



Highlights from the April 2025 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The 2024–25 RI Board of Directors met on 8–10 April 2025 at One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, USA and reviewed 10 committee reports and recorded 33 decisions.

Club and District

The Board

- received reports on the regionalization pilots in Zone 8 and in Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I); both pilots are in their second year of operations. The Board agreed to continue funding the GB&I pilot but did not agree to continue funding the Zone 8 pilot, which was requesting significantly more funding than GB&I. The Board did, however, agree to allow partial funding for the Zone 8 pilot through the reallocation of 50% of district funding;
- changed the title of Rotary coordinator to Rotary membership coordinator to better indicated to members what this role is primarily responsible for;
- amended the Rotary Code of Policies to now require that district membership committees appoint subcommittees on membership attraction, membership engagement, and new club development.

Programs and Awards

The Board

- agreed to transition Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace into a more localized engagement with Rotary clubs and districts and further asked the general secretary to explore transitioning the Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program from a partnership program to a program of Rotary International (the Rotary Positive Peace Activator program works to train Rotary members, peace fellows, and other community members in peace and conflict resolution skills);
- renewed Rotary's service partnership with Habitat for Humanity International for three years;
- extended Rotary's project partnership with ShelterBox for one year;
- recognized a new Rotary Action group for Girls' Empowerment;
- received a report from the Youth Advisory Council and agreed to encourage districts to track their RYLA program activities, outputs, and outcomes, and to share this information through surveys or tools provided by the Secretariat.

Meetings

The Board

- discussed alternate destinations to host a 2027 Rotary International convention after receiving notification from the Honolulu convention center that their facility would not be ready to host the Rotary convention that year due to necessary repairs and upgrades to the convention center;
- agreed to make available more digital offerings of general session speeches and presentations at the Rotary International Convention and International Assembly.

Administration and Finances

The Board

- approved a five-year roadmap, including initiatives for each of the four strategic priorities, to guide the organization through implementation of the strategic plan through 2029.