# The CONSTITUTION for "Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO" 

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## I. NAME

The full and official name of this organization shall be "Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO." "Rocky Mountain Rotaract" is acceptable shorthand. This organization is affiliated with Rotary International, but it operates and is governed independently.

## 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. Rather, this organization exists primarily as a resource for Rotaractors and Rotarians alike.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

The members of this organization shall be the individual Rotary Districts who have joined the Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO as member-districts. Rotary Districts interested in becoming member-districts must have a District Rotaract Representative (DRR) and must send at least one representative to all official Rocky Mountain Rotaract events. The Bylaws shall explain in detail further requirements and expectations for membership.

## IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers and Duties: The affairs of Rocky Mountain Rotaract shall be under the direction and control of a board of directors in conformity with this Constitution and the Bylaws and any amendments thereto. 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. At all
times, the board must work to accomplish the objectives of Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO, Rotaract in general, and Rotary International.

Section 2. Composition: The board of directors shall consist of one representative from each region in 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 reside in a district within the Zone. The general secretary shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the board.

Section 3. Officers: The officers of Rocky Mountain Rotaract shall be president, vice-president, other directors, general secretary, and the immediate past president. These officers shall be nominated and selected as provided in the Bylaws.

## V. SECRETARIAT

Section 1. Powers and Duties: The Secretariat supervises the administrative and operative functions of Rocky Mountain Rotaract, 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 functions authorized by the board.

Section 2. General Secretary: The Secretariat shall be led by a general secretary. As chief operating officer, the general secretary is responsible for the day-to-day management of Rocky Mountain Rotaract and for implementing the policies 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 facing Rocky Mountain Rotaract.

## VI. BYLAWS

Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of Rocky Mountain Rotaract 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.

## VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposal: Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed only by a club, by a district, or by the board in accordance with the procedures contained in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Voting: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the memberdistricts. Voting procedures for such amendments shall also be governed by the Bylaws.

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