

CONSTITUTION

ASCENSION ROTARACT NETWORK

ROTARACT MULTIDISTRICT INFORMATION ORGANIZATION (MDIO)

Adopted on August 10, 2019
RI Approved on November 14, 2019

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The official name of this organization, bound by this Constitution is “Ascension Rotaract Network” or abbreviated for convenience as “ARN.” This is a Multi-District Information Organization (MDIO) and is affiliated with Rotary International but is operated and governed independently.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ascension Rotaract Network is to connect, train, and guide Rotaractors through Rotaract Clubs in Rotary Zones 28-34 via events, programs, and online presence.

Ascension Rotaract Network aims to:

- A. Connect Rotaractors, providing a network of clubs that will collaborate in activities;
- B. Train future Rotaract leaders, providing leadership tools and advice;
- C. Guide Rotaractors providing resources and assistance for all things Rotaract;
- D. Be the medium through which Rotaract Clubs can meet and share their experiences; and
- E. To advocate for Rotaract around the world.

The Ascension Rotaract Network, as outlined in the Rotary International MDIO restrictions, will not govern the operations of Rotaract Clubs or Rotary Districts. This organization strictly exists as a resource to Rotaractors and advocate for such aims outlined above. This Rotaract MDIO shall operate under the oversight of and with the full cooperation of the District Governors of each member district.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The members of this organization shall be the member districts who have joined the Ascension Rotaract Network MDIO as member districts. Rotary districts willing to become member districts must have a District Rotaract Representative (DRR) or appointed district proxy. The Bylaws shall define additional requirements and expectations for membership.

A member district with two or more Rotaract clubs must elect a district Rotaract representative from among their membership. The method of election shall be determined by the Rotaract membership and approved by the district Rotaract committee and district governor in advance of elections. The district Rotaract representative must have served as a Rotaract club president or as a member of the district Rotaract committee for one full term before taking office. In a district with one Rotaract club, the district Rotaract representative shall be the most recent, available past Rotaract club president.”

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;

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. Established member districts must complete and maintain all the requirements to remain eligible to vote at all official meetings. 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. 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.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNANCE

There shall be an Executive Board, Board of Trustees, and a Legislative Assembly that can govern and operate this organization.

Article IV (A) – Executive Board

There shall be an Executive Board in this organization which will essentially carry out the operational functions of the organization as set forth in the Articles II, III, and IV of the Bylaws.

Article IV (B) – Board of Trustees

There shall be a Board of Trustees which shall act in an advisory role to the organization as set forth in Article V of the Bylaws.

Article IV (C) – Legislative Assembly

There shall be a Legislative Assembly which will be the primary governing body of this organization as set forth in the Article VI of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Elections of the Executive Cabinet and Legislative Assembly will be conducted as outlined in the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees will be appointed as outlined in the Bylaws. The organization will comply with the Rotary International Calendar year and so will start on July 1st of each year and complete on June 30th of the following year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

All meetings in this organization will follow the most updated guidelines of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order. There must be 50% + 1 of the membership of anybody present to meet quorum.

ARTICLE VII - IMPEACHMENT & RESIGNATIONS

Any member of the Legislative Assembly may formally submit a Letter of Impeachment, calling for the impeachment of any individual holding office in the Executive Cabinet or Legislative Assembly. The Letter of Impeachment must be forwarded, upholding utmost confidentiality, to the Internal Communication Manager.

The Executive Cabinet reserves the right to request the Member District and/or Rotaract Club to appoint a new DRR or CRR respectively if said member is not fulfilling their duties. The impeachment process is outlined in the Bylaws.

Any member of a body, outlined in Article IV of the Constitution, will be able to submit a Letter of Resignation to the Executive Director and will need to serve for a limit of 2 weeks after the Letter of Resignation is submitted.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES

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.

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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 IX – BRANDING

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 X – PRIVACY POLICY

Ascension Rotaract Network will only have access to/collect information that has been provided voluntarily via email or other direct contact with member districts and Rotaract Clubs. ARN will not sell or rent this information to anyone. ARN will use contact information to respond regarding the reason the MDIO was contacted. ARN will not share contact information with any third party outside of this organization, other than as necessary to fulfill the request. Unless otherwise stated, ARN reserves the right to contact all member districts and Rotaract clubs in the future to pass along information pertaining to Rotaract.

Member districts are under no obligation to disclose any personal information. If contact is made, it may be asked of the member district to provide the following information- name, email, mailing address, phone number, and any other information the member district chooses to provide for the purpose of the service.

A secure, password protected, external device will contain personal information that only the Executive Director Elect and Marketing & Communications Manager will have access to. Password will be changed annually for added security measure.

ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

Bylaws consistent with this Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of Ascension Rotaract Network shall be adopted initially by a majority vote of the Legislative Assembly and may be amended by a majority vote, and must not contradict Rotary Code of Policy of Rotary International.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a Rotary District, Rotaract Club, or any member of a branch of governance of the Ascension Rotaract Network. However, such proposal must have the approval of the Legislative Assembly of the Ascension Rotaract Network. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the governing body mentioned above at least 14 days in advance and must be voted on and passed by a two-thirds vote by the members of the Legislative Assembly. Once the amendment is passed, a copy of the updated Constitution must be electronically made available using resources owned and operated by the Ascension Rotaract Network to all members and potential audiences of the Ascension Rotaract Network.

ARTICLE XIII – ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned in our designated titles with the privileges attached to it as Founding Members, Trustees, Legislative Assembly, and/or Member Districts hereby ratify and approve this Constitution on 10 day of August of the year 2019.

Alex Ritchie
Co-Founder
Dual Member

Allyson Barnes
Co-Founder
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