



2020 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS OF
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

REPORT OF ACTION

15 October-15 November 2020



November 2020

Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Resolutions of Rotary International met online from 15 October to 15 November 2020. In accordance with section 9.150.1. of the RI Bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council.

30 resolutions and one enactment were transmitted to the Council. The Council adopted 11 resolutions and the enactment. Of the resolutions, nine were recommendations to the RI Board and two were recommendations to The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The Board and the Trustees will consider the resolutions at their upcoming meetings. The enactment will take effect in one month.

At the end of this report is an Opposition to Legislation Report Form. In accordance with section 7.090.3.3. of the RI Bylaws, any club may use this form to record its opposition to the adopted enactment only. Oppositions may not be submitted on resolutions.

Completed forms must reach Council Services by 23 December 2020. Please note that a club should complete and return the form at the end of this report only if it wishes to oppose the adoption of enactment 20E-01. If a club does not wish to oppose the action of the 2020 Council on Resolutions, no action is required.

While it is rare, if the required number of votes in opposition are filed regarding the enactment, the item will be considered suspended. A ballot of all Rotary clubs will then be conducted according to the provisions of section 9.150. of the RI Bylaws. Based on the results of the ballot, the suspended item will either be nullified or reinstated.

Should you have any questions about the Council on Resolutions or the adopted items, please contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the next Council on Resolutions is 30 June 2021.

Sincerely,

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URGENT ENACTMENT 20E-01

To amend who is a member of the Council

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

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

Article 9 Composition and Procedures of the Councils

9.110. Council Officers.

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

9.110.6. Non-Voting Members.

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

1 This item seeks to restore all members of the board as members of the Councils.
2
3 Board members also propose and speak to legislation throughout the COL, and
4 explain critical strategic, operational, and historical implications. This role helps
5 to ensure that the representatives have the benefit of additional information to
6 consider when deciding and voting on legislation. Throughout the history of
7 the COL, the president, president-elect, and all members of the board have been
8 non-voting members of the COL. This system has enabled the Council members
9 to have access to the knowledge and insights provided by the diverse Rotarians
10 that constitute the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-02

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-03

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

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

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

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

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4 WHEREAS, the stagnation of membership worldwide, combined with the rising
5 average age of Rotarians, has been increasingly evident in recent years, and
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7 WHEREAS, the recruitment of new members at all costs in countries
8 experiencing no growth has caused a decrease in the quality of membership
9 without significantly increasing the number of new Rotarians, and

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

14 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
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16 Professional development is a priority of the RI Board. This is demonstrated in
17 the following ways:
18 1. One of the priorities of the action plan is to enhance participant
19 engagement by providing leadership development and skills training.
20 2. The Rotary Learning Center has a number of professional development
21 courses, including change management and conflict resolution.
22 3. Rotary formed an alliance with Toastmasters to provide members with
23 opportunities to grow their networks, leadership and communication
24 skills, and impact within the community.

RESOLUTION 20R-10

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

Proposer(s): District 3510, Taiwan

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

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

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4 WHEREAS, there are many independent organizations that participate in and
5 promote the Rotary Youth Exchange program worldwide, and
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7 WHEREAS, it is preferable that each of these organizations have a sound
8 financial structure
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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider requiring each independent organization affiliated with
12 the Rotary Youth Exchange program to provide RI and relevant districts with an
13 annual financial report that has been audited by a qualified accountant.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
18 Section 41.060.6. of the Rotary Code of Policies, District Youth Exchange
19 Finances, states that the district Youth Exchange committee and district
20 treasurer shall prepare and distribute a financial report on Youth Exchange to the
21 district governor on a semi-annual basis.
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23 Additionally, a provision for financial reporting is included in the current
24 certification and recertification requirements set by the general secretary, which
25 requires that such financial reports be provided by the district in order to obtain
26 certification status and can be requested at any time.

RESOLUTION 20R-11

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, with Adopted Enactment 19-72, it was decided that Rotary is to be
2 defined as an organization of both Rotary and Rotaract clubs, and
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4 WHEREAS, many details associated with the new status of Rotaract have been
5 revised, while other points remain open to interpretation, such as

- 6 • the appropriate means of representing Rotaract clubs at the Council on
7 Resolutions and the Council on Legislation
- 8 • appropriate modifications in the responsibilities of the RI Board and the
9 Council on Legislation, respectively. For example, annual dues for Rotary
10 are determined by the Council on Legislation, whereas those for Rotaract
11 are determined by the RI Board.
12

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-12

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

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

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

1 WHEREAS, the purposes of RI are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, RI being a worldwide organization, some operational differences
2 between clubs and higher operational levels are to be expected, and should be
3 allowed to the extent needed for the steady operation of the organization. However,
4 extremely broad variances in policies and procedures, such as those cited in the
5 above Council examples, should not be allowed
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7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Director of Rotary
8 International consider ensuring that the powers of the RI Board do not unfairly
9 exceed those of clubs, Rotaract clubs, or districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-13

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

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Eckington & District, District 1220, England

Endorsed by: District 1220 through a district legislation meeting, Matlock, Derbyshire, England, 10 June 2020

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider

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

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
24 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of

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

RESOLUTION 20R-15

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 During recent years there has been little transparency in the appointment and
18 reappointment of regional leaders, with positions alternating between a select
19 few individuals.
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21 Transparency in leadership selection is fundamental to membership growth.
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23 This transparency exists at the club and district level, but is sadly lacking at the
24 regional and zone levels. This has been largely due to practical problems of
25 communication across huge geographical areas. However, as online meeting
26 technology has been so boosted by the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders at the zone
27 and regional levels are now very easily able to communicate with district leaders
28 at essentially no cost.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-16

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

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

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

1 WHEREAS, RI Bylaws section 6.040., Election and Term of General Secretary,
2 provides that the board may elect a Rotarian as general secretary for a term of not
3 more than five years, and that the general secretary may be re-elected, and
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5 WHEREAS, under this provision, the general secretary may serve a term far
6 exceeding those of other RI officers (compare with one year for the RI president,
7 two years for RI directors, and four years for Trustees of The Rotary Foundation). If
8 re-elected, each general secretary may then serve for a term exceeding ten years,
9 and
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11 WHEREAS, RI maintains relatively brief term limits for its officers in order to make it
12 possible to appoint capable and motivated young leaders, so that Rotary may
13 maintain sound organizational governance and remain capable of accommodating
14 and adapting to social change, while ensuring continuity of leadership. The length of
15 the general secretary's term should also be assessed from this perspective
16

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

RESOLUTION 20R-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
16 include measures for the prevention and elimination of plastic waste and residues
17 such as microplastic, especially in water and the oceans, in the catalog of
18 activities supported by the Foundation.

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

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

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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4 The general secretary is in the process of developing parameters for adding
5 support of the environment as a new area of focus for the Foundation, with an
6 implementation plan scheduled for July 2021. The elimination of plastic waste is
7 included in the general policy parameters being proposed for this area of focus.

RESOLUTION 20R-31

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

Proposer(s): District 7570, USA

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

1 WHEREAS, a donor makes a gift to The Rotary Foundation's endowment that
2 will make earnings available to a district for scholarships; the district in turn
3 encourages individuals and clubs to donate to that endowment, and
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5 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation invests and holds the endowment fund and
6 charges administrative and investment fees for doing so, and
7

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation currently requires districts to follow global
18 grant scholarship terms and conditions when awarding scholarships, and
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20 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation provides no support for administering the
21 scholarships except for basic fiscal oversight; nevertheless, it may deny a global
22 grant scholarship application that does not meet the global grant requirements
23

24 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
25 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
26 consider allowing districts to use their own scholarship criteria, independent of
27 the global grant process, and as guided by the six areas of focus, when awarding
28 scholarships for which no World Fund matching funds are used.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary
8 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
9 on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to allow districts to
10 use their own scholarship criteria, independent of the global grant process.

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

OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION REPORT FORM

*This form may be used to oppose an adopted enactment. **Forms are due no later than 23 December 2020.***

- 1) **Item being opposed:** I hereby certify that at a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its vote in opposition to item 20E-01 following action of the 2020 Council on Resolutions.
- 2) **Number of club votes:** Each club is entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25 members, or major fraction thereof, as follows:

<u>Members in the club</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
etc.	

I hereby certify that the membership of this club on 1 January 2020 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to:

Rotary
Club of:

District:

Number
of Votes:

President
Signature:

Return this form by 23 December 2020 to:
Council_Services@rotary.org

(Forms received after this date will not be counted.)