**Event History**

*Event Year Started*

All Ohio 1981

~~Arizona TriDistrict~~ 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

**Alliance History**

**1978** Southern California/Nevada multi-district PETS 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 Klinginsmith 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**1997** In July, the RI Board of Directors rescinded a portion of its November 1996 decision, thereby establishing a neutral stand on multi-district PETS, neither encouraging nor discouraging them.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 Klinginsmith 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 Klinginsmith 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 Klinginsmith, 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 Committtee: 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 following the committee meeting 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. The Alliance met in Evanston with 42 registered from 15 events. In the Spring of 2004, Steve Denning developed the web site: [www.petsalliance.org](http://www.petsalliance.org)

**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 an RI committee. The Alliance chair was Hank Kugeler, High Country. 46 registered from 16 events. The Alliance requested that the RI president-elect 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. Hank Kugeler from High Country served as the first treasurer. On 30 June, 2005 the fund balance was $3,801. Expenses were only $735 for 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. President-elect Wilf Wilkinson participated in the meeting. Hilton Garden Hotel room rate was $105. Catered continental breakfast and lunch were held in the Rotary Café for the first time.

**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. President-elect John Kenny participated in the meeting.

**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 new 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. Some of the participants attended “Million Dollar Quartet” show on Thursday night in Chicago.

**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. Hotel Rate, $126.

**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 of 25 events. President-elect John Germ and General Secretary John Hewko participated. Thursday night social was added to the schedule.

**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. President-elect Ian Riseley was unable to attend.

**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 and first-timer session on 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. Recognition of the 20th Anniversary at the Thursday night reception included a cake and souvenir candy bars for all participants.

**2019** *Twenty-first Annual*, 18-20 July at RI Headquarters

Chair, Chris McLucas, Lone Star; Vice-Chair, Jeff Romine, Show Me; Treasurer, Dean Ryerson, Midwest. 82 registered representing 26 events. President-elect Holger Knaack; General Secretary John Hewko, and Chief Strategy Officer Tom Thorfinnson participated.

**2020** *Twenty-second Annual*, 16-18 July at RI Headquarters

Chair, Jeff Romine, Show Me; Vice-Chair, Wade Nomura, Southwest; Treasurer, Dean Ryerson, Midwest.

*Founders:*

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