

**CONSTITUTION
of the
MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC.
(Revised September 14, 2021)**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC., a non-profit organization in the State of Ohio sponsored by the City of Dayton, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture. The term *Council* as it appears in this document shall refer to Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc. The term *City* as it appears in this document shall refer to the City of Dayton, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture. The term *Club* as it appears in this document shall refer to dance clubs and dance organizations.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council 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. Coordinate member club dance activities.
6. Promote or sponsor community service activities.
7. Promote or sponsor State and National Dance Conventions and other dance-related functions.
8. Affiliate with the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE III. INCORPORATION

The Miami Valley Dance Council was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio on April 24, 1980 by Certificate #553700. The Council Secretary will maintain the corporation record book.

Section 1. A listing of new officers, trustees, and any constitution revisions shall be included in the corporation record book each year.

Section 2. A Statement of Continual Existence of the Corporation must be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State every five (5) years.

Section 3. Any Council elected officer may be listed as the statutory agent for the Corporation at the time of the initial and subsequent filings. That person shall serve as statutory agent for five (5) years.

Section 4. The Corporation was declared federal income tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C) (4) as of April 26, 1991.

ARTICLE IV. OPERATION

Council members as a corporate body shall determine policies of the Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc. The Trustees shall oversee operation of the Council. Elected and appointed officers shall assure efficient and effective operation and management.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Council 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 President of the Council 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 Council
6. Reasons for joining
7. Agreement to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of this Council
8. Copy of club's Constitution and Bylaws or operating procedures

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Council shall be the Trustees, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The appointed officers shall be representatives to the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular business meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

A. Two-thirds of the eligible voters of the Council shall constitute a quorum (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 Council meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for current and newly elected officers to exchange information and records.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

The Council may be dissolved at any regular Council meeting or special Council meeting by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters present and voting at that meeting. A quorum must be present to take a vote. (See Constitution, Article VII, Section 1.A.) Any Council assets will be distributed according to the direction of the Council members. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

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