longer the case. Some Rotarians do not wish to grant
26 professional development its proper place in our organization's values, thus
27 making Rotary appear more like a nongovernmental organization. Clubs need to
28 declare without hesitation that Rotary, alongside humanitarian projects through
29 its Foundation and with a strong demand for high ethics, supports the

1 professional development of its members. When that takes place, we will see the
2 return of these young, active members, inspired by our service, attracted by
3 vocational goals and acquiring stronger qualifications, interested in connections,
4 and engaged by the possibility of networking with more experienced Rotarians. A
5 few clubs have now been created in our district with that spirit and their growth
6 shows the appropriateness and the worth of such a path. The reasons typically
7 given for not joining, lack of money and time, are simply rationalizations that
8 deflect attention away from the true cause of the issue. A young leader engaged
9 by the ideal of service is also attracted by vocational accomplishments. He or she
10 wishes to be part of a comprehensive and well-integrated organization, to trust in
11 as well as to be entrusted with access to a powerful and reliable network. Let's
12 create the best possible conditions for our success by establishing professional
13 development as a core value of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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15 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
16 Professional development is a priority of the RI Board. This is demonstrated in
17 the following ways:

- 18 1. One of the priorities of the action plan is to enhance participant
19 engagement by providing leadership development and skills training.
- 20 2. The Rotary Learning Center has a number of professional development
21 courses, including change management and conflict resolution.
- 22 3. Rotary formed an alliance with Toastmasters to provide members with
23 opportunities to grow their networks, leadership and communication
24 skills, and impact within the community.

<p>COMMENTS: Professional development is already a tenet of Rotary membership with many resources and encouragements to do so. I believe it is embedded in the value of Leadership and adding another value clutters our statement of what we stand for.</p> <p>VOTE NO</p>

RESOLUTION 20R-04

To request the RI Board to consider adding a fifth part to The Four-Way Test

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mariefred, District 2370, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2370 through a club ballot, 14 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the sole purpose of The Four-Way Test should be to develop and
2 maintain high ethical standards in human relations; the addition of a question
3 regarding environmental sustainability would strengthen the test's overall impact

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5 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
6 International consider adding a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: Will it be
7 sustainable?

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 It is well known that many Rotarians would support decisions to add issues such
9 as climate change and environmental responsibility to the agenda of RI. Such
10 changes would result in the need of competent reinforcement. With its high
11 reputation, Rotary cannot take responsibility for new activities without the right
12 experience.

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14 Including an early awareness of sustainability in everything each member thinks,
15 says, or does is the first step in reaching long-term environmental sustainability.
16 The sole purpose for using The Four-Way Test should be to develop and maintain
17 high ethical standards in human relations. A fifth question about environmental
18 sustainability would positively contribute to members' ethical compass and
19 increase their humanitarian convictions in the long-term. The proposal also
20 means that it would now be referred to as The Five-Way Test.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENT: The Four-Way Test already encompasses sustainability by implication. Given that we have an area of focus on supporting the environment, and sustainability is a factor in developing projects for grants, this is an extra layer that does not add value. It degrades our historical organisational artefact that is the Four-Way Test

VOTE NO

RESOLUTION 20R-05

To request the RI Board to consider modifying The Four-Way Test

Proposer(s): District 3330, Thailand

Endorsed by: District 3330 through a club ballot, 12 - 21 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, The Four-Way Test has been popular among most Rotary clubs in
2 the world, but nowadays most people use smartphones and ‘type’ in the
3 smartphones instead of ‘say’ or ‘speak,’ and

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5 WHEREAS, the number of smartphone users worldwide surpasses three billion
6 and is forecast to further grow by several hundred million in the next few years,
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, the United States, China, and India are the countries with the
10 highest number of smartphones users, with each country easily surpassing the
11 100 million user mark, and

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13 WHEREAS, use of the term ‘say’ will decrease in social media, while that of ‘type’
14 will increase

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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider modifying the introduction to The Four-Way Test as
18 follows:

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20 Of the things we think, say, type, or do:

- 21 1) Is it the TRUTH?
22 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
23 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
24 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 This change will make sense and be relevant to almost all Rotarians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

C0 MMEN T: The word “say” expresses communication in all its forms; trying to define all modes of communication will fail by omission.

V0 T E N 0

RESOLUTION 20R-06

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

Endorsed by: District 1790 through a club ballot, 25 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 crisis, most of the clubs of the world have
2 provided support to their communities and will continue doing so, and

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4 WHEREAS, those whom we have helped, while being impacted by COVID-19,
5 belong to many socioeconomic and occupational groups, some differing
6 considerably from those with which clubs typically interact, and

7
8 WHEREAS, the number of contacts, beneficiaries, and Rotary club partners
9 whom we have supported during the pandemic, as well as assisted on traditional
10 club projects, is very high, and

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12 WHEREAS, these people and organizations may not be fully aware of the support
13 they received and/or are receiving from Rotary and its clubs

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
16 Rotary International consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club
17 Bylaws to provide that each club invite annually to one of its meetings the
18 people and organizations that have benefited from its support in the past
19 three years, especially those it may have assisted during the COVID-19
20 pandemic.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 Over a period of three years, the number of people and organizations that receive
22 the help of a club is significant and is likely larger than the number of members in
23 the club. Over a decade, this figure could be twice the size of RI membership. It is
24 important to maintain a list of these people and organizations, to stay in touch
25 with them and to invite them once a year to attend a club meeting. Few people or
26 organizations remember that Rotary once helped them. Thus, these people and
27 organizations should be invited annually to a club meeting as a means of keeping
28 in touch and showcasing this community close to Rotary. This type of activity
29 would be a welcome addition to RI's communication efforts and would improve
30 RI's image.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENTS: Rotary clubs should do this as a matter of course. Clubs do not need another rule from RI.

VO TE N O

RESOLUTION 20R-07

To request the RI Board to consider reducing the number of members needed to sponsor a new club

Proposer(s): District 1650, France

Endorsed by: District 1650 through a club ballot, 30 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, according to section 18.020.5. (Minimum Number of Members
2 in Sponsor Club) of the Rotary Code of Policies, a minimum of 20 members is
3 required to sponsor a new club, and when there is more than one sponsoring
4 club, one of the co-sponsors is required to have at least 20 members, and

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6 WHEREAS, existing clubs in small or medium-sized cities in large
7 geographical areas have seen their numbers fall to below 20 members, and

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9 WHEREAS, the average age of members in these same clubs is fairly high,
10 making recruitment of new members more difficult, and

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12 WHEREAS, the creation of satellite clubs does not necessarily meet their
13 needs, and

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15 WHEREAS, in some emerging countries, there are clubs with fewer than 20
16 members, and

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18 WHEREAS, the average number of members per club worldwide is
19 approximately 35

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21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
22 Rotary International consider reducing the minimum number of members in
23 sponsor clubs from 20 to 10.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 If clubs with the above characteristics are willing to participate in the creation of
25 a new club, why are they required to have at least 20 members, as this does not
26 promote the growth of RI?

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28 This is especially true since a minimum of 20 members is not required to sponsor
29 a satellite club.

30 Moreover, it is a rewarding experience for the sponsoring clubs to participate in
31 the creation of a new club and fosters the development, motivation, and
32 enthusiasm of their members.

- 1 On the other hand, a minimum of 10 members seems essential to have a
- 2 meaningful representation of membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 4 There would be no cost to eliminate the minimum number of members to
- 5 sponsor clubs.

C0 MMEII T: It seems reasonable that a small club could sponsor a new club, as long as they have the energy and will to support the new club through its first year.

V0 TE YES.

RESOLUTION 20R-08

To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing clubs for children age six to twelve

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Budapest-Sasad, District 1911, Hungary
Rotary Club of São Paulo-Saúde, District 4420, Brazil
District 9570, Australia

Endorsed by: District 1911 through a district legislation meeting, Budapest, Hungary, 15 June 2020
District 4420 through a district legislation meeting, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 19 June 2020
District 9570 through a club ballot, 22 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, Rotary’s fifth Avenue of Service is Youth Service; therefore, it is
2 imperative to give all youth an opportunity to develop themselves and engage in
3 service, irrespective of age and background, and
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5 WHEREAS, Interact is a recognized and successful program of RI. Additionally,
6 there are existing clubs for younger children, such as RotaKids, Rotary Kids,
7 EarlyAct, and Futuract, operating successfully in many countries, and growing
8 rapidly, that are strongly supported by Rotarians, schools, parents, and children
9 worldwide, but they are not recognized as an official program of Rotary, and
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11 WHEREAS, basic education and literacy are one of Rotary’s six areas of focus.
12 Clubs for younger children give students the opportunity to further develop
13 literacy, numeracy, confidence, and leadership skills through authentic situations
14 outside the walls of a classroom, and
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16 WHEREAS, RI has invested significantly in creating a uniform international
17 Rotary brand; the various clubs for younger children are currently using multiple
18 names for this program and logos that are not consistent with the Rotary brand,
19 and
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21 WHEREAS, children are considered ‘sponges’ and it is in their primary schooling
22 that their view of the world is being shaped. This is a critical age, one at which
23 they can best benefit from exposure to the needs of others and to the concept of
24 making a difference through service, even as they are building confidence and
25 learning leadership skills that will benefit the students and the communities they
26 will serve in the future, and
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28 WHEREAS, clubs for younger children grow the Rotary brand in schools and the
29 broader community through parents, families, and teachers, who are all potential
30 Rotarians, and

1 WHEREAS, if children have not been exposed at home to the idea that we can
2 help others and make the world a better place, clubs for younger children provide
3 them with this insight and empower the next generation to make a positive
4 difference, and

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6 WHEREAS, clubs for younger children help build awareness of the needs in our
7 local and global communities among students, parents, and teachers, which
8 benefits the larger community, and

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10 WHEREAS, there will be a small cost incurred to RI for branding and
11 management of clubs for younger children, but such funding can be seen as a
12 significant investment in the future of Rotary

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider officially recognizing clubs for younger children, with a
16 name as the Board determines, as a structured program of RI for children six to
17 twelve years of age.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 The need to grow Rotary has been a strategic objective for many years now. RI's
19 recognition of clubs for younger children as an official Rotary program will do
20 just that. Many thousands of existing RotaKids, Rotary Kids, EarlyAct, and
21 Futuract or similar club members and their families will become part of the
22 extended Rotary family around the world.

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24 The extension of Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service to children between the ages of
25 six and twelve creates a logical progression from clubs for younger children to
26 Interact to Rotaract. Further growth to Rotary will be achieved through
27 recruitment of parents and other family members who gain exposure to Rotary
28 through clubs for younger children. The current strong growth in Interact and in
29 the clubs for younger children world is in direct contrast to the struggle to
30 maintain numbers in Rotary clubs. Nelson Mandela has said, "Education is the
31 most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Teaching
32 younger members the value of service, peace, and leadership perfectly fits
33 Rotary's vision of creating lasting change.

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35 Should RI determine not to officially recognize clubs for younger children, the
36 movement may continue to flourish, but with several different names, and having
37 little connection to, or in actual competition with, RI. It is far better to take
38 immediate action to bring this wonderful Rotary club initiative within the family
39 of RI. Having one name, one brand and similar objectives, clubs for younger
40 children will play an important role in growing Rotary and creating lasting
41 change.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI.
- 2 Annual administrative expenses to support a structured program for children age
- 3 six to twelve are estimated to be at US\$226,000 per year for two staff members,
- 4 production of materials, and postage. In addition, there is an initial cost of
- 5 US\$20,000 for global trademark research and registration.

COMMITTEE: Recognising, rationalising and providing policy guidance for younger kids in Rotary-sponsored clubs is a good idea.

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-09

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing clubs for children under 12 and allowing the districts to choose an appropriate name for the club

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Eyemouth & District, District 1020, Scotland

Endorsed by: District 1020 through a club ballot, 22 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, many Rotary clubs throughout the world have youth groups for
2 children under the age of 12, and

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4 WHEREAS, these groups have various names in different countries, and

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6 WHEREAS, it would benefit Rotary to recognize these groups and the role they
7 play in furthering the ethos, aims and objectives of Rotary

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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider extending the family of Rotary to include clubs for
11 children under the age of 12.

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13 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors
14 of Rotary International consider allowing each district to choose a local,
15 culturally-suitable name for any such club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 It is recognized that many Rotary clubs around the world do excellent work in
17 forming, encouraging, and supporting Interact-style clubs for children under the
18 age of 12. These clubs would be better recognized and served if they were an
19 official program of Rotary. Rotary would also benefit from the public recognition
20 of such clubs.

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22 Such proposals have been considered by previous Councils on Resolutions but
23 have failed. A possible explanation is that each proposal has included a single
24 name for such clubs, e.g., RotaKids, Rotary Kids, EarlyAct, and FutureAct. This
25 proposal differs in that it allows each district to choose its own culturally-relevant
26 name for clubs in its area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI.
- 2 Annual administrative expenses for a structured program involving clubs for
- 3 children under 12 are estimated to be at US\$226,000 per year for two staff
- 4 members, production of materials, and postage. Since each district would pick
- 5 their own name, there would be no additional cost for global trademark research
- 6 and registration.

C O M M E N T: Looking at 20R-08, I support the recognition of clubs, but not a plethora of names for those clubs.

V O T E # 0 .

RESOLUTION 20R-10

To request the RI Board to consider requiring Rotary Youth Exchange organizations to provide annual financial reports

Proposer(s): District 3510, Taiwan

Endorsed by: District 3510 through an annual district conference, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 27 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, through its Youth Exchange program, Rotary provides activities to
2 help youth around the world, and

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4 WHEREAS, there are many independent organizations that participate in and
5 promote the Rotary Youth Exchange program worldwide, and
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7 WHEREAS, it is preferable that each of these organizations have a sound
8 financial structure

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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider requiring each independent organization affiliated with
12 the Rotary Youth Exchange program to provide RI and relevant districts with an
13 annual financial report that has been audited by a qualified accountant.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 By providing RI and relevant districts with an audited financial report each year,
15 Rotary can increase the transparency of the Youth Exchange organizations and
16 extend its support through engaged Rotarians throughout the world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
18 Section 41.060.6. of the Rotary Code of Policies, District Youth Exchange
19 Finances, states that the district Youth Exchange committee and district
20 treasurer shall prepare and distribute a financial report on Youth Exchange to the
21 district governor on a semi-annual basis.

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23 Additionally, a provision for financial reporting is included in the current
24 certification and recertification requirements set by the general secretary, which
25 requires that such financial reports be provided by the district in order to obtain
26 certification status and can be requested at any time.

C0 MMEN T: It is notentirely clear what an "independent organisation affiliated with RYE"
actually is. If they are able to participate and promote RYE then there is enterprise risk to
reputation and finance. Implementation will need to be carefully thought through
V0 TE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-11

To request the RI Board to consider reviewing Rotaract's status within Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Aarau, District 1980, Switzerland
Rotary Club of Winterthur, District 2000, Liechtenstein and
Switzerland

Endorsed by: District 1980 through a club ballot, 30 May - 22 June 2020
District 2000 through a club ballot, 5 - 20 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, with Adopted Enactment 19-72, it was decided that Rotary is to be
2 defined as an organization of both Rotary and Rotaract clubs, and

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4 WHEREAS, many details associated with the new status of Rotaract have been
5 revised, while other points remain open to interpretation, such as

- 6 • the appropriate means of representing Rotaract clubs at the Council on
7 Resolutions and the Council on Legislation
8 • appropriate modifications in the responsibilities of the RI Board and the
9 Council on Legislation, respectively. For example, annual dues for Rotary
10 are determined by the Council on Legislation, whereas those for Rotaract
11 are determined by the RI Board.

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider providing an evaluation of the existing rules and
15 regulations for Rotaract, plus an overview of any necessary adaptations and the
16 timeframe needed to implement them.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 A clarification of Rotaract's status will facilitate its cooperation with Rotary.
18 Adequate representation in Rotary's different governing bodies will reduce the
19 generation gap and make Rotary fitter for the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENT: If these actions are already underway, this Resolution will highlight the importance members of Rotary place on refining the details and removing confusion. If not underway, they should be.

NOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-12

To request the RI Board to consider ensuring that the powers of the RI Board do not unfairly exceed those of clubs, Rotaract clubs, and districts

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a club ballot, 9 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the purposes of RI are:

2 a) To support the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and districts of RI in their pursuit of
3 programs and activities that promote the Object of Rotary;

4 b) To encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world;

5 c) To coordinate and generally direct the activities of RI. (Article 3, Constitution
6 of Rotary International)

7 And the “affairs and funds of RI shall be under the direction and control of the
8 board.” (Article 6, section 2 Constitution of Rotary International), and

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10 WHEREAS, RI’s purposes are limited to supporting the clubs, promoting Rotary,
11 and the like. For the Board to exercise undue authority, as it directs and controls
12 Rotary, means that those whose roles are meant to support and assist have more
13 power than those who actually conduct the activities. This is both a misplacement of
14 priorities and a reversal of their proper roles, and

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16 WHEREAS, this imbalance can be demonstrated in the submission requirements
17 applied to legislation proposed to the Council on Legislation. For example, clubs
18 and others are expected to submit their proposals to the general secretary by 31
19 December of the preceding Rotary year. Because the Council of Legislation meets in
20 the spring of the following Rotary year, the deadline for enactments is over a year in
21 advance of each Council. While enactments may be amended immediately before
22 they are deliberated on at the Council, it is possible for the RI Board to do so with
23 onsite staff, but it is highly difficult for clubs and others to do so through a single
24 representative at the meeting. Even making minor corrections is not easy within the
25 one year and several months after the submission deadline, and

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27 WHEREAS, when the RI board submits a proposed enactment, it is able to amend
28 the proposal content immediately before the deliberation, as happened with its 2016
29 proposal to increase per capita dues. This allowed the Board to significantly raise
30 the amount of its original proposed increase. This is extremely unfair to clubs and
31 others, and

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33 WHEREAS, furthermore, during the 2019 Council on Legislation, there was an
34 instance in which a proposal was rejected one day, then reconsidered and approved
35 during the next day’s deliberations, which again demonstrates a significant gap
36 between the powers of the clubs and others and those of the RI Board, and

1 WHEREAS, RI being a worldwide organization, some operational differences
2 between clubs and higher operational levels are to be expected, and should be
3 allowed to the extent needed for the steady operation of the organization. However,
4 extremely broad variances in policies and procedures, such as those cited in the
5 above Council examples, should not be allowed
6

7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Director of Rotary
8 International consider ensuring that the powers of the RI Board do not unfairly
9 exceed those of clubs, Rotaract clubs, or districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 Fair treatment not only promotes awareness in, as well as motivation for,
11 Rotarians and Rotaractors, as well as the clubs and districts that represent them,
12 but further advances the Object of Rotary by encouraging, fostering, and applying
13 the ideal of service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENT: While this resolution, if supported, would have little direct effect, it would serve to show that the Board should not unfairly overrule clubs as they (Board) act in the best interests of Rotary. We should not, however, try to have every Board decision put to the COUNCIL

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-13

To request the RI Board to consider making Rotary's website and email technologies more accessible for those with visual impairments or other disabilities and extending that technology to its clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Eckington & District, District 1220, England
Endorsed by: District 1220 through a district legislation meeting, Matlock, Derbyshire, England, 10 June 2020

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider
3
4 1. Improving Rotary's website and email communications to make them
5 more accessible for individuals with visual impairments or other
6 disabilities.
7 2. Investing in technologies that support such accommodations and
8 working with companies (e.g., Microsoft) that can develop them to the
9 point that they become readily and easily available.
10 3. Extending those technologies to every club, thus increasing the level of
11 equality and diversity within our organization as a whole.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMENT: While a number of accessibility options are available with the main home computer/device operating systems, having these purposefully integrated with RI communications would ensure they are as equitable as possible.

NOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-14

To request the RI Board to consider reintroducing the vocational committee at the district level

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Aarau, District 1980, Switzerland
Rotary Club of Winterthur, District 2000, Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Endorsed by: District 1980 through a club ballot, 30 May - 22 June 2020
District 2000 through a club ballot, 5 - 20 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, Rotary is, by definition, an organization of business and professional
2 persons united in the ideal of service, and

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4 WHEREAS, in Article 6 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, vocational
5 service is defined as the second Avenue of Service, and

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7 WHEREAS, the reform of the classification system has not decreased but rather
8 increased the importance of expertise in the vocational domain, aiming at
9 diversity of the members in the clubs, and

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11 WHEREAS, the RI Board decided in October 2018 that vocational committees
12 are no longer required at the district level

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider correcting this discrepancy by reintroducing vocational
16 committees, either mandatory or optional, at the district level.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 To effectively assist clubs in implementing the Avenues of Service, the district
18 organization should include a vocational committee. A district committee can
19 organize training for club leaders, support vocational service efforts, and offer
20 coordination beyond club boundaries in the event of economic difficulties.
21 Furthermore, vocational service events for young professionals encourage
22 Rotaractors and other potential new members to join Rotary.

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

- 1 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. Districts now have the
- 2 option, and are encouraged, to create additional committees they deem
- 3 appropriate for their structure, including one focused on vocational service.

COMMITTEE: The Leadership Development and Training Committee recommends the mandatory and optional committees to the Board. The District Committees should reflect both the need for good governance in the District, and the operational focus of clubs in the District. Thus Districts should have as much autonomy as possible. Further, adding a mandatory committee has costs at the RI Secretariat end, as supporting policy and resources are needed to guide Districts on mandatory committees.

VOTE NO

RESOLUTION 20R-15

To request the RI Board to consider forming committees to nominate regional leader candidates

Proposer(s): District 9370, Lesotho and South Africa

Endorsed by: District 9370 through a district legislation meeting, Cape Town, South Africa, 15 February 2020

1 WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies allows for regional leader candidate
2 recommendations from current, immediate past, and incoming directors and
3 Trustees, along with the serving regional leaders, and
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5 WHEREAS, the district leadership has no say in recommendations of regional
6 leaders
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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider forming a committee consisting of the current governors
10 and immediate past governors of districts within a zone or section of a zone,
11 whose duty it shall be to publicize the upcoming regional leader positions within
12 their respective districts and to provide the director with a prioritized list of
13 candidates whom the committee considers to have the required qualifications for
14 the position. The director shall consider these recommendations, together with
15 the other recommended selections. The final decision rests with the director of
16 the zone after taking into consideration all such recommendations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 During recent years there has been little transparency in the appointment and
18 reappointment of regional leaders, with positions alternating between a select
19 few individuals.
20

21 Transparency in leadership selection is fundamental to membership growth.
22

23 This transparency exists at the club and district level, but is sadly lacking at the
24 regional and zone levels. This has been largely due to practical problems of
25 communication across huge geographical areas. However, as online meeting
26 technology has been so boosted by the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders at the zone
27 and regional levels are now very easily able to communicate with district leaders
28 at essentially no cost.

1 To date, districts have had no say in the selection of suitable candidates for
2 regional leadership positions. This has resulted in many suitably qualified
3 Rotarians feeling that they have no further future and say in the running of
4 Rotary above the district level. Many past governors have no desire to be
5 considered, but others feel that they have the qualifications and commitment to
6 be considered at a higher level.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

C0 MMEN T: A theme emerging from the recent Regional Pilot survey is that positions should be open to all qualified Rotarians. I understand from comments from a past Director that "The Board, at Sept meeting, recognized need for broader selection process for regional leaders; requests General Secretary to "review the qualifications and recommendation process for regional leader and other positions within Rotary to expand the pool of eligible candidates and ensure selections are based on skills and ability and that there are not any biases or barriers to diversity." This is good governance.

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-16

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to limit the term of the general secretary to no more than ten years

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through a club ballot, 7 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, RI Bylaws section 6.040., Election and Term of General Secretary,
2 provides that the board may elect a Rotarian as general secretary for a term of not
3 more than five years, and that the general secretary may be re-elected, and

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5 WHEREAS, under this provision, the general secretary may serve a term far
6 exceeding those of other RI officers (compare with one year for the RI president,
7 two years for RI directors, and four years for Trustees of The Rotary Foundation). If
8 re-elected, each general secretary may then serve for a term exceeding ten years,
9 and

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11 WHEREAS, RI maintains relatively brief term limits for its officers in order to make it
12 possible to appoint capable and motivated young leaders, so that Rotary may
13 maintain sound organizational governance and remain capable of accommodating
14 and adapting to social change, while ensuring continuity of leadership. The length of
15 the general secretary's term should also be assessed from this perspective

16
17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to
19 limit the term of each general secretary to no more than ten years in total.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 Maintaining sound organizational governance is a particularly strong
21 requirement for the Secretariat, as it functions as the headquarters of RI's
22 worldwide network. Long-term and unchanging concentration of power in
23 leadership positions within the Rotary organization is incompatible with the
24 organizational culture that it has developed over its one-hundred-plus-year
25 history, which encourages equality, fairness, and the development of the next
26 generation of leaders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. If the RI Board were to
- 4 utilize an executive search firm to assist in the process of retaining a general
- 5 secretary, the cost would be in the range of US\$100,000 to \$150,000 at current
- 6 market rates.

COMMENTS: Governance is conformance and performance. If the GS is acting in the best interests of RI and not exceeding the powers reserved for the position, and is performing well, then there is no reason not to re-elect the person for a succeeding term.

VOTE N O

RESOLUTION 20R-17

To request the RI Board to consider publishing a sustainability report and facilitating cooperation with non-Rotary entities

Proposer(s): District 1820, Germany

Endorsed by: District 1820 through an annual district conference, Marburg, Germany, 20 June 2020

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider publishing an annual sustainability report

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4 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors
5 of Rotary International consider developing solutions to help facilitate
6 cooperation with non-Rotary entities or third-party organizations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

7 In Rotary's vision statement, an appeal is made for sustainable change. This
8 applies also to Rotary itself; thus, the RI Board should annually present a report
9 of sustainability, which can serve as a guide for districts and clubs.

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11 It should also be noted that there are regions of the world, especially those with
12 the greatest need for humanitarian aid, in which it is almost impossible to find
13 suitable, fully-functional clubs with which to collaborate on projects. As a result
14 of the current global crisis, there is a surplus in district designated funds, and
15 only 15 percent of RI's clubs have undertaken global grant projects. This type of
16 collaboration should be strongly encouraged in Africa, as there are 35,000
17 Rotarians available for the realization of projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
19 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
20 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish these goals.

21
22 Currently, sustainability site visits are conducted and some reporting is available.
23 For example, per the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies, an evaluation of
24 Rotary's grant model occurs on a five-year cycle, with assessments of global grant
25 sustainability in each area of focus.

1 Furthermore, tools to assist with project collaboration can be found through My
2 Rotary. These include Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Showcase, and Rotary's
3 corporate partnerships, as well as district resources such as the district Rotary
4 Foundation and International Service committees, the latter of which support
5 clubs with the use of district designated funds and international service activities.
6
7 The financial impact would be contingent upon expansion of current initiatives in
8 these areas.

COMMENTS: These proposals are really just asking the Board to consider the two matters. Certainly there is benefit in adopting them, and the Board (staff) could do a cost-benefit analysis of implementation.

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-18

To request the RI Board to consider adopting a definition of positive peace

Proposer(s): District 5550, Canada

Endorsed by: District 5550 through an annual district conference, Kenora,
Ontario, Canada, 23-26 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, the fourth Object of Rotary includes the advancement of peace, and

2

3 WHEREAS, Rotary's first area of focus is promoting peace, and

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5 WHEREAS, advancing peace is part of Rotary's published mission, and

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7 WHEREAS, peace is much more than an absence of war and violence, and

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9 WHEREAS, it is important that Rotarians and others have a clear understanding
10 of what is meant when Rotary uses the word peace, and

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12 WHEREAS, Rotary has partnered with the Institute for Economics and Peace

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider clearly stating Rotary's definition of peace by adopting the
16 definition of positive peace advanced by Rotary's partner, the Institute for
17 Economics and Peace, to complement the traditional definition, that being the
18 absence of violence or fear of violence.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 An organization dedicated to peace must be clear about what the word means,
20 but currently it means many things to many people. The Institute for Economics
21 and Peace has stressed the difference between negative peace (the absence of
22 violence or fear of violence) and positive peace (the presence of the attitudes,
23 institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies). The eight
24 pillars of positive peace include:

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- 26 • Well-functioning government
- 27 • Sound business environment
- 28 • Equitable distribution of resources
- 29 • Acceptance of the rights of others
- 30 • Good relations with neighbors
- 31 • Free flow of information

- 1 • High levels of human capital
- 2 • Low levels of corruption

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4 It would be very helpful for Rotarians, who are everywhere pursuing peace, to
5 have a clear understanding of what they are working for. A more positive
6 definition of peace, tailored to Rotary's purpose and ideals, would help Rotarians
7 focus their efforts in choosing projects designed to attain peace in their
8 communities and in the world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot
10 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
11 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal, which may require
12 outside consultants on cultural interpretation.

COMMENTS: Makes sense to clarify the endstate of our mission.

VOTE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-19

To request the RI Board to consider being more flexible on the definition of 'political'

Proposer(s): District 5550, Canada

Endorsed by: District 5550 through an annual district conference, Kenora, Ontario, Canada, 23-26 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, the deleterious effects of climate change on human systems, mostly
2 due to global warming and shifts in precipitation, have been detected worldwide
3 and current pledges by countries to cut their emissions of greenhouse gases are
4 probably inadequate to limit future warming, and

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6 WHEREAS, global warming has likely already increased global economic
7 inequality, and this trend will likely increase in the future, and

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9 WHEREAS, millions of people worldwide, particularly those with lower incomes,
10 are at risk of hunger as a consequence of global warming, and based on local and
11 indigenous knowledge, climate change is already affecting food security in
12 mountainous regions of South America and Asia, as well as in various drylands,
13 particularly in Africa, regions dependent on glacier water, regions that are
14 already dry, and on small islands that are already at increased risk of water stress
15 due to climate change, and

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17 WHEREAS, climate change can be an important driver of migration, both within
18 and between countries and could lead to homelessness in countries with low-
19 lying areas, as well as statelessness for populations in island nations, and

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21 WHEREAS, climate change has been linked to an increase in violent conflict by
22 amplifying poverty and economic shocks, which are well-documented drivers of
23 these conflicts, and

24
25 WHEREAS, past RI President Barry Rassin has stated that climate change is a
26 humanitarian issue and young people, a target area for Rotary recruitment, have
27 shown their determination to mitigate the effects of climate change and look for
28 leadership opportunities to do so, and

29
30 WHEREAS, climate change can be a factor in five of Rotary's six areas of focus;

- 31
32 • Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
33 • Disease prevention and treatment
34 • Water and sanitation
35 • Maternal and child health
36 • Economic and community development, and

1 WHEREAS, governments are the only effective means of achieving positive
2 mitigation and reduction of climate change

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4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
5 International consider applying a more flexible definition to the word 'political'
6 as currently used in the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of
7 Policies, so that climate change can be better addressed by clubs, districts,
8 Rotarian action groups, and other entities of Rotary as a humanitarian, rather
9 than a political, issue.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 The usage of the words 'political' and 'politics' in RI's current governance
11 documents is no longer adequate as it prevents RI, clubs, districts, Rotary action
12 groups, and other Rotary entities from encouraging governments to address
13 climate change to accomplish worthwhile humanitarian goals. While it is
14 paramount that RI and other Rotary entities refrain from engaging in partisan
15 politics at both the local and national level, this should not prevent them from
16 asking governments in non-partisan ways to address climate change as a
17 humanitarian existential issue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 If implemented, this resolution would not have a substantial financial impact on
19 RI. Asking governments in a non-partisan way to address climate change as a
20 humanitarian existential issue would not have a substantial financial impact on
21 RI. Supporting the environment has been added as a new area of focus.

COMMENTS: The use of the words in current documents is pretty clear in context. There is nothing now that stops clubs addressing climate change in a non-partisan way. On the contrary, a number of rotarians will take any such a change to the wording of the Standard Club Constitution (extract below) to be political and strenuously object

VOTE 0

Article 14 Community, National, and International Affairs

Section 1 — Proper Subjects. Any public question involving the welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a proper subject of fair and informed discussion at a club meeting.

However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 — No Endorsements. This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

Section 3 — Non-Political.

(a) Resolutions and Opinions. This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and shall

not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) Appeals. This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

RESOLUTION 20R-20

To request the RI Board to consider changing the mandate of the Rotary Representative Network

Proposer(s): District 5550, Canada

Endorsed by: District 5550 through an annual district conference, Kenora, Ontario, Canada, 23-26 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, the Rotary Representative Network has been established as Rotary's
2 voice at the United Nations, and

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4 WHEREAS, Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a
5 non-governmental organization by the United Nations, and
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7 WHEREAS, Rotary's objective is to advance understanding, goodwill, and peace,
8 and

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10 WHEREAS, there is a need for effective, enforceable rules of international law to
11 deal with issues such as nuclear risk
12

13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider changing the mandate of the Rotary Representative
15 Network to include becoming involved in nuclear risk discussions at and with the
16 United Nations and its members.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 The international status, rights, and privileges granted to Rotary by the United
18 Nations offer important opportunities to advise and encourage member countries
19 to strive for effective, enforceable rules of international law to deal with
20 existential issues such as nuclear risk, disarmament, and other serious threats to
21 the survival, public health, safety, and well-being of the global human family.
22 Such advice and encouragement would be consistent with the freedom and
23 independence of Rotary and its values.
24

25 The Rotary Representative Network provides an excellent avenue to advocate for
26 positive action by the United Nations and its member nations that would alleviate
27 the pressure resulting from the proliferation of nuclear arsenals and other serious
28 threats.

29
30 RI senior leadership must understand that its future and necessary role for

1 humanity is to serve, learn from, include, and engage with those who are
2 oppressed, impoverished, vulnerable, and women and children in a decolonizing
3 world and to serve them above self by advocating for them at the United Nations
4 and its agencies respecting all existential issues that affect common humanity.
5 They need rule of law protection and RI needs to advocate for it.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
7 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
8 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.
9
10 Currently, Rotary does not have the knowledge or the expertise to speak with
11 accuracy or authority on nuclear risks.

COMMENT: If the RRM works through diplomacy and advocacy, then there is no need to specify which matters of international concern they should address. The record of the RRM is a good one, with achievements in education, water, science and polio. I don't agree with trying to do what other bodies are already working on and I think this is one of them.

VOTE N O

RESOLUTION 20R-21

To request the RI Board to consider supporting approval of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Sudbury, District 7010, Canada

Endorsed by: District 7010 through a club ballot, 5-26 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the formation of the United Nations,
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, 2020 is also the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and
5 Nagasaki, and

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7 WHEREAS, in addition, 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-
8 Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the intent of which, to eradicate nuclear
9 weapons, has not yet been achieved, and

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11 WHEREAS, nuclear weapons are an existential threat to humanity, and

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13 WHEREAS, Rotary is committed to promoting world peace

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider supporting approval of the Treaty on the Non-
17 Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, by working to encourage countries to sign and
18 support the treaty, as well as encouraging Rotary clubs and Rotarians to work to
19 encourage their governments to sign and support the treaty.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 The only effective way to prevent a nuclear war is to get rid of nuclear weapons.
21 Unfortunately, deterrence does not work against accidents, miscalculations, or
22 terrorists. Despite the enactment of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of
23 Nuclear Weapons 50 years ago, there is no progress in the reduction of the
24 world's nuclear arsenal. On the contrary, there is an increase in spending on
25 these weapons and an increase in the number of countries with access to them.
26 Nuclear weapons are an existential threat to humanity. The Treaty on the
27 Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was signed by 122 countries in 2017, and
28 currently 37 countries have ratified it. It requires 50 countries to make it legal
29 and will take committed world action to enforce it. Rotary is an international
30 organization with members around the world. Rotary was there at the formation
31 of the UN. As part of its principles, Rotary focuses on "the advancement of

1 international understanding, good will, and peace.” In implementing this
2 principle, Rotarians have the ability to live by our principles and work for a world
3 free of nuclear weapons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

7
8 Currently, Rotary does not have the knowledge or the expertise to speak with
9 accuracy or authority on nuclear risks.

COMMENT: As for 20R-20, plus it becomes political and Rotarians could be seen
to be threatening the security of their country by some governments.

VOTE: 0

RESOLUTION 20R-22

To request the RI Board to consider leveraging the strength of Rotary by contributing to society's efforts to mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus pandemic

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a club ballot, 9 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the destructive infectious disease caused by the novel coronavirus has
2 spread throughout the world. This sudden and large-scale pandemic is destroying
3 societies. It heavily impacted Rotary in the cancellation of club meetings and the
4 2020 International Convention in Hawaii. We must now ask ourselves what Rotary
5 can do to address this situation, and
6

7 WHEREAS, the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a
8 basis of worthy enterprise. (Article 4, Constitution of Rotary International; Article 5,
9 Standard Rotary Club Constitution) We need to continue to carry out what we can
10 do within the restrictions that are asked of us during the current emergency, and
11

12 WHEREAS, “the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal,
13 business, and community life,” and “doing good in the world” are the
14 implementation of the ideal of service, whereby service improves the lives of its
15 beneficiaries and makes their communities better places, and, as a result, rewards
16 the Rotarians both economically and spiritually, and
17

18 WHEREAS, two things can be done now:

- 19 • Resolve as Rotarians, along with people around the world, to fight the spread
20 of infection and maintain a higher awareness in this regard, and
- 21 • Donate to Rotary

22 Every Rotarian understands that polio eradication is Rotary’s highest priority;
23 however, to fight the novel coronavirus pandemic, continuous funding is necessary
24 until an effective treatment method is discovered and vaccines are developed. RI, its
25 districts, and its member clubs in each country should work together toward this
26 end
27

28 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
29 International consider leveraging the strength of Rotary as an organization by
30 contributing to society’s efforts to mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus
31 pandemic.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 By contributing to society and leveraging Rotary's strength as an organization, we
- 2 can further advance the Object of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 4 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 5 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.
- 6
- 7 Rotary currently supports local efforts to fight the novel coronavirus pandemic by
- 8 providing grant funding to clubs and districts through global grants, district
- 9 grants, and, temporarily, disaster response grants.

COMMENT: This is asking the Board to do what it does. The Board has, as far as I can see, supported efforts by clubs to deal with the pandemic, as it does with all natural disasters. I do not see any policy or regulatory barriers from RI preventing clubs from being the operational arms of Rotary.

VOTE: 0

RESOLUTION 20R-23

To request the Trustees to consider designating one specific area of the world as a priority assistance area to help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus

Proposer(s): District 2660, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2660 through a club ballot, 22 May-18 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, damage caused by the novel coronavirus is spreading throughout the
2 world, and

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4 WHEREAS, currently, a majority of those infected by the novel coronavirus are in
5 Europe and the United States. Although the infection rate in developing countries
6 may gradually decrease, the battle there will be a long-lasting one, and

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8 WHEREAS, in some developing areas of world, it will be difficult to prevent the
9 spread of the infection without international assistance, and

10
11 WHEREAS, one of the strategic priorities in Rotary’s Action Plan is to “increase our
12 impact,” and by doing so to “focus our programs and offerings” and “improve our
13 ability to achieve and measure impact”

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
17 consider “increasing our impact” by designating one specific developing area of the
18 world as a priority assistance area for those activities supported by The Rotary
19 Foundation, as well as international assistance activities funded with district and
20 club funds, to help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 This proposed resolution is not intended to limit international assistance
22 activities outside of a designated priority assistance area. Rather, it is intended to
23 “increase our impact,” as stated among the strategic priorities in Rotary’s Action
24 Plan, by choosing one specific target area and focusing our resources there. If
25 fully realized, this concept will allow us to prioritize our collective response to the
26 crisis, focusing Rotary’s resources systematically upon individual areas of
27 assistance and thus achieving a far better result overall. Once a current priority
28 assistance area has seen results, we should then select a new area on which to
29 focus our efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
- 2 The Rotary Foundation. This resolution could be implemented within the existing
- 3 grant-model portfolio, but would potentially divert resources from one region to
- 4 another.

COMMENTS: Rotarians work where the need is great and where they can. Trying to select one area over another is fraught with danger.

VOTE N O

RESOLUTION 20R-24

To request the Trustees to consider assigning assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinators to support the Rotary Disaster Response Fund, as well as creating a disaster response subcommittee in each district

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Paz-Sopocachi, District 4690, Bolivia

Endorsed by: District 4690 through an annual district conference, La Paz, Bolivia, 30 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has implemented the Disaster Response Fund as a means of
2 responding directly and immediately to community needs in a range of disaster
3 situations, and

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5 WHEREAS, this fund is administered by The Rotary Foundation, which
6 maintains regional Rotary Foundation coordinators in each of RI's zones, with
7 assistants to provide additional support for each type of fundraising opportunity,
8 and

9
10 WHEREAS, the management of this area is difficult due to its highly sensitive
11 nature and need for immediate response. Districts, along with the regional
12 coordinator assistants, must have clear guidelines for accessing the fund,
13 establishing an organizational structure suitable for the management of local
14 emergencies, and raising additional funds for the Disaster Response Fund, and

15
16 WHEREAS, in light of the emergencies and disasters that are currently
17 devastating the planet, it is essential to establish a disaster response
18 subcommittee in each district that can anticipate and plan immediate relief for
19 communities, train Rotarians in local and international emergency response, and
20 coordinate logistical support and fundraising with local authorities. This will
21 contribute to the efficiency of such efforts and can also serve to enhance Rotary's
22 image at the local level

23
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 assigning assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinators to provide
27 support in managing the Rotary Disaster Response Fund in each zone, as well as
28 creating a disaster response subcommittee in each district.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a reassessment of the ways in which districts
2 prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies of all types, including
3 needing to raise the necessary resources to sustain the Disaster Response Fund.

4
5 Rotary has established certain guidelines for the allocation of resources from the
6 Disaster Response Fund. Fortunately, The Rotary Foundation has reacted rapidly
7 in the current situation to make substantial funds available for districts so they
8 can offer support for local relief efforts.

9
10 Any proper disaster preparedness plan would typically be based upon an
11 anticipation of the immediate needs of those affected, as well as preparation and
12 training of district members in order to address them, interdependent logistics
13 and coordination with local and national authorities, and fundraising for these
14 situations and their aftermath. This will help reassure the community that
15 Rotarians have sufficient training to respond proactively when disasters do occur.

16
17 The addition of a specific assistant for managing disaster relief in the regional
18 team of each zone, as well as the creation of a disaster response subcommittee in
19 every district directly dedicated to emergency relief and fundraising, will add
20 value to the work of Rotary, promoting the notion of Rotarians as people of action
21 and supporting the perception of Rotary as an organization that can respond
22 effectively wherever there is a club. This measure will also support the work of
23 the task force created for the same purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
25 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
26 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
27 goal and the level of training required for the assistant regional Rotary
28 Foundation coordinators.

COMMENT: It is not yet the remit of rotarians to be first responders. We have a range of partner organisations we work with to provide necessary relief when and where we can and TRF supports these efforts well. The principle should be not doing what others do well. Districts are very good at organising disaster-committees when they need to and I cannot see the rationale in having standing committees.

VOTE NO

RESOLUTION 20R-25

To request the Trustees to consider including measures for the prevention and elimination of plastic waste and residues

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Aarau, District 1980, Switzerland
Rotary Club of Arlesheim, District 1980, Switzerland

Endorsed by: District 1980 through a club ballot, 30 May - 22 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the pollution of the environment with plastic and microplastic in
2 general, and particularly in rivers and oceans, represents a serious threat to the
3 basic foundations of life, and

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5 WHEREAS, many Rotarians are following this development with great concern
6 and are keen on taking measures for the protection of our environment in this
7 and other domains, and

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9 WHEREAS, there exists increasing awareness that humanitarian aid can only be
10 effective in the long term if the foundations of life are intact, and

11
12 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is considered to be a new area of focus

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
16 include measures for the prevention and elimination of plastic waste and residues
17 such as microplastic, especially in water and the oceans, in the catalog of
18 activities supported by the Foundation.

19
20 Some examples of activities to be supported by RI are:

- 21 • Training in environmentally healthy handling of plastics
22 • Provisions for waste management and recycling infrastructure
23 • Cleaning of the worst affected areas, particularly sea beaches
24 • Activities for the recycling of plastics as valuable materials

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 The previous actions of Rotarians and Rotaractors have already had a positive
26 impact upon the environment, and these individuals will themselves serve as role
27 models. Young people, who are committed to a sustainable future, will consider
28 Rotary to be an ideal framework.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no a substantial financial impact on
- 2 RI.
- 3
- 4 The general secretary is in the process of developing parameters for adding
- 5 support of the environment as a new area of focus for the Foundation, with an
- 6 implementation plan scheduled for July 2021. The elimination of plastic waste is
- 7 included in the general policy parameters being proposed for this area of focus.

C0 MMEN T: This resolution will inform the developmen tof guidelines for the seven th area of focus.

V0 TE YES

RESOLUTION 20R-26

To request the Trustees to consider adding senior health to the fourth area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Strasbourg Kléber, District 1680, France

Endorsed by: District 1680 through a club ballot, 16 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the world's population is aging. A large proportion of the world's
2 seniors are vulnerable and in need of support, are no longer in the labor market,
3 and rely on retirement income or financial assistance from relatives or third
4 parties, and

5
6 WHEREAS, public sector investment is too limited to meet the needs of the
7 elderly (care, housing, distance from family, isolation, etc.), and

8
9 WHEREAS, there is increasing global demand for projects and services (housing,
10 disease prevention, education, sports activities), and

11
12 WHEREAS, the elderly are not included in any of Rotary's areas of focus and are
13 therefore ineligible to receive financial assistance in the form of global grants.
14 This prevents Rotary clubs and districts from carrying out projects with
15 Foundation funds to meet the growing demands of a population whose aging is
16 now accelerating due to recent advances in healthcare

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18 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
19 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
20 consider amending the fourth area of focus to include senior health as follows:
21 Senior, maternal, and child health.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 Clubs often come to districts with projects for the elderly, especially the creation
23 of retirement and assisted-living communities; their requests are generally not
24 economic in nature. Frequently, they are faced with the reality that the elderly are
25 not included in any of the areas of focus, and are therefore unable to benefit from
26 global grant funding. After years of research and exchanging ideas with fellow
27 members from various clubs around the world, we have realized this experience
28 is common to all Rotarians and came to the conclusion that seniors and their
29 health should be included, along with maternal and child health, in the fourth
30 area of focus.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
- 2 The Rotary Foundation. While expanding an existing area of focus could lead to
- 3 an increase in grant activity for that area of focus, it would not require additional
- 4 resources, therefore expenses will not increase.
- 5
- 6 Currently, senior citizens can benefit from activities in the other areas of focus.

COMMENT: Trying to define who should be the recipients of efforts in areas of focus is fraught. I would rather see a resolution asking the trustees to consider the health and well-being of vulnerable people as a valid outcome in all areas of focus. Constant fiddling with the areas of focus will be confusing.

VOTE: 0

RESOLUTION 20R-27

To request the Trustees to consider modifying the fourth area of focus to become “Caring for mothers, children, and dependent people”

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Celle Saint Cloud-Bougival, District 1660, France

Endorsed by: District 1660 through an annual district conference, Île-de-France, France, 15 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the world’s population is aging, a trend that has resulted in increased
2 dependency among those in the older age groups. This phenomenon is intensified
3 by massive political or economically-driven emigration, largely from developing
4 countries. Consequently, the traditional nuclear family is now under threat and
5 the custom of caring for elderly or dependent people in general is in decline. As a
6 result, many older and dependent citizens find themselves alone and without
7 resources, and
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9 WHEREAS, those in this group who are vulnerable, and have lost their
10 autonomy for any number of reasons, now are in need of assistance, and
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12 WHEREAS, these dependent individuals are typically no longer in the labor
13 market, and therefore rely upon retirement income or financial assistance from
14 relatives, the government, or other third parties, without which they would have
15 no means of financial support, and
16

17 WHEREAS, public sector investment in care and accommodation for people
18 leading a dependent life, with or without extended family, is too limited to meet
19 the needs of these people, and
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21 WHEREAS, there is a growing, worldwide demand for projects and services to
22 accommodate this population: nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, disease
23 treatment and prevention programs, recreational activities, conflict remediation
24 and resolution services, and
25

26 WHEREAS, as a group, such people are not included in any of Rotary’s areas of
27 focus and are therefore ineligible to receive financial assistance in the form of
28 global grants. This prevents Rotary clubs and districts from carrying out projects
29 with Foundation funds to meet the growing demands of an aging population
30

31 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
32 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
33 consider modifying the fourth area of focus, which would become “Caring for
34 mothers, children, and dependent people,” in order to finance and support
35 projects that enable Rotary clubs and districts to pursue their remarkable work

1 benefitting maternal and child health as well as provide care for dependent
2 individuals.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

3 Clubs often come to districts with projects for seniors or people needing care,
4 particularly to help them improve their quality of life; sometimes this is done
5 simply to enable them to survive, through the assistance of caregivers. Even in
6 the case of volunteer help, material needs must be satisfied. The scope of the
7 problem comes from the numerous and diverse types of cases that require
8 investment and commitment.

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10 Since this issue is general, complex, and global, we are proposing a resolution to
11 the Council on Resolutions requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
12 consider adding dependent people as a critical addition to the areas of focus. If
13 adopted, this resolution would enable the formation of international partnerships
14 and initiatives to support people or zones currently facing great difficulty in
15 providing such assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
17 The Rotary Foundation. While expanding an existing area of focus could lead to
18 an increase in grant activity for that area of focus, it would not require additional
19 resources, therefore expenses will not increase.

20
21 Currently, dependent people can benefit from activities in the other areas of
22 focus.

C0 MMEH T: Trying to define who should be the recipients of efforts in areas of focus is
fraught I would rather see a resolution asking the trustees to consider the health and well-
being of vulnerable people as a valid outcome in all areas of focus. Constant fiddling with the
areas of focus will be confusing.

V0 TE # 0

RESOLUTION 20R-28

To request the Trustees to consider eliminating the eligibility restrictions for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the Rotary community for access to Peace Fellowships

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Paz San Jorge, District 4690, Bolivia

Endorsed by: District 4690 through an annual district conference, La Paz, Bolivia, 30 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, as a humanitarian organization, RI considers peace to be a
2 cornerstone of its own mission and firmly believes that when Rotarians and those
3 around them work towards building peace in their communities, these changes
4 can have global effects, and

5
6 WHEREAS, although they are responsible for the implementation of service
7 projects, and support peace fellowships and the programs of the Rotary peace
8 centers, our Rotary communities and families are ineligible to benefit from them,
9 and

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11 WHEREAS, despite this restriction, our clubs and districts take measures to
12 address the underlying causes of conflict, such as poverty, discrimination,
13 healthcare inequities, ethnic tensions, lack of access to education, and the
14 unequal distribution of resources, all without any incentive for doing so, and

15
16 WHEREAS, eligibility restrictions for peace fellowships create insurmountable
17 barriers to all Rotary communities and families, and

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19 WHEREAS, this situation represents a barrier to the development and benefit of
20 the family of Rotary, and

21
22 WHEREAS, through their service and commitment to peace and conflict
23 resolution, Rotarians have demonstrated that they possess the necessary
24 qualifications and can meet the same criteria as non-Rotarian candidates for
25 these scholarships

26
27 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
28 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
29 consider eliminating the eligibility restrictions for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and
30 members of the Rotary community for access to peace fellowships.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Bearing in mind that commitment to the furtherance of peace requires
2 responding to new challenges in order to achieve the greatest possible impact,
3 and that our vision is aimed at achieving lasting change, Rotary should attempt to
4 address this concept with a view toward greater cohesion and inclusion, both
5 broadening and consolidating its scope as a means of encouraging greater
6 engagement among its members.

7
8 Responses to the 2017 strategic planning survey showed that a higher percentage
9 of Rotaractors than Rotarians or other alumni would prefer their ideal
10 organization to finance training and development opportunities for youth and
11 members, with significant levels of support given specifically to:

12
13 Professional Development- professional education/opportunities for professional
14 training of member

- 15 • Rotarians 30%
- 16 • Rotaractors 58%
- 17 • Alumni 40%

18
19 Rotarians are potential candidates for these scholarships. They possess an
20 obvious advantage; namely, a strong commitment to conflict resolution and the
21 achievement of peace. This can also be viewed as an opportunity to incorporate
22 talented potential candidates into the Rotary community, one that might not
23 otherwise be available.

24
25 This kind of reassessment will lead to an increase in support from Rotary Peace
26 Fellows in the promotion and formulation of projects relating to the peace and
27 conflict resolution/prevention area of focus, as well as to the implementation of
28 service initiatives in their clubs and districts. This is demonstrated by the fact
29 that young Rotary scholars, upon completing their scholarships, are more likely
30 to become Rotaractors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

31 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
32 The Rotary Foundation.

C0 MMEII T: There could be a financial impact on the foundation as rules around DGR mean that donors cannot be recipients of deductible donations, therefore, if a Rotarian donor thought they would like to apply, they would have to not donate to TRF. It is a bit like RAWCS, where project teams must fund their own travel and expenses. In addition, if a Rotary applicant is selected over another applicant, we will be open to accusations of favouritism.

V0 T E II 0

RESOLUTION 20R-29

To request the Trustees to consider making publicity a mandatory part of the global grant application

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Grigota, District 4690, Bolivia

Endorsed by: District 4690 through an annual district conference, La Paz, Bolivia, 30 May 2020

1 WHEREAS, it is beneficial for Rotary and The Rotary Foundation that their
2 service work be as widely publicized as possible, and

3
4 WHEREAS, a good publicity campaign should be carried out and coordinated by
5 experts in the field, and

6
7 WHEREAS, the majority of clubs do not generally have such experts among their
8 membership, and

9
10 WHEREAS, large-scale publicity of the work that Rotary carries out around the
11 world will lead to greater knowledge and understanding of our institution,
12 thereby lending significant support to Rotary's public image. It can also help us to
13 grow stronger as Rotarians, and

14
15 WHEREAS, this type of service can generate expenses and should therefore be
16 included as an additional cost in the net budget for global grants, a fund itself
17 fully allocated to the underwriting of grant projects

18
19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
20 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
21 consider making publicity a mandatory part of the global grant application by
22 allowing up to three percent of the global grant budget to be allocated for this
23 purpose.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 Adoption of this resolution would promote recognition of Rotary service at the
25 local or community level, using global grants to enhance the public image of
26 Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
3 support provided by the RI Board to make publicity a mandatory part of the
4 global grant application by allowing up to three percent of the global grant budget
5 to be allocated for this purpose.
6
7 Currently, there is a requirement for global grant sponsors to include signage, but
8 funding for this purpose is limited to no more than US\$1,000. Increasing this
9 limit to three percent for all global grant budgets could reduce the amount of
10 humanitarian and environmental work that the Foundation would be able to do.

COMMENT: 3% is a big impost on funds. With the availability and use of social media, publicity does not take money, it takes effort. \$1000 is the limit at the moment and that is plenty in most host countries to get out a bit of signage and provide a morning tea at an event to publicise the project.

VOTE NO

RESOLUTION 20R-30

To request the Trustees to reconsider implementing the flexible grant model proposed in Adopted Resolution 18R-48

Proposer(s): District 1800, Germany
District 1810, Germany

Endorsed by: District 1800 through a district legislation meeting, Halle, Germany, 25 January 2020
District 1810 through a club ballot, 26 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, the allocation of funds from The Rotary Foundation to districts is to
2 be applied directly by the district to the funding of district and global grants, and
3
4 WHEREAS, Resolution 18R-48, proposed by District 1800, was adopted by the
5 2018 Council on Resolutions with a majority vote of over 60 percent
6
7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
9 reconsider changing the grant model in order to improve the flexibility of district
10 grants.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 In Resolution 18R-48, District 1800 proposed that the annual return to Rotary
12 districts from The Rotary Foundation (district designated funds - 50 percent of
13 contributions to the Annual Fund) should continue to be used to support district
14 and global grants and that the current allocation (50 percent for district grants
15 and 50 percent for global grants) should no longer apply. This would give
16 districts more autonomy and a greater variety of options, which would inevitably
17 lead to greater identification of clubs and districts with RI and The Rotary
18 Foundation.

19
20 Clubs are very receptive to the district grant model under the Future Vision Plan.
21 However, the current method of allocating funds from The Rotary Foundation to
22 districts is not adequate to meet the increasing number of applications for such
23 grants. On the other hand, the available funds for global grants are not fully
24 utilized. The removal of the current 50/50 formula would solve this deficiency.

25
26 District grants have hardly any management costs because the work on the club
27 and district level is volunteer-based. Consequently, the efficiency level of district
28 grants is greater than that of global grants.

1 The abolition of the 50/50 formula would give districts a greater autonomy and
2 opportunities to shape their own policy. Such decentralization will lead to a
3 stronger mutual cooperation between clubs and districts, which, in turn, will
4 reinforce the relationship with RI and The Rotary Foundation. Providing more
5 flexibility increases the decision-making ability of the districts. This will enhance
6 motivation and, consequently, have a positive effect on financial contributions of
7 individual Rotarians.

8
9 More district grants would serve as exemplary models and would be in line with
10 the goal for The Rotary Foundation set by Arch Klumph of 'doing good in the
11 world.'

12
13 Despite the Council on Resolutions' approval of this item, the Board of Trustees
14 decided at its meeting in April 2019 that the current arrangement would
15 remain unchanged. This decision of the Trustees can be considered as
16 disregarding the Council on Resolutions' result. In any case, it is not compatible
17 with Rotary's general democratic principles.

18
19 Voting members of the Council represent all of RI's districts, which include more
20 than 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. They are democratically elected by the
21 clubs at their respective district conferences for a term of three years. They are
22 responsible for voting once a year on resolutions proposed by clubs, districts, and
23 the RI Board. The resolutions adopted by the Council on Resolutions thus reflect
24 the democratic decision-making process in an exemplary manner. They
25 document the opinions and positions of all Rotarians worldwide, making them an
26 excellent decision-making tool.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

31
32 This resolution would reduce the funds available for global grants and it would
33 require:

- 34 • Changes to the current funding model
- 35 • Extensive modifications to existing software
- 36 • Significant changes to how funds are distributed

C0 MMEII T: It sounds fair, but the proposer has not considered the potential consequences, which I see to be a proliferation of small projects authorised by districts. The result could be the very lack of impact that small projects had in Global Grants before Future Vision. There will also be an increase in administration for districts as clubs would take advantage of the easier route for funding. In a similar vein, clubs and districts would lose the imperative to work with each other and partners to bring about projects. Our district does SHARE very well and therefore, with respect, so can other districts.

V0 TE # 0

RESOLUTION 20R-31

To request the Trustees to consider allowing districts to use their own scholarship criteria when awarding scholarships for which no World Fund matching funds are used

Proposer(s): District 7570, USA

Endorsed by: District 7570 through a club ballot, 14-22 June 2020

1 WHEREAS, a donor makes a gift to The Rotary Foundation's endowment that
2 will make earnings available to a district for scholarships; the district in turn
3 encourages individuals and clubs to donate to that endowment, and
4

5 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation invests and holds the endowment fund and
6 charges administrative and investment fees for doing so, and
7

8 WHEREAS, as of 1 July 2020, earnings used to fund global grant scholarships are
9 not matched by the World Fund, just as cash contributions to global grant
10 scholarships are not matched by the World Fund, and
11

12 WHEREAS, the only funds received from The Rotary Foundation are earnings
13 from the endowment. Scholarships generated from the earnings of the
14 endowment should be administered as determined by the district, in accordance
15 with donor wishes and using the six areas focus as a guide, and
16

17 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation currently requires districts to follow global
18 grant scholarship terms and conditions when awarding scholarships, and
19

20 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation provides no support for administering the
21 scholarships except for basic fiscal oversight; nevertheless, it may deny a global
22 grant scholarship application that does not meet the global grant requirements
23

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 allowing districts to use their own scholarship criteria, independent of
27 the global grant process, and as guided by the six areas of focus, when awarding
28 scholarships for which no World Fund matching funds are used.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 District 7570 and other districts are grateful to The Rotary Foundation for
30 investing and safeguarding our endowments. However, as districts raise their

1 own funds for scholarships and The Rotary Foundation makes no financial
2 contribution, the districts should also be allowed to administer and approve their
3 own scholarships, so long as they adhere to the six areas of focus. This would
4 streamline the process for the districts and eliminate the oversight burden on The
5 Rotary Foundation. It would also allow the Foundation to focus on global
6 scholarships, which do receive assets from the World Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution could 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 allow districts to
10 use their own scholarship criteria, independent of the global grant process.

11
12 There would be a significant administrative impact on The Rotary Foundation
13 affecting multiple departments, including finance, grants, philanthropy, and
14 communications. Additionally, local lawyers and accountants may be required to
15 audit the districts' management of earnings to ensure compliance with local laws.

COMMENT: This seems reasonable given there is no match and these folks have put money into the endowment for scholarships. Also, I am inclined to think the transition from Ambassadorial scholars to Global Grant scholars was not done well, so a review of criteria would be good. I cannot see any downside if scholars are still studying in an area of focus.

VOTE YES