

Issue No. 1639

Date: 21 Poush 2082 / 5 January 2026

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting on Zoom</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtns. Ganesh & Bijaya Shrestha – 7 Jan</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1982

Date: 14 Poush 2082 / 29 December 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1982. As he was not physically present and the connection on Viber was not very good, he requested Vice President Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam to continue the meeting. Vice President Rtn. Gautam conducted the meeting with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. The meeting had an attendance of 27 members including via Zoom/Viber with 9 make-ups.

In view of the sad news of the passing away of Charter Secretary of the RCP, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha on 28 December 2025, the meeting was shortened only for the Annual Election required to be held before the end of the year followed by discussion on Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha's sudden passing away.

2. Vice President Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam requested President Elect Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka to present the Proposal on New Board – 2026-2027.
3. President Elect Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented a consensus proposal on the RCP's new Board for 2026-2027 on behalf of the Election Committee (Coordinator Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, President Elect; and members: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, President; and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Sergeant-at-Arms) in accordance with the RCP By-Laws and RI procedures. PE Rtn. Khemka mentioned that consent had been obtained from all the Rotarians nominated and that the proposal was prepared with a conscious focus on continuity, leadership development, effective governance, and ensuring stability while also preparing future leaders for greater responsibility. The proposal, with the 15 designations mentioned below, was reviewed and endorsed by the last Board meeting of the RCP.

Board Officials: President - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, Immediate Past President - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, President Elect - Rtn. Jeevan Shrestha, Vice President - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha, Secretary - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu, Treasurer - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, Joint Secretary - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi, and Joint Treasurer - Rtn. Preeti Khemka.

Board Committee Chairpersons: Sergeant-at-Arms & Event/Fellowship Coordinator - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Club Administration – Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma, Service Projects - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, The Rotary Foundation - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Membership - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon, Public Image - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, and Youth Services – Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal.

Following deliberations, the RCP 'House' approved the proposal by acclamation.

Charter Secretary of the RCP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha's sudden demise on 28 December 2025

On behalf of the RCP family, charter member Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon expressed the words of condolences. Several members spoke of their grief and discussed this sad news. Many members were able to join the cremation ceremony at 'Pashupati', despite short notice. It was proposed for the RCP family to pay a visit to late Rtn. Kayastha's family for condolences at their residence at Kopundole at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 1 January 2026.

The Rotary Club of Patan observed a minute of silence and passed a motion of condolence to Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha's bereaved spouse Rtn. Chandralekha and their entire family and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Rotary International directors declared for 2027-29

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo declared on 4 December six Rotary members to be RI directors for 2027-29.

The RI Bylaws provide that if the general secretary does not receive a duly proposed challenge to the selection of a zone's nominating committee for director by 1 December, the president shall declare the selection of the nominating committee to be the director-nominee from the zone.

There were no proposals of additional candidates from the following zones. Therefore, in accordance with the RI Bylaws, President Arezzo declared the following Rotary members to be the directors-nominee from their respective zones to serve on the Board beginning on 1 July 2027:

Zone 4

Gurjeet Singh Sekhon — Amritsar Civil Lines, India

Zone 15

Birgitta E. Radermacher — Bergisch Gladbach, Germany

Zone 19

Stephen Martin — North Wales and Northwest England Passport Club

Zone 24A

Paulo Eduardo de Barros Fonseca — São Paulo, Liberdade, Brazil

Zone 26

John Chase — Boulder City, Nevada, United States

Zone 30

Mike Kelly — Mason-Deerfield, Ohio, United States

The general secretary received challenges to the nominating committee's selection in Zone 10A (Philippines). No candidates in Zones 6 (Bhutan, eastern India, Nepal) and 12 (southern Republic of Korea) received the required number of votes to be nominated during their respective zone's committee meeting.

An electronic ballot is being prepared for clubs in these zones to select their respective director-nominee. The ballot will be distributed by 31 December and will run until 1 February per the RI Bylaws.