

THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF RUDIMENTAL DRUMMERS

BYLAWS

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I - NAME – The name of this organization is *The United States Association of Rudimental Drummers*, hereinafter referred to as the USARD.

II - PURPOSE – The purpose and mission of the organization shall be to “preserve and perpetuate” the art of rudimental drumming. This mission is to be accomplished by conducting such activities as establishing and maintaining a web site, holding an annual convention, disseminating rudimental drum music, holding educational programs, cooperating with other groups with similar interests and encouraging public performance presentations of rudimental drumming by USARD members.

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III - ORGANIZATION – The USARD is a non-profit organization. All monies collected are to be used to further the mission of the organization. No Officer or member is to be compensated for services rendered to the organization, other than expenses incurred in carrying out USARD activities as approved by the Officers. If the USARD

ceases operation, any residual surplus funds or materials are to be donated to *The Company of Fifers and Drummers* or other qualified, 501c3 non-profit group as determined by the Executive Committee

IV - OFFICERS – The organization will be managed by officers as follows: President, Vice President (Internal Operations), Vice-President (External Programs), Treasurer and Secretary. All officers must be USARD members in good standing. The five officers shall constitute the Executive Committee and be responsible for managing the daily operations of the corporation. Duties of officers are defined as follows:

PRESIDENT – The President shall schedule and preside at all meetings, conduct business in accordance with the bylaws, call special meetings, appoint committees, perform other such duties as may pertain to the office and oversee the operations of the organization. The President may appoint members to fill any vacant elected position so serve until the next election.

VICE PRESIDENT (External Programs) – The convention being the single largest activity of the USARD, the event shall be headed by the Vice President who may appoint the necessary committees and individuals to help carry out this major activity. This VP shall run normal business meetings in the absence of the President.

VICE PRESIDENT (Internal Operations) – The membership being the most important ongoing function of the USARD, the Vice President shall oversee the recruiting, application form, membership records, payment of dues and other functions related to the development of the organization, working with the Treasurer and Secretary and appointed Committee Chairmen as required.

SECRETARY – The Secretary will keep the official records of meetings and shall call the roll of attending members, keep a roster of members and maintain the necessary membership data base. The Secretary shall maintain the bylaws and any other corporate documentation required, and handles any reporting to government agencies as might be required by the legal structure of the USARD.

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall receive all monies, maintain bank accounts, and pay all approved bills of the organization and report on the financial status of the organization at the meetings. The Treasurer will oversee membership dues notification and collections. Year end financial reports will be on a calendar year basis. The Treasurer shall prepare and present an annual budget to the Executive Committee and prepare and submit any tax information required.

V- ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The officers shall serve for a term of three years. Officers are to be elected every third year by a simple majority. The current serving officers shall prepare a slate of nominees three months before the annual meeting and communicate this list to the membership. Nominations from the floor at the meeting are allowed. In the event of a tie for any position, the Executive Committee shall vote again to break the tie.

VI - MEETINGS – The regular business meetings are to be held quarterly, or as required by business activity at locations and time as designated by the current Officers. Because of the geographical dispersion of the membership, meetings may also be conducted by conference call or other available remote means. The *Order of Business* at such meeting shall be determined by the President to reflect the anticipated content of the meeting.

VII - COMMITTEES – There shall be established a sufficient number of standing committees as necessary to carry out the functions of the organization and the performance of its mission. Such committees may include, but not be limited to, Finance, Publicity, Music, Recruiting, Web Site and those additional committees necessary to carry out the annual convention.

VIII - MEMBERSHIP – Any person or corporation who is interested in supporting the mission of the USARD is eligible for membership. Membership categories may include Charter Member, Life Member, Honorary Member, Business Member and Member.

IX - DUES – Member annual dues are \$20 per year (or as otherwise set by the Officers) payable on January first of each year. Members will be notified in November that payment is due and contacted when in arrears of one month and moved to “inactive status” after being in arrears more than three months. Life Members pay a onetime fee of \$300. Honorary members are elected by USARD leadership, such dues free award being for exemplary service to the rudimental drumming community. Business Membership is a negotiated fee decided by the Executive Committee, based on participation by the Business candidate at the Annual USARD Convention and on other marketing relationships. Every effort will be made to encourage on going participation.

X - TERRITORY - The USARD is an organization based in the United States, and conducting its activities through an appropriate regional structure, such regions headed by USARD members as appointed by the Executive Committee. Membership and participation from other countries is welcome.

XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS – Proposed amendments will be in writing and presented to the membership by the Executive Committee 30 days prior to any annual meeting. Adoption of bylaws or any future amendment modifications require a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of attending members at such annual meeting.