Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance

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Change Date	Change Made
12/18/2003	Bylaws Approved These Bylaws
10/24/2004	Amended - Article III - Members, to read as follows: G. Auxiliary Governing Board Membership status may be granted by the Governing Board to any individual, group, or organization determined deserving by a two thirds vote of the Governing Board.
02/20/2005	Amended Article III - Members, Section C. Individual Membership; Paragraph (3) to read as follows: "(3) Individual Membership may be granted to contributors who annually donate a minimum of $50.00 per couple OR $25.00 per individual to The ARTS."
06/25/2006	Amended Article II, Section B, to read "Associate Membership will be open to any Dance Related Organizations, Recreational Leaders, or Supporters of the Dance activities. Associate Membership status will be granted to contributors who annually donate a minimum of $100 to the ARTS. Amended Article II, Section C, to read "Individual Membership will be open to any individual. Individual Membership status will be granted to contributors who annually donate a minimum of $25 per individual to the ARTS."
02/24/2008	Amended Article III – Members; Section 1 – Class of Members; A. Governing Board and Article III – Members; Section 2 - Membership Eligibility and Admission Procedures - To delete the Universal Round Dance Council – (URDC) (Resigned)
11/30/2009	Amended Article III – Members; Section 1 – Class of Members; A. Governing Board and Article III – Members; Section 2 - Membership Eligibility and Admission Procedures - To add All Join Hands Foundation as a Governing Board Member
06/27/2010	Amended Article IV - Section 2 Nomination Procedure and Time of Elections and Article V - Section 1 – Regular Meetings

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ALLIANCE OF ROUND, TRADITIONAL AND SQUARE – DANCE, INC. (ARTS-DANCE)
A NORTH CAROLINA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
BYLAWS

Article I - Name

The name of this corporation is ALLIANCE OF ROUND, TRADITIONAL AND SQUARE – DANCE, INC. (aka/dba ARTS–DANCE).

Article II - Objectives

This corporation is a non-profit CHARITABLE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION organized and operated to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, Traditional, Contra, Clog, Line and Folk Dancing by encouraging and assisting a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS-DANCE foundation will provide the leadership and resources necessary to create an achievable marketing program. The ARTS – DANCE foundation will encourage, promote and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions.

Article III – Members

Section 1 – Class of Members

A. Governing Board
- (1) All Join Hands Foundation
- (2) International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs – (IAGSDC)
- (3) National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention – (NEC)
- (4) National Square Dance Campers Association – (NSDCA).
- (5) Single Square Dancers USA – (SSDUSA)
- (6) The International Association of Round Dance Teachers – (ROUNDALAB)
- (7) The International Association of Square Dance Callers – (CALLERLAB)
- (8) The International Organization of Contra Dance Leaders -(CONTRALAB)
- (9)United Square Dancers of America – (USDA)
- (10) USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board – (USAWest)

B. Associate Membership
- (1) Dance Related Organizations
- (2) Recreational Leaders
- (3) Supporters of the Dance activities

Section 1 – Class of Members (continued)

C.. Individual Membership

D. Life Membership

E. Supporting Membership

F. Honorary Membership

G. Auxiliary Governing Board Membership

Section 2 – Membership Eligibility and Admission Procedures

A. Membership of the Governing Board shall consist of representatives from each of the following member organizations:
   (1) All Join Hands Foundation
   (2) International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs – (IAGSDC)
   (3) National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention – (NEC)
   (4) National Square Dance Campers Association – (NSDCA).
   (5) Single Square Dancers USA– (SSDUSA)
   (6) The International Association of Round Dance Teachers – (ROUNDALAB)
   (7) The International Association of Square Dance Callers – (CALLERLAB)
   (8) The International Organization of Contra Dance Leaders – (CONTRALAB)
   (9) United Square Dancers of America – (USDA)
   (10 USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board – (USAWest)

B. Associate Membership will be open to any Dance Related Organizations, Recreational Leaders, or Supporters of the Dance activities. Associate Membership status will be granted to contributors who annually donate a minimum of $100 to the ARTS.

C. Individual Membership will be open to any individual. Individual Membership status may be granted to contributors who annually donate a minimum of $25 per individual to the ARTS.

D. Life Membership status may be granted to any individual, group or organization that has made cumulative donations of $10,000.

E. Supporting Membership status may be granted to any individual, group or organization contributing $5,000 annually.

F. Honorary Membership status may be granted by the Governing Board to any individual, group or organization determined deserving by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board.

Article III – Members (continued)

Section 2 – Membership Eligibility and Admission Procedures (continued)

G. Auxiliary Governing Board Membership status may be granted by the Governing Board to any individual, group or organization determined deserving by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board.

Section 3 – Contributions (dues)

Contributions (dues) shall be as established herein or as determined by the Governing Board.

Section 4 – Representatives to the Governing Board

A. Representatives to the Governing Board shall be duly selected through whatever method deemed appropriate by each member organization.

B. The term of the Representatives to the Governing Board of each member organization shall be for a period of one year or until their successors have been chosen.

Section 5 – Voting

A. Each member organization of the Governing Board shall be afforded one vote.

B. All other classifications of membership shall be afforded the opportunity to speak at any regular meeting without voting privileges.

Section 6 – Resignation

Any member desiring to resign from membership shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1 – Officers and Duties

A. The officers of the corporation shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer.

B. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the Governing Board

Article IV – Officers (continued)

Section 2 – Nomination Procedure and Time of Elections

A. Nominations for office shall be received at the Summer (Annual) meeting of the Corporation from the member organizations of the Governing Board.

B. Elections for office shall take place at the Summer (Annual) meeting of the Corporation.

C. Any member representing one of the Governing Board organizations shall be eligible to hold office in the Corporation.

Section 3 – Ballot Election, Term of Office

A. A majority vote shall be required to be elected to office.

B. Voting for office shall be by secret ballot.

C. Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected

D. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

E. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time.

F. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – Regular Meetings

A. Meetings of the Governing Board shall be held in the Summer of each year.

B. The Summer meeting of the Governing Board shall be known as the Annual meeting.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

A. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be called by the Chair or by the written request of one-third of the Governing Board.

B. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call for the meeting

C. Except in cases of extreme emergency, at least thirty (30) days notice shall be given for the call of a Special Meeting.

Article V – Meetings (continued)

Section 3 – Quorum

A majority of the member Organizations of the Governing Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI – Governing Board

Section 1 – Composition of the Governing Board

The Governing Board shall consist of the authorized representatives from each member organization.

Section 2 – Duties and Powers of the Governing Board

A. The Governing Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation.

B. The Governing Board shall be subject to the orders of the Corporation and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Corporation.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1 – Committees shall be established by the Governing Board.

Section 2 – Qualifications for Committee Membership

A. Committee Members may be appointed from any classification of membership.

B. No more than two members of any Committee may be appointed from any one-member group.

C. Committee members shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Governing Board.

D. The Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Corporation's actions in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rule of order the Corporation may adopt.

Article IX – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation to any corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth in Section 2 hereof exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, distribution shall be made to the above-named organizations only if they are exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the superior court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article X– Indemnification

No person who is serving or who has served as a Director of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of duty as a Director. No such provision shall be effective with respect to (I) acts or omissions that the Director at the time of such breach knew or believed were clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation, (ii) any liability under G.S. ' 55A-8-32 or G.S. ' 55A-8-33, (iii) any transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal financial benefit, (iv) acts or omissions occurring prior to the date the provision became effective. As used herein, the term "improper personal benefit" does not include a Director's reasonable compensation or other reasonable incidental benefit for or on account of his service as a Director, trustee, officer, employee, independent contractor, attorney or consultant of the corporation. No amendment or repeal of this article, nor the adoption of any provision to these Articles of Incorporation inconsistent with this article shall eliminate or reduce the protection granted herein with respect to any matter that occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption.

Article XI – Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Corporation by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

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