

History

Over the years, Carolinas' PETS has become a model and is looked upon very favorably by Rotary International leadership. We have provided development and organizational assistance leading to the establishment of several other multi-district training events.

It is important that new members of the committee realize the history and some of the decisions that have been made over the years. Any of these decisions may be changed at any time, but this document is to help everyone know what prior committees decided.

Beginning in 1985, several of the Districts in North Carolina and South Carolina met jointly for the Presidents-Elect Training. Since 1992, the registration has been centralized and a General Chair and Registration Chair are selected by the committee to assist with the overall management of the seminar.

Since 1998, our committee voted to standardize several components of the curriculum in order to provide consistency between the districts on topics such as Leadership, Membership, Public Image, Community Engagement, and The Rotary Foundation. Beginning in 2012, we eliminated the three-ring binder training manuals resulting in professionally bound PETS curriculum as well as each district providing their respective materials in a similarly bound publication.

Policies

1. The Planning Committee is composed of the District Governor and the District Governor-Elect from the seven participating districts and six leadership/event management/training positions, one of whom serves as the General Chair. Among overall duties, these positions fulfill specific roles with arrangements, registration, training leaders, and keynote speakers. As Carolinas' PETS has grown, so too has the need for more support positions. The leadership positions are confirmed annually at PETS planning meeting, usually in June, to serve for the subsequent year.
2. All the work of the committee is to support the seven DGEs and to assure the success of their Rotary year.
3. The dates and location of the event are scheduled at least four years in advance. The schedule for the coming years is:
2023 March 16-18 Sheraton Greensboro
2024 March 14-16 Sheraton Greensboro
4. The expenses of the District Governor, the District Governor-Elect, the District Governor Nominee (and Nominee Partners), and those individuals invited to assist with specific duties such as Discussion Leaders or Sergeant at Arms are included in the "overhead expense" of the event. All persons beyond the Planning Committee members are expected to share a room with another committee member or staff person. The

expenses of the District Governor Nominee Designate (other than Thursday evening Committee/Staff dinner) are not covered by the event.

5. The expenses of any other individuals invited by specific districts are paid for by the respective district by the time of the event. Examples are: Assistant Governors, District Administrators, District Treasurers, and training assistants.
6. While the partners of the committee members are welcome to attend and assist, partners of the presidents-elect are not encouraged to attend. Fees due to lodging & meals needs for partners must be prearranged and prepaid.
7. Registration & lodging costs of the Planning Committee, Discussion Leaders, and staff are comp. Discussion Leaders not sharing a room pay for that incremental lodging cost.
8. Any fees not collected from individual participants by the date of the event are immediately the responsibility of the respective district. A detailed summary of these unpaid charges are made available to each DGE before the event. Subsequent to the event another accounting of the outstanding district debt is sent to the DGEs within approximately thirty to sixty days.
9. The final accounting for each year's event is presented at the Planning Committee's Annual Meeting, generally in June. This includes finance, pertinent statistics, onsite and/or post-event evaluation results, etc.
10. Net receipts (or deficit) as a result of the event's operations are retained by Carolinas' PETS for restricted use and/or future events. If an annual seminar has more expenses than receipts, the reserve funds shall be used to offset the loss. Any district that withdraws its membership forfeits any claim to the event's retained earnings.
11. In the event Carolinas' PETS disbands, any excess receipts deemed to be returned under this policy shall be remitted to each district in accordance with the following calculation: registration fees generated by each district divided by the total registration fees generated by all districts. This calculation based on the most recent five-year period.
12. In the event a new district is approved for membership in Carolinas' PETS they will be expected to provide a \$5,000 deposit and commit to remaining part of Carolinas' PETS for at least three years. The deposit is refundable after three years in the event the district withdraws. Any district that decides to withdraw from the event is required to provide three year's notice to the Planning Committee.
13. An invitation-only dinner is held on Thursday evening for the Planning Committee, Keynote Speakers, Discussion Leaders, Staff, DGNs, DGNDs and partners on-site.

14. The hotel requires a rooming list at least thirty days prior to the event. Any registrations received after the deadline are not guaranteed a room in the main hotel. Arrangements will be made to house the overflow participants as close to the main facility as possible.
15. District Governors Nominee, a critical component of next year's committee are expected to be present during the entire event. A separate session is held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for the DGNs during the discussion sessions for the presidents-elect. This session is to review expectations and responsibilities for their year as Governor-Elect, as Governor and the Carolinas' PETS operating procedures. As the DGN's partner is encouraged to participate with the DGN in the orientation sessions, there are no fees associated with the DGN partner.
16. District Governors Nominee Designate, now elected earlier in the Rotary year, are welcome and encouraged to attend Carolinas' PETS. A separate session is held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for the DGNDs during the discussion sessions for the presidents-elect. This session is to review expectations and responsibilities for their year as Governor-Nominee, Governor-Elect, and Governor as well as their roles in the Carolinas' PETS operating procedures. The DGNDs register as do the other participants, but their participation in the Thursday Committee/Staff Dinner is at no charge. Other than the Thursday evening meal, there are meal fees associated with the DGND partner.
17. Effective in 2002, a Financial Review Committee was established to review the receipts and disbursements, accounting and record-keeping practices, and financial reporting for the event. This committee serves in lieu of an official audit performed by a Certified Public Accountant, yet performs a similar function. This committee is to meet each year after the event and forward a report for review at to the annual meeting. In an effort to maintain independence in appearance and in fact, the Committee membership shall not include current PETS Staff, DLs, DGs, DGEs, DGNs, or DGNDs.

Procedures

1. The committee for the coming year event meets in June of each year to review prior year results, suggest changes to the curriculum and confirm plans & fees for the coming year. In addition, the six-person executive committee meets as often as needed to ensure that all planning details are accomplished on a timely basis.
2. The District Governor-Elect at the beginning of his/her term and no later than September, verifies the names, postal & email addresses, and club position of Club presidents-elect on the DaCdb before October 15th. The success of email broadcasts as well as the registration brochure mailing is dependent upon the accuracy of ALL the PE's data in the on-line database before October 15th.

3. The District Governors-Elect have a one-day meeting in Greensboro in September to review registration procedures, the DaCdb, their preparation, agenda and general flow of the March event.
4. Registration is opened by November 1st with an announcement to all club presidents-elect by the Carolinas' PETS Chair according to the data provided by each district's on-line database.
5. The President Nominee of Rotary International may be invited as a keynote speaker as soon as his or her selection is made by Rotary International.
6. The District Governor-Elect is responsible for the follow-up and encouragement of his presidents-elect to attend. The DGE should contact all his/her presidents-elect by individual letter prior to December 1st to confirm required attendance and verify receipt of registration materials. Note: Email has proven NOT to be a good tool to encourage participation. Using postal mail to welcome the participants and personal telephone calls to the PEs not yet registered typically have been more effective tools.
7. The District Governor-Elect is responsible to create and publish their district curriculum which will be presented during two of the three district-oriented breakouts at Carolinas' PETS. The DGE is encouraged to provide a fairly complete version of this document to the General Chair by December 31st prior to their PETS. Updates to include the RI theme after International Assembly are also encouraged. These documents are made available to the participants via our website.
8. The Registration Chair provides immediate email confirmations and receipts to all participants registering through the website. In addition, the Registration Chairman emails the same documents to those participants who register via postal mail. There is no postal mail activity regarding registration activities.
9. The Registration Chair provides a daily update to the DGEs via the Carolinas' PETS web site reporting the participants as they register. The DGE should continually follow-up with those not yet registered beginning prior to the registration deadline.
10. Throughout the year, the committee holds several conference calls to provide status updates and developing information.
11. These Policies and Procedures are reviewed and appropriate changes made at the annual meeting of the committee (typically May or June).

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