

BYLAWS of THE IDAHO FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Idaho Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. (Federation) is for the encouragement and enjoyment of Square and Round Dancing and its associated activities and to promote square & round dancing and related activities in the State of Idaho. The Federation forms a line of communication among member clubs to help make dancing uniform throughout the State.

ARTICLE 2 ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The (Federation) is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Idaho, and shall at all times conduct its business in accordance with the latest revision of the Idaho Code. The (Federation) shall conduct its business in accordance with these Bylaws; but, if in conflict with the Idaho Code, the Idaho Code governs. It is the express intent of the Board of Directors that when these Bylaws are silent on an item the Federation shall follow the specific provisions contained in the Idaho Code.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIPS

Section A: Membership in the Idaho Federation shall be open to any organized Square Dance or Round Dance Club, or any Folk Dance Club, each being a non-profit organization, and making application to the State Executive Board in the prescribed manner. New member clubs shall submit their application to the Membership Chair Person. Members of the Federation shall be clubs and not individuals or persons.

Section B: Annual membership dues are due on September 1, in the amount set by the Board. Failure to pay annual dues within three months from the due date may be considered cause for forfeiture of membership by any member club.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section A: The State Officers of this Organization will serve on the Board of Directors and shall be:

- (1) President
- (2) 1st Vice President
- (3) 2nd Vice President
- (4) Treasurer
- (5) Recording Secretary
- (6) Corresponding Secretary
- (7) Membership Chair Person

Section B: Any person (or couple) at least 18 years of age who is a member of a member club qualifies to be elected to a Federation office.

Section C: Officers shall be elected by the member clubs according to the Procedures and Practices of the Federation.

ARTICLE 5 STATE AREAS

- Section A:** The State shall be divided into geographical areas (as described in Procedures and Practices of the Federation) each of which will operate as a unit. Each such designated area shall be governed by an Association or Council composed of a minimum of one delegate from each member club in the area. Association or Council officers will be elected by and from these member clubs.
- Section B:** One delegate shall be chosen from each Area Association or Council to serve on the State Executive Board. This delegate will be known as the State Area Representative and shall serve on the Board of Directors.
- Section C:** The Annual State Festival shall be co-sponsored by the Federation and the Area Association or Council that has been awarded the Festival bid. Immediate direction of the Festival details shall be in the hands of the Area Association or Council and the Federation shall cooperate as far as practicable. Net profits and losses from any Festival shall be divided equally between the Federation and the Area Association or Council involved according to Procedures and Practices of the Federation.

ARTICLE 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section A:** The Board of Directors (Board) shall manage the affairs and business of the Federation. The Board shall establish Procedures and Practices for detailed operation of the Federation, which must be consistent with these Bylaws. Such Procedures and Practices may be changed by a vote of the Board at any time.
- Section B:** The Executive Board shall consist of the State Federation Officers, the State Area Representatives, the immediate Past President of the Federation and the Standing Committee appointees, not ad hoc committee members.
- Section C:** Each member of the Board shall have one vote. For example, if a couple holds an office jointly, they together have one vote. In accordance with square dancing tradition, couples (e.g., husbands and wives or other couples, related or not) may jointly serve as Federation Officers or Area State Representatives.
- Section D:** Regular Board meetings shall be held three times per year at places determined by the Board. Any member or any member club in the state may attend, but only Board members may vote. Voting shall be in person. Proxies are allowed with a simple vote of approval by the board. The President may call special Board meetings at anytime if necessary.
- Section E:** Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Federation President and a confirming vote of the remaining directors, or, in the case of State Area Representatives, by the respective Area Council. The director thus chosen shall hold office for the remainder of the term.
- Section F:** The position of any board member who is not performing his or her duties satisfactorily may be declared vacant at the discretion of the other board members and that position filled by the Board or by the Area Council as appropriate.

Section G: Standing committees shall be Publication, Budget, Insurance and current State Festival Chair Person and shall have a vote concerning Federation matters. Committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President. Ad hoc committees may be appointed for special purposes for limited times by the President. State Festival Chair Person shall be named by and from the Area Council or Association sponsoring the State Festival in any given year.

ARTICLE 7 ACTIVITIES

To carry out the purpose of the Federation, major activities: are the Annual State Festival, Round of the Month and the Ida-Fed Tattler. Each activity shall be carried out in accordance with Procedures and Practices determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

Standing committees shall be: Publication, Budget, Insurance and State Festival Chair Person. Committee chair person shall be appointed by the President. State Festival Chair Person shall be named by and from the Area Association or Council sponsoring the State Festival in any given year. Ad hoc committees may be appointed for special purposes for limited times by the President.

ARTICLE 9 PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

The Federation may have Procedures and Practices to govern the daily operation of the organization and may be changed by a simple majority of the Board of Directors at any State Federation meeting.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by majority vote of the member clubs, according to the Procedures and Practices of the Federation.

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Task Force Committee**