

ARTICLE I

- NAME The name of the organization shall be Lowcountry BlueSConnection, herein referred to as "The Club," "BlueSConnection" or "The Blues Club"

ARTICLE II

- PURPOSE

Section A.

Our Mission Statement- The Club has been formed to bring together people interested in music; to give support and encouragement to our music community; to promote the music genre known as Blues, it's history, heritage and future; and also to encourage varied musical pursuits throughout the greater Lowcountry community; to educate musicians and those interested in music; and to create opportunities for musicians to share their music and to network with other musicians.

Section B.

The Association may be dissolved at the direction of a simple majority of the Officers of the Association (hereinafter "The Board"). In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this organization shall be turned over to another organization that is exempt from Federal Income Tax.

ARTICLE III

- MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section A. Membership is open to all persons who have paid annual dues.

Section B.

The Club membership roster is solely for Club use and is never to be used for commercial or non-Club purposes. If a member violates this policy, the Voting Officers may consider termination of membership privileges.

Section C.

Dues for the following year shall be set by the Board; announced at the Annual meeting; and are payable starting January 1st (membership year is for the calendar year from January through December). All dues collected shall be used specifically for Club purposes.

ARTICLE IV

-OFFICERS

Section A.

The affairs of the club shall be directed by Officers as described in detail below. In addition, Officers may create additional at-large positions to fulfill the mission and vision of the Club. Officers shall be active members. When a position becomes available, Club members will be notified via social media and interested members should submit their qualifications the President. The approved member shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Voting Officers. In the event of a tie, the President shall be the deciding vote. There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy. The Voting Officers of the Board shall consist of all Officers, except the President. In the event of a tie, the President will provide

the deciding vote.

1. President

The President shall preside at all membership-wide meetings of the club and shall generally direct and supervise all business of the club as approved by the Board. The President has authority to make disbursements using currently acceptable methods (check, online, automatic payment, etc) and sign papers that shall be approved by the Board. The President shall be chosen from among the active Board by a simple majority vote of the Voting Officers. In the event that there is no one available from the active Board, the position may be filled by a former Board member who is an active member of the Club. In case there is no current or former board member willing to act as President, then the Chair may be chosen from the current Blues Club membership. The President shall, if needed, appoint the person(s) responsible for taking minutes for all meetings of the Board.

2. Vice-President

This officer will keep copies of currently used Club documents including , but not limited to Membership Applications, RTM packets, and Club Flyers. In the absence, death or disability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President and shall be vested with all the powers of the President.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall process applications and prepare fees for deposit from prospective Association members, maintain current membership rolls, and keep rosters. This Officer is required to submit a report for every Board meeting and provide updated rosters at each club event. If this position is not filled by a member in good standing, the duties that are vital to the Association will be dispersed to other Board members until such time that a member shall come forward to fill this opening. Those duties that are not vital will be eliminated until the position is filled.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies for the Club; complete and submit all federal and state paperwork; and render financial reports to the President for each Board meeting and at other times when so directed by the President. The Treasurer shall deposit, in the name of the Club, in a bank or banks as designated by the Voting Officers, all monies received. The Treasurer shall draw and sign checks of the Club in a bank or banks as designated by the Voting Officers of all monies disbursed. Will make sure the tip jar and merchandise is promoted, circulated, counted/ collected, and all monies accounted for at all iams and other functions. Expenditures paid under emergency situations shall be approved by the Voting Officers who also may approve funds from sources other than Association dues and disburse the same at their discretion.

Section B.

The Officers shall determine the date and time of meetings. The Officers shall exercise one vote each. The Officers will have an extended planning meeting once a year and the Officers may use Club funds as deemed appropriate by Board.

Section C.

All Board members shall take office on January 1. Term of office shall be for a minimum of one (1) year with a recommendation that at least two (2) Board members serve at least two (2) consecutive years so as to promote continuity. It is expected that the Treasurer is able to serve two years to allow for the staggering of their positions to ensure that continuity in processing financial affairs for the Club exists. Board members shall serve for the duration of their term, or until termination of their membership, resignation, or removal, whichever is earlier. If a Board member is unable to complete his/her term of office, the Voting Officers shall appoint a temporary member to fill the unexpired term. During a year when a change of leadership will occur, a time of training and/or shadowing of the current leader may be designated to prepare the incoming leader for the future role.

Section D.

No Officer shall hold more than one (1) position at a time unless approved by the Voting Officers. No one Officer will ever have more than one vote no matter how many positions they fill.

Section E.

Term Limits: No Officer shall hold a position for more than four years. Under special conditions a majority vote of the Officers may overrule the term limit if it is deemed necessary by the Officers.

Section F.

Meetings of the Board may be called, held, or conducted in accordance with such rules and procedures as they may adopt. A 51% majority of the Voting Officers shall constitute a quorum for any decisions of the Board. **Meetings will be run exclusively according to "Roberts Rules of Order"**. Board meetings are open to all members of the Association, as outlined in the Operating Guidelines.

ARTICLE VI -MEETINGS

Section A.

Meetings of the General Membership shall generally be held yearly, as decided by the Board. The Board may reschedule meetings for other days/times to meet the interests of Members, to accommodate performing artists, or to make use of special venues. When possible, the Board shall notify Members via Facebook as soon as possible to a change in meeting time or date.

Section B.

All General Meetings are open to the public.

Section C.

The outgoing Board shall hold a joint meeting with the incoming Board between the October Meeting and January meeting to assure a smooth transfer of duties.

Section D.

Board meetings will be held when called and may be cancelled with concurrence of the Board.