## MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

January, 2014

**<u>PURPOSE</u>**: The purpose of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers (MVFD) is to develop and promote international folk dancing.

**MEMBERSHIP**: Anyone interested in folk dancing may become a member of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers after participating in twelve MVFD Thursday evening sessions. Membership includes the right to vote, serve on the Council and the committees appointed by the Council, and pay membership rates for dues and events. Activities sponsored by the Miami Valley Folk Dancers are open to non-members.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**: Members pay annual dues set by the membership. Dues are payable in January. Payment may be made in quarterly installments with the first payment due in January. Members in arrears more than three (3) months shall be dropped from membership. Membership will be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year.

**FEES:** Non-member participants in weekly programs sponsored by MVFD shall pay fees as determined by the membership. Fees for workshops and special events are determined by Council.

<u>**THE COUNCIL</u>**: The Council shall consist of five (5) members, elected by the membership for two-year terms. Election shall be held annually for either two or three new members to the Council. At the first meeting of the Council after election of new Council members, a Council Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-large shall be chosen by the members of the new council from among their number to serve for a term of one year.</u>

The Council shall determine such matters as general program policies and anything pertaining to the welfare of MVFD, provided such action shall not be in conflict with the policies of the Miami Valley Dance Council. The Council shall appoint standing and ad hoc committees to facilitate the day to day functioning of the Club. The Council shall be responsible for other major decisions, with approval of the membership.

<u>**COMPENSATION</u>**: No member shall receive any compensation from MVFD except reimbursement for authorized expenses incurred on behalf of MVFD.</u>

**DISSOLUTION OF MVFD**: Upon decision of two thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, following due notification of the membership, MVFD may be disbanded. All assets held at the time of such disbandment shall be distributed as determined by the membership.

<u>CHANGES IN RULES AND REGULATIONS</u>: Changes in these rules and regulations may be made at any called membership meeting, provided that a notice containing the time and place of the meeting, as well as the proposed changes, is delivered to the membership at least two weeks prior to the time of such meeting.

(This above set of Rules and Regulations is binding on the membership and council. The following Method of Operations is meant as guidelines.)