



2024

Council on Resolutions

15 Oct to 31 Oct

The Council on Resolutions meets online each year. Representatives from all of Rotary's districts vote on resolutions proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board of Directors, and the General Council or Conference of RIBI, as well as urgent enactments proposed by the RI Board. The RI Board will consider all resolutions that the Council adopts. Adopted urgent enactments amend Rotary's constitutional documents. [Learn more about the Council on Resolutions.](#)

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24R-04	To request the RI Board to consider creating a status of 'club in formation' during the period preceding a new club's charter View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 305 No: 143
24R-05	To request the RI Board to consider exempting charter members of new clubs from the payment of an admission fee View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 103 No: 343
24R-06	To request the RI Board to consider approaching other organizations to build a natural path to become members of Rotary for those who leave other organizations due to age View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 170 No: 271
24R-07	To request the RI Board to consider recommending that districts establish peer associations based on the year of a member's induction View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 96 No: 349
24R-08	To request the RI Board to consider recommending that governors encourage active participation in district committees by those who have been members for five years or less View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 222 No: 224
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24R-11	To request the RI Board to consider encouraging districts to rely on their past governors' council to support the district operational team View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 209 No: 245
24R-12	To request the RI Board to consider appointing an ad hoc committee to examine the need for a program focused on children under the age of 12 years View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 141 No: 310
24R-13	To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a program of RI View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 165 No: 287

24R-14	To request the RI Board to consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies to permit Rotary activity groups for children under the age of 12, whose parents are members of the sponsoring club View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 138 No: 313
24R-15	To request the RI Board to consider developing a structure within Rotary to address illiteracy View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 153 No: 294
24R-16	To request the RI Board to consider establishing a committee, specialized in peace, to develop standardized programs to be used worldwide in education View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 217 No: 230
24R-17	To request the RI Board and the TRF Trustees to consider amending the Codes of Policies to state that officers will refrain from making public statements in support of or against conflicts around the world when acting in their official capacity View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 342 No: 111
24R-18	To request the RI Board to consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political subjects by RI View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 347 No: 101
24R-19	To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing the importance of calm deliberation and continuity View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 199 No: 245
24R-20	To request the RI Board to consider the addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: "Is it respectful of the environment?" View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 63 No: 390
24R-21	To request the RI Board to consider supporting the complete elimination of nuclear weapons View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 182 No: 269
24R-22	To request the RI Board to consider establishing a larger number of regions within Rotary View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 146 No: 302
24R-23	To request the RI Board to consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages of RI View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 271 No: 178
24R-24	To request the RI Board to consider recommending wearing membership pins more prominently than all other insignia on a daily basis View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 192 No: 260
24R-25	To request the RI Board to consider undertaking a detailed review of the cost-to-value proposition associated with the Rotary magazines View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 318 No: 134
24R-26	To request the RI Board and the Trustees to consider creating a special giving day on 23 February View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 166 No: 286
24R-27	To request the RI Board to consider establishing guidelines for Rotary clubs and Rotarians when providing support during large-scale disasters View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 307 No: 147
24R-28	To request the RI Board to consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time for meetings View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 248 No: 197
24R-29	To request the RI Board to consider allowing Rotaractors to serve as sergeants-at-arms at RI events View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 256 No: 144

24R-30	To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to change the frequency of the RI Convention View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 188 No: 266
24R-31	To request the Trustees to consider increasing the percentage of funds distributed to districts View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 325 No: 126
24R-32	To request the Trustees to consider modifying the (DDF) SHARE allocation ratio for district grants from 50:50 to 60:40 View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 283 No: 167
24R-33	To request the Trustees to consider allowing unused district grant funds to be used in funding the district grant of the subsequent year View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 304 No: 147
24R-34	To request the Trustees to consider allowing district grants to support activities for up to three years instead of one View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 246 No: 203
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24R-36	To request the Trustees to consider reinstating the 100 percent match formerly offered by the World Fund for District Designated Funds used in global grants View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 344 No: 109
24R-37	To request the Trustees to consider modifying the eligibility criteria for children of Rotary members so that they may benefit from programs of The Rotary Foundation View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 218 No: 236
24R-38	To request the Trustees to consider allocating recognition points for donations made to TRF's Endowment Fund View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 304 No: 145
24R-39	To request the Trustees to consider creating an award for the highest individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 138 No: 315
24R-40	To request the RI Board and TRF Trustees to consider directing unrestricted net assets to be invested with reputable microfinance and/or community development institutions View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 138 No: 310
24R-41	To request the Trustees to consider establishing a PolioPlus Society View detailed item (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 270 No: 180
24R-42	To request the Trustees to consider implementing a cancer eradication project through cancer prevention View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 157 No: 293
24R-43	To request the Trustees to consider including culture in the sixth area of focus, community economic development View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 166 No: 285
24R-44	To request the Trustees to consider adding basic human rights as an eighth area of focus View detailed item (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 116 No: 332

RESOLUTION 24R-01

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging every Rotary club to hold regular weekly meetings

Proposer(s): District 3170, India

1 WHEREAS, RI suggests that clubs hold at least two weekly meetings a month,
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, club service is the core of all Rotary experience. The health of the
5 club and indeed its very existence depends on regular meetings as they provide
6 regular opportunities for social engagement either in person, online, or in some
7 combination of the two. The greater the number of meetings that are held, the
8 more opportunities there are to meet, and

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10 WHEREAS, it should also be noted that despite an increase in the number of
11 member clubs of RI, the overall number of Rotarians has remained stagnant

12
13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider encouraging every Rotary club to hold regular weekly
15 meetings each month to enhance fellowship amongst Rotarians. This will result
16 in a higher level of acquaintance and assimilation among members.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 To revitalize any club and maximize its effectiveness, strong relationships must
18 be maintained amongst the club's members. Frequent opportunities for
19 fellowship are important in this respect as these tend to result in greater
20 compatibility among club members. Stronger relationships and improved
21 understanding will lead to a more open exchange of ideas within the club, as well
22 as to the development of better club leadership and enhanced service
23 opportunities for its members.

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25 Conducting frequent meetings and following Rotary protocols will help to foster a
26 strong culture of Rotary within each club, and the resulting increase in club
27 meeting attendance will positively impact long-term membership retention and
28 growth.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could potentially result in a decrease in revenues
- 2 for RI if there is a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less
- 3 flexibility for current and future members.

RESOLUTION 24R-02

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-03

To request the RI Board to consider allowing club presidents to record a permanent veto against a former member

Proposer(s): District 1690, France

1 WHEREAS, members are sometimes terminated by their clubs for behavior that
2 is not in compliance with Rotary's ethical standards. One particular example of
3 this would be the harassment of Youth Exchange participants, and

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5 WHEREAS, those terminated members sometimes attempt to hide this
6 information when joining another club, and

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8 WHEREAS, this situation is damaging to our movement's public image and is
9 detrimental to our recruitment efforts

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider adding a field in My Rotary that would allow club presidents,
13 after a vote of the club members at a special general assembly, to record a
14 permanent veto against a member who had been terminated because of a behavior
15 that was not in compliance with Rotary's ethical standards. This newly created field
16 would help the president of any club when such an individual, terminated because
17 of actions in violation of Rotary's ethics, tries to join that club. If such a veto is
18 noted on the record of a former member, his or her membership could be rejected
19 by the club president.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-04

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

Proposer(s): District 2150, Belgium

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-05

To request the RI Board to consider exempting charter members of new clubs from the payment of an admission fee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Itajaí-Porta do Vale, District 4652, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the membership of RI has reached a plateau
2 and, by some measures, has even begun to decline, and

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4 WHEREAS, RI has worked diligently and continuously with clubs and districts to
5 increase its membership, but so far with no resulting increase in district
6 membership numbers worldwide. Districts have even seen a decline in
7 membership, which results in an increase in redistricting, and

8
9 WHEREAS, there is evidence that membership has grown mainly through the
10 formation of new Rotary clubs, and

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12 WHEREAS, subsection 18.020.7. of the Rotary Code of Policies provides for the
13 payment of an admission fee for new Rotary clubs in the amount of US\$15 per
14 charter member to cover the expenses incurred by RI in organizing and assisting
15 new clubs, and

16
17 WHEREAS, the sponsor Rotary club incurs more expenses in the formation of
18 the new club than RI, and

19
20 WHEREAS, in many instances, the districts themselves are required to cover
21 these expenses, otherwise the formation of the new Rotary club will not be
22 finalized, and

23
24 WHEREAS, the formation of new Rotary clubs and the resulting growth in
25 membership will increase RI's revenue from per capita dues

26
27 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
28 consider exempting charter members of new clubs from the payment of an
29 admission fee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

30 This enactment would exempt charter members of new Rotary clubs and sponsor
31 clubs and/or districts from the costs of registering them with RI.

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33 The enactment amends subsection 18.020.6. of the Rotary Code of Policies to
34 exempt charter members of new Rotary clubs from paying the fee of US\$15 per
35 member when forming new Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in a decrease in revenues for RI.
- 2 The admission fee for a new Rotary club is based on the number of new members
- 3 in the club. Over the last three years, the average number of new clubs per year
- 4 has been 920, with an average of 25 new members per club. Eliminating the
- 5 admission fee would reduce RI revenue by approximately US\$331,200 per year.

RESOLUTION 24R-06

To request the RI Board to consider approaching other organizations to build a natural path to become members of Rotary for those who leave other organizations due to age

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pori Karhunpää, District 1410, Åland Islands and Finland

1 WHEREAS, in many countries it is difficult to find new members for Rotary clubs
2
3 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
4 consider approaching the management of the Junior Chamber International,
5 Round Table, and Ladies' Circle organizations to build cooperation, so that the
6 members who have to leave these organizations due to age have a natural path to
7 become members of Rotary clubs.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
9 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
10 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. The RI Board has
11 already requested the general secretary to develop a strategy for external
12 relationships to support membership growth.

RESOLUTION 24R-07

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that districts establish peer associations based on the year of a member's induction

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

1 WHEREAS, Rotary clubs provide opportunities, such as hobby circles, for fellowship
2 and activity through hobbies and sports. In hobby circles or peer associations, a
3 network exists that is aligned with Rotary's purpose, mission, and core values. By
4 extending the network of new members throughout the district and providing them
5 with a variety of fellowship opportunities, their knowledge and experience of Rotary
6 will increase, and their understanding of Rotary will deepen, which will, in turn, help
7 with retention of new members, and
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9 WHEREAS, membership retention and growth are essential to Rotary's development.
10 Data available from My Rotary shows that members with only a few years of
11 membership are at high risk of leaving Rotary. It is unfortunate that some members
12 leave Rotary without having truly experienced the sense of purpose, service, and joy
13 that comes from being fully engaged with its extensive membership network, and
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15 WHEREAS, the creation of peer associations in each district based on the member's
16 year of induction would allow for a regular and more measured exchange of ideas, as
17 well as enhance fellowship at training sessions and social gatherings, and would
18 significantly impact membership growth and retention by increasing the number of
19 human connections within Rotary. This will, in turn, help to deepen the general
20 understanding of Rotary, as well as to increase the number of people who share its
21 mission and core values
22

23 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
24 International consider recommending that districts establish peer associations
25 based on the year of a member's induction in order to strengthen fellowship and
26 further membership development.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-08

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that governors encourage active participation in district committees by those who have been members for five years or less

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

1 WHEREAS, various committees are maintained within each district, all of which are
2 actively managed by numerous Rotarians. Participation in district activities can help
3 to expand members' understanding of club activities and broaden their overall level
4 of Rotary participation through interaction with Rotarians outside their own clubs,
5 and

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7 WHEREAS, for those who have been members for five years or less, exposure to such
8 district activities would be an especially valuable experience

9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider recommending that governors encourage active
12 participation in district committees by those who have been members for five
13 years or less and who wish to serve on such committees.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 We Rotarians are always hopeful that new members will be able to appreciate the
15 many positive aspects of Rotary and continue to actively engage with Rotary in
16 their own way. We are submitting this proposed resolution in the hope that it will
17 be helpful in this regard. We believe that the participation of new members in
18 various Rotary activities, not only in their own clubs but also in the district, will
19 help to revitalize the district as a whole and can have the same positive effect at
20 the club level as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-09

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-11

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging districts to rely on their past governors' council to support the district operational team

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

1 WHEREAS, many districts have opted to implement a District Leadership Plan
2 which ensures that there will be a concerted effort between the governor and his
3 or her successors, the governor-elect and the governor-nominee, and

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5 WHEREAS, governors who follow a District Leadership Plan do this in order to
6 ensure the consistent and continuous operation of their district

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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider encouraging districts to rely on their past governors'
10 council to support the district operational team led by the governor, the
11 governor-elect, and the governor-nominee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The district structure is evolving through the implementation of a District
13 Leadership Plan and Rotary's multiyear Action Plan. As it happens, long-term
14 projects tend to be more consistent, and the durability of such projects helps to
15 combat the stereotypical image of a Rotary that ceases its operations on 30 June
16 only to start them up again on 1 July.

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18 However, this strong and unified functionality among governors, governors-elect,
19 and governors-nominee might lead them to terminate projects because they are
20 not aware of the reasons that led to their implementation. In general, the call for
21 some support from the governors' council could be weakened.

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23 This is the reason why it is proposed to improve this new district structure
24 through the support of a "resource group" that would include volunteer past
25 district governors to help current governors. This group will serve as a memory
26 bank and will ensure projects' continuity and the durability of the District
27 Leadership Plan. It will help facilitate the work of the governors' council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-12

To request the RI Board to consider appointing an ad hoc committee to examine the need for a program focused on children under the age of 12 years

Proposer(s): District 1030, England
Rotary Club of São Paulo-Paraíso, District 4420, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, it is well recognized by educational professionals that early
2 childhood education and development plays a critical role in shaping the citizens
3 of tomorrow, and

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5 WHEREAS, RI seeks to develop the characteristics of friendship, including
6 mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust,
7 shared interests and experiences, and support with problems and difficulties, and

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9 WHEREAS, RI currently does not have a recognized program for children under
10 12 years of age. Getting children involved in group activities is more than just fun;
11 it plays a major role in their development. Many clubs, particularly in the United
12 Kingdom, have developed and supported activities that go beyond socializing;
13 they play a large role in building a range of skills that are essential for life, and

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15 WHEREAS, involving young children in Rotary activities is like establishing a
16 mini-society, teaching children the value of teamwork and collaboration. It helps
17 them to understand the importance of working together to reach a common goal,
18 which builds a sense of responsibility and accountability, and

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20 WHEREAS, establishing a program for children of a younger age would provide a
21 pathway for these children to progress on to become members of Interact,
22 Rotaract and, ultimately, Rotary

23
24 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
25 International consider appointing an ad hoc committee to examine the need for,
26 and importance of, developing a program focused on children under the age of 12
27 years.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 It is recognized that throughout the world, many Rotary clubs have forged strong
29 links with local schools and parent organizations to help form, encourage, and
30 support activities for children under the age of 12 years old. The Rotary
31 movement, with its strong ethics and areas of focus, provides a powerful model
32 for early childhood education which is recognized by partner organizations,
33 schools, and parent groups.

1 These groups are often developed using national or local guidelines. It would be
2 more effective to develop RI guidelines and branding through an international
3 program so that families, schools, and community groups could develop a 'Rotary
4 relationship' to strengthen work on the seven areas of focus and provide a
5 seamless pathway through the Rotary programs.

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7 An understanding of Rotary values will positively impact young children and
8 their communities, enabling them to build social skills and responsibility.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI.
10 Committee costs are primarily driven by meeting expenses and staff support.
11 Actual meeting expenses for a six-member committee would be nominal for a
12 virtual meeting, or approximately US\$22,800 for an in-person meeting, mainly
13 for airfare, hotel, and meals. The related indirect cost for additional time
14 provided by existing staff to support the committee is estimated at US\$33,000.

RESOLUTION 24R-13

To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a program of RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of São Paulo-Saúde, District 4420, Brazil
Rotary Club of Maringá-Velho, District 4630, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, society and the media have contributed to an early awareness of
2 social issues among preteens, and

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4 WHEREAS, children are likely to express their first interest in volunteerism at
5 this age and should be guided in this activity by older and more experienced
6 individuals, such as Rotarians, and

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8 WHEREAS, there is a need to unite RI with this dynamic young enthusiasm, and
9 doing so would undoubtedly help to rejuvenate Rotary's public image, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is essential to create a pre-Interact youth program, ensuring the
12 future of Interact, Rotaract, and also Rotary, and

13
14 WHEREAS, in practice, members of Rotary Kids remain under the full
15 responsibility of the adults who introduce them to the sponsor Rotary club,
16 including having the adults sign a formal document, by means of a public
17 declaration, exempting RI from any and all ties with their sponsors, and

18
19 WHEREAS, in addition to friends and colleagues, the family members of these
20 young people also take part in Rotary activities. They become members and
21 potential contributors to The Rotary Foundation, and

22
23 WHEREAS, Rotary Kids and programs like it are already in existence throughout
24 the world, but they urgently require the consistent oversight and support of RI

25
26 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
27 consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a program of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 This proposal seeks to make Rotary Kids an official program of RI. It will increase
29 Rotary's membership and donations to The Rotary Foundation, thus rejuvenating
30 the public image of our organization and helping to insure its survival into the
31 future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If
- 2 Rotary Kids is administered as a structured program, expenses are estimated to
- 3 be at US\$274,000 per year for two staff members, production of materials, and
- 4 postage. In addition, there is an initial cost of US\$20,000 for global trademark
- 5 research and registration.

RESOLUTION 24R-14

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies to permit Rotary activity groups for children under the age of 12, whose parents are members of the sponsoring club

Proposer(s): District 4670, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, there are many Rotary activity groups for children under the age of
2 12 already in existence within clubs and districts throughout the world, and

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4 WHEREAS, these groups are clearly connected to the Rotary brand, and

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6 WHEREAS, Rotary will provide them with support if a conflict arises, and

7
8 WHEREAS, it is essential to the unity of the Rotary family that we engage young
9 participants in voluntary service activities, as age should not be a barrier to
10 involvement, and

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12 WHEREAS, Rotary's structured programs are a means of increasing
13 membership, and

14
15 WHEREAS, the implementation of formal guidelines for the establishment of
16 Rotary children's activity groups will help to standardize them among RI's other
17 general rules and procedures

18
19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
20 International consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies subsection
21 41.010.2., Membership in an Interact Club, as follows:

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23 **Article 41. Rotary Programs**

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25 **41.010. Interact**

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27 41.010.2. Membership in an Interact Club

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29 1. An Interact club is a Rotary club sponsored organization of young people,
30 ages 12 to 18, whose purpose is to provide opportunity for them to work
31 together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international
32 understanding and leadership development skills. Children under the age
33 of 12 may be organized into activity groups representative of Rotary if
34 their parents or guardians are active members of the sponsoring club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The purpose of this proposal is to provide guidelines for the official establishment
- 2 of club or district activity groups for young people under the age of 12, thereby
- 3 encouraging preteen children to take part in activities that align with and
- 4 promote the values of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 6 Clubs and districts are already permitted to develop their own club and district
- 7 programs, provided they adhere to Rotary's youth protection policies.

RESOLUTION 24R-15

To request the RI Board to consider developing a structure within Rotary to address illiteracy

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ujjain, District 3040, India

1 WHEREAS, reading and writing were developed by humans to produce, store,
2 and share a physical record of knowledge with others across time and distance. In
3 doing so, they have created a base of knowledge upon which successive
4 generations may build, and

5
6 WHEREAS, our daily interactions with the written word are, by their very nature,
7 predicated upon literacy. It is vital for people to be able to read signs, labels, and
8 phone messages. And the same applies to writing. Today, text-based
9 communication underscores the need to be able to read, and

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11 WHEREAS, moreover, literacy is critical in transforming children into socially
12 involved citizens. Reading and writing means being able to stay informed,
13 communicate effectively, and comprehend the issues that shape our world, and

14
15 WHEREAS, literacy is important for employment. Without it, searching for or
16 reading a job post, putting together a resume, or reading an employment contract
17 become difficult, and

18
19 WHEREAS, literacy is also important for civic activity. Apart from the fact that
20 much of the information produced by a government and its associated agencies is
21 generally provided in written form, poor literacy also impairs an individual's
22 capacity to vote and thus to exercise one's most fundamental right within a
23 democratic society, and

24
25 WHEREAS, as an organization, Rotary already has the protocols and experience
26 necessary in order to further advance its vision of a world of greater equality and
27 peace. This resolution not only addresses the basic education and literacy area of
28 focus, but also all other areas of focus together, as illiteracy is the root cause for
29 every problem, whether it relates to health, peace, livelihood, or any other

30
31 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
32 consider developing a structure within Rotary to address illiteracy, as was done in
33 order to eliminate polio from the world, so that Rotary members may focus all of
34 their collective efforts to make a literate world the way we have made a polio-free
35 world.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would 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. Basic education and
- 4 literacy is currently an area of focus.

RESOLUTION 24R-16

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a committee, specialized in peace, to develop standardized programs to be used worldwide in education

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Unión, District 4975, Uruguay

1 WHEREAS, one of Rotary’s areas of focus is peacebuilding and conflict
2 prevention, and

3
4 WHEREAS, as a principle, RI rejects violence as a way of life and undertakes
5 projects to foster understanding and strengthen the capacity of communities to
6 resolve conflicts, and this focus upon peace is a cornerstone of its mission, and

7
8 WHEREAS, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than one thousand scholars
9 to become effective catalysts for peace through their careers in government,
10 education, and international organizations, and

11
12 WHEREAS, Rotary’s work in fighting disease with its flagship End Polio Now
13 campaign, providing safe water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers
14 and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly creates
15 the optimal conditions for peaceful societies, as do programs such as
16 Empowering Girls, and

17
18 WHEREAS, despite of all these efforts, they have not been sufficient to prevent,
19 or much less stop, armed conflicts and other forms of violence, and new efforts
20 can still be made in order to achieve the desired objective

21
22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
23 International consider establishing a committee, specialized in peace, to develop
24 standardized programs to be used worldwide in education for all age groups, and
25 at all educational levels, through strategic alliances with public and/or private
26 educational institutions and international organizations, in order to create a true
27 culture of peace.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 The purpose of this resolution is to reaffirm Rotary’s peacebuilding efforts
29 through the extension of its Peace Centers in order to join forces with the United
30 Nations, UNICEF, and UNESCO, and to establish strategic alliances with public
31 and/or private educational institutions. It will also transform families and society
32 as a whole into agents of peace through standardized global programs in
33 educational centers.

1 The ultimate goal is for new generations to be born, grow up, and develop in an
2 environment of peace, free of war and any other form of violence.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

3 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI.
4 Committee costs are primarily driven by meeting expenses and staff support.
5 Actual meeting expenses for a six-member committee would be nominal for a
6 virtual meeting, or approximately US\$22,800 for an in-person meeting, mainly
7 for airfare, hotel, and meals. The related indirect cost for additional time
8 provided by existing staff to support the committee is estimated at US\$33,000.

RESOLUTION 24R-17

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

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

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

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3 WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies

4 1. does not permit the Rotary world to support any particular political belief,
5 issue, or viewpoint;

6 2. directs RI and its member clubs to “refrain from issuing partisan political
7 statements”; and

8 3. prohibits any “corporate action or corporate expression of opinion” to be
9 “taken or given by Rotary on political subjects” because of Rotary’s

10 worldwide membership, which includes persons of many facets of political
11 opinion, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

14
15 This resolution does not limit personal statements of conviction that all
16 individual Rotarians may exercise according to their own values and beliefs.
17 Rather, it affects only the public statements of Rotarians, written or oral, made
18 while they are representing Rotary in their official capacity.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-18

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

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

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

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

8
9 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the day after Russia invaded Ukraine, RI
10 released a statement on My Rotary regarding the situation in Ukraine on behalf of
11 Rotary International, and

12
13 WHEREAS, this statement violates the above provision as it clearly deals with a
14 political subject

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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political
18 subjects by RI.

End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

21
22 The statement clearly violates the provision prohibiting comment by RI on
23 subjects of a political nature and is therefore also in violation of the constitutional
24 documents. It is, quite simply, a question of organizational management.

25
26 This resolution would allow reliable Board operation in accordance with the
27 constitutional documents of RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-19

To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing the importance of calm deliberation and continuity

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

- 1 WHEREAS, RI frequently makes use of the word ‘change’ in the sense of making a
2 good change, and
3
4 WHEREAS, the word is not so widely used in Europe, Japan and other parts of Asia,
5 and
6
7 WHEREAS, established principles should be emphasized, and new things should be
8 incorporated into a preexisting tradition
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider emphasizing the importance of calm deliberation and
12 continuity in managing the affairs of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 Continuity is an important operational guideline for RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-20

To request the RI Board to consider the addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: “Is it respectful of the environment?”

Proposer(s): District 2150, Belgium

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has formally added environmental sustainability as its
2 seventh area of focus, and

3
4 WHEREAS, respect for the environment, whether explicit or implied, is included
5 in every project undertaken by a club and its members, and

6
7 WHEREAS, the environment is a subject of great concern throughout the world,
8 and

9
10 WHEREAS, any project undertaken by a club, district, or RI should satisfy the
11 criteria of The Four-Way Test

12
13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider the addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: “Is
15 it respectful of the environment?”

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 During an environmentally-focused meeting in January 2024, District 2150
17 solicited proposals from clubs and Rotary members regarding respect for the
18 environment. One participant, supported by the members who attended the
19 meeting and represented most clubs in the district, about 100 in all, proposed the
20 addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test, namely, “Is it respectful of the
21 environment?”

22
23 This addition would focus a club’s attention on the importance of environmental
24 stewardship every time the club and its members are developing a specific project
25 and would allow them to make any necessary changes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-21

To request the RI Board to consider supporting the complete elimination of nuclear weapons

Proposer(s): Rotary E-Club of International Peace, WE Rotary, District 5000, USA
Rotary Club of Nakusp, District 5080, Canada and USA
Rotary Club of Winnipeg, District 5550, Canada
Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood, District 5550, Canada
District 5960, USA
Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin, District 9705, Australia

1 WHEREAS, RI has recognized its responsibility to help respond to the existential
2 threat posed by the climate crisis through its active participation in the 2023
3 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). Speaking as part of
4 Rotary’s delegation to this meeting, 2023-24 RI President Gordon McNally
5 noted, “Our legacy is not just in the projects we initiate but in the global
6 collaborations we foster for a healthier planet,” and

7
8 WHEREAS, like climate change, the danger of nuclear war is an immediate
9 existential threat, and RI could, as past RI President Shekar Mehta has said, “take
10 stronger positions for nuclear disarmament, as organizations like the Red Cross
11 have already done,” and

12
13 WHEREAS, experts like former US Defense Secretary William Perry have warned
14 that we are closer to nuclear war than we have ever been, and former US Defense
15 Secretary Robert McNamara has warned that we avoided nuclear war thus far
16 only because “We lucked out. It was luck that prevented nuclear war,” and

17
18 WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that a limited nuclear war between India
19 and Pakistan involving just 250 of the world’s 12,500 nuclear warheads could
20 cause abrupt, catastrophic climate disruption and a global famine that would kill
21 over two billion people in its first two years, and that a larger war between the US
22 and Russia could cause an even greater famine, killing over five billion people in
23 its first two years, and

24
25 WHEREAS, working for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons fits
26 squarely into one of Rotary’s seven areas of focus, peace building and conflict
27 prevention, and RI and The Rotary Foundation have committed to divesting
28 Rotary funds from corporations involved in the production of nuclear explosives,
29 and

30
31 WHEREAS, RI supported the recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for
32 an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine,
33 in keeping with its deep commitment to building peace through dialogue and
34 conflict resolution

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider supporting the growing international call for the complete
3 elimination of nuclear weapons reflected in the UN Treaty on The Prohibition of
4 Nuclear Weapons, supporting UN General Assembly resolutions endorsing that
5 treaty, and calling on the nine states that possess nuclear weapons to enter into
6 urgent negotiations for a verifiable, enforceable agreement to jointly eliminate
7 their nuclear arsenals according to an agreed upon timeline.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 This resolution will further Rotary's commitment to world peace by adding its
9 influential voice to the global effort to achieve the security of a world free of
10 nuclear weapons. It will strengthen our relationship with the United Nations,
11 which is leading this effort, as well as empower Rotary clubs and individual
12 Rotarians to work more effectively toward that ultimate goal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-22

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a larger number of regions within Rotary

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

1 WHEREAS, RI is presently attempting to reduce the number of Rotary districts
2 worldwide from the current number of 520 to about 100, and

3
4 WHEREAS, in order to achieve diversity, which is one of the Rotary's basic
5 principles, it is better to have a larger number of regions to allow for a variety of
6 opinions and better management. As the population in each Rotary country
7 changes, it would be better to have a larger number of regions in order for Rotary to
8 make changes as necessary and appropriate

9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider establishing a larger number of regions within Rotary to
12 achieve diversity, which is one of the basic principles of our organization.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 While the regionalization pilot program is an exploration of a potential new
14 direction for Rotary, certain existing aspects of our organization should not be
15 changed. In order to continue regional activities within the Rotary world, the
16 number of regions within Rotary should not be reduced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-23

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

Proposer(s): District 3170, India

1 WHEREAS, currently, only English, French, German, Italian, Korean,
2 Portuguese, and Spanish are recognized as official languages of RI, and

3
4 WHEREAS, Rotary has developed within India to the extent that it is now the
5 second largest membership concentration worldwide, and

6
7 WHEREAS, as India's national language, Hindi is spoken proficiently in most
8 parts of the country, whether it be in rural, semi-urban, or urban areas, and

9
10 WHEREAS, language is the best medium for communication, which creates
11 direct impact and comfort to an individual, and

12
13 WHEREAS, language provides diversity, equity, and inclusion

14
15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages
17 of RI, which will help revitalize membership, enhance participation and
18 engagement, and help grow contributions to TRF.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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

RESOLUTION 24R-24

To request the RI Board to consider recommending wearing membership pins more prominently than all other insignia on a daily basis

Proposer(s): District 4975, Uruguay

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider recommending wearing the active or honorary RI
3 membership pin and the Rotaract membership pin in a conspicuous position on
4 clothing, and more prominently than all other insignia, on a daily basis, and not
5 only at Rotary meetings or events.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

6 The membership pin is the emblem of RI and, like the Rotaract pin, it is the first
7 symbol that is received as a sign of identity and membership upon joining the
8 organization.

9
10 Many active members, honorary members, and Rotaractors do not wear their
11 pins on a daily basis, and many do not wear them prominently on their clothing,
12 thus creating confusion with other Rotary and Rotary Foundation pins and
13 recognitions.

14
15 The active member and honorary membership pins are the quintessential
16 identification of Rotary membership, and the Rotaract member pin also has a
17 significant position given Rotaract's recent elevation in RI; therefore, the use and
18 protection of these marks and logos should be encouraged.

19
20 The Brand Center repeatedly emphasizes the need to "Make Rotary's Public
21 Image a priority," and the message "Every member is the first advocate of
22 Rotary's Public Image" is stressed in every training.

23
24 Therefore, it is requested that the RI Board consider recommending that the RI
25 membership pin and the Rotaract pin be worn on a daily basis and in a visible
26 and more prominent position than all other insignia.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-26

To request the RI Board and the Trustees to consider creating a special giving day on 23 February

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Lisboa, District 1960, Portugal

1 WHEREAS, the amount of the first gift to The Rotary Foundation was US\$26.50,
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International is 23
5 February, and

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7 WHEREAS, a core commitment of all Rotary members is the continuous support
8 of The Rotary Foundation through regular voluntary donations

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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI and
11 the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation consider creating a special giving day on
12 23 February of each year on which each member is encouraged to donate the
13 symbolic amount of US\$26.50.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 The creation of a special Rotary giving day on 23 February will ensure that all
15 members are able to meet the minimum goal set for individual contributions. It
16 will also help to make Rotary's birthday more appealing, thus increasing the day's
17 symbolic significance and the number of donations. The fundamental effect of
18 this action would be to strengthen the organization's finances, thereby
19 contributing to an expansion of the worldwide service base maintained by Rotary,
20 as well as an increase in revenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-27

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

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

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

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

8
9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider establishing guidelines for action to be taken by Rotary clubs
11 and Rotarians when providing support for victims of and areas affected by large-scale
12 disasters.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-29

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

Proposer(s): District 4530, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, currently, the Rotary Code of Policies provides that only Rotarians
2 may be included on the list of candidates for the role of sergeant-at-arms, and
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4 WHEREAS, through their participation in local conferences and events held at
5 the club or district level, Rotaractors around the world have already gained
6 substantial experience serving on sergeant-at-arms teams, and
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8 WHEREAS, many Rotaract club members have professional experience in areas
9 related to event protocols and ceremonies
10

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-30

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to change the frequency of the RI Convention

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Nelson, District 5080, Canada

1 WHEREAS, the RI Convention is held annually, and
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3 WHEREAS, conventions require Rotarians, RI staff, and guests to travel great
4 distances using many different modes of transportation, and
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6 WHEREAS, the impact of 20,000 or more travelers is significant and has a
7 negative impact on the environment, including increasing carbon emissions, and
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9 WHEREAS, the RI Board must have the authority and flexibility to change the
10 frequency of conventions by proposing amendments to the constitutional
11 documents, including the Rotary Code of Policies and the RI Bylaws
12
13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to
15 change the frequency of the RI Convention so that it may be held annually or less
16 frequently, as determined by the Board.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 For future generations, RI has a duty to reduce its impact on the environment by
18 decreasing the use of fossil fuels.
19
20 This enactment seeks to amend the RI Constitution so that the International
21 Convention does not need to be held on an annual basis. The frequency of this
22 meeting would thereafter be left to the discretion of the RI Board. A reduction in
23 the number of International Conventions would positively impact the
24 environment, as it has the potential to reduce carbon emissions over time,
25 thereby demonstrating Rotary's serious commitment to its new area of focus,
26 support for the environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

1 The average cost to hold an annual RI convention over the last four years has
2 been between US\$8.4 million to US\$12.3 million. The cost of the convention is
3 funded by the registration fees. Excess revenues or loss is charged against the
4 convention reserve.

5
6 If the convention did not take place annually, meetings that would normally take
7 place during the convention, such as those of the RI Board, TRF Board of
8 Trustees, Council of Past Presidents, International PolioPlus Committee, and
9 other committees, would potentially cost more to hold at a different location and
10 time.

RESOLUTION 24R-31

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, in order for clubs to be accepted by the community and enhance their
6 public image, it is essential for them to conduct service activities that are relevant and
7 responsive to the issues the community faces, and
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9 WHEREAS, to be more active in community service, Rotary clubs need more funding
10 than ever before, and
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12 WHEREAS, if contributions from club members to The Rotary Foundation are set at
13 100 percent, only 23.75 percent of such funds will be available to clubs and districts
14 as district grants after three years
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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
17 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider
18 increasing the percentage of funds distributed to districts in connection with their
19 Annual Fund-SHARE contributions and Endowment Fund earnings from 23.75
20 percent to 34.2 percent as follows:
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- 22 • Change the ratio of the DDF (District Designated Fund) and World Fund
23 SHARE system based on annual contributions from 50:50 to 60:40.
- 24 • Change the distribution of district grants and global grants in the DDF based
25 on annual contributions from 50:50 to 60:40.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

7
8 By increasing the SHARE percentage of DDF and district grants, The Rotary
9 Foundation will enable clubs and districts to expand and diversify those service
10 activities that most effectively contribute to the sustainable development of their
11 communities.

12
13 Clubs that engage in local community service activities will receive recognition
14 from their communities, retain and grow their membership, and help to
15 positively impact Rotary's public image.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-32

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

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

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

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

8
9 WHEREAS, considering the ongoing decline in Rotary club membership throughout
10 the world, it would be advisable to reduce the financial burden placed upon clubs in
11 funding service activities in order to allow for an increase in the number of service
12 projects funded by district grants

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-33

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

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

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

6
7 WHEREAS, unused funds from a district grant undertaken during the previous year
8 may be used only for global grants or contributions to various funds, and cannot be
9 used to fund local projects or those taking place within the district, and

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11 WHEREAS, donors expect their contributions to be used to meet local needs within
12 a few years, and this expectation also applies to unused district grant funds, and

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14 WHEREAS, for example, when a serious natural disaster causes many district grant
15 projects to be canceled, a large amount of the district grant fund may remain unused.
16 In such a case, there will be an increased demand in the following year for funds to
17 restart the canceled projects or to assist in the recovery of the affected area. Even in
18 such cases, however, TRF's current rules prevent the use of the remaining funds from
19 the preceding year. This causes a great deal of disappointment and dissatisfaction
20 among the donors

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22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
23 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
24 consider allowing unused district grant funds for a given year to be used in funding
25 the district grant of the subsequent year.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-34

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

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

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

4
5 WHEREAS, in order for clubs to be accepted by the community and enhance their
6 public image, it is essential for them to conduct service activities that are relevant and
7 responsive to the issues the community faces, and
8

9 WHEREAS, to this end, it is also important to include the idea of continuity in the
10 planning and implementation of Rotary service activities so that they can eventually
11 be passed along to other organizations
12

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Single-year service activities increase opportunities for Rotarians to participate in
17 service activities and contribute to their communities. However, by working
18 together with the community to address local issues on an ongoing basis, clubs
19 will achieve greater general acceptance within the community and thus be more
20 effective in enhancing Rotary's public image. On average, it takes three years for a
21 club's service efforts to be accepted by the community, to inspire people in the
22 community, and to be passed on to other organizations.
23

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-35

To request the Trustees to consider waiving the district grant report requirement if the district has experienced a major natural disaster, social disruption, or disease epidemic

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

1 WHEREAS, currently, a district grant for the coming Rotary year will not be
2 awarded until the current year's district grant report has been approved by The
3 Rotary Foundation, and

4
5 WHEREAS, in a year when there is a major disaster, the project sponsor clubs and
6 the districts that submit applications to TRF may be adversely affected in their
7 functioning, which may, in turn, significantly delay the submission of the report,
8 and

9
10 WHEREAS, the amount of a district grant is calculated primarily according to the
11 district designated funds, which are based on the contributions made to the Annual
12 Fund three years prior, and is most likely already finalized in the year of use. In
13 addition, the maximum amount of the district grant would be determined
14 regardless of the remaining amount from the previous year since district grant
15 funds remaining from a previous year cannot currently be carried forward and/or
16 added to those of the current year's district grant, and

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18 WHEREAS, therefore, a rough calculation of the maximum amount of the district
19 grant is relatively easy to produce

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21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
22 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
23 consider waiving the requirement that a district grant report must be approved
24 for the previous year before a district may apply for the current year's district
25 grant if the district has experienced a major natural disaster, social disruption, or
26 disease epidemic as recognized by RI, the national government, or local
27 governments.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 This proposal will help to increase the perception among Rotarians that district
29 grants can be used when needed. It will also raise interest in district grants, thus
30 leading to an increase in contributions to the World Fund and the Annual Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
- 2 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
- 3 on the cost to update the online grant management system.

RESOLUTION 24R-36

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

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

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

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

9
10 WHEREAS, during the period of austerity imposed by the Board and Trustees,
11 districts and clubs were responsible for providing a greater percentage of the
12 funding for their service projects. Therefore, it is appropriate that The Rotary
13 Foundation now revert the DDF match to its original percentage value. This will
14 greatly help to balance the amount of DDF funding received for proposed projects
15 with that contributed to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation

16
17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
19 consider reinstating the 100 percent match formerly offered by the World Fund
20 for District Designated Funds used in global grants.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

27
28 Times have now changed, however. Contributions to the Annual Fund are making
29 a comeback and the economy, although still recovering from the previous
30 situation, is stabilizing.

31
32 This proposed resolution requests the Trustees to reinstate the 100 percent
33 match by the World Fund for District Designated Funds used in global grants.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-37

To request the Trustees to consider modifying the eligibility criteria for children of Rotary members so that they may benefit from programs of The Rotary Foundation

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

1 WHEREAS, members, clubs, and districts finance The Rotary Foundation
2 through their dues, donations, and bequests, and
3
4 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation funds programs that are very useful to their
5 beneficiaries, and
6
7 WHEREAS, The Four-Way Test emphasizes the importance of balancing and
8 expectations between engagement and personal
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
12 consider modifying the eligibility criteria for children of Rotary members so that
13 they may benefit from programs of The Rotary Foundation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Several Rotary programs do not succeed as they should considering their
15 inspiring nature. A good example is the Rotary Peace Fellowships master's degree
16 scholarship program, which is aligned on such priorities as peace, youth, and
17 vocational service. Children of Rotary members are aware of those priorities and
18 are interested in the Peace Fellowships master's program. However, despite the
19 low number of applications received for the program, they are ineligible to
20 participate. Allowing Rotary members' children to apply would be a great source
21 of motivation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-38

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-39

To request the Trustees to consider creating an award for the highest individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ulhasnagar, District 3142, India

1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation recognizes individuals for their donations to
2 the Foundation, and

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4 WHEREAS, there are no awards for the highest individual donation

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6 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
7 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
8 consider creating an award for the highest individual contribution to The Rotary
9 Foundation each year. It would be at their discretion to create district and zone
10 awards, or a single award worldwide.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 While many members donate to The Rotary Foundation each year and are
12 recognized for their contributions, there is no award for the highest individual
13 donation. This award will encourage donors to contribute more than what they
14 would have planned due to their competitive spirit and motivation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary
16 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
17 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this
18 goal.

RESOLUTION 24R-40

To request the RI Board and TRF Trustees to consider directing unrestricted net assets to be invested with reputable microfinance and/or community development institutions

Proposer(s): Rotary Passport Club South 7080, District 7080, Canada

1 WHEREAS, RI's unrestricted cash is used for working capital purposes, and the
2 primary purpose of the General Fund is to provide for the long-term financial
3 security of Rotary International, and

4
5 WHEREAS, the performance objective of the Fund is to achieve a rate of return
6 consistent with the expected return of the target allocation found in Rotary Code
7 of Policies subsection 70.010.15., and

8
9 WHEREAS, the assets of RI as of 30 June 2023 included more than US\$800
10 million of unrestricted funds (without donor restriction) which have been
11 invested in global markets to maximize the return on investment but have not
12 necessarily been considered for additional social impact initiatives, and

13
14 WHEREAS, Rotary Code of Policies subsection 70.010.20., Responsible
15 Investment Principles, states that RI and The Rotary Foundation act and invest
16 responsibly and create lasting, positive change, and

17
18 WHEREAS, investment opportunities exist within microfinance and community
19 development institutions with relatively low (and in some cases guaranteed) risk,
20 offering a reasonable rate of return, and at the same time, having significant
21 social impact by supporting sustainable global efforts to reduce poverty, and

22
23 WHEREAS, investing directly or indirectly means investing with microfinance
24 institutions (direct) and/or in microfinance investment funds (indirect), with
25 funds flowing into the microfinance sector through specialized financial
26 intermediaries (microfinance investment vehicles), and

27
28 WHEREAS, a reputable microfinance or community development institution
29 would be defined as one that is ranked as equal to or better than The Rotary
30 Foundation on a ranking platform like Charity Navigator. A reasonable rate of
31 return would be a return similar to that realized by The Rotary Foundation over a
32 previous five-year annualized summary for investments of similar risk profile,
33 and

34
35 WHEREAS, both the RI and The Rotary Foundation mission statements support
36 the furtherance of providing service to others and doing good in the world

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation consider directing a
3 portion of the previous year’s annual unrestricted net assets to be invested
4 directly or indirectly with reputable microfinance and/or community
5 development institutions so as to generate a reasonable return on investment
6 while allowing the investment to have a greater positive social impact in global
7 communities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The purpose of this resolution is to encourage the RI Board and TRF Trustees to
9 invest a portion of the unrestricted net assets annually to actively promote
10 microfinance and other socially impactful projects while earning a reasonable
11 rate of return on their investments.
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13 “Microfinance – ending poverty one small loan at a time” is an initiative that
14 offers people start-up opportunities in business or agriculture, enabling them to
15 earn their way out of poverty with dignity. Rotary is well positioned to expand
16 microfinance opportunities. Investment opportunities exist within microfinance
17 and community development institutions with relatively low (and in some cases
18 guaranteed) risk, offering a reasonable rate of return and, at the same time,
19 having significant social impact by supporting sustainable global efforts to reduce
20 poverty.
21

22 Currently, funds raised at club levels intended to support microfinance efforts
23 may often be too small and possibly directed towards the founding of new
24 support groups that offer small loans under the name of “microcredit.”
25 Unfortunately, without the supporting linkages and networks that make them
26 sustainable, these new groups may end up reinventing systems that may not be
27 proven and lack adequate training and oversight. By investing a small portion of
28 Rotary’s unrestricted funds in proven and experienced microfinance and
29 community development institutions that employ best practices, Rotary will not
30 only advance its socially responsible investment strategy but also empower
31 impoverished people and communities around the world.
32

33 It is suggested that a proposed “impact” investment subcommittee, together with
34 The Rotary Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development
35 (RAGM) and respective Rotary clubs in host countries, provide support and
36 oversight.
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38 The effect of this action would be to demonstrate RI’s very real-world
39 commitment to innovative, socially responsible investment policies while
40 optimizing its global social impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1 If implemented, this enactment could have a significant financial impact on RI
2 and The Rotary Foundation that cannot be determined at this time. The proposed
3 investments would likely have lower returns and higher fees than Rotary's
4 current investments.

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6 A study would be required to determine the overall impact on each fund's risk
7 and return profile. Additional staff and the Investment Committee's time would
8 be required to identify appropriate investments, conduct due diligence, and
9 implement and monitor investments in these types of funds.

RESOLUTION 24R-41

To request the Trustees to consider establishing a PolioPlus Society

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

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

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

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

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

16
17 WHEREAS, eradicating polio would not only save lives but also significantly
18 reduce long-term health costs around the world, and

19
20 WHEREAS, the creation of a PolioPlus Society would strengthen collective action
21 by Rotarians and supporters, demonstrating a unified global commitment to the
22 fight against polio

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

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

1 While Rotary and its partners have managed to reduce polio cases by more than
2 99 percent since 1988, the virus still persists in vulnerable areas of the world,
3 threatening to reverse decades of progress. Polio is a disease that knows no
4 borders; a single case anywhere is a threat everywhere. Thus, total eradication
5 requires a continuous and intensified effort, especially in terms of funding.

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7 The PolioPlus Society will address this challenge by encouraging Rotarians and
8 supporters to commit to fixed annual donations, thereby creating a predictable
9 and robust revenue stream solely dedicated to fighting polio. This funding will
10 ensure the continuity of vaccination campaigns, surveillance and monitoring
11 initiatives, and support for communities affected by the disease.

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13 The creation of this society is not just a matter of fundraising; it is a statement of
14 our collective and unwavering commitment to see a polio-free world. It is a step
15 towards ensuring that future generations live in a world where the threat of polio
16 is only a memory of the past. By establishing the PolioPlus Society, RI would
17 reaffirm its historic and critical role in eradicating one of the world's most feared
18 diseases, bringing us even closer to our goal of a polio-free world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 24R-42

To request the Trustees to consider implementing a cancer eradication project through cancer prevention

Proposer(s): District 2710, Japan

1 WHEREAS, based upon its activities and achievements in cancer prevention
2 projects (primary and secondary cancer prevention, youth cancer education, and
3 healthy life expectancy extension, etc.) implemented as part of Rotary’s disease
4 prevention and treatment area of focus (2016), the Cancer Prevention Committee
5 for District 2710 considers RI to be groundbreaking in its actions and district model
6 for cancer prevention, and

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8 WHEREAS, these great advances notwithstanding, the number of cancer cases
9 diagnosed globally is the highest it has ever been (8.2 million), as are cancer
10 mortality rates, and 70 percent of cancer mortality is in developing countries such
11 as Africa. By 2030, it is expected that there will be a 50 percent increase in the
12 incidence of cancer, raising the number of reported cases to 22 million worldwide.
13 By cancer type, lung cancer is most common (1.59 million), followed by liver cancer
14 (740,000), stomach cancer (720,000), colorectal cancer (700,000), and breast
15 cancer (520,000); 30 percent of these cancers can be prevented
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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
19 consider implementing a cancer eradication project through cancer prevention.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 The introduction of District 2710’s cancer prevention model of practice into
21 Rotary is not only a natural extension of its disease prevention and treatment
22 area of focus but also a practical application of Rotary’s vision statement: “We
23 will act hand in hand to fight cancer through cancer prevention in the world, in
24 our communities, and within ourselves.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
26 The Rotary Foundation. Intervention to support cancer prevention screening,
27 diagnosis, and treatment are covered under the policy statement for the disease
28 prevention and treatment area of focus.

RESOLUTION 24R-43

To request the Trustees to consider including culture in the sixth area of focus, community economic development

Proposer(s): District 2032, Italy
District 2050, Italy
District 2060, Italy
District 2110, Italy and Malta

1 WHEREAS, while the societal value of culture is largely recognized by policymakers,
2 its potential as a force of economic development is not always fully grasped;
3 investing in the cultural and creative sectors can help diversify and/or boost local
4 economies by creating economic growth and jobs (European Union Directorate
5 General for International Partnership, 2021), and
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7 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has recognized the importance of
8 cultural approaches to economic development with its adoption of Resolution
9 65/166, Culture and Development (2010), as well as Resolution 76/214, Culture and
10 Sustainable Development (2021). Specifically, the United Nations “recognizes the
11 power of culture as a driver of sustainable development, which facilitates social
12 inclusion and develops a strong and viable economic sector by generating income,
13 creating decent jobs, and addressing both the economic and social dimension of
14 poverty; culture contributes to inclusive economic development, as cultural heritage
15 preservation,...sustainable cultural tourism and cultural infrastructure, including
16 urban regeneration,...improve living conditions and foster community-based
17 economic growth,” and
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19 WHEREAS, cultural and creative sectors are a significant source of jobs and
20 income, and also generate important spillovers to the wider economy. They are a
21 driver of innovation, a source of creative skills with strong backward and forward
22 linkages in the economy, and act as a magnet that generates growth in other sectors
23 such as tourism. There is at the present time an opportunity for culture to play an
24 expanded role in driving economic, social, and environmental outcomes (Economic
25 and Social Impact of Cultural and Creative Industries, Organization for Economic
26 Cooperation and Development, 2021), and
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28 WHEREAS, there is also significant empirical evidence that cultural and creative
29 industries contribute to the growth of gross domestic product (GDP) and
30 employment and thus to the creation a high-quality workforce, as well as
31 significantly boost business and investment (Measuring the Economic Contribution
32 of Cultural Industries, UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2009), and

1 WHEREAS, cultural industries have become powerful engines of economic growth,
2 generating considerable income and employment, and increasingly providing a
3 strategic outlet for innovation, production, income generation, and poverty
4 reduction. Cultural industries have now reached a global value of US\$1.3 trillion,
5 and the cultural sector represents 2-6 percent of GDP in many OECD and
6 developing countries. Cultural tourism accounts for 40 percent of total world
7 tourism (Investing in Culture for Development – UNESCO’s Perspective, 2010)
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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
11 consider officially including culture in the sixth area of focus, community economic
12 development, by integrating it into the statement of purpose and goals in section
13 31.010.2.6. of the TRF Code of Policies, in accordance with the mission and vision of
14 Rotary as stated by The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies, articles 10.020. and
15 10.030.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 The purpose of the present resolution is to align Rotary with actions taken by
17 international institutions (United Nations, UNESCO, European Union) to
18 recognize the impact of the cultural sector on economic development, and in so
19 doing, to foster social inclusion as well as provide a strategic outlet for
20 innovation, income generation, job creation, and poverty reduction. This will
21 have the effect of expanding the impact of RI on economic development in ways
22 that are highly productive and visible, and thereby elevating the level of
23 participation of our unique and significant humanitarian organization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
25 The Rotary Foundation. Our current framework already allows for cultural
26 projects with demonstrable economic impact.

RESOLUTION 24R-44

To request the Trustees to consider adding basic human rights as an eighth area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Norwich St. Edmund, District 1080, England

1 WHEREAS, Amnesty International’s 2022-23 Report reminds us that across the
2 world, universal freedom continues to be crushed by heavy-handed repression by
3 participants in all sectors of global societies. The report states “The most
4 marginalized were hardest hit and inequality rose. Women, girls and LGBTI
5 people faced gender-based violence and discrimination.” Backup statistics are
6 included on several of the gender-based violence and discrimination issues, such
7 as female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriages. For example, on FGM
8 the report states, “Between 100 and 140 million girls and women in the world are
9 estimated to have undergone the procedure, and three million girls are estimated
10 to be at risk of undergoing the procedure every year.” FGM has been reported to
11 occur in all parts of the world, including the UK and the USA, and
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13 WHEREAS, despite the United Nations and other human rights organizations
14 investing vast sums into protecting and promoting human rights, they are
15 disregarded in many countries. News reports of grave human rights abuses in
16 countries across all regions of the world are provided almost on a daily basis. This
17 disregard is deeply disturbing for many Rotarians who believe that basic human
18 rights are rights inherent to all human beings regardless of race, sexual
19 orientation, nationality, ethnicity, language, or religion. As former Archbishop
20 Desmond Tutu pointed out, “If we are neutral in situations of injustice, we have
21 already chosen the side of the oppressor,” and
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23 WHEREAS, these basic human rights were enshrined in the United Nations
24 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) after being finalized using the
25 framework and guidelines from the 1940 RI Convention in Havana, Cuba, i.e.,
26 long before the establishment of the United Nations. Indeed, before “human
27 rights” was a known term, RI adopted a resolution calling for “freedom, justice
28 and peace in the world,” and
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30 WHEREAS, in subsequent years, the principle of protecting and upholding
31 “human rights” became an integral part of the Rotary Code of Policies. The Code
32 formerly listed nine specific responsibilities which Rotarians were urged to act
33 upon. For example, the list exhorted Rotarians “...a) to defend the rule of law and
34 order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that all may enjoy freedom of
35 thought, speech, and assembly; freedom from persecution and aggression; and
36 freedom from want and fear and b) to uphold the principles of justice for
37 humankind, realizing that these are fundamental and must be worldwide,” and

1 WHEREAS, the list of basic human rights responsibilities was eventually
2 discarded a decade or so ago from the Rotary Code of Policies. In the last couple
3 of years, some references to human rights issues have been included in RI's
4 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement and Code of Conduct. However,
5 these still fall short of reminding members of their wider human rights
6 responsibilities as previously set out in the Code of Policies, such as defending the
7 rule of law and order or upholding the principle of justice, etc. If the RI Board
8 does not wish to reintroduce a specific list of human rights responsibilities in the
9 Rotary Code of Policies, a better solution would be for the Board to invite the
10 Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to agree to the establishment of a new area of
11 focus on human rights

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
15 consider adding basic human rights as an eighth area of focus.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 This Resolution requests the RI Board to seek the agreement of the Trustees of
17 The Rotary Foundation to establish an additional area of focus on basic human
18 rights. Up until the last few years, Rotarians were only specifically reminded of
19 their ethical responsibilities, under Part 2 of the Object of Rotary and The Four-
20 Way Test, but not their human rights responsibilities. These were implied.
21 However, as a result of the Black Lives Matter movement, a Task Force on
22 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) was established by RI. This body produced
23 recommendations which resulted in a DEI Statement and Code of Conduct. Even
24 so, these statements do not cover all elements of human rights issues. Adding a
25 further area of focus focused upon human rights will certainly enhance Rotary's
26 Vision statement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

27 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The
28 Rotary Foundation.

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30 An additional area of focus would be required to provide global grants for
31 activities related to basic human rights. Annual administrative and technical
32 expenses to support an additional area of focus are estimated at US\$232,000. In
33 the first year there would be an additional \$56,000 required for modifications to
34 the existing grant application software.

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36 Besides having an impact on grant processing and information technology, there
37 are additional administrative impacts in other areas, such as finance and
38 marketing.

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