

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 24, 2015

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation, not-for-profit, is the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Incorporated, organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and IRS Code Section 501 (c)7, Social and Recreational Clubs, and shall be known as “the Corporation” in the Constitution. The office location shall be 5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, FL 32712

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Corporation shall be as follows:

Section 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.

Section 2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.

Section 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.

Section 4. To bring a spirit of cooperation among the callers, teachers and dancers elsewhere in the world.

Section 5. To sponsor an annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention on Memorial Day weekend in coordination with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership and representatives will be defined or provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Privileges and Responsibilities

All members shall enjoy the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as defined in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Their Election

Section 1. The Executive Board of the Corporation shall consist of the following officers:

- a. President
- b. Vice President

- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

Section 2. The nomination and election of the Executive Board shall be as described in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

Section 3. Duties of the Executive Board shall be defined in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

Article VI

Organization and Voting

Organization and voting shall be as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Article VII

Meetings

Meeting shall be as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Article VIII

Quorum

Section 1. The same as Articles of Incorporation, Article VI 1.

Section 2. The business of this Corporation shall be conducted in open meetings with the minutes recorded and made a part of the official records of the Corporation and distributed to each voting member as provided for in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

Article IX

By-Laws and Standing Rules

By-Laws and Standing Rules shall be written, approved, and published to further define the scope and purpose of this Corporation with duties, responsibilities, and obligations of members and officers.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended or changed by 2/3 vote of the Board of Delegates at any meeting provided the proposed changes have been submitted to the Board of Delegates at a prior meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution may also be amended or changed by a petition of members, such petition to state exactly the proposed amendment and to be signed by at least 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 on it, but shall cause the amendment to be forwarded to the regional associations for ratification. The petition must then be ratified by unanimous vote of the regional dancers associations affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

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Revised Committee: Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall
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