

CONSTITUTION of the CENTRAL DISTRICT
of the NEW MEXICO SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

I. ARTICLE I - NAME AND JURISDICTION

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Central District of the New Mexico Square & Round Dance Association (hereinafter known as Central District) and will include the territory as designated by the state association New Mexico Square & Round Dance Association (hereinafter known as NMSRDA).

II. ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- A. The purposes of the organization shall be:
1. To encourage, promote, and coordinate square dancing, round dancing, and other related activities within the boundaries of the Central District.
 2. To unite in membership all Clubs engaged in square dancing, round dancing and other related activities within the boundaries of the Central District.

III. ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of the Central District shall consist of those Square and Round Dance Clubs, (hereinafter known as Clubs), within the boundaries of the Central District, which are members in good standing at the time of the revision of this Constitution.
- B. The definition of membership shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.
- C. The Central District shall have the power to suspend a member club or club representation, as prescribed in the By-Laws.

IV. ARTICLE IV – MANAGEMENT

- A. The property, business and affairs of the Central District shall be managed by the duly elected officers and the Board of Directors (hereinafter known as the Board) as specified in the By-Laws.
- B. Officers and Board:
1. The Central District shall have the following officers: Elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Secretary, Treasurer and any other officers are appointed by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman or the Board as specified in the By-Laws. Their powers and duties and remuneration shall be as specified in the By-Laws. Provided, however, that no Officer of the Central District shall serve as the duly authorized representative (or alternate) of any Club during that Officer's term of office.

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2. The Central District shall have a Board consisting of one representative (or alternate) from each member Club. The representative shall be chosen in accordance with each Club's Constitution and By- Laws. Provided, however, that no individual shall serve simultaneously as the duly authorized representative (or alternate) of more than one Club.
 3. All Officers and members of the Board shall serve as individuals, and not as couples. Provided, however, that any two individuals living in the same residence may each serve as Officers or members of the Board in their own respective individual capacities.
- C. An officer may be removed for cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- D. An unexpired term of a vacant office shall be filled by the same method as the original member was selected.
- E. The Board may authorize any officer to enter into contracts or execute instruments in the name of the Central District. Such authorization may be general or restricted to a specific purpose. Unless authorized, no officer shall have authority to bind the Central District or any of its member Clubs.
- F. Dissolution:
1. The Central District may be dissolved upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members in attendance at a Special Meeting called for such purpose.
 2. Upon dissolution of the Central District, assets remaining after payment of all obligations may be distributed to member Clubs as the Board shall direct.

V. ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- A. Regular Meetings:
1. A general membership meeting may be held at the discretion of the District Chairman for information purposes. When appropriately announced a Central District dance could be considered a meeting. The announcement is made by the Central District Secretary notifying each Club President by any appropriate method.
 2. The Chairman may schedule regular meetings of the Board which shall be announced to the Board in general session and as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Central District. Board meeting shall be open to all members, members Clubs, and Clubs seeking membership in the Central District.
- B. Voting for officers and voting at general meetings of the Board shall be done in accordance with the By- Laws.

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C. Special Meetings:

1. A special meeting must be called by the Board upon receipt of a written petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the representatives in good standing at the time the petition was started. A quorum at a special meeting shall be fifty-five percent (55%) of the member Clubs in good standing.
2. The board must respond to a call for a special meeting within thirty (30) days from receipt of the written petition specified in Article V, C, 1. The Central District Secretary will announce the special meeting and the topic(s) by any appropriate method.

VI. Article VI – AMENDMENTS

- A. This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, subject to the following conditions:
1. Written copies of the proposed amendment(s) must be placed in the hands of all Board members not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.
 2. Proposed amendments may be originated by petition of twenty percent (20%) of the general membership of the Central District. The Board shall be required to act upon proposals submitted by membership petition within thirty (30) days after receipt of such petition.
 3. Proposed amendments may be originated by Board members with the concurrence of not less than one third (1/3) of the Board.

VII. ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS

- A. Subject to this Constitution, the specific rules for the management and government of the Central District are set forth in the By-Laws.

As amended:

Row #	Change Date	Description	Approved/documented in Meeting Minutes
1	12/3/2018	Restrict District officer from being a club rep (pg 1 IVB1)	Approved 6/3/2018 (details in 2/4/2018 minutes)
2	12/3/2018	Restrict individuals to representing only one club (pg 2 IVB2)	Approved 6/3/2018 (details in 2/4/2018 minutes)
3	12/3/2018	Officers and members serve as individuals (pg 2 IVB3)	Approved 6/3/2018 (details in 2/4/2018 minutes)