

Chapter 3 - Constitution

ARTICLE I NAME AND SCOPE

- Section 1** The name of this organization shall be the "METROPOLITAN CHICAGO ASSOCIATION of SQUARE DANCERS" and shall hereafter be referred to as "the Association" and is founded under Illinois State Charter No. 16186, dated June 13, 1961, for the promotion of square dancing in the counties of Cook, Lake, Will, DuPage, McHenry and Kane in the State of Illinois.
- Section 2** The Association is a non-profit organization subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Government.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** Membership in the Association is obtained by application, voted upon by Executive Committee, and is subject to the By-laws.
- Section 2** A member club can be expelled from the Association for failing to fulfill the obligations set forth in the By-laws.
- Section 3** Membership in the Association is non-transferable or assignable.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1** The elected officers of the Association shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer.
- Section 2** The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past-president, the directors, and additional presidential appointees.
- Section 3** The terms of the officers shall be one (1) year. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, unless there is no nominee. If no nominee, an officer may serve a third (3rd) consecutive year if approved by a simple majority of the member clubs.
- Section 4** No member of the Executive Committee shall hold more than one (1) elective position in the Association at any one time.
- Section 5** No ELECTED OFFICERS of the Executive Committee may hold delegate status.
- Section 6** All terms shall coincide with Administrative and Fiscal year of the Association.
- Section 7** All members of the Executive Committee must be members in good standing in an Association member club.
- Section 8** To avoid a conflict of interest, no individual or spouse who receives substantial income from square dancing can be a member of the Executive Committee.

- ARTICLE IV RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- Section 1 The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Association with responsibility in accordance with the provision of this Constitution and By-laws of the Association, and shall have authority to prescribe regulations as to matters no specifically provided for herein.**
- ARTICLE V MEETINGS**
- Section 1 General meetings shall be held as prescribed in the By-laws.**
- ARTICLE VI ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL YEARS**
- Section 1 The administrative and fiscal years of the Association shall run concurrently beginning August 1 and ending July 31 of the following year.**
- ARTICLE VII REVENUES**
- Section 1 Application fees, other fees, and membership dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee must be approved at a meeting of the general membership by a majority vote of those present.**
- ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION**
- Section 1 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, after payment of all obligations, the remaining assets shall be distributed at the discretion of the Executive Committee on approval of the delegates to other tax-exempt, not-for-profit square dance oriented organizations.**
- ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**
- Section 1 Amendments to this Constitution or to the By-laws may be proposed to the Association Member Club delegates by:**
- a) The Executive Committee, or**
 - b) A Petition representing five (5) percent of the member clubs.**
- Section 2 This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any stated legal meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present provided the proposed amendment has been read at the meeting just previous and that copies of the proposed amendment have been sent to all clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.**