

NEW MEXICO SQUARE DANCE CALLERS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I

New Mexico Square Dance Callers' Association

- A. The name of this association shall be New Mexico Square Dance Callers' Association.
- B. The official address of this association shall be the address of the current executive secretary-treasurer, and all official correspondence should be directed to that address. This address will be provided to members through the official newsletter. The executive secretary will provide the address to the Southwest Dancer and request that it be published.

Article II

Aims and Purposes

- A. To foster, encourage and promote square dancing within the State of New Mexico and outlying areas.
- B. To encourage members to adhere to Callerlab standardized terms, definitions of calls, movements, figures and formations.
- C. To provide for exchange of dance material and other useful and helpful information and ideas.
- D. To offer training, advice and encouragement to members.
- E. To assist members to establish classes, clubs and open dances.
- F. To cooperate with the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association in providing information through which the public may receive fair, impartial and accurate information on classes, clubs and open dances and other activities pertinent to square dancing.
- G. To promote cordial relations with dancers, clubs, club organizations, recreation departments, schools, colleges and other activities related to or utilizing square dancing.
- H. To cooperate with the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association in promoting and assisting with the annual New Mexico State Square Dance Festival. The President of this association serves as the Vice President for Squares of the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association. This association's assistance includes calling at the State Festival, helping to provide sound, assisting in planning the program and programming state callers for the festival.

Article III

Membership

Membership in this association shall be open to those who meet the qualifications as set forth in the By-Laws. Qualified callers' from other states are welcome to join this association.

Article IV

Management

Management of this association shall be vested in an executive board consisting of one member from each district comprising the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association. The president shall be from the district which is to host the next State Square Dance Festival. The president shall serve as Vice President for Squares of the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association. The vice president shall be from the district which is to host the festival following the next festival. The vice president shall be the president elect, and shall serve as president when the state festival comes to his (or her) district. The vice president elect shall be from the district which is to host the festival following the district that the vice president is from. The vice president elect becomes vice president when the vice president becomes president. The executive board shall appoint an executive secretary-treasurer of the association. The executive secretary-treasurer shall become a member of the executive board upon accepting the appointment. The executive secretary-treasurer shall perform the duties of corresponding secretary, produce and distribute the association newsletter at least quarterly, and shall serve as treasurer. As treasurer, he (or she) is authorized to establish bank accounts, and to disburse funds as necessary for the day-to-day operation of the association. This includes postage, printing,

office supplies, placing a listing of all members in the Southwest Dancer once each year, and other similar expenses. Other expenditures require approval of the executive board. The executive secretary-treasurer shall maintain adequate records of income and expenditures and shall include a treasurer's report in each newsletter. The executive secretary-treasurer serves without salary, but may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

Article V

Elections

- A. The members of the executive board provided for in Article IV shall be elected for a period of 1 year. The newly elected board shall appoint the executive secretary-treasurer, or re-appoint the incumbent if desired and if the incumbent agrees to serve. The election shall take place at the annual meeting which is held at the State Square Dance Festival. The members from each district shall be responsible for nominating their member for the board. If there will be no member(s) present from a district, the members from that district should select a nominee and advise the current president of their choice. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- B. Voting members shall cast their vote by a show of hands unless a majority of those present request a vote by secret ballot, in which case, voting members will mark their choices on a paper ballot.
- C. The term of office shall be from the day following the State Festival through the next State Festival.
- D. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board.

Article VI

Meetings

- A. Regular general meetings shall be held at the State Square Dance Festival each year.
- B. Meetings of the executive board shall be held as necessary, by mutual agreement of board members.

Article VII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at any regular meeting, provided that all voting members have been notified in writing of the proposed amendments at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Article VIII

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, disbanding or other termination of this association, any assets remaining after all liabilities have been satisfied shall be converted to cash and such cash shall be disbursed to such group(s) or association(s) which are, in the opinion of the executive board, best qualified to use the funds for the furtherance of the square dance movement in the state of New Mexico.