

Quarterly Report 2020/2

For this Report we considered the development for the period from April to June 2020. The most important point of this quarter has been the general meeting. The most important decision was the adoption of our new constitution, bylaws, guidelines and voting procedure which allows continuing our work towards the official registration as association in Germany. There have been a few other topics discussed which will be mentioned here as well. For further detail, please refer to the official meeting minutes which can be found on our website.

An important note is that there will be a virtual general meeting and elections on **August 8th, 2020 at 2 pm CEST** on the platform “Zoom”.

Structural changes to Rotex International

As we wrote in our last report, we are working towards the registration as NPO in Germany. To achieve this, we have worked out the necessary paperwork which we discussed and slightly modified at the general meeting. As it has been adopted by the general assembly, this allows us to go forward with the registration. The documents and membership fee will only become effective once we went through with the registration and at least seven Rotex Clubs have become members of Rotex International. As of now, there are no changes yet. Once the registration is complete, we will inform everyone that membership is open to Rotex Clubs.

The board of the association will continue to consist of 5 people from different countries which change in a staggered rhythm. What is new is that from now on the members of Rotex International are no longer individuals but Rotex associations. To strengthen the association and its work a membership fee will be put in place.

Umbrella organizations

At the moment we have three umbrella organizations (Rotex Germany, Rotex Brazil and North America). We have tried to clarify their role within Rotex International. We will go with a “parliament setting” where the umbrella organizations are granted observer status upon application for such. With this they get speaking rights for meetings but are not subject to membership fees and don’t get a voting right.

Finances

This was topic at the general meeting as well. In the last report it stated that an annual membership fee of about 100€ is proposed. After some feedbacks, discussions and re-

evaluations, the new membership fee of **36€ per year** (3€ monthly) per club has been adopted by the general assembly.

Voting procedure

In relation with the registration a new voting procedure has been put in place. This foresees a soft deadline 1 week before the election and only one candidate per country. Every Rotex International member association has the right to one vote.

Due to the COVID-19 situation a special voting procedure for this year had to be established. Maurício Bottas Pelini and Utsav Sachdev are stepping down, the other members stay on the board for another year. Two new board members, who immediately start their work on the board, will be elected at the general meeting on August 8th. The next full election will take place at the Convention in Curitiba 2021. With this process we can keep the principle of the staggered board and secure the operability of the board. As we don't have any Rotex International members yet, each Rotex club can vote this year. To do so and control from our side, you need to register with the board during the meeting.

Rotex International and Rotary International

The position of Rotex within Rotary has accompanied us since the beginning of our term on the board. There is no final solution as an institutionalization of Rotex within the RYE program is not possible. The board suggests to either join an existing Rotary or Rotaract Club or to found a Rotex-dedicated Rotary or Rotaract Club.

In addition to these suggestions, the idea of an international Rotex Rotary Passport Club has been discussed at the general meeting. The board will look further into this and share more information at the next general meeting. The board sees a potential in such a club for keen Rotex to become Rotarians where the numbers for founding a dedicated club are too low and existing clubs are no fit.

Postponed 5th Rotex International Convention

In the meantime, the period for requesting refunds has ended. Currently the work is focussed on internal organization and content. The negotiations with suppliers are on hold as the COVID-19 situation in Brazil is very actual and new conditions cannot yet be defined.

Board mutations 2020 and candidacies

As mentioned above, there will be elections for two new board members this year. The election will take place at the general meeting on **August 8th at 2 pm CEST**.

If you want to run for the board, send a short video to info@rotex.org. Deadline for the video is the 25th of July. In this video of max. 5 minutes you should present yourself, your motivation for running for the board and the vision you have for Rotex International. The videos will be shared on our website so everyone can inform themselves about the candidates. Late applications are possible until midnight the day before the vote (11:59 pm CEST on August 7th). There will be another possibility for short presentations of candidates at the General meeting before the vote if necessary.

On **August 2nd at 4 pm CEST** there will be a live meeting where everyone can ask the candidates questions.

Rotex International Convention 2023

At the 5th RXI convention we would have decided on the location of the convention 2022. With the postponing of this year's convention, the 6th RXI convention will take place in 2023 and the decision on the location has also been postponed. Nonetheless we want to call upon Rotex associations interested in hosting the 2023 convention to use this time to check if hosting the convention could be possible and to foresee a candidacy.

Prospects

In the next quarter there will be a webinar series with topics regarding the formation of a Rotex Club, registration, involving Rotarians and the ISP. Besides this, the main focus lays on following up and adapting the points discussed at the last general meeting and organizing the next meeting, including the election. More information will follow on our usual communication channels. Besides this, the board continues its work supporting Rotex Clubs with their establishing as well as localizing and getting in touch with Rotex Clubs that already exist but are not yet connected to us.

For further questions regarding the last general meeting please refer to the official minutes or reach out to us. The board is looking forward to our next meetings and is hoping to see many of you participating.