

Event History

<i>Event</i>	<i>Year Started</i>	
All Ohio	1981	
Arizona Tri-District	1992	Dissolved 2017
Carolinas'	1986	
Chesapeake	2006	
Empire State	1992	
Far West	1979	
Florida	2004	
Great Lakes	1990	
Greater New York / Bermuda	2009	Merged into other events
Heartland	1996	
High Country	1979	(or 1984 per Diane Kessel)
Hoosier	2009	Merged into other events
Land of Lincoln	2006	
Lone Star	1987	
Mexico	2000	
Mid-America	2005	
Mid-Atlantic	2003	
Mid-Northeast (Key-Garden)	1998	
Mid-South	2005	
Midwest	2011	
Nordic Light	2011	
North Central	2009	
Old Man River	2006	
Northeast	1989	
Pacific Northwest	1983	
Peach State	2003	
Show Me	1979	
Southwest (name change 2017)	1978	was Southern California/Nevada
South Pacific	2011	
Tri State Quad	2016	
West Virginia	2005	Dissolved 2013
Western Pennsylvania	1992	Merged into Tri State Quad



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Alliance History

- 1978** Southern California/Nevada multi-district PETS was established. Show Me PETS and Far West PETS followed in 1979.
- 1983** The RI Board of Directors established its basic policy concerning the need for PETS training. It agreed that, where feasible, the PETS seminars may be conducted on a multi-district basis.
- 1992** Ray Klingensmith convened a meeting of Multi-District PETS leaders at the Orlando Convention. Representatives of 13 events were invited to attend the meeting held at the Stouffer Orlando Hotel.
- 1996** In November, the RI Board of Directors passed a decision that “multi-district PETS are **not** encouraged. Of those participating in multi-district PETS, the governors nominee must submit a letter to the RI President indicating ‘compliance’ with certain provisions.”
- 1997** In July, the RI Board of Directors rescinded a portion of its November 1996 decision, thereby establishing a neutral stand on multi-district PETS, neither encouraging nor discouraging them. The Board also agreed that RI staff shall not attend PETS except as members of their respective clubs.
- 1998** Discussions began on holding another meeting of multi-district PETS leadership to share materials and information. In the fall of 1998, Ray Klingensmith and Ken Morgan began to contact and identify “key” leaders and plan for a meeting in the summer of 1999.
- 1999** *First Annual*, 16-17 July at Orrington Hotel
27 registered from 15 of the 16 current events.
Conveners of the meeting were Ray Klingensmith and Ken Morgan
President Carlo Ravizza and President-Elect Frank Devlyn participated. The first meeting shared agendas, budgets, speakers, policies, and other key information. Al Hethcock, Ray Klingensmith, Bonnie Housley, Ken Morgan were participants in the first event (and have been present since then)

2000 *Second Annual*, 14-15 July at Orrington Hotel
President Frank Devlyn appointed an RI Committee on Multi-District PETS with Neal Hoffman from California serving as chairman and Mike McGovern serving as vice-chairman. President Frank Devlyn participated. 15 events were represented at the meeting and RI staff provided support to the meeting.

2001 *Third Annual*, 26-27 July at Orrington Hotel
Chairman, Neal Hoffman and Vice-Chairman Mike McGovern. Joint meeting of the Alliance and the RI Committee. (in August, Neal Hoffman was killed in a plane crash). President Rick King appointed an RI Committee on Multi-District PETS.

The RI Committee was “responsible for developing the overall program, plan and approach for promoting the concept of multi-district PETS and promoting the program to districts.”

RI Committttee: Neal Hoffman, California; Mike McGovern, Maine; Allan Frumkin, California; Ken Grabeau, New Hampshire; Al Hethcock, Texas; Milt Levinson, California; Ken Morgan, North Carolina; Lee Mothershead, California; Virginia Nordby, Michigan; Salomon Pesel, Mexico; Andy Smallwood, Texas; and Carol Wylie, California

2002 *Fourth Annual*, 19-20 July at Orrington Hotel
President Rattakul appointed an RI Committee on Multi-District PETS. Al Hethcock was appointed chair of the RI Multi-district PETS Committee. The RI Committee met on July 25 & 26. The PETS Alliance met on July 19 & 20. Ken Morgan presided at the meeting of the Alliance. 27 participants from 15 events participated in the meeting of the Alliance.

RI Committee: Al Hethcock, Chairman from Texas; Ken Morgan, Vice Chairman from North Carolina; Jesse Devlyn, Mexico; Keith Draper, Australia; Aswini Kar, India; Antonio Tambunting, Philippines.

2003 *Fifth Annual*, 25-26 July at RI Headquarters
The RI Multi-district PETS Committee met by correspondence. Ken Morgan served as chair of the RI Committee and as chair of the Alliance. 42 registered from 15 events. In the Spring of 2004, Steve Denning developed web site:
www.petsalliance.org



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2004 *Sixth Annual*, 23-24 July at RI Headquarters

The RI president did not appoint a multi-district PETS committee and future presidents also have not appointed a committee. The Alliance chair was Hank Kugeler, High Country. 46 registered from 16 events. The Alliance requested that the RI president set up a rotation between the multi-district events to assure fairness to all multi-district events.

2005 *Seventh Annual*, 22-23 July at RI Headquarters

Chairman, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio. 55 registered from 21 events. President Bill Boyd and Trustee Chair Frank Devlyn both participated in the meeting.

2006 *Eighth Annual*, 21-22 July at RI Headquarters

Chairman, Steve Denning, Carolinas'; Treasurer, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio. 55 registered from 21 events. In July 2006, 72% of US districts participated in multi-district PETS impacting 72% of US clubs.

2007 *Ninth Annual*, 20-21 July at RI Headquarters

Chairman, Al Hethcock, Lone Star; Vice Chairman, Eric Grubb, Mid-Atlantic; Treasurer, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio; and Immediate Past Chairman, Steve Denning, Carolinas'. 62 registered from 25 events. President-elect DK Lee addressed the group. Written guidelines for the Alliance were developed and approved by the members.

2008 *Tenth Annual*, 18-19 July at RI Headquarters

Chairman, Eric Grubb, Mid-Atlantic; Vice Chairman, Karen Wentz, Mid-South; Treasurer, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio; and Immediate Past Chairman, Al Hethcock, Lone Star. 63 registered from 24 events.

2009 *Eleventh Annual*, 17-18 July at RI Headquarters

Chair, Karen Wentz, Mid-South; Vice-Chair, Alan Hurst, Northeast; Treasurer, Eric Grubb, Chesapeake. 88 registered from 28 events. President-elect Ray Klinginsmith participated.

2010 *Twelfth Annual*, 16-17 July at RI Headquarters

Chair, Alan Hurst, Northeast; Vice-Chair, Ed Hardesty, Mid-America; Treasurer, Eric Grubb, Chesapeake. 87 registered from 29 events. President-elect Kalyan Banerjee participated.

- 2011** *Thirteenth Annual*, 15-16 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Ed Hardesty, Mid-America; Vice-Chair, Terri Clark, Far West; Treasurer, Eric Grubb, Chesapeake. 79 registered from 28 events. President-elect Sakuji Tanaka and General Secretary John Hewko participated.
- 2012** *Fourteenth Annual*, 20-21 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Terri Clark, Far West; Vice-Chair, Rich Panyik, Peach State; Treasurer, Karen Wentz, Mid-South. 80 registered from 23 events. General Secretary, John Hewko participated. President-elect Ron Burton was out of the country and couldn't attend.
- 2013** *Fifteenth Annual*, 19-20 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Rich Panyik, Peach State; Vice-Chair, Jim Pierce, Chesapeake; Treasurer, Karen Wentz, Mid-South. 72 registered from 25 events. President Ron Burton, President-elect Gary Huang and Deputy General Secretary Pete DeBerg participated. Group attended "Million Dollar Quartet" show on Thursday night.
- 2014** *Sixteenth Annual*, 18-19 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Jim Pierce, Chesapeake; Vice-Chair, Gary Duggan, Heartland; Treasurer, Rich Panyik, Peach State. 79 registered from 26 events. President-elect Ravi Ravindran and General Secretary John Hewko participated.
- 2015** *Seventeenth Annual*, 17-18 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Gary Duggan, Heartland; Vice-Chair, Jim Ives, Great Lakes; Treasurer, Rich Panyik, Peach State. 86 registered representing 24 events. President-elect John Germ and General Secretary John Hewko participated.
- 2016** *Eighteenth Annual*, 14-16 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Jim Ives, Great Lakes; Vice-Chair, Lu General, Arizona TriDistrict; Treasurer, Rich Panyik, Peach State. 92 registered representing 27 events. President-elect's Aide, Don Mebus and Deputy General Secretary Michele Berg participated.
- 2017** *Nineteenth Annual*, 20-22 July at RI Headquarters
Chair, Lu General, Arizona TriDistrict; Vice-Chair, Marcy Ullom, Florida; Treasurer, Rich Panyik, Peach State. 71 registered representing 23 events. Event expanded to begin on Friday morning at 9:00 instead of after lunch. First-timer session on



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Friday AM eliminated. General Secretary John Hewko participated. President-elect Sam Owori died two weeks prior to the meeting.

2018 *Twentieth Annual*, 19-21 July at RI Headquarters

Chair, Marcy Ullom, Florida; Vice-Chair, Chris McLucas, Lone Star; Treasurer, Dean Ryerson, Midwest. 84 registered representing 26 events. President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney and Chief Strategy Officer Tom Thorfinnson participated.

Founders:

Al Hethcock, Ray Klinginsmith, Bonnie Housley, Ken Morgan have been involved since the inception of the group — 1998.