

Highlights from the February 2025 Rotary Foundation Trustees Meeting

The Rotary Foundation Trustees met on 8-9 February 2025 in conjunction with the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA and reviewed 10 committee reports and recorded 35 decisions.

The Trustees

- selected Symbiosis International University in Pune, India, as host partner for the next Rotary Peace Center with the first application launch in February 2026 for an initial cohort of students by February 2027, and requested the general secretary to proceed with partnership negotiations;
- looked favorably upon extending the agreement with the Gates Foundation under the current terms (the Gates Foundation matches US\$2 for every \$1 Rotary commits toward polio eradication up to \$50 million) through 2029 and authorized the general secretary to negotiate the new agreement accordingly with the Gates Foundation;
- approved US\$50 million in PolioPlus grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF for technical assistance, operational support, social mobilization support, and polio eradication research activities;
- agreed to establish a National PolioPlus Committee in Chad;
- approved funding six ongoing Hearts of Europe grants (originally funded in partnership with USAID) from the World Fund to complete grant activities due to the US government's decision to end support for USAID;
- approved nine nominations for the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, which acknowledges a Rotary member's active, personal service toward the goal of polio eradication;
- selected recipients for the 2024-25 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award, to be announced at the 2025 Rotary Convention in Calgary.