

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INCORPORATED**
(ADOPTED AS REVISED THROUGH MAY, 2009)

We, the undersigned incorporators and founders, do hereby mutually agree to unite and assemble for the purpose of founding a body corporate not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and to that end do make, execute and adopt the following articles of incorporation to be known as the "Charter."

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc., a corporation not-for-profit, and its location shall be at 5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, FL. 32712.

ARTICLE II

The general nature and object of this corporation shall be as follows:

1. To promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by informing the general public of the moral and healthful recreational opportunities in square and round dancing.
2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.
3. To serve as clearinghouse for information among the unaffiliated dance groups and as an instrument of liaison with square dancers elsewhere in the world.
4. To bring about a spirit of cooperation among the callers, teachers and dancers of the State of Florida and elsewhere in the world.
5. To sponsor an annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention on Memorial Day weekend in cooperation with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

ARTICLE III

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission to membership shall be as follows:

All persons who hold membership in good standing in any of the regional associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall be members of this Federation.

ARTICLE IV

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

Officers and organization:

1. The same as By Laws, Article IV, Section 1.
2. As long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one Federation meeting each calendar year, all Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall have the privilege of permanent delegates. An absence of more than one

- year, unless due to health reasons, will result in permanent loss of voting privilege.
3. The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. All of these officers shall retain their vote from their respective regional association.
 4. A technical representative, to be named by the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall be invited to sit with the Board of Delegates. Such representatives shall not have voting privileges but shall serve advisory and liaison functions.
 5. The President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall appoint one delegate to serve in a liaison capacity with the Florida Caller's Association and one delegate to serve as liaison with the Round Dance Council of Florida.
 6. Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one vote.
Permanent delegates would have 1/2 vote per person.
 7. Regular delegates shall be named by the regional affiliated organizations not later than October 15th (*pending revision*) of each year and shall hold office for a term of one year beginning with the annual meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. If, for personal reasons, the appointed delegate is unable to serve his full term, a successor shall be appointed by his regional President to fulfill the unexpired term until the next annual meeting of the Federation. Regular delegates may succeed themselves in office, but no person shall succeed himself as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.
 8. When unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Delegates, a member shall notify the president of his regional association who shall name another dancer member in good standing to serve as alternate delegate for that meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of this Corporation shall be as follows:

1. Announcement of the time and place of meeting of the Board of Delegates shall be made in writing at least 30 days in advance to all delegates and representatives. Those Regular and Permanent Delegates in attendance at an officially announced regular or special meeting shall constitute a legal quorum.
2. Any person interested in square dance activities may attend the meetings of the Board of Delegates. They may address meetings of the Board of Delegates but may neither move that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers take a particular action nor vote on any such motion.
3. The annual meeting at which new officers shall be elected will be held between October 15 and the weekend prior to Thanksgiving on a date selected by the President.
4. On all matters not specifically covered by these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
5. A copy of the Federation minutes shall be provided to each member of the Board of Delegates, to the secretary of the Florida Caller's Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida at least 30 days prior to the next meeting.

ARTICLE VII

The Amount of indebtedness, which the corporation may incur at any time, is the sum of \$10,000. The corporation shall be financed as follows:

1. Each regional association shall pay to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers an initial fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$50.00. Payment of such monies shall be made on or before the annual meeting.
2. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall have the power to raise and disburse monies from such other sources and activities as may contribute to the purpose of this organization.
3. In the event of dissolution of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, remaining funds after payment of outstanding debts shall be donated to a non-profit public organization selected by the Board of Delegates.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to this Charter shall be by the following methods:

1. Amendments to these articles may be initiated by two-thirds vote of the Board of Delegates, or by petition of members, such petition to state exactly the proposed amendment and to be signed by 250 members in good standing. When an amendment is initiated by petition, such petition shall be submitted to the Board of Delegates, which body shall not debate the matter or take any action upon it, but shall cause the amendment so initiated to be forwarded to the regional associations for ratification.
2. Ratification shall be accomplished by unanimous vote of the regional dancers association affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.

ARTICLE IX

The Corporation shall adopt a seal with the words in the center circle: "Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.", and in the inner circle a "Corporate Seal."

The Corporate Seal of the corporation shall be kept in the custody of the Federation Secretary and shall be necessary to give validity to all contracts of the Corporation in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the same.

ARTICLE X

The names of the officers are submitted in the annual report to the State of Florida.

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Articles of Incorporation Revised May, 2009

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