

## **2018 Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group Annual Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

The annual meeting of the Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG) held at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, was opened at 1:47pm EST on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, by its Chair, Leigh Readdy.

A list of attendees is attached.

Leigh opened by stating that he was the current Chair and introduced the incoming Chair, Bob Stuart, who will take over the DNA-RAG on July 1, 2018.

No prior meeting notes or financials were available were introduced. Leigh talked about the latest focus on working with the Caribbean Partnership to consummate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that both parties could work together to assist each other. Next organizations mentioned for MOUs were Disaster Aid and Shelter Box.

Incoming Chair, Bob Stuart, talked about how he came to be chair and the vision he has for DNA-RAG, the focus on aiding in the area of long-term rebuilding efforts following disasters. Bob talked about his goals for DNA-RAG:

- 1) focus on growing membership
- 2) develop relationships with other Rotary Action Groups
- 3) continue to develop strong strategic relationships with organizations that have strong ties to Rotary such as Disaster Aid and Shelter Box, and others like Doctors Without Borders
- 4) develop a strong relationship with Rotary International staff
- 5) explore setting up disaster "Ready" conferences; potentially one in the US and one in Australia or New Zealand to start
- 6) focus on communications with members

For the remainder of the meeting, Leigh led a roundtable where each attendee introduced themselves and talked about their organization, how they were involved in disaster planning or response, and what they would like to see DNA-RAG focus on going forward.

Bob Stuart providing closing comments. Bob mentioned that DNA-RAG has strong support of Rotary International's incoming President, Barry Rassin, and again asked for the attendees to support and promote DNA-RAG.

The meeting was concluded at 3:34pm EST.

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## Attachment

### Attendee List – 24 June 2018

Craig Roberto – Disaster Aid UK

Enio Bellé - Disaster Aid Brazil

Wayne Beaumder – Disaster Aid USA

Denise Antrobus

David Antrobus

Robert Stuart – Incoming Chair, DNA-RAG

C Anne. McIntyre – Disaster Aid Canada

David Loneworthy – Disaster Aid Australia

Rhett Butler – Skyjuice Foundation

Alex Youlten – Shelter Box

Dave Nichols – Shelter Box

Tim Hedges – Shelter Box

Mike Stafford – Secretary, DNA-RAG

Joshua N. Knight – Global Hope Network International

Mark A. Thompson – Advantage General Insurance Co.

Allison Peart – Rotary Club of Manor Park, Kingston, Jamaica

Felix Stubbs – Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise

Jeff Brennan – Rotary Club of Mill Creek

Leigh Readdy – Chair – DNA-RAG