

## **B-12-a. Zones Realignment Implementation Committee Report**

### **DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Zones Realignment Implementation Committee for its report and congratulates the committee and RI staff for their extraordinary efforts in guiding the process to a successful conclusion;
2. thanks the current and past officers and districts in new zones 12, 13, 18, 21, and 22 for their recommendations regarding the new zones structure, and requests the general secretary to respond directly to these Rotarians in accordance with discussion at this meeting;
3. approves the following modifications to the new zones plan:
  - a. to be consistent with the labeling of sections in other zones, reverses the designation of sections in Zone 7 so that Zone 7(A) shall be the Philippines and Indonesia, and Zone 7(B) shall be New Zealand and Islands;
  - b. agrees that District 4690 (Bolivia) shall be made part of Zone 23B and District 4400 (Ecuador) part of Zone 22A;
  - c. reverses the designation of zones 30 and 31 approved at the Board's January 2008 meeting, so that revised Zone 30 shall be designated as Zone 31 and revised Zone 31 shall be designated as Zone 30;
  - d. agrees that District 2030 shall be made part of Zone 12, thus removing it from new Zone 19;
4. adopts the director nomination schedule as shown in Exhibit B-12-b, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
5. agrees that, effective 1 July 2009, the geographical territory assigned to each RRIMC should reflect the new zones alignment and the allocation of zones and sections of zones to Rotary institutes, where appropriate, and strikes the first two sentences of *Rotary Code of Policies* section 26.070.10. as follows:

~~Regional RI membership coordinators should be appointed by zones. There should be no more than one zone per coordinator.~~
6. recommends to the Foundation Trustees that, effective 1 July 2009, the geographical territory assigned to each RRFC and other regional Foundation appointee should reflect the new zones alignment and the allocation of zones and sections of zones to Rotary institutes, where appropriate;
7. agrees to change the name of zone coordinators to regional coordinators to allow flexibility in describing their geographical responsibilities;

8. agrees that the revised zones structure shall go into effect on 1 July 2009, except for the presidents' and directors' nominating processes, and the membership reports generated by the Secretariat, which shall be based upon the revised zones structure effective 1 July 2008;
9. requests the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft legislation for possible submission to the 2010 Council on Legislation that would allow districts in RIBI to be placed in a zone with non-RIBI districts while still retaining their current method of voting for RI offices, for report to the Board at its November 2008 meeting.