

SUNCOAST CALLERS & CUERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION
Amended January 10, 2021

ARTICLE I - NAME

- A. The name of this non-profit organization shall be "Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association". May be referred to as the association, SC & CA or SCCA.

ARTICLE II - AIM AND PURPOSE

- A. The aims and purposes of this association shall be:
1. To encourage, foster and promote, square, round, line and contra dancing.
 2. To promote cordial relations among callers, cuers, leaders, dancers, and dance clubs and organizations, and to participate in and lend encouragement to activities that promote dancing.
 3. To offer training, advice and encouragement to members.
 4. To provide scholarship assistance to members as stipulated in the by-laws.

ARTICLE III - STATUS

- A. This organization shall be a non-profit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II above.
- B. Officers shall not receive any stated compensation for their services, but officers and/or members may be reimbursed for approved expenses incurred on behalf of the organization.
- C. Nothing herein shall constitute members of the organization as partners for any purpose. No member, officer or agent of this organization shall be responsible for acts or failure to act on the part of any other member, officer or agent. Nor shall any member, officer or agent be responsible for his acts or failure to act under these by-laws, excepting only his acts or omissions to act arising out of his willful malfeasance.

D. The organization shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in Article II.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the SCCA should be considered recognition of a caller's, cuer's or leader's continuing endeavor to reach a higher level of professional ability and evidence of the caller's, cuer's or leader's commitment to continuing unselfish service to the square, round and traditional dance activity. Membership in the SCCA shall be open to all square dance callers, round dance cuers, line dance leaders and contra dance prompters who meet the membership qualifications and have the desire to join the SCCA.
- B. Membership in this organization shall consist of two classifications - active member and inactive member. In addition, there shall be an honor known as "Life member" that may be bestowed upon a member for extraordinary service to the square, round, line and or contra dance activity over an extended period of time. Active members, except life members, shall pay the prescribed annual dues and be afforded all membership privileges. Inactive and Honorary members pay no dues and do not have voting privileges.
- C. Qualifications for membership: A person is qualified for active membership after the applicant can show evidence of successful completion of at least one of the following:
1. more than twenty-four (24) hours of professionally recognized caller, cuer or prompter education, or
 2. a minimum of six months of apprenticeship under the guidance of an experienced caller, cuer or leader or
 3. calling or cueing a minimum of twelve dances or classes in the immediately preceding twelve-month period.

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT

- A. Management of this association shall be vested in an Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the authority and duty to act on behalf of the members between meetings of members. Action taken by the executive committee between meetings of members shall be reported and made part of the minutes at the next member meeting and shall be subject to a vote of approval by the members. Members may rescind action of the Executive Committee only by a vote of more than two-thirds of the members present and voting at the membership meeting immediately following Executive Committee action.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS AND FISCAL YEAR

- A. Regular general meetings of the association shall be held as defined in the standing orders. Special meetings of the executive committee or the general membership may be called at the discretion of the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. Meetings shall be held at such place and time as the executive committee shall determine.
- B. A quorum at general meetings shall consist of the full active members present. All association business requiring a vote of the membership, unless otherwise specifically stated, shall be conducted by majority vote of the quorum.
- C. The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the first (1) day of June.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

- A. Full members of this association may propose amendments to this constitution. Such proposed amendments shall be reproduced and copies shall be sent by electronic mail or USPS mail to all members of this association at least two (2) weeks prior to the next meeting of the association. Notice shall be given that the amendments shall be acted upon at that time.

B. Amendments to this constitution shall require a minimum of two thirds (2/3) vote of full members present and voting at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

A. In the event of the dissolution or other termination of this association, any assets remaining over and above all liabilities, shall be converted to cash by the executive committee and such cash shall be disbursed to such group(s) or association(s) as shall, in the opinion of the executive committee, be best qualified to use the funds for the furtherance of the square/round dance movement in the west coast area of the state of Florida.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nominations:

1. The president shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) full members in good standing sixty (60) days prior to the election meeting as defined in the standing orders

2. The nominating committee shall present a slate of at least one (1) person for each available office at the election meeting.

3. Nominations shall be open from the floor for each office

4. The officers of the association shall be elected by the full members of the association at the election meeting. The President and Treasurer shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years. The Vice President and Secretary shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. Any officer may succeed him/herself in that office. The term of office for all officers shall commence immediately upon election and continue until the next election. Elections of officers shall be by majority vote. a. At the election of officers in 2010, the first conducted under this change, the Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and the President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Subsequent elections shall be as stated above. 5. In the event of a vacancy in any office, except president, the executive committee shall be empowered to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. In the event the office of president is vacated the vice-president will ascend to the presidency.

This appointment will not prevent the appointee from being elected to any office the following year.

ARTICLE X - ADOPTION

- A. Upon adoption of this constitution, it shall become effective immediately.