

MRID Policy Regarding Sponsorships

It is the policy of the MRID to accept all sponsorships equitably. No sponsor, agency or individual, will unduly influence or usurp the organization's goals, vision, or core values as they pertain to the running of the organization and its commitment to the membership. The acceptance of any sponsorship does not imply endorsement of the sponsor agency or individual.

The MRID is committed to a policy of transparency. Sponsorship Regulations:

- The MRID will decline any sponsorship that we believe is incompatible with our mission, vision, or goals.
- A sponsorship will be a mutually beneficial exchange whereby the sponsor receives value in return for financial support, goods, or services-in-kind to the MRID.
- A formal, written agreement *may be* required that defines the terms of the sponsorship, including any recognition to be given to the sponsor, signed by an authorized member of both parties.
- Sponsorship does not automatically imply any exclusive arrangement between the sponsor and the MRID.
- The MRID reserves the right to refuse or decline any offer of sponsorship at its discretion, or to negotiate with the sponsor concerning any aspect of a proposed sponsorship.

The MRID will remain responsible for determining whether a sponsorship will be solicited and/or accepted based on the best interests of the organization and the wishes of its members. This policy is in place to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest.