

## Trustee and Board Action on Items Adopted by the 2021 Council on Resolutions

The 2021 Council on Resolutions asked the RI Board and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to review resolutions that were passed by the Council. The RI Board reviewed those items referred to it at its February 2022 meeting. The Trustees reviewed those items referred to them at their April 2022 meeting. What follows are excerpts from the minutes of those meetings regarding these Council items. Please note that pursuant to RI Bylaw 5.020., minutes of RI Board and Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees meetings and actions will be posted on rotary.org within 60 days of such meetings or actions. Rotarians should consult the official minutes when they become available.

Council Number	Decision
21R-01	<p><b>To Amend RI Bylaws section 4.080. and Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to Ensure the Consistency of These Two Provisions</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 82)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-01 requesting the Board to consider amending RI Bylaws section 4.080. and Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to ensure the consistency of these two provisions;</li> <li>2. noting that the RI Bylaws provision requiring monthly attendance reports does not align with the timeline provided in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution for addressing absences, which could result in inaccurate monthly membership attendance reports, agrees to amend the RI Bylaws to be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to draft an enactment for the 2025 Council on Legislation to address this issue accordingly;</li> <li>4. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, the Rotary Club of Chigasaki, Japan, of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
21R-02	<p><b>To Amend the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to Encourage Clubs to Invite the People and Organizations that Have Benefited from Their Support to Their Meetings</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 83)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-02 requesting the Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to encourage clubs to invite the people and organizations that have benefited from its support to their meetings;</li> <li>2. noting that the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws contain just the minimum standards for club meetings and that a club may update its bylaws with the provisions it deems appropriate, and further noting that the Rotary Code of Policies 7.060.1. encourages clubs to invite guests to their meetings, does not agree to amend the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws as requested;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, District 1790 (France), of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>

<p><b>21R-03</b></p>	<p><b>To Place Renewed Emphasis upon Club Meetings and Providing Governors with Strategies to Encourage Attendance</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 84)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-03 requesting the Board to consider placing a renewed emphasis upon club meetings and providing governors with strategies to encourage attendance;</li> <li>2. noting that in some Rotary regions member engagement strategies may be employed through encouraging club attendance, agrees that clubs should have the flexibility to develop their own engagement strategies based on regional appropriateness and not be mandated to undertake any specific strategy;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, the Rotary Club of Kaibara, Japan, of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-04</b></p>	<p><b>To Urge All Governors to Encourage Clubs to Acknowledge that Personal Service Enhances the Integrity of Rotarians</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 85)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-04 requesting the Board to consider urging all governors to encourage clubs to acknowledge that personal service enhances the integrity of Rotarians;</li> <li>2. agreeing that the best district teams are those where all members acknowledge that everyone’s efforts are needed to achieve results, urges district governors to encourage their clubs to acknowledge that the personal service of its members enhances the integrity of Rotarians;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposers, the Rotary Club of Kaibara, Japan, of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-07</b></p>	<p><b>To Expand Rotary’s Collaboration with Other Non-Profit Partners into a Worldwide Network for Service Projects</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 86)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-07 requesting the Board to consider expanding Rotary’s collaboration with other non-profit partners into a worldwide network for service projects;</li> <li>2. noting that Rotary International is currently evaluating and planning a multi-year upgrade of the organization’s global systems and tools to improve visibility, participation, and collaboration across constituents, which will take into consideration possible collaboration with other non-profit partners, agrees that no specific action should be taken at this time;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposers, the Rotary Club of Osaka, Japan, of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>

<p><b>21R-10</b></p>	<p><b>To Include the Vocational Committee at the District Level</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 87)</p> <p><i><b>DECISION:</b></i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-10 requesting the Board to consider including the vocational committee at the district level;</li> <li>2. noting that it had previously streamlined the district committee structure based on feedback from district governors (notably that many had difficulties filling the forty-nine committee chair positions) and further noting that districts may appoint additional district committees as they deem necessary, agrees not to add any additional committees at the district level at this time;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposers, Districts 1810, 1880, 1940 (Germany), 1910 (Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina), 1920 (Austria), and 1980 (Switzerland) of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-16</b></p>	<p><b>To Set an Upper Age Limit of 35 for Membership in a Rotaract Club</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 88)</p> <p><i><b>DECISION:</b></i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-16, requesting the Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 35 for membership in a Rotaract club;</li> <li>2. noting that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. in decision 102, January 2020, it provided for Rotaract clubs to establish their own upper age limits (and agreeing that it is premature to determine if there are any adverse effects on Rotary club membership as a result of this new flexibility);</li> <li>b. previously having an upper age limit in a Rotaract club had not proved to be a contributing factor to an increased transition in membership between Rotaract and Rotary clubs;</li> <li>c. Rotary clubs may invite interested and qualified younger professionals or Rotaractors of any age to join their club as a dual member or to transition to Rotary club membership;</li> </ol> <p>agrees that no upper age limit for Rotaract clubs should be set at this time;</p> </li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, District 1970 (Portugal), of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-17</b></p>	<p><b>To Change the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to Rotary Youth Leadership Academy</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 89)</p> <p><i><b>DECISION:</b></i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-17, requesting the Board to consider changing Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to Rotary Youth Leadership Academy;</li> <li>2. noting that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the term “award” is intended to signify that young people are “awarded” the opportunity to participate in this prestigious activity, both in recognition of their accomplishments and by means of financial support;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. the term “academy” does not translate into all Rotary languages with the same intention as in English, nor does it have the same meaning in all English-speaking parts of the world;</li> <li>c. many RYLA programs around the world would likely experience significant operational or financial hardship modifying all of their marketing materials to comply with the new brand identity;</li> <li>d. individual RYLA programs are free to augment their marketing materials to articulate the nature of their individual programs, including use of the term “academy” while still preserving the official name of “Rotary Youth Leadership Awards” as an internationally recognized activity of clubs or districts;</li> </ul> <p>agrees not to change the official name of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, Rotary Club of Pullman, District 5080 (Canada and USA), of the Board’s decision.</li> </ul>
<p><b>21R-18</b></p>	<p><b>To Change the Interact Club Application Deadline for a Rotary Citation</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 90)</p> <p><i><b>DECISION:</b></i> The Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-18, requesting the Board to consider changing the Interact club application deadline for a Rotary Citation;</li> <li>2. noting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. no Rotary Citation deadline schedule is ideal, especially for school-based clubs, due to the varying dates of school terms around the world;</li> <li>b. Interact clubs can be nominated for the Rotary Citation at any time of the year—except between 15 August and 15 October—and it is based on an honor system;</li> <li>c. the Secretariat makes reasonable effort to keep sponsor club presidents, advisers, and district governors included in all communications to ensure that they can support those sponsored clubs to make plans, set goals, and communicate between school years to have the opportunity to achieve the Citation;</li> </ul> <p>agrees that the current schedule is sufficiently flexible to accommodate a majority of clubs around the world and that no changes are necessary at this time;</p> </li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, District 9810 (Australia), of the Board’s decision.</li> </ul>

<p><b>21R-19</b></p>	<p><b>To Consider Amending the Fourth Area of Focus to Include Senior Health</b> (April 2022 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 70)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Trustees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-19 requesting the Trustees to consider amending the fourth area of focus to include senior health;</li> <li>2. noting that senior health is covered under the disease prevention and treatment area of focus, agrees that no amendments are necessary at this time;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposers, the Rotary Club of Toulouse Lauragais, District 1700, France, of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-20</b></p>	<p><b>To Consider Incorporating “Diagnosis” into the Area of Focus Policy Statements</b> (April 2022 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 71)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Trustees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-20, requesting the Board to consider incorporating “diagnosis” into the Area of Focus Policy Statements;</li> <li>2. noting that “diagnosis” is inherent within the disease prevention and treatment area of focus, agrees that no amendments are necessary at this time;</li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, Rotary Club of Busto-Gallarate-Legnano-Ticino, District 2042, Italy of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-23</b></p>	<p><b>To Conduct a Ten-Year Worldwide Campaign to Raise Awareness of Water as a Natural Resource</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 92)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-23, requesting the Board to consider conducting a ten-year worldwide campaign to raise awareness of water as a natural resource;</li> <li>2. noting that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Rotary’s Area of Focus for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene supports water resource management strategies to improve water quality by protecting and maintaining surface and groundwater resources, reducing pollution and contaminants, and promoting wastewater reuse;</li> <li>b. Rotary’s Area of Focus for Environment supports strategies to improve aquifer and groundwater recharging, water conservation, water quality, sanitation, and watershed management;</li> <li>c. the Secretariat is working to build stronger water strategic and service partnerships to strengthen and promote Rotary’s commitment to water as a valued natural and public health resource;</li> <li>d. the Secretariat is continuously working to promote Rotary’s commitment to sustainability managed water resources through: 1) the project activities of the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and environment (ENV) areas of focus; 2) Rotary’s Major Gift Initiatives in WASH and ENV; 3) area of focus global communication plans; and 4) the activities and advocacy of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group and the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>agrees no further and separate campaign to raise water and natural resource issues is necessary at this time;</p> <p>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, the Rotary Club of Colón, Uruguay, of the Board’s decision.</p>
<p><b>21R-28</b></p>	<p><b>To Consider Encouraging all Rotarians to Oppose the Growing Problem of Modern-day Slavery</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 93)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-28 encouraging all Rotarians to become more familiar with the growing problem of modern-day slavery, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity in this regard, and to work towards solutions to end the practice in all its forms;</li> <li>2. agrees modern-day slavery remains a pressing concern around the world;</li> <li>3. expresses its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery and encourages clubs to collaborate with the Action Group for assistance with designing programs that address the root causes of modern slavery and to support survivors’ transition to a safe and stable environment;</li> <li>4. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, District 6000 (USA), of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>
<p><b>21R-30</b></p>	<p><b>To Ensure That the Rotary Brand is Adequately Protected and That There is No Association of the Brand with Firearms or Ammunition</b> (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 94)</p> <p><i>DECISION:</i> The Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-30 requesting the Board to consider ensuring that the Rotary brand is adequately protected and that there is no association of the brand with firearms and ammunition;</li> <li>2. noting that several provisions in the Rotary Code of Policies, including in sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.100. Club and District Events Involving Weapons</li> <li>2.110. Legal and Insurance Implications of Events Involving Weapons</li> <li>34.030.15. RI and TRF Guidelines for Use of the Rotary Marks by Other Organizations</li> <li>34.040.6. Use of Name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities</li> <li>34.040.14. Use of the “Rotary” Trademark, Masterbrand Signature, Simplified Signature or Mark of Excellence by Programs of Scale Awardees</li> <li>35.050.10. Licensing of Guns, Weapons or Other Armaments</li> <li>37.010. Guidelines for Sponsorship of RI Meetings, Events, Projects and Programs</li> <li>44.020. Guidelines for Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Other Rotary Entities for Interacting with Other Organizations</li> </ul> <p>provide adequate protection for the Rotary Marks and ensure there is no association between the Rotary Marks and firearms or ammunition, agrees that no additional measures are needed at this time;</p> </li> <li>3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution’s proposer, District 7040 (Canada) of the Board’s decision.</li> </ol>

**21R-32**

**To Provide Training on Polio Eradication and PolioPlus to Incoming Governors** (February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 95)

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-32 requesting the Board to consider providing training on polio eradication and PolioPlus to incoming governors;
2. notes that incoming governors have three training events: Governor-nominee Training Seminar, Governor-elect Training Seminar, and International Assembly; three learning plans in the Rotary Learning Center: beginning, intermediate, and advance; and many topics to cover to prepare them to lead their district for the year ahead;
3. notes that the Rotary Code of Policies section 19.040.5. provides for The Rotary Foundation as a Governor-elect Training Seminar topic and section 58.050.1. provides The Rotary Foundation (which includes the Foundation's work on Polio eradication) as a recommended topic at the International Assembly;
4. notes that the training for this year's class of governors-elect includes several opportunities for learning about the Foundation's polio-eradication efforts, including:
  - District Governor Basics learning:
    - i. eradicating polio is our top priority and basics of polio and what Rotary has done and will continue to do, including National Immunization Days and the Gates challenge;
    - ii. appointing a PolioPlus subcommittee chair is required and the role of the committee;
    - iii. importance of understanding the district's giving history to the PolioPlus Fund;
  - District Governor Intermediate learning plan includes
    - i. district planning guide which focuses on DDF and club contributions to the PolioPlus Fund;
  - District Governor Advanced learning plan includes
    - i. SHARE system overview;
    - ii. information on the PolioPlus match for DDF contributions;
    - iii. importance of understanding the district's giving history to the PolioPlus Fund;
  - Governor-nominee Training Seminar includes
    - i. a review of the different Foundation funds, including PolioPlus;
  - Governor-elect Training Seminar includes
    - i. key points and discussion questions on the PolioPlus funds;
  - International Assembly includes
    - i. update on the state of polio eradication;
    - ii. practice matching donors to different giving opportunities, including PolioPlus Fund;
    - iii. discussion on reaching TRF goals, including DDF to PolioPlus Fund; how to motivate clubs to support polio eradication efforts; how to leverage the legacy of polio;
5. agrees that no additional training on polio eradication or PolioPlus are needed at this time;
6. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution's proposers, the Rotary Club of Zonhoven, Belgium, of the Board's decision.

**21R-35**

**To Provide a Virtual Meeting Platform to Supplement In-Person Attendance at Certain Events**

(February 2022 Board Mtg., Dec. 96)

***DECISION:*** The Board

1. thanks the 2021 Council on Resolutions for its resolution 21R-35 requesting the Board to consider providing a virtual meeting platform to supplement in-person attendance at certain events;
2. requests the Digital Events and Engagement Task Force to work with the general secretary to consider this resolution for recommendation to the Board at its April 2023 meeting;
3. requests the general secretary to inform the resolution's proposer, the Rotary Club of Campinas-Sul, Brazil, of the Board's decision.