

Cyber Rotaract Clubs Pilot Project Implementation Plan

The current operational model for a Rotaract club may limit membership growth and retention in some parts of the world, especially for those with disabilities, heavy travel schedules, or for those located in remote areas. In addition, using telecommunication technology may make Rotaract a more attractive option for technologically fluent members. It should also be noted that success of web communities in fostering friendship and goodwill among its members has been well documented in periodicals and books. Recognizing the potential for exploring new forms of Rotaract clubs that effectively utilize technology, the Rotary International Board of Directors agreed to support a three-year pilot project establishing cyber Rotaract clubs whose guidelines would mirror those for the Cyber Rotary clubs Pilot Project.

The purpose of the pilot project is to test an alternative Rotaract club model using electronic technology as the primary means of communication among members. The pilot would determine the viability and effectiveness of a cyber Rotaract club framework. In addition, the pilot would identify any aspects of a cyber Rotary club that may require modification in order to maximize its value to Rotaractors. Any Rotaract club, either newly formed or currently active, who wishes to participate in the pilot may apply.

Terms of Participation:

Each of the clubs participating in the cyber Rotaract clubs pilot project will agree to the following terms:

1. The cyber Rotaract club agrees to participate in the project for the full duration of the pilot period.
2. The club shall adopt the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution" and adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution." The bylaws developed by the club must be submitted to RI.
3. The club submits the Cyber Rotaract Clubs Pilot Project Proposal Form, included as exhibit A, and Rotaract Organization List to RI. The club also remits the US\$50 Rotaract club organization fee if they have not already been chartered.
4. The club maintains a web page which complies with Board guidelines for use of the Rotary/Rotaract name and logo, as described in exhibit B.
5. The club meets on a regular basis via available electronic communication technology.
6. The club shares its electronic member orientation and training materials with Rotary International Programs staff as they are created and updated.

7. At the end of the pilot period, the club will function in accordance with current RI constitutional documents in effect at that time.

Time Frame for Implementation:

February 2003	Board adopts the Cyber Rotaract Club Pilot Project. General secretary creates guidelines for pilot project that mirror those of the Cyber Rotary Club Pilot Project
<i>2003-04</i>	<i>First year of pilot project</i>
August 2003	2003-04 District Rotaract chairs and district Rotaract representatives are informed of the pilot project and are encouraged to share the information with existing or potential clubs. Information is included on the Rotaract section of the RI Web site.
October 2003	Information about the pilot project is included in October edition of <i>Rotaract News</i> .
Ongoing	Cyber Rotaract club proposals are reviewed by RI staff. RI Programs staff reviews proposals and selects clubs to participate. New clubs are chartered. RI Programs staff will provide guidance and assistance and monitor the progress of cyber clubs.
<i>2004-05</i>	<i>Second year of pilot project</i>
Ongoing	RI Programs staff continue to review proposals and charter clubs. Information is included in district leader kits and in <i>Rotaract News</i> .
August 2005	General secretary submits a report on the status of the first half of the cyber clubs pilot project for review by the Board.
<i>2005-06</i>	<i>Third year of pilot project</i>
Ongoing	RI Programs staff continue to review proposals and charter clubs. Information is included in district leader kits and in <i>Rotaract News</i> .
April 2006	General secretary submits a report on the status of the second half of the cyber clubs pilot project for review by the Board.
June 2006	Board submits proposed legislation to the 2007 Council on Legislation to provide for cyber Rotaract clubs in RI's constitutional documents.
TBD 2007	Council adopts legislation to provide for cyber Rotaract clubs.