



April 20, 2026

Dear WASH Rotary Action Group Members,

The process of selecting new **WASH Rotary Action Group** Directors for the July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, term, as specified by our WASH Rotary Action Group by-laws, has started.

The following information is contained in this letter, and we urge all self-nominating candidates to carefully read the following contents:

- Election Process and Openings
- Timeline
- Criteria and Responsibilities
- Director Role and Responsibilities
- Prohibited Campaigning, Canvassing, or Electioneering
- Submission of Self-Nomination Information

### **Election Process and Openings**

WASH Rotary Action Group Chair Brian Hall has appointed an independent Nominating Committee, which is charged with identifying a slate of candidates to be approved by the Board and submitted to the membership for their vote. This year's Nominating Committee members are Rotarians and WASH Rotary Action Group members with one each from the following: WASH Rotary Action Group Board; WASH Rotary Action Group Operations Team; and WASH Rotary Action Group Foundation.

There are **Three Open Positions** on the WASH RAG Board of Directors that will be vacated by Director Mary Beth Growney Selene, District 6250 in USA, as she has completed the maximum allowable of six consecutive years. Chair Brian Hall, District 6840 in USA, and Kundleswar Panigrahi, District 9231 in India, are in their first term of three years and are eligible to seek a second term of three years.

The successful candidates will join current Board members who will be serving during the Rotary year 2026-2027 including:

S.N. Srikanth *District 3234, Chair, India*  
Bruce Clemens *District 4250, Guatemala*  
Chris Etienne *District 6290, USA*  
Patrick Karney *District 4250, Belize*  
Ron Denham *District 7070, Canada*  
Patrisio N. Njeru, *9212, Kenya*  
Dale Gray *District 5495, USA*  
Bas Hendriksen *District 1600, Netherlands*  
Stewart Martin, Non-Voting Technical Officer *District 5100, USA*

## **Timeline**

April 20	Call for Self-Nominations
May 4	Self-Nominations Closed
May 11	Slate submitted to the Board for review
May 13	Nominees for slate to be notified; Applicants not on slate can opt to be on the ballot
May 15	Voting by WASH RAG Members starts
May 29	Voting by WASH RAG Members ends at 11:59 p.m. Central Time Zone (Evanston)
May 31	Candidates on the ballot notified; Board notified
June 2	Results announced to membership
June 27	Orientation for New Board Members
June 27	Board Meeting
June 22	Annual Meeting of the Membership

## **Criteria and Qualifications for WASH Rotary Action Group Directors**

Self-nominated candidates for consideration for the Board of Directors of WASH Rotary Action Group must be:

- Willing to support the Mission, Vision, and Goals of WASH RAG
- Candidates can come from around the Rotary world and represent the diverse perspectives of those engaged in WASH projects.
- Ideal candidates will be comfortable working with international members
- Be able to identify opportunities and challenges to advance WASH

This coming Rotary year the Nominating Committee is seeking the best qualified candidates, including those with experience/expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Financial management; goal monitoring; fund development; expertise in water, sanitation, and hygiene; and organizational and team development.

## **Director Roles and Responsibilities**

- There is no compensation for filling the role of Board member, attending meetings of the Board, or other Board related meetings
- Directors will be expected to participate in electronic virtual Board meetings, including a Board Orientation Meeting.
- Attend virtually the Annual Board meeting, which is typically held around the time of the Rotary International Convention
- Opportunity to participate in an Operations Team Committee

## **Prohibited Campaigning, Canvassing, or Electioneering**

Any effort to influence the selection process for an elective role in any manner, including campaigning, canvassing, or electioneering, is prohibited. Group members shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective positions in the Rotary Action Group or allow such activity, for either themselves or others. This prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves, or others, of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs. If a candidate learns of any prohibited activity, they shall immediately express disapproval and instruct the activity to be stopped. Failure to follow the rules will result in disqualification of the nominee.

### **Submission of Self-Nomination Information**

If you wish to be considered for inclusion on this nomination slate, you must be a member of WASH Rotary Action Group in good standing.

Please send your letter of interest to Bruce Clemens, Board Secretary, at [info@wash-rag.org](mailto:info@wash-rag.org) by the end of the day on **Monday May 4, 2026**. Include a **brief, one-page biographical sketch** which includes:

- Your interest in applying – Limit 500 characters
- Acknowledgement and understanding of and alignment with the WASH Rotary Action Group's Mission, Vision, and Goals and WASH RAG By-laws <https://www.wash-rag.org/about/> - Limit 500 characters
- Rotary experience – Limit 1500 characters
- Your professional background – Limit 1500 characters
- Your experience/background in WASH related activities and Rotary Grants – Limit 1500 characters
- What you believe you can contribute as a Board member – Limit 1500 characters
- Name, Rotary or Rotaract Club, District, Country, E-mail, and Phone

Thank you for your consideration of taking on a leadership role to advance global access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to benefit so many people in need locally and globally!

Yours in Rotary,

**Bruce Clemens**

*Board Secretary*

WASH Rotary Action Group