

**The BYLAWS for**  
**“Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO”**

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**I. 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 Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO.
2. Club: A Rotaract club.
3. Constitution: The Constitution of Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO.
4. District: A Rotary International district.
5. DRR: A District Rotaract Representative.
6. MDIO: A Multi-District Information Organization.
7. RI: Rotary International.
8. RI Director: The Rotary International Director assigned to Zones 21b/27.
9. Zone: Rotary International Zones 21b/27.

**II. PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of Rocky Mountain Rotaract is to support the growth of Rotaract and Rotary in Zones 21b/27 in the United States. Rocky Mountain Rotaract aims to achieve this objective by:

1. Offering leadership training to Rotaract club and district officers.
2. Organizing an annual Rotaract Zone Institute conference.
3. Facilitating communication between clubs and districts within the Zone.
4. Collecting information about Rotaract clubs and districts within the Zone.
5. Providing assistance and support to District Rotaract Committees.
6. Encouraging Rotaractors to join or form Rotary clubs.
7. Advocating for Rotaract within Rotary International.

Rocky Mountain Rotaract 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 DRR) shall have one vote.

**III. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of Rocky Mountain Rotaract, referred to as member-districts, shall consist of Rotaract Clubs in Rotary Districts within the boundaries of Zones 21/27. To become a member-district, a district must:

1. Have a District Rotaract Representation (DRR) registered with RI;

2. Be represented at all official Rocky Mountain Rotaract events;
3. Assists in fulfilling the mission and goals of Rocky Mountain Rotaract;
4. Assist in membership and club census collection;
5. Obtain the approval of the District Governor its district.

Established member-districts must complete and maintain all the requirements to remain eligible to vote at the legislative assembly. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in expulsion from the MDIO.

#### **IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Powers and Duties:** The affairs of this organization shall be under the direction and control of a board of directors. The board shall exercise no governing, decision-making, or legislative powers over member-districts, except for decisions solely concerning the activities of this organization. The board also shall not serve as an official representative of any member-district. At all times, the Board must work to accomplish the objectives of this organization, Rotaract, and Rotary International.

**Section 2. Composition:** In accord with the Constitution of this organization, the board shall consist of one representative from each region within the Zone, as well as the immediate past president of the board. A director must be a Rotaractor in good standing at the time of election to the board and must belong to a club within a member-district. The general secretary of shall serve as a non-voting, *ex officio* member of the board.

**Section 3. Regions:** For administrative purposes, including the election of directors, the Zone shall be divided into four regions. Region 1 shall include Oklahoma and Texas; Region 2 shall include Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah; Region 3 shall include Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota; and Region 4 shall include Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

**Section 4. Term of Office:** All directors shall serve terms of two years but may serve additional terms if elected. If a director resigns or is removed, any replacement director continues the two-year term of his predecessor.

**Section 5. Selection:** Directors may be nominated by filing a Nomination with the general secretary before the start of the Rotaract Zone Institute at which directors will be elected. Consistent with the voting procedures in Article VI of these Bylaws, directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes present at the Zone Institute. In the event of a tie, the general secretary shall serve as the tiebreaker.

**Section 6. Officers:** The officers of this organization shall be the president, vice president, general secretary, and the immediate past president.

**Section 7. President:** The president shall lead the board in formulating Rotaract strategy for the Zone and shall serve as an official representative of this organization. He shall serve a term of one year but may serve additional terms if elected. He shall also work with the general secretary to manage any important day-to-day issues that require the president's input.

**Section 8. Elections:** The general secretary shall call an election at the March board meeting each year. The president and vice president shall be elected by a majority vote of the board and shall begin their terms on 1 July of the Rotary year immediately following their election. Any officer wishing to nominate himself or another for an officer position must do so by filing a notice of nomination with the general secretary by 1 March of the election month. Only directors are eligible for office.

**Section 9. Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office may be filled by a majority vote of the board whenever such a vacancy occurs.

**Section 10. Meeting:** The board shall meet monthly. Each meeting shall be scheduled and called to order by the general secretary and shall be led by the president.

**Section 11. Voting:** All matters within the authority of the board shall require a majority of the voting members of the board for approval.

## V. SECRETARIAT

**Section 1. Secretariat Services:** The Secretariat supervises the administrative and operative functions of this organization including, but not limited to, communicating with RI, tracking Rotaract membership, maintaining finances, programming events, and relating with the public. The Secretariat may also perform any other functions authorized by the board.

**Section 2. General Secretary:** The Secretariat shall be led by a general secretary, who shall be selected by the RI Director. As chief operating officer, the general secretary is responsible for the day-to-day management of this organization and for implementing the policies and programs of the board. As appropriate, the general secretary may delegate any of the authority granted him by the board. Within reason, the general secretary may act with the president on any emergency matters.

**Section 3. Term of Office:** The general secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the RI Director.

**Section 4. Board Interaction:** The general secretary shall serve as the secretary of the board, assisting the board with long-range planning and policy formation. He shall also ensure that the board receives advance notice of any important matter that will be addressed at an upcoming meeting. Insofar as possible, the general secretary also should ensure that the board is informed about major developments in the Zone that are known to the Secretariat.

**Section 5. Secretariat Composition:** With the approval of the board, the general secretary shall have sole authority to appoint any other positions within the Secretariat, to serve at the general secretary's pleasure.

**Section 6. Financial Restrictions:** The Secretariat shall not incur any financial obligations unless expressly approved by the RI Director.

## VI. ROTARACT ZONE INSTITUTE

**Section 1. Time and Place:** A Rotaract Zone Institute shall be held annually in the same time and place as the Zone 21b/27 Rotary Institute.

**Section 2. Representation.** Each member-district shall be entitled to one voting delegate for any matters or elections presented for consideration at a Zone Institute. It shall be the duty of each member-district to be represented at the Zone Institute, either by its DRR or a proxy, and to vote on each proposal submitted for determination.

**Section 3. Voting:** All matters, other than amendments to the Constitution, shall require a majority of the votes present at the Zone Institute to pass. Voting shall be led by the general secretary and shall be conducted by roll call. In the event of a tie, the president shall provide a tiebreaking vote.

**Section 4. Legislative Assembly:** A legislative assembly shall convene every three years at the Zone Institute to address matters pending before the RI Council on Legislation, to discuss any amendments to the Constitution, and to vote on any other matters duly submitted to the board in advance of the assembly. Any proposal, except an amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws, may be made by sending copies to the president and general secretary at least four weeks prior to the start of the Zone Institute.

## VII. Amendments

**Section 1. Proposal:** Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws may be proposed only by sending a formal proposal to the general secretary. Each proposal must be sponsored by a club, by a district, or by the board and must be sent to the general secretary by 30 June of the Rotary year immediately preceding a legislative assembly.

**Section 2. Voting:** In accord with the Constitution, an amendment to the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of votes present at a legislative assembly, except as provided in Section 3 of this Article. As with all other matters at a legislative assembly, voting shall be led by the general secretary and shall be conducted by roll call.

**Section 3. Alternate procedure:** A proposed amendment to the Bylaws or Constitution may be voted on at any Zone Institute, even though not a legislative assembly, if the proposal receives the endorsement of at least half the member-districts by 30 June of the Rotary year immediately preceding the Zone Institute.

*Signatories*

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