

**MISSOURI ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION. INC.
CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE ONE: NAME AND ADDRESS

- A. The name of the Association shall be: **MISSOURI ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.**
- B. The official address of this Association shall be the home address of the Registered Agent with the Secretary of State of Missouri. The Registered Agent must be a resident of the State of Missouri for MRDA registration business.

ARTICLE TWO: INCORPORATION

- A. The Association is incorporated under the Laws of the State of Missouri as a non-profit Corporation.
- B. M.R.D.A.'s remaining assets upon dissolution are to be given to the Missouri Department of Revenue, Jefferson City, Missouri.

ARTICLE THREE: AIMS AND PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association shall be:

- A. To provide for the education and information of its members and others in Round Dancing.
- B. To foster group participation in such dances and thereby promote the social and recreational benefits of this activity.
- C. To act as a medium of contact between Round Dance groups and individuals in Missouri and environs.
- D. To generally promote an understanding and enjoyment of Round Dancing.
- E. To hold each and every year a Round Dance Festival for the purpose of introducing new material and the enjoyment of social contacts through Round Dancing.

ARTICLE FOUR: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be available to anyone

- a. who registers for the annual Show Me Festival and shall continue through the following year until the next Festival, or
- b. who desires to join without attending the Festival.

The membership fee shall be set by the Board each year.

ARTICLE FIVE: MANAGEMENT

- A. Management of this Association shall be invested in a Board of Directors consisting of six (6) member couples or individuals to be elected from the membership as a whole.
- B. As provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, State of Missouri, the Officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE SIX: ELECTIONS

- A. As provided in Article Five, six candidate couples or individuals shall be elected to the Board of Directors for terms of 3, 2, and 1 year, for the implementation of this document. Thereafter, annually, two (2) directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Directors shall not succeed themselves by more than one term.
 - 1. The term of the Board of Directors commences on the first day of the month following the Festival and continues for three (3) fiscal years.

2. Members in good standing may serve additional terms after having been off the Board for at least one year.
- B. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual membership meeting.
- C. Candidates for Director shall be elected by the largest number of votes cast.
- D. If a Director couple or individual shall die, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, the remaining Directors may choose a successor or successors to serve until the next general election. If a Director opening exists on the first day of the month following the Festival, the President will appoint a member or member couple to serve the remaining term.

ARTICLE SEVEN: MEETINGS AND FISCAL YEAR

- A. The following Annual Meetings shall be held:
 1. The Directors shall meet at least once during the fiscal year at a time and place to be determined by the President.
 2. A general membership meeting shall be held on Saturday during the State Festival and shall be held in whatever city in the State of Missouri that said Festival may be held for the particular year.
- B. Special general meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or on written demand of at least twenty percent (20%) members at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. All members shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of such Special general meetings not less than ten (10) days in advance.
- C. A quorum shall be those paid up members present.
- D. The fiscal year of the Association shall end at midnight of the last day of the month in which the Festival is held, the new Fiscal Year to start the first day of the following month.

ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

This Constitution may be amended or added to at any annual general membership meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice of such amendments and / or additions shall have been presented in writing to the entire membership at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.