

# **ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be:

**ROUND DANCE COUNCIL of FLORIDA**

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To promote and correlate American Round Dance activities in association with, as well as in addition to Square Dance activities in the State of Florida.
2. To act as a clearing center for the receipt and dissemination of current Round Dance news, information, or any items of interest to Round Dance teachers, cuers and dancers.
3. To foster and promulgate a spirit of friendliness, cooperation and non-competitiveness among leaders and participants in Round Dance activities.
4. To encourage and provide motivation and sponsorship for both area and statewide participation in events of interest to dancers.
5. To publicize in every way possible the above aims and purposes.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION A - Membership is open to anyone actively cueing and/or teaching Round Dancing in the State of Florida**

**SECTION B - Member status shall be:**

1. **ACTIVE MEMBERS**
  - (a) **Teacher/Cuer - One who teaches and cues Round Dancing**
  - (b) **Cuer - One who does not teach, only cues Round Dancing**
  - (c) **Life - A membership bestowed upon an individual by the COUNCIL in recognition of their many years of contributions to the activity of Round Dancing**

## 2. NON ACTIVE MEMBERS

(a) Associate - A new member of the COUNCIL who teaches and/or cues Round Dancing

(b) Apprentice - An individual who is actively training to become a teacher and/or cuer

(c) Non-Resident - A member who has changed residence to another state but wishes to retain membership in the COUNCIL. This category will be open to teachers and cuers not residing in Florida, who would like to attend COUNCIL function to gain knowledge. To qualify for a Non-Resident membership, this person must be currently engaged as a teacher or cuer of Round Dancing in their own area

(d) Sustaining - A member who no longer teaches or cues but wishes to retain membership

(e) Honorary - An award bestowed upon an individual by the COUNCIL in recognition of their contributions to the betterment of Round Dancing. Such Honorary member need not be a teacher/cuer

SECTION C - Only Active members may vote and make motions at COUNCIL meetings

SECTION D - This organization and it's members shall not discriminate against any individuals for reason of race, national origin, color, religion, gender, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, and/or ability status.

## ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

### SECTION A

1. President - The President shall be executive officer of this COUNCIL, shall preside over all meetings, and shall have supervision over all books and records

2. Vice President - The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President at the direction of the President or Board of Directors

3. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain a record of meetings, membership and other records as directed. He/She shall notify the members of the COUNCIL of meetings

4. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the COUNCIL and shall deposit such funds in a bank authorized to do business under the laws of Florida. He/She shall render full financial reports at each meeting of the COUNCIL. No expenditure in excess of \$100.00 shall be paid except by approval of the Board of Directors. The accounts shall be audited once a year and report of such audit shall be filed at the election meeting of the COUNCIL

SECTION B - To qualify to hold office a member must be an Active member of the COUNCIL

SECTION C - The term of each office shall be one year from January 1st to December 31st.

SECTION D - Should an office become vacant during the term, the vacancy may be filled by election at the next scheduled meeting

#### ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A - The Board of Directors shall be made up of the current officers of the COUNCIL and the immediate Past President

SECTION B - The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to oversee all activities of the COUNCIL

#### ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION A - There shall be a minimum of two COUNCIL meetings held each year. Thirty days notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be given to the members.

SECTION B - Any SPECIAL meeting of the COUNCIL may be called by the Board of Directors, at their discretion or by a petition to the Board of Directors by no less than 20% of Active members. Ten days notice of such meeting shall be given the membership.

#### ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION A - This constitution may be amended by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of Active members at any regular or special meeting

SECTION B - Advanced notice of amendments shall be by E-mail or regular post to Active members, with an attached copy of the proposed amendment(s). At least two weeks notice shall be given prior to the meeting.