

**EASTERN ONTARIO SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

A. NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association Inc. (hereinafter called the Association, also referred to as EOSARDA).

B. ADDRESS

2. The address of the Association shall be in the City of Ottawa, Ontario.

C. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3. This Association shall endeavour to promote modern square and round dancing. "Square and round dancing" includes, but is not limited to modern square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, contra dancing, clogging, and western dancing, and/or related dance activities.
4. The Association shall encourage the growth and advancement of the square and round dance movement within eastern Ontario and western Quebec by:
 - 4a) Providing assistance in the organization, development, and promotion of Clubs when requested.
 - 4b) Encouraging and assisting the development of square and round dance callers, cuers, and leaders.
 - 4c) Organizing and co-ordinating square and round dance functions for the dancing community.
 - 4d) Serving the member Clubs of the Association and dancers of member Clubs in the advancement and encouragement of modern square and round dancing.

D. MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership in the Association shall be limited to organized Clubs in eastern Ontario and western Quebec whose activities are primarily devoted to square and round dancing, and individuals who become Directors of the Association from time to time.

E. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

6. Board of Directors (Board): The purpose of the Board of Directors is to represent the membership in interpreting and carrying out the aims and objectives of the Association. The Board shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Association. A Director may serve for more than one term as a Director, if so elected.

7. Officers: Officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among themselves, and shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other positions as they may decide. Each shall be appointed as provided for in the By-Laws of the Association.

F. MEETINGS

8. Board of Directors Meetings: Meetings shall be held as provided for in the By-Laws. A minimum of ten Directors will form a quorum. A simple majority of the Directors present will determine all issues.

9. General Membership Meetings: The meetings shall be held as provided for in the By-Laws. Special Membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, or by petition of ten or more member Clubs. The reason for any special meeting shall be stated in the notice of petition. Each member Club shall have the number of votes as set out in the By-Laws. A simple majority vote shall determine all issues.

G. FISCAL YEAR

10. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1st to June 30th of the following calendar year.

H. COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

11. Special committees may be formed by the Board and composed of members of the Board, and dancing members of member Clubs at the discretion of the Board. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board. The Association President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

12. Delegates to represent the Association on matters of business concerning the Association shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

I. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

13. This Constitution may be amended at a General Membership meeting, and such By-Laws as are necessary for the regulation of the Association may be enacted or amended at a General Membership meeting.

14. Amendments to this Constitution shall require the approval of a two-third majority of voting delegates present and voting at a General Membership meeting. Notice of motion to the membership shall be provided at least sixty days prior to the General Membership meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

**Approved at the
General Membership Meeting
April 16, 2000**

Marian Maitland, President

W.R. Maitland, President

Patricia Borsa, Past-President

Alex Beaton, Director

Peter Courdin, Director

Peter Etue, Registrar

Naida Flynn, SW Director

William Flynn, SW Director

Anne Graham, Publicity

Peter Graham, Director

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Graham Ingram, Caller Representative

Rosemary Morin, R.D. Leader Rep.

Ralph Morin, Round Dance Leader Representative.

Marion Moore, SE Director

Harold Moore, SE Director

Ruth Moreau, NW Director

Roger Moreau, NW Director

Karen Remy, Director

Olivia Tumak, Director

Rae Woods, Vice President

Brian Woods, Vice President