

**RAWCS Southern Region**  
**Regional Operations Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**  
**Regional Coordinator PDG Ken Moore**

Welcome everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly committee meeting for the Rotary year 2020-21.

Because of Covid restrictions, particularly in Southern Region, there is not a huge amount to report since our last meeting.

As you all know, that meeting was on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and this was our Annual Meeting followed by our first quarterly meeting, both obviously held via Zoom. To my mind the attendance indicated the value in continuing with Zoom post-Covid for at least some of our meetings. However, there is still value in meeting face to face from time to time.

There was only one position on the regional committee for which nominations were called and I congratulate and thank Virginia for her endurance in continuing in the role of Regional Secretary.

The Regional Operations Committee composition for the current year is as follows:

Regional Co-ordinator – PDG Ken Moore

Immediate Past Regional Coordinator (acts as Vice Regional coordinator) - PDG Mani Seneviratne

Regional Secretary – Virginia Turner

DIK Store Representatives – David Dippie/TBA

Rotarians Against Malaria Regional Supervisor – Gloria Hargreaves

Projects Regional Supervisor – Vijay Susarla

Volunteers Regional Supervisor – Brad Quilliam

Communications Regional Supervisor – Ian Esmore

SW&SSL Regional Supervisor – Ruth Carlos Martinez

District RAWCS Coordinators (6)

District Governors, DGE's ad DGN's in each Region are ex officio members

The National Board are preparing for the annual Planning Weekend April 9 – 11, 2021 to be held at CILOMS. Subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions they are looking to invite the District RAWCS Chair Elects (those who will be District RAWCS Chair in 2021 – 2022) to the weekend, as it is felt that this would greatly benefit both the individual districts as well as RAWCS in general.

The Board are generally meeting each month and the Regional Coordinators are invited to join every second meeting, the last one being two weeks ago on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. I was unfortunately unable to attend that particular Zoom meeting but did receive reports prior to the meeting. In summary I can report the following:

- There are currently 533 active registered RAWCs Projects across the five regions.
- In the year to date there have been 33 new projects registered nationally.

- Due to the Covid19 restrictions all volunteer teams continue to be suspended.
- A working group has been formed within the Board and is producing an Education Strategy for Rotarians at Regional, District & Club level, the aim being to engage with Rotarians and promote RAWCS unique services, hopefully better than has been the case thus far.
- I'm sure RAM, DIK and Communications will be more than adequately covered by the Regional Supervisors reports so I won't make comment in regard to those areas at this point.
- There are three key positions at National level that the Board are seeking to fill. Hank de Smit will be finishing his term as National Secretary on 1<sup>st</sup> January; there is a casual vacancy for National Accountant, due to the resignation of Mike Whitehouse; they are also searching for a CEO and hope to have an appointment come January.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

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