

## **STANDARD ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS CONSTITUTION**

*Revised by the RI Board of Directors, Decision 173, June 2017]*

### **ARTICLE 1 — Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Rotary Community Corps of

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It is sponsored by the Rotary Club(s) of

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### **ARTICLE 2 — Purpose and Goals**

The purpose of the Rotary Community Corps program is to empower communities to address their needs by developing and participating in sustainable service initiatives.

The goals of the Rotary Community Corps program are:

1. To develop partnerships between Rotarians and non-Rotarians so they can enhance their communities together
2. To support community members who address community needs, recognizing their unique ability to identify the most pressing concerns and suitable methods of addressing them
3. To promote sustainable solutions to community needs by engaging a broader segment of the community in developing and implementing focused service projects

### **ARTICLE 3 — Sponsorship**

Each corps shall be sponsored by one or more local Rotary clubs, which, through a committee of Rotarians, counsels the corps on its activities, programs, and policies. Sponsor clubs must actively participate in the corps.

The members of the corps are not members of its sponsor club(s).

## **ARTICLE 4 — Membership**

The members of each corps should be adults of good character with the desire and capacity to contribute to enhancement of the community, with special consideration given to those with leadership potential. Membership shall be open to any person who lives, works, or studies in or near the corps' community.

The method of admitting members to the corps, as provided in the bylaws, shall be determined by the corps in consultation with sponsor Rotary club(s).

Membership may be terminated either:

- a) For failure to continue to meet the qualifications for membership
- b) For cause, as determined by the corps by a vote of 2/3 of all the members in good standing

## **ARTICLE 5 — Meetings**

1. The corps shall meet, as provided in the bylaws, at a time and place that is convenient for members.
2. Members may attend in person or online
3. A leadership group shall meet, as provided in the bylaws, as frequently as necessary to manage and supervise successful Rotary Community Corps activities.
4. No meeting of the corps or of its leadership group shall be deemed official unless a member of the sponsor club's Rotary Community Corps committee (or another Rotarian designated by the sponsor club president) is in attendance.

## **ARTICLE 6 — Leadership Group**

1. The leadership group of each corps shall consist of the number of members provided in the bylaws, in consultation with the sponsor Rotary club, all to be elected from among the members in good standing.
2. Leadership group members shall be elected by methods that are compatible with local customs, as provided in the bylaws, and by a simple majority of the corps members.
3. The leadership group shall elect one of its members to represent the corps in dealing with sponsor Rotary club(s) and the public.
4. The leadership group shall elect one of its members as a treasurer to oversee the corps' finances.
5. The term of office of all corps leaders shall be one year, unless a shorter term is set by the corps in consultation with its sponsor Rotary club.

## **ARTICLE 7 – Committees**

The corps representative, with the approval of the leadership group, may appoint committees as needed. Committees for administration, vocational service, community service, and finance are recommended. All committees shall lapse when their duties are completed, when the corps representative dissolves them, or when the corps representative's term ends, whichever occurs first.

## **ARTICLE 8 – Activities and Projects**

1. Each corps is responsible for planning, organizing, financing, and conducting its own activities, except that, in the case of joint projects, the responsibility is shared with partner organizations. Any proceeds from the corps' projects or activities shall be used to pay for project expenses.
2. Each corps is responsible for raising the necessary funds to carry out its activities. It shall not solicit or accept more than occasional or incidental financial assistance from sponsor Rotary club(s), other Rotary clubs, or other Rotary Community Corps. It shall not solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses, or organizations in the community without prior approval of the sponsor Rotary club. Any proceeds from the corps' activities shall be used to pay for project expenses.

## **ARTICLE 9 – Fees and Dues**

1. Any fees, dues, or assessments paid by corps members shall be nominal and shall be for the sole purpose of meeting administrative costs.
2. Funds for activities and projects shall be raised apart from such fees or assessments.
3. A qualified person shall make a thorough audit of all financial transactions once a year and report the results to corps members and the sponsor Rotary club(s).
4. The sponsor Rotary club(s) should establish financial guidelines for the corps to ensure that all funds, including all money collected to support service projects, are managed in a responsible and transparent manner that is consistent with laws and banking regulations in the country.

## **ARTICLE 10 – Acceptance of Constitution**

By accepting and continuing their membership, all members of the Rotary Community Corps accept the principles expressed here and agree to comply with this constitution.

## **ARTICLE 11 – Adoption of Bylaws**

Each corps shall adopt bylaws for its management and governance. The bylaws shall be similar to the Standard Rotary Community Corps Bylaws approved by the Rotary International Board of Directors but may be modified to accommodate local customs and procedures.

## **ARTICLE 12 — Name and Visual Identity**

The name and visual identity of the Rotary Community Corps shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of its members. Members are entitled to wear or otherwise display the name and visual identity in a dignified and appropriate manner during their membership. Each member shall give up such entitlement upon termination of membership or termination of the corps.

## **ARTICLE 13 — Duration**

1. The corps shall exist as long as it continues to function in accordance with this constitution or until it is terminated by one of the following:
  - a) The corps itself, upon its own determination and action
  - b) The sponsor Rotary club(s), upon withdrawal of its sponsorship of the corps
  - c) Rotary International, for the corps' failure to function in accordance with this constitution or for other cause
2. Upon termination of the corps, all rights and privileges related to the Rotary Community Corps name and visual identity shall be given up by the corps and by its members individually and collectively.

## **ARTICLE 14 — Amendments**

Only the RI Board of Directors may amend this constitution. All amendments to the Standard Rotary Community Corps Bylaws that are adopted by the Board shall automatically amend this constitution.