

2019 Council on Resolution, 15-Oct to 15-Nov

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1. KORT OM COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS (COR)

The Council on Resolutions (COR) møtes på nettet hvert år for å stemme over foreslåtte «resolusjoner». Council on Resolutions er regulert i artikkel 8 i Bylaws of Rotary International. Resolusjoner er anmodninger til styret i Rotary International eller the Rotary Foundation, om å iverksette tiltak som ikke krever endring i Rotarys konstitusjonelle dokumenter. (The RI constitution and bylaws, and the standard Rotary club constitution). De resolusjoner som foreslås bør ha betydning for hele Rotary, - ikke for å løse lokale eller administrative spørsmål.

Forslag til resolusjoner kan fremmes av klubber, distrikter, eller av Rotary Internationals styre. Stemmegivning foretas av lovrådsrepresentantene i distriktene i en avgrenset tidsperiode. Lovrådsrepresentantene er valgt for en 3-årsperiode, og kan ikke delegere stemmegivning til noen andre. Stemmegivning skjer ved at representanten går inn på «sin» side og stemmer innenfor den tidsperiode COR varer. Dessverre er det ingen anledning til debatt, i motsetning til COL.

Når nye resolusjoner vedtas, vil disse bli vurdert av Styret i hhv. Rotary International og the Rotary Foundation.

Årets COR var fra 15.oktober til 15.november 2019.

Frist for å fremme forslag til COR 2020 er **30. juni 2020**.

Fristen for å fremme lovforslag til COL 2022 er **31. desember 2020**.

Måten å fremsette forslag til Council on Resolutions og Council on Legislation er forbundet. Men ved å se på tidligere forslag, burde dette være greit. COL/COR representanten kan være behjelpelig med utforming.

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2. VEDTATTE FORSLAG

Det ble i år fremmet 33 forslag for The Council on Resolutions (COR) 2019. Syv av disse ble vedtatt, hvorav fem var anbefalinger til styret i RI og to var anbefalinger til The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

Jeg nevner her kort 19R-05 som anbefaler at alle klubber etablerer en «strategikomite». Den andre jeg vil nevne er 19R-17 en anbefaling om å legge mer vekt på yrkestjeneste som en del av medlemsutvikling. Den siste anbefalingen 19R-15 oppfordrer til å utarbeide retningslinjer for Rotaract-klubbene.

Som jeg rapporterte fra COL 2019 ble det vedtatt at Rotaractklubbene nå går fra å være et program i Rotary, til å være selvstendige medlemmer i Rotary International – dvs. i praksis Rotary «ungdomsklubber». Med de endringer som nå skjer, gir dette Rotary en historisk mulighet til foryngelse og å bygge opp klubber for yngre voksne.

Den vedtatte lovendring som skjedde på COL, må ses på bakgrunn av Rotarys medlemsmasse og klubbenes alderssammensetning. De fleste klubber fungerer meget godt for den aldersgruppe som er representert, men gir ikke nødvendigvis et godt nok tilbud til yngre medlemmer. Forslaget må bl.a ses som et tiltak for å lette overgangen fra Rotaract til Rotary og å trekke til seg yngre medlemmer.

Forslaget til COR 2019 vil følges opp av styret. Men allerede på styremøtet i oktober tok styret i Rotary International viktige beslutninger om Rotaract og vårt fremtidige Rotary. Hør bare:

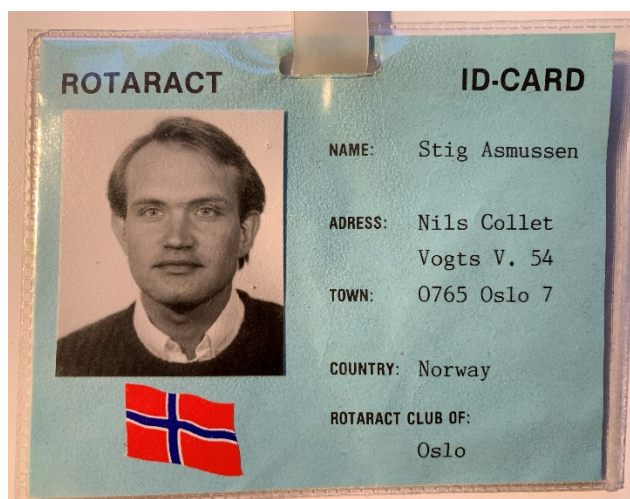
- alle Rotaractklubber kan nå etableres uten en sponsor
- en Rotaractklubb kan nå organiseres med en Rotaractklubb som sponsor

- den øvre aldersgrensen til Rotaract fjernes (men fortsatt beholde klubbene som klubber for unge voksne), slik vi i alle år har ønsket i Norge
- styret oppfordrer alle distrikter til å inkludere Rotaractere i alle distriktskomiteer
- styret vil komme tilbake spørsmålet om medlemskontingent for Rotaractklubbene til RI
- oppfordre fremtidige RI presidenter til å oppnevne Rotaractere som rådgivere til RI komiteer
- se på mulighetene for å utvikle en mobil app slik at Rotary og Rotaract klubbadministrasjon og kommunikasjon kan bedres

Styret besluttet også en målsetting om

- **å øke antallet Rotaractere med 100% innen 2022.**
- **øke antallet Rotaractere som går over til Rotary med 20% innen 2022**
- **øke antall Rotaractere til 1 million innen 2029.**

Den interesserte leser får ha meg unnskyldt, men dette er spesielt gode nyheter for en som har gode minner fra tiden i Rotaract på 80-tallet. Da hadde vi 15 Rotaractklubber – de aller fleste i vårt område. Tilsvarende var det god aktivitet i våre naboland.



3. EN OVERSIKT OVER ALLE 33 FORSLAG

Interesserte kan lese disse på Rotary.org.

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19R-03	To request the RI Board to consider clarifying that Rotary is a philosophy of life based on the ideal of service View detailed resolution (PDF)	RejectedYes: 157No: 321
19R-04	To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to participate in an annual Act of Kindness Day View detailed resolution (PDF)	RejectedYes: 165No: 312
19R-05	To request the RI Board to consider recommending that clubs form a strategy committee View detailed resolution (PDF)	AdoptedYes: 307No: 172
19R-06	To request the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws View detailed resolution (PDF)	RejectedYes: 172No: 304
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19R-14	To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing RotaKids clubs View detailed resolution (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 191 No: 286
19R-15	To request the RI Board to consider recommending guidelines for Rotaract clubs View detailed resolution (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 307 No: 172
19R-16	To request the RI Board to consider summarizing vocational service View detailed resolution (PDF)	Rejected Yes: 198 No: 277
19R-17	To request the RI Board to consider publicizing all of Rotary's achievements and activities, including vocational service View detailed resolution (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 251 No: 225
19R-18	To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing vocational service for the purpose of membership development View detailed resolution (PDF)	Adopted Yes: 279 No: 201

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19R-21	To request the RI Board to consider informing Rotarians about the progress of RI's tax status change View detailed resolution (PDF)	AdoptedYes: 399No: 79
19R-22	To request the RI Board to consider providing Rotary materials in Hindi View detailed resolution (PDF)	RejectedYes: 144No: 323
19R-23	To request the RI Board to consider collaborating with those working on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome research View detailed resolution (PDF)	RejectedYes: 82No: 391
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19R-26	To request the Trustees to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant View detailed resolution (PDF)	AdoptedYes: 283No: 195
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19R-30	To request the Trustees to consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects View detailed resolution (PDF)	AdoptedYes: 246No: 234
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4. VEDTATTE FORSLAG I FULLTEKST

Nedenfor følger en tabell over de vedtatte anbefalingene, samt i fulltekst.

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RESOLUTION 19R-05

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that clubs form a strategy committee

Proposer(s): District 1980, Switzerland
Rotary Club of Winterthur, District 2000, Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Endorsed by: District 1980 through an annual district conference, Baden, Switzerland, 14 June 2019
District 2000 through an annual district conference, St. Moritz, Switzerland, 29 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, RI produces excellent strategic plans for clubs and districts, and

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3 WHEREAS, RI surveys have revealed that clubs with strategic plans are more
4 successful than those without, and

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6 WHEREAS, strategic plans are multi-year endeavors, whereas governors and
7 club presidents serve a term of only one year. For this reason, too little attention
8 is paid to mid- or long-term strategies and too few clubs develop their own
9 strategic plan, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is recommended that clubs maintain a minimum of five core
12 committees: administration, membership, public relations, service projects, and
13 Rotary Foundation

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider recommending that clubs also form a strategy committee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 Mid- to long-term strategies are of vital importance for clubs. By introducing a
18 specific strategy committee, clubs will also make far greater use of RI's strategic
19 planning documents. Furthermore, instruction in strategy from governors and
20 assistant governors will be far easier and more beneficial for clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
22 Rotary developed the Club Leadership Plan to simplify the club structure and
23 offer clubs the option to add committees as needed.

RESOLUTION 19R-15

To request the RI Board to consider recommending guidelines for Rotaract clubs

Proposer(s): District 2660, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2660 through a ballot-by-mail, 7 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, the 2019 Council on Legislation voted to admit Rotaract clubs into RI
2 membership, and

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4 WHEREAS, each Rotaract club, with the support of its sponsor club, should aim to
5 become an organization worthy of RI membership

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7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider recommending guidelines for Rotaract clubs, such as a
9 minimum number of members, service activities for enhancing Rotary's public
10 image, and fiscal best practices, as they are admitted to RI membership.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 The 2019 Council on Legislation voted to admit Rotaract clubs into RI
12 membership. This decision is intended to elevate their status, to make Rotary an
13 innovative and receptive organization that is capable of adapting to current global
14 realities, as well as to promote cooperation between Rotarians and Rotaractors in
15 achieving a common goal of improving the world, their communities, and
16 themselves through the strength of their individual contributions.

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18 However, many Rotaract clubs are currently under their sponsor clubs'
19 protection and therefore incapable of supporting themselves.

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21 With these guidelines, both Rotaract and sponsor clubs will be able to organize
22 and engage in activities that are better aligned with Rotary's vision statement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
24 There are several resources already available that outline the guidelines for
25 Rotaract clubs, including the Rotaract Handbook, the Standard Rotaract Club
26 Constitution, the Recommended Rotaract Club Bylaws, as well as the Rotaract
27 informational page on My Rotary, [Rotaract Clubs: Guide for Our Members](#).

RESOLUTION 19R-17

To request the RI Board to consider publicizing all of Rotary's achievements and activities, including vocational service

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 May 2019

1 WHEREAS, the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a
2 basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, among others,
3 the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and
4 community life, or, in other words, in all aspects of a Rotarian's daily life, and

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6 WHEREAS, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal and
7 community life is called by such names as community service and youth service;
8 and the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's business life is called,
9 among other things, vocational service, and

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11 WHEREAS, currently, organized club, district, or RI community service activities
12 are emphasized as a means of developing membership or enhancing Rotary's public
13 image; however, those activities are only a part of the application of the ideal of
14 service by Rotarians. They are intended only as exercises, to provide Rotary club
15 members with training in service, and

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17 WHEREAS, as expressed in the phrase "Enter to learn, Go forth to serve," Rotarians
18 should apply the ideal of service that they have learned in their meetings and service
19 activities to their private and professional lives as well, and

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21 WHEREAS, vocational service, in particular, is applied to what constitutes a large
22 part of many Rotarians' lives - their professional activities. Vocational service
23 provides sustainable, wide-ranging service to communities every day. This is a
24 major achievement by Rotary.

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26 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
27 International consider publicizing all of Rotary's achievements and beneficial
28 activities, including vocational service, as it communicates them to the world.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 Thoroughly publicizing the achievements of Rotary, as reflected in its many
30 beneficial activities will help to encourage and foster the ideal of service and is,
31 therefore, directly related to the Object of Rotary. It would also have a positive
32 impact on our membership development by advancing the wider recognition of
33 Rotary's significance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 2 Vocational service remains one of the foundational pillars of Rotary's
- 3 programmatic activity, which includes different ways of publicizing Rotary's
- 4 achievements.

RESOLUTION 19R-18

To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing vocational service for the purpose of membership development

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 May 2019

1 WHEREAS, in our ongoing efforts at membership development, we often encounter
2 potential Rotary club members who turn down our invitations with remarks such
3 as, “Rotary activities are wonderful, but I don’t have time for them.” Such reasons
4 are often cited by younger professionals whose daily lives are devoted in large part
5 to their career development. However, this group is critical to Rotary if its
6 membership is to ever develop beyond its current levels, and

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8 WHEREAS, to enhance Rotary’s public image, our strategic plan in recent years has
9 emphasized such things as service activities and opportunities for participation in
10 global group service activities that Rotary membership brings, and

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12 WHEREAS, the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as
13 a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, among
14 others, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal,
15 business, and community life, or, in other words, in all aspects of a Rotarian’s
16 daily life, and

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18 WHEREAS, organized service activities are generally the application of the ideal of
19 service in each Rotarian’s personal and community life. In contrast, vocational
20 service is the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s business life.
21 Unique to Rotary, vocational service is a useful concept, providing sustainable and
22 wide-ranging service activities. It makes the application of the ideal of service
23 possible for many whose jobs occupy a large proportion of their lives, as well as for
24 younger professionals. Furthermore, the fact that vocational service may, in fact,
25 contribute to one’s own professional success is effective in membership
26 development, especially as it relates to this younger demographic

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28 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
29 International consider emphasizing Rotary’s unique and useful concept of
30 vocational service for the purpose of membership development, particularly as it
31 relates to the recruitment of younger adults.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Vocational service enables Rotarians to serve their communities through their
2 useful occupations. Developing membership by emphasizing vocational service
3 mainly to the large majority of the working adult population will help to advance
4 the Object of Rotary.

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6 It should be noted regarding those members who do not have an occupation or
7 have retired that a “vocation” is not simply an occupation or a profession. Rather,
8 it is a commitment to one’s own work in serving their community. Many of those
9 who have retired from their occupations or professions are nevertheless actively
10 engaged in their own goals, i.e., a vocation.

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12 It should also be noted that the Object of Rotary calls for members to apply the
13 ideal of service in all aspects of their daily lives. As long as this is done, the
14 Object is attained.

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16 Vocational service is unique to Rotary and is effective in recruiting our most
17 desirable membership demographic –young adults, many of whom are actively
18 employed. This is a very compelling reason to use it as part of our membership
19 development efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
21 Vocational service remains one of the foundational pillars of Rotary’s
22 programmatic activity and currently includes several programs to recruit younger
23 members to Rotary.

RESOLUTION 19R-21

To request the RI Board to consider informing Rotarians about the progress of RI's tax status change

Proposer(s): District 2660, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2660 through a ballot-by-mail, 7 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, the 2019 Council on Legislation adopted the RI Board's Position
2 Statement 19-117, authorizing the Board to take appropriate action to convert RI
3 into a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the United States
4 Internal Revenue Code, and

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6 WHEREAS, the Board had cited, among the proposal's other benefits, an annual
7 cost savings of six to seven hundred thousand dollars, and the position statement
8 was adopted with the understanding that such a change might divide Rotarians in
9 the United States who are dubious about the benefits of such a tax status change

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider informing Rotarians about the progress of RI's tax status
13 change; presenting their projection on any changes to the five-year financial
14 forecast as reported to the Council on Legislation, as well as their spending plan
15 for the resulting surplus, once it is realized; and submitting the plan to the
16 Council on Resolutions.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 Authorizing the tax status change of RI to a section 501(c)(3) of the United States
18 Internal Revenue Code was an important decision that will not only bring
19 financial benefits to RI, but will also promote activities based on the RI Strategic
20 Plan.

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22 The debate as to whether Rotary is a voluntary organization whose purpose is
23 fellowship or a charitable organization that makes positive changes through
24 volunteer activities, ended with the latter winning out. Given that, the surplus
25 resulting from the tax status change must be spent in ways that are acceptable to
26 Rotarians around the world.

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28 For that reason, it is desirable for the RI Board to not only publicize the progress
29 of the change in tax status, but also carefully consider how to spend the resulting
30 surplus in meaningful ways and, finally, to submit the Board's decisions to the
31 Council on Resolutions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 19R-26

To request the Trustees to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant

Proposer(s): District 3141, India

Endorsed by: District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 May-27 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, global grant projects are submitted by clubs and districts and approved
2 online through the Foundation’s online Grant Center, and

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4 WHEREAS, global grant reporting is done online by the host and sponsor clubs and
5 districts, and

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7 WHEREAS, sometimes it is necessary to change the budget structure of a grant
8 after it has been approved, usually due to modifications in the original components
9 of the project, and

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11 WHEREAS, all grant reporting is done on the basis of the original approved budget
12 as the modified budget is not reflected online, and

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14 WHEREAS, this can lead to misunderstandings in the financial reporting of the
15 grant

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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
19 consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant
20 project if such modifications have been approved by a regional grant officer or The
21 Rotary Foundation Trustees.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 The purpose of this resolution is to ensure smooth, online financial reporting of
23 expenses that have been approved by The Rotary Foundation. At present, these
24 changes can be entered only as additional budget items. Also, line items which
25 have been modified on the project budget are not currently reflected in the online
26 report. This leads to an inaccurate perception that grant monies have been or are
27 being spent on unapproved line items, or are at variance with those reported on
28 the budget. This, in turn, may cause confusion over the process of online
29 reporting, and can lead to assumptions that funds have been misused.

1 The modification suggested here will allow grant officers to reopen a locked
2 global grant project and replace its original budget with a modified one, thus
3 facilitating the grant reporting process for clubs and districts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
5 Allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant would
6 require changes to the Grant Center and could be accomplished through the use
7 of existing resources.

RESOLUTION 19R-30

To request the Trustees to consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pézenas, District 1700, France

Endorsed by: District 1700 through a district legislation meeting, Perpignan, France, 25 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, local access to affordable and sustainable electricity is one of the
2 conditions essential for proper sanitation, as well as for educational and
3 economic development, and

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5 WHEREAS, funding is often unavailable for housing family members of
6 underprivileged patients before or after their surgery

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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
10 consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply
11 projects.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The modern world cannot function without electricity. Our lighting, information,
13 and air conditioning/heating systems, as well as our manufacturing,
14 transportation, and other industries are all reliant upon this one essential
15 resource.

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17 Access to water, health, and education in rural areas of developing countries can
18 be improved with an affordable and sustainable supply of electricity. This would
19 allow for pumping and sterilization of water, safe storage of vaccines and
20 medicine, distance learning, etc. This would also contribute to the well-being of
21 the local populations and, therefore, encourage them to stay in their
22 communities.

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24 Electricity should be made available without a heavy infrastructure, in an
25 affordable and sustainable manner. It's production and storage, while
26 challenging, will contribute to the overall movement towards sustainable
27 development, resulting in an efficient, reliable power source with a minimal
28 impact on the local environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The
2 Rotary Foundation.

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4 Currently, sponsors may include electrification as part of a global grant, provided
5 it supports the activities the grant addresses in the area of focus. For example, if
6 the grant seeks to outfit an operating theater and a reliable electrical supply is
7 required, the grant may include solar panels.

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9 An additional area of focus would be required in order to have electrification as a
10 stand-alone project type. Annual administrative expenses to support an
11 additional area of focus are estimated at US\$300,000, which includes the
12 modification of the existing grant application software.

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14 Although we are focusing on grant processing impact, there are additional
15 administrative impacts in other business areas, such as finance.