



Highlights from the February 2025 RI Board of Directors Meeting

The 2024–25 RI Board of Directors met on 14–15 February 2025 in conjunction with the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA and reviewed nine committee reports and recorded 46 decisions.

The Board

- encouraged Rotary and Rotaract leaders to support youth representatives to attend local, district, regional, and international Rotary conferences to meet and network with attendees, present about their projects and activities, and to deepen their connection to Rotary;
- 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;
- concurred with the Rotary Foundation Trustees' decision looking 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;
- agreed that Rotaractors are eligible to serve as sergeants-at-arms at Rotary meetings;
- ahead of the 2025 Council on Legislation, recommended council representatives convene a "townhall" meeting with the RI director representing that region to review the legislation;
- recommended that Rotary Institute conveners limit the length of the Governors-elect and Governor-nominee Learning Seminars to no more than three days;
- agreed that any district non-compliant with either Rotary's Youth Exchange policies or youth protection reporting requirements that has not voluntarily suspended its program, shall be decertified in the Rotary Youth Exchange program until the general secretary has determined that the district has complied.