

POLKA CLUB OF IOWA, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name

This organization shall be known as the Polka Club of Iowa, Inc.

ARTICLE II Objectives

Organized as an educational and social organization for the preservation and advancement of polka music. To promote, maintain and advance polka entertainment. Established to encourage and pursue the study of polka music, dancing and traditional folklore. To support and assist Iowa communities in worthwhile charitable and civic projects. To be responsible for the administration and operation of the Iowa Polka Music Hall of Fame to honor deserving personalities from the State of Iowa or persons who are members of the Polka Club of Iowa, Inc. who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of polka music. To observe promote and preserve the month of January each year as Polka Month in the State of Iowa. To support and recommend the Polka be named as the official state dance.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Association is open to all persons interested in Polka music and International dancing who shall have voting privileges and the right to hold office.

Section 2. All members shall belong to the Polka Club of Iowa and/or any chapter of their choice.

ARTICLE IV Officers and Administration

Section 1. The administrative affairs and management of this State Association shall be conducted by duly elected officers, which shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian and Newsletter Editor.

Section 2. The State Executive Board shall consist of all elected State Officers and the President of each Chapter with the State Association.

Section 3. If a Chapter President is elected to a State office said Chapter Vice-President will serve as a delegate on the State Executive committee.

Section 4. If a Chapter President is unable to attend any meeting, said Chapter President shall have the power to appoint a member within good standing of said Chapter to attend the meeting as the representative from the Chapter with voting power.

Section 5. Elected offices shall be maintained for a period of one year. The election of officers will be held at the annual meeting. The date, time and place for the meeting will be determined by the President with input from other State Officers. This will occur sometime within the month of May or June.

Section 6. The Polka Club of Iowa is an Incorporated body under the provisions of the Iowa Code Chapter 504A. As a corporation it must have a Board of Directors. The Board must carry out the duties assigned to it.

Section 7. The State President, the immediate past State President and the Chapter Presidents shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Yearly the Board of Directors will review the Constitution and By-Laws to determine whether their purposes are being met. A verbal report will be given at the State Meeting.

ARTICLE V Chapters

Section 1. Chapters affiliated with the State organization will have their own officers, which will normally consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and Historian or some combined combination. Due to a lack of membership or a lack of interest in holding an office position, a Chapter may fill only a few key positions leaving the other positions unfilled.

Section 2. Election of Chapter Officers will be for a period of one year, with election to be held prior to the State Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Chapters will have their own Constitution and By-Laws, constituted in the same manner and complying with the State Constitution and By-Laws. Any change must be approved at a State meeting.

Section 4. Chapters will host the State Dances on a rotating basis as determined by the schedule from the State Secretary.

Section 5. When State dances are held, the hosting Treasurer will record all income from sales and donations and pay all expenses incurred with hosting the dance. All profits or losses remaining will be divided evenly among all Chapters and State. The hosting Treasurer will send a Dance Report to all Chapters and State showing the results of the dance. If there was a profit, a check will accompany the report. If there was a loss, the report will show the reimbursement each Chapter and State should make to the hosting Chapter.

ARTICLE VI State Funds in Excess

Section 1. To review the State Treasury checking account at the Annual State meeting and refer to the following guideline for the possible distribution of excess funds to the chapters. The Hall of Fame savings account is excluded from this process.

Guidelines: If the balance of the checking account is in excess of \$5000 as of the last Annual Treasurer's Report (April 30, Current Year), the Board of Directors shall meet and recommend distribution of any excess moneys.

ARTICLE VII Amendments/Changes

Section 1. All proposed amendments/changes to the Constitution or By-Laws must be made at a State meeting. All amendments/changes shall be presented to the State Secretary at least 30 days prior to a State meeting.

Section 2. The State Secretary will notify all State Officers, all Chapter Presidents, the immediate past State President and any interested Club members who have so specified to the Secretary of their interest in the amendment/change process, by way of mail, email or phone of the proposed amendments/changes at least 15 days prior to a State meeting.

Section 3. At the State meeting, a quorum (6 of 10) of State Officers, Chapter President and the immediate past State President must be present to do business. All amendments/changes must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all members present at the meeting and all proxies submitted by members unable to attend.

Constitution Revisions approved at State Quarterly Meeting - November 5, 2000
Constitution Revisions approved at State Annual Meeting - May 3, 2009
Constitution Revisions approved at State Quarterly Meeting- November 14, 2021
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