



## FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The second session of the winter meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by President Jack Lascola at 9:00 a. m., February 3, 1980, at the Jamaica Inn, Orlando.

The invocation was given by Mori Sogolow.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Ken Ford. All officers were present. West Coast, Central and Northeast Associations each had 3 delegates present, with Southeast and Northwest Associations each having 2. Nine permanent delegates were present and 6 absent. A representative from the Florida Callers Assoc., Bob Bland, is expected at about 10:00 a. m. No representative from the Round Dance Council is expected to attend.

Showcase of Ideas, by Conrad Bishop - No report.

### Convention reports:

George Garland stated he had been in contact with Boots Oglesby who asked that Legacy members inform Association leaders of a meeting to discuss "what we can do to improve dancing in the State". This will be held at the State Convention, Lakeland, Sat. morning, May 24, 9:00 to 11:00 a. m., in the theater.

1980 State Convention, by Celeste Crawford - Everything is going along very well with the preparations. Jack Lasry, the caller coordinator, has his program pretty well set up. He is planning workshops and dancing at all levels. Fred Hornung, the round dance coordinator, has programmed various levels of round dancing. He is planning, also, to have a couple of clinics, one to introduce round dancing to those who have never tried it and, another, to work with people who are interested in becoming round dance cuers. Sally Rhodes is working at setting up the clogging activities. Hotel registrations are exceeding ribbon sales at the moment, but the sale of ribbons is increasing daily. We have had very good response from the vendors and should have a wide selection there. At this point, everything is meshing nicely. The main thing we ask now is for all Federation officers and delegates to wear their convention ribbons and to urge their dancers to register early.

1981 State Convention, by Marvin Taylor - We jumped the gun a little with our convention outfits. This is meant to promote the 1980 and 1981 State Conventions and the 1980 National. We had 75 people wearing these at the Panama City Festival in Jan. We have the Lakeland Civic Center reserved and most of the chairmen appointed.

1982 State Convention, by Hugh Fultz - We are working on a logo and dresses. We lack 2 or 3 members of our committee.

Legacy, by Chet Vetter- There are Mini-Legacy meetings or Leadership conferences being held at Plant City and Jacksonville and one being planned in the Northwest area.

### Committee reports:

National Convention Committee, by Conrad Bishop - The Committee recommends the following: 1. Due to the popularity of this national convention in Memphis, after the state convention each area pack and transport its own showcase material to and from the national convention. 2. Each area is requested to bring any Florida promotional gimmicks (clickers, orange pins, bags of sand, etc.) to Memphis for distribution to dancers at the national convention. 3. Florida

National Convention Committee continued - square dancers participate in the parade of states in Memphis. 4. Dancers are encouraged to wear state outfits or area outfits in order to promote our state. 5. Delegates are to stress that dancers in Memphis check at the Showcase for instructions as to when and where to assemble for the parade of states and for any other information. Conrad and Belle Bishop, Chairman, and Grady and Jeannette Rea, PeeWee and Mary Stewart, Ray and Jean Williams and Mori and Phyllis Sogolow, Members. Regarding item No. 1, it was explained that Association Presidents should be responsible for seeing that their showcase material is assembled and transported to and from the National Convention. There was a discussion whether the showcase should be set up Wed. or Thurs. It was agreed that Conrad would <sup>decide</sup> this and notify the Presidents. It was suggested that a Florida dancer couple be in attendance at the Showcase in Memphis at all times. Conrad drew attention to a schedule sheet for delegates to sign up for this.

At this point, Jack interrupted the program to welcome Bob and Ethel Bland, Florida Callers Association representative, who just arrived. He explained the reason we had started early today was because we are getting reports from the several committees, which will be time consuming.

Public Awareness Committee, by John Palmer - We feel that our committee should have been designated as a Dancer Awareness Committee, as the dancer is the one we need to make aware of our presence and objectives. We are also closely aligned with the Education Committee. Our means of making the dancer aware of the Federation are quite limited as to what we can do materially without funds for advertising. First of all, it is the obligation of those active in the Federation to take back to their various areas information that each one has through his or her own knowledge and to freely discuss this information with clubs, associations and individual dancers. Word of mouth travels far. We plan to contact Jack Pierson as to the possibility of running monthly informational advertisements in Bow and Swing - not in paragraph form, as that is easily overlooked, but in display type ads. Our Chairman, Jim Whiteman, will contact Jack, as we need to make the best financial deal possible, that is, we have no money and he has the magazine, so if he will print our Federation ads free, we will accept that. Seriously, we feel that Jack might go along with us on a monthly promotional. It is, also, suggested that each of the area Association publications have an article each month or each printing about the Federation. This could be done by the Association Secretary. No matter how brief the article, if it were in each and every publication, the dancer would sooner or later take note of us. Consistency is what we need to make them aware of us. If each Association could make a type of bulletin board on a stand with facts and displays about the Federation, it could be taken by Association members to club dances, Association dances and other affairs. The West Coast Association has an impressive display with West Coast Willie, a badge display and a blood bank display. I am sure they would be glad to display the Federation if we could have one made up. We have tripled the West Coast membership since we have locally advertised the Association at local dances. Proof that the Federation would, also, be recognized through this same means. Another means of dancer awareness could be through the callers. However, cooperation along this line is very hard to get, but if you can work on this, it would be a great asset. Try to have your club callers mention, from time to time, the Federation and how it works as a liaison between the Associations and callers. Probably you will not have much success along this line. We have come up with a proposal for a State banner, which could be carried by one person, to be taken to national and state conventions, Association festivals and even club affairs and anniversary dances. Judy Garland described the proposed banner, approximately 4 feet high and 5 feet wide, white background with the map of

Public Awareness Committee continued - Florida in green, orange square dancers in the center of the state, State emblem on lower left side, with the words "Federation of Square Dancers" above it. The word Florida to be in large letters across the top of the banner. It has been looked into whether or not we could use the Florida State emblem and we can if we write to the State to let them know what we are doing. If we decide on a banner of this type, Judy Garland can have the work done for us. It was suggested that, in addition to the big Federation banner, each Association have a smaller duplicate for display in its area. Also, each Association show on its banner how it fits into the State organization. Judy was authorized to contract for the big banner to be ready by the National Convention. The estimate of cost is \$30 to \$50. This was approved by a motion, duly seconded and unanimously passed. John continued, after considerable discussion about the State dress, we could not come to any decision that would warrant consideration at this time. If we were competing for a national convention, we would not have the problem of whether or not to have a dress. There would, undoubtedly, be a unanimous vote for one, but it is felt that there is not enough desire for a State dress at this time. We would like to table this for further input from the Associations. Jim and Bunny Whiteman, Chairman, and Judy Garland, Fred and Celeste Crawford, Ron and MaryLee Van Valkenburg, Colleen Ponsell and John and Evelyn Palmer, Members.

Education Committee, by Chet Vetter - Chet commented that he and Julia had been attending Federation meetings for some 16 years and he felt the questions asked by his Committee members were the best he had ever heard. It might be because of having a group of new delegates. He agrees with John and the Public Awareness Committee that word of mouth is the best for getting our message across. Following is the Committee's report: It was the Committee's thought that a brochure for new dancers should be the responsibility of the Association, due to various policies and structures of the Associations. One brochure by the Federation could not tell the story for all Associations. The formation of archives and/or a library should not be undertaken due to lack of a permanent home, which is a necessity. It is recommended the Associations and local Councils sponsor and actively support leadership seminars or conferences for the education of and assistance to newly elected club officers and other interested dancers. The Federation could supply a list of panelists available to staff the proceedings. This should be taken down to the lowest echelon of dancer organizations. Q. Could the Federation furnish guidelines of contents for brochures for the Associations to include so there would not be conflicts in information between Associations? A. This would be a necessity. Q. Could the Federation have a listing of educational material, such as films, which Associations could draw on? A. That would be a good idea. An officer, Secretary or Parliamentarian, should keep this. Jack asked the Committee to follow up on these projects and bring back a report at the next meeting. Q. What did you decide about supporting in Congress the bill HJR69, to have square dancing named the National Folk Dance? A. Seeing what the Government did in printing a postage stamp to commemorate square dancing, the Committee felt it best to deny support for this bill. To expect Government subsidy would invite Government control. Getting a Proclamation of Square Dance Week by the Governor is a much better educational tool. Chet and Julia Vetter, Chairman, and Frank and Ruth Hamwey, John and Madeline Doyle, Earle and Betty Williams and Melva Best, Members.

Leadership Committee, by Walter Stoltz - The Committee felt there were three avenues available for the recruitment and training of dancers to be leaders: 1. Training sessions to be held at state conventions and Knothead to be led by local leaders. Area training sessions using material approved by the Federation. 2. Printed guide lines, approved by the Federation and issued by each Association, to be made available to prospective leaders. 3. Personal

Leadership Committee continued - contact by local leaders with prospective future leaders, to create interest and recruit good people. This is very important. Walter and Esther Stoltz, Chairman, Ken and Mae Ford, Ray and Barbara Holt, Jim and Marilyn Stone and Jack and Nita Lascola, Members. Q. At large festivals, such as state conventions and Knotheads, how are we going to get these prospective dancer-leaders away from dancing to attend meetings? A. We felt there were entirely too many meetings requiring substantial travel. Having them at events people are already attending, would get a better turnout. Further discussion showed there was a wide divergence of opinion about holding leadership meetings at festivals. It was agreed that we should have these, as well as, meetings at the "grass roots" level. It was also pointed out that Knothead is a private organization and the Konvention is not an open dance. Can we count on their continued cooperation? This event attracts the new dancer, who is rarely inclined to take time out for a meeting. We should be creating the leadership interest in somewhat more experienced dancers and they are more likely to attend a state convention. Jack suggested that this Committee continue working and bring in other suggestions at the next meeting. He, also, suggested that the Education and Leadership Committees be combined and the chairmen work together to bring in further planning.

After a refreshment break, a standing ovation was given to thank the ladies of the Central Association for the refreshments they provided for this meeting.

Convention Procedures Committee, by George Garland - George has kindly furnished sufficient copies of the Committee's report to be attached and made a part of our minutes. George Garland, Chairman, Marvin Taylor, Harry and Betty Cassar, Hugh and Jean Fultz, Jack Tucker and Joe Vaccari, Members. There was a discussion as to what does "square dancing" include, i. e., squares, rounds, clogging, etc. Report item B3(a) and (b) will be subject to concurrence of the Fla. Callers Association and Round Dance Council regarding sounding halls at no financial obligation to the convention. Much discussion followed as to callers furnishing sound equipment without recompense. Item B6 - It was proposed that the wording in the previous guidelines be used, to include the Federation, FCA, RDC and city where the convention is held as entities on contracts and insurance - no action taken. Item C2(a) - Needs concurrence of the FCA and RDC. It will be presented to the Coordinating Committee at its meeting. Item C2(b) - Report includes financial statement and copies of contracts. Item D(a) - Bob Bland explained the requirements, as outlined in their Constitution, to get a green or white badge in the FCA. He also stated he was attending the meeting as the caller liaison and any opinions expressed by him were personal, not official.

Finance Committee, by John Layne - The following assumptions and considerations are presented: All transactions and communications between the Federation and Fla. dancers must flow through and be with the enthusiastic endorsement of the Associations. The financial recommendations will be classified as short range, if effective before the next state convention, and long range, if they are effective after the next state convention. Considerations: The following ways and means were considered as methods for producing funds and many were combined or eliminated in the final recommendations: Money making dances; recycling paper, aluminum etc. programs, assessments, dues from clubs, increased dues from Associations, bake sales, raffles, donations, bakeless sales, intense promotions for attendance at state conventions, loans, sales of souvenirs, set up a budget and publicity. Long range recommendations: Project and publish a Federation budget annually, publish results of spending money on Federation projects and promote attendance in all areas to improve attendance at state conventions. Short range recommendations: 1. Raise Association dues to \$50 per year effective in this current year. Request that each Association pay

Finance Committee continued - future dues for an indefinite number of years in advance, compatible with the condition of its treasury. 2. Associations are encouraged to hold a dance within approximately 60 days of Feb. 3, 1980, with proceeds to be used for Federation projects. 3. A Federation raffle to be conducted immediately, with one dollar tickets sold through all Associations to dancers and non-dancers. The proceeds forwarded monthly to the Federation treasury. The \$1,000 cash prize to be awarded on Sat. night, 9 pm at the state convention. John and Esther Layne, Chairman, Frank and Frances Smith, Jim and Mary Jo Wright and George and Dena Burcham, Members. Q. Our main source of income is profit from the state conventions. The Coordinating Committee has given the Convention Chairman a free hand in spending this money. How do we control this? A. If the chairman is to have this authority, there is no way to veto whatever he feels are necessary expenditures.

A motion was made and seconded that the dues for each Association to the Federation be increased from \$10 to \$50 a year, effective with 1980. This would require an amendment to the Charter (by 2/3 majority). There was a question raised whether this required unanimous ratification by the 5 Associations. Discussion included the need to know the amount of money needed before the convention split is made in Sept. The estimate was \$400. At this point there was a spontaneous outpouring of generosity from several delegates, making contributions to allow the Federation to remain solvent. John Layne reported that \$116 was received. Also, Hugh Fultz stated that a mini-caucus of West Coast delegates decided to propose that the Association loan the Federation, interest free, \$400 until the convention split is made. This will be placed before the West Coast Executive Committee at their next meeting later this month. An amendment to the previous motion was proposed to allow each Association to adopt the increase and pay the new dues amount at its discretion. This did not receive a second. Therefore, the original motion was put to a vote. It carried by more than a 2/3 majority. It was voted to accept the loan from the West Coast. The proposal to conduct a raffle was discussed as to legal implications and tabled. The continuing work of the Committee should be to come up with a budget by the next meeting.

Jack complimented and thanked all the Committee members for the great work they put forth and excellent reports submitted. If we can accomplish some of the suggested programs, we will have made huge strides in improving the work and goals of the Federation. Special thanks are due Joe Vaccari for his work in setting up the program.

#### Old business

A motion was made and seconded to revise the action taken at the Oct. 1979 meeting, so that it reads "All participants will wear proper square and round dance attire at all scheduled dance functions of a State sponsored event, to improve our public image". It is understood that this includes scheduled work shops and clogging and excludes meetings, sewing clinics, style shows and after parties. Motion was passed by majority vote.

#### New business

PeeWee Stewart brought up the question of paying the Parliamentarian to take the Florida Showcase to the National Convention. It was decided to postpone a decision on this until the next meeting.

Jack reminded all delegates to register for the State Convention. Frank Smith urged all officers and delegates to push State Convention registrations at every dance they attend.

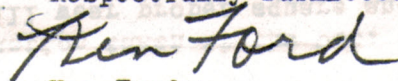
Jack asked Bob Bland for any comments. He stated he liked what he had heard and the direction the Federation is going. He suggested that the Associations go back to their areas and get with their local Callers' Association, whom he feels will cooperate in putting on benefit dances. He emphasized the importance of communication - between the dancers organizations and the callers. Also, you have to give the people something to expect anything from them.

George Garland gave the Secretary some polaroid pictures he had taken today and suggested they be sent to the Bow & Swing with a write-up about this meeting.

Jack announced the next meeting of the Federation will be in Lakeland, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, May 25, 1980.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Ford  
Secretary

Copies to:

- All Officers, Delegates and Alternates
- President, Florida Callers Association
- President, Round Dance Council
- George and Judy Garland

To all Officers and Delegates:

Please make the following changes in the list of "Officers and Delegates 1979-80" distributed in Dec. 1979:

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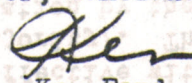
Delete "Don & Leona Lutz"

Add the address for John & Madeline Doyle "2306 Hargill Dr., Orlando 32806, telephone 305-894-8875".

NORTHEAST

Add Alternate, "Colleen Ponsell, 7245 Wonder Lane, Jacksonville 32210, telephone 904-772-6197".

This is your official notice of the next meeting of the Federation to be held in Room 9A in the Arena, Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, Florida, at 10 a. m., Sunday, May 25, 1980.



Ken Ford  
Secretary

SUGGESTED FLORIDA STATE S/R DANCE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

CONVENTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. THE FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY).
2. FUTURE STATE CONVENTIONS SHALL BE LOCATED IN EITHER, TAMPA, LAKE LAND OR ORLANDO. OTHER FACILITIES, IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA'S WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

B CONVENTION PROCEDURES

1. THE HOST ASSOCIATION SHALL APPOINT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, A CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.
  - (a) THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN WILL APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITY TO DO THE JOB ASSIGNED & ALSO, THEIR ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS.
  - (b) THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CONVENTION, RETAINS THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS, & HIS OBJECTIVE SHALL BE TO STAGE A CONVENTION IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCING & FOR THE ENJOYMENT & BENEFIT OF THE GREATEST NUMBER OF DANCERS.
2. THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHALL REQUEST A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION & THE ROUND DANCE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE.
3. THE DANCERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE CONVENTION WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS:
  - (a) PROGRAMMING, SOUNDING & CALLING IN SQUARE DANCE HALLS IS TO BE HANDLED BY THE FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION, AT NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION, WITHIN THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.
  - (b) PROGRAMMING, SOUNDING & CUEING IN THE ROUND DANCE HALLS IS TO BE HANDLED BY THE ROUND DANCE COUNCIL, AT NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION, WITHIN THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.
4. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - (a) ALL INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS, OTHER THAN CALLER'S EMCEEING, SHALL BE HANDLED BY THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.
5. GRANDE MARCH:
  - (a) THE GRANDE MARCH SHALL BE ORGANIZED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
    1. FEDERATION PRESIDENT
    2. FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
    3. ROUND DANCE COUNCIL PRESIDENT
    4. CONVENTION CHAIRMAN
    5. OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
    6. OFFICERS OF FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION
    7. OFFICERS OF ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA
    8. HOST ASSOCIATION

6. ONLY ADVERTISING RELATING TO THE FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION SHALL BE MADE FROM THE CALLERS PLATFORM.

7. ALL CONTRACTS & INSURANCE SHALL BE LISTED: (ANNUAL NUMBER) FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION.

C. FINANCES:

1. THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION & FLORIDA ROUND DANCE COUNCIL SHALL UNDERWRITE ALL FLORIDA STATE CONVENTIONS.

(a) A FUND (PRESENTLY TOTALING \$6,000.00) EXISTS FOR UNDERWRITING THE EXPENCES OF THE CONVENTION. SHOULD LOSSES OCCUR, BEYOND THIS SUM, THE LOSSES SHALL BE ABSORBED BY THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS, EQUALLY.

2. CONVENTION PROCEEDS:

(a) PROCEEDS OF THE CONVENTION SHALL BE DIVIDED FOUR WAYS:

1. DANCERS FEDERATION - 25%
2. CALLERS ASSOCIATION - 25%
3. ROUND DANCE COUNCIL - 25%
4. HOST ASSOCIATION - 25%

(b) THE HOST ASSOCIATION SHALL MAKE A FINAL REPORT\*(5 COPIES)\*OF THE CONVENTION, TO THE FEDERATION, AT THE NEXT FEDERATION MEETING FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION.

\* DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES:

1. FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
2. CALLERS ASSOCIATION
3. ROUND DANCE COUNCIL
4. ONE COPY, EACH, TO THE NEXT TWO CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

(c) THE FEDERATION WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION OF SHARES & GIVE A FULL CONVENTION REPORT AT THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING.

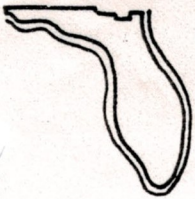
D. REGISTRATION FEES:

(a) REGISTRATION WILL BE FREE TO ALL FLORIDA CALLERS, ASSOCIATION, CALLERS; ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA, CUERS; FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, OFFICERS & DELEGATES; HOST ASSOCIATION, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & THEIR SPOUSES.

(b) ALL BILLS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS, FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION FOR WHICH THEY WERE INCURRED.





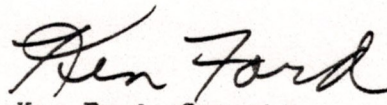


# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER

At an official meeting of the Federation, there being a quorum present, on February 3, 1980, the following amendment was proposed, duly seconded and passed by 2/3 majority:

Article VII, Section 1 - Changed to read, "Each regional association shall pay to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers an initial fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$50.00. Payment of such monies shall be made on or before the annual meeting."

  
Ken Ford, Secretary

