

9/99 Proposed Changes to the
MVDC Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies

DISCLAIMER:

The attached pages represent my (Leslie Hyll) attempt to better document the proposed changes (of 9/99) to the MVDC Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies. The purpose of the exercise was for me to better understand the proposed changes and to identify any changes that may have not been presented in bold type in the proposal document.

I have started with a file from Fay Samborsky, the chair of the 1996 Constitutional Review Committee, and tried to do a character by character comparison of the proposal document against this file which I presume to be the current MVDC Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies. I have marked all changes that I discerned, including changes in punctuation, changes in capitalization, and changes in format like italics. I have not marked changes in general format such as indentation or line spacing.

To do this I have used Microsoft Word's capability to "track changes." Older versions of Word called this function "revisions." **In general, if something has been changed or deleted it has a line through it. If something has been added, it is underlined.** If you are looking at this on your computer the changes will be in color (red and/or blue). If you don't see color, then click tools, track changes, highlight changes, and click in the box next to track changes while editing. You can also change the colors of deleted and inserted text by continuing to the options box. Also, I recommend you look at this in page layout view because I have the title of each document in the header. You won't be able to see the titles in normal view.

Finally, I do not claim to be perfect, so it is entirely possible I have made some mistakes either in the marks or in my typing of the proposed changes. My apologies if I have. It is not my intention to misrepresent either the current documents or the proposed changes. It is also not my intention that anything in this file or document represent my opinion of the "goodness" or "badness" of the proposed changes or the current documents. You may feel free to ask me if you want my opinion.

If you feel the need to share this file or document with anyone else, please do so with this disclaimer attached. Thank you. I hope this will help you make intelligent decisions.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC., a non-profit organization in the State of Ohio sponsored by the Division of Leisure Services of the City of Dayton, Ohio. The term ~~Council~~Council as it appears in this document shall refer to Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to:

1. Perpetuate and encourage a high standard of square, round, contra, clog, folk, and country western dancing. (Amended March 9, 1993.)
2. Stimulate an active fellowship among area dancers through the dance clubs.
3. Create a forum for area square, round, contra, clog-, folk-, and country western dancing. (Amended March 9, 1993.)
4. Provide dancer capability through ~~basic-lessons~~ classes, ~~and Summer Plus or DBD~~ workshops or special dance activities.
5. Coordinate member club dance activities.
6. Participate in public relations programs.
7. Aid in promoting or sponsoring benefits, state 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 24 April 1980 by Certificate #553700. The Law Clinic of D.W. Bench, 3560 W. Siebenthaler Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406, will maintain the corporation record book.

- Section 1. A listing of new officers and ~~T~~Trustees and any ~~e~~eConstitution revisions shall be included each year.
- Section 2. A statement of continual existence of the Corporation must be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State every five ~~5~~5 years.
- Section 3. The Council president, listed as the statutory agent for the Corporation at the time of the initial or subsequent filings, shall serve in the position for five ~~5~~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 ~~t~~trustees shall oversee operation of the Council. Elected and appointed officers shall assure efficient and effective operation and management.

ARTICLE V. ARTICILE 5. MEMBERSHIP (because in my file Word automatically assigns the article numbers, it is difficult to show that article is misspelled and the number is arabic instead of roman.)

Council members are clubs that have been voted into membership. Membership is available to any Miami Valley area club that adheres to the purpose stated in ~~ARTICLE II~~. A written request submitted to the ~~p~~President of the Council shall include the following:

1. Club Name.
2. Type of club (square, round, contra, clog, folk, and country western) (Amended March 9, 1993).
3. Where and when the club dances.
4. Club officers.
5. Proposed club representative to Council.
6. Reasons for joining.
7. Agreement to uphold the ~~e~~Constitution/~~b~~By-Laws of this Council.
8. Copy of club's ~~e~~Constitution and ~~b~~By-Laws or operating procedures.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Council shall be ~~the President, the t~~the President, the trustees, ~~the president, the v~~the president, the vice ~~p~~president, the ~~s~~secretary, ~~and the t~~and the treasurer ~~and the Editor of the Miami Valley Dance News~~. The appointed officers shall be ~~the editor of the Miami Valley Dance News and~~ representatives to the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. (Amended on November 1, 1988, and rescinded on September 10, 1991.)

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

- Section 1. The regular business meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Tuesday in the odd-numbered months.
- A. Two-thirds of the eligible voters of the Council (see ~~By-Laws~~BYLAWS, ARTICLE III, Section 1) shall constitute a quorum.
 - B. ~~Robert's Rules of Order~~Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guideline.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the ~~p~~president. The calling of a meeting is mandatory if requested by at least five ~~(5)~~(5) club representatives. The purpose of a special meeting must be stated and no other business may be transacted at that meeting.
- Section 3. An ~~e~~executive ~~b~~board organizational meeting shall be held in December with current and newly-elected officers present.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event the Council is dissolved, any funds in the Council treasury or equipment owned by the Council itself shall become the property of the City of Dayton, Division of -Leisure Services. Such funds shall be deposited in the Bureau of Cultural Affairs.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This constitution can be amended at any regular Council meeting by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters present at the meeting. Amendments must be submitted in writing and read to all club representatives at least one meeting prior to voting. This constitution shall be reviewed at a minimum of every five years or as needed.

ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Trustees (~~4~~5 elected)

- A. Two to be appointed along with the Vice-President to the responsibility of general maintenance, minor repairs and decorating of the MSP not covered by the City of Dayton.
 - 1. Will hold at least four (4) planning meetings per year (one each quarter).
 - 2. Will prepare an annual proposed budget to be submitted to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the MVDC Annual Budget Report.
 - 3. Will submit a long term five (5) year budget with yearly review by the Budget Committee for capital improvements.
- A.B. _____ Oversee operation of the Council.
- B.C. _____ Provide future planning recommendations to the Council.
- D. At least two appointed to serve on convention committees and two on the Budget committee.
- E. Trustees shall serve as liasons for the MVDC clubs and be responsible for other major concerns or issues.

Section 2. President

- A. Presides at Council meetings.
- B. Manages business of the Council.
- C. Serves as the liasion for the Miami Valley Dance Council to the Division of Leisure Services.
- C.D. _____ Appoints
 - 1. Officers. (See CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, and BY-LAWS, ARTCILE II, SECTION 5D.)
 - 2. Standing committees, (See BYLAWS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3~~7~~).
 - 3. Ad hoc committees. (See BYLAWS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4~~7~~).
- D.E. _____ Serves as chairman of the eExecutive eCommittee.
- E.F. _____ Becomes and ex-officio member of all committees, except the aNominating eCommittee.
- F.G. _____ Maintains official files.
- H. Will be responsible for coordinating and the printing of the annual dance schedule printout.

Section 3. Vice President

- A. Will be responsible for the scheduling of the Michael Solomon Pavilion and for collecting rental fees set per the Scheduling Guidelines and will distribute copies of MSP guidelines in January of each year.
 - 1. After the end of June 1999 wil assure all 2nd Sunday night as well as any 5th Saturday or Sunday not already scheduled at the MSP, are open for one-time dances to any club in the MVDC.
 - 2. Checks for rental fees are to be made payable to the Miami Valley Dance Council.
 - 3. Vice-President and two appointed MVDC Trustees (2) will be responsible for the maintenance, minor repairs and decorating the Michael Solomon Pavilion.

~~A.B.~~ Assisted by an appointed Trustee will Mmanages operation of any MVDC lesson classes ~~and/or~~ workshops sponsored by the Council, which will include collecting information to coordinate any MVDC annual lesson classes flyer to be distributed at demos.

~~B.C.~~ Assumes the duties of the pPresident in his/her absence.

Section 4. Secretary

- A. Records minutes and attendance of all business proceedings; keeps a list of all committee members and a copy of the ~~e~~Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Policies.
- B. Processes business correspondence for the Council as required.
- C. Provides the City of Dayton, Division of Leisure Services, a copy of the minutes of each Council meeting within ~~one week~~two weeks of the meeting.

D. Will assure that all policies voted for and passed by the MVDC club reps and executive board at any Council meeting are added to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standing Policies.

Section 5. Treasurer

- A. Receives monies, pays bills, and maintains auditable financial records for all MVDC activities to include Michael Solomon Pavilion building rental fees.
- B. Treasurer shall maintain long term capital improvement funds in appropriate accounts, ie: mutual funds accounts, CD or money market, as designated by the MVDC.
- ~~B.C.~~ Provides financial reports to Council meetings which includes variances to the annual budget.
- ~~C.D.~~ Furnishes yearly report.
- ~~D.E.~~ Submits records for a yearlyannual audit.

Section 6. Editor of Miami Valley Dance News

- A. Submits an advance copy of Miami Valley Dance News to the President of the MVDC two weeks before final publishing and distribution to the clubs.
- B. Publish the deadline for the next each issue of the Miami Valley Dance news in the preceding issue.
 - 1. Publish where to send articles in every issue with the editor's name and address).
 - 2. Include the name and address of person to contact and where to send completed badge forms.
 - 3. Include reminder in each issue for the submission of information about dances, change of locations to the Hotline.
 - 4. Include reminders in preceding issue for: special dances coming up, to your club trustee as well as to the President of the MVDC and to the Hotline. Also insurance forms submission, Honor Couple forms, reminders of MSP guidelines, etc.
- C. Include in each issue as courtesy information, with a name and phone number, registration forms for other conventions, festivals, etc. (Michigan, Indiana, Mid-America).
- ~~A.D.~~ Edits, prepares for publication, and distributes the Miami Valley Dance News six (6) times a year at Council meetings and/or by mailing.
- E. Will publish the banner raid rules adopted by the MVDC clubs in the January issue of the Miami Valley Dance News.

Section 7. State Representatives (2)

- A. Represents s Council at meetings of the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, hinc.
- B. Act in an advisory capacity for the Council.

ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates at the September meeting.

- A. Candidates for elected offices shall not be limited to representatives to the Council. Members of any Council club, excluding callers and leaders, are eligible for nomination. Candidates must be members of at least one Council club.
- B. Each name presented must be accompanied by a letter from the candidate stating he/she understands and will accept the duties and responsibilities of said office if elected.
- C. Council members may nominate additional candidates at the September ~~and November meetings~~ Council meeting and until October 1 each year provided they have a letter from the nominee attesting to the above. Voting will be at the November Council meeting. There will be no write-in candidates. All candidates must be listed on the ballot for the November Council meeting vote.

Section 2. Election of officers shall be by majority vote of eligible voters in attendance at the November meeting. (See BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, Section 1.)

Section 3. Voting Procedures

- A. At the September Council meeting the pPresident shall appoint three (3) Council members to count ballots.
- B. The ballots will be preprinted ~~and numbered with a provision to tear off the number.~~
- C. Each club representative will register with the ballot counters to receive a ~~numbered~~ ballot.
- D. The eligible voter will drop the ballot into the ballot box.
- E. Ballot counters will present election results to the Council pPresident who will announce the winnerss.
- F. President presents a candidate for a newly vacated office at the next MVDC meeting.

Section 4. New officers shall be sworn in and assume the elected ~~take~~ office January 1.

Section 5. Terms of Office

- A. ~~An~~All elected officerss, except the trustees and treasurer, shall serve a one-year term and may be re-elected for one additional term into that office. The representative of the City of Dayton, Division of Leisure Services, is a permanent trustee.
 - 1. The trustees shall be elected for a two-year term and may be re-elected for one additional term.
 - 2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, tTreasurer and Editor shall be elected for a one-year termss and may be re-elected for ~~an unspecified number of terms~~ a second of term.
- B. A Council member may be elected to an office previously held after a ~~two~~one-year interim.
- C. An elected officer may be elected to any other office but may not serve two offices at one time.
- D. An appointed officer, excluding callers and leaders, must also be a member of at least one Council club. The ~~-~~appointee shall be ratified by the Council and serve a one-year term except sState eCorporation representatives who serve two-year terms. All appointed officers may be reappointed by the pPresident. ~~and~~ the number of terms is not limited.

- E. The immediate past ~~p~~President shall serve as a member of the Council and the ~~e~~Executive ~~b~~Board for one year.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Members of the ~~e~~Executive board (see BY-LAWS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1); and one representative from each club shall have one vote at Council meetings. Each representative shall represent one club only. No individual shall have more than one vote.
- Section 2. Any dancer may attend Council meetings and take part in discussions but may not introduce a motion or vote on Council business.
- Section 3. Club representation to at least four (4) of the six (6) bi-monthly meetings is required to retain membership. If club is dropped for not attending meetings that club will have to reapply to join the MVDC.
- Section 4. Membership in the Council is automatically withdrawn when a club is dissolved.
- Section 5. Membership of a club may be rescinded by a majority vote of the Council if it is determined by an ~~a~~Ad ~~h~~Hoc ~~e~~Committee of three (3) that such club does not operate within the ~~e~~Constitution and ~~b~~By-~~l~~aws of this Council.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

- Section 1. The Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc. shall
- A. Provide services to member clubs including but not limited to:
1. Annually provide copy of the Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Policies, MSP guideline and banner raid rules as well as up-to-date maps for all MVDC clubs.
 - ~~1.2.~~ Council-wide news and publicity.
 - ~~2.3.~~ Member clubs' ~~semi~~-annual dance schedules.
 - ~~3.4.~~ Lesson classes and workshops sponsored by the Council.
 - ~~4.5.~~ Sewing clinics sponsored by the Council.
 - ~~5.6.~~ Leadership-operation clinics sponsored by the Council.
 - ~~6.7.~~ Participation in benefits and state conventions.
 8. The Council will print and distribute free coupon books to mainstream or plus lesson class graduates. The coupon books will contain coupons for free admissions to clubs that are interested in participating.
 9. Any Council club which has been dancing for 25 years or more will be recognized with a silver star. To receive this honor the club must make a written request and provide a brief written history of the club.
 10. Honor Raiders
 - a. Council will recognize dancers with 100 raids by adding names to the Pavilion wall plaque.
 - b. Council will host an Honor Event Dance to further recognize Honor Couples and Honor Raiders. This event will be held on the 4th Sunday in September each year at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Guests will include the current year Honor Couple/person(s), past Honor couples/person(s), nominated Honor Couples/person(s), the MVDC Executive Committee, current year Honor Raiders and city officials. Single Honor Raiders may bring one guest at their own expense.

- c. Honor couple/persons(s) forms will be due at the January Council meeting.
 - d. Honor couple/person(s) forms will be due at the January Council meeting.
 - e. Honor couple/person(s) shall receive registration ribbons to the coming State Convention.
 - f. Current year Honor Couple/Person(s) from all areas of the state who are wearing their Honor Raider badges shall be admitted free to Council club dances for one year.
 - g. Council will maintain the Honor Raider board and pay for the plates that go on this board.
 - h. Council will pay for Honor Raider badges.
11. Banner Raid rules that have been adopted by the MVDC clubs will be published yearly in the Miami Valley Dance News in January. These rules can be amended by the same procedure as the Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Policies.
- a. Council will keep up the Honor Raider board and pay for the plates that go on this board.
 - b. Council will pay for all Honor Raider badges except ones that have been lost starting January 1997.
 - c. Representatives from the Council clubs will serve on any committee to change banner raid rules.
 - d. Banner raid rules will be published annually in January in the Miami Valley Dance news.
- B. Endorse proper square dance attire, including prairie skirts as an alternative to but not a replacement for traditional dress, at all regularly-scheduled dances. Women who always dance the man's part may wear slacks. Any deviation is at the discretion of the sponsoring club and should be announced beforehand.
- C. Adhere, in accordance with state by-laws, to the policy of no alcoholic beverages before or during dances.
- D. Promote smooth dancing.
- E. Support the city of Dayton recreation programs whenever possible.
- F. Include duties of Council representatives from the clubs.
- G. Major concerns or issues need to be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

Section 2. Council member clubs shall:

- A. Provide a club representative to at least four (4) of the six (6) bi-monthly Council meetings. (See BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, Section 3-) to maintain membership in the MVDC.
- B. Provide the Council at the March Council meeting with an updated copy of the club ~~e~~C~~o~~nstitution and ~~b~~By-~~L~~aws or operating procedures and current roster and at the September Council meeting submit the club's January-December annual dance schedule for the coming year. Schedules will be distributed at the November Council meeting.
- C. Provide club's dance schedule, with updates as appropriate, to the Hotline Representative.
- D. Council clubs will not dance Friday or Saturday nights of State Convention weekend.
- ~~C~~-E. _____ Support and attend activities sponsored by the Council.
- ~~D~~-F. _____ Visit Council member clubs if possible.
- ~~E~~-G. _____ Promote square, round, contra, clog, folk, and country western dancing without competition for awards in any area of dancing ability.
- ~~F~~-Submit semi-annual dance schedules (January-June and July-December) to the schedule-printing committee at the March and September Council meetings.

~~G.H.~~ In the event of dissolution of clubs not using facilities owned by the city of Dayton, disburse remaining funds as agreed by club members or donate to the Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc. if desired.

I. In the event of dissolution of a domicile club using the MSP (facility owned by the City of Dayton), the MVDC Executive Board and the representatives from all clubs who belong to the MVDC shall vote by ballot at the Council meeting preceding the vacancy to fill the vacant spot.

J. Any club expressing a desire to use a MSP vacancy must obtain and complete the appropriate form from the Vice-President.

~~H.K.~~ For those clubs using facilities owned by the ~~e~~City of Dayton, assist whenever possible in the maintenance and improvement of said facilities.

~~H.L.~~ For those clubs using facilities owned by the ~~e~~City of Dayton, adhere to all regulations specified in ARTICLE VII, BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE V. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Section 1. The Council shall operate on the calendar year.

Section 2. The ~~t~~Treasurer, ~~p~~President and ~~v~~Vice-~~p~~President shall be bonded.

Section 3. All Mmonies shall be received from MSP rental fees, Council-sponsored lesson classes, summer workshops, special activities and Council-hosted Ohio sState eConventions. Monies remaining after payment of operating expenses shall be used for the benefit of Council clubs and dancers.

Section 4. Monies received shall be deposited in the name of Miami Valley Dance Council, Inc.

Section 5. Authorized signatures for checks shall be that of the ~~t~~Treasurer and either the ~~p~~President or ~~v~~Vice-~~p~~President.

Section 6. Minor expenditures of \$100 or less shall be approved by Council officers. Major expenditures shall be authorized by the Council. All expenditures shall be paid upon presentation of voucher/receipt to the ~~t~~Treasurer.

Section 7. Persons authorized to attend State Corporation meetings on behalf of the Council may be reimbursed for mileage and one meal at the government-accepted per diem rate. Reimbursement shall not exceed actual expenses.

Section 8. Council will provide and share the premium for a two million dollar liability insurance policy for all Council clubs. Insurance forms will be due at the January Council meeting and payment will be due no later than the March meeting for a club to be included in the current year's insurance policy

Section 9. Council will set up and maintain an Education Fund to pay dues to other organizations. The Council will provide a maximum of \$300 per year in \$10 increments, which will be provided to a dancer/dancers attending Mini-Legacy.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Board

This committee serves a one-year term and consists of elected and appointed Council officers. ~~(e~~See CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI), immediate past ~~p~~President, and the representative from the Division of Leisure Services of the ~~e~~City of Dayton.

- A. Functions for emergency action only between regular Council meetings.
- B. Has powers of the Council, except to reverse any action of the Council.
- C. Provides minutes of special meetings at the next regular Council meeting.

Section 2. Executive Committee

- A. ~~This~~The committee consists of the Executive Board plus the chairpersons of all committees.
- ~~A.~~B. Assists in the management of and makes recommendations to the Council.

Section 3. Standing Committees

These committees serve a one-year term. Chairpersons need not be Council representatives but must be ratified by the Council.

- A. Community Relations Committee
 - 1. Develops and implements a public relations program.
- B. Publicity Committee
 - 1. Processes publicity for Council-wide activities.
 - 2. Plans demonstrations and publicizes.
- C. Membership Committee
 - 1. Investigates the legitimacy of club applications for membership.
 - 2. Presents recommendations to Council.
- D. ~~Schedule Printing Committee~~President handles Schedule Printing
 - 1. Receives dance schedules for semi-annual printing (See BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IV, Section 2F) at the September Council meeting.
 - 2. Prepares, submits, and proofs material for printing.
 - 3. Distributes yearly printed schedules at November Council meeting.
- E. Club Leadership-Operation Committee
 - 1. Coordinates Council-sponsored club leadership-operation clinic(s).
 - 2. Processes Council badge orders.
- F. Sewing Committee
 - 1. Coordinates sewing clinic(s).
- G. Special Events Committee
 - 1. Selects chairmen for and oversees events sponsored by the Council.
- H. Historical Committee
 - 1. Maintains a pictorial and narrative chronological history of the Council.
 - 2. Displays this up-to-date book at all state and national conventions.
 - 3. Maintains and keeps Council quilt in readiness for all conventions.

- I. Michael Solomon Support Committee - Disband this committee and made part of the duties of the trustees and vice-president and will be chaired by a Trustee. This committee shall be responsible for general maintenance of the facility, decorating and minor repairs not covered by the City of Dayton.
1. This committee as it stands now will be disbanded and made part of the duties of two Trustees and the Vice-President. Chaired by a Trustee and shall be responsible for general maintenance of the facility, decorating and minor repairs not covered by the City of Dayton. Consists of a representative from each club organization regularly dancing in Michael Solomon Pavilion. The chairperson is selected by that group and is the contact person between the clubs, Council and Division of Leisure Services in matters of decorating and maintenance
 2. Maintains a Michael Solomon support fund separate from Council monies but subject to audit by the Council and the City of Dayton
 3. Holds at least four (4) meetings of the full committee per year (one each quarter)
 4. Submits a financial report to the Council Executive Board immediately after each quarterly meeting and presents a financial report at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting
- J. Budget Committee
1. Consists of the President, five (5) Trustees and Treasurer with the President as the Chairman.
 2. This committee shall be responsible to derive an annual Council detailed budget which includes all committees under the Miami Valley Dance Council.
 3. Submits an annual financial budget to the Council Executive Board and presents this report at the November Council meeting for the upcoming year.
 4. Final budget shall be approved by the Miami Valley Dance Council Executive Board and club representatives.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees

These committees do not serve a set term but are for a specific purpose only.

A. Nominating Committee

1. Consists of three Council members who are not current Council officers.
2. Presents slate of officers at the September Council meeting.

B. Ohio State Convention Committee

The chairperson shall be appointed following the last Dayton-hosted convention. All other members of this committee shall be appointed by the chairperson.

1. Plans, organizes and coordinates the Ohio State Square and Round Dance ~~e~~C~~o~~nvention for the year it is held in Dayton.
2. Council will pay the booking fee to reserve the convention center for Dayton Conventions.
3. Council will provide paid registrations to the State convention for the MVDC Honor Couple.
4. Council will pay for the Council President to attend the State Corporation luncheon at the State Convention.
5. Council will provide a Hospitality Room one year prior to Dayton's Convention.
6. Council will develop and promote a special badge and publicity dress for the State Convention in Dayton.

7. Council may advertise a Dayton Convention no sooner than the Friday night of the preceding Convention.

8. The council quilt will be displayed at all Conventions and other events.

~~2-9.~~ Serves until the completion of the convention for which it was originally assembled.

10. Council will have a publicity banner.

C. Audit Committee

1. Annually audits the financial records of the Council and member clubs subject to the provisions of ARTICLE VII, BY-LAWS.

2. Presents audit reports to the Council ~~p~~President at the March meeting

D. Constitution Committee

1. Proposes revisions and/or amendments to the ~~e~~C Constitution and ~~b~~By-Laws and the Standing Policies at least every five (5) years or as needed.

E. Other Committees

1. Formed by the ~~p~~President for purposes not specifically stated in this document.

ARTICLE VII. CITY OF DAYTON GUIDELINES

These guidelines apply only to clubs provided a place to dance by the City of Dayton.

Section 1. All such organizations must operate within the framework of the general laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the City of Dayton.

Section 2. All such organizations must be so conducted that any Dayton citizen shall have equal opportunity to join and continue as a member.

Section 3. A member of the Division of Leisure Services shall at all times be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, ~~G~~overning Board or Council of the organization. The representative of the Division of Leisure Services shall be notified of all business meetings of the organization as a whole or of the governing authority so this representative can be in attendance.

Section 4. The financial accounts of these organizations shall be audited annually, and a ~~st~~atement of such audit plus yearly attendance data shall be submitted to the Division of Leisure Services. All expenditures shall be for the benefit of the organization or club in general.

Section 5. If for any reason any of these organizations is disbanded, any funds in the treasury or equipment owned by the organization shall become the property of the Division of Leisure Services with such funds to be deposited in the Recreation Trust Fund, the equipment to be used by the Division.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws can be amended at any regular Council meeting by a majority vote of the eligible voters present at the meeting. Amendments must be submitted in writing and read to the club representatives at least one meeting prior to voting. ~~These bylaws shall be reviewed every five years.~~

This amended Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Policies will go into effect on the last day of November 1999.

- ~~1. Any Council club which has been dancing for 25 years or more will be recognized with a plaque. For each 5 years beyond 25, the club will be recognized with a silver star. To receive this honor the club must make a written request and provide a brief written history of the club.~~
- ~~2. The Council will print and distribute free coupon books to mainstream or plus lesson class graduates. The coupon books will contain coupons for free admissions to clubs that are interested in participating.~~
- ~~3. Council will recognize dancers with 100 raids by adding names to the Pavilion wall plaque.~~
- ~~4. Council will drop the Honor Couples Dinner in place of paying for the Honor Raider badges.~~
- ~~5. Honor couples nominee forms will be due at the January council meeting.~~
- ~~6. Current year Honor Couples from all areas of the state who are wearing their Honor badges shall be admitted free to Council club dances for one year.~~
- ~~7. Representatives of Council clubs will write or change Banner Raid rules.~~
- ~~8. Banner Raid rules will be published yearly in the *Miami Valley Dance News*.~~
- ~~9. Council will adopt and publish a detailed budget.~~
- ~~10. Council will provide a two million dollar liability insurance policy for Council clubs.~~
- ~~11. Insurance forms will be due at the January Council meeting and payment will be due at the March meeting.~~
- ~~12. Council will set up and maintain an Education Fund to pay dues to other organizations. A maximum of \$300 will be provided to dancers attending Mini-Legacy.~~
- ~~13. Council will provide paid registrations to the state convention for the Honor Couple.~~
- ~~14. Council will pay for the Council president to attend the State Corporation luncheon at the state convention.~~
- ~~15. Council clubs will suspend dancing on state convention weekend.~~
- ~~16. Council will pay the booking fee to reserve the convention center for Dayton conventions.~~
- ~~17. Council will provide a hospitality room one year prior to Dayton's convention. Council will develop and promote a special badge and publicity dress for the state convention in Dayton.~~
- ~~18. Council may advertise a Dayton convention no sooner than the Friday night of the preceding convention.~~
- ~~19. Council will have a publicity banner.~~
- ~~20. The Council quilt will be displayed at conventions and other events.~~
- ~~21. Council will publish a pamphlet listing Council clubs with names and numbers to contact. This pamphlet will be placed in tourist and business locations.~~

- ~~22.1. Jo and Paul Bonnell given Life Membership to the Council, with Full Voting privileges, as Honorary Chairmen of Buckeye State Dance Conventions.~~
- ~~23.2. Council will use the emergency call for medical assistance recommended by the recognized callers' groups.~~
- ~~24. Council will award Friendship Badges and dangles. Rules for earning badges are distributed with the forms to be signed and published in the newsletter.~~
- ~~25. Council will keep up the Honor Raider and Friendship Boards and pay for the plates that go on both Boards.~~
- ~~26. Council will pay for all Honor Raider badges except ones that have been lost starting January, 1997.~~
- ~~27. Dancers will pay for their own Friendship badges.~~
- ~~28. The Honor Raider Dance will only be held if someone comes forth to chair it each year.~~
- ~~29. Council will publish the foldout schedule listing club dances.~~
- ~~30. Clubs using the Pavilion will pay a fee of twenty-five cents to the Support Committee for each dancer attending a dance.~~