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The creation of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912 was a milestone in the history of the movement.

This decision followed Rotary's rapid expansion beyond its original borders, with the founding of clubs in Canada and Britain.

The Association was established at the convention in Duluth, Minnesota, bringing together representatives from 50 clubs.

This formal structure aimed to unify and coordinate the activities of existing clubs, while facilitating the creation of new clubs internationally.

Chesley Perry, appointed secretary of the Association, played a key role in its development.

Under his leadership, Rotary has established common standards and procedures, strengthening its identity and cohesion.

This internationalization has required adjustments, particularly in the governance and representation of non-American clubs.

The Association has faced the challenge of maintaining unity while respecting the cultural diversity of its members.

The creation of the International Association laid the foundation for modern Rotary.

