

Michael K. McGovern

Chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee

Mike McGovern has served as the chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee since October 2014. Recently, Michael was elected to chair the Polio Oversight Board, the governance body that provides strategic direction and unified leadership for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

McGovern's appointment is a significant milestone for Rotary International, which cofounded the GPEI in 1988 and has contributed more than US\$2.9 billion — along with countless volunteer hours — toward ending polio worldwide. In his new role, McGovern will help coordinate the work of the GPEI's partner organizations and steer efforts to safely and sustainably reach the goal of a polio-free world. He will also continue to chair Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, a role he has occupied since 2014.

Mike is the global chair of the Rotary Leadership Institute and formerly chaired the Rotary Leadership Institute of Northeast America.

He joined Rotary in 1986 as a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA. After serving as a district governor in 1999-2000, he served in many Rotary positions including as a director and vice president of Rotary International and as a trustee and vice chair of the Rotary Foundation. He led Rotary's rezoning efforts in 2007-2008 and in 2017-2018, was chair of the RI Membership Committee, and has chaired the Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention.

He served his entire career with the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine USA beginning as an intern in 1977 and serving as town manager for 31 years until his retirement in 2016.