

**KANSAS SQUARE DANCE CALLERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS**

Adopted May 5, 1979  
Amended June 6, 1987  
Amended June 1, 1991  
Amended June 4, 1994  
Amended June 3, 1996  
Amended June 1, 2002  
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Amended June 3, 2006  
Amended June 2, 2007  
Amended June 6, 2009  
Amended June 2, 2012  
Amended June 1, 2019  
Amended June 3, 2023

## **CONSTITUTION**

(as Amended)

**ARTICLE NO. 1**—The name of this organization shall be **the KANSAS SQUARE DANCE CALLERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE NO. 2**—The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To promote wholesome fellowship among all callers, cuers, instructors, leaders and musicians connected with square, round, line, clogging, and contra dancing.
- B. To promote and maintain high standards for square, round, line, clogging, and contra dancing.
- C. To discourage any member from participating in any activity relating to square, round, line, clogging, and contra dancing where beer and/or other liquid of alcoholic content is consumed or advertised.
- D. To sponsor and finance, either separately or in collaboration with other organizations as deemed appropriate, an annual Kansas State Square Dance Convention and other projects and activities designed to improve square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, contra dancing, calling, cueing, instructing, teaching, and square, round, line, clogging and contra dance leadership throughout the State.
- E. In the event of a National Square Dance Convention being held in the State of Kansas during the same year, the requirement to hold a State Convention may be waived.

**ARTICLE NO. 3**—Membership

- A. Membership in this association may be by individuals or by couples. Couple members shall have one vote as a couple. All policies of the association shall apply equally to single and couple members. The following defines membership terms:
  1. Caller - a person who instructs square dance classes and calls square dances.
  2. Cuer - a person who instructs round dance classes, and cues round dances.
  3. Contra Caller - a person who instructs contra classes and calls while the dance routine is being performed.

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4. Clogging Instructor - a person who instructs clogging classes and calls/prompts while the dance routine is being performed.
  5. Line Dance Instructor - a person who instructs line dance classes and cues/prompts while the dance routines are being performed.
  6. Leader/Musician - a person who assists in any of the above capacities.
- B. Membership shall be classified in four categories: Active, Associate, Grandfathered, and Honorary.
1. An Active member shall be:
    - a. A caller of square dancing doing both singing and patter calls, or a cuer, instructor, leader or musician of round, line, clogging and contra dances.
    - b. Have the ability to conduct a two (2) hour session.
    - c. Conduct as a minimum eight (8) scheduled sessions in a twelve (12) month period.
    - d. Proof of eligibility may be required.
    - e. A session shall consist of the following types of dances, with each requiring a minimum of two (2) hours in length:
      - Square, Round, Line, Clogging, Contra lessons.
      - Square, Round, Line, Clogging, Contra club dances.
      - Square, Round, Line, Clogging, Contra workshops.
      - Square, Round, Line, Clogging, Contra one-night stands. (barn dances, youth groups, social organizations, etc.)
    - f. Shall be required to hold an ASCAP/BMI license to perform copyrighted music. Proof shall be provided upon request.

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2. An Associate member shall be:
  - a. A caller, cuer, instructor, leader, or musician for square, round, line, clogging or contra dances who does not qualify as an Active member.
  - b. A dancer who is recognized as a leader, or promoter of square, round, line, clogging or contra dancing.
  - c. A caller, instructor, leader, or musician for square, round, line, clogging or contra dances, who is not a resident of the State of Kansas, and is not calling or cueing to a Kansas group, as per Article 3, Paragraph B, Sub-Paragraph 1, Items a-f, may apply for Associate membership.
3. A Grandfathered or Honorary member shall have over 20 years of Active KSDCA membership and one of the following:
  - a. Desires to remain an Active member. The member shall then be called Grandfathered and pay dues and have the same rights as an Active member.
  - b. Desires to maintain membership but in an Inactive calling/cueing status and desires to receive correspondence from the organization. The member shall then be called Honorary, pay no dues, and have the same rights as an Active member except as stated in this paragraph.
  - c. The membership renewal form must be completed stating “Grandfathered or Honorary” and sent with the specified dues to the Secretary.
  - d. Special circumstances, such as the death of the calling/cueing spouse, shall be voted on by the membership.
4. Active or Associate members of the Association in good standing, who have been an Active or Associate member for a minimum of one (1) year prior to the scholarship drawing, are eligible for scholarship stipends.

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- C. Applications for membership shall be made in writing and shall state the type of membership desired and shall give the applicants qualifications. Such application shall be recorded by the Secretary, reported to the Membership, and accepted or rejected by a majority vote of the membership present.
- D. Only Active members shall vote and only members who have been Active for a minimum of one year shall hold office.
- E. Annual dues shall be determined by the Membership. Dues shall be due on January 1 of each year and shall be delinquent after January 31. After January 31 of each year, any member whose dues are delinquent will be dropped from membership, provided that such member may be reinstated anytime before December 31 of that same year by payment of delinquent dues for that year. New members will pay dues for the entire year when they are accepted. Dues will not be prorated.
- F. A member who does not continue to meet the standards for Active membership as defined in Article 3, Paragraph B, Sub-Paragraph 1, Items a-f, shall have his/her membership status reviewed by the Secretary at the end of the membership year. The Secretary may inform him/her what he/she needs to do to be reinstated to Active status, may transfer him/her to Associate membership status, or may drop them from the roster.

**ARTICLE NO. 4—Districts and Meetings**

- A. The state shall be divided into two districts: Blue and Gold. The Blue District would be known as the “Northeast Kansas Square Dance Callers Association – NEKSDCA” and the Gold District would have within its boundaries the “Wichita Area Square Dance Callers Association – WASDCA”. The State Association shall have no jurisdiction over district associations except for the determination of district boundaries. District boundary lines shall be the same as KSDA boundary lines but may be changed by Membership vote.
- B. The Annual Meeting of the Kansas Square Dance Callers Association shall be on the date of, and at the site of, the Kansas Square Dance Convention. An additional meeting shall be held in January on a date and place determined by the Executive Committee. All Active members of the State Association shall have the right to vote at any membership meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President. Any member of the Callers Association may attend membership meetings and express him/herself on any matter.

## **ARTICLE NO. 5—Officers and their Election**

- A. The State Callers Association shall elect from the state membership: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- B. The officers shall function as the officers of the KANSAS SQUARE DANCE CALLERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., acting as the Executive Committee, and shall function for and on behalf of the Association between Annual Meetings in all matters, as well as the Annual Meeting of the Association.
- C. Terms of office for all officers shall be one year.
- D. Elections of State Callers Association officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Association each year, and those elected shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting of the State Association.
- E. The President shall have the power to appoint a member to fill a vacancy for any unexpired term of any officer of the Callers Association.

## **ARTICLE NO. 6—Duties of Officers**

- A. The President shall conduct all meetings of the State Callers Association.
- B. Upon retiring from office, the President shall act as advisor to the Executive Committee, for a period of one year.
- C. The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence.
- D. The Secretary shall keep a record of all business meetings, make sure a copy is sent to each member, and shall keep a record of information on all callers and instructors who are members of the Association.
- E. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Association. The funds are to be deposited in a financial institution under the name of the Association.
- F. All checks shall be signed by the President or Vice-President or Secretary, and the Treasurer, with the authorization at the institution where the funds are on deposit.
- G. The President shall provide for an audit of the Treasurer's books periodically or whenever there is a change in the office of Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE NO. 7—Amendments**

- A. The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present only at the Annual Meeting. Any member of the Association may propose an amendment. Amendments must be presented in writing at a meeting prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.
- B. The Secretary shall make sure a copy of the proposed amendment is sent to all members of the Association at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

## ***BY-LAWS***

### **ARTICLE NO. 1—Reimbursements**

All officers shall be entitled to reimbursement, at the discretion of the membership, for carrying out necessary business of the Association.

### **ARTICLE NO. 2—Voting Procedures**

- A. The members at a regularly scheduled, or officially called meeting of the Association, shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Only Active members in good standing at the time of a meeting are eligible to vote on any matter.
- C. All members will be notified at least ten (10) days prior to any official meeting. If members are not so notified, no official business may be transacted.
- D. Any member may challenge the eligibility of any person present to vote. The official membership roster maintained by the Secretary will be the authority for determining eligibility to vote.
- E. All officers, except the President, are eligible to vote on all matters. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

### **ARTICLE NO. 3—Convention and Festivals**

#### **A. Admission**

Complimentary Passes to the State Convention and/or other festivals must be approved by the membership. The Executive Committee may approve individual requests for Complimentary Passes if such requests are received in writing 30 days prior to the convention. All complimentary pass recipients will be notified to the membership at the next subsequent meeting.

## B. Eligibility for State Convention Program

Each paid-up Active member shall be eligible to be programmed at any State Convention. The Executive Committee may approve non-members and non-eligible members to be programmed at any State Convention, provided that the caller/cuer/instructor/leader/musician has pre-registered for the event.

## C. Failure to Appear

Any caller/cuer/instructor/leader/musician who accepts an invitation to call on the State Convention program and then fails to show or to notify the chairman ahead of time that he/she cannot attend, shall be barred from being on the program for the ensuing two (2) years.

## ARTICLE NO. 4—Authority for Meeting Procedures

Roberts Rules of Order shall be used as the authority for the conduct of all meetings of the Kansas Square Dance Callers Association.

## END OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(shown below are the boundaries accepted by KSDCA in 2019)

BLUE district is the NEKSDCA

Gold district also includes WASDCA

