

**CONSTITUTION
of the
MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC.
(Revised November 12, 2024)**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC., (MVDC), a not for profit organization located in the State of Ohio. The term *Club* as it appears in this document shall refer to dance clubs and dance organizations.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of MVDC is to:

1. Perpetuate and encourage a high standard of recreational dancing and dance leaders, including but not limited to, square, round, contra, folk, country western, ballroom, calling, cueing, and leading.
2. Stimulate an active fellowship among area dancers through clubs.
3. Create a forum for area recreational dancing.
4. Provide dancer capability by sponsoring or supporting lessons, classes, and workshops.
5. Promote member club dance activities.
6. Promote or sponsor State and National Dance Conventions and other dance related functions.
7. Affiliate with the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. (State Corp).

ARTICLE III. INCORPORATION

The Miami Valley Dance Council was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio on April 24, 1980 and designated under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3 of 1954, by the State of Ohio on Certificate #553700.

Section 1. The Secretary will maintain the corporation record book.

Section 2. A listing of new officers, trustees, club representatives, and any constitution revisions shall be included in the corporation record book each year.

Section 3. The Treasurer will file a Statement of Continual Existence of the Corporation with the Ohio Secretary of State every five (5) years.

Section 4. The Treasurer will be the statutory agent for the Corporation and shall serve as the agent for five (5) years or until the end of their tenure.

Section 5. The Corporation was declared federal income tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)4 as of April 26, 1991, with EIN 31-0992910.

ARTICLE IV. OPERATION

MVDC officers and representatives, with a quorum of eligible voters, shall determine policies of the Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc. The Trustees shall oversee operation of MVDC. Elected and appointed officers shall assure efficient and effective operation and management.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

MVDC members are clubs that have been voted into membership. Membership is available to any club that adheres to the purpose stated in Article II. A written request for membership submitted to the MVDC President shall include the following:

1. Club name.
2. Type of recreational dance club.
3. Where and when the club meets.
4. Club officers.
5. Proposed club representative to MVDC.
6. Reasons for joining.
7. Agreement to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of MVDC.
8. Copy of club's Constitution and Bylaws or operating procedures.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The elected officers of MVDC shall be the Trustees, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The appointed officers shall be representatives to the State Corp. Officers shall not hold more than one elected office at a time. The Executive Board consists of the elected and appointed officers.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

- Section 1.** The regular business meetings of MVDC shall be held on the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.
- A. A quorum will consist of nine-sixteenths of the eligible voters of MVDC including a minimum of seven (7) officers. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1)
 - B. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be used as a guideline.
- Section 2.** Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. The calling of a meeting is mandatory if requested by at least five (5) club representatives. The purpose of a special meeting must be stated and no other business may be transacted at that meeting. If a vote is to be taken at a special meeting, it must be announced in advance of the meeting. A quorum must be present to take a vote.
- Section 3.** To facilitate an orderly transition, an Executive Board organizational meeting shall be held prior to the January MVDC meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for current and newly elected officers to exchange information and records.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

The MVDC may be dissolved at any regular MVDC meeting or special MVDC meeting when a quorum of eligible voters are present and the vote is passed unanimously. (See Constitution, Article VII, Section 1.A.) Any MVDC assets will be distributed according to the direction of the MVDC eligible voters. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended at any regular MVDC meeting by a two-thirds vote. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.) Amendments must be submitted in writing and read to all eligible voters at least one (1) meeting prior to voting. This Constitution shall be reviewed at a minimum of every five (5) years.