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August 30th 2024

To the Board of Directors

Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group, Inc.

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RE: Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group, Inc.
("ESRAG")

The undersigned members of the ESRAG Audit Committee are pleased to provide the Board with this letter containing results of our review of the financial statements of ESRAG for the year ended June 30, 2024. This letter is based on an examination of certain financial records of ESRAG and discussions with Haruno Ito former treasurer, Tim Conners, current treasurer and Larry Hands, finance member on August 30th 2024, and is based on the procedures as outlined in the following paragraphs.

Scope of Review

We provided these services to the Board for the purposes of complying with Rotary International Code of Policies 42.030.9 *Independent Review of Financial Statements- last updated 2017*. Although this review included an examination of some accounting records and a sample of some of ESRAG's transactions, it was not intended to be an audit or review as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and therefore we are not providing an opinion or other level of assurance on the financial statements.

Procedures

Internal Controls over receipts and disbursements

We reviewed the system of controls over receipts and disbursements and discussed with both treasurers the current internal controls. We reviewed the Board resolution for Disbursements policy approved by the Board dated November 20th, 2019 to determine if those practices were being adhered to. We wanted to re-iterate item 4 of those practices that require prior approval of all expenditures that are outside the budget and while we did not note any instances of non-compliance, there does not appear to be a system for this process. Haruno noted that Easha Nair has left the organization and that Haruno is now performing this task. It was noted that the finance committee has been more active in monthly reviews of bank reconciliations and statements. We discussed the cash receipts system and found that most receipts are received through Paypal, Pay Factory or Stripe and that only 8-10 checks are received directly by the Treasurer each year. Risk of loss is minimal, and the cost of mitigation would outweigh the benefits of dual control for these checks. We noted that the disbursements policy and treasurer duties have now been documented in an accounting manual.

I-Member is the membership database system, and is now in its third year. It integrates the membership database with the general ledger; however, it does not integrate with the bank, so all transactions that go through the bank account, need to be manually entered. Risk of error could occur during this process of double entry.

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Haruno Ito noted that the glitch in the software has now been fixed and the balance sheet balances. The Finance committee will continue to review the I-Member accounting software and evaluate if it is sufficient to keep an accurate accounting of transactions. We recommend that if problems persist, that ESRAG consider using QuickBooks or similar software for its accounting transactions.

Checking /Savings accounts

We obtained the bank reconciliations for the checking account and compared the balance to that reflected in the financial statements. We also reviewed the June 30th bank statements and traced the reconciling items into the bank reconciliations. We noted that funds had recently been transferred into two certificates of deposit yielding higher interest rates. We continue to recommend that ESRAG develop an Investment Policy/Reserve to guide its investment and reserve decisions into the future. This policy may also provide guidance on socially screened institutions.

No discrepancies were noted in any of the reconciliations.

Prepaid Expenses

The balance of \$2,117 represents insurance and other expenses noted for the subsequent year. The treasurer noted that ESRAG now reports all income and expenses on the accrual basis.

Prepaid Memberships

Prepaid dues for members who pay the 5-year memberships is being tracked in I-Member software. We continue to recommend that at least annually, a member report be printed from I-Member and it be reconciled to the outstanding balance. As of June 30th 2043, the outstanding prepaid memberships were \$44,865 and this balance was traced to the balance in I-Member software.

Accounts Payable

We reviewed the detailed transactions in I-Member and the balance of \$1,000 reconciles to the detailed transactions.

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions consists of a restricted contribution for the purpose of hiring an Executive Director. No funds have been spent. Additional restricted contributions have been received and are being appropriately segregated in the accounting records.

Income

We compared the current balances in the income accounts to the annual budget. In instances where there was a significant balance, we inquired of the treasurers for an explanation of the variance. We analytically tested membership income and the balance appears reasonable.

We noted that ESRAG did not meet its fundraising goals of \$75,110. We recommend that during the budget process that more realistic numbers are used for the budget so that expenses can be appropriately budgeted. Then if you exceed your goals, approvals can be made for those expenditures.

Expenses

We compared the current balances in the expense accounts to the annual budget. In instances where there was a significant balance, we inquired of the treasurers for an explanation of the variance. We traced selected disbursements to their related invoices.

There were no significant unexplained variations which would require further investigation.

Action Group Minutes

We reviewed the minutes for the ESRAG for items that may impact the financial statements or that could be verified as having been properly processed through the group's accounts. We noted that the Board approved the annual budget at its meeting on August 2023. We recommend that any larger, unanticipated grants or gifts especially those with restrictions, be acknowledged in the minutes. We noted that there were no mention of financial matters in the minutes in the second half of the year. We recommend at a minimum that a motion and approval of the treasurers report and related financial statements be reported in every board meeting.

These comments and recommendations are based upon the scope of our review. It has been our privilege to serve ESRAG.

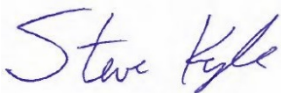
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