

**District 5080 Conference
Business Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 2022
Norman McCarvell, Admin. Chair**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Voting Representatives Present

Opening Remarks

Resolution #1

**Rotary International District 5080
Financial Statements and Supplementary Information
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Bob Quay, PDG - Presented the Statements

Moved
Seconded
Carried

Resolution #2

TPNW

RESOLUTION To request the RI Board to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)

Proposer: The Rotary Club of Nakusp, Mayumi van der Pol, AG

WHEREAS, Rotary is committed to promoting world peace and there can be no peace as long as there is the threat of nuclear war;

WHEREAS, the TPNW prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons, with the ultimate goal being their total elimination;

WHEREAS, 89 countries are signatories to the TPNW and are looking for leadership to get it endorsed world-wide – and Rotary is a leader when it comes to Peace;

WHEREAS, 70-80% of people surveyed in countries around the world (including Rotarians) support the elimination of nuclear weapons and are looking for leadership to make this happen – and Rotary is a leader when it comes to Peace;

WHEREAS, Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, speaking at an International Summit, Sept 30, 2021, on Eliminating the Existential Threat of Nuclear Weapons, said: “We fully encourage our members to get involved in efforts to raise awareness and to inform fellow Rotarians of the scientific facts in support of nuclear disarmament....so we can reach our goal of disarmament”, and “We can take stronger positions for nuclear disarmament as organizations like the Red Cross have already done” (The International Red Cross has endorsed the TPNW);

WHEREAS, Rotary International has already taken a stand against nuclear weapons with the Rotary Foundation’s Responsible Investment Policy (April 2021) which includes the commitment that “The Rotary Foundation will avoid investing in companies that derive significant revenue from producing, distributing, or marketing nuclear explosives”; therefore,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that, the Board of Directors of RI consider endorsing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, encourage countries to sign and support the Treaty, and encourage Rotarians and Rotaractors and their clubs to persuade their countries to take this action.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Rotary could work for world-wide endorsement of the TPNW by simply following the same effective political (but not partisan) strategies used to eradicate polio in Africa:

- Rotary partners negotiated truces and military protection.
- Rotary advocated with government leaders and educated the public to dispel persistent myths.
- Rotary coordinated campaigns with surrounding nations.
- Rotarians used their respected roles in society to advocate for their governments to become involved.

Deterrence is fear-based and does not work against accidents, miscalculations, or terrorists. It prevents even negative peace (the absence of the threat of violence) and makes positive peace impossible.

Despite the enactment of the TPNW over 50 years ago, there are still about 13,500 nuclear weapons in the world. There is an increase in spending on these weapons and an increase in the number of countries with access to them.

We have comprehensive bans for chemical weapons, biological weapons, landmines and cluster bombs. Nuclear weapons are exponentially more dangerous, could result in the death of billions of people and could destroy our planet. We must ensure the TPNW is endorsed world-wide.

Rotary would like to increase membership. Standing for an important Peace initiative that represents the wishes of 70%-80% of the world's population will be a compelling attraction for new members.

Rotary has the knowledge and experience to tackle this issue. Hundreds of Rotarians are authors, educators, speakers and acknowledged experts on nuclear weapons. In 2016 a Rotarian chaired the session on the humanitarian impact of nuclear war at the UN's Open Ended Working Group meeting that led to negotiations for the TPNW. Rotarians are leaders in International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). Both organizations are recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact would depend on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI Board to accomplish our goal.

Moved

Seconded

Carried by Role Call of Voting Delegates of Clubs Present Yes 31 No - 12

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Resolution #3

Banking Resolution

Gary Bowe, District Treasurer

TITLE: Authorization for District Treasurer and Authorization for Receipt and Disbursement of funds.

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the District Governor to appoint a District Treasurer; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Linda Bauer, Governor of District 5080 for the Rotary year 2022-2023, shall appoint a District Treasurer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That beginning on July 1, 2021, "Linda Bauer, District Governor, the appointed District

Treasurer to be named, Kimber Gates as District Governor-elect and Lynn O'Connor as Immediate Past District Governor are empowered to sign cheques and handle such other fiscal matters for the District as required in the proper discharge of their respective duties; any two to sign; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this Resolution be forward to the Banks Designated as depositories for the District 5080 Funds.

Moved
Seconded
Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Banking Resolutions

Gary Bowe, District Treasurer

TITLE: Designation of depositories for District 5080 funds.

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the District Governor to designate and identify the banking facilities wherein District 5080 funds shall be deposited; and

WHEREAS: The District Governor for the Rotary year 2022-2023, Linda Bauer, has made this designation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Banner Bank
506 East Hastings Road
Spokane, WA 99218

And

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)

459 Baker Street

Nelson, BC

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be hereby confirmed for the District 5080 funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Moved
Seconded
Carried

Resolution #5

The Governor Line Acknowledgements

Bob Quay, PDG

Whereas, DGE Linda will soon become District Governor & DGN Kimber will soon become District Governor Elect & DGD Lorne will soon become District Governor Nominee; and

Whereas, we are looking forward to their years beginning on July 1st, 2022; and looking forward to benefiting from their efforts and leadership in guiding District 5080 to a prosperous and successful year; therefore,

Be It Resolved that, we wish District Governor Linda, District Governor Elect Kimber and District Governor Nominee Lorne the Very Best as they help us 'Imagine Rotary' for 2022-2023.

Moved
Seconded
Action

Resolution #6

The District Governor Acknowledgement

Lorne Westnedge, DGD

Whereas, District Governor Lynn and Spouse Ed, have served us so well this past year as our District Governor under challenging circumstances; and,

Whereas, recognizing DG Lynn's ability to Lead the District with informative and professional in-person and hybrid meetings and club visits; and,

Whereas, we are all proud to have served as part of DG Lynn's team and grateful for all we that have learned and experienced during 2021-2022; therefore,

Be it Resolved that, District Governor Lynn and Spouse Ed, you have our unconditional and enthusiastic Thanks for your commitment and service to Rotary and District 5080 Clubs and Communities. We wish you best of luck and good fortune in all your future endeavours.


Moved
Seconded
Carried

Other New Business

Nil

Adjournment

Submitted
May 16th, 2022



Norman McCarvell, PDG
District 5080 Administrative Chair