

Highlights from the October 2024 Rotary Foundation Trustees Meeting

The Rotary Foundation Trustees met on 8-10 October 2024 at One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, USA and reviewed 12 committee reports and recorded 45 decisions.

Programs and Awards

The Trustees

- approved US\$50,000,000 in PolioPlus grants for
 - polio surveillance activities and technical assistance to the World Health Organization (WHO) in the African region;
 - operational and social mobilization support to WHO and UNICEF in Afghanistan and Pakistan;
 - general outbreak response activities to WHO and UNICEF;
 - a team of polio eradication technical experts to WHO;
- renewed Rotary's partnership with the Peace Corps through October 2027;
- discontinued the official designation of "collaborating organization".

Fund Development

The Trustees

- endorsed a worldwide comprehensive 2025-26 fundraising goal, to be announced at the 2025 International Assembly;
- received three estate gifts:
 - US\$ 1 million from the estate of Roy and Judith Murdock (Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, Washington, USA);
 - US\$1.75 million from the estate of Alan Mooers (Rotary Club of Central Marin County, California, USA);
 - US\$2.2 million from the estate of Janie Bolitho (Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California, USA).

Finance

The Trustees

- approved a change to its districted designated fund (DDF) policy to authorize districts to transfer unspent DDF from program year 2020-21 to either PolioPlus, the endowment, disaster response, the Rotary Peace Centers, or to the World Fund before current year DDF is fully expended, effective immediately, through 30 June 2026;
- received the preliminary draft audited financial statements and report on the Foundation's 2023-24 financial results.

Administration

The Trustees

- elected Trustee Jennifer Jones as their 2025-26 chair-elect and Trustee Greg Podd as their 2025-26 vice chair;
- approved the following 2025-26 Trustees meeting schedule:
 - 26 June 2025, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 - 7-9 October 2025, Evanston, Illinois, USA
 - 10 October 2025, Evanston, Illinois, USA – Joint meeting with RI Board
 - 10-11 January 2026, Orlando, Florida, USA
 - 8-10 April 2026, Evanston, Illinois, USA

o 18 June 2026, Taipei, Taiwan