

Proposed change #1a – Refine RAF purpose

102 Purposes

~~To provide information about and promote interest in Western Style Round and Square Dancing through such activities as may be expedient to the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Liaison). This should not, however, exclude Eastern, Line, or other dancing in conjunction with Federation activities.~~

a. Definition

The Federation is an association of affiliated Rochester-area clubs that are organized around the social-exercise activity of western-style round and square dancing. (This definition is not meant to exclude other forms of “country dancing” such as eastern-style square dancing and line dancing. It is meant to identify the primary focus on western-style square and round dancing.)

b. Purposes

The Federation has a dual purpose: (1) to promote and maintain interest in western-style square & round dancing in the Rochester area, and (2) to foster a collaborative spirit among affiliated square dance and round dance clubs.

c. Operation in support of purposes

Actions by the Federation in support of its purpose are undertaken by its duly-elected Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Promotions Committee Chairperson), in consultation (by vote, when appropriate) with representatives from affiliated clubs who are present at Federation meetings.

Proposed change #1b – Refine RAF purpose

Change: Standing Rules to Standing Rules and Guidelines

Add the following:

RAF Purpose

Typical means of accomplishing RAF purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Involving the designated Federation representatives from affiliated clubs in Federation planning and decision making.
- Providing financial and other types of support to affiliated clubs for dancer recruiting and retention efforts.
- Preparing and disseminating information about round & square dancing in general, and affiliated club activities in particular.
- Creating and distributing promotional materials about round and square dancing, both privately and publicly.
- Organizing an annual area-wide festival (Dance-O-Rama) for established dancers and new class graduates.
- Organizing other area-wide (i.e. multi-club) dances and dance-related events in collaboration with affiliated clubs.
- Sharing, via the Federation website and newsletter, affiliated club information such as schedules, flyers and news.
- Making available dancing-related information that is useful to Rochester area dancers and leaders of affiliated clubs.
- Providing continuity-promoting incentives and services for the round and square dancing community, such as: (a) Presenting leadership and service awards and (b) Maintaining archival copies of past minutes and newsletters.

Proposed change #2 – Redefine Communications Liaison

601 Offices and Qualifications

- a. The officers of the Federation shall be a President, a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~Communications Liaison~~ *Promotions Coordinator*.

603 Duties of the Officers

- e. The ~~Communications Liaison~~ *Promotions Coordinator* shall:
 1. ~~Attend Promenader Committee and Core Group meetings.~~ *Be the main contact for promotional activities intended to recruit new dancers as well as retain current dancers within the Rochester area for Western style square and round dancing.*
 2. ~~Coordinate and facilitate the exchange of information between groups and the Federation.~~ *Act as liaison between the clubs and the Federation by communicating with Club Presidents and their members to avoid duplication of efforts and resources.*
 3. ~~Work with and guide the Promotions Committee.~~ *Organize and hold meetings with the committee, create and present ideas for dancer retention and help promote demonstrations for dancer recruitment.*
 4. *Work with the Promenader staff to ensure the website is informative and user friendly for new dancers.*
 5. *Monitor the Promotions Committee email and act on or respond as needed.*

Proposed change #3 – Open up DOR date restriction

STANDING RULES

DANCE-O-RAMA (DOR)

1. DOR is an annual dance ~~held the first Saturday in May~~ to promote square and round dancing and is a fundraiser for the Federation. *Preferably DOR is to be held the first Saturday in May. Future DOR dates will be decided annually by majority member vote at RAF meeting.*

Keep wording, but allow exception voting.

Proposed change #4 – Eliminate Promenader Committee

STANDING RULES

PROMENADER

1. The Promenader is the newsletter for the Federation.
2. The Promenader is ~~organized by a committee~~ *run by a team* chaired by the Promenader Editor and Web Master, who are members of the Federation.
3. The ~~committee team shall~~ *may* prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the Federation ~~if the Promenader and RAF accounts are merged (with expenditures of \$75.00 or above to be reviewed with the Federation prior to the expense being incurred).~~

Proposed change #5 – Definition of a budget

704 Budgets

- a) If committees or teams (Promotion, Promenader, etc.) have a series of expenditures to make within a single fiscal year, they should submit a detailed line item budget.
- b) Budgets can be approved by a normal vote at any regular meeting.
- c) Once approved, the committee can spend the money without further approval. However, expenditures that exceed the amount described in any one line item will require additional approval from the board.