

SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, INC. (Hereinafter referred to as SDAW).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To encourage and maintain an interest in square dancing, round dancing, and it's related arts; together with promoting a spirit of friendship and tolerance.
- B. To plan and conduct periodic festivals in which all may participate; and to sanction related public festivals when requested to do so.
- C. To encourage research in authentic dance forms; to evaluate new dance forms, and to make available recognized patterns of square and round dances.
- D. To assist in formation and development of square and round dance groups as long as they abide by the policies of this association and are not operated primarily for profit.
- E. To encourage mutual cooperation among dancer groups and caller groups, and the exchange of dance techniques.
- F. To compile and maintain a directory of member clubs of this association.
- G. To discourage participation in any type of competitive dancing or contests resulting in compensation or awards.
- H. To exhibit square and round dancing to the general public, and to conduct them in a manner that favorably represents the above purposes.

Any funds or property remaining in the Corporation upon dissolution shall be disbursed, for tax exempt purposes within the meaning of 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, at the discretion of the Delegates at that time.

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. AREAS

- A. An AREA is defined as an Association of Dancer and Caller Clubs concentrated within a given section of the state.
1. Membership is recognized only by participation in an AREA. Each Area shall be self-governing under its own working rules subject to the By-Laws of this Association.
 2. Square Dance Clubs, Round Dance Clubs, and Caller/Leader groups are eligible for membership in an AREA Association.
 3. Clubs must be located within general boundaries of the nearest AREA Association. Those clubs situated “between” two areas may join the AREA of their choice. Voting privileges and participation in AREA activities shall be restricted to one AREA association only.
- B. New AREAS may be formed where no other AREA has direct influence by written application, subject to approval of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members present. A new AREA is eligible for an Association Jamboree one year after acceptance into this Association.
- C. If an Area wishes to dissolve from the SDAW the following steps need to be taken:
1. The Area Dancer and Caller Delegates must contact the President of SDAW (30) thirty days in advance of a scheduled meeting of their desire to be put on the meeting agenda.
 2. Present a letters of intent to dissolve from Caller and Dancer Associations. These letters would allow the Area to proceed with dissolving by doing the following:
 - a. Obtain signatures of majority of dancers in the Area along with club membership lists.
 - b. Obtain signatures of majority of Area Callers/Cuers/Leaders along with membership list.
 3. All the above requirements are to be presented at the next scheduled SDAW Meeting. Discussion will be held and a final vote will be taken at the next scheduled SDAW Meeting.
 4. This process shall be conducted in no more than (3) three consecutive regularly scheduled SDAW Meetings.
- D. Out of common courtesy, all Square Dance Clubs, Round Dance Clubs, and Caller/Leader groups that are members shall not hold another function during a SDAW function, when the Jamboree is being hosted by their area. All square dance clubs, callers, and leader should be encouraged to attend the SDAW Jamboree.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The business of this Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors consisting of one Dancer Couple and one Caller Couple from each AREA, selected in such a manner as each AREA shall determine, selected delegate will assume their duties in November of each year. AREAS should be sure to follow election procedures requested by SDAW. Callers and Dancers are elected for a two (2) year term. New Delegates should be elected by the November meeting so the Council Officers can be elected in November. The general policy followed by most AREAS is to have their Alternate replace the Delegates and new Alternates be elected. The AREA shall select Delegates (Board Members) to complete an unexpired term should a vacancy occur. Each Delegate Couple shall be allowed two votes. If an AREA has a single person as a delegate, or if half a Couple is not in attendance at the meeting, an Alternate from the same AREA will have the second vote. In the absence of a Delegate or Alternate, an official Designee from the AREA can represent the AREA with prior notification to the SDAW Board. New Delegates (Board Members) shall be given a copy of the current By-Laws, to better understand the business of the SDAW.
- B. The Board of Directors shall meet in January, May, August, and November. The meetings will be held the last Sunday in January, the 1st Sunday of May and November, and at a time designated during the State Convention. The meeting shall be open to all interested persons.

The President may call a special meeting at their discretion to be held at least 14 days after written notice to each member of the Board; time and place to be selected by them.

Upon written request of at least 50% of the members of the Board, the President must call a special meeting after due notice as specified above.

A quorum shall consist of a majority of eligible Board Members (Delegates) present at a meeting.

SECTION 3. DUES AND FUNDS

- A. Each AREA shall pay a membership fee in an amount set by the Board of Directors for each member Club of their Association on January first (1st) of each year. Additional funds, if required, shall be raised by assessment. Request for such assessment shall be submitted in writing to each Board Member. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors is required for approval, which shall be binding on all member clubs.

SECTION 4. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity.
- B. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from members of the Board. Term of Office shall be one (1) year for each office. Any officer wishing to hold said office for a second term will be permitted to do so provided he/she is still a delegate to the Association and is willing to accept the office for another year. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Board until the next election.
- C. Election is to be held at the November meeting. The new Board of Directors shall elect officers for the ensuing year. Those selected shall take office immediately after the November meeting.
- D. Each individual on the Board shall be allowed one vote and shall cast their ballot for one Candidate for each office.
- E. Election results shall be published and each AREA notified in writing.
- F. Transfer of property and records shall take place not more than one month after election. Treasurer's books are to be audited before being transferred.
- G. Officers shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

SECTION 5. CONTACT SECRETARY

- A. The position of Contact Secretary will be a four (4) year appointed position and is to be reviewed annually. The Duties of the Contact Secretary are defined in the Officers Duties Job Description.

SECTION 6. SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. A scholarship shall be offered to Callers/Cuers who wish to attend a college approved by Callerlab/Roundalab. Qualified applicants may apply to the Scholarship Committee by sending applications to the President or Secretary of the SDAW, who will forward them to the committee members for final voting at the next SDAW meeting.

SECTION 7. GENERAL

- A. The SDAW's primary choices for official publications are the "Here 'Tis" and our website.
- B. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail as the usual procedure at all Board meetings.

SECTION 8. FORMAT OF SDAW MEETING

9:00	to	9:30	Coffee and Rolls
9:30	to	10:30	Caller & Leader Meeting
9:30	to	10:30	Education Program for Dancers
10:30	to	12:00	SDAW Meeting
12:00	to	1:00	Dinner
1:00	to	3:30	Square and Round Dancing

The level of the dance at the Area Jamboree shall be at the discretion of the Callers/Leaders, bearing in mind that the majority of the Dancers at these Jamborees are Mainstream and/or Phase II Round Dance Level. Callerlab and Roundalab guidelines will prevail.

Article IV- APPLICATION AND AMMENDMENT

SECTION 1

These By-Laws shall be binding upon each Area now participating or which hereafter participates in this Corporation.

SECTION 2.

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present. Motion for amendment must be in writing and presented to the Board Members at lease thirty (30) days prior to the Board meeting.