

## Minutes Annual Meeting

Sept 8, 2022, via Zoom

**Board members Attending:** Mike McGovern, Jacques di Costanzo, Adriana de la Fuente, Tunji Funsho, Jhinsup JJ Jhung, Knut Johnsen, Margie Kersey, Binod Khaitan, Seiji Kita, Toni McAndrew, Tim Moore, Leila Ristelli, George Sundararaj, Juan Pedro Torroba, Frank Wargo, Nicolas Zalles, Paul Muczynski

**Absent:** Tim Schuler, Bryn Styles, Kalcho Hinov

**Attendees:** 94

### Votes:

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| PASSED | Slate of officers accepted as presented. Knut Johnsen moved, Frank Wargo seconded.  |
| PASSED | 2022-23 Budget Approved. Knut Johnsen moved, Paul Muczynski seconded.   |
| PASSED | Officers elected to serve from 2022-25: Mike McGovern, Chair. Paul Muczynski, Treasurer. Leila Ristelli moved. Juan Pedro Torroba seconded.   |
| PASSED | Board Members to serve from 2022-25: Tunji Funsho, Nigeria. Antonio Hallage, Brazil. Knut Johnsen, USA. Seiji Kita, Japan. Tim Moore, Australia. George Sundararaj, India. Juan Pedro Torroba, Argentina. Margie Kersey moved. Paul Muczynski seconded. |

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 am EST by Chair Mike McGovern

After welcoming the attendees and roll call, Chair Mike McGovern noted that RLI is strong around the world and that more in-person events were being held along with online programming by some Divisions.

Executive Director, Knut Johnsen welcomed the attendees and offered gratitude to Frank Wargo, Paul Muczynski, and Margie Kersey for work done in the past year on the website, database, and curriculum. He went on to say that strong RLI programs are tied to strong membership and congratulated Divisions that have been able to offer in-person programming.

Treasurer Paul Muczynski presented the financials (attached). RLI International is in a strong position. He noted that \$5000 on the expenses was money owed on the last curriculum meeting in Orlando that was billed late. The following questions from attendees were answered:

- There is a surplus in the budget this year as we are trying to be optimistic.
- The reduction of dues should be discussed for 2024 as we learn what the “new normal” looks like for us.
- The potential expenses for the Melbourne Convention are still up in the air.
- We suffered a loss on the Houston Convention breakfast event because of low attendance. We anticipated 250, and only 160 attended.

Margie Kersey and Frank Wargo gave an update on curriculum. Margie announced that there will be a major revamping of curriculum next year. All modules will be rewritten by professional curriculum writers and then passed through a final review team before publication. She asked for volunteers in three areas:

1. Professional curriculum writers
2. Members for the Final Review team
3. Translators

Margie also asked that all Divisions send in any curriculum they have written or modified.

Frank shared the importance of having great discussion leaders, noting that the best curriculum in the world is worthless if you don't have people capable of handling the discussion.

Vice Chair, Adriana de la Fuente gave a report on the Houston Convention, thanking everyone who helped. Frank Wargo was recognized for running the booth for the entire convention. She said we got great support from Rotary International, and that RI President Shekhar Mehta was a speaker for our breakfast.

Tim Moore announced that the RLI breakfast at the Melbourne Convention in 2023 will be at the Cricket Grounds in the Legends Room. Information on the convention can be found at [www.rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.rotarymelbourne2023.org)

Executive Director Knut Johnsen presented the recommendations of the nominating committee for board members and officers up for election this year. Knut called for nominations from the floor. None were received.

Chair Mike McGovern announced the award recipients for 2022 and called for volunteers for the 2023 awards committee.

2022 award recipients:

Michael Rabasca RLI International Outstanding Achievement Awards for 2022:

2022: Stan Lee of Taiwan

Paul Muczynski of USA

Margie Kersey of USA

David Linett RLI International Distinguished Service Award:

2022: George Sundararaj of India

Adriana de la Fuente reported we will have a booth at the RI Houston Convention. She asked for recommendations for a hotel near the venue to host the traditional RLI breakfast.

Knut then presented the Nomination Committee report. After referencing Article V, section 1 defining the Number, Qualification, Terms and Election of officer, he presented a proposed slate of officers:

RLI International Chair: Michael McGovern to 2025

Treasurer: Paul Muczynski to 2025

And a slate of Directors to serve 2022-25:

Tunji Funsho, Nigeria

Antonio Hallage, Brazil (to replace Penny Bryon)

Knut Johnsen, USA

Seiji Kita, Japan

Tim Moore, Australia

George Sundararaj, India

Juan Pedro Torroba, Argentina

Margie provided an update on communications, thanking the Divisions that have been sharing information and their Division newsletters. Special thanks were given to Taiwan and RLISA. She encouraged all Divisions to submit information for the newsletter. She asked that all Divisions submit names and email addresses for anyone they think should receive the International newsletter.

Several attendees made special comments before we adjourned.

- Juan Pedro Torroba noted there had been a big turnover in Division leaders during Covid, but the spirit of RLI has never died. They will be dropping their online program.
- Tom Greene announced that the Heart of America Division has moved to using DACDB to manage registration. He recommended we start a “DACDB support group” to allow Divisions to share information.
- Corneliu Dinca asked that we remember the Ukraine

- Yael Lazarus asked for clarification of who appoints Division Chairs and how long they should serve (he was referred to his Division bylaws)
- Paul Muczynski asked that everyone make sure their dues are paid as soon as possible and to include a list of district numbers.

Chair Mike thanked all attendees and Board members. He also thanked Don Martin for providing technical support for this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:28 am EST

Minutes Recorded by Margie Kersey, Secretary



**Rotary Leadership Institute International  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, 8 September 2022  
8:00 a.m. US Eastern Daylight Time (New York Time )**

The Rotary Leadership Institute International (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world.

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service.

The Rotary Leadership Institute International is not an official training program of Rotary International.

RLI International Annual Meeting  
Time: 8 September 2022  
08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

The annual meeting is open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors in participating divisions. Division leadership, District governors, District Governor elects and Faculty members are specifically encouraged to attend. Any required votes are limited to board members.

## **Agenda**

**Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**                      **Mike McGovern, Board Chair**

**Update from the Executive Director- Knut Johnsen**

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paul Muczynski**

**Curriculum Discussion Board Member Margie Kersey and Board Member Frank Wargo**

**RLI Activities at Houston Convention Update: Board Vice Chair Adriana de la Fuente**

**Update on Melbourne Convention: Tim Moore**

## Nominations Committee Report: Knut Johnsen. Adriana de la Fuente and Leila Ristelli

**Number, Qualification, Terms and Election.** The officers of the Institute shall be the Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Director and such other officers, agents and employees as shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 2 of these Bylaws. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of the Chair and the Secretary. The officers of the Institute shall be elected from time to time by the Board. The initial officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board and shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board of the Institute. Thereafter officers shall be elected by the Board to serve for three (3) year terms or until their successor shall have been duly elected, or until their death, resignation removal as provided in these Bylaws. The Chair and the Treasurer shall be elected on even numbered years beginning in 2022. The First Vice-Chair and the Secretary shall be elected on odd numbered years beginning in 2023, and the Second Vice-Chair and the Executive Director shall be elected on even numbered years beginning in 2024. The Board shall fill vacancies for the balance of an unfinished term. An officer does not need to be a member of the Board, but must be a member of a Rotary Club within a Division that is a member of the Institute, and have been involved in organizing and participating in RLI Division and International levels.

### Recommended Nominations are in Bold

Other Officers are Continuing

**\*RLI International Chair: Michael K. McGovern to 2024 Annual Meeting**

First Vice Chair: Adriana de la Fuente to 2023 Annual Meeting

Second Vice Chair: Leila Ristelli to 2024 Annual Meeting

Secretary: Margie Kersey to 2023 Annual Meeting

**\*Treasurer: Paul Muczynski to 2024 Annual Meeting**

Executive Director: Knut Johnsen to 2024 Annual Meeting

Note: The full board is as follows:

First	Last	Board Term Ends at Annual Meeting
Jacques	di Costanzo	2023
Adriana	de la Fuente	2024
<b>Tunji</b>	<b>Funsho</b>	<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
<b>Antonio</b>	<b>Hallage</b>	<b>New term to 2025</b>
Kalcho	Hinov	2023
Jhinsup	Jj Jhung	2024
<b>Knut</b>	<b>Johnsen</b>	<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
Margie	Kersey	2023
Binod	Khaitan	2024
<b>Seiji</b>	<b>Kita</b>	<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
Toni	McAndrew	2023
Michael	McGovern	2024
<b>Tim</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
Paul	Muczynski	2023

Leila	Ristelli		2024
<b>George</b>	<b>Sundararaj</b>		<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
Tim	Schuler		2023
Bryn	Styles		2024
<b>Juan Pedro</b>	<b>Torroba</b>		<b>2022 New term to 2025</b>
Frank	Wargo		2023
Nicolas	Zalles		2024

**Update on RLI Communications: Margie Kersey**

**Appointment of the Awards Committee for 2022-2023**

**30 Minutes Available for Comments and Questions from any Attendee**

**Board members are encouraged to offer comments on RLI in their region**

**Brief Concluding Remarks: Mike McGovern, Board Chair**

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL  
2022 - 2023 BUDGET**

**Income**

Dues	\$27,500.00
Pins	\$1,500.00
Annual Breakfast	\$7,500.00

**Total Income      \$36,500.00**

**Expense**

PayPal Service Charge	\$500.00
PNC Service Charge	\$200.00
Pins	\$0.00
Travel	\$5,000.00
Lodging and Meals	\$2,500.00
Convention & Operations	\$2,000.00
Annual Breakfast	\$7,500.00
DacDb	\$520.00
IRS 990 Preparation	\$200.00

**Total Expense      \$18,420.00**

**Balance      \$18,080.00**

**Assumptions**

**Income** 275 Districts @ \$100 per District  
1000 Pins @ \$1.00 per Pin  
Breakfast 150 attendees @ \$50 per attendee



Rotary Leadership Institute International  
Profit and Loss 2021 - 2022

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Dues	\$27,500.00	\$28,528.41	\$1,028.41
Pins	\$500.00	\$2,740.00	\$2,240.00
Annual Breakfast	\$12,500.00	\$6,280.00	-\$6,220.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,500.00</b>	<b>\$37,548.41</b>	<b>-\$2,951.59</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
PayPal ServiceCharge	\$500.00	\$752.63	\$252.63
PNC Service Charge	\$200.00	\$156.00	-\$44.00
Pins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	-\$4,000.00
Lodging and Meals*	\$2,000.00	\$5,621.00	\$3,621.00
Convention & Operations	\$1,000.00	\$5,558.52	\$4,558.52
Annual Breakfast	\$12,500.00	\$16,237.50	\$3,737.50
Printing and Web Support	\$0.00	\$499.47	\$499.47
DACdb	\$520.00	\$555.00	\$35.00
IRS 990 Preparation	\$250.00	\$200.00	-\$50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,970.00</b>	<b>\$29,580.12</b>	<b>\$8,610.12</b>

\* One time charge Actual expense from 2020 Orlando Meeting

Checking Account Balance	
July 1, 2021	\$41,454
June 30, 2022	\$49,277