

New Zealand's Boyd nominated to be RI president in 2006-07



William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, is the choice of the RI Nominating Committee for RI president in 2006-07, which met on 13 September. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

A former member and past president of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, New Zealand, Boyd has served RI as district governor, director, treasurer, member and chair of regional and international committees, group discussion leader and moderator at the International Assembly, and RI presidential representative to local and international conferences. As a Rotary leader, he has conducted training seminars in New Zealand, Fiji, Western Samoa, and Cook Islands.

Devoting much of his time to supporting Rotary's PolioPlus program, Boyd has served as a member of the PolioPlus Task Force, as a coordinator in the PolioPlus Partners program, and as a consultant to the International PolioPlus Committee. He also serves as chairman of the management committee of Rotary Down Under. He is a recipient of the Rotary Foundation Award for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Prior to his retirement in 1995, Boyd was general manager of Gordon & Gotch (NZ), Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is a trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust. He was an RI representative to the national Kidney Foundation and Intellectually Handicapped Society, and is a former elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian Church and a warranted Scout Master. He also was a rugby referee for 31 years.

The nominating committee members are Keith Barnard-Jones, England; Peter Bundgaard, Denmark; Moses Mo-Chi Cheng, Hong Kong; Hipólito S. Ferreira, Brazil; Jack Forrest, USA; William G.B. Gant, Canada; Samuel L. Greene, USA; S. Aaron Hyatt, USA; Umberto Laffi, Italy; Hans J. Müller-Rech, Germany; W. Grattan O'Connell, New Zealand; Donald E. Osburn, USA; Louis Piconi, USA; William T. Sergeant, USA; Antonio M. Serrano, South Africa; Fumio Tamamura, Japan; P.C. Thomas, India.