

Just Got to Dance
Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE I – TITLE

Section I

The Association is and shall be known as “Just got to Dance”.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

Section I

The objective of “Just got to Dance” is to support, promote, and/or sponsor social dance events in the greater Youngstown/Warren, Ohio and surrounding regions.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

Section I

The officers of “Just got to Dance” shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, three (3) elected Trustees, plus any ex officio trustees. The retiring president shall be invited to be a trustee for a three year term.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Any person age 18 or more who wishing to join this organization as a *regular full member* with full voting privileges, must fill out, sign, and return an application along with annual dues (paid in full) to the Treasurer.

Section II

Any individual ages 12-17 may join the organization as a *junior member* “with no voting privileges”.

Section III

Any member whose name is dropped from the active list for failure to pay dues must complete a new application for membership under ARTICLE IV, Section I of these bylaws.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Section I

Dues for *new regular full members** shall be \$15 per year. Dues for regular full membership renewal shall be \$15 per year, payable by the January meeting. The Treasurer and Secretary will notify any members not paid by the conclusion of the January meeting. Members who have not paid by the conclusion of the February meeting will be dropped from the membership roster.

Section II

Dues for new *junior members** shall be \$10 per year. Dues for *junior membership* renewal shall be \$10 per year, payable by the January meeting.

*Dues are considered to be from January 1st to December 31st of a given year regardless of when the new member is admitted to the organization.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section I

The annual nomination and election of officers shall be made and closed at the last regular meeting of this organization in a calendar year.

Section I A

If needed, an election by ballot vote for nominated officers shall be conducted at the last regular meeting of this organization in a calendar year.

Section I B

New officers shall serve their term upon the oath at the first regular meeting of a calendar year.

Section I C

Elected officials shall serve for a period of one year and may be re-elected.

Section II

Anyone who has been a member in good standing of this organization for one year with a full membership and has attended at least 2 or more membership meetings per year shall be eligible to hold office.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section I

As needed, meetings of this organization shall take place on the first (1st) Sunday of each month. Meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m., and the location is to be determined during the previous meeting. There will be at least 6 meetings a year.

Section II

Eight (8) *regular full members* shall constitute a quorum.

Section III

To be eligible to vote on any issue brought before the body, a *member* must be in good standing with full membership status.

Section IV

Individuals who are 18 years of age and older are eligible for full membership status. No persons under the age of 18 shall hold a full membership. An individual between the ages of 12-17 may become a junior member.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Section I

Just Got To Dance club can be dissolved at any scheduled meeting with the consent of the majority of the club members present. The manner of appropriation and division of funds and assets of the organization shall be stated in the proposed plan of dissolution and approved by a majority of the membership present.

Amendment 1: Members will be notified in writing at least one month prior to the dissolution meeting

Amendment 2: Dance club funds will be directed to a nonprofit dance or music organization.

Section II

The dissolution of this organization will not be final without discussion and acceptance from the officers of Just got to Dance.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Section I

Amendments to the bylaws must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the organization and read at the next regular meeting before being voted upon. If a majority of the *regular full members* present shall vote in favor of the amendments, the amendments shall become a law of the organization. The membership shall be notified of such changes.

ARTICLE X - RULES

Section I

All monies received as donations, or otherwise, shall constitute the funds of the association.

Section II

Roberts Rules of Order shall decide all questions regarding points of order.

ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I - President

The President shall preside over all meetings of this association. He/she shall see that the constitution and bylaws and order in general are enforced. He/she shall call all special meetings of the association and committees when needed.

Section II - Vice-president

The Vice-President, in absence of the President, shall assume the duties of the President. The Second Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President and the Vice-President when they are absent and shall also be the membership chairperson.

Section III - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the correct record of all meetings of the association. He/she shall do the necessary writing that may be required by the association of the President, and read such bill and correspondence as may be presented. When written complaints or charges against members are presented to him/her, he/she shall notify the President who will call a special meeting of the Executive Committee. If a member is expelled, the Secretary notifies all members of the expulsion and shall at each regular meeting read the list of expelled or resigned members. He/she shall deliver to his/her successor all books, papers, documents, and correspondence belonging to the association.

Section IV - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all money due the association and keep a strict account of said monies. He/she shall pay all bills and keep same on file and shall announce receipts and expenditures at each regular meeting. He/she shall submit an annual report to the association and state of the treasurer and have his books and accounts ready for settlement at the expiration of his/her successor all monies, books, or papers belonging to the association.

Section V - Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeant at Arms shall take charge of the door, and admit to the meetings only members in good standing. He/she shall see that all members present properly sign the attendance book at the regular meetings.

Section VI - Trustees

Duties of the Trustees are to audit the Treasurer's books (1) once annually at the regular January meeting or when otherwise called upon to do so. The Trustees shall also tally any votes taken by ballot.

Section VII - Office Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs in any elected office due to resignation, death or for some other cause, a special election shall take place to fill said vacancy. Eligibility shall be determined on required attendance at the general meeting during the previous calendar year of said vacancy.

Section VIII - Officer Impeachment

An officer of the association, who fails to perform his/her duties as prescribed in the constitution and bylaws, acts in a manner detrimental to the association and its principles or likewise assuming authority not provided in the constitution and bylaws, may be impeached by a simple majority of the members present preferring charges against him/her at an open meeting. If he/she, is found guilty by trial, the office shall be declared vacant. The impeachment trial shall take place at the next monthly meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A vacancy by impeachment shall be filled at an election in the usual manner at the next regular meeting. An impeached officer is not eligible for any office.

Section IX - Officer Oath of Installation

Each officer, upon being elected to any of the fore mentioned posts will be charged with the following:

The members of "Just got to Dance" have elected and delegated to you important duties in the belief that you will execute them truly and faithfully. Upon you will depend the progress and prestige of our organization. Place your right hand on the left side of your chest and repeat the following pledge:

I pledge myself/ to faithfully perform to the best of my abilities/ the duties of my office/ and to conduct myself at all times/ in accordance with the bylaws/ rules, and decisions of Just got to Dance. / I further pledge myself/ to defend at all times and places/ the honor of the individual members and organization/ and to show myself worthy of the trust and faith/ placed in me by the membership of "Just got to Dance".

ARTICLE XII - DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Section I

It will be the duty of the members to be available and to take an active part in all social functions if called upon to do so.

Section II

Any member who has charges preferred against him or her shall be notified by the Sergeant at Arms to appear before the officers and, if he or she does not appear and has not a good cause, the trial shall proceed.

ARTICLE XIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section I

All claims or violations of any laws must be preferred within a period of 90 days or those claims shall be declared null and void.

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