

# **Constitution for the Rotaract Club of Miami University Hamilton**

## **ARTICLE I — Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Rotaract Club of Miami University Hamilton (referred to as “Rotaract”).

## **ARTICLE II — Purpose and Goals**

The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

The goals of Rotaract are:

1. To develop professional and leadership skills.
2. To emphasize respect for the rights of others and to promote ethical standards and the dignity of all useful occupations.
3. To provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world.
4. To provide opportunities to cooperate with sponsoring Rotary clubs.
5. To motivate young people for eventual membership in Rotary.

## **ARTICLE III — Sponsorship**

1. The sponsors of this Rotaract club are the Fairfield and Hamilton Rotary Clubs. These Rotary Clubs shall provide guidance and have supportive responsibility for this Rotaract club. The continued well-being of this club shall depend on the continued active participation of the sponsoring Rotary clubs.
2. The basis of organization shall be students of Miami University. While the club is sponsored by the Fairfield and Hamilton Rotaries, Rotaract is not an official part of the sponsoring Rotary clubs.
3. This club is a non-political, non-sectarian organization.
4. In the event that both sponsoring Rotary clubs are terminated, the governor of the Rotary district will seek to install another sponsoring Rotary club; if one cannot be found within 180 days, the Rotaract club will be terminated.

## **ARTICLE IV — Membership**

1. The membership of this club shall be open to all Miami University students without discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation.
2. Each member of this Rotaract club shall attend at least 60% of the club’s regularly scheduled meetings annually. Members may make up missed meetings by attending a regular meeting of any other Rotaract or Rotary club within two weeks before or after the absence, or participate in a club service project or event or another meeting authorized by the board.
3. All Rotary Foundation scholars shall be eligible for guest Rotaract club membership during the period of their study in another country.
4. Membership shall automatically terminate in the following cases:

- a. Failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of Rotaract for good and sufficient reason.
  - b. By termination of the club.
5. Membership may also be terminated in the following cases:
  - a. Upon failure to continue to meet the qualifications for membership
  - b. For cause, as determined by this club by vote of not less than 2/3 of a quorum present and voting.

#### **ARTICLE V — Meetings**

1. The club shall meet at least twice per month at a time and place suited to the convenience of the members.
2. The board of directors shall meet at least once per month and consists of club officers and committee chairs.
3. Meetings of the club and the board of directors may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods or at the discretion of the board of directors.
4. Minutes of the meetings of the club and board of directors shall be provided to sponsoring Rotary Clubs within two weeks after each meeting is held.

#### **ARTICLE VI — Quorum**

1. A majority of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the club.
2. Any four members of the board, one of whom must be the president or vice-president, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.

#### **ARTICLE VII — Election and Installation of Officers**

1. Election for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and directors shall be held annually prior to March 1 for the following academic year, with a transition period over the summer.
2. Nominations of officers shall be made in writing. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the members present and in good standing shall be elected.

#### **ARTICLE VIII — Officers and Directors**

1. The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and such additional officer(s) as may be provided in the by-laws.
  - A. The President shall:
    - a. Preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors.
    - b. Be an ex officio member of all committees.
    - c. Maintain communication with the sponsoring Rotary Clubs and the district Rotaract representative to ensure they are continually informed of all actions taken by the club.
  - B. The Vice-President shall:
    - a. Succeed to the office of president in the event of removal for whatever cause.
    - b. In the absence of the president, preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.
  - C. The Secretary shall:
    - a. Maintain all club records.
    - b. Keep minutes of all the meetings of the club and board of directors and provide copies to the sponsoring Rotary Clubs.
  - D. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of all club funds, maintain all necessary records, and deposit all such funds through the Business Office and the Student Services Internal Audit.
  - b. Report on the club's financial status at each meeting of the club and hold all records available for inspection by any club member.
2. The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors composed of the president, immediate past president (if possible), vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and committee chairs.
3. All decisions, policies, and actions of the board and of the club shall be subject to the provisions of this constitution and policy established by Rotary International and its members.
4. The term of office of all officers and directors shall be one year.

#### **ARTICLE IX— Committees**

1. *Club service*
  - a. Responsible for attendance, membership, programs, fellowship, public relations, and such other matters as may be deemed appropriate.
  - b. Initiate and plan one major activity which shall involve all or most of the club membership.
2. *International service*
  - a. Responsible for enhancing knowledge and understanding of worldwide needs, problems, and opportunities and developing activities to give service for promoting international understanding and goodwill toward all people.
  - b. Initiate and plan one major activity which shall involve all or most of the club membership.
3. *Community service*
  - a. Enhance knowledge and understanding of community needs, problems, and opportunities.
  - b. Formulate and develop appropriate activities for serving the community (including the university community).
4. *Professional development*
  - a. Develop a program designed to provide information about a wide cross-section of businesses and professions and to stimulate awareness and acceptance of high ethical standards in business and professional life.
  - b. Develop a relationship with the sponsoring Rotary clubs to identify networking opportunities for Rotaract members.
5. *Finance*
  - a. Devise ways and means of financing any and all club activities requiring funds in cooperation with the appropriate committee.
6. Other standing committees as deemed necessary or convenient for the administration of the club.

#### **ARTICLE X — Amendments to the Constitution**

1. The constitution may be amended by majority vote of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, provided notice of intention to call such a vote is given at least fourteen days earlier at a meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, and provided such amendment is approved by the sponsoring Rotary club.