

# RLI-HOA Bulletin

Rotary Leadership Institute Heart of America Division

"Serving the RLI training needs of the Rotary  
Districts in Rotary Zones 30 & 31."  
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## Highlights of the January'24 RLI-HOA Board Meeting

By Jeffrey Romine

On January 16, 2024 the RLI-HOA Board convened a quarterly meeting. Quorum was present. Highlights of the meeting included:

**Curriculum Changes:** Approval and announcement of a plan to introduce the new RLI Curriculum and to transition to it by April 1. **RLI Districts are encouraged to make the transition to the new curriculum by April 1, 2024.** Past RI Director and RLI Curriculum Chair Elizabeth Usovicz is planning to conduct in the weeks upcoming, two zoom meetings: (1) One to discuss the new curriculum with Regional and District Coordinators and (2) one for interested RLI facilitators. Be watching for announcements.

**Increased Training:** The Board discussed increasing the training opportunities and conducting some targeted training sessions. Three possible training topics were discussed: (1) The Closeout Process for RLI events (for District Coordinators) (2) Online RLI event training - Division wide (for Zone 30 & 31 Rotarians) and (3) Online Faculty training (for future facilitators). It is anticipated that you will hear more about this effort after the curriculum meetings have occurred.

**Faculty Training:** Greg Maciolek, Faculty and Training Chair, reported that he had conducted an in-person training event for facilitators in his home of District 6780. He also indicates that he is ready to conduct training via Zoom to meet the needs of Districts where a small handful of individuals wish to be trained. The faculty training process involves (1) finding individuals knowledgeable about Rotary that are willing and capable of becoming facilitators, (2) live engagement in a session where individuals hear about and learn the importance of facilitating discussions and about the RLI program materials and (3) a successful abbreviated mock session where the prospective member of the faculty can demonstrate the ability to conduct a session. This last portion can be conducted at the District level. District Coordinators are encouraged to contact Greg if seeking facilitator training sessions. Greg can be reached via email at [greg@gregmaciolek.com](mailto:greg@gregmaciolek.com).

**2024-2025 Budget:** A budget for the 2024-2025 year was approved and will be included in the annual ballot for approval. At this time, it is not anticipated that the fees for either online or in-person session registration will change. The most significant change represented by the budget is the goal of attaining 600 registered sessions during the 2024-2025 year.

**Voting Process:** Each year in January, the Board nominates individuals to fill upcoming vacant positions on the Board. An electronic ballot with nominated names along with the upcoming year's budget is combined into a small packet and distributed to our electors: RLI-Member District Governors, HOA-RLI District Coordinators, HOA-RLI board members (which also includes all HOA-RLI Regional Coordinators) The ballot was distributed on January 29 and is due to be returned no later than the end of day February 29. Upon the conclusion of voting, you will be informed of the new officers and filled positions.