

## Chapter 1 – Summary

This Information Handbook contains some basic information for the Club Delegate and the Club President in the operation of their club. It covers the interrelationship of the member clubs to each other and the working relationship between the club delegates and the executive committee. The following paragraphs briefly describe the background of the Association and some of the key information.

The Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers (MCASD) is a non-profit Association of Chicagoland Square Dancers. It was incorporated in 1961 for the promotion of square dancing in the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will in Illinois.

Membership in the Association is open to any formally organized Square Dance Club in the above listed counties.

There are five (5) membership obligations:

1. A club must be represented by at least one (1) Delegate at each of the three (3) General meetings held in September, December and April annually.
2. A club must work at either the Sweetheart Dance or the Great Pumpkin Ball, or host a New Dancer Dance.
3. A club cannot schedule a dance which conflicts with either the Sweetheart Dance or the Great Pumpkin Ball.
4. A club must either take the MCASD insurance coverage or provide proof of coverage from another source.
5. Member clubs must be from the six (6) county area of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will in Illinois.

Leadership for MCASD is provided by an Executive Committee consisting of dancers elected by the club delegates, along with presidentially appointed Directors and Activity Coordinators working together with the Club Delegates.