

# Multidistrict PETS Alliance

## Brief History

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### Event History

<i>Event</i>	<i>Year Started</i>
All Ohio	1981
Arizona	1992
Carolinas'	1986
Chesapeake	2006
Empire State	1992
Far West	1979
Florida	2004
Great Lakes	1990
Greater New York / Bermuda	2009
Heartland	1996
High Country	1979
Hoosier	2009
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 (not yet a member)	
Northeast	1989
Pacific Northwest	1983
Peach State	2003
Show Me	1979
Southern California / Nevada	1978
South Pacific	2011
West Virginia	2005
Western Pennsylvania	1992

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**1992** Ray Klinginsmith convened a meeting of Multi-District PETS leaders at the Orlando Convention

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**1998** Discussions began on holding another meeting to share materials and information. In the fall of 1998, Ray Klinginsmith and Ken Morgan began to contact and identify “key” leaders and set a date 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.

**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.

RI Committee: 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. Ken Morgan presided at the meeting of the Alliance. RI Committee met separately. 27 participants from 15 events.

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**2002**, continued

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

Chairman, Ken Morgan, Carolinas'. 42 registered from 15 events. Spring of 2004, Steve Denning developed web site: [www.petsalliance.org](http://www.petsalliance.org)

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

Chairman, Hank Kugeler, High Country. 46 registered from 16 events.

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

Chairman, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio. 55 registered from 21 events.

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

Chairman, Steve Denning, Carolinas'; Treasurer, Bonnie Housley, All Ohio  
55 registered from 21 events.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**2010** *Thirteenth Annual*, 15-16 July at RI Headquarters  
Chair, Ed Hardesty, Mid-America; Vice-Chair, Terri Clark, Far West; Treasurer,  
Eric Grubb, Chesapeake. ?? registered from ?? events.

Al Hethcock, Ray Klinginsmith, Bonnie Housley, Ken Morgan have been involved since the inception of the group — 1999.