

SCISDA CONSTITUTION  
**Constitution**  
**State Council of Illinois Square Dance Associations, Inc.**  
**An Illinois Corporation**

**Preamble**

The members of this organization are banded together in a spirit of friendliness and good fellowship to share the pleasures of square dancing in all its forms. In order that the organization may function smoothly as a group for the benefit of all, the following Constitution is herewith established.

**Article I**  
**Name**

The name of this not-for-profit corporation shall be *State Council of Illinois Square Dance Associations, Inc.* and shall be known as “The Council” in this Constitution.

**Article II**  
**Purpose**

1. To promote Square Dancing in all its forms. (Square Dancing is defined to include square dancing, round dancing, contra dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.)
2. To establish a line of communications from the individual dancer to The Council so that an expression of local opinions can establish policy for making statewide decisions.
3. To provide for education to further the growth and enjoyment of Square Dancing.
4. To encourage cooperation between Clubs, Associations, Federations, the State organization and other groups involved in or interested in the promotion of Square Dancing, and to assist members in whatever way possible.
5. To represent Square Dancing to the general public as a wholesome,

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enjoyable, family-type recreation.

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### **Article III Membership**

Membership and representation will be defined as provided for the By-Laws and Standing Rules of The Council.

### **Article IV Privileges and Responsibilities**

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

### **Article V Executive Board**

A. The Executive Board of The Council shall consist of

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President - Northern Region
- 3) Vice President - Central/Southern Region
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Treasurer

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

C. The nominations and election of the Executive Board shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

### **Article VI Board of Directors**

A. The Board of Directors is the Governing body of The Council.

B. The Board of Directors shall be defined in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

C. Except as otherwise required by law or provided for in the By-Laws

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and Standing Rules, the entire control of The Council, its affairs and property, shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**Article VII  
Voting**

- A. Voting shall be at an in-person or electronic meeting.
- B. Voting members shall represent only one Affiliate Member and be entitled to vote when present as provided in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.
- C. Should an impasse exist, the Executive Board may cast one (1) vote to break the tie.

**Article VIII  
Meetings**

- A. Meetings shall be as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.
- B. There shall be a minimum of one (1) regular meeting per year.
- C. The Executive Board may establish meetings necessary to conduct the business of The Council.

**Article IX  
Quorum**

- A. No business of The Council shall be transacted without a legal quorum.
  - 1. A legal quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the Directors eligible to participate in the business of any regular or special meeting.
  - 2. To conduct a meeting of the Executive Board a majority of the elected Officers shall be present.
- B. The business of The Council shall be conducted in open meetings with the minutes recorded and made a part of the official records of

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The Council and distributed to each Director as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

### **Article X By-Laws**

- A. By-Laws shall be written, approved and published to further define the scope and purpose of The Council with duties, responsibilities and obligations of members and officers outlined.
- B. Standing Rules shall be established to provide business procedures and guidance that is required for conducting meetings and establishing methods to operate The Council.

### **Article XI Dissolution**

- A. Upon majority vote of the Board of Directors to dissolve The Council, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of The Council, dispose of all of the assets of The Council exclusively for the benefit of The Council 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 corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine.
- A. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any Officer, director or employee of The Council.

### **Article XII Amendments**

- A. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of The Directors present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that the members of the Board of Directors are notified by mail, email, text or

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any future communication that may be developed of any proposed amendment or revision at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) or revision(s) will be presented.

B. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the Board of Directors by:

1. The Executive Board
2. A petition representing fifteen percent (15%) of an affiliate organization's total membership.

C. Final ratification shall be by vote of the members of the affiliate organizations. The actual vote count shall be recorded by the affiliate organizations in their minutes. Said vote shall be reported by the Director in the manner prescribed in the Standing Rules. A majority vote of the members of the affiliate organizations being required to sustain the vote of the Board of Directors.

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