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I am happy to say we have made some progress since the December issue. As a work in progress we first need a structure, and we have the foundation laid. I will also send (1) Organization plan, including Board of Directors (2) Purpose Plans and Objectives statement that you may use in explaining what PSA is all about.

I want to restate the basic premise of a Rotary Fellowship – they are based upon common interest and operate independently, utilizing individual action as the basis for success and growth. To succeed we need people who see a need and take action to fill the need. In our case, our quest is improved health for people with polio related problems.

Our structure and operation is based on establishing an information network throughout the world, designed to make the Rotary Connection with institutions already at work in the polio field – health organizations, clinics, rehabilitation centers, medical professionals, local support groups, care-givers, etc. The successful Rotarian is active in telling the Rotary story and connecting with his own community and providing a service. We expect to be able to be an information source for individual action at the local level. Non-Rotarian member associates will be our greatest strength because there are so many more of them and they are already active.

Until you begin to tell us what is going on with you and your efforts we will not know where we are effective. We do know that through our primitive network we have helped a polio in England get useful health information and a woman who needed transportation to hospital for needed treatments to get transportation from local Rotary club members. Contact us at psafellowship@msn.com

The best news for PSA is that my successor is already in position. Dave Heagerty, PDG 5170 and I are working together to get PSA off the ground and he will become Chairman effective 1 July 2005. We have a Board of Directors in place and in action. We have initial goals and action plans. Most of these were listed in the December issue of Polio Post. Briefly restated – Help Rotary complete the Polio Eradication Fund-raising project – Rotarians connect with local polio support groups; Associates connect with local Rotarians –as an individual or club project – Connect with www.post-polio.org to learn more about Post-Polio Health – Connect with www.RotaryFellowships.org to learn more about Rotary Fellowships – Rotarians start planning now to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago June 19-22 2005 where we expect to hold our first PSA meeting – In your community and with your friends, tell the story of Rotary International and the Helping Hand we are extending to polio survivors. Good luck to us all...

Ray Taylor, Chairman PSA