

# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

1. The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order November 21, 1982 at 10:00 A.M. by President Mae Ford in Room 112 of Holiday Inn, Plant City, Florida.
2. The invocation was given by Virgil Green.
3. The roll was called by Conrad Bishop. All five Federation officers were present. Four of the five associations had six voting delegates present and the fifth had four. Nineteen of 31 past presidents were present. This constituted a quorum. It should be noted that the Laynes and the Bishops conducted an orientation session with the new delegates prior to the convening of our meeting. John described the use of the new folders that were distributed to all delegates at the last meeting, and held a question and answer session with the new delegates.
4. There were no guests. The president welcomed Earl Steele, the representative from the Florida Callers' Association and Marty Martin, the representative from the Round Dance Council.
5. Chet Vetter moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with; it was seconded and carried. Correction: spelling of Jean Fultz's name in paragraph 5. Minutes were accepted as corrected.
6. Treasurer's Report by Fred Crawford. The report was approved as presented. See Attachment I for details.
7. CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. President Ken Ford stated that he had a letter from the Habersbergers informing the Federation of the passage of the bill making square dancing the National Folk Dance on a temporary basis effective 12/31/83.
  - b. A second letter from the Habersbergers on the status of the plans to make the above permanent. Both of these letters will be filed in the correspondence file.
8. AREA REPORTS
  - a. Northeast by Norm Farrell:

The Northeast is growing and expanding. We no longer can be referred to as the Jacksonville Association. With new member clubs in Lake City, Florida and St. Marys, Georgia, we have now expanded to the limits of our boundaries and have grown to a grand total of 38 member clubs.

Association elections were held in September with the new officers as follows:

Norm & Joyce Farrell - President  
George & Virginia Warren - Vice President  
Bob & Sarah Hare - Recording Secretary  
Troy & Ann Tubbs, Correspondence Secretary  
Dave & Virginia O'Neill - Treasurer

taking office on the first of October.

Our round dance exhibition group, "The Reflections", have been busy making preparations for their appearance at the National Convention in Louisville next June. They have dress rehearsals planned for next year at the Shamrock Shuffle and President's Ball in Jacksonville and at the State Convention in

May. They are getting a lot of help to cover the cost of costumes with benefit dances being held, as far away as Apopka, Florida.

Our blood bank committee is alive and well in Jax. Chairman Hank Pelz is working hard to make our annual Blood Bank Dance a huge success. Donations, both blood and money continue to flow in by Association dancers.

The highlight of the Northeast is its annual Fall Roundup and this year our roundup (held last weekend) was the greatest ever. We had over 125 squares dancing on Friday night, which is a Friday night record. We were honored to have as our guests, Federation Presidents, Ken & Mae Ford present for the entire weekend.

Our number one project in the Northeast for the year 1982/83 is to re-double our efforts to project a good and inviting image to prospective dancers in the area concerning the World of Square Dancing. To achieve this goal, our public relations committee is joining forces with local callers to work up a successful program. More on this later.

b. Southeast by Frank Habersberger:

Our new Association year was off to a good start with our Membership Renewal Dance bringing in a high number of renewals. We attribute this renewal of interest as recognition of the many services provided for our Dancers.

Application was made with the Palm Beach Blood Bank to reactivate our membership in their Blood Bank Program. This was granted and Southeast was accepted back on September 30, 1982. A Chairman will be appointed and we will start contacting the original and new Donors in January.

Our Annual Dance, "Southeast October Spectacular" (S.O.S.) has been scheduled for October 15, 1983 and will be held at the Lauderhill Recreation Center. The Dance Committee is to meet on December 6, 1982 to establish the Dance Program and determine Committee assignments.

The Dancers of Southeast Association have donated readily to the Booster Campaign for the 1983 State Convention. We are happy to give the \$100 received to their Chairman, Howard & Vivian Wilson. Distribution of the flyers and announcements for this Convention continue to be made at every Southeast Association Dance and every Association Visitation to our local Square and Round Dance Clubs.

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be more innovative. It is scheduled to be immediately after our Association Holiday Cookie Dance at West Palm Beach and will be at the large Reception Room at the Holiday Inn. The Caller, Burt Summers, will bring tapes of the music of the 40's and there will be ballroom dancing, square dancing and sing alongs. We anticipate a good attendance to help us celebrate the Holiday Season.

c. West Coast by Murl Herbert:

Elections were held in September and the following slate of officers were elected:		
President	Murl and Sally Herbert	
Vice-Pres.	Carl and Hazel Smith	
Secretary	Emery and Joyce Johnson	
Treasurer	Gerald and Deloras Ault	

The annual Fun Fest was held October 16 & 17 in Lakeland - a success for those who attended.

The membership of the association is now 3380 - an increase of 343 over 1981. The Blood Bank continues to grow with total donations of 644 units. We have used 205 and have a balance of 439. Membership dances have been scheduled in all areas of our association through July 1983.

d. Central by Bob Woodard:

We have received word that Francis Jernigan passed away last Wednesday. Anybody wanting to make donations can do so to Hospice of St. Francis in Titusville or to American Cancer Society in Atlanta, Georgia. All of our prayers are with Bob Jernigan.

Our State Square Dance Convention Chairman for '83, Howard Wilson, recently got out of the Hospital with a heart attack.

Our dances have been going well. And trying to cover every area.

The Central Association has been busy getting ready for the '83 Convention and everything is looking good.

e. Northwest by Harry Frisbee:

Activities in the Northwest are off to a great start for the '83 year. Our fall round-up dance was a success with 24 squares. On Saturday, October 30, with Elmer Sheffield on Friday and Jack Lasry on Saturday and Norma Smoyer calling the rounds.

The new slate of officers are working to promote the '83 State Convention.

9. PUBLICATIONS

a. Bow & Swing: No report.

b. Grapevine reported by Norm Farrell, written by Paul and Nita Walker:

EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS: All Florida associations are participating in exchanging publications with the Grapevine. We also exchange papers with the Bow & Swing.

SUBSCRIBER ACTIVITY: We now have over 500 subscribers to the Grapevine. We also send out thirty complimentary copies to various leaders of our hobby.

CLUB DIRECTORY: For the second year we provided, free of charge to subscribers, a Club Directory of the Northeast Florida Area Clubs.

GRAPEVINE UNDER CONTRACT: The biggest change during the past year has been the approval by the Association to publish the Grapevine under contract. The contract is a very simple document. In short, if there are funds remaining, after expenses, the publisher retains these funds for publishing the Grapevine. This contract also has a provision that allows the association or the Publisher to void the contract within thirty days.

The Grapevine remains under the direction and control of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. Activity sponsored by the association is published free of charge, all other advertisers pay a small fee.

c. West Coast Dancer by Jack Pierson:

Thanks to the past editors, Hugh & Jean Fultz for building up the magazine as they have. The distribution was 5000 last month. Thanks also to the typer-reporters, who have been solicited from Brooksville to Ft. Myers. Copy is sent to them on the first and returned to the editor by the third. Each typist is used only every other month. Also thanks to collaters and other helpers. A special thanks goes to Ken Ford for his help last month.

The calender of events has exploded, so that it has been necessary to cut each item to include only what the dance is and where and when it is to be held - just the information necessary so that dancers can get there.

Chet Vetter will now handle items concerning Caller Lab, Round-A-Lab and Legacy.

d. Panhandle Press by Joy Richardson:

1. Printing 300 copies.
2. Cookbooks were completed for the Annual Roundup. Cost \$2.00 each.
3. Am working on the Annual Christmas Special.
4. Publication dates will be standardized in 1983. Watch the Panhandle Press for further information.

e. 4 W's by Celeste Crawford:

We are still publishing 3000 copies a quarter. This month we had 30 dancers and two callers to help assemble the paper. After we finished, we were treated to several tips by the callers present. We have copies of the new edition here for anyone who would like one.

f. Keeping Posted by Bob Woodard:

Bob reported that everything was going along OK.

10. CONVENTION REPORTS

a. '82 & '83 National Conventions by Walter Stoltz:

Walter stated that the '82 Convention at Detroit was a good convention on the whole. Our Showcase was not as good as usual but was creditable. The '83 Convention at Louisville reports registrations considerably up from Detroit's '82 at the same date. They expect attendance to be 35,000. Frances Smith has a bus reserved for the '83 Convention. Four seats are still available at this date.

b. '83 State Convention by Howard Wilson:

We are hopeful the 30th State Convention will be the largest ever. By November 15th, we had 483 early registrations. I believe many people appreciated the opportunity to save \$5 per couple with the early registrations over the cost of buying tickets at the door.

Everywhere our promotional teams have visited, the reception has been wonderful and rewarding. If this trend continues and all dancers throughout the state help promote each convention with their interest and enthusiasm, then our State Conventions will continue to grow. If our leaders continue to promote the best interests of square dancing and curtail any self-serving interests, then the future will be bright and fruitful.

The Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council and the Clogging Council have all participated and cooperated fully. The vendors are reserving booth space and we are going to give them better security and a reserved area to park.

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We are going to "Hi-Lite" the Pensacola Special Steppers at the Convention since this group of handicapped youngsters helped us attain the National Folk Dance designation for Square Dancing. We are promoting a special benefit dance for them on December 5th, Sunday afternoon - 2 till 5 P.M. - at Volusia County Fairgrounds, just east of I-4 on 44. Donations in place of admission charge, with a silent auction on donated items - Holiday theme. Cloggers are participating in a separate area and we will have rounds between tips. The building is 60 x 300 - room for more than 100 squares, with heat and air. The clogging area is 60 x 180.

We hope you will all come and support this fine group. All money goes for transportation and housing fund for the Special Steppers. If you can't come, donations will be appreciated; contact John or Esther Layne.

c. '82 State Convention by Hugh Fultz:

Jean and I want to thank the Federation for the opportunity of serving as Chairman of the 1982 State Convention. It was, indeed, a rewarding experience which affords itself but rarely in a career.

We will not belabor the subject except to say that any success we enjoyed was the result of the work and cooperation of a fine committee and to them belong any accolades which may result from this operation.

For those of you who are not privy to the official report to the sponsoring bodies, turn to our Treasurer and Registrar Murl & Sally Herbert who will give you a brief rundown on just how the convention went. Thank you again.

d. '82 State Convention Final Financial Report by Murl Herbert:

A copy of this report is included as Attachment 2.

e. '84 State Convention Report by Frank Smith:

The following are our Committee Appointees to date:

Chairman:	Frank & Nan Habersberger
Co-Chairman:	Fred & Celeste Crawford
Treasurer:	George & Boots Oglesby
Registration:	George & Angie Mason

We are gradually selecting the best qualified Dancers for the Chairman functions. However, our main interest at this time is to support Howard & Vivian Wilson and their 1983 State Convention Committee and to get our Dancers up to Lakeland for that Convention. Distribution of their flyers and announcements will be continued at all Southeast Association Dances and Club Visitation until the Convention begins.

f. '85 State Convention Report by Frank Hagersberger:

Things are shaping up very good for us. We have had several meetings over the last few months and from the observations of the past fine State Conventions, there are very few things that have not been accomplished.

We already have a dress for the ladies and are working on something for the men to wear. We are still working on our motto. These things will be our secret until after the '83 Convention.

Just to let you know we are thinking of '84 and doing as fine a job for the dancers as we can.

11. Coordinating Committee Report by Howard Wilson: Howard stated that there was no report except that he has transferred the treasurer's accounts to Fred Kaiser.
12. Legacy by Chet Vetter: The annual questionnaires are being distributed by Legacy members in your area. If association presidents need or want more, Chet has 200 and will give you some.
13. Showcase by Norm Farrell: Norm thanked Walter Stoltz and all who helped with the Showcase at the '82 National Convention. Esther Stoltz suggested that our Showcase is in need of up-dating and improving. We need something spectacular to attract interest. Mori Sogolow suggested that association presidents contact their Chamber of Commerce people for free favors or gimmicks to interest dancers. Norm suggested that the Federation might allocate some money to be spent on Showcase.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education and Service by John Layne: Information concerning our project is still very limited even though Murl and Sally Herbert have collected more data and pamphlets for the benefit of the new dancer. To review, the projects in progress are:
  - (1) Suggested Conduct and Etiquette for the Square Dancer.
  - (2) A sewing booklet for the Square Dancer.

Another request for information input on a statewide basis is planned for the December issue of Bow & Swing. The timing is designed for a compilation of data during the working weekend held early in 1983 and subsequent publication.

- b. Public Awareness by Chet Vetter: Chet stated that he left all information at home. The following activities in the public interest were reported on by various individuals. Northeast held a Christmas in July to benefit the Shriners' Crippled Children's fund - made \$3500.00. George Warren added that Northeast also made \$5500 on an Easter Seal benefit dance. Pat Tucker told us about a dance at Epcot (at Disneyworld) where 24 squares danced and had TV coverage. Volusia County will hold a Dancerthon for Easter Seals in February. Squares, rounds and cloggers will all participate.
- c. Budget by Fred Crawford: Fred's report is included as Attachment 3.
- d. Callers' Association Representative Report: President Ford called on Earl Steele, the Florida Callers' Association representative. Earl reported that the Callers' Association hosted a Callers' Clinic featuring Bob Vineyard at New Smyrna Beach in October. Their new slate of officers include:
 

President	Art Wilson
Vice President	Bob Bland
Secretary	Earl Steele
Treasurer	Lon Ligon

He also stated that the callers are looking forward to the Hall of Fame with excitement.

15. OLD BUSINESS

- a. IRS Filing by John Layne: The IRS filing project has required dealing with the following items that require changes outlined as follows:
 

First, the restructure of income statements from state conventions for the years of 1979, 1980 and 1981. The purpose of the restructure is to clarify income to Federation excluding profits made by the Florida Callers Association, the Florida Round Dance Council and some of the "Host Associations". This reporting is drafted on tax form 990.

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Third, the filing for tax exclusion is being made under provision 125(c)7 which could be clarified and determination almost assured with changes in the Constitution and By-Laws package currently under revision. These changes deal with two areas:

- Area A. Purpose of the Corporation.
- Area B: Exclusion of profits to delegates from activities sponsored by the Corporation. These changes are proposed in the current revision proceedings.

In conclusion, the IRS filing package will be complete after the current revisions of the Constitution and the receipt of additional 990 forms from Atlanta, Georgia.

- b. Education & Service: John Layne yielded to Mary Stewart for this report. Mary stated that she will have a report at the working-weekend. She would like to put together a slide kit for use by all association to benefit the beginning dancer. She must investigate this a little more.
- c. USDA
  - (1) Joy Richardson, Federation delegate to the USDA meeting read the quarterly status report prepared by USDA president. This report is oncluded in its entirety as attachment 4.
  - (2) By Walter Stoltz: Federation delegate to the USDA meeting: Walter stated that in keeping with its aim to help the square dancer, the USDA has come up with an insurance program for dancers. Cost \$1.00 per individual per year with a coverage of \$5,000 for individual dancers and \$1,000,000 for federation, association or club to which covered dancers belong. After some discussion Virgil Green moved that the Federation president appoint a committee to investigate the insurance program of the USDA and consult with insurance people. Also, that the Federation refer the program to the member associations without approval. Motion was seconded and carried. The committee consists of:
    - Walter Stoltz - Chairman
    - Joe Vaccari
    - Murl Herbert
    - Mori Sogolow
- d. Dancer list of Contacts by Frank Smith: Frank stated that lists are being distributed now to Welcome Stations. Delegates are requested to take packages of 100 and distribute to square dance shops and Chambers of Commerce in their area.
- e. Hall of Fame - Mori Sogolow to report after new president assumes office.
- f. Charter Revision by Conrad Bishop: Written comments were passed to Joe Vaccari for compilation. Two proposals for change were adopted:
  - (1) In Constitution, Article 1, second line, add after statutes 'IRS Code Section 501C Social and Recreation Clubs'. Acceptance moved by Walter Stoltz, seconded and passed.
  - (2) In By-Laws, Article IV - Number existing paragraph Section 1. Add Section 2: To avoid a conflict of interest no individual deriving income from square dancing shall serve as a voting delegate of the Federation. Pee Wee Stewart moved acceptance, seconded and passed.
  - (3) Virgil Green moved acceptance of Charter, By-Laws, and Standing Rules with above changes, Seconded and passed. The two sheets necessary for corrections will be retyped and sent to delegates to bring their documents up to date.
- g. Round Dance Representative Report by Marty Martin: The Florida Round Dance Council is making plans for their Second Annual Seminar in December. It will be geared to new or prospective round dance teachers. Marty also reported that he had just attended Round-A-Lab in Salt Lake City. They are putting out a list of easy dances which can be used by a square dance caller when there is no round dance cuer available in his area.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None at this time.
- b. Nominating committee report by Ron Van Valkenburg: The following slate was presented to the Federation for their consideration:
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|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| President       | John & Esther Layne     | Central Association    |
| Vice-President  | Conrad & Belle Bishop   | Northwest Association  |
| Secretary       | Fred & Celeste Crawford | Southeast Association  |
| Treasurer       | Norm & Joyce Farrell    | Northeast Association  |
| Parliamentarian | Hugh & Jean Fultz       | West Coast Association |
- Frank Smith moved acceptance of slate as proposed by nominating Committee. Seconded and passed.
- c. John Layne presented a plaque to outgoing President Ken & Mae Ford. Esther Layne presented a gift to Mae. Hugh & Jean Fultz : took seats on the Board. Ken Ford handed gavel over to John Layne, who presided over the rest of the meeting.
- d. Hall of Fame Report by Mori Sogolow: Mori recognized Marty & Birdie Martin for all of their help and cooperation. He then requested the Federation to donate \$350 for funding to start the Hall of Fame and stated he was asking the Florida Callers' Association and the Round dance Council for like amounts. Frank Smith moved we make this donation and recommended that the other two organizations do the same. Seconded and passed unanimously. Mori said that they will have a list of qualifications for nominations to be ready for publication at the working weekend. He explained that there will be plaques, resumes and pictures on the walls at Strawberry Square. The inductees should represent all phases of dancing. Mary Stewart proposed that an information and donation booth be set up at the state convention. Chet Vetter, Secretary to the Hall of Fame Committee, proposed that there be a board containing 3 by 5 pictures of all three organizations' past presidents. The board, as planned, would have enough space to accommodate all presidents through 1996. The Hall of Fame Committee requested that Howard Wilson allot them presentation time from 1:30 - 2:00 on Sunday at the state convention. The committee also urged that each association choose a caller, dancer, or cuer to honor. John Layne appointed Mori Sogolow to be our representative to the Round Dance Council and Chet Vetter to be our representative to the Callers' Association. All past Presidents were requested to bring or send 3 by 5 pictures, colored if possible, to the next meeting. They may be a picture of the couple or, if this is impossible, a picture of the man alone. The secretary was asked to notify the past presidents of this request. Pat Tucker agreed to donate her file of early Bow & Swing magazines to the Hall of Fame. Chet Vetter proposed that the secretary send Marty and Birdie Martin a note of thanks for allowing us to use Strawberry Square for the Hall of Fame and for their help and cooperation in the project. Howard & Vee Wilson will give out complimentary tickets (ribbons) to delegates when you fill out applications after the meeting.
- e. Next meeting is a working weekend. It will be held on January 22 & 23, 1983 at the Jamaica Inn, Orlando, FL. Registration cards will be included in the minutes. Room prices are: \$27 - King, \$31 - double-double. South Orlando Squares will host a dance Saturday night. In addition there will be an after party in the Bongo Room of the Jamaica Inn.
- f. Hugh Fultz, Parliamentarian, requested all association presidents to work on obtaining material for Showcase. Walter Stoltz remarked that we should have some form of recognition for the chairmen who expend so much time and effort to put on our state conventions. President Layne said he would make some provision for this at working-weekend.
- g. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 P.M.





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Budget Committee Report

Nov. 1982

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
President--\$	\$	+\$
V.Pres.----		+
Sec.-----\$	\$	+
Badges----\$		-\$
(The Amount spent does not include badges for new delegates)		
P.Pres. Plaque \$	\$	-\$
Showcase-- \$		
Flowers--\$		
Refreshments-\$		
\$	\$	\$
<u>Not Budgeted, but spent</u>		
\$Promotional Leaflets from ASD		\$
Dues, United SD	(join)	\$
	(1983)	\$
Binders for delegates		\$
Adv. to Coordinating Comm.		\$
		\$
<u>Receipts expected</u>		
State Conv.		\$
Dues (assoc.)		\$
		\$
<u>Actual Receipts</u>		
State Convention		\$
Dues (assoc)		\$
		\$

Due mostly to a very successful convention. our receipts were much higher than anticipated. Our total expenditures were also higher, but some were one time expenses.

Income over by \$

Expenses over by \$


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TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 21, 1982

Bank Balance as of May 30, 1982

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Receipts

1982 State Convention  
 Dues, West Coast 1982  
 1983 dues, NW, SE, CENTRAL, NE, WC  
 Interest

\$

\$

\$

## Disbursements

Coordinating Comm. add'l advance  
 Fairchild, badges  
 Violet Dell Florist (F. Jernigan)  
 Ken Ford, misc. expenses  
 United S.D. 1983 dues  
 Conrad Bishop, Printing & Postage  
 John Layne, Plaque

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## ASSETS:

Checking Acct.  
 Contingency Fund

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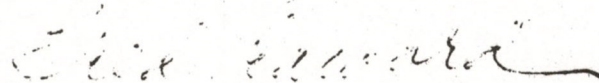
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## LIABILITIES

Total Net Worth

\$

Respectfully Submitted



Fred &amp; Celeste Crawford, Treas.