

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
WISCONSIN SQUARE DANCE LEADERS AND CALLERS COUNCIL (WSDLCC)
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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Wisconsin Square Dance Leaders & Callers Council".

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. to encourage leaders and callers to promote Square, Round, Contra and other related dancing activities.
- B. to encourage and support the continuing education and development of leaders and callers.
- C. to provide leader and caller status guidelines for Square and Round Dance programs.
- D. to provide leadership in the development of new and experienced dancers.
- E. to support Callerlab and Roundalab code of conduct for Wisconsin dancing programs.
- F. to encourage and support the exchange of ideas and experiences at each area jamboree and convention.

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

Section 1 – Membership

1. Membership in the Wisconsin Square Dance Leaders and Callers Council shall be open to all persons who are Area Council Members of any qualified organized area council (see Article IX for WSDLCC General Outline for Caller/Leader Status).
2. Membership will automatically be terminated if dues are not paid for any fiscal year within 60 days from the beginning thereof.
3. Each area, organization group of leaders and callers which qualifies for and is elected to membership, shall have two (2) duly authorized voting members as representatives.
4. Duly authorized voting members may be the delegate and the alternate or either his/her partner.

Section 2 – Officers

1. The Wisconsin Square Dance Leaders and Callers Council shall be governed by a duly elected Board of Directors, namely a President, Vice-President/Publicity, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. No more than one of the above offices shall be held by any one area.
3. The election and installation of officers of the Council shall be held at the November meeting.

Section 3 – Committees

1. There shall be an audit committee each year and such other committees as may be deemed necessary.
 - a. Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the President within 30 days after the annual November meeting.

Section 4 – Delegates from Area Councils

1. The Area Councils shall be represented by duly appointed Area Delegates at all meetings of the WSDLCC.
2. The number of delegates allotted the area councils shall be two (2).

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

1. The regular meeting of the WSDLCC shall be held on the same days as that of the SDAW at an hour which will not interfere with the latter meeting.
2. 60 % of the area delegates, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. Any member in attendance at a regular or special meeting may make, second and discuss motions.
4. Upon written request of at least a majority of the delegates the President shall call a special meeting at a central geographic location and shall issue notices of such meetings, to all Council members, no less than ten days in advance.
5. The annual meeting of the council shall be held in the month of November.
6. All meetings of this organization shall be governed by ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER (revised).

ARTICLE V – DUES

1. Each member area shall pay dues as determined by the council.
2. The period shall begin December 1st of each year and end the following November 30th. Members admitted after July 1st will, upon payment of the prescribed annual dues, be credited for full payment of next year's dues.
3. All funds received through collection of dues shall become property of Wisconsin Square Dance Leaders and Callers Council.
4. When a member area is 30 days in arrears, they shall be notified in writing by the treasurer.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. It shall be the duty of the President of the Council to preside at all meetings. He/She shall appoint the members of all committees.
2. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep proper minutes and attendance records of all meetings and proceedings of the Council and shall have custody of such records, and send same to all member areas in good standing and handle all correspondence of the Council.
4. The Treasurer shall have care and custody of, and shall record all transactions involving receipts and disbursements of the Council funds. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect the dues and receive applications for membership, and maintain the necessary financial records. All receipted invoices shall be maintained for a period of seven years. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report not later than the November meeting. Such report is to be audited by the auditing committee.
5. The Board of Directors shall direct the duties of the Publicity Chairman.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

1. The auditing Committee shall examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Council after the close of the fiscal year and make a report of such an examination to the membership at the following meeting of the Council for final approval. The Committee shall perform such other auditing duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds approval of the Council Delegates proposed at a meeting called for the purpose. This shall be by written ballot. Notice of such meeting shall be distributed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the meeting is to be held.
2. Amendments must be presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall not be voted upon until the following regular meeting or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX – OUTLINE FOR CALLER/LEADER STATUS

(THIS Article IX, adopted by WSDLCC August 10, 1986 and became a part of each area by-laws at the time)

I. Beginner Caller/Round Dance Leader

- A. Accomplished dancer (minimum two years of dancing experience) sponsored by two full members who will verify their proficiencies and act as sponsoring advisors.**
- B. Application for membership to be submitted to area Secretary and presented to membership for a vote. If accepted by local association, secretary will file one copy of application and send other two copies to WSDLCC secretary and treasurer with current dues.**
- C. Payment of dues according to area standing rules.**
- D. Attend area meetings according to area requirements. Encouraged to attend WSDLCC meetings and SDAW functions.**
- E. Must adhere to area by-laws, standing rules and code of ethics.**
- F. Suggest attending a callers/leaders school and/or other training opportunities.**
- G. Requirements to become FULL ACTIVE CALLER/LEADER**
 - 1. Must attend at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of lessons at an area beginner class (other than own learning lessons) by one area caller/leader or an equal number split between 2 or more area caller/leaders.**
 - 2. Must teach at least one complete New Dancer Course, Square or Round as applicable. The number of new dancers to be determined by each local area. (revised Aug. 5, 2006)**
 - 3. Must be a beginner caller/leader for at least six months before applying for Full membership.**
 - 4. Prior to application for full membership, applicant must appear before council to present a singing call and a hash call or teach and cue a round dance for critique and constructive criticism.**
 - 5. These steps may be bypassed when a person considered for application is known to be:**
 - a. A past member who left the council in good standing.**
 - b. A certified member of another like organization.**
 - c. An accomplished caller/leader for a number of years certified to the fact by two full members.**
 - 6. Application must be sponsored and signed by two full active members verifying the proficiencies of applicant accepted by area council.**
- H. Privileges and Limitations of Beginner Caller/Round Dance Leaders**
 - 1. May participate on committees but not as chairman.**
 - 2. No voting power.**
 - 3. May not hold office in local or state organization.**
 - 4. Eligible to receive area and WSDLCC minutes.**
 - 5. Eligible to call/cue at SDAW Jamborees. (Revised Nov. 5, 1995)**
 - 6. Not eligible to call/cue at state convention.**

II. Full Active Member (Caller & Round Dance Leader)

- A. Membership will be limited to Full Active Square Dance Callers and Round Dance Leaders and their partners, with residence within the established area or boundaries established by SDAW By-laws, regardless of the locality of club or groups they call for.**
- B. Membership will be granted upon application presented according to requirements presented under Beginner Caller & Leaders (section G). If application is accepted by secret ballot, the secretary will file application and send necessary forms to WSDLCC secretary and treasurer.**

- C. Member will be considered a full active caller/leader with full voting power and other member privileges as long as they pay area dues and adhere to area code of ethics, bylaws and standing rules.
- D. Full Active Membership in local area (when registered at the state level) includes SDAW & WSDLCC membership and eligibility to call/cue at SDAW functions and at State Convention.
- E. If husband and wife are caller and round dance leaders, one application will cover both for membership (only if done at same time and place). If separate dances are to be done by each, then separate membership will be required for each.

III. Associate Member Caller/leader

- A. Full Active Member who is:
 - 1. Unable to attend meetings because of (1) location (2) occupation.
- B. Must have application sponsored and signed by two active members verifying their proficiencies.
- C. Requirements and Privileges:
 - 1. Must attend one meeting a year.
 - 2. Payment of dues according to area standing rules.
 - 3. May call/cue at SDAW functions.
 - 4. Eligible to call/cue at State Convention.
 - 5. May participate in council functions (i.e. Workshops and MC's).

IV. Affiliate Membership

- A. This category of membership is open to people involved in teaching and conducting Special Activities such as Clogging, Contra (when separated from regular Square Dancing) and Line Dancing.
- B. Application for this Affiliated Membership must include certification of involvement in the activity(s) and/or a resume of their involvement.
- C. These people will pay dues the same as any other member.
- D. Affiliate Members will be reported to WSDLCC under a separate listing, with their specialty(s) properly identified.
- E. These members may attend meetings, although not obligated to do so, but they may not vote or hold office.

V. Honorary (Retired) Membership

- A. Any Square Dance Caller or Round Dance Leader, or their partners, who have performed some distinguished service in the field of Square and/or Round dancing calling and teaching, shall be honored in their local area by the awarding of an Honorary Membership at such time that they are no longer active in the Association.
- B. Honorary members, by merit of their selection, shall not be required to pay dues.

RESOLUTION: resolved that we the members of the Wisconsin Square Dance Leaders & Callers Council are opposed to Square Dance and Square Dance Calling contests. Furthermore, we will discourage dancers in the groups which we will call from participating in any such contests in the field of Square Dancing.
