

# **ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA**

## **BYLAWS (as amended 9-15-18)**

### **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION A - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Applicant must complete COUNCIL application form and have form signed by one sponsor who is an Active members of COUNCIL. The sponsor will certify to the applicant's moral and ethical qualifications as well as to his or her capability of instructing a class in the basic dance movements, teaching a group in the mechanics of a dance routine, and/or cueing of dances. Applicant must pay appropriate fee and submit application to COUNCIL. Upon approval of the Board of Directors and payment of dues, applicant shall assume associate membership. After one full year as Associate member, member shall automatically assume Active membership.

2. Apprentice applicant must complete COUNCIL application form, have application form signed by one sponsor who is an Active member of COUNCIL, who is willing to mentor applicant. Applicant must pay appropriate fee and submit application to COUNCIL. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, applicant shall be an apprentice for a minimum of one year and maximum of two years, at which time, upon recommendation of the mentor and approval of the Board of Directors, the Apprentice shall become an Active member.

3. An application fee of \$35.00 shall be charged to each new member.

#### **SECTION B - RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

1. To attend one COUNCIL meeting per year, one COUNCIL activity per year and pay dues.

2. Life and Honorary members are not required to pay dues or attend COUNCIL meetings or activities.

3. The partner of an Active member is afforded the same status as the member.

4. Relief from the provisions of B.1 of this sub section may be granted in cases of hardship, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon receipt of written request from the member.

## SECTION C - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. A member may be terminated if they do not fulfill the membership responsibilities as stated in Section B.1 of above.

2. A member being more than 90 days in arrears in the payment of dues shall be dropped from membership.

## SECTION D - DUES

1. Annual dues for Active, Associate and Sustaining members shall be \$35.00 per year due November 1st of each year. Dues for new members shall be prorated as follows: Joining date-November 1st to April 30th \$35.00; May 1st to October 31st \$17.50.

2. Notice shall be sent each year by the Treasurer that dues are payable by November 1st. One further notice shall be sent to individuals whose dues are 30 days in arrears. Sixty days after the second notice has been sent, the provisions of Section C.2 shall apply unless particular relief has been requested by the member, in writing, and relief has been granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

3. A change in dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and voted on by Active members at a regular meeting and approved by a simple majority vote.

## ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION A - Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of Active members present and voting at a meeting

SECTION B - Nominations may be made by committee or from the floor

SECTION C - Elections shall be held at the first scheduled meeting of COUNCIL each year

SECTION D - The Nominating committee, before presenting a slate of officers for nomination at the annual election meeting, shall:

1. determine from each nominee that he/she would agree to such nomination and be willing to serve, if elected; and
2. present such slate, in writing, to the COUNCIL at the election meeting

### ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

SECTION A - In accordance with the CONSTITUTION, at least two meetings of the COUNCIL shall be held each year at a time and location set by the President or the Board of Directors. Notice shall be given as required by the CONSTITUTION.

SECTION B - A quorum at such meetings shall consist of 20% of the Active membership.

SECTION C - Only Active members of the COUNCIL may vote, submit proposals, participate in discussion and hold office.

SECTION D - The rules of parliamentary procedure shall be ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER REVISED.

### ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

SECTION A - These bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote at any COUNCIL meeting, after a minimum of two weeks advanced notice, by E-mail or regular post to Active members, that action shall be taken on proposed amendments. E-mail notices will be sent to address on record with COUNCIL.

## ARTICLE V - CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

SECTION A - Any member after having once been an Active member of this COUNCIL and having been removed from the membership for any reason, may apply for reinstatement. An application must be submitted for Active membership in accordance with ARTICLE III, paragraph 3 of the CONSTITUTION, *EXCEPT* the prerequisite for Associate membership is deleted.

SECTION B - Any member wishing to change membership status to Active from Sustaining must submit an application in accordance with ARTICLE III, Paragraph 3 of the CONSTITUTION, *EXCEPT* the prerequisite for Associate membership is deleted.

## ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

SECTION A - The following committees shall be appointed by the President to serve at his/her pleasure:

1. Auditing-to audit the books of the Treasurer and to report thereon at the election meeting
2. Education-to correlate and disseminate member/education materials
3. Publicity-to handle publicity and general promotion of Round Dance activities as may be proper
4. Week End-to handle participation in and encouragement of area and statewide Round Dance Week End or related activities as set forth in the Purpose of the Organization
5. Research-to handle matters of research or determination of matters pertinent to standardization, controversial or questionable usages, cues, descriptions, etc.
6. Nomination-to make recommendations for positions of officers of the COUNCIL
7. The President may appoint such other committees as he/she may deem proper

SECTION B - All members of the above COUNCIL committees shall be Active members of the COUNCIL

## ARTICLE VII - ETHICS

SECTION A - Members of the COUNCIL bind themselves to maintain high moral standards and to act in accordance with the highest ethical practices of professional persons

## ARTICLE VIII - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

SECTION A - The official publication of the COUNCIL shall be the "Bow & Swing"

## ARTICLE IX - MAIL BALLOTS/ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

SECTION A - Unless otherwise provided by the CONSTITUTION or these BYLAWS, the Board of Directors may authorize mail ballots/electronic ballots in deciding matters of pressing importance to the COUNCIL. In no event shall mail ballots/electronic ballots be held on issues which have been officially before a COUNCIL meeting that has adjourned without settling the issues, unless that meeting shall have specifically authorized such mail ballots/electronic ballots

SECTION B - Approval/disapproval of the issues involved shall be by simply majority of ballots returned in a time as specified on the ballot