

## Trustee and Board Action on 2010 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 2010 Council on Legislation asked the RI Board and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to review certain items of legislation that were either passed by the Council, or simply referred to the RI Board for further study and action. The Trustees reviewed those items referred to them at their October 2010 meeting. The RI Board reviewed those items referred to it at its June and November 2010 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.

Adopted Resolution 10-165 changed Rotary's secondary motto to "One Profits Most Who Serves Best." This change became effective on 1 July 2010.

### Council Number

### Decision

**10-01 To Consider Encouraging Clubs to Create a Training and Leadership Committee** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 188)

*Statement:* To increase Rotary knowledge, improve awareness of available RI and Foundation resources, and to develop leadership skills among new members, Council Resolution 10-01 proposed that clubs create a training and leadership committee in addition to the standing committees recommended by the Club Leadership Plan.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-01: To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to create a training and leadership committee,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Lille-Europe, Nord, France, and District 1670 for their resolution;
2. encourages clubs to appoint a training and leadership committee if it meets their needs;
3. reaffirms Rotary Code of Policies section 8.090.1. that allows club presidents-elect to appoint a club trainer(s) to oversee the club training plan during the coming year.

**10-05 To Consider Endorsing the Concept of New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 190)

*Statement:* The New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project, which ended in June 2007, sought to determine how flexible attendance and meeting requirements would affect club membership. Council Resolution 10-05 requested the Board to endorse the pilot project and propose legislation to the 2013 Council based on the pilot project's findings.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-05: To consider endorsing the concept of New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Vänersborg-Aurora, Sweden, District 2370, and District 2380 for their interest in and support of the 2001-07 New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project;

2. does not agree to propose legislation to the 2013 Council on Legislation based upon this pilot project, noting that over 10 enactments/resolutions from the New Model pilot project clubs were considered by the 2007 Council.

**10-41 To Consider Making Policies for the Disabled to Join Rotary** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 191)

*Statement:* Council Resolution 10-41 requested the Board to enact policy to better provide for persons with disabilities to join Rotary, such as requiring meeting sites to be accessible to the handicapped.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-41: To consider making policies for the disabled to join Rotary,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Taipei Dragon River, Taiwan, and District 3520 for their consideration of membership for people with disabilities;
2. notes that RI Bylaws section 4.070. prohibits clubs from limiting membership based on gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or imposing any condition of membership not specifically prescribed by the RI constitution or bylaws;
3. continues to encourage clubs to provide people with disabilities appropriate access to club meetings and the opportunity to participate in club service activities.

**10-50 To Consider Proposing Legislation to the Next Council on Legislation to Create a New Type of Membership: Satellite Club Membership** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 192)

*Statement:* Council Resolution 10-50 requested the Board to consider proposing legislation to the 2013 Council to allow for satellite clubs in RI.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-50: To consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to create a new type of membership: satellite club membership,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Cardiff, S. Glam., Wales, and District 1150 for their interest in the satellite club concept;
2. requests the general secretary to prepare a satellite club pilot program project plan and guidelines for review by the Board at its November 2010 or January 2011 meeting for possible implementation on 1 July 2011;
3. agrees to consider proposing or supporting legislation to the 2013 Council that would allow clubs to operate satellite clubs.

**10-59 To Consider Requesting Districts to Take on a Greater Role in Club Public Relations Efforts** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 199)

*Statement:* Noting that RI has placed increased emphasis on public image in recent years, Council Resolution 10-59 proposed that districts take a greater role in club public relations efforts. The general secretary noted that enhancing public image and awareness is one of RI's strategic priorities and that with additional training and through the use of PR grants, districts can play a significant role in public relations efforts.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-59: To consider requesting districts to take on a greater role in club public relations efforts,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of San Jose Sunrise and District 5170 for their support of public relations efforts at RI;
2. requests districts to take a more active role in club public relations efforts by
  - a. encouraging wider use of PR grants;
  - b. providing public relations training to clubs;
  - c. highlighting club public relations achievements at district conferences;
  - d. requesting clubs to provide an annual report on public relations during the governor's official visit;
3. requests the general secretary to inform district governors and district public relations chairs of point 2 above.

**10-65 To Consider Recommending to Governors to Conduct Training Seminars for New Club Members** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 189)

*Statement:* To improve membership quality and Rotary education among new club members, Council Resolution 10-65 proposed that governors conduct training seminars for new members.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-65: To request the RI Board to consider recommending to governors to conduct training seminars for new Rotary club members,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Kakogawa-Heisei, Hyogo, Japan and District 2680 for their resolution;
2. reaffirms the club's central role in training its new members as provided in Rotary Code of Policies sections 5.040.1., 5.050.4., 5.050.5., and 17.030.6.;
3. reaffirms Rotary Code of Policies section 20.010., which encourages districts to hold a new member orientation.

**10-69 Statements on Issues** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 193)

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**10-78**

*Statement:* The 2010 Council adopted several resolutions that requested the Board to issue declarations, make statements of support, or raise awareness on specific issues. The general secretary noted that taking official positions on specific issues is inconsistent with the RI Strategic Plan, and that clubs can individually address these issues without RI promotion or recognition.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council resolutions 10-69 and 10-70: To consider including land mine relief efforts in RI and Rotary Foundation humanitarian programs; 10-73: To consider adopting the Rotarian Declaration for World Peace; 10-76: To consider raising awareness of environmental issues; and 10-78: To consider supporting sustainable clean energy projects,

1. thanks the Rotary clubs of Hochschwarzwald, Germany, Waldshut-Säckingen, Germany, and Bietigheim-Vaihingen, Germany, and districts 1830 and 1930, for their interest in and support of land mine relief;

2. thanks District 4150 for its interest in Rotary events that support world peace;
3. thanks the Rotary Club of Loddon Vale, Berks., England, and District 1090 for their interest in and support of environmental issues;
4. thanks the Rotary Club of Del Mar, California, USA, and District 5340 for their interest in and support of clean energy projects;
5. noting that the RI Strategic Plan priority to “focus and increase humanitarian service” limits the service areas that RI promotes to 1) youth and young adult programs and 2) The Rotary Foundation’s six areas of focus, does not agree to issue a statement in support of any specific service issue;
6. adopts the following policy regarding statements on issues and amends the Rotary Code of Policies by adding new section 26.150. as follows:

26.150. Statements on Issues

As the association of Rotary clubs worldwide, RI does not issue formal statements for or against any specific issues, as it is the policy of the association to maintain a neutral position. It is through service initiatives of individual Rotary clubs, rather than declarations by the corporate body, that Rotary best demonstrates its commitment to peace and humanitarian endeavors.

**10-71 To Consider Implementing a New Program for Rotary Peace Communities** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 194)

*Statement:* To increase the visibility of RI’s commitment to peace and goodwill, Council Resolution 10-71 proposed the creation of a new structured RI program fostering Rotary Peace Communities. The general secretary noted that Rotary Code of Policies section 40.030. outlines the requirements for the creation of a new RI structured program, and that RI resources are not available at this time to meet those requirements. The general secretary also noted that districts may create and participate in Rotary Peace Communities without official RI support and promotion.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-71: To consider implementing a new program for Rotary Peace Communities,

1. thanks the Rotary clubs of Parksville, BC, Canada, Saskatoon North, SK, Canada, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, USA, and Woodstock-Oxford, ON, Canada, and districts 5020, 5550, 6400, and 7080, for their interest in and support of peace programs;
2. reaffirms its decision 259, June 2008, encouraging districts to continue to hold dialogues on issues of peace around the world;
3. does not agree to consider implementing a new program for Rotary Peace Communities at this time.

**10-75 To Consider Researching and Initiating a Worldwide Resource for Rapid Dispatch of Temporary Relief Materials to Designated Disaster Areas** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 195)

*Statement:* Council Resolution 10-75 proposed the research and initiation of a worldwide resource for rapid dispatch of disaster relief materials. The Board noted it reviewed a similar request after the 2007 Council and concluded that existing disaster relief organizations are better structured for immediate response to disasters, and that RI excels in long-term disaster recovery efforts.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-75: To consider researching and initiating a worldwide resource for rapid dispatch of temporary relief materials to designated disaster areas,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Somerville Tyabb, Vic., Australia, and District 9820, for their interest in and support of disaster relief efforts;
2. does not agree to establish a disaster relief committee to research and initiate rapid dispatch of temporary relief materials to designated disaster areas;
3. recognizing that RI's strengths are in long-term rebuilding efforts, reaffirms its decision 59, November 2007, and encourages Rotarians to work with established disaster relief organizations.

**10-94 To Consider Recognizing EarlyAct Clubs** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 196)

*Statement:* To help develop citizenship and leadership skills and to foster self-esteem in children under 12, Council Resolution 10-94 requested official RI recognition of EarlyAct clubs. In anticipation of this resolution, the Secretariat conducted a survey of all 2008-09 district Interact chairs to measure their interest in this program. The general secretary noted that half of responding chairs reported an interest in RI creating EarlyAct clubs.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-94: To consider recognizing EarlyAct clubs,

1. thanks the Rotary Clubs of Cornwall Sunrise, ON, Canada, and Empangeni, South Africa, and districts 7040 and 9270 for their interest in and support of young people and EarlyAct;
2. agrees to study the concept of a new program for children younger than age 12, and requests the general secretary to conduct a feasibility study on implementing a new RI program, to include a suggested program name, age range, and cost estimates, for report to the Board at its November 2010 meeting.

**10-102 To Consider Recognizing Inner Wheel as a Valuable Working Associate of Rotary** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 197)

*Statement:* Noting that International Inner Wheel (IIW)—an association of female relatives of Rotarians—has formed relationships with many Rotary clubs worldwide, Council Resolution 10-102 requested RI to recognize the group as a valuable working associate. Rotary Code of Policies section 36.030.3. notes that while RI and IIW share some of the same service goals, they are separate organizations and have no official affiliation.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-102: To consider recognizing Inner Wheel as a valuable working associate of Rotary, recognizes the valuable contribution that Inner Wheel continues to make in association with Rotary clubs and commends their service to humanity.

**10-107 Council Resolutions Referred to the Trustees** (October 2010 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 12)

**10-108**

**10-109**

**10-110**

*Statement:* The Trustees considered Council resolution 10-110 and proposed resolutions 10-107, 10-108, and 10-109 referred to them by the RI Board.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. thank the RI Board for referring Council Resolution 10-110 and proposed resolutions 10-107, 10-108, and 10-109;
2. thank the proposers for their interest in The Rotary Foundation and its programs as demonstrated by the ideas and suggestions communicated via these resolutions;
3. in response to Council Resolution 10-110: “To request the Trustees to consider making partners of Rotarians ineligible for Foundation awards programs,” note that the new Future Vision grants model does not prevent the partners of Rotarians to receive grant funding, provided that they meet all eligibility criteria for the particular grant;
4. in response to Proposed Resolution 10-107: “To request the Trustees to consider a program to combat the spread of tuberculosis,”
  - a. reiterate that until the PolioPlus program meets its successful conclusion, no new Foundation programs will be considered to combat other health issues;
  - b. note that under the new Future Vision Plan, clubs and districts may receive funding for projects that combat tuberculosis in a high impact, sustainable manner;
5. in response to Proposed Resolution 10-108: “To request the Trustees to consider establishing a fund for research into causes and possible cures for mental illness,”
  - a. note that under the new Future Vision Plan, Rotarians may receive funding for projects that support university-level studies related to the causes and possible cures for mental illness;
  - b. note that The Rotary Foundation does not provide direct funding for such research;
6. in response to Proposed Resolution 10-109: “To request the Trustees to consider opening an account to finance projects to combat and prevent infant mortality,”
  - a. note that under the new Future Vision Plan, Rotarians may receive funding for projects that combat and prevent infant mortality in a high impact, sustainable manner;
  - b. note that a “pooled” fund will be established within the Permanent Fund to support child and maternal health, one of the Future Vision Plan’s six areas of focus.

**10-182 To Consider Using the First Principle of the “1923 Statement on Community Service” as a Definition of the Philosophy of Service** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 198)

*Statement:* The 1923 RI (St. Louis) Convention adopted a statement on community service that is still published in the RI Bylaws and in the Rotary Code of Policies. Council Resolution 10-182 proposed that RI use the first principle from this statement as definition for its philosophy of service.

*DECISION:* The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-182: To consider using the first principle of the “1923 Statement on Community Service” as a definition of the philosophy of service,

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Kushiro-North, Hokkaido, Japan, and District 2500 for their interest in and support of community service as one of the philosophical principles of Rotary;
2. notes that the philosophy of service as defined in the 1923 Statement on Community Service is currently included in the *Manual of Procedure* and Rotary Code of Policies.

**10-191 To Consider Having Comely Bank Become an Archive for RI Past Presidents' Papers** (June 2010 Board Mtg., Dec. 200)

*Statement:* Council Resolution 10-191 proposed that “Comely Bank,” the former Chicago home of Paul and Jean Harris, become an archive for RI past presidents’ papers. The general secretary noted that RI already has appropriate archives facilities and a professional archives staff with the expertise in handling and preserving historic documents, and that anticipated costs of operating an archives at Comely Bank would be significant.

**DECISION:** The Board, in response to Council Resolution 10-191: To consider having Comely Bank become an archive for RI past presidents’ papers,

1. thanks the Rotary clubs of San Jose Sunrise, California, USA; Salida, California, USA; and Delton Area, Michigan, USA, for their interest in RI’s historical documents;
2. does not agree to make Comely Bank an archive for RI past presidents’ papers due to
  - a. the anticipated cost of ensuring their proper handling and storage;
  - b. the need to ensure the accessibility and proper handling of historical documents for research purposes within the RI History and Archives department;
3. requests the general secretary work with the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation on the feasibility of providing memorabilia and reproductions of historical items for display at Comely Bank.