

Sun City Palm Desert Community Association (SCPDCA)

Bylaws of the Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family A Chartered Club

Revised as of January 6, 2026

Article I – General

Section A – Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family

Section B – Purpose of Club: To socialize and to affirm the presence of parents, friends and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) queer, intersexual/ally+ (LGBTQIA+) community in Sun City Palm Desert.

Section C – Compliance. These Bylaws will fully comply with the SCPDCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Chartered Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and the above-stated governing documents of the Community Association, the SCPDCA documents shall prevail.

Article II – Membership

Section A – Membership. Membership shall be open to all Residents with a valid SCPDCA membership card or a valid Renter's card. Clubs are responsible for keeping rosters of paid members and shall submit the Annual Membership Roster Certification (CA-17) annually to the Association.

Section B – Affiliations. Other than that mentioned in Section A, there shall be no precondition for membership. Members will not be required to join any national, state or regionally affiliated organization.

Section C - Guest Privileges.

{i} Resident guests. Residents and renters may attend our meetings to obtain information on the benefits of joining the Club. Once Club operations and programs have been explained and understood, the Club requires membership for continued participation in Club activities.

{ii} Non-Resident guests. Guests may only attend when accompanied by a member. Depending on the activity, an additional fee may be charged for their participation at an event

Section D – Discipline. Disciplinary procedures shall be in compliance with Section XIV of the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations, as may be amended from time to time by the SCPDCA Board of Directors.

Section E – Dues shall be collected annually from each member. Dues shall be set by vote of the Executive Board of the Club.

Article III – Officers

Section A – Election. On expiration of terms, all officers will be elected by a vote of the general Club membership and shall serve without compensation. In the election process, no member can be a candidate for more than one office at a time. A quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1

or Article IV Section E.3 must participate in the election process (must exist for there to be an election).

Section B – Terms. Terms of office shall be two years. Terms in office shall begin July 1 and end June 30. Officer terms will be staggered for board continuity: President, Treasurer, & Membership Director will be elected for even years; Vice President & Secretary in odd years.

Section C – Recall. Any one or all officers may be recalled upon presentation of a recall petition signed by at least ten percent of the members to the current Board officers not included in the recall. A recall election must be held within forty-five days of receipt of the petition. The majority vote at a recall meeting or the majority vote of responders to a recall by Absentee Balloting will determine if the recall is successful. A quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1 or Article IV Section E.3 must participate in the recall election process (must exist for there to be an election).

Section D – Officers and Responsibilities. The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers with responsibilities as described.

Officers	Responsibilities
President	Conduct meetings and represent the Club to the Association. Reserve rooms and develop the yearly calendar. Provide SCPDCA with any required forms related to club activity. Oversees and/or manages the club’s website and other management software programs.
Vice-President	Assume President’s duties as needed. The Vice-President oversees the Delegates and coordinates their participation at the various events. This person serves in the best interest of the Club, including as a backup to other board officers and delegates when needed.
Secretary	Prepare meeting agendas for Board and General Meetings. Take and maintain minutes of meetings and provide to the Board, membership and SCPDCA when requested. Provide SCPDCA with the annual membership roster Form CA-17 Membership List. Serves as the main document keeper and recorder for the Club.
Treasurer	Collect and deposit all funds, pay all bills, maintain financial records, and prepare Financial Reports and annual budgets. Oversee the overall financial health of the Club and recommend financial adjustments to that end. Along with the President of the Club, is a co-signer on the Club’s bank account(s). Is the Club representative to the SCPDCA for all financial inquiries and reporting.
Membership & Communications Director	Oversee and facilitate the overall membership program and communications.
Delegates at Large	Delegates are appointed annually by the Board and are non-voting members. Delegates support and help with activities and events, and substitute for other Board members as needed.

Section E – Vacancies. If a vacancy should occur on the Executive Board for any reason including as a result of recall by members, the remaining members of the board shall decide the make-up of the board and may fill the vacancy from the Club membership. The designee shall serve until the next election of officers. Until appointees are confirmed by the vote of the membership, they may attend the board meetings, but may not vote. Confirmation of the appointment will be conducted by a vote of the membership in accordance with Article III Section A.

Article IV – Meetings

Section A – Frequency of Meetings. General meetings open to the membership will be held twice a year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by 10% of the membership.

Section B – Provisions for Announcing Meetings. Notice of general meetings shall be given to the membership in a timely and broad manner which may include email, the *News & Views*, and the Club website. Clubs may place flyers in the racks in the clubhouses and also request the Events Office to post flyers in the display cases in the clubhouses.

Section C – Minutes. Minutes will be taken to document the business segment of all meetings. Minutes, as well as other pertinent administrative records, will be retained for a period of seven (7) years. The SCPDCA recommendation is for one year of minutes to be posted on the club's website.

Section D – Attendance. Attendance figures for all meetings will be reported monthly to the SCPDCA.

Section E – Voting and Quorum Requirements.

1. A quorum is required to conduct an election or a recall or to amend bylaws at a general membership meeting and is considered to be twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire membership.
2. Business items at a general membership meeting shall be approved by a majority vote of those members in attendance, a quorum being present. A quorum to conduct business is considered to be twenty-five percent (25%) percent of the entire membership.
3. Matters to be decided by Absentee Balloting require a quorum being the response of 50% of the entire Club membership.

Article V – Financial

Section A – Record Retention. Financial records shall be retained for a period of not less than seven (7) years.

Section B – Bank Accounts. This Club operates as a part of the SCPDCA, which is a nonprofit mutual-benefit California Corporation. Any and all bank accounts should be opened using the SCPDCA Federal Identification number 943200731. Revenue other than dues must be accounted for separately or placed in a special bank account. A copy of the monthly bank statements must be forwarded to the SCPDCA Finance Department.

Section C – Budgets and Financial Reports.

1. The Club Treasurer is responsible for preparing an annual budget. The budget must include any expenditures for recognition of officers and/or members. The budget's availability for review must be announced to the members.
2. On a fiscal year basis, the Financial Report (form CA-11) of this Club shall be submitted to the SCPDCA Finance Department. The fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and end on the last day of June. The Club's Executive Board is expected to manage revenues and expenditures in such a way that funds collected during a year are expended in accordance with planned operations. If the Club has need to carry forward funds in excess of \$500.00, the Club must notify the SCPDCA Finance Director.
3. On a calendar year basis, the Disbursement Recap (Form CA-12) shall be submitted to the SCPDCA Finance Department by January 7th of the following year. A form W-9 (Taxpayer I.D. Number) must be obtained from each payee who receives \$600 or more for services within a calendar year, and submitted along with form CA-12

Section D – Donations must be approved in advance by the General Manager. (Honorariums paid to speakers are not considered to be donations).

Section E – The SCPDCA and/or any member of the Club, with minimum notice, shall have unrestricted access to all of the books and records of the Club.

Section F – Disbursements. All disbursements must be for a Club purpose. All payments, whether for goods or services, shall be made by check, debit card or from an approved petty cash fund, with purchase receipt or invoice retained with documentation. Disbursements shall not be made from cash which has not been deposited in the Club's account. Debit cards may only be issued to Club officers who are signers on the Club's checking account, and may only be used for a Club purpose, not for personal use. All disbursements must be approved as follows:

1. Other than normal recurring operating expenses, disbursements between \$200 - \$500 shall be approved in writing by two (2) Club officers.
2. All disbursements in excess of \$500 shall be approved in writing by the Club's Board and placed in the minutes.
3. If a Club member uses a personal credit card or personal check for Club purposes, other than for normal recurring operating expenses, he/she must obtain prior written approval (in accordance with paragraph 1 above for disbursements between \$200 - \$500 and with paragraph 2 above for disbursements in excess of \$500), and must submit the purchase receipt or invoice with documentation in order to receive reimbursement from the Club.
4. All offsite trips must be (i) related to a Club purpose; (ii) be open to all Club members; and (iii) all offsite trip expenditures must be approved by the Club's Board and placed in the minutes. All club expenditures for offsite trips must be supported by backup documentation (such as receipts). Club trips and travel expenses are not considered to be normal recurring operating expenses.

Section G – Sales Policies. Refer to Chartered Club Rules and Regulations Sections VII and VIII.

Section H – Contracts. All clubs must use an approved contract form, either CA-13, Service Provider Agreement, CA-14, Artist Provider Agreement, or CA-15, Instructor Agreement, for all outside services. The SCPDCA General Manager must countersign all contracts with a value of more than \$5,000.00, and determine insurance requirements.

Article VI – Committees

Section A – Committees. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section B – Standing Committees. Permanent (standing) committees will, at a minimum, include a Nominating/Election Committee.

Section C – Nominating/Election Committee. The Nominating/Election Committee Chairperson shall select a committee to establish a slate of officer candidates for election and to assist in counting the votes when Absentee Balloting is used. Nomination recruitment should be at least sixty days prior to the in-person election meeting. A nomination form will be emailed to all current club members with a deadline for returning. The Committee will review all nominations and create the best fit based on knowledge of SCPDCA and the Club. Those not selected for the main slate will be encouraged to volunteer. This slate will be approved by the board for election by the membership. This election will take place at the final General Meeting where the Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers. Prior to calling for final approval, nominations from the floor shall be solicited. If none are added, the slate of officers will be voted on. If nominations are proposed for any office, a ballot will be made for those positions, and a vote will take place for those offices. Then the remaining slate of officers will be voted on.

Section D – Safety Committee. The Safety Committee will follow procedures as outlined in the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations.

Section E – Other Committees

Article VII – Amendments

To amend the Bylaws of this Club at a general membership meeting requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a meeting specifically called for such purpose, a quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1 being present. To amend the Bylaws by Absentee Balloting requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members polled by absentee ballot who responded, a quorum of members as defined in Article IV Section E.3 having responded. Any amendments approved by the Club membership must be submitted to the SCPDCA Board for final approval.

Article VIII – Dissolution

Prior to Club dissolution (after all debts are satisfied), all Club-owned property and assets shall be transferred to the SCPDCA or in accordance with the wishes of the Club and with the approval of the SCPDCA Board of Directors.

Required Approvals

Submitted for Approval:

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Club President

1/27/26
Date

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Membership Approval:
Club Secretary

Bob Arnold

1-27-2026
Date

ROBERT S. McDONALD [print]

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General Manager

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