Trustee and Board Action on 2013 Council on Legislation Resolutions

Article 10, Section 6 of the RI Constitution requires the RI Board to notify all district governors of any Board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the Council. The 2013 Council on Legislation asked the RI Board and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to review resolutions that were passed by the Council. The Trustees reviewed those items referred to them at their June 2013 meeting. The RI Board reviewed those items referred to it at its June and October 2013 meetings. 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 meetings and actions will be posted on rotary.org within 60 days of such meeting or action. Rotarians should consult the official minutes when they become available.

Council Number	Decision
13-153	**To Consider Proposing Legislation to the Next Council on Legislation to Introduce a New Category of Membership: Associate Membership** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 217) ***DECISION***: The Board 1. thanks the Rotary Club of Belconnen, A.C.T., Australia and District 9710 for their interest in the associate membership category; 2. notes that the associate membership pilot program is currently scheduled to conclude on 30 June 2014; 3. based on the results of the associate membership pilot program, will consider legislation to the 2016 Council that would introduce the category of "associate member."
13-157	**To Encourage the Adoption of the Second Object of Rotary as a Guiding Principle for Vocational Service** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 218) ***DECISION***: The Board 1. thanks the Rotary Club of Chigasaki-Shonan, Kanagawa, Japan and District 2780 for their interest in and support of vocational service; 2. refers this matter to the 2013–14 Vocational Service Committee for its consideration.
13-166	**To Consider Adding Peace and Conflict Resolution Activities to the Areas of International Service** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 219) ***DECISION***: The Board 1. thanks the Rotary Club of Gebze, Turkey and District 2420, for their interest in peace and conflict resolution service projects; 2. notes that peace and conflict resolution is a priority as one of the areas of focus and is actively promoted to Rotary clubs and districts as an international service opportunity; 3. rescinds Rotary Code of Policies section 8.050. Basic Principles of International Service.

13-167	**To Establish RI New Generations Service Day** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 220) ***DECISION***: The Board 1. thanks the Rotary Club of Bloomington-Normal Sunset, Illinois, USA and District 6490, for their interest in and support of youth programs; 2. encourages Rotary clubs and districts to promote participation in Global Youth Service Day, a program of the Rotary service partner Youth Service America.
13-168	**To Request the RI Board to Consider Designating the Rotary Leadership Institute as an RI Affiliate or as a Structured Program of RI** (October 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 48) ***DECISION*:** The Board thanks the districts that proposed Council resolution 13-168 (to make the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) as an official affiliate of RI, or as a structured program of RI) but agrees to take no action at this time.
13-182	**To Consider Making Grandchildren of Rotarians Eligible for Foundation Awards Programs** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 221) ***DECISION***: The Board refers resolutions 13-182 (to consider making grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Foundation awards programs) and 13-183 (to consider granting an exception to the eligibility guidelines for grants for families affected by disaster) to the Trustees for consideration. **To Consider Making Grandchildren of Rotarians Eligible for Foundation Awards Programs** (June 2013 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 166) ***DECISION***: The Trustees 1. thank the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, Vic., Australia for its proposal; 2. to continue to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest that relatives of Rotarians receive preferential treatment in receiving Foundation funding, do not agree to make grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Foundation awards programs.
13-183	**To Consider Granting an Exception to the Eligibility Guidelines for Grants for Families Affected by Disasters** (June 2013 Board Mtg., Dec. 221) ***DECISION***: The Board refers resolutions 13-182 (to consider making grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Foundation awards programs) and 13-183 (to consider granting an exception to the eligibility guidelines for grants for families affected by disaster) to the Trustees for consideration. **To Consider Granting an Exception to the Eligibility Guidelines for Grants for Families Affected by Disasters** (June 2013 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 167) ***DECISION***: The Trustees thank the Rotary Club of Odawara, Kanagawa, Japan for its proposal and note that the family members of Rotarians killed in disasters are already eligible to receive Foundation awards.