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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
July - September, 2002**

Attachments:

1. WHITE - Proposal A - Miscellaneous Changes

The rules for changing the Constitution (Constitution, Article IX):

“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. . . .”

The rules for changing the Bylaws (Bylaws, Article VII):

“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. . . .”

Who can vote (Bylaws, Article III, Section 1):

“Members of the executive board (see Bylaws, 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.”

- The attached proposal will be **submitted in writing and read** to the club representatives during the July 2002, MVDC meeting. **There will be no discussion at this time.**
- The attached proposals will be **voted** on at the September, 2002, MVDC meeting. **Discussion will be allowed for the proposal. There will be no changes to the proposal. Please limit your comments to why we should vote for or against the proposal.**
- **In the proposal, text to be deleted has a line through it. Text to be added is underlined.**
- **Proposal A** requires a **two-thirds** vote of the eligible voters present at the September, 2002 meeting to pass (because it includes changes to the Constitution).
- **Eligible voters present** will be determined from the **sign in sheet** at the September, 2002 meeting.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

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PROPOSAL A – Misc Changes

July, 2002

This proposal covers miscellaneous changes.

- It provides a new keeper of the corporation record book (the law office is out of business)
- It clarifies voting at special meetings.
- It clarifies the transition from one executive board to the next.
- It defines how to dissolve the Council (previously not addressed).
- It makes the President responsible for a yearly budget.
- It moves newsletter editor to standing committees.
- It proposes general changes to the duties of the officers.
- It clarifies the Terms of Office for Trustees and State Representatives.
- It clarifies that a quorum is needed for voting and that any eligible voter may introduce a motion.

For brevity, only those sections with changes have been provided in full.

**CONSTITUTION
of the
MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL, INC.**

May 14, 2002

ARTICLE I. NAME ...

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE ...

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,~~The Council secretary will maintain the corporation record book.

Section 1. A listing of new officers and 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 years.

Section 3. The Council president, shall be listed as the statutory agent for the Corporation at the time of the initial or subsequent filings, ~~That person~~ shall serve as statutory agent in the position for five 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 ...

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP ...

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Council shall be the trustees, the president, the vice president, the secretary and the treasurer. 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. ...

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 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 ~~in December prior to January 1. The purpose of this meeting is for with~~ current and newly ~~-~~ elected officers present to exchange office information and records.

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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.) 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. Any Council assets will be distributed according to the direction of the Council members. Such will be done by two-thirds vote of the eligible voters present and voting. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.) Such funds shall be deposited with the Division of Recreation.

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 meeting prior to voting. This constitution shall be reviewed every five years.

BYLAWS
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ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Trustees (~~Four~~⁴~~elect~~^{ed}) ...

Section 2. President

A. Presides at Council meetings.

B. Manages business of the Council.

~~C. Prepares and submits a budget, with Executive Committee inputs, for Council approval in November each year.~~

~~C-D.~~ _____ Appoints

1. Officers. (See Constitution, Article VI, and Bylaws, Article II, Section 5D.)

2. Standing committees (~~with the exception of the Michael Solomon Support Committee~~), ~~and~~ (See Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3.)

3. Ad hoc committees. (See Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4.)

~~D-E.~~ _____ Serves as chair of the executive committee.

~~E-F.~~ _____ ~~Becomes and is an~~ ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.

~~F-G.~~ _____ Maintains official files.

Section 3. Vice President ...

Section 4. Secretary

A. Records minutes and attendance of all business proceedings; ~~keeps a list of all committee members and a copy of the constitution.~~

~~B. Keeps a list of all committee members.~~

~~C. Keeps current copies of the Constitution and Bylaws. Keeps standing policies current with decisions made during Council meetings.~~

~~D. Maintains the corporation record book. (See Constitution, Article III.)~~

~~B-E.~~ _____ Processes business correspondence for the Council as required.

Section 5. Treasurer ...

~~Section 6. Editor of Miami Valley Dance News~~

~~A. Edits, prepares for publication, and distributes the Miami Valley Dance News six times a year.~~

~~Section 7. Section 6.~~ _____ State Representatives (~~2~~^{Two})

A. Represent Council at meetings of the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.

B. Act in advisory capacity ~~for to~~ the Council.

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ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. ...

Section 2. Election of officers shall be by majority vote of eligible voters ~~in attendance~~present and voting at the November meeting. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)

Section 3. Voting Procedures

A. At the September Council meeting the president 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~~eligible voter will ~~register with the ballot counters to~~ receive a numbered ballot. (See Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.)

D. Ballot counters will present election results to the Council president who will announce the winner.

Section 4. New officers shall take office January 1.

Section 5. Terms of Office

A. An elected officer, except the trustees and treasurer, shall serve a one-year term and may be re-elected for one additional term in that office.

1. ~~The trustees shall be elected for a two-year term and may be reelected for one additional term.~~Two trustees shall be elected in odd years for a two-year term. Two trustees shall be elected in even years for a two-year term. Trustees may be re-elected for one additional term.

2. The treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term and may be reelected for an unspecified number of terms.

B. An ~~Council member~~individual may be elected to an office previously held after a two-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 state corporation representatives who serve two-year terms.~~One state representative is appointed each year. Each state representative serves a two-year term. (There are a total of two state representatives.) All appointed officers may be reappointed by the president. The number of terms is not limited.

E. The immediate past president shall serve ~~as a member of the Council and the executive board~~ for one year.

Section 6. ...

Section 7. ...

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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Voting Rights.

- A. Members of the executive board (see Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1), and one representative from each club shall have one vote at Council meetings. ~~Each representative shall represent one club only.~~
- B. No individual shall have more than one vote.
- C. All voting shall be considered valid if there is a quorum of eligible voters present. A quorum is defined as two-thirds of the eligible voters. (See Constitution, Article VII, Section 1.A)

~~Section 1.~~ Section 2. Motions.

- A. Any eligible voter may introduce a motion.
- B. Any dancer may attend Council meetings and take part in discussions but may not introduce a motion or vote on Council business.

~~Section 2.~~ Section 3. Club representation to at least four of the six bi-monthly meetings is required to retain membership.

~~Section 3.~~ Section 4. Membership in the Council is automatically withdrawn when a club is dissolved.

~~Section 4.~~ Section 5. Membership of a club may be rescinded at a Council meeting by a ~~majority two-thirds~~ vote of the eligible voters present and voting Council if it is determined by an ad hoc committee of three that such club does not operate within the constitution and bylaws of this Council.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES ...

ARTICLE V. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES ...

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Board ...

Section 2. Executive Committee ...

Section 3. Standing Committees & Representatives

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

- A. Community Relations / Publicity Committee ...
- B. Schedule-Printing Committee ...
- C. Awards Committee ...
- D. Historian ...
- E. Michael Solomon Support Committee ...
- F. Hotline Committee ...

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G. Newsletter Committee

1. Collects club dance news and schedules.
2. Solicits advertisements and subscribers.
3. Prepares newsletter for reproduction.
4. Distributes newsletter bimonthly.
5. Maintains records of advertisers and subscribers.
6. Maintains editorial standards.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees ...

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws can be amended at any regular Council meeting by a majority 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 the club representatives at least one meeting prior to voting. These bylaws shall be reviewed every five years.

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL STANDING POLICIES

May 14, 2002

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. For the 50th anniversary, the club will be recognized with a new plaque. For each 5 years beyond 50, the club will be recognized with a gold 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 November 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.~~9. Insurance forms will be due at the January Council meeting and payment will be due at the March meeting.
- ~~11.~~10. 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.
- ~~12.~~11. Council will provide paid registrations to the state convention for the Honor Couple.
- ~~13.~~12. Council will pay for the Council president to attend the State Corporation luncheon at the state convention.
- ~~14.~~13. Council will pay the booking fee to reserve the convention center for Dayton conventions.
- ~~15.~~14. 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.
- ~~16.~~15. Council may advertise a Dayton convention no sooner than the Friday night of the preceding convention.
- ~~17.~~16. Council will have a publicity banner.
- ~~18.~~17. The Council quilt will be displayed at conventions and other events.

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~~49.~~18. Council will publish a pamphlet listing Council clubs with names and numbers to contact. This pamphlet will be placed in tourist and business locations.

~~24.~~19. Council will use the emergency call for medical assistance recommended by the recognized callers' groups.

~~22.~~20. Council will keep up the Honor Raider and Friendship Boards and pay for the plates that go on both Boards.

~~23.~~21. Council will pay for all Honor Raider badges except ones that have been lost starting January, 1997.

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