Rodolphe Robinel, of Cayenne, French Guiana, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 85th International Convention, held in Osaka, Japan, July 8-12, 2002.

Past Director Robinel is a retired chief executive director of social security for French Guiana.

A charter member of the Ile De Cayenne Lions Club since 1977, Past Director Robinel has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district secretary and district governor. He has also served as a speaker at the Lions Forum of Latin America and the Caribbean (FOLAC) for three separate years.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Robinel has received numerous awards, including several President’s Appreciation Awards, the Membership Growth Award, a Lions Clubs International Foundation Certificate of Achievement, a 100% District Governor’s Award, an International President’s Certificate of Recognition, two International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, two International President’s Leadership Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Robinel is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is a member of the Conflict Prevention Commission of the Guiana Commerce and Industry Chamber. In the past, he served as the secretary-treasurer of the Ebene Association and as president of the Rochambeau Airport Economic Advisory Committee.

Past Director Robinel and his wife, Anne-Marie, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and one son.