



ROTARACT MULTIDISTRICT INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS

Rotaract multidistrict information organizations (MDIO) are regional groups of Rotary districts that form for the purpose of disseminating information and facilitating communication among Rotaract clubs in the participating districts. MDIOs can also provide leadership training to Rotaract clubs and future district Rotaract leaders and organize multidistrict service projects. Each MDIO is comprised two or more Rotary districts.

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ROTARACT MULTIDISTRICT INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS – GENERAL INFORMATION

Whether you're just starting or already active, learn how to:

ORGANIZE A NEW MDIO

1. Contact the District Rotaract Representatives (DRRs) of the districts you would like involved. Although not required, it is good practice for each DRR to get at least 2/3 of the clubs in their respective district to agree to participating in the MDIO. Each DRR must make it clear to their Rotaract clubs that participation is voluntary.
2. Develop and adopt your Rotaract MDIO constitution and bylaws. Review the Rotary Code of Policies sections related to Rotaract, Rotaract MDIOs, and Multidistrict groups to ensure your constitution and bylaws do not contradict any RI policy. Remember to choose a name that accurately represents your member districts now and if you should expand in the future. See below for a sample constitution and bylaws to help you get started.
3. Obtain a “consent to join” letter from the district governors of each participating district. Optionally, you may also obtain a “consent to join” letter from the DRRs. See below for sample letters.
4. Submit your draft constitution, bylaws, and “consent to join” letters to Rotary International for review to rotaract@rotary.org. Please allow up to 8 weeks for review. After review, you may be required to make changes before your MDIO is approved.
5. Upon approval, the General Secretary will request that your Rotaract MDIO be officially recognized by the Board of Directors. After receipt of the official decision, RI will update our records, notify the Rotaract MDIO leaders, and include your Rotaract MDIO's contact information in the Worldwide Rotaract Directory.

MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE MDIO

All active Rotaract MDIOs are listed in the Worldwide Rotaract Directory. And Rotaract MDIO contacts receive updates, resources, and important communications from Rotary International. It is the responsibility of each Rotaract MDIO contact to provide contact information to RI at the start of each Rotary year, including:

- MDIO Contact name, email address, Rotaract club affiliation
- MDIO general email address and website

Failure to report contact information for a period of 2 years will result in termination of the MDIO and automatic disaffiliation of all member districts.

ADD NEW DISTRICTS TO AN ACTIVE MDIO

If districts wish to join or a district have been bifurcated, submit a “consent to join” letter from each concerning district governor to RI. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, you will be notified that the new districts are officially recognized as members of your MDIO.

REMOVE DISTRICTS OR DISAFFILIATE FROM AN ACTIVE MDIO

If districts are no longer active or wish to leave the MDIO, submit a “disaffiliation form” from each concerning district governor and district governor-elect, including the rationale for disaffiliation, to RI. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, you will be notified that the districts are officially removed as members of your MDIO. See below for a sample letter.

REQUEST A PRESIDENT’S REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL ROTARACT CONFERENCES

Rotary International maintains a small budget to send presidential representatives to regional Rotaract and MDIO conferences to deliver and address on behalf of the President, inspire attendees, and/or participate in workshops. To request a presidential representative, please email rotaract@rotary.org, including the dates and draft program for your conference, any costs which you can cover, and any preferred representative, preferably from the same region. It is important to send your request at least two months in advance.



CONSTITUTION OF THE ROTARACT MULTIDISTRICT INFORMATION ORGANIZATION (MDIO) OF

[Adopted {insert date}]

Article 1 – Name

The full and official name of this organization shall be the Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization (MDIO) of _____.

Article 2 – Purpose

1. The purpose of this Rotaract MDIO is to disseminate information and facilitate communication between Rotaract clubs in the member districts.
2. Its objective to support the growth of Rotaract among its member districts shall be achieved by:
 - a) offering leadership training to the Rotaract club leaders.
 - b) organizing an annual conference for Rotaract members that are part of the member districts.
3. This Rotaract MDIO has no governing, decision-making, or legislative powers, except for decisions concerning the activities of this organization, for which each member district (as represented by its corresponding District Rotaract Representative) shall have one vote. This Rotaract MDIO exists primarily as a resource for Rotaractors and Rotarians.
4. This Rotaract MDIO shall operate under the oversight of and with the full cooperation of the governors of each member district.
5. Rotary International recognizes and terminates Rotaract MDIOs, but each Rotaract MDIO operates and is governed independently. Nothing in this Constitution or the Bylaws shall contravene the Rotary International Code of Policies.

Article 3 – Membership

The members of this organization shall be the individual Rotary districts recognized by Rotary International to have joined this MDIO as member districts. Rotary districts interested in becoming member districts must have a District Rotaract Representative (DRR). The Bylaws shall define additional requirements and expectations for membership.

Article 4 — Board of Directors

1. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the district Rotaract representative, or a proxy specified by the district, of each member district.
2. The officers of the Board shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, and the immediate past Chair. These officers shall be nominated, selected, and dismissed as provided in the Bylaws.
3. The Board shall exercise no governing power over the affairs of member districts and shall not serve as an official representative of any member district.

Additional officer roles may be included here, however members shall always be defined as individual Rotary districts represented by the District Rotaract Representative or a specified proxy.

Article 5 — Finances

1. Funds needed to implement the organization's activities (i.e. production and distribution of regional club directories and newsletters, dissemination of Rotaract program information, general correspondence) cannot be made enforceable.
2. Funds needed to implement the organization's activities that involve the participation by Rotaract clubs and/or individual Rotaractors shall be collected on a voluntary basis, clearly presented as such; the cost of participation by a club or individual Rotaractor. Funds collected, if any, should be kept to a minimum, and not be implicitly or directly made an obligation in the form of a per capita tax, or assessment or otherwise.

Article 6 — Bylaws

Bylaws not inconsistent with both this Constitution and the Rotary International Code of Policies, embodying additional provisions for the government of this MDIO shall be adopted initially by a majority vote of the Board and may be amended by a majority vote of member districts, subject to any exceptions prescribed by the Board.

Article 7 – Name and logo

The name and logo of Rotaract shall be used exclusively by Rotaract members. This MDIO is entitled to wear or otherwise display the Rotaract name and logo along with the proper MDIO identifier in a dignified and appropriate manner.

Article 8 – Duration

This MDIO shall exist so long as it continues to function in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and policy relating to Rotaract established by Rotary International and reports a Rotaract MDIO contact annually to RI, or until it is terminated:

- a) by Rotary International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the Board or member districts, for:
 - 1) failure to function in accordance with the Rotary International Code of Policies
 - 2) upon disaffiliation of all member districts
 - 3) other cause
- b) by itself upon its own determination.

Upon termination of this MDIO, all rights and privileges relating to the Rotaract name and logo shall be relinquished by the MDIO.

Article 9 – Acceptance of Constitution and Bylaws

Every member district, by acceptance of membership, thereby accepts the principles of Rotaract as expressed in its purpose and agrees to comply with the constitution and bylaws of this MDIO, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the Constitution and Bylaws on the plea that a copy of them has not been received.

Article 10 – Amendments

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed only by a member district or by the Board in accordance with the procedures contained in the Bylaws.
2. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member districts. Voting procedures for such amendments shall be contained in the Bylaws.

[END]



BYLAWS OF THE ROTARACT MULTIDISTRICT INFORMATION ORGANIZATION (MDIO) OF

[Drafted {insert date}]

[Adopted {insert date}]

MDIO bylaws supplement the MDIO Constitution and establish common practices. The bylaws in this document are recommendations. Customize them to reflect your MDIO's practices so long as they are not in conflict with the Constitution and the current Rotary Code of Policies.

Article 1 — Definitions

As used in the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in these documents shall have the following meanings:

1. Board: The MDIO's board of directors
2. Director: A member of the MDIO board of directors
3. Officer: An officer of the MDIO board of directors
4. District: A Rotary district
5. DRR: A district Rotaract representative
6. Member: A Rotary district, represented by the district Rotaract representative or proxy
7. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: majority of the MDIO's members for MDIO decisions and a majority of the officers for MDIO board decisions
8. RI: Rotary International
9. MDIO: A Multidistrict Information Organization
10. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July

The MDIO may choose how it defines a quorum for voting purposes.

Article 2 — Elections and Terms of Office of the Board of Directors

1. The Board shall exercise no governing power over the affairs of member districts and shall not serve as an official representative of any member district.
2. The officers shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, and the immediate past Chair. There shall be _____ additional board members.
3. Election for officers shall be conducted at the annual meeting. Those elected shall take office on 1 July.
4. One month before elections, nominations for any open officer positions may be presented in writing, from the floor, or both.
5. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the members shall be elected.
6. Any officer may resign by presenting an official letter of resignation to the Chair _____ days before the effective date of resignation. If the Chair resigns, an official letter of resignation must be presented to the Vice-Chair or another officer of the Board _____ days before the effective date of resignation.
7. If any officer vacates a position, the remaining members of the Board will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.
8. Any officer may be dismissed by a 2/3 vote of the members and officers of the Board of Directors:
 - a) if the officer cannot or is unwilling to fulfil the duties of their office as described in these Bylaws;
 - b) if the officer does not comply with the practices outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rotary Code of Policies; or
 - c) for good and sufficient cause, as determined by the officers of the Board of Directors.
9. Officers shall serve a term of one year, beginning 1 July, and may be reappointed. Other Board members shall serve terms of: _____

Additional officer roles, qualifications, nominating procedures, notice and appeal of officer dismissal, and terms of office may be included here.

Article 3 – Duties of Officers

1. The Board of Directors shall oversee the financial operations, events, and programs of this MDIO. It shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, which shall be open to the attendance of any Board member in good standing. Members attending such

meetings, however, shall not address the meeting except with the permission of the officers of the Board.

2. The chair presides at all meetings of Board of Directors and the annual meeting. The Board appoints all committees and volunteer leaders as necessary or convenient, citing specific duties at the time of appointment. The chair is an ex officio member of all committees. The chair maintains regular communication with the member districts, the district Rotaract representatives, and Rotary International.
3. The vice-chair succeeds the office of chair in the event of a vacancy, and, in the absence of the chair, presides at all meetings of the Board.
4. The immediate past chair presides at all meetings of the Board in the absence of the chair and vice-chair.
5. The secretary maintains all official records, records minutes of all the meetings of the Board, and provides copies of such to the members upon request.
6. The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an annual accounting of them. The treasurer shall make all disbursements under procedures determined by the Board. The treasurer shall make all records available for inspection by any member upon request.

Additional officer roles and duties may be included here.

Article 4 — Meetings of the Board of Directors

1. There shall be not less than _____ meetings of the Board each year.
2. The Board meets as follows: _____.
3. Special meetings of the Board are called with reasonable notice by the Chair or upon the request of [officers of the board, district Rotaract representatives, or individual Rotaractors] for good and sufficient cause.
4. The following shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Board:
 - a) The elected officers and Board members of the MDIO
 - b) The District Rotaract Representative (or proxy) of the member districts
 - c) Such other person(s) as shall be invited by the Chair to attend

Additional meeting details, including what may be discussed or voted on at a meeting of the Board may be included here.

Article 5 – Method of Admitting Member Districts

1. The members of this organization shall be the individual Rotary Districts who have joined this MDIO as member districts. To become a member district, a district must:
 - a) obtain the written approval of its current district governor;
 - b) have a District Rotaract Representation (DRR) reported to RI;
2. Authorization from RI's general secretary, acting on behalf of the RI Board of Directors, is needed to officially recognize new member districts admitted to this MDIO.
3. Established member districts must complete and maintain all the requirements to remain eligible to vote at all official meetings.
4. A member district may opt-out of this MDIO by providing a signed disaffiliation form from its current district governor to the MDIO and Rotary International.
5. Member districts may be dismissed or removed;
 - a) by the current district governor should they be found to not operate under the oversight of and with the full cooperation of the governor and/or any district policy;
 - b) for failure to comply with the requirements of a member district as defined in these Bylaws;
 - c) by a 2/3 vote of other member districts in good standing for good and sufficient cause.

Additional membership criteria, such as geographic location, may be included here.

Article 6 – Meetings

1. An annual meeting shall be held <<define time/place>>.
2. The location, date, time, and necessary cost to attend the annual meeting shall be announced at least _____ prior to the meeting.
3. A quorum of members must be present before other matters, such as voting to select a multidistrict service project, may be conducted.
4. Each member district shall be entitled to one voting delegate for any matters or elections presented for consideration at the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of each member district to be represented either by its DRR or a proxy, and to vote on each proposal submitted for determination.

5. Officers of the Board of Directors are non-voting members at the annual meeting.
6. Voting at the annual meeting shall be conducted by <<insert method>>. In the event of a tie, <<define possible option>>.
7. An annual conference for the purpose of training, fellowship, or service may also be held, and where convenient should be organized around the same time and place as the annual meeting.

Additional meeting details or voting process may be included here.

Article 7 — Finances

1. A budget for the forthcoming year shall be presented at the last meeting of the Board each year and (subject to any amendments) be voted upon at that meeting.
2. Annual accounts of the MDIO's financial transactions shall be audited by a qualified person and presented at the first meeting of the Board following the end of the year to which they relate.

Additional details may be included here, however all funds collected or fees must be voluntary and cannot be made enforceable.

Article 8 — Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws may be proposed by a member district in good standing or an officer of the Board only by sending a formal proposal to this MDIOs governing body by _____ of the Rotary year.
2. The Constitution or these Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members in good standing where quorum is present at the annual meeting or a special meeting, provided notice of intention to call such a vote is given at least _____ days earlier.
3. Changes to these Bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution and the Rotary International Code of Policies.

[END]



**District <<*insert district here*>> Consent to Join
Rotaract <<*insert name here*>>
Multidistrict Information Organization**

As District Governor of District <<*insert district here*>>, I have no objection to Rotaract participation in the Rotaract <<*insert name here*>> Multidistrict Information Organization.

As District Governor, I hereby confirm that I have read the guidelines of the Rotaract <<*insert name here*>> MDIO. I understand that this Rotaract MDIO will disseminate information and facilitate communication between Rotaract clubs within its member districts, including District <<*insert district here*>>. I further understand that District <<*insert district here*>>, will be represented by its district Rotaract representative, or an appointed proxy, in decisions related to MDIO activities.

I have no objection to District <<*insert district here*>>'s participation in this Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization.

District Governor's Name (please print)

District Governor's signature Date



**District <<*insert district here*>> Consent to Join
Rotaract <<*insert name here*>>
Multidistrict Information Organization**

As District Rotaract Representative of District <<*insert district here*>>, I hereby confirm that I have read and approve the guidelines of the Rotaract <<*insert name here*>> MDIO. I understand that this Rotaract MDIO will disseminate information and facilitate communication between Rotaract clubs within its member districts, including District <<*insert district here*>>.

In accordance with RI policy, the Rotaract <<*insert name here*>> MDIO will have no decision making or legislative powers except for decisions concerning the activities of the organization. Funds needed to implement the organization's activities shall be obtained on a voluntary basis only. I understand that District <<*insert district here*>> will be represented by me, as district Rotaract representative, or an appointed proxy, in decisions related to MDIO activities.

I approve District <<*insert district here*>>'s participation in the Rotaract <<*insert name here*>> MDIO.

District Rotaract Representative's Name (please print)

District Rotaract Representative's signature

Date



District <<*insert district here*>> Disaffiliation Form
Rotaract <<*insert name here*>>
Multidistrict Information Organization

As District Governor and District Governor-elect of <<*insert district here*>>, we object to the Rotaract clubs' continued participation in the <<*insert name here*>> Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization.

<<*RATIONALE FOR DISAFFILIATION*>>

District Governor's Name (please print)

District Governor's signature

Date

District Governor-elect's Name (please print)

District Governor-elect's signature

Date