

Dear District Directors,

The last revision to the CSOTFA Bylaws occurred in 1993. At the direction of the current CSOTFA Board of Directors, an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee (Committee) was formed to review and revise the Bylaws to bring them in compliance with the current practices of our organization, as-well-as non-profit organizations in general.

Some changes were simple fixes such as grammar, punctuation, and bringing information up to date; while others were revised to reflect how our organization is currently operating. These Bylaws were developed to reflect by what standards of practice the California State Old-Time Fiddlers' Association (CSOTFA) and our Districts are being held in promoting old time fiddling.

At its meeting on August 20, 2016, the CSOTFA Board of Directors unanimously approved the revised Bylaws. Each Director is now responsible for disseminating the Bylaws to the members in his/her District. Along with each District's fall election of officers, the membership of CSOTFA will also be asked whether or not to accept the revised Bylaws. The plan is that upon acceptance of a majority of a quorum of the adult membership of CSOTFA, the Board of Directors will officially ratify the revised Bylaws and they will go into effect *after* the March 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

- As you are reading through the Bylaws, please consider the following:
- Anything in **black print** indicates original language from the Bylaws adopted on May 2, 1993.
- Language that has been deleted and/or replaced (words, statements or whole paragraphs), will have a line through the center; this includes grammatical markings.
- Anything in **blue print** indicates recommended changes for adoption at our March 2017 meeting.

Many thanks go to the members of the Bylaws committee for all of their hard work. It truly took a group effort! If you have any questions, please contact your District Director or any member of the Committee listed below:

Respectfully submitted,

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