

# Council of Regional Exchange Leaders (COREL)

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# What is COREL?

## Council of Regional Exchange Leaders

- Presidents of these organizations:
  - ABIJ: Paulo Andrade Gomes
  - EEMA: Lucien Perlitius
  - LATIR (most of Latin America other than Brazil): Arnaldo Benitez Mendieta
  - NAYEN: Steve Gerdes
  - RYEA (Australia): Linda Bilney
- East Asian leader: Ali Chen (Taiwan)
- West Asian leader: Bhanu Gupta (India)
- Secretary: P. Terrance McNaughton

# History

- The leaders of the regional groups have been informally meeting for more than five years at regional conferences and the Pre-Convention.
- In February 2020, the leaders held a strategic planning meeting at the NAYEN Conference in Monterrey, Mexico.
- At this meeting the leaders decided to explore setting up a formal organization of the leaders.
- In March 2021, the leaders set up an association with bylaws.

# Early Initiatives

- Letter to Rotary International president encouraging the resumption of exchanges on July 1, 2022.
- Coordinated the effort to pass an enactment that would have required the Board to establish a standing Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.
- Started meeting several times a year with RI staff to share ideas and find avenues of cooperation

# Vision

- The Rotary Youth Exchange Program continues to be the world's best run and safest youth exchange program.
- Participation in the program is expanding steadily so the number of students is substantially greater than before COVID.
- Districts participating in youth exchange is expanding steadily at a rate of about ten districts a year.

# Mission

- Serve as the council for international leaders
  - Learn each other's best practices and regional challenges & issues;
  - Discuss the regional conference themes; and
  - Coordinate as appropriate their themes and educational offerings.
- Help regions without regional groups develop effective groups.
- Serve as the voice of the youth exchange chairs from around the world and the *de facto* youth exchange committee.
- Develop and maintain uniform documents for effective and fair administration of exchanges.
- Serve as the primary international resource for youth exchange officers.

# Happening now

- Zoom meetings of the leaders between once a month and once every two months.
- Regular Zoom meetings with RI staff.
- Providing input on Pre-Convention program.

# Under Consideration

- Propose amendment to Code of Policies provision on appointment of district chairs.
- Request RI appoint a Youth Exchange Committee or recognize COREL as its Youth Exchange Committee.
- Insurance: Update Code of Policies & set up insurance committee to review policies for compliance with RI minimum requirements.
- Identify issues of concern in Code of Policies (e.g. Non-Rotarian resource for transgender students & provision permanently banning Rotarian who accidentally falls out of compliance on a vetting requirement.)