

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INCORPORATED**

AMENDED: November 19, 2017

We, the undersigned incorporators and founders, do hereby mutually agree to unite and assemble for the purpose of founding a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and to that end do make, execute and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation to be known as the "Charter."

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, and its location shall be at 215CaribDrive, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

**ARTICLE II**

The general nature and object of this corporation shall be as follows:

1. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by educating the general public of the healthful and recreational opportunities in square and round dancing. This includes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.
3. To serve as clearinghouse for information among the unaffiliated dance groups and as an instrument of liaison with square dancers elsewhere in the world.
4. To bring about a spirit of cooperation among the callers, teachers and dancers of the State of Florida and elsewhere in the world.
5. To sponsor an annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in cooperation with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

**ARTICLE III**

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission to membership shall be as follows:

All persons who hold membership in good standing in any of the regional associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall be members of this Federation.

**ARTICLE IV**

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE V**

Officers and organization:

1. The same as Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1.
2. As long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one (1) Federation meeting each calendar year, all Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall have the privilege of permanent delegates. An absence of more than one (1) year, unless due to health reasons, will result in permanent loss of voting

privilege.

3. The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. All of these officers shall retain their vote from their respective regional association.
4. A technical representative, to be named by the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall be invited to sit with the Board of Delegates. Such representatives shall not have voting privileges but shall serve advisory and liaison functions.
5. The President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall appoint one (1) delegate to serve in a liaison capacity with the Florida Callers Association and one (1) delegate to serve as liaison with the Round Dance Council of Florida.
6. Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one (1) vote. Permanent delegates would have one half (1/2) vote per person.
7. Regular delegates shall be named by the regional affiliated organizations not later than December 1st of each year and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning with the working weekend of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. If, for personal reasons, the appointed delegate is unable to serve his full term, a successor shall be appointed by his regional President to fulfill the unexpired term until the next annual meeting of the Federation. Regular delegates may succeed themselves in office, but no person shall succeed himself as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Parliamentarian of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.
8. When unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Delegates, a member shall notify the president of his regional association who shall name another dancer member in good standing to serve as alternate delegate for that meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

Meetings of this corporation shall be as follows:

1. Announcement of the time and place of meeting of the Board of Delegates shall be made in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance to all delegates and representatives. Those regular and permanent delegates in attendance at an officially announced regular or special meeting shall constitute a legal quorum.
2. Any person interested in square dance activities may attend the meetings of the Board of Delegates. They may address meetings of the Board of Delegates but may neither move that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. take a particular action nor vote on any such motion.
3. The annual meeting, at which new officers shall be elected, will be held between October 15<sup>th</sup> and the weekend prior to Thanksgiving on a date selected by the President.
4. On all matters not specifically covered by these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
5. A copy of the Federation minutes shall be provided to each member of the Board of Delegates, to the secretary of the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The amount of indebtedness, which the corporation may incur at any time, is the sum of \$10,000. The corporation shall be financed as follows:

1. Each regional association shall pay to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. an initial fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$50.00. Payment of such monies shall be made on or before the annual meeting.
2. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall have the power to raise and disburse monies from such other sources and activities as may contribute to the purpose of this organization.
3. Upon majority vote of the Board of Directors to dissolve the corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the benefit of the corporation to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

Amendments to this Charter shall be by the following methods:

1. Amendments to these articles may be initiated by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Delegates, or by petition of members, such petition to state exactly the proposed amendment and to be signed by 250 members in good standing. When an amendment is initiated by petition, such petition shall be submitted to the Board of Delegates, which body shall not debate the matter or take any action upon it, but shall cause the amendment so initiated to be forwarded to the regional associations for ratification.
2. Ratification shall be accomplished by unanimous vote of the regional dancers association affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The corporation shall adopt a seal with the words in the center circle: "Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc." and in the inner circle a "Corporate Seal."

The Corporate Seal of the corporation shall be kept in the custody of the Federation Secretary and shall be necessary to give validity to all contracts of the corporation in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the same.

#### **ARTICLE X**

The names of the officers are submitted in the annual report to the State of Florida.

Revised Articles of Incorporation	Approved May 29, 2011
Revision Committee:	Ray & Elsa Huddleston Don & Ann Slocum
Revised Articles of Incorporation	Approved February 28, 2015
Revision Committee:	Ray & Elsa Huddleston Bruce & Colleen Morgan
Revised Constitution	Approved November 19, 2017

Revision Committee:

Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
Penny Green, Steve Adler & Judy Anderson