

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
CENTRAL DISTRICT SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.
EIN # 73-0781640**

ARTICLE I – NAME & PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Central District Square Dance Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2. Purpose

The Association's purpose is to educate, demonstrate, promote, and sustain all phases of square and round dancing, including clogging, contra and line dancing by:

1. Maintaining high standards,
2. Assisting in the development of clubs, callers, cuers, instructors, and lessons,
3. Supporting activities of existing clubs,
4. Sponsoring dances, community outreach events and recreational opportunities, and
5. Conducting an annual Jamboree.

Section 3. Operation as Not-For-Profit

The Association is an incorporated not-for-profit organization, Secretary of State Certificate #2100228278, organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, in force March 25, 1970, and renewed March 19, 2019, for an additional fifty (50) years, operating for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Statement of Nondiscrimination

Membership including the election and appointment of officers shall not be denied to anyone otherwise qualified because of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.

Section 2. Categories of Membership

A. Member Club – a group initially composed of a minimum of sixteen (16) persons that is organized for the purpose of promoting square, round, line, clogging, or contra dancing, or any combination thereof, as a recreational activity, and whose governing or presiding officers have been duly elected from the membership by a majority of the members of the club, and whose elected officers are aged eighteen (18) years or older, and who has submitted a membership application that has been approved by the Executive Board, and who has paid the required membership fees, and who agrees to and continues to maintain all other requirements of the Association.

B. Individual Member – a person who has submitted a membership application and has paid the required individual membership fees. An individual member shall be known as a STAR Member. The word STAR represents a desire to Sustain, Teach, Advance, and Recruit all phases of square and round dancing for the Association and its membership.

C. Honorary Member – a person who has been granted membership in the Association by the Executive Board and whose membership fees are waived for the membership term.

D. Caller/Cuer Club – a group initially composed of a minimum of four (4) persons under the exclusive guidance and control of a caller, cuer or instructor aged eighteen (18) years or older that is formed for the purpose of square, round, line, clogging or contra dancing, or any combination thereof, as a recreational, instructional, social or exhibition activity, and whose caller, cuer or instructor has submitted an application for membership in the Association that has been approved by the Executive Board, and whose caller, cuer or

instructor has paid the required membership fees, and whose caller, cuer or instructor agrees to and continues to maintain all other requirements of the Association. Each caller/cuer club shall be deemed a separate entity for purposes of membership in the Association.

E. Inactive Club – a member club as defined in subsection A of this section or a caller/cuer club as defined in subsection D of this section that has voluntarily suspended activity and placed the club on temporary inactive status as authorized by Executive Board rules. During the period of time a club is on voluntary inactive status it shall not be required to be active in the Association and shall not be counted as part of a quorum or have voting rights at any Conclave meetings scheduled during the club's inactive period. Association membership fees shall be maintained during voluntary inactive periods.

Section 3. Membership Fees

A. Fees for each category of membership in the Association shall be determined by the Executive Board with confirmation required by the fall Executive Committee (Fall Conclave) meeting by a majority vote. Approved membership fees shall apply to the next fiscal year and shall remain in full force and effect until further change is proposed and approved by a Fall Conclave. After a current fiscal year has started, no membership fee shall be changed in that fiscal year.

B. Membership fees shall cover the period of time established by the Executive Board.

C. Membership fees paid after the deadline set by the Executive Board may incur a late fee in an amount set by the Executive Board with confirmation required by majority vote at Fall Conclave.

D. Honorary members shall be exempt from paying membership fees.

E. Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. – As long as this Association is a member of the Federation, it shall pay all required fees and dues for such membership and act in compliance with Federation bylaws and rules for membership including, but not limited to, having delegates attend state meetings and functions.

F. National/Regional Organization Membership – Whenever this Association is a member of any national or regional square or round dance organization, it shall pay all required fees and dues for such membership and act in compliance with such organization's bylaws and rules including, but not limited to, attending meetings and functions required for membership.

Section 4. Admission Fees

A. Admission fees to Association sponsored dances, functions and special events shall be determined by the Executive Board.

B. Star members may receive member admission benefits or discounts as determined by the Executive Board.

C. Honorary members may receive member admission benefits or discounts as determined by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Conduct at Association Dances

A. Association sponsored dances shall maintain high standards of conduct established for all phases of square and round dancing including, but not limited to:

1. Dances shall be held in a place of good reputation,
2. Alcoholic beverages and intoxicating substances shall not be consumed or used before or during any dance,
3. Square dance contests shall be prohibited,
4. Children in attendance shall be accompanied by and supervised by their parent or an adult guardian or family member,

5. Any attendee behaving in an inappropriate, disruptive or ill-mannered way may be asked to leave, and
6. Dancers shall be clean, appropriately dressed and without offensive odor.

Section 6. Good Standing Requirements

- A. Member Club – To remain in good standing with the Association, each member club shall:
1. Maintain a minimum of three (3) elected officers, whose contact information shall be given to the Association Executive Secretary upon their election, re-election or hold over term in office,
 2. Maintain a minimum of three (3) delegates to represent the club, receive official Association notices and attend Conclave meetings, who shall be deemed certified by the club when the club gives the delegate's contact information to the Association Executive Secretary. If no delegates are certified by the club for the current fiscal year by the time set by the Executive Board, the last known elected officers shall be deemed the official certified delegates of the club for purposes of giving official notices and having voting rights at Conclave. Alternate delegates may be certified by the club in the same manner as regular delegates prior to a Conclave meeting provided the delegate's contact information is received by the Association Executive Secretary within the time period set for official notice of the Conclave meeting, or as otherwise may be authorized by rule of the Executive Board.
 3. Pay Association member club membership fees, and late fees, if applicable,
 4. Have written bylaws and give a copy of such bylaws, and any amendments thereto, to the Association Executive Secretary,
 5. Hold regular monthly dances,
 6. Maintain a minimum of four (4) paid members in the club,
 7. Attend Conclave meetings through representation by the club's certified delegates,
 8. Require elected officers, certified delegates and alternate delegates to be STAR members, and encourage club membership to participate as an Association STAR member, and
 9. Maintain active participation in the Association and follow its rules, policies and bylaws.
- B. Caller/Cuer Club - To remain in good standing with the Association, each caller/cuer club shall:
1. Hold at least four (4) dances scheduled by the caller, cuer or instructor each membership term,
 2. Maintain one or more Performing Rights Organization (PRO) licenses to perform copyrighted music including, but not limited to, a BMI, ASCAP and/or SESAC license, and provide proof of valid licensure to the Association each membership term,
 3. Pay Association caller/cuer club membership fees, and late fees, if applicable,
 4. Attend Conclave meetings by representation by the caller, cuer, instructor or their designee. A designee shall be deemed certified to vote for a caller/cuer club in good standing when the person's name and contact information has been given by the caller, cuer or instructor to the Association Executive Secretary within the time period set for official notice of the Conclave meeting, or as otherwise may be authorized by rule of the Executive Board,
 5. Encourage Association STAR member participation, and
 6. Maintain active participation in the Association and follow its rules, policies and bylaws.
- C. STAR Member – A STAR member shall remain in good standing in the Association as long as the STAR membership fees are paid as required for each membership term.
- D. Honorary Member – An Honorary member shall remain in good standing in the Association as long as the Executive Board has approved the honorary membership status for the person each membership term.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Sovereign Power of The Association

The Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as Conclave, shall be the ultimate sovereign governing power of the Association.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings

- A. There shall be two regular Conclave business meetings held semi-annually, one in the spring and one in the fall of each fiscal year. In addition to the other business of the Association at Conclave, the Spring Conclave shall select a Nominating Committee and the Fall Conclave shall elect officers and establish a budget and confirm membership fees for the next fiscal year.
- B. The time, date and location of Conclave meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board and communicated to the general membership as provided in Section 7 of this Article.
- C. Any motion brought to the floor at a Conclave meeting shall pass by a majority of the votes cast.
- D. Only the designated voting members of Conclave shall be authorized to vote and move motions at Conclave meetings.

Section 3. Executive Committee Representation and Attendance

- A. Each confirmed member club in good standing shall be entitled to representation at Conclave by a maximum total of three (3) certified delegates to be selected from such member club's membership.
- B. Each confirmed caller/cuer club in good standing shall be entitled to representation at Conclave by the caller, cuer, instructor or their certified designee.
- C. Those persons required to attend a Conclave shall include:
1. Elected officers and appointed members of the Executive Board,
 2. Immediate Past President of the Association,
 3. Certified delegates from each member club in good standing, and
 4. The caller, cuer, instructor or certified designee of each caller/cuer club in good standing.
- D. Additional persons who may attend Conclave are one regular caller, cuer or instructor and their spouse/partner from each member club, and any guests invited by the President. Such persons shall not vote.
- E. Star members shall be represented at Conclave by the elected officers of the Executive Board.
- F. Honorary members shall be represented at Conclave by the callers, cuers and instructors of member clubs.
- G. Any member club, without justifiable cause, that fails to have at least one certified delegate in attendance at Conclave may be placed on probation. A second consecutive failure of the member club to have at least one certified delegate in attendance at Conclave, without justifiable cause, may result in suspension of the member club's membership. A third consecutive failure of the member club to have at least one certified delegate in attendance at Conclave, without justifiable cause, may result in cancelation of the member club's membership. Procedures for probation, suspension, cancelation, appeal and reinstatement shall be established by rule of the Executive Board. A recommendation by the Executive Board to cancel a member club's membership shall be brought before Conclave for consideration and shall be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of votes cast.
- H. A caller/cuer who has one or more caller/cuer club memberships in the Association who, without justifiable cause, fails to attend two consecutive Conclave meetings may have his or her club(s) placed on probation. If the caller/cuer of such caller/cuer club(s) fails to attend three consecutive Conclave meetings, without justifiable cause, such caller/cuer club membership(s) may be suspended or cancelled. A caller, cuer or instructor who has one or more caller/cuer club memberships in the Association may certify a designee to represent the caller/cuer club at Conclave in the absence of the caller, cuer or instructor of such club(s). Procedures for probation, suspension, cancelation, appeal and reinstatement shall be established by the Executive Board. A recommendation by the Executive Board to cancel a caller/cuer club membership shall be brought before Conclave for consideration and shall be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of votes cast.

Section 4. Determining Quorum at Conclave

A. A quorum shall be required prior to conducting the business of the Association at Conclave.

B. For purposes of determining quorum, the presiding officer shall conduct a roll call of its voting members required to attend Conclave and determine whether there is:

1. A majority of the elected officers of the Executive Board in attendance, and
2. At least one certified delegate in attendance from a majority of the Association's member clubs in good standing.

Upon such determination, a quorum shall be declared and the Conclave meeting may begin.

C. After a quorum has been established at Conclave and the meeting has begun, whether some voting members of necessity have departed during the meeting, the business of Conclave may continue.

Section 5. Voting Rights at Conclave

A. Voting rights at Conclave shall be:

1. One (1) vote for each elected officer of the Executive Board,
2. One (1) vote for each appointed member of the Executive Board,
3. One (1) vote for the Office of Immediate Past President,
4. One (1) vote for each member club certified delegate up to a total of three (3) votes per member club, and
5. One (1) vote for each confirmed caller, cuer or instructor who controls one or more caller/cuer club memberships in the Association for a total of one (1) vote per person. In the absence of the caller, cuer or instructor, the vote may be cast in person by the caller, cuer or instructor's certified designee.

Voting rights at Conclave shall be limited to only one (1) vote per person regardless of the number of clubs, offices or positions in which a person may be eligible to vote. Multiple voting is prohibited.

B. All persons eligible to vote at Conclave as provided in subsection A of this Section shall be a current Star member or Honorary Star member and each must be present in person in order to exercise the right to vote.

C. Due to the representative status of certified delegates to their respective member club, the delegates of a member club shall cast their votes as one single unit on behalf of their club, unless directed by the presiding officer at Conclave that each voting delegate may cast an individual vote on the matter to be voted. Should a club's certified delegates not agree as a unit, the majority decision of the certified delegates representing the member club at Conclave shall be the total number of votes to be cast on behalf of such member club, and the other abstaining delegate's vote shall not be cast on behalf of the member club.

D. There shall be no representation, proxy or absentee votes at Conclave.

Section 6. Special Executive Committee Meetings

A. The President, or a simple majority of the elected officers of the Executive Board, may call a Special Conclave meeting by communicating the time, date, location and purpose of the Special Conclave meeting to the members required to attend Conclave at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such Special Conclave meeting.

B. Member clubs may call a Special Conclave meeting whenever one-fourth (1/4) or more of the total member clubs in the Association have agreed by a majority vote of each club's membership that a Special Conclave should be held for a stated purpose. In that event, the requesting member clubs shall give their written request to the President stating the purpose of the Special Conclave. Upon receipt of such request, the President shall have fifteen (15) days to issue a notice and official call for the Special Conclave or thereafter, if the President has not issued notice and official call by the fifteenth-day, the requesting member clubs shall communicate the time, date, location and purpose of the Special Conclave to all members required to attend Conclave at least ten

(10) days prior to the date of the Special Conclave meeting. Only the business stated in the written request shall be transacted at a Special Conclave.

Section 7. Notice for Conclave Meetings

Members required to attend Conclave shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice of the Conclave meeting. Notice may be given by regular mail, fax, email, electronic text, telephone call, or any combination thereof. Any member who cannot be reached by reason of incorrect, missing or obsolete contact information shall be given notice by posting the Conclave meeting notice and agenda to the official website of the Association.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. General Powers of The Association

The Executive Board shall conduct the business and affairs of the Association between Executive Committee (Conclave) meetings. The Executive Board may adopt rules, policies, procedures and forms for use by the Association to fulfill its stated purposes and functions as established by these bylaws, and may amend, modify and repeal such rules, policies, procedures and forms. The Executive Board may contract for and obtain the services of an attorney and other professionals for matters that pertain to the Association.

Section 2. Members of Executive Board

A. All members of the Executive Board shall be Star members of the Association at the time of their election and during their entire term of office.

B. The members of the Executive Board shall be:

1. Elected officers,
2. Office of the Immediate Past President, and
3. Appointed members who shall be:
 - a. chairpersons of permanent and special committees, and
 - b. individual permanent positions

C. Each member of the Executive Board shall sign a statement declaring their willingness to accept and perform their elected or appointed position and stating an understanding that conflicts of interest with the business of the Association are required to be disclosed while serving as a member of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Resignation, Removal and Vacancy

A. Any Executive Board member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Board or the President of the Association, except as provided for the Office of Treasurer.

B. The effective date of an Executive Board member's resignation shall take effect when the notice is delivered unless the notice itself specifies a future date, except for the Office of Treasurer. In no event, shall a resignation be accepted from the Treasurer until after an adequate audit of the books has been completed.

C. The President shall appoint members to fill Executive Board member vacancies, except the position of Immediate Past President, subject to approval of the Executive Committee (Conclave).

D. An elected officer may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board with confirmation required at Conclave by a majority of the votes cast.

Section 4. Meetings of Executive Board and Notice

A. Executive Board meetings shall be held at least four (4) times per year for purposes of planning, assigning duties and responsibilities to elected and appointed Board members, conducting business, preparing for Spring and Fall Conclave meetings, and conducting officer transitions at the end of the fiscal year. The Board may meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Association.

B. Executive Board members shall be given a minimum of five (5) days advance notice of an Executive Board meeting. Notice may be given by regular mail, fax, email, electronic text, telephone call, or any combination thereof. The Association Executive Secretary shall include a statement of agenda items or the written agenda with each meeting notice.

C. Special Executive Board meetings may be called by the President, or by one-third (1/3) of the elected officers, with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours advance notice to all members of the Executive Board.

D. The time, date and location of a Board meeting shall be determined by those calling the meeting.

Section 5. Voting on the Executive Board

A. Each elected office, including when such office is held by a couple, shall have one (1) vote.

B. The Office of the Immediate Past President may vote on the Executive Board only in the case of a tie vote.

C. Appointed members to the Executive Board shall each be entitled to: one (1) vote in the position of chairperson of a permanent committee, one (1) vote in the position of chairperson of a special committee, and one (1) vote in an appointed permanent position. After a special committee has dissolved there shall be no voting rights allowed. The position of Parliamentarian shall not vote.

D. If a couple fills an elected or appointed position such couple shall cast only one (1) vote between them for the position; however, either person may cast the vote in the absence of the other.

E. If an Executive Board member fills two or more positions on the Board such member shall cast only one (1) vote for all positions.

F. Any motion brought to the floor at an Executive Board meeting shall pass by a majority of the votes cast. Only designated voting members shall be authorized to vote and move motions at Executive Board meetings.

G. There shall be no representation, proxy or absentee voting at Executive Board meetings.

Section 6. Quorum of Executive Board

Each Executive Board meeting shall require a quorum to be established prior to conducting the business of the Association. A quorum shall be a majority of the elected officers. The Office of Immediate Past President shall not be counted as part of the quorum, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws. After a quorum has been established for an Executive Board meeting and the meeting has begun, whether some voting members of necessity have departed during the meeting, the business of Executive Board may continue.

Section 7. Electronic Participation at Executive Board Meetings

A. Executive Board members may participate in any meeting of the Executive Board through the use of audio-visual electronic technology.

B. Electronic participation in a meeting shall constitute attendance at the meeting. Email is not considered a proper form of electronic participation.

Section 8. Requirement for Budgets

A. The Association officers shall establish a budget for consideration and vote by a majority of the votes cast at the fall Executive Committee (Fall Conclave) meeting and such budget shall be for the next fiscal year. The budget may include, but shall not be limited to, general operating expenses, anticipated income and expenses from participation in the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. ticket and ad sales, anticipated income and expenses for each Jamboree, special event, dance, function, activity, Conclave meeting, and fund raising effort to be conducted by the elected officers in the next fiscal year, as well as, all other known financial obligations and sources of income and expenses the Association may reasonably anticipate in the next fiscal year.

B. The incoming elected Association officers upon receipt of their approved budget for their term of office and fiscal year shall analyze such budget and determine, after a planning session, whether any adjustments are required to be made to the approved budget. Any budget adjustments shall be reported to the Spring Conclave for consideration and approval by a majority of the votes cast at Conclave. Adjustments may include, but shall not be limited to, Jamboree, special events, dances, educational seminars, and any other activities the Executive Board desires to add or delete from the approved budget for the current fiscal year.

C. Each Jamboree, special event, dance, function, educational seminar, committee project, and fund raising activity shall require a separate planned budget of its proposed income and expenses. The Executive Board shall be required to plan, monitor and analyze each Association sponsored event, function and activity for budgetary purposes and to determine whether such event, function and activity was successfully implemented and financially successful in meeting its stated goals. All Jamboree, event, function and activity budgets shall be maintained and a copy given to the successor officer or chairperson as a guide for planning similar events, functions and activities in other fiscal years.

D. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Executive Board shall determine and report the overall profit and loss for their fiscal year term of office. The report shall be based on the approved budget for the fiscal year's events, functions and activities. The report shall be presented to the Fall Conclave by the Treasurer, and shall be available for audit purposes. All committee final reports and elected officer final reports shall be presented to Conclave, and each report, or a copy thereof, shall be given to and retained by the successor officer or chairperson.

Section 9. Non-Budgeted Expenses

The Executive Board shall approve non-budgeted expenses.

1. Non-budgeted expenses in excess of One Hundred (\$100.00) require approval by a majority of the elected officers of the Executive Board.
2. Non-budgeted expenses in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) require approval by a majority of the members of the Executive Board with confirmation at Conclave by a majority of the votes cast, except emergency expenses in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) may be approved by a majority of the members of the Executive Board and reported at the next Conclave meeting.
3. The Executive Board may set higher threshold amounts for paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Section. Proposed changes to the stated amounts in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Section shall be made by Resolution presented at the Fall Conclave meeting for vote, and upon approval shall apply to the next fiscal year and thereafter until further change is proposed and approved by Conclave.

Section 10. Prohibition to Encumbrances

No elected officer or appointed member of the Association shall have authority to encumber the Association by contract or agreement for products, services, property or events without a majority vote of the Executive Board after opportunity to review the contractual provisions and consider the financial impact on the Association. No contract or agreement in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be authorized without approval of a majority vote of Conclave.

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation

The Officers of the Association shall be:

- President
- Vice-President
- Executive Secretary
- Treasurer
- Social Secretary
- Four (4) Delegates to Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc.
- Immediate Past President (automatic assumption of office)

Section 2. President

The President shall have the duty to conduct the business and affairs of the Association, and shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee (Conclave).
- B. Negotiate, award, sign contracts, and maintain a permanent record of all contracts and agreements, subject to the approval of the Executive Board and/or the Executive Committee (Conclave).
- C. Serve as joint custodian with the Treasurer of the Association's funds, accounts and property.
- D. Maintain permanent records as required in these bylaws or by rule or law.
- E. Maintain General Liability Insurance coverage and the bond required for the Treasurer.
- F. Ensure the Association remains in compliance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations.
- G. Ensure the Association remains in compliance with the Oklahoma Square Dancers Federation, Inc. guidelines and bylaws.
- H. Schedule, announce and conduct a minimum of four (4) Executive Board meetings, and a minimum of two (2) Conclave meetings during the fiscal year.
- I. Appoint chairpersons of permanent and special committees, except the Nominating Committee, with approval of the Executive Board.
- J. Appoint individual permanent positions with approval of the Executive Board.
- K. Appoint members to fill Executive Board vacancies, except the Office of the Immediate Past President, with approval of the Executive Board.
- L. Appoint advisory committees and audit committees with approval of the Executive Board.
- M. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- N. Attend meetings of the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. and designate alternate delegates to attend to secure the maximum total votes authorized for the Association at Federation meetings.
- O. Establish and monitor the current fiscal year budget of the Association and all committee budgets.
- P. Submit projected income and expenses to the Association Treasurer for budget development for the coming fiscal year.
- Q. Designate host member clubs for the Association dances, events and activities.
- R. Not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association Office of the President.
- S. Perform all other responsibilities and duties incumbent on the Office of President or required to conduct and manage the business and affairs of the Association.
- T. Upon the completion of the Office of President, automatically assume the Office of Immediate Past President.

Section 3. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall support the President in the administration of the business of the Association, and shall:

- A. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to perform.
- B. Assume primary responsibility for publicity and member club communications from the Association.
- C. Coordinate and assist in marketing, promotions and advertising for the Association.
- D. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- E. Serve as an alternate delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. meetings to ensure the maximum total votes for the Association at Federation meetings.
- F. Submit projected income and expenses to the Association Treasurer for budget development for the coming fiscal year.
- G. Not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association Office of the Vice President.
- H. Not have any guarantee or right of succession to the Office of President.
- I. Perform responsibilities and duties incumbent on the Office of Vice President and as assigned by the President or otherwise required.

Section 4. Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall provide administrative support to the President and Executive Board, and shall:

- A. Record the minutes of the Executive Board and Conclave meetings.
- B. Maintain a permanent record of Executive Board and Conclave proceedings.
- C. Notify Executive Board members of an upcoming Board meeting date, time, and location a minimum of five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- D. Forward the Executive Board Meeting Agenda, as provided by the presiding officer, to Board members a minimum of five (5) days prior to the next meeting.
- E. Send minutes of Executive Board meetings to Board members a minimum of five (5) days prior to the next meeting.
- F. Notify Executive Board members of a Special Board meeting a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting date.
- G. Notify members required to attend Conclave of an upcoming Conclave meeting date, time, and location a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- H. Forward the Conclave Meeting Agenda, as provided by the presiding officer, to members required to attend Conclave a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Conclave meeting.
- I. Send minutes of the prior Conclave meeting to members required to attend Conclave a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Conclave meeting.
- J. Forward the slate of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Board to the members required to attend Conclave a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Fall Conclave meeting.
- K. Maintain records of liability insurance policies and reported claims.

- L. Maintain records of the Treasurer's bond.
- M. Monitor due dates for required state and federal filing deadlines.
- N. Maintain a permanent record of state and federal filed documents with supporting documentation.
- O. Maintain a copy of the Association's Articles of Incorporation.
- P. Maintain previous and current bylaw versions.
- Q. Serve as an alternate delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. meetings to ensure the total votes of the Association.
- R. Submit projected income and expenses to the Association Treasurer for budget development for the coming fiscal year.
- S. Not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association Office of Executive Secretary.
- T. Perform responsibilities and duties incumbent on the Office of Executive Secretary and as assigned by the President or otherwise required.

Section 5. Social Secretary

The Social Secretary shall provide support to the President, Executive Secretary and member clubs, and shall:

- A. Ensure completion of general correspondence upon direction from the President.
- B. Maintain records of general correspondence with members of the Association and with the public.
- C. Maintain historical records of the Association and assist with preparing Association displays.
- D. Advise the Executive Board of deaths and hospitalizations of current and past Association officers and appointed members or members and officers of the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc..
- E. Send invitations to guests upon direction from the President.
- F. Send cards and/or flowers approved by the President or Executive Board.
- G. Correspond with, coordinate and assist host member clubs with their assigned responsibilities and duties in helping with Association sponsored dances, functions and activities.
- H. Serve as an alternate delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. meetings to ensure the total votes of the Association.
- I. Submit projected income and expenses to the Association Treasurer for budget development for the coming fiscal year.
- J. Assist appointed chairpersons of permanent and special committees with correspondence to members and with the public.
- K. Not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association Office of Social Secretary.
- L. Perform responsibilities and duties incumbent on the Office of Social Secretary and as assigned by the President or otherwise required.

Section 6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the financial affairs of the Association, and shall:

- A. Serve as joint custodian with the President of the Association's funds, accounts and property.
- B. Be bonded in an amount determined by the Executive Board, but not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Such bond shall be paid by the Association.
- C. Administer collection of admission fees for Association sponsored functions, events and dances.
- D. Receive membership applications and collect membership fees and late fees.
- E. Compile and maintain Association membership rosters each year including current Executive Board members, individual Star members, certified delegates/alternate delegates of member clubs, elected officers from each member clubs, member clubs in good standing, and honorary members.
- F. Maintain records of receipts and disbursements for each fiscal year. Each disbursement shall require proper documentation.
- G. Maintain the books and records in standard bookkeeping format for year-to-year continuity.
- H. Pay the Association's debts and obligations as authorized by the Executive Board.
- I. Prepare or ensure that the required state and federal tax forms are complete, maintained and filed as per current regulations requirements.
- J. Submit a financial report at each Executive Board meeting and each Conclave meeting, and when requested by the President.
- K. Schedule the Annual Review of Financial Records (Audits) with the President's appointed audit committee or a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year, as directed by the President, to include the preparation and filing of tax and IRS forms per current or subsequent regulations.
- L. Submit the Annual Review from the audit committee or certified public accountant to the Executive Board not later than thirty (30) days prior to Spring Conclave.
- M. Maintain all tax forms and audit reviews and recommendations in collaboration with the Executive Secretary.
- N. Develop and monitor the Association budget for the current fiscal year and the committee budgets.
- O. Maintain all accounts in federally insured depositories approved by the Executive Board.
- P. Prepare the proposed budget for the next fiscal year of the Association and any permanent or special committee budgets for approval by the Executive Board not later than the date set for the Board meeting prior to the Fall Conclave, and for presentation and approval at Fall Conclave.
- Q. Not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association Office of the Treasurer.
- R. Serve as an alternate delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. meetings to ensure the total votes of the Association.
- S. Perform responsibilities and duties incumbent on the Office of the Treasurer and as assigned by the President or otherwise required.

Section 7. Delegates

An elected Delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. shall represent the Association together with the President at all Federation meetings. Delegates and alternate delegates may serve as individuals or couples at Federation meetings with each delegate in attendance having one (1) vote for the office. The delegates are voting officers of the Association and shall attend Executive Board and Executive Committee (Conclave) meetings. Delegates may be appointed to serve as chairperson of a special committee, at the discretion of the President, and may serve on other various Association committees. Delegates shall not accept any elected office where the voting rights or obligations of such office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association or the delegate position to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc.

Section 8. Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall act as an advisor to the President, Executive Board officers, and appointed members on the Board, and shall.

- A. Automatically serve in the Office of Immediate Past President after leaving the Office of President.
- B. Serve a term of one (1) year, except when the President carries over in his or her term pending a successor or the President is re-elected to a consecutive term. In such events, the term for the Office of Immediate Past President shall be coterminous with that of the President.
- C. Be excused and prohibited from voting at Executive Board meetings, except in the event of a tie vote or when having assumed the position of acting President pending a special election to fill such vacancy.
- D. Not be counted as part of the quorum at Executive Board meetings, except when having assumed the position of acting President pending a special election to fill such vacancy.
- E. Have one (1) vote in the Office of Immediate Past President at all Executive Committee (Conclave) meetings. Only one vote may be cast in such office whether an individual or couple is serving; however, when a couple serves either person of the couple may vote upon the absence of the other.
- F. Serve as an alternate delegate to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. meetings to ensure the total votes of the Association.
- G. Fill the Office of President for the Association in the event both the President and Vice President are unavailable to serve and until a Special Conclave Meeting may be called to fill such vacancies.

Section 9. Terms of Office

- A. Elected officers shall serve a term of one (1) year.
 - 1. Newly elected officers shall begin their term January 1 and end their term December 31, to coincide with the Association's fiscal year. If a different fiscal year is established for the Association, the officer's term shall coincide with that fiscal year.
 - 2. At the last Executive Board meeting of the fiscal year each outgoing officer shall pass the gavel to the incoming officer and transfer all Association property, records and funds to the new officer.
- B. A currently serving elected officer may be re-elected to serve an addition one-year term.
- C. Elected officers may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- D. Notwithstanding the two consecutive term limitation in subsection C of this section, an elected officer shall continue to serve in his or her office until a qualified successor has been elected or appointed.
- E. If an elected officer cannot complete his or her term of office, an interim successor may be appointed by the President upon the approval of the Executive Board, and such appointment shall be confirmed at the next

Conclave by a majority of the votes casts. In such event, the confirmed appointee shall serve the remaining portion of the term of office. Any portion of a term served in an office shall constitute a full term of office for purposes of determining consecutive terms in office.

Section 10. Restrictions and Prohibitions

- A. Elected officers shall not hold more than one (1) elected position at any a time, except as provided by rule.
- B. Elected officers shall not hold a position as chairperson of a permanent committee or hold an individual permanent position simultaneously during a term as an elected officer, except as provided by rule.
- C. Elected officers shall not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms and shall not be re-elected to such previously held office at a later date until a waiting period of two (2) years has lapsed; however, during such waiting period nothing shall be construed to prohibit such person or couple from being elected to a different elected office.
- D. If a couple holds an elected office together both persons of the couple shall be prohibited from being re-elected to that same office until after a two-year waiting period has lapsed; however, during such waiting period nothing shall prohibit election of either person or both to a different elected office.
- E. Square and round dance callers, cuers and instructors, and their spouses/partners, shall not be eligible to serve as an elected officer, chairperson of a permanent or special committee, or in an individual permanent position. However, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a square or round dance caller, cuer or instructor, or his or her spouse/partner, from serving as a volunteer member of any committee of the Association.
- F. The Association elected offices of President, Vice-President, and Federation Delegate shall not hold elected or appointed office in the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. at the same time of holding their elected office in the Association.
- G. The Association elected and appointed officers shall not hold an elected office as President or Delegate of any member club at the same time of holding any office or position in the Association.
- H. The Executive Board members shall not accept any elected or appointed office in any organization where the voting rights or obligations of such elected or appointed office would conflict with the voting rights or duties of the Association position or office.

Section 11. Election and Qualification of Officers

- A. Election of officers in the Association shall be held once per year at the fall Executive Committee (Fall Conclave) meeting, unless an election is otherwise required to fill a vacancy.
- B. The mandatory qualifications for a person to be elected to office in the Association are:
 - 1. Must be a resident in the State of Oklahoma,
 - 2. Must be a current Star member in the Association,
 - 3. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older,
 - 4. Must demonstrate a willing to accept the nomination by signing an officer agreement, and
 - 5. Must be capable of fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the office.
- C. A proposed slate of candidates for office for the upcoming fiscal year shall be submitted to the Fall Conclave by the Nominating Committee with approval of the Executive Board.
- D. In addition to a proposed slate of candidates for office, nominations for each elected office shall be open to the floor at Fall Conclave provided the person being nominated meets the qualifications in subsection B of this

Section, is present in person, and agrees to accept the nomination. A person may nominate and vote for themselves for elected office if qualified and in attendance at Conclave.

E. All nominations shall be reviewed by the Executive Board or Nominating Committee prior to consideration to ensure each candidate for office meets the qualifications and that there is no term restriction or other prohibition to their election to the office.

F. Voting on each elected officer position shall be conducted by ballot, unless there is only one candidate for the office. In such case, the vote may be conducted by voice vote or show of hands. A majority vote in favor shall elect the person to the office in the Association.

G. In the event a proposed slate of candidates for office is not submitted as provided in these bylaws and open nominations from the floor at Conclave do not nominate a qualified person for an elected office or offices, the person(s) currently serving in such office(s) shall continue until his or her successor is identified, qualified and elected or appointed as provided in these bylaws.

J. There shall be no representation or vote by proxy or absentee ballot at the election of officers.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Selection of Members of The Nominating Committee

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of representation from one-fourth (1/4) of the total member clubs belonging to the Association, but shall be not less than three (3) members.

B. The selection of the member clubs to be represented on the Nominating Committee shall be conducted at the Spring Conclave meeting by drawing. All member clubs in good standing shall have their names in the drawing container and be subject to random selection. Two alternate clubs may be drawn and may be required to serve as provided by Executive Board rule regarding alternate clubs.

C. The selected member clubs, and alternates, if any, to be represented on the Nominating Committee shall choose and name their representative to the Nominating Committee while at Conclave from their certified delegates in attendance. Such persons shall constitute the Nominating Committee and shall be approved by name at the Spring Conclave by a majority of the votes cast. The new Nominating Committee shall exchange member contact information, selected a chairperson from their members, and set the first meeting date while in attendance at the Spring Conclave.

Section 2. Meetings, Candidates and Appointed Positions

A. The Nominating Committee members shall be required to meet within thirty (30) days after their approval at Spring Conclave, and thereafter as often as necessary at the call of the chairperson or any two members until a complete slate of candidates is obtained by the date established by the Executive Board.

B. The Nominating Committee may recommend any person's continued appointment as a chairperson of a permanent or special committee or in an individual permanent position or may recommend other qualified persons for appointment to such positions. Recommendations for appointed positions shall not be required to be accepted by the next elected President and may, but shall not be required to, be presented at Conclave.

Section 3. Representation by Member Clubs and Approval of Slate of Candidates

A. To the extent possible the Nominating Committee shall nominate persons to office that represent different member clubs. For the offices of President, Vice President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, no two nominations shall be from the same member club, except as authorized by rule.

B. The Nominating Committee shall assure each candidate selected is qualified as required by subsection B of Section 11 of Article V of these bylaws and agrees to accept the office or position.

C. The Nominating Committee shall submit its recommended slate of candidates for elected offices to the Executive Board not later than the date established by the Executive Board. Upon approval of the candidates by the Executive Board, the slate of candidates for elected office shall be given to the members required to attend Conclave as provided for Conclave notice.

ARTICLE VII - PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Section 1. Purpose

Permanent committees have specific and ongoing functions that are essential to the operation of the Association. Members of permanent committees may change when new chairpersons are appointed, but the purpose of the committees and their functions and duties do not change.

Section 2. Designation

Permanent committees shall be established by the Executive Board and may include, but are not limited to:

- Past Presidents Advisory Committee
- Membership Committee
- Jamboree Committee
- Visit Nine Committee
- Fund Raising Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Education Committee
- Exhibitions/Demonstrations Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Banner Stealing Program Committee

Section 3. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons

The President shall appoint, or may remove, chairpersons of permanent committees with approval of the Executive Board. The President shall set the duties and responsibilities for each chairperson of a permanent committee and committee tasks, or such responsibilities may be established by rule. Every chairperson shall have a committee budget, file a written committee report each fiscal year, and transfer committee property, records and funds to their successor chairperson.

Section 4. Term of Appointment and Members

Every appointed chairperson shall serve a term of one (1) year and may be reappointed to such position for additional terms without limitation or waiting periods, at the discretion of the President with approval by the Executive Board. The appointed chairperson may select volunteer members to assist on the committee from the various membership of the Association. Nothing shall be construed to prohibit the chairperson from sharing with or training another person as a co-chair to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee or to be a possible future appointment to the committee.

Section 5. Electronic Participation at Committee Meetings

- A. Committee members may participate in any meeting through the use of audio-visual electronic technology.
- B. Electronic participation in a meeting shall constitute attendance at the meeting. Email is not considered a proper form of electronic participation.

ARTICLE VIII - INDIVIDUAL PERMANENT POSITIONS

Section 1. Definition

Individual permanent positions are individuals who perform specific and ongoing functions that are essential to the operation of the Association. Members of permanent positions change when new persons are appointed, but the purpose of the position and its functions and duties do not change.

Section 2. Designation

Individual permanent positions shall be established by the Executive Board and may include, but are not limited to:

- District Ticket Chairperson to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc.
- District Ad Sales Chairperson to the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc.

- Webmaster - Newsletter Editor - Publicity Director - Caller/Cuer Liaison - Sound Coordinator
- Singles Coordinator - Venue Liaison - Youth Coordinator - Historian - Parliamentarian

Section 3. Appointment of Individual Permanent Positions

The President shall appoint, or may remove, individual permanent positions with the approval of the Executive Board. The President shall set the duties and responsibilities for each permanent position or such duties and responsibilities may be established by rule. Every permanent position shall have a budget, file a written final report each fiscal year on the activities of the position, and transfer property, records and funds to their successor appointee.

Section 4. Term of Appointment

Every person appointed to a permanent position shall serve a term of one (1) year and may be reappointed to such position for additional terms without limitation or waiting periods, at the discretion of the President with approval by the Executive Board. Nothing shall be construed to prohibit the appointed person from sharing with or training another person to fulfill the responsibilities of the permanent position or for a possible future appointment to the position.

ARTICLE IX - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. General Purpose

Special committees shall be established by the Executive Board as needed to perform specific tasks and may be dissolved when the tasks are completed and the final report is submitted.

Section 2. Appointment

The President shall appoint, or may remove, chairpersons of special committees, except for the Nominating Committee, with approval of the Executive Board. The President shall assign duties and responsibilities to each chairperson of a special committee and set guidelines for the committee’s tasks. Every chairperson shall have a budget, file a written final report of the activities of the committee, and transfer property, records and funds to the Association upon completion of the committee tasks.

Section 3. Types of Special Committees

Special committees may include, but are not limited to:

- Sunshine Committee - Clothes Closet Committee - Information/Calling Committee
- Bylaws Review Committee - Financial Advisors Committee - Summer Dance Committee
- Fun Valley Committee - Youth Dance Camp Committee - National Dance Committee

Section 4. Term of Appointment and Members

Every appointed chairperson of a special committee shall serve a term sufficient to complete the special assignment or one (1) year, whichever is less. Such person may be reappointed for additional terms, at the discretion of the President with approval by the Executive Board. The appointed chairperson may select volunteer members to assist on the committee from the various membership of the Association. Nothing shall be construed to prohibit the chairperson from sharing with or training another person as a co-chair to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee or to be a possible future appointment to a committee.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS & PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Procedure

The business of the Association shall be conducted on a representative basis and parliamentary procedure shall be followed to the extent possible at all Association meetings.

Section 2. Bylaws Authority and Robert’s Rules of Order

This Constitution and Bylaws establishes the fundamental principles which govern the Association and establishes rules for the management of its purposes and functions. The rules contained in the current edition of

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will guide the Association procedure in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules adopted by the Association.

Section 3. Amendment, Alteration, and/or Repeal

A. The Executive Committee (Conclave) shall have the power to amend, alter, make, and repeal the bylaws of the Association with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast at Conclave.

B. The Executive Board shall have the power to correct scrivener's errors, misspelled words, format errors, punctuation error, and minor errors when discovered after adoption of the bylaws provided such adjustment does not result in any substantive change to the provision or the bylaws. Such scrivener adjustments do not require a confirmation vote at Conclave, but require a majority vote by the elected officers of the Executive Board. Such adjustment requires the elected officers to sign and date the change(s) and make such document a permanent part of the bylaws revisions.

Section 4. Mandatory Review of Bylaws

The Association shall review the bylaws at least every five (5) years.

Section 5. Signing and Dating of Revised Bylaws

Upon adoption of bylaw revisions, elected officers of the Association shall sign and date the original document. Revised bylaws shall be maintained by the Executive Secretary.

Section 6. Distribution of Revised Bylaws

The Executive Secretary shall provide a copy of revised bylaws to the membership within thirty (30) days of adoption by the Executive Committee (Conclave) by posting a copy of the revised bylaws to the official website of the Association, or may provide a copy as provided for Conclave notice, or both.

ARTICLE XI - INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS

The Association may, by resolution of the Executive Board, provide for the indemnification by the Association of any and all of its Board members, or any former Board member, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such Board members in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, in which such Board members or any one of them are made parties, or a part, by reason of having been Board members of the Association or former Board members of the Association, except in relation to matters to which such Board member or former Board member shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement predicated on the existence of such liability for negligence or misconduct.

ARTICLE XII - PROPERTY & INVENTORY

Section 1. Use of Funds and Property

The Association shall use its funds, property and assets only to accomplish the declared purposes specified in these bylaws.

Section 2. Prohibition to Vested Interests

No member club or individual member of the Association shall have any vested interest in any funds, property or assets of the Association, nor shall any funds, property or assets of the Association be allowed to inure to the benefit of any member club or individual, except as they are benefitted by the lawful and authorized activities of the Association.

Section 3. Return and Disposal of Property

No officer or member of the Association shall misuse or retain property or funds of the Association, nor shall any officer or member refuse to transfer or turn over records, property and funds of the Association to the next elected officer or appointee, or at the request of the Executive Board or President. No person shall expend,

distribute or dispose of any records, property or funds of the Association without approval by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Inventory

There shall be a written inventory maintained of all property and assets of the Association. Such inventory shall be reviewed each year by the Executive Board for determination of value and location of property and assets. The Executive Board may authorize, by majority vote, the sale or disposal of property acquired by the Association. All sales of Association property shall be exclusively for the benefit of the Association. Funds generated from any Association activity or property sales shall be remitted promptly to the Treasurer. The written inventory shall be retained and maintained by the President and Treasurer of the Association.

Section 5. Rights and Powers under Oklahoma Law

The Association shall have the right to accept donations, gifts, bequests, and devises of property and shall be vested with and have all rights, powers and privileges authorized for a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

Dissolution means the end of the Association as a legal entity. The Association is no longer permitted legally to enter into contracts or otherwise operate, except taking necessary actions to close out the Association's affairs. Upon majority vote of the Executive Board to dissolve the Association, the Executive Committee (Conclave) shall confirm the "Resolution to Dissolve The Association" by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast. After adoption of such Resolution, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of the assets of the Association exclusively for the benefit of the Association to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth under Section 501 (C) (3) or (4) of the United States Internal Revenue (IRS) Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Executive Board shall determine.

ARTICLE XIV - BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. Designated Records to be Maintained

These records shall be kept and maintained for the period of time stated in these bylaws:

- A. If applicable, Original Not-For-Profit Form 1024 -Application for Recognition of Exemption for perpetuity.
- B. If applicable, Original IRS Determination Letter for perpetuity.
- C. Federal tax filings and supporting documents for the previous seven (7) years.
- D. Federal tax forms 1099 and 1096 for the previous seven (7) years.
- E. Oklahoma Articles of Incorporation, renewals and amendments for fifty (50) years.
- F. Oklahoma reports to the Secretary of State and/or Oklahoma Tax Commission submitted by the registered agent for the previous three (3) years.
- G. Financial Annual Review (Audits) including written recommendations for the previous three (3) years.
- H. General Liability Insurance Policies for the past five (5) years.
- I. Previous and current version of bylaws for the past ten (10) years.
- J. Meeting minutes of the Executive Board and Executive Committee (Conclave) with supporting documents used in conjunction with agendas for the previous three (3) years.
- K. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of Member Clubs for three (3) years after such club ceases to be a member of the Association.
- L. Records designated in the bylaws or required to be maintained by rule or law.

Section 2. Location Where Records Are Maintained

Records shall be maintained by the elected officers as designated in the bylaws.

Section 3. Confidentiality and Right of Inspection

A. The Association shall not sell or distribute any individual's personal identifying information without such person's consent. All information and records obtained by the Association shall be used solely for Association business and shall be kept confidential from public inspection and distribution, except when consent is given for release or when ordered disclosed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

B. The following information is available to the public upon request:

1. If applicable, Original Not-for-Profit Form 1024 -Application for Recognition of Exemption.
2. If applicable, Original IRS Determination Letter.
3. State and federal tax filings and supporting documents.
4. The Association's Articles of Incorporation and its Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV – SEVERABILITY

The provisions of these bylaws are severable and if any part or provision shall be held void, the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of these bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI – DECLARATION AND PROCLAMATION

We, the Officers of the Association, proclaim our goodwill and fiscal responsibility to all our membership. We recognize the autonomy of our member clubs and their right to organize and operate as each chooses while affiliated with the Association. We respect the differences and opinions of our general membership to express their desires for how the Association accomplishes its stated purposes. We are grateful for the experiences of our professional callers, cuers and instructors. We pledge to keep a spirit of openness and inclusiveness towards all our members as we operate in the best interests of the Association under these bylaws. We believe that by helping our member clubs be successful, We, too, will be successful in promoting and sustaining all phases of square and round dancing.

END OF BYLAWS