

Future Vision Plan April 2009 Key Decisions and Progress

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation took several decisions at their April 2009 meeting that further the implementation of the Future Vision Plan. Below is a brief summary of those decisions. Any detail questions or comments can be emailed to newgrantspilot@rotary.org.

1. The Trustees agreed that implementation of the Future Vision Plan will continue to be a top priority of The Rotary Foundation from 2009-2013.
2. The Board and Trustees agreed that the Future Vision Pilot district training program will occur on 17-18 January 2010 in San Diego, CA, USA, preceding the 2010 International Assembly. The Trustees appointed Trustee Ron Burton as coordinator of this training.
3. The Foundation received applications for the pilot from 277 districts worldwide. The Trustees will receive the list of pilot districts approved by the Trustee chairman in consultation with the general secretary in early June.
 - a. 15 May 2009—Deadline to apply online
 - b. 01 June 2009—Selected districts notified with grace period to accept / decline invitation
 - c. 10 June 2009—Deadline to accept / decline invitation (DGE and DGN must decline in writing or via email to general secretary)
 - d. 15 June 2009—Pilot districts announced to Rotary world
 - e. Selected pilot districts highlighted at 2009 International Convention
4. The Trustees agreed The Rotary Foundation will take into consideration outstanding financial obligations of a current or past district governor to RI and/or TRF when evaluating the district's application to participate in the pilot. This is just one of many criterion used to ensure the pilot has a representative sample of the Rotary world.
5. The Trustees adopted or amended Future Vision policies including (all exhibits available in the minutes):
 - a. District Qualification Code of Policies
 - Goals of qualification are designed to
 - ✓ Be simple and achievable
 - ✓ Streamline and reduce reporting complexities
 - ✓ Encourage local responsibility
 - ✓ Empower through training
 - Key Components of Code of Policies are
 - ✓ Terms of Qualification
 - ✓ District Responsibilities
 - ✓ Financial Management and Oversight
 - ✓ Club Qualification
 - ✓ Reporting grant funds
 - ✓ Resolving misuse of grant funds
 - Other than reading the memorandum of understanding, districts must complete only three initial requirements for qualification
 - ✓ Authorization by DG, DGE, and DRFC
 - ✓ Payee information for district-controlled bank account
 - ✓ District Audit Committee members' names or entity/person conducting IFA

b. Suggested District Leadership Structure Code of Policies

- Simplified structure
- Integration of RI and TRF committee responsibility
- District flexibility in appointing subcommittees
- Appointment of 2010-13 DRFC by 1 August 2009 by pilot district DG, DGE and DGN
- Appointment of subcommittee chairs by DG
- Districts will be encouraged to phase in the new leadership structure
- No zone-level changes during Future Vision pilot
- Responsibilities of DRFC, DRFC chair and subcommittees (Polio Plus, Grants, Fundraising, and Other RI District Committees defined in the Code of Policies pending Board approval in June 2009)

6. The Trustees received an update on the development of and processes for Rotary Foundation global grants (both club- and district-developed grants and packaged grants), including the following:

- a. Reviewed preliminary global grants' goals to
 - i. Guide conversations with potential strategic partners
 - ii. Establish standards by which packaged opportunities will be developed
 - iii. Establish standards by which club- and district- developed global grant applications will be assessed
 - iv. Assist in measuring the success of global grants
- b. Reviewed operational processes for district and global grants
- c. Agreed that pilot districts are not eligible to submit endorsed applications under the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, which may be phased out by the new grant-making model. Low-income districts will have the opportunity to fund scholarships through Rotary Foundation global grants without necessarily using their own DDF.
- d. Agreed to amendments to vocational training team policies to offer greater flexibility and Rotarian participation
- e. Agreed that packaged global grants
 - i. will encourage but not require partnership between Rotary clubs and districts
 - ii. are allowable in non-Rotary countries in compliance with applicable laws. The design of packaged grant opportunities and their use in non-Rotary countries would be subject to review and approval by the Trustees.
 - iii. may include an element of construction as long as construction is conducted by an appropriate strategic partner and is part of a project with other significant activities that make the project sustainable
- f. Noted that packaged global grants are still a work-in-progress and will be developed in a variety of ways:
 - i. Externally
 - Strategic Partner brings project concept to TRF
 - TRF brings project concept to Strategic Partner
 - ii. Internally (Rotarian driven)
 - Project via global grant (club/district developed)
 - iii. Internally (general secretary & Rotarian)
 - Collaboration of Rotarian experts, areas of focus specialists, etc.
 - iv. Collaboratively
 - Combination of any/all of the above