

**ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS OF  
SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA, INC.  
(A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)**



# **BYLAWS**

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## ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization is ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS OF SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA (ASDSC), INC., which has been organized as an IRS nonprofit 501(c)(7) and as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

## ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be: to promote Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Clogging, Contra Dancing, and Country Western Dancing for pleasure in a spirit of good fellowship; to educate and teach the youth and general public in the fundamentals, culture, and heritage of all of the types of dances in our Association; to exchange information between Clubs and encourage inter-Club activities so as to promote a closer fellowship between Member Clubs.

## ARTICLE III - Definitions

- a. The **"ASSOCIATION"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean the Associated Square Dancers of Superior California, Inc.
- b. **"BOARD"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean the Board of Directors as defined in ARTICLE VI of these Bylaws.
- c. **"CLUB"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean a group of dancers who have met the requirements as set forth in the Standing Rules.
- d. **"STATE COUNCIL"** as referred to in these Bylaws, is the California Council of Square Dancers, Inc., a body of Square Dance Affiliates in the State of California that is comprised of a representative from each member Affiliate and Council's elected officers.
- e. **"DANCER"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall include any person who square, round, clog, contra or country western dances.
- f. **"DELEGATE"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean the representatives of Member Clubs.
- g. **"DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT"** A single person from each Member Club who is designated by the club to receive all communications from the Association.
- h. **"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE"** as referred to in these Bylaws means the elected Officers, Committee Chairs and the Immediate Past President as defined in ARTICLE VI of these Bylaws.
- i. **"ELECTED OFFICERS"** are defined in the Standing Rules.
- j. **"FISCAL YEAR"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.
- k. **"MEMBER CLUB"** as referred to in these Bylaws is a club which has met all of the requirements as set forth in the Standing Rules.
- l. **"MAJORITY"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean at least 51% of those present at any Association meeting at which a "QUORUM" has been established.
- m. **"QUORUM"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall mean the presence of at least 51% of either BOARD members or EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE at their respective meetings.
- n. **"SPECIAL MEETING"** as referred to in these Bylaws shall be any unscheduled meeting of the Board and/or Executive Committee called by a person or group as set forth in the Standing Rules.

## **ARTICLE IV - Conduct of Business**

This Association shall be organized and conduct business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except when inconsistent with these Bylaws and Standing Rules of this Association.

### **Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of a Quorum at a General or Special Meeting of the Board. The following procedure shall be followed to amend these Bylaws:

- a. Proposed amendment(s) to these Bylaws shall be distributed in writing to all Points of Contact twenty-five (25) days prior to the first meeting at which such amendment(s) is to be considered for adoption.
- b. Proposed amendment(s) shall be placed into the record at two consecutive General or Special Meetings of the Board.
- c. At the second meeting where the proposed amendment(s) are considered, a vote shall be taken to adopt the proposed amendment(s).
- d. At the meeting where Bylaw changes are approved, the Board of Directors shall establish and approve the effective date.

### **Section 2. Standing Rules**

- a. Standing Rules may be adopted, revised, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board present at any General or Special Meeting.
- b. Fourteen (14) days prior, written notice of such proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed to all Points of Contact before the meeting at which such amendment(s) is to be considered for recommendation to the Board.
- c. Changes to the Standing Rules will take effect immediately following the meeting where they are approved.

### **Section 3. Guidelines**

- a. Guidelines may be adopted, revised, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board present at any Board or Special meeting.
- b. Changes to the Guidelines will take effect immediately following the vote for approval.

### **Section 4. Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this Association, after payment of all obligations, the remaining assets shall be distributed by the Board as follows:

- a. Equally to the Members Clubs, or;
- b. To any charitable organization in any proportion deemed advisable by the Board.
- c. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any officer, director, or employee of the Association.

### **Section 5. Quorum**

No business of the Association shall be transacted without a legal quorum present.

## **ARTICLE V - Membership**

### **Section 1. Membership**

The membership of the ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS OF SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA, hereafter referred to as the "Association," shall be comprised of the individual members of Square Dance, Round Dance, Clogging, Contra, or Country Western dance groups affiliated with the Association.

- a. Such groups shall be hereafter referred to as "Member Clubs."

- b. Each individual dancer shall join the Association annually with their dues paid through their Member Clubs and shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges.
- c. Members may join any number of Member Clubs, but they shall be required to pay Association dues only once each year thru the club of their choice.

## **Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities of Member Clubs**

Member Clubs shall:

- a. Abide by the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Guidelines of the Association.
- b. Pay Association dues as outlined in the Standing Rules.

## **Section 3. Termination of Membership**

- a. Club membership may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board if requirements for membership are not maintained as outlined in the Standing Rules.
- b. Club membership will automatically terminate if Club dues are in arrears as of January 1.

## **Section 4. Reinstatement**

Any club which drops its membership or which has been terminated by Board action shall be eligible for reinstatement, subject to the provisions outlined in the Standing Rules.

# **ARTICLE VI – Executive Committee and Board of Directors**

## **Section 1. Executive Committee**

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, all committee chairs, and the Immediate Past President.
- B. All members shall have a voice and vote on all Executive Committee business.

## **Section 2. Officers**

- A. The Elected Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. If the Immediate Past President fills an elected position, the next most Immediate Past President who is a member in good standing of a Member Club may fill that board position.
- C. No person shall be eligible to act as an officer in more than one (1) capacity at the same time unless approved by the Board to fill a vacancy.
- D. Once elected, no person shall serve as a delegate of a Club during his/her term of office.
- E. All officers shall serve a term of one year commencing January 1.
- F. The President and the Treasurer may be elected to succeed themselves, by Delegate vote, for no more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office. All other officers may be elected to succeed themselves, by Delegate vote, without restriction as to number of terms in the same office.

## **Section 3. Qualifications for Officers**

- A. Couples/singles shall be elected to serve as officers of the Association and share one vote for their elected office. However, couples may choose to run independently for different offices, and if so elected, would each have one vote for their respective office.
- B. To be eligible for elected, a person must be a member in good standing of a Member Club.

## **ARTICLE VII – Elections**

### **Section 2. Elections**

- A. All Officers shall be elected at the November Board meeting.
- B. All Officers shall be elected by majority of ballots cast by the Board members present.

### **Section 3. Board of Directors**

The Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and one Delegate from each Member Club.

- A. Each member shall have a voice, but only Club Delegates shall have a vote in matters before the Board, except the President who shall vote only in case of a tie.
- B. The Board shall function as an executive body to carry out the policies and direct the affairs of the Association.
- C. The Board shall approve any unbudgeted expenses in excess of \$500.
- D. Regardless of the number of offices a person holds, each person may have no more than one vote.

## **ARTICLE VII - Reciprocity Agreement**

This organization shall be an affiliate member in good standing of the California Council of Square Dancers, Inc., and/or United Square Dancers of America.

### **Table of Revisions**

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