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FLORIDA HISTORY



Armstrong, Don & Marie Don and Marie helped form the Florida Callers Association and was its 1st President; organized the 1st two Florida State Conventions; received Milestone Award, the highest honor from CALLERLAB. 1994 – inducted into the **FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS HALL OF FAME**

1951-1952 - Florida Callers Association President



Ackerman, Steven Michael “Steve” – born Apr 20, 1944 & Theodora F. “Teddi” – born Jun 1, 1947 He worked as a realtor; served U.S. Handicapable square dancers. In 2024 lived at 7300 SW 140th Ave, Miami, FL 33183
2005-2006 - Florida Callers Association President

71st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

“Survive the Curse of the 71st”

A Halloween party!

There are only 146 days until the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Have you registered for the convention and made arrangements for your accommodations? You can take care of both things online at <https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/hotel.html>.

75th National Square Dance Convention

HOTEL UPDATE

75th National Square Dance Convention
Waco
June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

The HILTON and COURTYARD hotels are fully booked except for a few rooms at the rack rate of \$397.
As you receive your hotel portal link by email, please look into our 8 other hotels.

We're so glad our 75th dancers are excited about our Waco Convention. You'll discover that Waco has lots to offer and thank you for understanding that smaller towns have smaller hotels.

75th **NATIONAL** Wednesday Night Entertainment
Square Dance Convention® Featuring

The Malpass Brothers

Enjoy a night of listening to classic country and bluegrass music by The Malpass Brothers, a genuine country duo who have a love for music, while enjoying a locally cooked dinner.



When?
Wednesday,
June 24th,
2026 at 4:30 pm.

Premium \$55 or Standard \$45 seating. Brisket or Chicken dinner options available.

Sign up on our website (75nsdctx.com), scan the QR code, or on your 75th NSDC long form.

77th (2028) National Square Dance Convention®

This convention will be held in Daytona and you can register NOW at <https://77nsdcfl.com/>. If you would like to be on the committee, go to <https://77nsdcfl.com/contact/>.



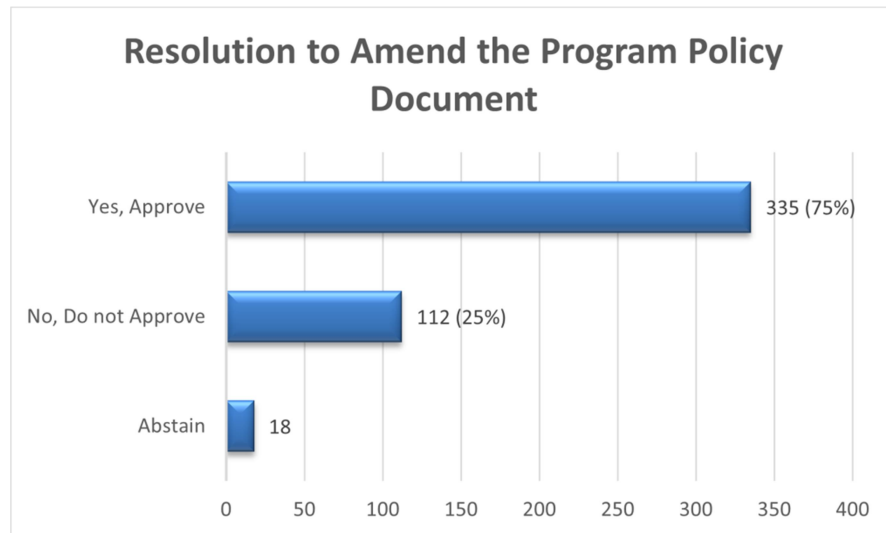
CALLERLAB Votes to Approve a Revised Program Policy Statement

At the last CALLERLAB Convention, in a vote of 336-112 the membership officially approved a revised Program Policy Statement as of May 29, 2025. This resolution introduces a simplified program structure, including a newly defined entry-level program and a streamlined path forward for modern square dancing. Dance Program size is determined by the committees, with the following exceptions:

- a. Mainstream – Must be less than or equal to 50 calls
- b. Plus – Must be 50 calls or greater

What This Means for You, Your Club, and the Future of Square Dancing

Effective Immediately • Transition Phase Underway • Full Implementation by September 1, 2026



The Proposal Has Passed

With a 92% approval rating at Convention and a 75% approval rating by the full membership, CALLERLAB has passed a **new Program Policy Statement** on *May 29, 2025*. This new policy simplifies our Program structure and sets a clearer path for how dancers and clubs can enter and progress in modern square dancing.

So What Does This Mean?

- The policy is now **official CALLERLAB policy**.
- We are entering the next **TIPPP** — a 14-month phase-in period to prepare for full implementation.
- Final rollout of the new Program structure is planned for **September 1, 2026**.

What Is TIPPP?

TIPPP = *Transitionary Implementation Phase of the Program Policy*.

It's our work-in-progress phase where we:

- Finalize a new **entry-level 50-call list** and **subsequent 50-call list**.
- Develop a **recommended teaching order**
- Create a **teaching plan/playbook and guidance materials**
- Update existing documents with expiration dates and revision timelines

- Engage callers, clubs, and dancers to prepare for implementation

What's the Timeline?

*Tentative dates; subject to change

Phase	When?
Resolution Approved	May 28, 2025
TIPPP Begins	Now!
Create “New” Mainstream Committee	June 2025
Develop “New” <u>Mainstream Committee Brief</u>	June 2025
“New” Mainstream Committee finalize maximum 50-call list	June 2025 – September 2025
“New” Mainstream Committee develop Teaching Order and Playbook	September 2025 – March 2026
Plus Committee finalize minimum 50-call list	September 2025 – March 2026
Plus develop Teaching Order and Playbook	March 2026 – September 2026
Worldwide Implementation	September 1, 2026

What's Happening Now?

- The Executive Committee has formed a new Mainstream Committee – with Members from both the Basic and Mainstream Committee and Social Square Dance Committee. Members can request to join the committee here: <https://callerlab.org/committees/joincommittees/>.
- Members from the New Mainstream, Plus, Definitions, and Choreographic Applications Committees are collaborating.
- Currently developing:
 - New **entry-level 50-call Mainstream list**
 - **Subsequent 50-call Plus list**
 - **Teaching Order**
 - **Playbook and caller resources**
- Current documents will be labeled with expiration dates and updated as progress is made.

Stay Connected

- CALLERLAB Members will receive **email news blasts** throughout the process.
- Non-Members may sign up to receive email updates here: callerlab.org/2025subscriber/.
- Legacy documents will note expiration dates as new documents become available.
- New documents will be posted to this page as available.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Is the proposal active now?

A: Yes. It is official policy, with implementation taking place over 14 months.

Q: Do I need to change how I teach right away?

A: No. You can continue with your current materials while TIPPP develops new resources.

Q: Will CALLERLAB provide new teaching materials?

A: Yes. A full set of teaching tools will be available well ahead of the September 2026 launch.

Q: How can I give feedback or get involved?

A: Opportunities will be shared through email, and CALLERLAB Members are invited to share feedback via the committee discussions.

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Catching Up?

If you're just hearing about this now, no problem. Here's all the background information:

Original Proposal Videos

[Watch the Original Proposal Video from the 49th CALLERLAB Convention](#)

[Watch the Proposal Video from the 74th NSDC](#)


Background Documents

This page will be updated regularly as TIPPP progresses. Please check back often!


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Florida Federation of Square Dancers
www.floridasquaredance.com


Your Source For Current & Historical Florida Federation, Association and Club Information
with links to Club, Association, National Convention and more websites and Facebook pages
.. please keep your Club and Association information up to date ..




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