

Summary of Key Board Decisions Related to Rotary Clubs and Districts

*From the June and July 2004 Meetings of
The RI Board of Directors*

June Board Decisions:

No. 246 RI Vision Statement for 2010

The Board adopted the following vision statement:

Rotary will:

- be recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio.
- have a strong and visible presence worldwide.
- achieve enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization with increased and diverse membership.
- advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a membership united in service.

No. 248 Possible Incorporation of Districts

The Board requested the President to appoint a committee to draft appropriate documents for the incorporation of districts. The committee will provide any necessary recommendations for amending RI constitutional documents and the *Rotary Code of Policies* to allow districts to incorporate under local law. The Board will review a preliminary report on this matter at its June 2005 meeting.

No. 260 Youth Exchange Students' Travel Insurance Coverage

The Board amended its recommendations for health, accident and liability insurance that parents or legal guardians should provide for their exchangee. The new recommendations are underlined as follows:

“Such insurance should provide medical and dental coverage for accidental injury and illness, death benefits (including repatriation of remains), disability/dismemberment benefit (also know as capital benefits), emergency medical evacuation, emergency visitation expenses (for transportation of parent or guardian to student’s location), 24-hour emergency assistance services, and legal liability. At the option of the parents or legal guardians, such insurance may also include cancellation expenses, loss of property, loss of money, or kidnap and ransom.”

For full details, check <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/746en.pdf>

The Board further suggests that inbound clubs, districts and multidistrict youth exchange groups should determine the minimum level of insurance adequate for the exchange length and local conditions in which the youth exchange student will live and travel during the exchange.

No. 268 Leadership Development and Training – focus on effective clubs.

The Board encourages clubs to appoint a club Rotary Foundation committee as part of the association's focus on effective clubs.

No. 269 District Training Committee

The Board approved a new District Training Committee for training, in place of a system of a single district trainer and a number of optional assistant district trainers. The chair of the new District Training Committee will be the district trainer.

No. 279 Multidistrict PETS – governor-elect approval

The Board agreed that governors-elect are responsible for developing and approving the final program, selecting the training leaders and plenary speakers of multidistrict PETS programs, but eliminated the requirement that they submit to the RI President a letter indicating their approval of the multidistrict PETS program.

No. 282 RI Website Business Portal Access

The Board agreed to grant membership data access rights to club paid administrative staff

July Board Decisions:

No. 28 Per Capita Dues Billing

The Board, pursuant to Council enactment 04-370 which takes effect 1 July 2004, authorizes the general secretary to invoice the US\$2.00 per half year increase in per capita dues as a separate item on the 1 January 2005 semi-annual report to the clubs.