

2014/15

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland Annual Report



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A partnership has been forged between Rotary and WheelPower



2014/15 was a year focussed upon improving governance and management within Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. There had been clear feedback from the membership that

there needed to be greater transparency in decision making and a relevance of the structures and committees to supporting districts and promoting healthy and vibrant clubs.

The annual Business Meeting in Belfast endorsed changes to allow for greater flexibility in such structures and to make the committees more effective in role and function. Several task forces set up by General Council have greatly assisted in that process. An improved website; a regular members' newsletter and an updated data management system has contributed towards greater transparency, accountability and better communication at all levels. The Support Centre has been reorganised under the guidance of our General Secretary Amanda Watkin to be a better resource for individual Rotarians and clubs. A highlight of the year was for Amanda and her team to be awarded a

Silver "Investors in People" award.

Recognising that Rotary is a networking organisation, developing corporate membership and partnerships with other likeminded organisations has been a feature of the work of General Council. A partnership has been forged between Rotary and WheelPower, recognising the significant contribution which both organisations make in providing opportunities for disabled people to take part in sport.

Discussions are continuing with a number of other national organisations for relevant partnerships.

The website has sought to promote volunteering as a means to membership, or to support Rotary projects or initiatives. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has a close relationship with Step up to Serve, an organisation established to promote and increase volunteering among young people.

We have also pledged in particular to grow RotaKids, the branch of Rotary for seven to 12 year olds. This year, in addition to the growth of RotaKids and Interact, there has been an emergence of satellite and new clubs with a youthful element. It was my pleasure to celebrate at the Annual Conference in Belfast the role of

youth and of the increasing significance of school and youth projects across Great Britain and Ireland.

Champions of Change has celebrated once again the achievements of 12 Rotarians, who have contributed much to community projects, both in Great Britain and Ireland, and overseas. Held for a second year in the House of Lords, in the presence of politicians and Rotary supporters, it provided a platform to show to the wider public what Rotarians do to make a difference. It is an annual event that will surely go from strength to strength. In recognition of Rotary's contribution to peace, it is to be highlighted that Jersey celebrated its official recognition as being a Rotary Peace Island.

May I thank members of General Council, the committee chairs and members, Amanda and her staff and indeed all the Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland for what has been done to respond to the new challenges and to raise our profile over this year. ●

P. Q. King

Peter King,
President 2014/15

Marketing, PR and Communications Committee

Public Image and Awareness

During this Rotary year, your team has been working to phase in the new Rotary PR materials developed in Evanston, whilst maintaining the support for the 'We're For Communities' strap line. The Committee felt that much time, effort and finances had been expended to launch the 'We're For Communities' campaign, and clubs had widely embraced it, therefore it was still worthy of support. The developments of the new 'Rotary Effect' pull-ups and other marketing materials have all incorporated the 'We're For Communities' phrase, and it is felt they offer a clean and fresh look to our image. All the new materials are available to order from the Support Centre in Alcester.

PR/Media Coverage

HROC, our PR company, have continued to promote the End Polio Now campaign. They have been successful in obtaining coverage in the Daily Mail and The Guardian on more than one occasion, in addition to pieces in The Independent, The Telegraph, The Irish Independent, Youth Health Magazine and Forbes, along with many local press releases. We have also had good coverage on the BBC, particularly around the great news that Nigeria is no longer polio-endemic. A number of stories created by our team have been picked up internationally by The New York Times, Huffington Post and US News & World Report.

Publicity surrounding the Rotary Ride was extensive and reached national media outlets, as well as local press and TV, including a colour advertorial in the Daily Mail. The team is dependent on receiving good news stories from the clubs and districts, so please keep sending articles in, particularly for the Rotary magazine.

Social Media

The Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Facebook page is constantly updated with news and stories from around Great Britain and Ireland. Twitter campaigns focusing on World Polio Day and other landmark Rotary dates are supported by a group of dedicated individuals around the districts, keep up the good work.



Rotary Ride

Communications to Rotarians

The new format of newsletters have been well received and the feedback has been extremely positive, particularly the ability to embed video content. We have listened to clubs regarding the frequency of information emanating from the Support Centre, and the Committee Chairpersons have assisted by channeling their news via the main newsletters.

Our magazine Rotary, formerly Rotary Today, has been completely redesigned to develop a more outward facing approach for non-Rotarians. Filled with a mix of international, national and regional stories celebrating the work of Rotarians, the magazine will be one of, if not the, most powerful marketing tools the organisation has when it comes to membership recruitment. Once read we ask that you place them in public areas such as, libraries, doctor's waiting rooms, dentists and any other place where prospective members may congregate. This is great way to spread the word and enhance the marketing potential of the Rotary magazine.

The redesign has been a huge task and our thanks must go to our Editor and the team at the Support Centre. ●

David Ellis,
Chairman



Leadership Development and Training Committee

The function of the Leadership Development and Training Committee (LDTC) is to support the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) Presidency, Executive and General Council with training and development programmes that promote Continuity, Communication and Commitment for RIBI and District Leaders. In addition, the LDTC contributes to tasks identified in the Regional Membership Plan 2014/15 for Zones 17 and 18A.

During 2014/15, the LDTC has engaged with a change agenda that required developments to support districts, clubs and individual Rotarians to build more sustainable access to relevant leadership development and training. The desired outcomes included the provision of quality resources for districts and clubs to employ, to increase participation at RIBI Assemblies and build a greater pool of able facilitators to work locally and nationally to support district and club strategic planning.

In order to achieve these outcomes, the LDTC calendar included a common core of knowledge and understanding designed to underpin the Rotary International (RI) and RIBI strategic plan. Consequently, there has been an increase of awareness-raising programmes to support the development of Rotary Club Central, Rotary Voice, E-learning and access to online resources through the 'My Rotary' portal.

2014/15 also saw the implementation of the agreements of two General Councils for changing the focus of leadership development to create a wider participation to those who have most influence on strategic outcomes in the districts to support club leaders. The agreed format employed embraced one Leadership and five Regional Assemblies. The objective of the changes was to increase participation (by including all Assistant Governors in the Leadership Assembly and to invite the usual service groups plus Extension Officers, District Rotaract Chairs, Youth Exchange Chairs and representatives from clubs to Regional Assemblies) and to control costs. Other objectives were to increase the use of technology, such as webinars, and to reduce the time away from home commitment for those taking on district roles.



Training course

The LDTC was responsible for the development of the following events and activities during 2014/15:

E-learning as a resource for all

At the beginning of the Rotary Year, RIBI E-learning was at a crossroads. Consequently, the LDTC proposed a detailed pilot to be run using more advanced features of the RI system and involving developers from the Moodle team. In July 2014, the RIBI Executive approved the proposal for the use of the RI E-learning platform to replace Moodle, subject to the successful completion of a pilot programme with the following success criteria:

- RI system requires no more skill level/expertise for developers than Moodle
- RI system is fit for purpose. Comparison of facilities between the two systems will be undertaken
- System being available for use with mobile devices (or no worse than Moodle)
- Agreement reached with RI on the use of the system and ownership of materials
- Cost is neutral or cheaper than present - RI is indicating there will probably be no cost but this is still to be finally agreed.

The pilot is being led by Wendy Aldred

and six developers. A strong strategic plan was approved as were standard course frameworks and agreed with both RIBI and RI. Two courses have been published and evaluated. Due to ongoing success, preparations are in place for the 2015/16 General Council to support the replacement of Moodle as the RIBI E-learning platform with the RI Topyx platform on successful completion of the pilot. This will give all Rotarians the same access point to E-learning of 'My Rotary'.

Liaison Governor and Service Chairs Seminar

RIBI President, Peter King, requested that the LDTC structured a seminar to create a common understanding of purpose, role and responsibilities between Liaison Governors and Service Committee Chairs. Amongst the intended outcomes was to create a common template for the Liaison Governor Committee report to General Council. This was in addition to aiming to achieve a greater understanding on the decision making processes within RIBI, to reach an understanding of the role of the Service Committees in preparation for the forthcoming Regional Assemblies and ways to demonstrate greater evidence of inter-

committee working. The seminar's success led to others being held for Service Chairs, which continued the theme of increasing added value for districts and clubs.

District Training Officers Seminar

The LDTC strategy for building an improved resource bank for the District Training Officers to create a stronger development programme for Assistant Governors was well received. Focus was placed upon devolving the Assistant Governor development programmes, related to role expectations, to be delivered locally. This change of delivery was enhanced for all newly elected Assistant Governors by accessing the E-learning module found in My Rotary. The intention was to enable all Assistant Governors to attend the first RIBI Leadership Assembly having knowledge of the technical aspects of their task and being able to concentrate upon the specific leadership within the District Team and their allocated group of clubs.

The seminar also strengthened support for clubs by enabling each District Training Committee to join with the District Continuity Team, Assistant Governors, Secretaries and Treasurers to be developers of Rotary Club Central and the Rotary Voice. Ultimately, each district would have an increased group of officers who are able collectively to make a successful implementation.

This seminar is held to provide District Training Officers with a platform for discussion and to bring to their attention new initiatives affecting training and preparation of members for both current and future district and national events. This was a seminar with many firsts, the biggest of which was a 100% seminar evaluation return.

Preparation for the RIBI Assemblies:

District Governor Development and Training

The completed review and redesign of the three year development programme 'The District Governor Journey' has improved the continuity and relevance of knowledge and understanding for incoming District Governors. One significant recommendation based upon the current General Council experience that has been taken forward to the planning stage for 2015/16, was to move the District Governor Elect Seminar to the beginning of the Rotary year, to create a more appropriate timescale for financial planning and goal setting.

RIBI Assemblies Planning Seminar

This was held for groups involved at either Assembly. This included the Service Chairs on webinar preparation, training for facilitators to lead Regional Assembly breakouts, the facilitators for the District Governors' Continuity Teams and finally, the Assistant Governor Facilitators to plan the Assistant Governor Leadership breakouts.

The programme enabled Service Chairs and Facilitators to develop scripted breakouts for the five Regional Assemblies. It also enabled the incoming RIBI Presidents to plan the Leadership Assembly breakouts and integrate with the Assistant Governor and partner programmes.

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Leadership Assembly Outcomes

This first style of Leadership Assembly received encouraging support for the specific focus of District Leadership. The opening district team session and closing one received very high evaluations from each of the groupings of District Governors Elect, District Governor Nominees and Assistant Governors, with upwards of 90% indicating they were satisfied with the programmes.

RI President Elect K.R. Ravindran stated that he valued the opportunity to talk with every grouping at the Assembly. He equally shared his praise for how the Assembly's focus on leadership and support for clubs could be achieved through the support of informed Assistant Governors.

Regional Assembly Outcomes

Overall, the outcome for increased participation was met with a total of 768 delegates attending. Costs were reduced in comparison to previous years. The facilitated group working at the Regional Assemblies proved to be a real opportunity to hear what other Rotarians were doing in their own areas of service and how others may benefit, or be able to help, from their different perspectives. Evaluative feedback demonstrated good support for the direction of change and many gave constructive

suggestions for future improvements. Some delegates were sceptical but, having attended, expressed views that movement was in the right direction. Inevitably some preferred a return to the former RIBI Assembly and found change to be challenging. However on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is 'not at all likely' and 10 'extremely likely', 78% scored the question 'How likely are you to recommend attendance at a Regional Assembly to other Rotarians?' positively, with over 65% scoring 7 or above.

The LDTC subsequently reviewed the Assembly evaluations and consulted Service Chairs and Facilitators to seek areas for improvement.

In May 2015, the General Council endorsed the move to Regional Assemblies as a way forward, and recommended they continue with enhancements presented by the LDTC. These included an earlier start to the planning cycle, increased involvement of committee representatives, improved quality of webinar presentation, improved marketing, matching facilitation to service area, the creation of separate seminar days for District Secretaries and Treasurers and refocus the smaller breakouts for Youth Exchange and Rotaract to one venue in each zone.

Concluding remarks

When reflecting on the year, RIBI 2015/16 President and Committee member, Peter Davey, commented: "Change is challenging. Changing the RIBI Assembly was always going to be a major undertaking. It was never going to be simple or straightforward and a great deal of work was required to overcome initial objections. Logistical demands on the Support Centre and LDTC were significant. Change of this magnitude is bound to take more than one attempt to get exactly right, but I am sure that with the further improvements to deal with specific concerns, we can build upon the experience and hard work of this first year and achieve the benefits we sought fully and move forward."

I wish to thank all those who have served this committee during the year for their support and dedication. This includes the co-opted task force Regional Assembly Leader Tony Quinn, RIBI 2015/16 President Peter Davey, the RIBI Club and District Support Team, led by Tina Howard. ●

Keith Best,
Chairman

Membership, Development and Retention Committee

This year saw membership become the organisational priority in many parts of the Rotary world. Here in Great Britain and Ireland our losses currently run at around 2% - approximately 1,000 members per year - the continuance of a steady decline over 23 years. We are far from inactive in recruitment, bringing in around 3,000 new members a year but losing over 4,000. We are increasingly seeing health and age as a factor in loss of members, with data projections indicating our average member age at 72 years and rising, making those in Great Britain and Ireland the 'oldest' Rotarians in the world.

Nonetheless, our last year was a watershed in terms of innovation and engagement. The Regional Membership Plan, approved and funded by Rotary International, had been in existence for two years, but did not appear to be having an impact on our immediate problems.

A revised and refocused plan was developed that proposed a concerted effort, directed at club and district level, towards embracing new styles of club structure and membership.

These Growth Opportunities gave rise to the Rotary GO initiative; a joint venture embraced by the Rotary Coordinator Teams and Rotary Public Image Teams from both our zones and the combined resources of the Membership Committee. This new plan was approved with new Rotary International funding being granted to start implementation.

As a first step, GO Phase 1 comprised of ten webinars held in January 2015, covering Associate and Corporate Membership, innovative and flexible clubs, satellite clubs and eClubs. These were well attended with lively discussion and exchanges of ideas.

GO Phase 2 took the format of 13 seminars held between April and June 2015 throughout Great Britain and Ireland, which were attended by 850 enthusiasts. The seminars took the form of a 'carousel' of four breakout sessions, allowing participants to take part in discussions on all aspects of new membership and club styles.

The sharing of understanding and good practice has begun to show dividends with a number of satellite clubs forming. Associate Membership has proven popular as a 'try before you buy' scheme. There have been

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some good examples of innovation where clubs have introduced additional meetings at a time and place more convenient to people, whilst still maintaining their regular meeting.

It will take time and courage to effect these changes, but Rotary GO is continuing in 2015/16 so clubs may be supported in the plans they have to grow membership.

With limited experience of the development of new Rotary clubs in recent years, it was clear that there was a need to provide up to date advice and support about the process of developing new clubs. The New Club Formation Manual was updated to follow Rotary International guidance more closely. More significantly, the team took the opportunity provided by Rotary International Learning, Development and Training's decision to move eLearning courses to the Rotary International Learning Centre. The course, based on a 12 step approach to forming a new club, was published in May 2015.

During the latter part of the year, Rotary International indicated that their guidance on the formation of new clubs was due to be updated. Both the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Extension Officer and members of Club and District Support Team were invited to be involved. This will follow the stepped approach outlined in the E-learning course, giving a very useful learning resource to supplement the Rotary GO activities.

This development activity will be added to with a satellite club development course being published in the 2015/16 Rotary year.

Gaining new members is vitally important, but retention strategies remain key. During the year research was undertaken to get a better knowledge of why members leave Rotary.

It became clear that appreciation of their contribution through time and talents

was an important aspect of retaining members. An attractive leaflet was designed targeted particularly towards Club Presidents, but of interest to all, giving tips on retention, including eClub membership.

Visioning has proved very successful in many clubs and has helped lead to membership growth. However, in some clubs the move from the visioning exercise to implementation has proved difficult. Initial work was undertaken by the Membership Committee to develop strategies to address the issue so that assistance may be offered to clubs in facilitating this next stage. This too will proceed in the next Rotary year.

The committee also advanced involvement with Shakespeare Schools Festival and the Big Bang Technology Fair, both of which have large potential membership dividends and provide an opportunity to expand the Rotary family.

During the year we began planning an Alumni strategy. In Great Britain and Ireland there are some 65,000 people who have benefitted from Rotary programmes or have been members of Interact or Rotaract and have not joined Rotary. This is a major untapped membership resource, consisting of people who know about our work and our ethos. The strategy and plans for an Alumni Group will be rolled out in 2015/16.

Finally, we began the process of starting a nationally based eClub. Such a club could act as a 'holding area', with the potential to feed members into existing local clubs and eClubs as individuals find out more about the organisation or experience a change in circumstances.

It could also be attractive to 'leavers'. Enquiries revealed that far too many of these concealed dissatisfaction, even animosity against their club or district and saw leaving the organisation as the only option open to them. An eClub, not tied to their old club or district, could provide a valuable option for retaining them as members.

The project commenced in January and is building slowly.

Overall, 2014/15 saw a lot of activity in membership initiatives which the committee believes will help to increase our numbers and share the Gift of Rotary with others. ●

Robin Brown,
Chairman



Nepal earthquake

International Service Committee

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland's (RIBI's) International Service Committee's goals, in support of Rotary International's (RI's) Strategic Plan, increased the quality and impact of humanitarian projects, strengthened Rotarian's knowledge and engagement, and enhanced the awareness of The Rotary Foundation through funded projects.

This is a great opportunity to reflect on what the meaningful work that Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and Rotary-sponsored partnerships has achieved in 2014/15. The year was one of excellent projects based on long term sustainability, incorporating all six of Rotary's Areas of Focus. To name one or two specific projects would be unjust on the whole raft of impressive work, which can be read through the archived monthly newsletters and the Opportunities to Serve Project Library, held on the RIBI website.

The International Service Committee strived to strengthen the stockholders' commitment to evidence-based practices. These contributed to sustainability, helping to share learning and international partnerships based on equality and the pursuit of mutual, tangible benefits. In addition, demonstrable practical elements of projects proved vital in obtaining publicity, which help enhance the general public's awareness of Rotary, which boosts membership potential.

Further Inter-Country Committees

(ICCs) were formalised this year, which promote bonds between districts and clubs in two or more countries, following the official chartering of the Romania and Republic of Moldova ICC. Moreover, considerable progress was made with Mexico, with preliminary discussions also commencing with Kosovo and South Africa, in addition to the strengthening existing links with India. The links provide opportune stepping stones for a fully connected Rotary network, which will be crucial for the ongoing success of the Youth Exchange and Friendship Exchange programmes. The establishment of an RIBI ICC Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator provided long term stability, and recognition by the ICC's Executive Council.

One of the most significant global events of 2014/15 was the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the largest outbreak of the disease, which affected many countries with whom Rotarians had longstanding links. The work of Rotarians in supporting immediate and longer term sustainable projects reinforced the humanitarian, caring undertone of our organisation. At the same time, this highlighted some of the legacies of the End Polio Now programme, thanks to the use of practices and resources that would not have existed had it not been for the programme.

An equally significant event struck in April 2015, when the first of a series of

earthquakes hit Nepal. The magnitude of the damage harnessed a compassionate response from Rotarians, who responded with short term relief, and have laid foundations to help the region recover in the long term.

Once again, such natural disasters highlighted the objective and professional nature of the International Service Committee's measured responses, as countries often imposed rigorous operating procedures upon us.

The support, to both the long term projects, in accord with RI's fourth Avenue of Service, and the response to reactive projects, underlined the British reserve of getting on with the task, but not sharing such achievement. Such reservations meant that the very real Rotarian contribution, in terms of money and time cannot be objectively quantified. Is it £5 million, £10 million, £15 million per year? It would be beneficial if 2014/15 were the last year for non-conclusive returns, be they RIBI generated or RI systems, such as Rotary Central and Rotary Showcase.

I, and the whole 2014/15 International Service Committee, know of the very real commitment shown by RIBI Rotarians, along with the wider family of Rotary, and would like to pass on sincere gratitude on behalf of the recipients, who we rarely get to meet. ●

*Mike Parry,
Chairman*



Conducting a mock interview

Vocational Service Committee

At the start of the Rotary year, the Vocational Service Committee pursued two new initiatives. The first was to follow up an approach from the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission at a meeting with its Deputy Chairman, Baroness Gillian Shephard. Rotary agreed to explore the potential of supporting the aims and objectives of the Commission through its current and future projects. A series of meetings were held over the following months to clarify exactly how the Commission saw the involvement of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland in improving the lives of up to two million children being brought up in poverty. Baroness Shephard suggested that, for example, Rotary could help by taking a more proactive role, particularly in its youth programme. She said:

“There is a hole in the system that has Rotary’s name on it. Schools are up to their necks in teaching, they need to be able to pick up the phone and ask for mock interviews, a professional who can talk on a particular career, or who is in

contact with local business. Schools do not have the resources available to organise events such as career briefings and science days, which require working with local businesses and professionals, links which Rotary has already forged.”

The second initiative the committee explored was how Rotary might work with Business in the Community (BITC). BITC is to businesses what Rotary is to individuals, with members encouraging their employees to spend a day working on local community projects. Businesses across Great Britain and Ireland are driven by legions of skilled and experienced staff, while community organisations, social enterprises and schools are crying out for the resources and knowledge that business can offer. By working with Rotary clubs, BITC could provide an excellent resource to support Rotary community projects, always providing that clubs have suitable hands-on projects to offer. The details were made available to General Council, who decided that the initiative should be taken up the following year.

The Vocational Service Mid Term Review was a positive meeting, which took place at the Support Centre in September 2014. Experiences and best practice were shared on a wide range of activities and presentations including; a Rotary Charity shop raising £20,000 per year, a memory café, youth careers mentoring, a vocational study exchange scheme with Lithuania, life education buses, supporting disabled organisations, a partnership with Job Centre Plus, conducting a review of Rotarian skills, the Young Technology Tournament and a project that recycles redundant emergency fire service vehicles and provides them to the under-resourced corners of the world.

This is my third and final report to the Annual Business Meeting, and I thank all those who have served on the Committee for the last three years for their hard work, enthusiasm and fellowship. ●

*Eric Sambell OBE,
Chairman*

Rotaract Committee

As this is a backward looking report, I have to comment that again, Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland (RGBI) languished somewhat, with around 65 clubs compared with over 1,000 some 20 years ago. However, the picture did improve during the year and has continued to do so since with new clubs being formed in a number of districts. There are also others progressing towards being chartered, which is good news for growing the strength of Rotaract.

Inevitably perhaps, a number of clubs closed, but this information usually arrives anecdotally and well after the event, as the good news of new clubs travels faster and clubs are not aware of the deregistration process. This makes it difficult at any point in time to quote that a definitive number of clubs exist in RGBI, although this is a worldwide issue.

There continued to be a number of districts without a Rotaract club at all. Without an investment in our young leaders, mainly of through giving our time, one source of new members to Rotary in those districts will never be open.

A repeat of the previous year's annual Conference was not felt either appropriate or achievable by Chairman Sean Parry, as a good deal of RGBI structural reform and more commitment by Rotaractors at all levels to get the Executive body and its support into a 'fit for purpose' state is required first. This work is ongoing.

Rotaractors from a number of clubs do see the bigger picture and continue to support the European Rotaract Information Centre (ERIC) by regularly attending the European meetings. Zsofi Kulscar was the Secretary in 2014/15 and is Vice President now, a great achievement.

I was lucky enough to be invited to the annual German Rotaract Conference weekend, called Deuko, held in Augsburg in March, where there were 800 attendees. It was an event requiring some stamina (and help from translators) and very much followed the lines of the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Conference, although many of the speakers were Rotaract committee chairs giving their annual reports, invariably with some originality and using the technologies available.

I was privileged to address Deuko on the Sunday morning (the only presentation in English) to congratulate them on a



Members enjoying the Rotaract Conference

vibrant event and on their national club strength, which continues to grow due to close working relationships with Rotary clubs.

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My committee remained small but fully staffed, comprising of two other Rotarians, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Vice President Elect Eve Conway and Richard Blackman, and two Rotaractors, the Chairman Sean Parry and Chairman Elect Louise Moss. Liaison Governor to the General Council was Vivian Gicquel. We were supported from the Support Centre by staff members Andy Smith and Emily Styles. I was grateful to them all for their enthusiasm, help and support.

Rotaract was again not called to Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Assembly, thus making it more difficult to get the message out to districts and clubs that there is pent up demand

for Rotaract, it just needs Rotarians interested enough in the future of Rotary and of young adults to sponsor a new club.

I was pleased that Rotaract was invited to attend and be active at Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland President Peter King's Conference in Belfast and that those 'on the ladder' will continue with this for the next three years at least.

A successful one day workshop for incoming District Rotaract Chairs (Rotarians) and District Rotaract Representatives (Rotaractors) was held at the Support Centre in June, although it would have benefitted from a better attendance, particularly from those districts which do not have a club, or have merely one or two.

I would encourage the grasping of the Rotaract nettle and see what can be done to help grow and support Rotaract and Rotaractors in Great Britain and Ireland. I can assure you that, like most things Rotary, one gets back much more than one puts in and sometimes in the most unexpected ways. ●

Roger Heath,
Chairman

The Rotary Foundation

2014/15 was especially important for the Rotary Foundation in Great Britain and Ireland because Past Rotary International President, John Kenny, was the Chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. John's goals for the year were, to eradicate polio, to support our charity through continued giving, to ensure progression of our new Grant programme, to publicise the Rotary Peace Centres programme and to emphasise that the future health of The Rotary Foundation is in all of our hands.

This year the committee introduced a bi-monthly newsletter called 'Zone in on Foundation', edited by Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Co-ordinator Frank Hart-Venn, which was much praised for its content and appearance.

We also look forward to working with antiques specialist and television personality Eric Knowles, who will act as Champion for the Rotary Foundation in these Isles.

Polio Eradication

By the end of June 2015, 29 polio cases had been reported against 111 at the same time in the previous year. Of those, 25 were in Pakistan, and tackling the disease there remains one of the final hurdles in achieving eradication.

Within Zones 17 and 18A, the total of District Designated Funds and cash contributions to End Polio Now amounted to approximately £1,150,600, a marginal increase on the 2013 figure. The number of clubs contributing was 1,002 -56% of those in these Isles - with 14 of our 29 districts making donations through District Designated Funds. We are, hopefully, coming to end of a long journey, so we must continue to support the fight to eradicate polio and other causes.

Rotarian Mike Yates led a party of 72 volunteers to India in February 2015 for National Immunisation Day; probably our largest group ever. The forthcoming visit in February 2016 is likely to be the last, and I congratulate Mike on his outstanding contribution.

Grants Programme

This was the second year of the new Grants Programme, and whilst clubs still find some of the conditions for Grants challenging, we are becoming more familiar. There are now only two types of grant, Global and District, with the Packaged Grants being phased out. Worldwide, 1,078 Global Grants were



Rotarian and TV celebrity Eric Knowles visiting The Rotary Support Centre in Alcester

approved, with all 29 districts in these Isles receiving District Grants.

All Global Grants must conform to one of the six Areas of Focus, and it is interesting to note statistics concerning the most popular Areas worldwide:

	Disease Prevention & Treatment	330 Grants
	Water & Sanitation	302 Grants
	Economic & Community Development	167 Grants
	Education & Literacy	133 Grants
	Maternal & Child Health	78 Grants
	Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution	68 Grants

Fundraising

In 2014/15, donations to the Annual Fund through Rotary Foundation UK showed a small decrease to £1,927,990.

There was an increase in the number of Rotarians committing to 'Every Rotarian Every Year', and the number of Sustaining Members who agree to donate personally a minimum of \$100 every year, increased to 2,843. This is short of our target of 7% of members in Great Britain and Ireland.

Worldwide, it is interesting to note that The Rotary Foundation established a new record of giving to the Annual Fund of over £80 million.

Scholars now form part of the Global



Grant scheme, and last year 1,017 were granted worldwide, but over half of these scholars chose to study in Great Britain and Ireland. This has created administrative challenges for districts and clubs in a number of university cities, and there are ongoing discussions with Grant staff at The Rotary Foundation to alleviate this pressure. The popularity of our universities further endorses the need to continue the Link Weekend for incoming scholars, which this year was held in Cardiff. One weakness in the new scheme is that we are sending very few scholars abroad to study from our own districts, a trend that needs our attention to reverse.

For too long it has been assumed that projects must be abroad, but this year, two Grants were approved for projects hosted in our area, with international partners from India and Holland.

Rotary Peace Centres

There are now five universities offering Master's Degree courses in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, located in the USA, Japan, Australia, Sweden and the University of Bradford in England, where the Bill Huntley memorial Peace Seminar continues annually.

Ian Legge,
Chairman

Community Service Committee

It was an exciting year for the Community Service Committee, with new initiatives taking shape across Great Britain and Ireland, along with some familiar favourites. Our strength is in the service we offer communities and I would encourage you to look at these projects and strive to emulate them in some way.

Rotary Ride

This year featured the inaugural Rotary Ride event, a charity bike ride which took place across Great Britain and Ireland to raise money and awareness for four prostate cancer charities in these Isles.

Nearly 250 events took place with approximately 20,000 riders getting involved with a real mix of age and ability. This included family ride around Grafton Park in Manchester, a coastal ride in Devon and even a static ride on the Stena Ferry across the Irish Sea!

The event achieved lots of local, regional and national media coverage, giving us the chance to show to the general public the wonderful ways Rotary is making a difference. The Rotary Ride will be returning next year, where I'm sure it will go from strength to strength.

Community in Action

There are simply too many wonderful projects to feature them all here, but I have selected just a few which truly capture the community spirit that continues to spread across Great Britain and Ireland.

Our clubs were once again supportive of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, particularly in Nottinghamshire, where over 200 Rotarians and friends from 16 clubs collaborated to knit poppies to mark 100 years since the start of World War I.

Collaboration was again the order of the day following the closing of this year's V Festival, where 330 members from 39 Rotary clubs along with 200 volunteers collected over 5,000 items of camping equipment to be donated to the International Aid Trust.

From offering free blood pressure checks to tens of thousands of people in partnership with the Stroke Association, to providing communities with potentially lifesaving defibrillators and making businesses more accessible to the hard of hearing, Rotary clubs made a difference in a variety of ways.

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The Community Service Awards

The Rodney Huggins Environmental Award

This award was established to celebrate the environmental achievements of Rotary members, and this year's winner was the Rotary Club of Denby Dale. They used their combined skills to restore a series of flowerbeds and gardens at nearby railway stations, to bring a welcome facelift and splash of colour to the area.

Special Award for Community Service

The Rotary Club of Harrogate was this year's winner of the Special Award for Community Service for their environmental project for the centennial commemoration of the start of World War I. Partnering with 34 schools from the surrounding areas, each were given a 12 foot tree to plant in Harrogate Stray, a

200 acre public common in the town. Each tree was dedicated to a regiment who fought in the conflict.

Community Service Cup

The Community Service Cup was created to annually recognise the clubs who have established schemes and projects to benefit the community in which it is located.

Winner:

Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Helston-Lizard

Both clubs joined together to provide a new on-site kitchen for BF Adventure, a charity and outdoor activity centre in Cornwall which provides disabled and disadvantaged people with the opportunity to grow their skills for education and employment.

Runner up:

Rotary Club of Coventry Breakfast

The club worked with local schools to create a huge butterfly collage, all to raise money for a local hospice supporting the terminally ill. The collage went on display in the centre of Coventry and was visited by thousands of people. ●

Mukesh Malhotra,
Chairman



Community in action - Collecting tents and camping equipment left at V Festival



Rotary Young Chef Competition

Youth Service Committee

2014/15 represented another great year for youth projects within Rotary in these Isles, with thousands of young people taking part in a variety of competitions across creative arts, science and cookery. A great deal of gratitude goes to Rotary clubs across the country, whose sponsorship of entrants makes the competitions possible.

Youth Speaks

This annual competition encourages the improvement of communication skills among young people, through public speaking presentations within topical subject areas. The competition was again kindly sponsored by Gandys.

The winners of the intermediate category this year, with speakers aged 11 to 14, was Colchester Royal Grammar School, speaking on 'The Importance of Learning Languages', sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colchester Forum.

Other winners included:

Best Chairperson

Ella James, of West Exe School, Exeter, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Exeter.

Best Speaker

Gorak Rajesh, of Colchester Royal Grammar School.

Best Vote of Thanks

Annie Gould, of Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glasgow.

The winners of this year's senior category, with speakers aged 14 to 18, from the High School, Glasgow, were given the topic of 'Learning to Learn, Teaching to Teach', sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glasgow.

Other winners included:

Best Chairperson

Adil Ali, of Adams Grammar School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wellington.

Best Speaker

Murray Webster, of the High School of Glasgow.

Best Vote of Thanks

Christopher O'Leary, of the High School of Glasgow.

Young Musician

Once again, the talent of young musicians was fostered by Rotary, as the National Final of this year's Young Musician competition took place at Darwen Vale High School. A wide array of instrumentalists and vocalists showcased their exceptional talents on the public stage, with Anna Bernardin, Philip Dewhurst and Robin Humphreys kindly adjudicating the event, which was again sponsored by Harrods.

Best Instrumentalist

Pianist Iain Clarke, from Arran High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Isle of Arran.

Best Vocal

Nick Gartland of Priestly College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Warrington.

Young Writer & Young Photographer

The Young Writer and Young Photographer competitions saw its competitors get their creative juices flowing by producing some highly imaginative pieces along this year's theme of 'Light up Your Community'.

Whether it's with pen or a camera in hand, the competition helped to develop their artistic talents and skills of expression.

Young Writer

Of the 56 entries in this year's National Final, the following winners were selected:

Junior

Cerridwen Gray, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hebden Bridge

Intermediate

Megan Newton, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stanley

Senior

Luanne Thornton, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elland

Young Photographer

From the 50 entries shortlisted, the winners were as follows:

Junior

Charlotte Stothard, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wearside

Intermediate

Thomas Snow, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stokesley

Senior

Hette Stainer, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Folkestone

Young Chef

Cooking is an absolutely vital skill for young people and the competition gives them a platform to show their culinary talents, as well as learning about food hygiene and what makes a healthy lifestyle.

The National Final was held at Coleg Cambria in Deeside, where contestants from the eight Regional Finals produced some first class dishes. Contestants were tasked with preparing a three course meal, and were judged on ten criteria, including the costing, planning and presentation of dishes, as well as taste of course!

This year's Rotary Young Chef was again sponsored by Filippio Berio, with the top prize of National Winner going to Lewis Wilson from Forest School, Horsham, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Horsham.

Rotary Technology Tournaments and Big Bang Fair

Rotary Technology Tournaments went from strength to strength this year, with some 6,500 students participating in the events around Great Britain and Ireland, a huge increase on last year's 4,000 entrants, which is extremely encouraging.

A tournament consists of teams of four students undertaking an unseen challenge of a design, build and test nature, against the clock. The task is consistent with the requirements of the national curriculum, with its execution developing team building, communication, planning and time management skills whilst solving the design and technology problem in question.

The Technology Tournament team also had a stand at the National Big Bang event held at the NEC, Birmingham in March, where some 79,000 students, teachers and parents attended.

RotaKids

The junior branch of Rotary is RotaKids, for children aged between seven and 12, who, even at a young age, have the desire and appetite to make a difference. This year, 49 RotaKids Citations were issued, along with 47 clubs becoming chartered. At the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Conference, Cumbria and

Lancashire scooped the award for most RotaKids Clubs chartered, with six.

Interact

Interact; the strand of Rotary for young people aged between 12 and 18 continued their great work this year. Based in schools and colleges, Interactors take part in two annual projects which benefit communities at home and abroad. In 2014/15, 17 Interact Citations were issued, with 34 clubs chartered.

At the Rotary Interact Rally, the following awards were distributed:

Attendance Award

Cwmtawe Interact Club

International Award

Cardiff Young Carers Interact Club

Community Award

Cwmtawe Interact Club

North Wales and Merseyside took home the award for most Interact Clubs chartered this year, with five clubs. Princes Risborough School Interact Club were also commended with the Best Interact Project for their Dementia Café, which has really helped to change lives in a local community in Cumbria and Lancashire.

Youth Leadership Awards

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive residential programme which helps young people to harness their leadership skills through both physical and intellectual challenges. By participating in teams, over 1,000 young people who took part were able to build confidence in themselves and their abilities, as well as tackling tasks surrounding conflict resolution, problem solving and communication. Feedback from the participants is that the programme has given them confidence and developed skills they never knew they had.

Young Citizen Awards

Young people under the age of 25 were again commended on their citizenship and positive impact with projects across Great Britain and Ireland. The award was developed to acknowledge the success stories and celebrate the lengths young people have gone to help others, often overcoming their own personal adversity to put others first.

The awards, which were presented at

the Rotary Annual Conference in Belfast and were featured on national television, showcases Rotary at its best. From a pool of almost 70 nominees, the following were honoured with awards.

Aled Griffiths, 11
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Plymouth

Jamie Harrington, 16
Luke Clerkin, 23
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Dublin Central

Conor Begley, 17
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Dundalk

Bella Field, 9
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Redbridge

Katriona Goodsell, 19
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Plympton

Chloe Ball-Hopkins, 18
Nominated by the Rotary Club of Cotswold Tyndale and winner of the WheelPower Charity Young Paralympian Award

We were delighted to have the WheelPower Charity fund an additional award, and are pleased they have agreed to extend this additional award until 2016/17.

Eve Conway, Vice President Elect for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, commented: "The achievements of these young people are outstanding and serve as an inspiration to us all. They go above and beyond to help make a difference to the lives of other people, putting the needs of others before their own to bring about change. I wish them all the very best of luck for the future and I'm sure they will continue to build on their successes."

Two of the Award winners, Chloe Ball-Hopkins and Aled Griffiths, were also presented with a prestigious Award through the Diana (Princess Diana) Award Scheme.

Another winner, Bella Field, was invited by the Rotary International (RI) President 2014/15, Gary Huang, to attend and speak at the 2015 RI Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. At the end of her speech, she was given a standing ovation. You can still see a video of her speech via the RI website members' area. Make sure you have some tissues handy. ●

Lynne Deavin,
Chairman

Donations Trust

In many ways the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Donations Trust is one of the best kept secrets of Rotary in these Isles. This charitable trust was formed in December 2004, initially to hold and distribute funds received following the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Since then it has been used to collate and distribute funds to support sustainable projects and assist in rebuilding communities, often to compliment the work of The Rotary Foundation. Support is given to projects organised by Rotarians, clubs or districts in areas in need both at home and overseas.



The largest appeal since it started related to flooding in Great Britain and Ireland. In total, over £1.2 million has been received since then, with over £1 million in grants being made. There are still funds remaining to support projects in the future.

In addition to a general disaster fund given for grants at the discretion of the Trustees where no specific appeal has been launched, there are a number of restricted funds.

At the beginning of the year, the Donations Trust held some £97,279 in funds to be spent in the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan. As mentioned in last year's Annual Report, these funds have been forwarded to a charity set up by the senior Rotary leaders in that country following the disaster. Detailed reports have been received from them and these funds, together with donations from around the Rotary world, have been used to repair and rebuild schools devastated by the typhoon.

During the year, the balance of the funds held in the South East Asia appeal have been used by a club in Great Britain and Ireland to provide educational equipment in the Philippines. Steps have also been taken to find projects in the areas of Pakistan hit by flooding, some of which are affected on an annual basis.



In the 2014/15 Rotary year, Nepal was devastated by not only two major earthquakes, but also by numerous aftershocks. Thousands were killed and millions displaced. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland's President Peter King launched an appeal so that individuals, clubs and districts could pool funds to help in the rebuilding of communities affected by the earthquakes. At the time of writing over £150,000 has been received so far. The effects of the earthquakes on life in Nepal present challenges for clubs when it comes to finalising their plans, although two grants have already been made and others are at an advanced stage of planning. It is hoped that these, and others still to come, can use the available funds to help local clubs in Nepal to rebuild schools, community centres and lives devastated by the earthquakes.

In the 2015/16 Rotary year, it is hoped that clubs and districts can become more aware of the Donations Trust and the availability of financial assistance for their projects, subject to them meeting the criteria for Grants. ●

Greg Thacker,
Chairman



Rotary Support Centre

Premises Trustees' Report

As I reported last year, we are now on the final lap of the Support Centre building improvements. By the time you read this the moving of the Finance and Rotary Foundation UK (RFUK) offices downstairs will be underway. In addition, we will be planning for a lounge area for visitors available upstairs and the remaining toilet facilities will be upgraded.

Once all staff activities are located downstairs we shall be in a position to make the whole of the first floor facilities available for hire to outside parties, something we have been aiming to do for some time.

We have identified the need to install air conditioning in the downstairs work areas; last summer the staff were suffering working conditions that were possibly outside the legal limits. Hopefully this can be installed in conjunction with the move of the Finance and RFUK offices before the (ever optimistic) hot summer weather.

Health and Safety matters are something of which the Trustees are acutely conscious. We now have a designated staff member with this specific responsibility and as a result, have comprehensive procedures in place.

As I have said previously, the work of the Trustees, Past Presidents Norman Proctor, Rodney Huggins and David Liddiatt is largely unseen, but is vital to ensure that the Association's principal asset is protected, safeguarded and if possible enhanced. I would like to extend my thanks to them for their considerable assistance. It would be remiss of me not to place on record our thanks to our General Secretary, Amanda Watkin. We have a close working relationship that makes our work so much easier. ●

Noel Fryer,
Chairman

Donations and Grant

	Fund balance at 30/6/14	Donations received in year	Grants paid in year	Fund balance at 30/6/15
	£	£	£	£
UK Flood Appeal	160,608	-	-	160,608
SE Asia Earthquake Appeal	5,564	-	5,564	-
Pakistan Floods Appeal	37,602	-	-	37,602
Philippines Appeal	97,279	-	97,279	-
Nepal Earthquake Appeal	-	130,292	-	130,292
General Disaster Fund	19,586	1,282	-	20,868

2014/15

RIBI Accounts & Resolutions



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RIBI Accounts year to 30th June 2015

In April 2014 in Birmingham, the Annual Business meeting agreed a budget that would take £146K out of Reserves which I am able to report did not happen. There were several reasons which has meant that 2014/15 generated a surplus of £121.5K although £104.5K represented realised capital gains from the RIBI investment portfolio. The RIBI Executive and General Council have been examining all expenditure with a view to reducing costs wherever possible.

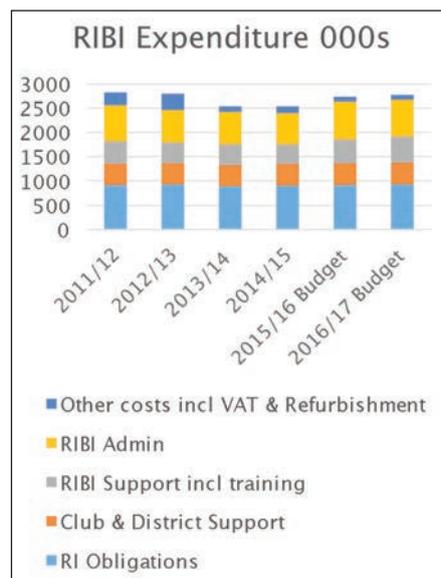
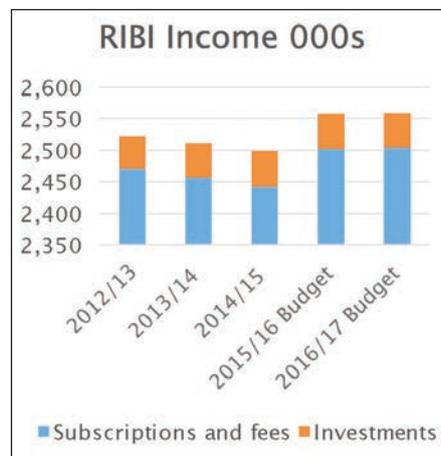
Notable has been the reduction in cost of the RIBI Assemblies. The big Assembly in Birmingham each year was out-growing the venue so a decision was made to introduce 5 Regional Assemblies for the Service Committees and a Leadership Assembly to which all Assistant Governors would be called in addition to the District Governors, Governors Elect and Governors Nominee. This reduced the cost by almost £50K against budget and more than £30K on the previous year event when not every Assistant Governor was called. Furthermore, by having Regional Assemblies at a much lower cost for registration, Districts also saved money and more Rotarians were able to attend and hear of the plans for the following year.

Unfortunately, the Conference in Belfast did not have the numbers attending that had been anticipated which meant the net cost was greater than budget but only by £15K if one includes the Annual Business Meeting which is a separate budget line. It is disappointing that advertising revenue within the Rotary magazine has not recovered since the change of contractor and has cost money in 2014-15 and continues to do so.

Administration costs have been pruned significantly with useful savings compared with budget and previous years. Our General Secretary and staff work tirelessly, introducing flexible working enabling telephones to be answered from 8.30am throughout the working day. Staffing has been below complement through much of the year relying on secondees to assist with marketing and public image.

Messrs Dafferns continue to audit the accounts and provide advice to the Finance Team from time to time.

The balance sheet continues to be strong with unallocated reserves of £1.75M and a further reserve in the value of the Alcester building.



Budget for 2016/17

Numbers of Rotarians in Clubs in RIBI continue to drop by approximately 2% year by year. You can see from the budget that is proposed and agreed by General Council that several areas have been allocated an increase in expenditure which I would like to give additional explanation.

The Rotary magazine is unlikely to be in a breakeven situation but I am hoping with planned themed issues and a more focussed appeal to advertisers that more of the production and distribution cost can be recovered. I think the most popular service that is provided centrally, judging by the numbers of enquiries and claims is the Combined Liability Cover afforded by our insurers. Regrettably, with an increasing claims experience, the cost of cover is forecast to increase. Some of the claims could have been avoided by using common-sense and

adhering to Risk Assessments prepared by clubs for their events.

2017 is the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, it is also, possibly, the year when Polio has finally been eradicated a promise first made by Rotarians in 1985. There will still need to be work done on maintaining the world polio free and a small increase in the Public Image and Marketing budget has been allocated.

The budget for District Grants is being maintained which will mean a small increase in payments to Districts as there will be only 25 Districts in RIBI in 2016-17 compared with 26 currently. The budget for Assemblies is predicted on the experience that was gained in 2014-15 but allowing for an increase in room rates. The RIBI committees are being asked to grasp the opportunities provided by webinars and 'go-to-meeting' applications which will not only save some money but also time for those on committees by not having to journey to a central meeting place, often Alcester.

'Rotary Go' seminars are being praised for raising the need for recruiting and retaining members which has been funded by Rotary International up to now. One of the conditions of funding was that the activity was continued in 2016-17 but funded by RIBI. £50K has been allocated to the Membership Committee in the hope that the good words and deeds of Robin Brown and his team can be turned into positive action by Rotarians in Clubs and deliver some growth in our organisation.

It is hoped that the refurbishment of the premises at Alcester will be completed in the current year but in case there are delays I have included £10K to cover this possibility.

I have commented about the reserves being retained in previous reports and there is an argument that any increase in subscription be kept to a minimum and for reserves to be used to cover the gap between potential income and expenditure. The danger being that, with the current trend in membership, we may require reserves to last longer than currently envisaged. I am therefore proposing a subscription of £52 for 2016-17 but still using £118K of reserves on top of the potential need to use almost £163K of reserves in the current year. These reserves have been built up over a period of many years and I believe prudent management should be the watchword.

Nigel Barnfield,
Honorary Treasurer

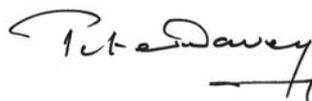
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2015

	2013/14		2014/15	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Actual	Note	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
	£		£	Unaudited	Unaudited	Proposed
				£	£	£
1	2,389,420	Annual subscriptions	2,441,955	2,428,500	2,453,000	2,553,150
2	66,985	Affiliation and charter fees	44,685	46,500	48,750	48,000
3	54,812	Investment income	56,632	55,000	55,000	55,000
4	-	Secretariat office facility letting income	-	-	10,000	10,000
5						
6	<u>2,511,217</u>		<u>2,543,272</u>	<u>2,530,000</u>	<u>2,566,750</u>	<u>2,666,150</u>
7						
8		Deduct:				
9		Service to clubs and members				
10	(3,792)	Shop and club publications	(2,810)	(2,025)	(348)	(763)
11	72,056	RIBI annual conference	44,220	6,865	1,134	-
12	24,812	RIBI annual business meeting	11,192	33,000	23,000	25,000
13	(4,910)	Rotary Today magazine	31,087	2,000	9,000	19,750
14	121,284	Insurance services	130,976	131,033	138,735	142,381
15						
16		Training activities				
17	128,721	RIBI assembly	96,614	145,900	123,851	107,051
18	32,830	Other training events and services	31,783	42,763	52,353	82,585
19						
20		District support				
21	315,400	District grants	315,400	315,400	300,000	300,000
22	912	New club formation	1,510	5,000	5,000	5,000
23						
24		Service through RIBI				
25	61,396	General Council obligations	52,975	67,480	65,452	70,550
26	41,746	RIBI committees	42,989	54,321	46,046	44,420
27	27,513	Youth events and grants	26,119	33,503	34,503	32,554
28	40,897	Publicity and marketing	59,956	65,250	129,000	140,400
29	3,770	Promotional reserve claims	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000
30						
31						
32	887,597	Rotary International obligations	907,328	908,722	922,232	936,524
33						
34	669,118	RIBI administrative costs	633,600	715,365	728,170	765,008
35	-	Premises refurbishment costs	30,604	50,000	50,000	10,000
36	7,602	Restructuring costs	3,000	-	-	-
37	82,127	Non reclaimable VAT	79,292	85,000	85,000	80,000
38	9,689	Investment management charges	10,722	11,000	11,000	11,000
39	5,577	Taxation	17,135	3,000	500	8,000
40						
41	<u>2,524,345</u>		<u>2,526,192</u>	<u>2,676,077</u>	<u>2,729,628</u>	<u>2,784,460</u>
42						
43	(13,128)	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	17,080	(146,077)	(162,878)	(118,310)
44						
45						
46	62,236	Realised capital gains/(losses)	104,416	-	-	-
47						
48	49,108	Surplus/(deficit) for year after capital gains	121,496	(146,077)	(162,878)	(118,310)
49						
50	-	Transfer (to)/from maintenance reserve	-	-	-	-
51						
52	49,108	Surplus/(deficit) transferred to/(from) reserves	121,496	(146,077)	(162,878)	(118,310)
53						
54						
55	14,672	Public image campaign surplus/(deficit)	(14,714)	-	-	-

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2015

	At 30 th June 2013/14		Note	At 30 th June 2014/15	
	£	£		£	£
1	261,867				
2	9,367				
3					
4	271,234				279,937
5					9,484
6	1,314,625				
7					
8	1,585,859				1,405,537
9					
10		17,616			
11		232,236			
12		379,548			
13					
14					
15		629,400			
16					698,184
17		(303,579)			
18					(374,680)
19	325,821				
20					
21					
22	1,911,680				323,504
23					
24					
25	265,838				
26	1,645,842				
27					
28	1,911,680				2,018,462

Approved by the General Council



P. Davey
President



Nigel Barnfield
Honorary Treasurer

Date: 1st December 2015

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2015

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

b) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	3% p.a.	straight line
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	5 - 10 years	straight line
Office equipment	3 - 5 years	straight line
Photocopying and computer equipment, and website	3 years	straight line

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

All items of equipment with a cost of £500 or above are treated as capital items and depreciated in accordance with the bases noted above. Equipment costing less than £500 is written off to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year of purchase.

c) Investments

Investments are stated at cost. No provision is made against the cost unless it is considered that the diminution in value is permanent. These investments are held in managed funds by Brewin Dolphin, as part of a pool of investments.

d) Stock

Stocks of club stationery, supplies, badges and office stationery are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

e) Subscription income

Revenue from subscriptions is recognised in the year in which it is received.

f) Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the result for the year.

g) Related Party Transactions

A. Watkin is a director of People Realm Limited. During the year Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland purchased training services from People Realm Limited totalling £2,500 (2014: £nil). There were no outstanding amounts owed at the balance sheet date.

h) Pension scheme

The Association operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees.

i) Maintenance reserve

Essential maintenance work is required to be carried out on the Association's property in the medium term. Separate reserves are designated to cover the cost of this work.

j) Reserves

The policy of the Association is to retain in General Reserve sufficient funds from net current assets plus investments at market value less one half of the gain over cost less tax to cover 85% of a year's expenditure (excluding Rotary International dues and district grants).

Allocation of income

	2014/15 Actual £	2016/17 Budget £
Shop and club publications	(0.06)	(0.02)
RIBI annual conference	0.88	0.00
RIBI annual business meeting	0.22	0.52
Rotary Today magazine	0.62	0.41
Insurance services	2.61	2.94
RIBI assembly	1.92	2.21
Other training events and services	0.63	1.70
District grants	6.28	6.19
New club formation	0.03	0.10
General Council obligations	1.06	1.45
RIBI committees	0.86	0.92
Youth events and grants	0.50	0.62
Publicity and marketing	1.19	2.89
Promotional reserve claims	0.05	0.10
RI Obligations	18.08	19.31
RIBI Administration Costs	12.62	15.77
Premises refurbishment costs	0.61	0.21
Restructuring costs	0.06	0.00
Non-reclaimable VAT	1.58	1.65
Investment Management Charges	0.21	0.23
Taxation	0.34	0.16
	50.29	57.36
Other Income	(2.67)	(2.97)
	47.62	54.39
Surplus/(Deficit)	0.38	(2.39)
RIBI subscription	48.00	52.00



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2015

	2013/14		2014/15 Actual £	2014/15 Budget Unaudited £	2015/16 Budget Unaudited £	2016/17 Budget Proposed £
	Actual £					
		2 Investment income				
1	4,361	Interest received (gross)	1,343	15,000	3,000	3,000
2	50,451	Dividends received (net)	55,289	40,000	52,000	52,000
3						
4	54,812		56,632	55,000	55,000	55,000
5						
6		3 Annual conference				
7		Operational costs				
8	99,194	Venue and equipment costs	45,374	50,600	43,065	83,011
9	(3,697)	House of Friendship	(2,144)	(2,600)	(2,700)	(2,850)
10	1,697	Photography/publicity/signage/printing	2,450	3,600	3,600	3,500
11	4,149	Expenses of chair/host club/committee	4,516	6,200	3,400	3,800
12	10,202	Other operational expenses	17,394	11,428	11,500	11,438
13						
14	111,545		67,590	69,228	58,865	98,899
15	23,804	Headquarters costs	44,908	27,195	22,804	33,058
16	4,186	Speakers fees and expenses	14,198	11,225	1,752	10,000
17	2,076	Social events	(3,575)	(10,038)	(7,283)	(6,647)
18	7,731	Administration	10,846	17,400	33,323	6,700
19						
20	149,342		133,967	115,010	109,461	142,010
21		Less:				
22	(74,571)	Registrations	(62,817)	(80,145)	(105,327)	(130,610)
23	(2,715)	Advertising	(1,930)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
24	-	Sponsorship	(25,000)	(25,000)	-	(8,400)
25						
26	72,056		44,220	6,865	1,134	-
27						
28		4 Annual business meeting				
29		Cost of in hall & online Voting	-	-	10,000	10,000
30	2,475	Live Streaming	8,724	2,500	2,500	10,000
31	13,075	Annual report printing costs	2,468	10,500	10,500	5,000
32	9,262	Voting delegate costs	-	20,000	-	-
33						
34	24,812		11,192	33,000	23,000	25,000
35						
36		5 Official publication				
37	85,543	Production	73,237	62,000	81,000	83,500
38	48,474	Distribution	49,797	40,000	48,000	56,250
39	(138,927)	Less: advertising revenue	(91,947)	(100,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)
40						
41	(4,910)		31,087	2,000	9,000	19,750
42						
43		6 Other training events				
44	4,511	District trainers training event	3,611	4,158	5,000	5,000
45	10,035	Mid Year Review events	9,941	14,000	14,000	-
46	4,256	DGE Seminar	3,879	4,000	4,500	4,500
47	9,116	Other seminar/webinar costs (incl. Rotary Go 16/17)	11,446	11,500	19,000	63,400
48	2,706	E-learning	696	5,000	6,000	6,000
49	2,206	Leadership, Development and Training committee	2,210	4,105	3,853	3,685
50						
51	32,830		31,783	42,763	52,353	82,585
52						
53		7 General Council obligations				
54	39,646	General council meeting and official costs	29,802	30,630	28,752	33,100
55	21,750	Officers and representatives expenses	23,173	36,850	36,700	37,450
56						
57	61,396		52,975	67,480	65,452	70,550

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	2013/14		2014/15	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Actual		Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
	£		£	Unaudited	Unaudited	Proposed
				£	£	£
58	39,688	8 RIBI standing, service and administrative committees	36,850	44,321	42,046	40,420
59	2,058	Committee meetings	6,139	10,000	4,000	4,000
60		Committee promotional activities				
61	41,746		42,989	54,321	46,046	44,420
62						
63						
64		Officers' expenses				
65		Other				
66	President	Officers		President	Other	
67	£	£		£	£	
68	16,686	12,703		17,124	10,878	
69	4,461	11,526		8,250	12,031	
70	724	7,993		1,757	5,273	
71						
71	21,871	32,222		27,131	28,182	
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79		9 Youth events and grants				
80	16,224	Youth events national finals	13,094	20,003	21,003	22,054
81	4,289	Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland	2,695	2,500	2,500	2,500
82	3,000	Interact Multi-district Rally	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
83	4,000	RIBI Districts Youth Exchange Association	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
84	-	Link event for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars	3,330	4,000	4,000	4,000
85	27,513		26,119	33,503	34,503	32,554
86						
87						
88		10 Marketing and publicity				
89	15,133	Public relations costs	35,897	16,850	18,600	20,000
90	25,764	General marketing/advertising materials	24,059	48,400	110,400	120,400
91						
92	40,897		59,956	65,250	129,000	140,400
93						
94						
95		11 Promotional reserve				
96		The charge for the year to 30th June 2015 is made up of claims as follows:				
97						
98		District 1200 - Support for Promotional Stand			150	
99		District 1140 - Rotary Flower Box			750	
100		District 1170 - TV Broadcasting Event			800	
101		District 1290 - TV B-roadcasting Event			800	
102						
103					2,500	
104						
105						
106		12 Rotary International obligations				
107	12,365	Rotary International meetings	13,824	14,895	20,395	16,427
108	874,601	Per capita dues	892,082	890,577	898,587	918,149
109	631	Charter fees	1,422	3,250	3,250	1,948
110						
111	887,597		907,328	908,722	922,232	936,524

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2015

2013/14		2014/15	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
Actual £		Actual £	Budget Unaudited £	Budget Unaudited £	Budget Proposed £	
13 Administrative costs						
a) Staff costs						
1	432,820	Staff salaries (incl. temporary staff)	457,674	485,449	488,000	525,500
2	44,108	Staff pensions and insurances	45,236	50,855	55,021	57,175
3	35,840	Employers National Insurance	33,933	46,271	43,000	43,000
4	24,916	Other staff costs	20,537	14,599	19,800	24,650
5	(72,939)	Contribution from TRF re RFUK	(79,101)	(80,734)	(82,349)	(83,996)
6						
7	464,745		478,279	516,440	523,472	566,329
8						
9						
b) Premises costs						
10	28,729	Rates and water	31,675	30,986	31,374	33,778
11	9,412	Light and heat	9,063	11,573	12,730	12,730
12	14,727	Cleaning, ground and other services	14,322	17,700	17,783	16,240
13	8,324	Property maintenance	3,955	12,112	11,707	5,497
14	10,502	Property depreciation	10,502	10,500	10,500	10,502
15						
16	71,694		69,517	82,871	84,094	78,747
17						
18						
c) Administration costs						
19	16,925	Telephone, fax and internet	8,000	19,837	20,042	9,600
20	3,093	Postage	1,573	6,100	3,600	2,500
21	22,111	Photocopying and stationery	13,675	24,510	24,165	17,578
22	15,207	Fixtures and equipment depreciation	24,650	13,200	14,867	25,700
23	49,822	Equipment repairs/maintenance and IT support	32,489	41,865	48,494	54,100
24	2,649	Leasing charges and costs	3,751	2,750	2,750	4,000
25	8,789	Central insurances	12,922	10,373	10,373	13,167
26	25,985	Bank charges and exchange variances	2,002	4,500	4,500	4,400
27	997	General and miscellaneous expenses	2,246	2,247	3,247	3,800
28	(30,019)	Contribution from TRF re RFUK	(32,461)	(26,400)	(32,000)	(34,900)
29						
30	115,559		68,847	98,982	100,038	99,945
31						
32						
d) Legal and professional fees						
33	7,875	Audit and accountancy charges	7,905	6,000	8,000	8,160
34	3,933	Legal fees	4,842	1,815	1,997	2,196
35	570	Premises inspection and other fees	-	1,158	1,216	-
36	-	General professional fees	-	4,099	4,353	4,631
37	4,742	HR fees	4,210	4,000	5,000	5,000
38						
39	17,120		16,957	17,072	20,566	19,987
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41	669,118	Total administrative costs	633,600	715,365	728,170	765,008
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Staffing levels and remuneration

During the year to 30 June 2015, an average of 19 staff were employed at the Secretariat, 13 full time and six part time. Remuneration of the staff including pensions and insurances, but excluding Employers' National Insurance, can be summarised as follows:

Less than £20,000	13
£20,001 to £30,000	5
£30,001 to £40,000	1
£40,001 to £50,000	2
Over £50,000	1

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14 Tangible fixed assets		Freehold land and buildings £	Office and computer equipment £	Total £
	Cost:			
1	At 1 July 2014	450,088	215,199	665,287
2	Additions	-	53,223	53,223
3	Disposals	-	(315)	(315)
4				
5	At 30 June 2015	<u>450,088</u>	<u>268,107</u>	<u>718,195</u>
6				
7	Accumulated depreciation:			
8	At 1 July 2014	241,965	161,456	403,420
9	Charge for the year	10,502	24,650	35,153
10	Disposals	-	(315)	(315)
11				
12	At 30 June 2015	<u>252,467</u>	<u>185,791</u>	<u>438,258</u>
13				
14	Net book value:			
15	At 30 June 2015	<u>197,621</u>	<u>82,316</u>	<u>279,937</u>
16				
17	At 30 June 2014	<u>208,124</u>	<u>53,743</u>	<u>261,867</u>
18				
19				
20	The building has been insured for a value equivalent to a reinstatement cost of £1.97 million.			
21	Included in freehold land and buildings is £100,000 of non-depreciable land. The four			
22	premises trustees act as legal custodians of the premises on behalf of all members of RIBI.			
23				
24	2013/14			2014/15
25	£			£
26	1,169,500			1,209,317
27	145,125			196,220
28				
29	<u>1,314,625</u>			<u>1,405,537</u>
30				
31				
32	1,358,344			1,275,925
33	145,125			196,220
34				
35	<u>1,503,469</u>			<u>1,472,145</u>
36				
37				
38	31,019			6,199
39	184,277			254,776
40	15,672			34,263
41	1,268			15,404
42				
43	<u>232,236</u>			<u>310,642</u>
44				
45				
46	308,490			330,010
47	401			443
48	69,865			44,485
49	792			933
50				
51	<u>379,548</u>			<u>375,871</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2015

	2013/14 £		2014/15 £
		18 Creditors	
		Amounts falling due within one year	
1	3,500	Corporation tax	13,000
2	10,668	Other taxation and social security	14,829
3	289,010	Creditors and provisions	346,408
4	401	RIBI Convention Breakfast bank account	443
5			
6	<u>303,579</u>		<u>374,680</u>
7			

		Balance at 1 July 2014 £	Surplus/ (deficit) for year £	Transfers between reserves £	Balance at 30 June 2015 £
	19 Reserves				
14	Promotional reserve	59,000	-	-	59,000
15	Premises maintenance reserve	70,838	-	-	70,838
16	Insurance reserve	36,000	-	-	36,000
17	Exchange rate reserve	100,000	-	-	100,000
18					
19	Total allocated reserves	265,838	-	-	265,838
20					
21	General reserves	1,618,686	121,496	-	1,740,182
22	Public Image campaign surplus	27,156	(14,714)	-	12,442
23					
24	Total reserves	<u>1,911,680</u>	<u>106,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,018,462</u>

Promotional reserve

A promotional reserve of £59,000 was established on 1st July 2002. Those claims awarded in the year are charged to the Income and Expenditure account for that year (see note 11).

Premises maintenance reserve

The premises maintenance reserve has been established to ensure that there is adequate provision to meet major refurbishment costs for the premises arising in the future.

Insurance reserve

The insurance reserve provides funds to support the self-insurance scheme for club regalia.

Exchange rate reserve

The exchange rate reserve provides funds to cover losses arising from exchange rate variations that can be identified as arising in the year following the financial year end.

	2013/14 Actual		2014/15 Actual	2014/15 Budget unaudited	2015/16 Budget unaudited	2016/17 Budget unaudited
		20 Public image campaign				
48	141,071	Income through annual subscriptions	-	-	-	-
49		Deduct costs:				
50	(109,912)	Local newspaper and radio costs	(12,750)	-	-	-
51	(16,487)	Non reclaimable VAT	(1,964)	-	-	-
52						
53	(126,399)	Public image campaign costs	(14,714)	-	-	-
54						
55	<u>14,672</u>	Surplus transferred to/(from) reserves	<u>(14,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Independent Auditor's Report

To the member clubs of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

We have audited the financial statements of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland for the year ended 30 June 2015 which comprise Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the

Association and the Association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of council members and auditors

The council members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are

free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the council members; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 30 June 2015, and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Dated: 1st December 2015



Richard Miller MA (Oxon) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Dafferns LLP Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors One Eastwood, Harry Weston Road, Binley Business Park, Coventry CV3 2UB



Introduction

Bournemouth pier

These introductory notes are for the benefit of all delegates attending the business meeting in Bournemouth. The meeting will be regulated under the Association's Standing Orders, which are contained in the RIBI Constitutional documents pages 28 to 34 (version July 2015).

If any Rotarian wishes to address the meeting in the debates which are to take place, it would be helpful to everyone if they could make their way to a microphone well in advance. It would be helpful to the Chairman of the meeting if he knew whether it was the intention of the Rotarian to speak **for** the resolution (green card), **against** the resolution (red card), **to close the debate** (blue card) or to raise a **procedural point** (yellow card). Speakers will not be recognised if they do not use a microphone, nor will their valuable contributions to the debate be recorded. Speakers should commence their remarks with a clear statement of their name and club only.

The proposer for each resolution will be allowed **5** minutes to state their case. All other speakers will be allowed **3** minutes. Before the resolution is put to the vote, the proposer will be allowed a further **3** minutes to exercise their right of reply. The reply shall be strictly confined to answering previous speakers, and any new matter shall not be introduced into the debate. The rostrum lights will turn from **green to amber** when **1** minute of speaking time remains. A **red** light indicates that the permitted time has expired

and speakers must close within **10** seconds, after which time the microphone will switch off, unless the business meeting approves an extension. The Chairman has indicated that he will enforce these rules.

Standing Order 16. Amendments to be in Writing – Every amendment shall be moved and seconded by a duly accredited voting delegate and shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association not later than seven days before the first day of the annual conference, and shall be read before it is further discussed or put to the meeting. However, the chairman may waive such requirement on the basis that the proposed amendment is clearly understandable and straightforward as orally stated from the floor by the proposer of such amendment and a written copy is handed to the General Secretary of the Association. No voting delegate shall move or second more than one amendment to any individual resolution.

All voting will be by electronic means when available. Otherwise, voting will be by show of hands, unless you the delegates, by a two-thirds majority, decide that a ballot should be taken or the Chairman of the business meeting decides that a ballot would be advisable. All speakers are requested to address the Chairman only.

Standing Order 4. Rules as to speeches – **reply** – A Rotarian shall not, unless by

leave of the Chairman, address the business meeting more than once on any proposed resolution or amendment, but the mover of an original proposed resolution, or of an amendment which has become the substantive resolution, may reply. In order to clarify any matter, the Chairman of the Constitutions committee and General Secretary are permitted to address the meeting.

The Chairman of this year's business meeting, PDG Tom Griffin, will be available to Rotarians proposing or seconding conference resolutions/ amendments for a briefing on procedural matters.

Voting delegates planning to attend the business meeting in person must report to the Constitutions Committee at the Conference Credentials Desk prior to 1pm on 2nd April before they shall be entitled to vote at the business meeting. The Chairman and members of the RIBI Constitutions committee will be available for consultation in the Bournemouth International Conference Centre between 9.30am and 5pm on Friday 1st April and 8.30am and 1pm on Saturday 2nd April 2016.

It is anticipated that online voting will be available to voting delegates. This would mean that voting delegates would not have to be present at the business meeting, but voting delegates (and their deputies) not present at the business meeting must have an email address and be available to vote online from 2pm on the afternoon of 2nd April 2016. ●

RIBI Business Meeting Agenda

Saturday 2nd April 2016, 2:30 – 5:30

1. Annual Report for 2014/15

Immediate Past President Peter King will present the annual report of the General Council for the year 2014/15.

- Report of the RIBI Donations Trust - to be taken as read questions only
- Report of the RIBI Premises Trustee - to be taken as read questions only

After the presentation, the following resolution will be put to the conference:

That the Annual Report of the General Council 2014/15 be adopted.

2. Report by the Director of Rotary International

3. Statements of Account for 2014/15

Honorary Treasurer Nigel Barnfield will present the annual accounts of the Association for the year 2014/15.

After discussion the following resolution will be put to the meeting:

That the audited statements of account for the year ended 30th June 2015 be adopted.

4. Auditors

That Dafferns LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be re-appointed auditors to the Association for 2015/16 accounts.

5. Proposed budget for 2016/17

Honorary Treasurer Nigel Barnfield will present the proposed budget for the Rotary year 2016/17. After discussion, the following resolution will be put to the business meeting:

That the budget for 2016/17, incorporating an annual subscription of £52 per member, be approved.

6. Nominations

The elected President Nominee of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland 2016/17 and the District Governors for 2018/19 will be formally presented for nomination by conference to the convention of Rotary International for election.

President Nominee 2016/17 Debbie Hodge

District 1010 – Mike Robbins	District 1110 – Allan Smith	District 1200 – Ric Canham
District 1020 – Agnes Ritchie	District 1120 – Brenda Parsons	District 1210 – Ashley Gray
District 1030 – Stewart Atkin	District 1130 – Michael Wren	District 1220 – Sandra Morrey
District 1040 – Nigel Arthur	District 1145 – David Easton	District 1230 – Jim Ross
District 1060 – Gary Dancer	District 1150 – Clive Edwards	District 1240 – Lesley Sulley
District 1070 – Tim Tucker	District 1160 – Monica Robertson	District 1260 – Dave Ford
District 1080 – David Simpson	District 1175 – Graham Carey	District 1285 – Tony Graves
District 1090 – Gillian Pearce	District 1180 – Steve Martin	
District 1100 – Joan Goldsmith	District 1190 – Mary Bradley	

7. Resolutions

Overview of Resolutions to the RIBI Business Meeting 2016

Resolution Number with Purpose and Effect	Page
<p>15/16:01 To establish the Leadership Development and Training Committee as a Standing Committee (General Council)</p> <p>Under By-Law 10, it is the responsibility of General Council to determine matters relating to the Annual Assembly. This resolution recognizes that as the Leadership Development and Training Committee is responsible for the organisation and delivery of the Annual Assembly (as well as such other training and development opportunities as General Council may approve), the Committee should be recognised as a committee of General Council (i.e. a "Standing Committee"), rather than as currently, a committee of the Executive.</p>	30
<p>15/16:02 To rename "Standing Committees", "Administrative Committees" (General Council)</p> <p>General Council is of the opinion that the title "Administrative Committee" reflects the role of the committees, namely to provide an administrative function to General Council. This is more appropriate than the title "Standing Committee", which merely indicates that the committees are provided for in the By-Laws, and may only be amended by a two-thirds majority at a Business Meeting, as opposed to the other committees of the Association, which are convened as required by Executive.</p>	33
<p>15/16:03 To clarify responsibility for the expenses of District Conferences (General Council)</p> <p>The intention of the current By-Law provision is that, while Districts are responsible for meeting all the costs relating to the attendance of the President or his/her representative at a District Conference, the Association meets the costs of the President's/representative's travel to a District Conference, together with any incidental expenses incurred <i>en route</i>.</p> <p>It has, however, been argued that By-Law 12 as currently drafted is ambiguous, and implies that the Association is responsible for the entire cost of the attendance at a Conference of the President or his/her representative. This resolution removes that ambiguity, and makes no change to the pre-existing division of responsibility for costs between Association and District.</p>	37
<p>15/16:04 To amend the timing of elections for President and Treasurer (General Council)</p> <p>Currently, nominations for the offices of President and Treasurer must be received by the General Secretary no later than 30 November. A Selection Advisory Committee is convened, which usually meets in early December, following which a ballot is held, with the result known by mid-January. The By-Laws currently provide that the Selection Advisory Committees shall be elected by 31 October.</p> <p>The current timetable means that clubs are called upon to decide how to cast their votes during the season when most if not all clubs have fewer meetings because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The individual elected is expected to discharge a role at the Association's Annual Assembly, which is now generally held around third week of February, having only been so elected a short number of weeks beforehand.</p> <p>This resolution brings the election period forward, affording clubs a better opportunity to determine how they should cast their vote, and giving the person elected a longer opportunity to work with the Leadership Development and Training Committee to prepare for Assembly.</p>	38
<p>15/16:05 To amend the timing of elections for Director of Rotary International (General Council)</p> <p>Currently, nominations for the office of Director of Rotary International must be received by the General Secretary no later than 30 November. A Selection Advisory Committee is convened, which usually meets in early December, following which a ballot is held, with the result known by mid-January. The By-Laws currently provide that the Selection Advisory Committees shall be elected by 31 October.</p> <p>The current timetable means that clubs are called upon to decide how to cast their votes during the season when most if not all clubs have fewer meetings because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.</p> <p>This resolution brings the election period forward, affording clubs a better opportunity to determine how they should cast their vote. It would also bring the timetable for the election of Director into line with the proposed revised timetable for the election of President and Treasurer which appears elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.</p>	41

Overview of Resolutions to the RIBI Business Meeting 2016

Resolution Number with Purpose and Effect	Page
<p>Resolution – 15/16:06 To amend the Role of the Selection Advisory Committee for Director of Board of Rotary International</p> <p>This resolution, if passed, will require the Selection advisory Committee for RI Director to assess the candidates for the post against the criteria specified by the General Council. It will then report on that assessment, but will make no recommendation to clubs as to which candidate or candidates clubs should vote for.</p>	44
<p>Resolution – 15/16:07 To amend the Role of the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer</p> <p>This resolution, if passed, will require the Selection advisory Committee for President and Treasurer to assess the candidates for the posts against the criteria for these posts specified by the General Council. It will then report on that assessment, but will make no recommendation to clubs as to which candidate or candidates clubs should vote for.</p>	45
<p>15/16:08 To abolish the Selection Advisory Committees for President, Honorary Treasurer and Director of Rotary International (Rotary Club of Skipton)</p> <p>This resolution seeks to abolish the Selection Advisory Committees for the election of the President, Honorary Treasurer and RI Director. Instead, the elections would be conducted in accordance with procedures approved from time to time by General Council. At present, that would mean that the clubs entitled to vote in the election would receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The job descriptions and person specifications for the posts ● The candidates' <i>curricula vitae</i> ● The candidates' statements of how they meet the job description and person specification ● A short video presentation by each candidate. <p>The proposers contend that this information is adequate to allow clubs to make an informed and reasoned decision as to which candidate to support, and renders the interposition of a Selection Advisory Committee unnecessary.</p> <p>The proposers have had regard to the resolutions appearing elsewhere in the agenda of the Business Meeting regarding the timing of elections, and this resolution proposes advancing the closing date for nomination to 30 September. This is a later date than that proposed elsewhere by General Council, but reflects the fact that if the resolution is carried, there will no longer be a need to elect and convene Selection Advisory Committees, and that consequently the entire electoral process will be shorter and simpler.</p>	46

1 **Resolution – 15/16:01**
2 **To establish the Leadership Development and Training Committee as a Standing Committee**

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4 **Proposed by General Council**

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7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 *RIBI By-Law 1*
10 *General Council*

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12 **Clause 8 - Standing Committees**

13 The following shall be the Standing committees of the General Council:-

- 14 a) Executive
15 b) Constitutions
16 c) Finance
17 d) Operations Review and Audit
18 e) Leadership Development and Training Committee

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20 a) Executive Committee - shall consist of the President, who shall be the Chairman with a second or
21 casting vote, the Immediate Past President, the Vice-President, the Vice-President Elect (without
22 vote), the Honorary Treasurer, the Director of Rotary International (elected from the membership of
23 the clubs in the appropriate zone), and the General Secretary (without vote). In addition there shall
24 be two district governors, two alternate district governors, two immediate past district governors, and
25 two district governors elect, who shall be elected by the governors of the General Council on which
26 each of them serves, by means of the single transferable vote.

27 A quorum of the committee shall be the President and three voting members or, in the absence of
28 the President, five voting members.

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31 **Function, Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee**

32 The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the General Council for the delivery of the Strategic
33 Plan of the Association through the implementation of the Association's approved Business Plan.

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36 The Executive Committee shall recommend to General Council an Annual Budget for the Association,
37 and may request General Council to vary the approved annual budget. The Executive Committee may
38 appoint such committees as it deems necessary to ensure the effective discharge of its functions and
39 duties. The Executive Committee shall determine the Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum
40 of such committees.

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43 b) Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.
44 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from time
45 to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and, on behalf
46 of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed amendments to
47 the *Standard Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except those specifically delegated
48 by the General Council to the General Secretary.
49 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to the
50 *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard Club Constitution* and *By-laws* when
51 necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI after these have been
52 reduced to their final form.
53 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections and shall supervise the ballots, reporting
54 promptly the results thereof.
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57 Honorary Treasurer-Elect shall also be a member, but without vote. The committee shall have general
58 supervision of the finances of the Association, and shall submit to the General Council a report and
59 statement of accounts and balance sheet duly audited for adoption at the business meeting at the

60 Annual Conference. In advance of each financial year, the committee shall prepare a budget of estimated
61 income and expenditure which, having been approved by the Executive Committee and General Council
62 and submitted to and adopted by the said business meeting, shall stand as the limit of expenditure for
63 the respective purposes unless subsequently varied by the General Council.

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66 d) Operations Review and Audit Committee – shall consist of a Chairman and four members. At least
67 one member of the Committee shall be a qualified accountant. It shall monitor the effectiveness and
68 efficiency of the operations of the Association, shall oversee such financial and other affairs which affect
69 the interests of the members, and shall perform such other oversight functions as may be requested
70 from time to time by General Council.
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72 e) Leadership, Development and Training Committee – shall consist of the Vice President, the Vice
73 President Elect, the Honorary Treasurer and five other members, at least one of whom shall be a Past
74 District Governor, and one of whom shall be chairman of the committee. The five members shall
75 preferably be professional trainers or facilitators. The Committee shall be responsible to the General
76 Council for the organization and delivery of the Annual Assembly, and for the provision of such training
77 and development activities as General Council shall determine.

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79 Renumber Clause 8 (e) as Clause 8 (f)

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84 85 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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87 Under By-Law 10, it is the responsibility of General Council to determine matters relating to the Annual
88 Assembly. This resolution recognizes that as the Leadership Development and Training Committee is
89 responsible for the organization and delivery of the Annual Assembly (as well as such other training and
90 development opportunities as General Council may approve), the Committee should be recognized as a
91 committee of General Council (i.e. a "Standing Committee"), rather than as currently, a committee of the
92 Executive.

93 94 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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96 No financial impact.

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98 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

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111 of the clubs in the appropriate zone), and the General Secretary (without vote). In addition there
112 shall be two district governors, two alternate district governors, two immediate past district
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114 Council on which each of them serves, by means of the single transferable vote.
- 115 A quorum of the committee shall be the President and three voting members or, in the absence
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Function, Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the General Council for the delivery of the Strategic Plan of the Association through the implementation of the Association’s approved Business Plan.

The Executive Committee shall recommend to General Council an Annual Budget for the Association, and may request General Council to vary the approved annual budget. The Executive Committee may appoint such committees as it deems necessary to ensure the effective discharge of its functions and duties. The Executive Committee shall determine the Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum of such committees.

- b) Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.
 - 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from time to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and, on behalf of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed amendments to the *Standard Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except those specifically delegated by the General Council to the General Secretary.
 - 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to the *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard Club Constitution* and *By-laws* when necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI after these have been reduced to their final form.
 - 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections and shall supervise the ballots, reporting promptly the results thereof.
- c) Finance Committee - shall consist of the Honorary Treasurer as Chairman and four members. The Honorary Treasurer-Elect shall also be a member, but without vote. The committee shall have general supervision of the finances of the Association, and shall submit to the General Council a report and statement of accounts and balance sheet duly audited for adoption at the business meeting at the Annual Conference. In advance of each financial year, the committee shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditure which, having been approved by the Executive Committee and General Council and submitted to and adopted by the said business meeting, shall stand as the limit of expenditure for the respective purposes unless subsequently varied by the General Council.
- d) Operations Review and Audit Committee – shall consist of a Chairman and four members. At least one member of the Committee shall be a qualified accountant. It shall monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of the Association, shall oversee such financial and other affairs which affect the interests of the members, and shall perform such other oversight functions as may be requested from time to time by General Council.
- e) Leadership, Development and Training Committee – shall consist of the Vice President, the Vice President Elect, the Honorary Treasurer and five other members, at least one of whom shall be a Past District Governor, and one of whom shall be chairman of the committee. The five members shall preferably be professional trainers or facilitators. The Committee shall be responsible to the General Council for the organization and delivery of the Annual Assembly, and for the provision of such training and development activities as General Council shall determine.

Renumber Clause 8 (e) as Clause 8 (f)

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

1 **Resolution – 15/16:02**
2 **To rename “Standing Committees”, “Administrative Committees”.**

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4 **Proposed by General Council**

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6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

8
9 *RIBI By-Law 1*
10 *General Council*

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12 *Clause 3 - Powers*

- 13 a) *General* - The General Council shall have the control and oversight of the affairs and funds of the
14 Association, including the power to appoint and replace trustees in connection therewith, and subject
15 to the provisions of these *By-laws* may regulate its own proceedings. Its administrative decisions
16 shall be final, but on any other matters a club may appeal against a decision within 12 months thereof
17 to a business meeting at the Annual Conference. No such appeal shall be heard unless the General
18 Secretary of the Association has received written notice not less than twenty-one days before the
19 commencement of the said Annual Conference.
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21 b) *Duties*
22 The General Council shall:
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 - 24 • Determine the Strategic Plan of the Association, which shall be consistent and in harmony with
 - 25 the Strategic Plan of Rotary International
 - 26 • Approve the Business Plan of the Association which shall set out how the Strategic Plan is to
 - 27 be delivered
 - 28 • Recommend an Annual Budget of the Association for adoption by the business meeting at the
 - 29 Annual Conference
 - 30 • Receive the Annual Accounts of the Association for approval by the membership at the said
 - 31 business meeting.
- 32 c) *Borrowing Powers* - In controlling the management of the affairs of the Association the General Council
33 shall be empowered to exercise such borrowing powers as may from time to time appear necessary
34 but shall at no time incur indebtedness in excess of the net assets of the Association then existing.
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36 d) *Committees* - Except where such membership is otherwise defined in these *By-laws* the General
37 Council shall appoint the members of those standing administrative committees prescribed by these
38 *By-laws*. The President of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of all standing administrative
39 committees.
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41 e) *Publications* - The General Council shall publish an official magazine for the Association and any other
42 literature it considers desirable.
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44 f) *Variation of Dates* - The General Council may by reasonable notice to the clubs in the Area vary dates
45 prescribed in these *By-laws*, and in the *Standard Club Constitution and By-laws* relating to conferences,
46 meetings, proposals, nominations and elections.
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48 g) *General Secretary* - The General Council shall have responsibility for the appointment of, or the
49 termination of, the tenure of office of the General Secretary of the Association.

50 **Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 are unchanged.**

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52 **Clause 8 - *Standing Administrative Committees***

53 The following shall be the Standing Administrative committees of the General Council:-

- 54
55 f) Executive
56 g) Constitutions
57 h) Finance
58 i) Operations Review and Audit

59 f) Executive Committee - shall consist of the President, who shall be the Chairman with a second or
60 casting vote, the Immediate Past President, the Vice-President, the Vice-President Elect (without
61 vote), the Honorary Treasurer, the Director of Rotary International (elected from the membership of
62 the clubs in the appropriate zone), and the General Secretary (without vote). In addition there shall
63 be two district governors, two alternate district governors, two immediate past district governors, and
64 two district governors elect, who shall be elected by the governors of the General Council on which
65 each of them serves, by means of the single transferable vote.

66 A quorum of the committee shall be the President and three voting members or, in the absence of
67 the President, five voting members.
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70 Function, Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee

71 The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the General Council for the delivery of the Strategic
72 Plan of the Association through the implementation of the Association's approved Business Plan.
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74 The Executive Committee shall recommend to General Council an Annual Budget for the Association,
75 and may request General Council to vary the approved annual budget. The Executive Committee may
76 appoint such committees as it deems necessary to ensure the effective discharge of its functions and
77 duties. The Executive Committee shall determine the Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum
78 of such committees.
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81 g) Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.

82 4) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from time
83 to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and, on behalf
84 of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed amendments to
85 the *Standard Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except those specifically delegated
86 by the General Council to the General Secretary.

87 5) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to the
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89 necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI after these have been
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91 6) The committee shall have charge of the elections and shall supervise the ballots, reporting
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101 and submitted to and adopted by the said business meeting, shall stand as the limit of expenditure for
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107 efficiency of the operations of the Association, shall oversee such financial and other affairs which
108 affect the interests of the members, and shall perform such other oversight functions as may be
109 requested from time to time by General Council.
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112 j) General Provisions

113 1) The Chairman of a standing administrative committee shall have the power to invite such other
114 persons to attend its meeting (without vote) as shall be necessary for the efficient business of the
115 committee. The General Secretary shall be a member (without vote) of all standing administrative
116 committees.

117 2) Save as provided in *sub-clause (a)* hereof, no District Governor shall serve as Chairman or voting
118 member of any standing administrative committee of the General Council nor serve as Chairman
or voting member of any of the committees appointed by the General Council, except that the

119 District Governor of the district in which the Annual Conference is to be held may be a voting
120 member of the Conference committee which may be appointed.
121 3) It shall be the duty of the Executive committee, to submit a report to the General Council for adoption
122 at the Annual Conference. Copies of this report shall be circulated by the General Secretary to
123 all clubs at least twenty-one days before the date of the Conference.

124 **Clause 9 is unchanged**

125 **Clause 10 - Quorum**

126 The quorum for all ~~standing~~ administrative committees other than the Executive committee shall be as
127 prescribed by the General Council, failing which it shall be a majority of the voting members of the committee.

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131 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

132 General Council is of the opinion that the title "Administrative Committee" reflects the role of the committees,
133 namely to provide an administrative function to General Council. This is more appropriate than the title
134 "Standing Committee", which merely indicates that the committees are provided for in the By-Laws, and
135 may only be amended by a two-thirds majority at a Business Meeting, as opposed to the other committees
136 of the Association, which are convened as required by Executive.

137 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

138 No financial impact.

139 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

140 *RIBI By-Law 1*
141 *General Council*

142 *Clause 3 - Powers*

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149 commencement of the said Annual Conference.

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- 152 • Determine the Strategic Plan of the Association, which shall be consistent and in harmony with
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178 The President of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of all administrative committees.
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- 180 j) Publications - The General Council shall publish an official magazine for the Association and any other
181 literature it considers desirable.
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- 183 k) Variation of Dates - The General Council may by reasonable notice to the clubs in the Area vary dates
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185 meetings, proposals, nominations and elections.
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- 187 l) General Secretary - The General Council shall have responsibility for the appointment of, or the
188 termination of, the tenure of office of the General Secretary of the Association.
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192 **Clause 8 - Administrative Committees**

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234 promptly the results thereof.

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238 Council a report and statement of accounts and balance sheet duly audited for adoption at the
239 business meeting at the Annual Conference. In advance of each financial year, the committee
240 shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditure which, having been approved by the
241 Executive Committee and General Council and submitted to and adopted by the said business
242 meeting, shall stand as the limit of expenditure for the respective purposes unless subsequently
243 varied by the General Council.
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248 and efficiency of the operations of the Association, shall oversee such financial and other affairs
249 which affect the interests of the members, and shall perform such other oversight functions as
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254 persons to attend its meeting (without vote) as shall be necessary for the efficient business of
255 the committee. The General Secretary shall be a member (without vote) of all administrative
256 committees.
257 2) Save as provided in *sub-clause (a)* hereof, no District Governor shall serve as Chairman or
258 voting member of any administrative committee of the General Council nor serve as Chairman
259 or voting member of any of the committees appointed by the General Council, except that the
260 District Governor of the district in which the Annual Conference is to be held may be a voting
261 member of the Conference committee which may be appointed.
262 3) It shall be the duty of the Executive committee, to submit a report to the General Council for
263 adoption at the Annual Conference. Copies of this report shall be circulated by the General
264 Secretary to all clubs at least twenty-one days before the date of the Conference.
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267 **Clause 9** is unchanged
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270 **Clause 10 - Quorum**

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272 by the General Council, failing which it shall be a majority of the voting members of the committee.
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274 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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276 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
277 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

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2 **Resolution – 15/16:03**
3 **To clarify responsibility for the expenses of District Conferences.**

4 **Proposed by General Council**

5
6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:
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9 *RIBI By-Law 12*
10 *District Conference*

11 A district conference open to all Rotarians of the district shall be held annually at a time and place to be
12 determined by the district council, provided that the Association shall not be liable for any of the expenses
13 other than the personal expenses of the President of the Association or the official representative of the
14 President.

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20 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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22 The intention of the current By-Law provision is that, while Districts are responsible for meeting all the
23 costs relating to the attendance of the President or his/her representative at a District Conference, the
24 Association meets the costs of the President's/representative's travel to a District Conference, together
25 with any incidental expenses incurred *en route*.

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27 It has, however, been argued that By-Law 12 as currently drafted is ambiguous, and implies that the
28 Association is responsible for the entire cost of the attendance at a Conference of the President or his/her
29 representative. This resolution removes that ambiguity, and makes no change to the pre-existing division
30 of responsibility for costs between Association and District.

32 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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35 No financial impact.

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38 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

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40 *RIBI By-Law 12*
41 *District Conference*

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43 A district conference open to all Rotarians of the district shall be held annually at a time and place to be
44 determined by the district council, provided that the Association shall not be liable for any of the expenses.

46 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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49 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
50 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

1 Resolution – 15/16:04 2 To amend the timing of elections for President and Treasurer

3 Proposed by General Council

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6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows

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9 *RIBI By-Law 8*
10 *Proposals, Nominations and Elections*

11 **Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer**

12 Nominations - Subject to the provisions of these *By-laws*, a club may propose for election one active
13 member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied that
14 such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall be
15 submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed
16 by the club secretary and one other officer of the club, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of
17 the Association not later than 30th November 15th July.

19 **Clause 3 - Selection Advisory Committee for President & Treasurer**

- 20 a) Composition - After ~~31st October~~ 15th July a Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer
21 shall be elected in accordance with the following provisions:-
22 1. The committee shall consist of seven members, namely two Past Presidents of the Association, one
23 of whom shall have been President of the Association during the five years immediately preceding
24 the date of election of the committee, and five members from the district council nominees.
25 2. The committee shall be elected by the General Council by means of the single transferable vote
26 provided that neither the General Secretary of the Association nor a member of the General Council
27 who is a candidate for office shall be entitled to a vote.
28 3. In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy shall
29 be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of the district
30 council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if not, must have
31 served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.
32 4. The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the
33 General Council.
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35 b) District Council Nominees - Each District Council may propose a past Officer of Rotary International,
36 or a non-past Officer of Rotary International, provided that person has served at least two full terms
37 on the District Executive Committee, who shall be an active member of a club in its own district (their
38 previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection Advisory Committee for
39 President and Treasurer, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past President of the
40 Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner in which such person
41 shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered by the district secretary on
42 the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not later than ~~31st October~~ 15th July.
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44 c) Eligibility - No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by
45 reason of the election thereto of a Past President of the Association who is a member of a club in the
46 same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the President
47 of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current nor incoming
48 Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee. No Rotarian may
49 serve as a member of the committee for a longer consecutive period than three years. District Council
50 nominees will be measured against a published job description, person specification and competencies.
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52 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon as
53 practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate according
54 to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the committee shall
55 be binding in any way on clubs.
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57 e) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall consider the nominations
58 received and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would
59 recommend for election, such recommendations to be communicated in writing by the General Secretary
60 of the Association to the clubs.
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66 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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68 Currently, nominations for the offices of President and Treasurer must be received by the General Secretary
69 no later than 30 November. A Selection Advisory Committee is convened, which usually meets in early
70 December, following which a ballot is held, with the result known by mid-January. The By-Laws currently
71 provide that the Selection Advisory Committees shall be elected by 31 October.
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73 The current timetable means that clubs are called upon to decide how to cast their votes during the season
74 when most if not all clubs have fewer meetings because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The
75 individual elected is expected to discharge a role at the Association's Annual Assembly, which is now generally
76 held around third week of February, having only been so elected a short number of weeks beforehand.

77 This resolution brings the election period forward, affording clubs a better opportunity to determine how
78 they should cast their vote, and giving the person elected a longer opportunity to work with the Leadership
79 Development and Training Committee to prepare for Assembly.
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81 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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84 No financial impact.

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86 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

87 88 89 **Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer**

90 Nominations - Subject to the provisions of these *By-laws*, a club may propose for election one active
91 member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied that
92 such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall be
93 submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed
94 by the club secretary and one other officer of the club, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of
95 the Association not later than ~~30th November~~ 15th July.

96 97 **Clause 3 - Selection Advisory Committee for President & Treasurer**

98 a) Composition - After ~~31st October~~ 15th July a Selection Advisory Committee for President and
99 Treasurer shall be elected in accordance with the following provisions:-

- 100 1. The committee shall consist of seven members, namely two Past Presidents of the
101 Association, one of whom shall have been President of the Association during the five years
102 immediately preceding the date of election of the committee, and five members from the
103 district council nominees.
- 104 2. The committee shall be elected by the General Council by means of the single transferable
105 vote provided that neither the General Secretary of the Association nor a member of the
106 General Council who is a candidate for office shall be entitled to a vote.
- 107 3. In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy
108 shall be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of
109 the district council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if
110 not, must have served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.
- 111 4. The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the
112 General Council.

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114 b) District Council Nominees - Each District Council may propose a past Officer of Rotary International,
115 or a non-past Officer of Rotary International, provided that person has served at least two full
116 terms on the District Executive Committee, who shall be an active member of a club in its own
117 district (their previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection Advisory
118 Committee for President and Treasurer, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past
119 President of the Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner
120 in which such person shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered
121 by the district secretary on the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not
122 later than ~~31st October~~ 15th July.

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124 c) Eligibility - No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by
125 reason of the election thereto of a Past President of the Association who is a member of a club in
126 the same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the
127 President of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current
128 nor incoming Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee.
129 No Rotarian may serve as a member of the committee for a longer consecutive period than three
130 years. District Council nominees will be measured against a published job description, person
131 specification and competencies.

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133 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
134 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate
135 according to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the
136 committee shall be binding in any way on clubs.

- 137 e) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall consider the
138 nominations received and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom
139 the panel would recommend for election, such recommendations to be communicated in writing
140 by the General Secretary of the Association to the clubs.

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143 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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145 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
146 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

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2 **Resolution – 15/16:05**
3 **To amend the timing of elections for Director of Rotary International**

4 **Proposed by General Council**

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6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows

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9 *RIBI By-Law 8*

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12 **Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International**

- 13 a) Qualifications - A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member, other
14 than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have served
15 a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such candidate
16 (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of Rotary International
17 to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a
18 governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two Institutes and one Convention in the 36
19 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may be a member of the Constitutions committee.
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21 b) Nominations - A district council in the appropriate zone not later than ~~30th November~~ 15th July in each
22 odd numbered year propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference
23 as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first be
24 satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be submitted
25 on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the
26 district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the General Secretary
27 of the Association not later than ~~30th November~~ 15th July.
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29 c) Term of Office - The term of office of the Director of Rotary International shall commence on the 1st
30 day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at which such
31 person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and
32 qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office as director except
33 as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.
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36 **Clause 5 - Selection Advisory Committee for Director**

- 37 a) Composition - After ~~31st October~~ 15th July a Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall be elected
38 in accordance with the following provisions:-
39 1. The committee shall consist of seven members from the appropriate zone, namely two Past
40 Presidents of the Association, one of whom shall, if available, be a past Director of Rotary
41 International and five members from the district council nominees.
42 2. The committee shall be elected by the district governors of the appropriate zone by means of the
43 single transferable vote provided that a district governor who is a candidate for office shall not
44 be entitled to a vote.
45 3. In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy shall
46 be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of the district
47 council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if not, must have

- 48 served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.
- 49 4. The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the
- 50 General Council.
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- 52 b) District Council Nominees - Each district council in the appropriate zone may propose a past Officer
- 53 of Rotary International, or a non-past Officer of Rotary International, provided that person has served
- 54 at least two full terms on the district executive committee, who shall be an active member of a club
- 55 in its own district (their previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection
- 56 Advisory Committee for Director, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past President of
- 57 the Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner in which such person
- 58 shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered by the district secretary on
- 59 the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not later than ~~31st October~~ 15th July.
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- 61 c) Eligibility - No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by
- 62 reason of the election thereto of a Past President of the Association who is a member of a club in the
- 63 same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the President
- 64 of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current nor incoming
- 65 Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee. No Rotarian may
- 66 serve as a member of the committee more than twice in succession. District Council nominees will
- 67 be measured against a published job description, person specification and competencies.
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- 69 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon as
- 70 practicable after election and shall appoint its own Chairman. The committee will operate according
- 71 to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the committee shall
- 72 be binding in any way on clubs.
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- 74 e) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall consider the nominations received and,
- 75 if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would recommend
- 76 for election, such recommendation or recommendations to be communicated in writing by the General
- 77 Secretary of the Association to the clubs at least twenty-one days before the annual conference.
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83 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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85 Currently, nominations for the office of Director of Rotary International must be received by the General

86 Secretary no later than 30 November. A Selection Advisory Committee is convened, which usually meets

87 in early December, following which a ballot is held, with the result known by mid-January. The By-Laws

88 currently provide that the Selection Advisory Committees shall be elected by 31 October.

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90 The current timetable means that clubs are called upon to decide how to cast their votes during the season

91 when most if not all clubs have fewer meetings because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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93 This resolution brings the election period forward, affording clubs a better opportunity to determine how

94 they should cast their vote. It would also bring the timetable for the election of Director into line with the

95 proposed revised timetable for the election of President and Treasurer which appears elsewhere on the

96 agenda for this meeting.

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98 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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104 *RIBI By-Law 8*

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Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International

- d) Qualifications - A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member, other than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have served a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of Rotary International to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two Institutes and one Convention in the 36 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may be a member of the Constitutions committee.
- e) Nominations - A district council in the appropriate zone not later than 15th July in each odd numbered year propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first be satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th July.
- f) Term of Office - The term of office of the Director of Rotary International shall commence on the 1st day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at which such person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office as director except as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.

Clause 5 - Selection Advisory Committee for Director

- a) Composition - After 15th July a Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall be elected in accordance with the following provisions:-
 - 1 The committee shall consist of seven members from the appropriate zone, namely two Past Presidents of the Association, one of whom shall, if available, be a past Director of Rotary International and five members from the district council nominees.
 - 2 The committee shall be elected by the district governors of the appropriate zone by means of the single transferable vote provided that a district governor who is a candidate for office shall not be entitled to a vote.
 - 3 In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy shall be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of the district council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if not, must have served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.
 - 4 The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the General Council.
- b) District Council Nominees - Each district council in the appropriate zone may propose a past Officer of Rotary International, or a non-past Officer of Rotary International, provided that person has served at least two full terms on the district executive committee, who shall be an active member of a club in its own district (their previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection Advisory Committee for Director, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past President of the Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner in which such person shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered by the district secretary on the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th July.
- c) Eligibility - No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by reason of the election thereto of a Past President of the Association who is a member of a club in the same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the President of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current nor incoming Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee. No Rotarian may serve as a member of the committee more than twice in succession. District Council nominees will be measured against a published job description, person specification and competencies.

- 163 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
 164 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own Chairman. The committee will operate
 165 according to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the
 166 committee shall be binding in any way on clubs.
- 167 e) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall consider the nominations received
 168 and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would
 169 recommend for election, such recommendation or recommendations to be communicated in
 170 writing by the General Secretary of the Association to the clubs at least twenty-one days before
 171 the annual conference.

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 174 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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176 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
 177 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

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 2 **Resolution – 15/16:06**
 3 **To amend the Role of the Selection Advisory Committee for Director of Board of Rotary International**

4 **Proposed by General Council**

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 6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
 7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows

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 9 *RIBI By-Law 8 Clause 5*

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 11 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
 12 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate
 13 according to procedures approved by the General Council. ~~No recommendation made by the~~
 14 ~~committee shall be binding in any way on clubs.~~
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 16 e) Duties – The Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall consider the nominations received
 17 and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would
 18 recommend for election, such recommendation or recommendations to assess the candidates
 19 against the criteria for the posts specified by the General Council, and report on its findings, but
 20 shall make no recommendation. Its report shall be communicated in writing by the General
 21 Secretary of the Association to the clubs.

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27 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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 29 This resolution, if passed, will require the Selection advisory Committee for RI Director to assess the
 30 candidates for the post against the criteria specified by the General Council. It will then report on that
 31 assessment, but will make no recommendation to clubs as to which candidate or candidates clubs should
 32 vote for.

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 34 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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 36 No financial impact.

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 38 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

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 40 *RIBI By-Law 8 Clause 5*

- 41 d) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
42 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate
43 according to procedures approved by the General Council.
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45 e) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall consider the nominations received,
46 assess the candidates against the criteria for the posts specified by the General Council, and
47 report on its findings, but shall make no recommendation. Its report shall be communicated in
48 writing by the General Secretary of the Association to the clubs.

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50 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
51

52 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
53 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

1 **Resolution – 15/16:07**

2 **To amend the Role of the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer**

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4 **Proposed by General Council**

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6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
7 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows

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9 *RIBI By-Law 8 Clause 3*

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11 f) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
12 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate
13 according to procedures approved by the General Council. ~~No recommendation made by the~~
14 ~~committee shall be binding in any way on clubs.~~
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16 g) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall consider the
17 nominations received ~~and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom~~
18 ~~the panel would recommend for election, such recommendations to~~, assess the candidates against
19 the criteria for the posts specified by the General Council, and report on its findings, but shall
20 make no recommendation. Its report shall be communicated in writing by the General Secretary
21 of the Association to the clubs.

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27 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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29 This resolution, if passed, will require the Selection advisory Committee for President and Treasurer to
30 assess the candidates for the posts against the criteria for these posts specified by the General Council.
31 It will then report on that assessment, but will make no recommendation to clubs as to which candidate
32 or candidates clubs should vote for.

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34 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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36 No financial impact.

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38 IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

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40 *RIBI By-Law 8 Clause 3*

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42 f) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon
43 as practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate
44 according to procedures approved by the General Council.

- 45 g) Duties – The Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall consider the
46 nominations received, assess the candidates against the criteria for the posts specified by the
47 General Council, and report on its findings, but shall make no recommendation. Its report shall
48 be communicated in writing by the General Secretary of the Association to the clubs.
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51 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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53 This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates
54 present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

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2 **Resolution – 15/16:08**

3 **To abolish the Selection Advisory Committees for President, Honorary Treasurer**
4 **and Director of Rotary International**

5 **Proposed by the Rotary Club of Skipton**

6
7 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY-LAWS OF ROTARY
8 INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows
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10 *RIBI By-Law 8*

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13 **Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer**

14 Nominations - Subject to the provisions of these *By-laws*, a club may propose for election one active
15 member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied that
16 such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall be
17 submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed
18 by the club secretary and one other officer of the club, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of
19 the Association not later than 30th ~~November~~ September.

20 **Clause 3 – Selection Advisory Committee for President & Treasurer**

21 b) ~~Composition~~ – After 31st October a Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall be
22 elected in accordance with the following provisions:-

- 23 5. The committee shall consist of seven members, namely two Past Presidents of the Association, one
24 of whom shall have been President of the Association during the five years immediately preceding
25 the date of election of the committee, and five members from the district council nominees.
26 6. The committee shall be elected by the General Council by means of the single transferable vote
27 provided that neither the General Secretary of the Association nor a member of the General
28 Council who is a candidate for office shall be entitled to a vote.
29 7. In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy shall
30 be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of the district
31 council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if not, must have
32 served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.
33 8. The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the
34 General Council.
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36 f) ~~District Council Nominees~~ – Each District Council may propose a past Officer of Rotary International,
37 or a non-past Officer of Rotary International, provided that person has served at least two full terms
38 on the District Executive Committee, who shall be an active member of a club in its own district (their
39 previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection Advisory Committee for
40 President and Treasurer, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past President of the
41 Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner in which such person
42 shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered by the district secretary on
43 the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 31st October.
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45 g) ~~Eligibility~~ – No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by
46 reason of the election thereto of a Past President of the Association who is a member of a club in the
47 same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the President

48 of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current nor incoming
49 Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee. No Rotarian may
50 serve as a member of the committee for a longer consecutive period than three years. District Council
51 nominees will be measured against a published job description, person specification and competencies:
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- 53 h) Procedure - The committee shall be convened by the General Secretary of the Association as soon as
54 practicable after election and shall appoint its own chairman. The committee will operate according
55 to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the committee shall
56 be binding in any way on clubs.
57 i) Duties - The Selection Advisory Committee for President and Treasurer shall consider the nominations
58 received and, if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would
59 recommend for election, such recommendations to be communicated in writing by the General Secretary
60 of the Association to the clubs.
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62 **Clause 3 – Conduct of Election**

63 The election of President and Honorary Treasurer shall be conducted by the General Secretary under the
64 supervision of the Constitutions Committee, and in accordance with procedures approved by General Council.
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66 **Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International**

- 67 g) Qualifications - A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member, other
68 than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have served
69 a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such candidate
70 (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of Rotary International
71 to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a
72 governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two Institutes and one Convention in the 36
73 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may be a member of the Constitutions committee.
74 h) Nominations - A district council in the appropriate zone not later than 30th ~~November~~ September in each
75 odd numbered year propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference
76 as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first be
77 satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be submitted
78 on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the
79 district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the General Secretary
80 of the Association not later than 30th ~~November~~ September.
81 i) Term of Office - The term of office of the Director of Rotary International shall commence on the 1st
82 day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at which such
83 person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and
84 qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office as director except
85 as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.
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88 **Clause 5 – Selection Advisory Committee for Director**

- 89 b) Composition - After 31st ~~October~~ a Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall be elected in
90 accordance with the following provisions:-
91 5. ~~The committee shall consist of seven members from the appropriate zone, namely two Past~~
92 ~~Presidents of the Association, one of whom shall, if available, be a past Director of Rotary~~
93 ~~International and five members from the district council nominees.~~
94 6. ~~The committee shall be elected by the district governors of the appropriate zone by means of the~~
95 ~~single transferable vote provided that a district governor who is a candidate for office shall not~~
96 ~~be entitled to a vote.~~
97 7. ~~In the event of a member of the committee being unable to attend its meeting the vacancy shall~~
98 ~~be filled by the next ranked candidate in the appropriate group. Up to two members of the district~~
99 ~~council nominees group need not be past Officers of Rotary International, but if not, must have~~
100 ~~served at least two full terms on a District Executive Committee.~~
101 8. ~~The election of members of the committee will be according to procedures approved by the~~
102 ~~General Council.~~
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104 f) District Council Nominees - Each district council in the appropriate zone may propose a past Officer
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107 in its own district (their previous consent to act having been obtained) for election to the Selection

108 Advisory Committee for Director, provided that neither the district governor nor any Past President of
109 the Association shall be eligible. Each district council may determine the manner in which such person
110 shall be selected. The name of the Rotarian selected shall be delivered by the district secretary on
111 the prescribed form to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 31st October.
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113 g) Eligibility – No district nominee shall be debarred from serving as a member of the committee by
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115 same district as that of the nominee. No candidate nominated for any of the offices nor the President
116 of the Association shall be eligible for membership of the committee. Neither a current nor incoming
117 Director of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the committee. No Rotarian may
118 serve as a member of the committee more than twice in succession. District Council nominees will
119 be measured against a published job description, person specification and competencies.
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122 practicable after election and shall appoint its own Chairman. The committee will operate according
123 to procedures approved by the General Council. No recommendation made by the committee shall
124 be binding in any way on clubs.
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126 i) Duties – The Selection Advisory Committee for Director shall consider the nominations received and,
127 if it considers it advisable so to do, propose such of the nominees whom the panel would recommend
128 for election, such recommendation or recommendations to be communicated in writing by the General
129 Secretary of the Association to the clubs at least twenty-one days before the annual conference.
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131 **Clause 5 – Conduct of Election**

132 The election of Director of Rotary International shall be conducted by the General Secretary under the
133 supervision of the Constitutions Committee, and in accordance with procedures approved by General Council.
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135 **Clause 6 - Notification to Clubs**

136 A list of the proposals for Director of Rotary International, Officers of the Association and district governors,
137 shall be dispatched by the General Secretary of the Association to the secretary of each club at least twenty-
138 one days before the first day of the annual conference. ~~together with the recommendations required by~~
139 ~~Clauses 3 (e) and 5 (e).~~
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146 PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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148 This resolution seeks to abolish the Selection Advisory Committees for the election of the President, Honorary
149 Treasurer and RI Director. Instead, the elections would be conducted in accordance with procedures
150 approved from time to time by General Council. At present, that would mean that the clubs entitled to
151 vote in the election would receive:

- 152 • The job descriptions and person specifications for the posts
- 153 • The candidates' *curricula vitae*
- 154 • The candidates' statements of how they meet the job description and person specification
- 155 • A short video presentation by each candidate.

156 The proposers contend that this information is adequate to allow clubs to make an informed and reasoned
157 decision as to which candidate to support, and renders the interposition of a Selection Advisory Committee
158 unnecessary.
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160 The proposers have had regard to the resolutions appearing elsewhere in the agenda of the Business Meeting
161 regarding the timing of elections, and this resolution proposes advancing the closing date for nomination
162 to 30 September. This is a later date than that proposed elsewhere by General Council, but reflects the
163 fact that if the resolution is carried, there will no longer be a need to elect and convene Selection Advisory
164 Committees, and that consequently the entire electoral process will be shorter and simpler.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Treasurer to supply details

IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN

RIBI By-Law 8

Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer

Nominations - Subject to the provisions of these *By-laws*, a club may propose for election one active member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied that such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the club secretary and one other officer of the club, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 30th September.

Clause 3 - Conduct of Election

The election of President and Honorary Treasurer shall be conducted by the General Secretary under the supervision of the Constitutions Committee, and in accordance with procedures approved by General Council.

Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International

- a) Qualifications - A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member, other than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have served a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of Rotary International to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two Institutes and one Convention in the 36 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may be a member of the Constitutions committee.
- b) Nominations - A district council in the appropriate zone not later than 30th September in each odd numbered year may propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first be satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 30th September.
- c) Term of Office - The term of office of the Director of Rotary International shall commence on the 1st day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at which such person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office as director except as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.

Clause 5 - Conduct of Election

The election of Director of Rotary International shall be conducted by the General Secretary under the supervision of the Constitutions Committee, and in accordance with procedures approved by General Council.

Clause 6 - Notification to Clubs

A list of the proposals for Director of Rotary International, Officers of the Association and district governors, shall be dispatched by the General Secretary of the Association to the secretary of each club at least twenty-one days before the first day of the annual conference.

Report of the Constitutions Committee

This resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two thirds of the voting delegates present and voting [RIBI Article 12 and 15(1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15]

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