

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES 2/16/85

The first meeting of the working weekend of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order in the Bongo Room of the Econo Lodge, 3300 Colonial Blvd., Orlando, Florida on February 16, 1985 at 10:02 A.M.; by president Fred Crawford. The new parliamentarian, Ror & Cupidine Knowlton were introduced.

The Invocation was given by Jean Fultz.

Secretary Hugh Fultz took the roll and determined that a quorum of 50 delegates were present.

President Fred Crawford introduced Bob Bland, Representing the Florida Callers Association and Barbara Holt, president of the Florida Vendors. New delegates, here for the first time, Don & Corky Jordan, Dave & Shirley Nihart and Vern & Elaine Olberding were also introduced.

Chet Vetter moved that the reading of the minutes of the November 4th, 1984 meeting be dispensed with and that they be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Leo Richardson (see attachment 1) and was filed for audit.

President Celeste Crawford presented the following correspondence:

1. A letter from a World Travel organization drawing attention to their publications.
2. A letter from Cypress Gardens announcing their 3rd annual Spring Swing March 23.
3. Bob & Ethyl Bland's letter concerning banner stealing.
4. A communication from the Round Dance Council expressing their dissatisfaction with recent past conventions and suggesting changes in the guidelines which would insure them equity of participation in future conventions.
5. Letters were sent to upcoming convention chairmen outlining the Round Dance problem and a copy was also sent to Ted Keiser, chairman of the coordinating committee, where the problem should properly be addressed.

6. A telephone call from Alma Scott concerning orders for the state dress packet which do not include postage. She reminds all that the price of the packet is \$24.50 for sizes up to 16 and \$25.50 for 16 and above. These prices include postage. Material is now available at Zayres and Cloth World.

AREA REPORTS:

1. Southeast report by George Mason (Read by Rosemary Davis).

Now that we have the Holidays behind us, it's back to business. Our Christmas Dance and Dinner was well attended again this year, and enjoyed by all.

Also our annual picnic was held on January 13, (the coldest day so far this winter). However it was a Great success, lots of fun, dancing, and lots of Good Food and very well attended.

Our trip to Key West is on, we have five bus loads of dancers ready to dance. This trip will take place on March 2, 1985 and it makes for a long day, but our fine committee has lots of fun planned for this ride down and back. We have nine of our local callers going along to keep our dancers straight. (Key West will never be the same).

Also we have plans in the works for our annual S.O.S. Possibility a two day event. You will hear more about this in the near future, as it begins to fall into place.

Our entire slate of officers are working hard to help Frank and Nan Habersberger with the up coming State Convention.

2. Northeast presented by Don & Corky Jordan

Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association (NEFSDA) held its annual Fall Round-up on November 16-17. With callers Art Springer and Marshall Flippo and Sam & Dottie McCord on rounds it was enjoyed by all. While not a big profit producer we did do a little better than break even. This position has created considerable concern in our area due to ever increasing costs-especially caller fees and benefits. We had to increase our ticket charges considerably this year and are looking very closely at this years requirements.

Due to scheduling difficulties this years' fall Round-up will be held at the Flag Pavilion at Jacksonville Beach, November 15 & 16. Shirley & Dave Nihart, VP NEFSDA are this years' Round-up Chairman.

We in the NEFSDA are concerned over the decreased leadership/new dancer participation in our Community. We have addressed the former but have no solution as to how to encourage and insure people to accept office. However, in the latter area we are taking some very positive steps.

We have entered into a cooperative effort with the Gateway Callers Association to promote public awareness and new classes this fall. We have each put up a monetary sum to finance the efforts of a committee that will promote this effort Association wide. We would encourage anyone from the Federation that could offer us ideas of what has worked for others to input to our Joint Committee.

We have included the Organ Donor program into our Block Banks Dance Program.

Clay Wheel Arounds of Orange Park has an overseas sister club in West Germany-"Oceanwaves". Initiated by Germany Club President who learned to square dance in NE.

3. Central presented by Leo & Mary Richardson.

Central Florida Association will usher in the Spring season with its second annual Spring Fling March 2, 1985. This event is co-sponsored with the Central Florida Callers Association, and will be held at the newly built Central Florida Square Dance Center in Longwood.

On March 30, we will again have two dances held simultaneously, with one being in Eustis and the second in St. Cloud. The reason for these double dances is an effort to reach more dancers in the Central Florida area. The Association officers will be split between the two dances.

Our Association will sponsor a Weekend Workshop from April 19, at 4:00 P.M. to Sunday April 21, at 4:00 P.M. This will be a camping weekend at River Forest in the Ocala Forest just west of Deland. For those who do not camp, Deland is only 5 miles away. During the weekend we will focus our attention on the rebuilding of our publication. "Keepin' Posted", setting up a list of Standing Rules, etc. Saturday evening will feature a covered dish dinner followed by an evening of dancing. All members of the Association are invited to join us.

Our Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on June 15, 1985. We will be having something new for Central, a Presidents Ball and are sending special invitations to all past Presidents. The date was changed from the 5th Saturday as it was in conflict with the National Convention in Birmingham.

We are urging everyone to make a Florida State outfit to wear at our own State Convention in May and at the National in June. We are continuing to support Southeast in their promotion of the State Convention and look forward to a wonderful weekend.

4. West Coast presented by Joyce and Emory Johnson

Our membership roster continues to grow as we solicit new members and renewals. We feel we are on target for our membership goal in 1985.

We held our 9th annual Fall Fun Fest on November 9 and 10, 1984 at the Lakeland Civic Center and it was a tremendous success. We had over 1000 dancers registered for a record number in attendance. This event is our one fund raising festival each year and we hope you will all plan to attend November 8 and 9, 1985.

We held membership dances at Strawberry Square November 25, 1984, Harmony Hall, Ellenton, Florida on December 9, 1984, Sebring, Florida January 20, 1985 and in Sarasota, Florida February 10, 1985. These dances are free to our West Coast Members and contribute greatly to our enrollment and to our fun and fellowship.

Our Blood Bank continues to be very successful under the capable leadership of Joe and Ruth Estes.

We continue to print 5,000 copies of our Florida West Coast Dancer magazine each month. A full report on this will be given later.

We solicit the support of the Florida Federation and hope to see more of you on the dance floors of Florida and around the United States.

5. Northwest presented by Rowland (Ron) Knowlton

The Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association will be continuing the membership campaign for new individual members and clubs during 1985. Each Northwest area will be encouraged to hold a special membership dance during 1985. Guidelines for conducting these dances will soon be published in the Panhandle Press. A special incentive is a \$100.00 donation to area associations to help defray the cost of these dances.

The Northwest association is planning and practicing for the 1986 Kickoff Ceremony at the 1985 State Convention, under the able direction of Frank McCallister, our State Convention Chairman, and Hoss & Kit Waldort, Chairman of the Kickoff Committee.

We held our winter meeting at the "Ranch House" in Panama City, Florida during the Panama City Square and Round Dance Festival on 25-26 January. Key items were a state convention progress report by Frank McCallister, plans for the 1985 Northwest Fall Round-up in Chipley, a motion to delete article VI Section 3 from our Constitution-concerning pro-rating membership dues, and a unanimous vote that Northwest donate 10% of the estimated cost for the "Special Steppers" our "handy-capable" square dance group from Pensacola for their expenses in getting to the 1985 State Convention.

5. Northwest (cont'd)

The next Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association meeting will be on March 16, 1985, 6:00 P.M. at Blitches Restaurant, Bonifay, Florida. This meeting will be in conjunction with a St. Patrick's Day dance held by the Swinging Pairs & Squares at 8:00 P.M. in the National Guard Armory with Ernie Griffin calling.

PUBLICATION REPORTS:

1. Bow & Swing, No Report.

2. Keeping Posted presented by Mary Richardson. Central Florida is in the process of updating Keeping Posted and will attend this problem at a weekend workshop April 19-21, 1985.

We are exploring the idea of taking ads to help offset the expense of operation.

Look for better things in the future.

3. West Coast Dancer presented by Emory Johnson. The West Coast Dancer continues to print in excess of 5000 copies per month which are distributed free thru our clubs in West Coast Area. We have gone to computer operation for our schedule which makes it easier to do. We do not publish July and August.

4. 4W's presented by Boots Oglesby. We are still here and our first issue of our 20 years will be out soon.

The Square and Round dance directory with maps is finished and will be available at the Southeast callers marathan dance at the end of this month.

5. Panhandle Press presented by Jay Vaccari. The Panhandle Press is printing 350 copies. We will soon need to increase to 6 issues a year.

The Northwest Florida membership directory will soon be printed. This will have individuals, clubs, callers and cuers.

We have obtained reduced bulk mailing rates. We had a very sucessful Christmas Special Issue.

Our new staff member, Elaine Olberding will be Special Reporter for the Pensacola Area.

6. Grapevine presented by Don Jordan. Don reported that the Panhandle Press was doing very well and that they had just put out a new directory.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1. 1985 Florida State Convention reported by Frank Habersberger

At this point in time, our Committee has met all time-tables and deadlines. We have received very excellent cooperation from the five Association Publications and from Bow & Swing for our Publicity coverage. Our Clogging Program is back on track thanks to our new Clogging Coordinator, Sue and Tom Toor, and they have provided us with a fully staffed, complete Clogging Program for our Convention.

As with all general programs, ours will be held in Committee until a week before the deadline for printing, to allow for last minute changes due to sickness or changes of some Callers or Round Dance Cuers to different time slots.

In regards to our Entertainment Program, we will be offering some new innovative directions in some segments for both Saturday and Sunday evenings. We guarantee good entertainment.

Our Convention printer, Bow & Swing, has brought the final batches of our Flyer-Registration forms for the five Association Publications and we ask that each Association pick them up after this Meeting. Our Publicity Chairman Jim & Rosemary Davis are here to receive monies collected by each Association from sale of the Booster Buttons.

Our 1985 Convention Committee asks for your continued good support in asking your Square, Round Dancers and Cloggers to Register for our Convention. We promise you one of the best Conventions ever.

Our last thought for future State Conventions. The Guidelines and more specific information would be kept more current, more useful if they were recorded on computer disk.

2. 1986 Florida State Convention reported by Frank and Betty McCallister.

The planning for the kick-off is in full swing with First Practice scheduled for the TASARDA dance in Tallahassee 1st weekend in March. The proofs of the registration forms are at the printers and will be finalized at TASARDA dance. We are looking forward to your attention of the kickoff. The Ft. Walton Beach council (PASARDA) held a Valentines dance with the proceeds going to the Pensacola Special Steppers to help defray their travel expenses. At the same dance Ron Knowlton presented the Steppers with a donation from Northwest Florida for the same purpose.

3. 1987 - No report

Howard Wilson was recognized by President Crawford as chairman of the 1988 convention.

Bob Bland reported that the Florida Callers Association roster has had an increase from 180 to 210 member.

Barbara Holt, President of Florida Vendors Association, which was formed about a year ago under the direction of Vern & Elaine Olberding, is now a full fledged organization with by-laws, code of ethics etc. It is an organization open to all "Store front members" working hard to do a good job for the State of Florida.

United Square Dancers of America reported by Frank Habersberger.

The Mid-Year Meeting was held Saturday, January 26th at the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Nan and I attended as Badge Chairman and to represent the Florida Federation as Directors of U.S.D.A. Some of the highlights of this meeting are as follows:

The President, Joe & Joy Vaccari gave a report on progress concerning the desire of U.S.D.A. to participate at all National Conventions. The National Executive Committee has not yet given any indication of Official approval, but has given verbal recommendations that U.S.D.A. contact each National Convention General Chairman directly. It was relatively easy to get cooperation from the 1985 National Convention Committee as their Convention Education Chairman and the U.S.D.A. Education Committee Chairman are one and the same, Jim & Peggy Segraves. As a result there will be 12 Panel Discussions conducted by members of U.S.D.A. The following five participants are from Florida: Joy Vaccari, Moderator on Publications & Publicity Panel; Mac Mackenzie, Moderator on Teaching Handicapped; Frank & Nan Habersberger, Moderator on Square Dance Levels Panel; Frank Cherry, Panelist on Teaching Handicapped; and Walter Stoltz, Panelist on Square Dancer's Insurance and Taxes Panel.

Mac & Mary McClure Chairman and George & Ann Holser, Vice Chairman of the National Folk Dance Campaign, gave a status report on that campaign. They reported that identical phrases and sentences in testimonies of those who expressed opposition to our bill, namely, the Folklore Directors of the many Colleges and Universities, indicated that they may have received coaching and specific instructions from the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. There is evidence of intimidation or pressure to develop the opposition with the inference that the Federal Grants these Institutions were receiving might somehow be threatened if we were to win our Campaign. The question of Congressional Ethics is involved and the two California Congressmen, Mineta and Panneta will be presenting this evidence to the House Rules Committee for a full investigation. We will keep you informed as to the outcome of this investigation.

U.S.D.A. (cont'd)

To raise money for various projects such as the Square Dancer's National Museum, the Insurance Program, etc., there are Decals, Member Badges and Museum Dangles for sale. We ask each Association to take 50 Decals which sell for 50 cents each and 25 Member Badges which sell for \$2.00 each. Nan has information on the Official U.S.D.A. Outfit if anyone is interested.

Charles Naddeo gave a report on the planning of the last float made for the Rose Bowl Parade, and discussed some ideas on the theme of the next one. Some pictures were shown of the different stages of construction of the last float. Charles thanked U.S.D.A. for its considerable support.

State Membership in U.S.D.A. has increased from 16 to 20 member states. U.S.D.A. is the largest Square Dance Organization in the World and is the only National Organization that represents only the Dancers. We came away with a comfortable feeling of being a part of this National Organization.

Comments Concerning the Future Programs of U.S.D.A. reported by Joe Vaccari.

South Carolina and Wooster, Massachusetts areas are recent members. He pointed out that the insurance benefits are important to clubs. The annual meeting to be held in Birmingham on Friday June 28 at 1:00 at Belton Inn. Everyone is invited. The Habersbergers and the Farrells are Florida Directors with Walter Stoltz on the Board. U.S.D.A. after party in Birmingham Thursday night in exhibition hall 'B'. Election of officers at the annual meeting. There is a good chance that Florida registration at National will exceed that of host state.

Legacy Report presented by Chet Vetter.

Legacy's biennial meeting will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott on May 9 thru 12th.

The main thrust of the meeting will be on the Legacy Survey results, what actions to take and the Mini-Legacy Program, how can we expand it.

There will be 5 new Board members elected as well as a new Chairman.

Legacy Leadership Panels at Birmingham will be in the North Meeting Room F from 1 to 3 P.M. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The subjects will be:

- Thursday: Legacy - History, objectives and accomplishments.
- Friday: Legacy Dancer Survey - Results and actions that can be taken.

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Saturday: Relationships - Interactions and expectations of dancers, callers and cuers.
Recognitions and Awards - Desirability of recognizing outstanding accomplishments.

Moderators and Panelists will be: Walt & Louise Cole of Ogden, Utah; Stan & Kathy Burdick of Huron, Ohio; Doc & Peg Tirrell of Cresskill, New Jersey; John & Freddie Kaltenthaler of Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania; Mori & Phyllis Sogolow of Plant City, Florida and Chet and Julia Vetter of Plant City, Florida.

The results of the survey should begin to appear in the May issues of Square Dance publications.

The Legacy phone line has been busy and we have gone to the aid of three groups and areas in the last several months.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame dance will be held at Strawberry Square November 24th and it is hoped that all members of the Hall of Fame will be able to attend. We are striving for a reunion atmosphere. Chet Vetter also reported that the Hall of Fame Committee received and sent out 5 resumes for selection, plus 2 from last year who had failed by one or two votes to be accepted.

The 15 member selection committee has selected Jack & Carolyn Lasry, Jay & Mike Fenimore and Gordon & Edna Blaum as inductees into the Hall of Fame for 1985. All are from the Southeast area.

The ceremonies will take place during the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in the theater of the Lakeland Civic Center. The time will be between 1:00 and 1:30 P.M. Sunday, May 26.

Assignments to various working committees were resolved and meeting places assigned. The committees were directed to assemble at 1:30 to contemplate their various duties. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 with directions from the President to meet in a second session at 9:30 A.M. February 17th in the Bongo Room.

The second session of the working weekend was called to order at 9:30 A.M. February 17th by President Fred Crawford. Invocation was given by Cupidine Knowlton.

The roll call determined that a quorum of 49 delegates were present. Introduced as guests and observers were: Mike Burkhardt, Round Dance Council President; Bob & Ethyl Bland of the Florida Callers Association; and Marion Weaver representing the Vendors.

Birthday greetings were extended to Joyce Farrell and Shirley Nihart.

The following committee reports were given:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leo Richardson at 1:30 P.M. February 16, 1985.

Committee members consisted of: Leo Richardson, Hugh Fultz and Grady Rea.

The following budget for the year 1985 is submitted for approval:

Anticipated Expenses

President Expense.	\$
Vice President Expense.	
Secretary Expense.	
Treasurer Expense.	
Parliamentarian Expense.	
Flowers.	
Refreshments.	
Promotional Handouts.	
USDA Dues.	
National After Party.	
P O Box Rent.	
Unforseen Expense.	\$

Secretary expenses include badges, Delegate Handbook upkeep. Parliamentarian expenses include Showcase of Ideas. Promotional Handouts includes, Where to Dance Folders, Sets in Order Promo. Vice President includes Past President Plaque.

Anticipated Revenue

State Convention.	\$
Association Dues.	
National Convention (Showcase) Refund.	
Interest from bank account.	\$

Now that the Federation is in a liquid position, the officers and delegates need to give some thought to expending funds in behalf of Federation goals to further our activities.

There was no discussion of the report and on a motion by Walter Stoltz the report was accepted as read.

STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Those attending were: Frank & Betty McCallister, Walt & Esther Stoltz, Gerald Ault, Frank & Nan Habersberger; Dick Nordine and Mike Burkhardt. Presidents Fred & Celeste Crawford joined us for a while.

The following are the suggested changes in the January 1984 Revision.

(A) Convention Requirements:

- (2) Future State Conventions shall be located within 50 miles radius of I-4.

(B) Convention Procedures:

- (d) Recommendations from previous convention chairmen are to be automatically passed on to each succeeding chairman. This shall include specific information on timetables, deadlines and other important information. Each general chairman will then disseminate this information to his caller and round dance chairmen.
- (3) (a) add to the last sentence:
except those used exclusively for round dancers.
- (b) Programming, cueing and sounding in the round dance halls is to be handled by the round dance council and it shall be compensated in like manner as the callers, within the guidelines established by the convention general chairman.
- (c) The general chairman shall obtain approval of the caller vice chairman and round dance vice chairman of a sample of the printed program before it goes into final printing.
- (d) There shall be two rounds between each tip in the Mainstream and plus halls.
- (5) In place of the listing of grand march - insert:
Equal consideration shall be assured square dance and round dance participation in the entertainment period.
Change original numbering of (5), (6) and (7) to read (6), (7) and (8).

On motion by Chet Vetter the report was accepted and is to be sent to the Coordinating Committee as a recommendation of the Federation.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS

Showcase of ideas committee met in room 170 with Ron Knowlton, Chairman, Shirley Nihart, Delores Ault, Conrad Bishop and Elaine Olberding.

Conrad reported he had submitted a request for tables (5-6) and submitted a check with it. To date no confirmation.

Theme will be as last year's. COME DANCE UNDER THE PALMS. Northwest will furnish the palms. The theme banner will be used again.

A scrapbook was started in 1984. We will continue this and would like a volunteer to take pictures at the National this year.

We ask each association to bring display items to the State Convention in May and be responsible for same to the National Convention or turn into Ron Knowlton, parliamentarian. We ask that if possible, please transport your items to the National to reduce the Federation expense.

Suggested giveaway items: paper or material stick ons (i.e.: oranges, palm trees, state bird or flowers), balloons, paper fans, sand bag souvenirs. (Commercial items cannot be used). Suggested display items: Scrapbooks, flyers, publications, plaques, pictures. Note: REMEMBER YOUR ASSOCIATION BANNER (no club banners).

A registration notebook for Florida dancers, tabulated by associations will be provided to list names and convention address/phone for locater and emergency purpose.

Volunteers for duty roster to set up and work in the booth in one (1) hour shifts, 9AM - 10 PM on Thursday and Friday, 9AM to 4 PM on Saturday. We ask that each association pick up their materials before 5 P.M. Notebook is available to sign up NOW for your 1 hour duty and encourage your dancers attending state and going to National to sign up at the state, and come by at Birmingham and volunteer to help.

We will have 4 aprons for workers as means of I.D. with the name of Florida on them.

The committee discussed use of the small hand fans with advertising for the Federation, including names of each association and phone number to be used as hand outs to promote dancing in Florida. We submit this for consideration to this body.

Each association president is asked to update the Florida "Where to Dance" folder, names and phone numbers today. If unable to complete now, please do so as soon as

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possible and mail to Ron Knowlton before March 1, 1985.

An extended discussion evolved concerning the purchase of stick-on-items &/or fans as give-away items to promote Florida. A motion was made by Boots Oglesby and seconded by Norm Farrell to investigate the cost of fans as a promotional item at the National Convention in 1985. If cost is within reasonable amount the Executive board has the power to spend up to \$1000. to provide the fans.

Chet Vetter offered an amendment to the motion to the effect that we investigate the cost of the fans and if found to be reasonable then the board of delegates can vote on the amount of money to be spent and this then to be set up for the Indianapolis Showcase. Mori Sogolow seconded the amendment which was defeated by the show of hands.

The original motion was then put to a vote and carried.

A motion was made by Ron Knowlton to accept the committee report. Motion carried.

Due to a lack of members the Mini-Legacy/Leadership committee held its meeting together with the Boundaries Assistance Committee. Separate reports follows:

MINI-LEGACY/LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

It is recommended that the various clubs, councils and associations endeavor to sponsor some type of club management leadership seminar to aid in increasing the number and levels of leaders in their area. This should be a continuing effort.

It was also suggested some type of seminar such as new dancer information might be started at State Convention.

Joe Vaccari spoke briefly concerning the committee report and offered a resolution to the effect that this report and its suggestions as to leadership become a Florida Federation of Square Dancers resolution in order to better disseminate the information to the club level. The resolution was seconded by Chet Vetter and adopted.

This report presented by Chet Vetter and Phyllis Sogolow.

VENDOR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Vendor Committee meeting on February 16, 1985 was chaired by Boots Oglesby. Other members of the committee were: Julie Vetter, Mori Sogolow, Virgil Green, Barbara

VENDOR COMMITTEE REPORT (CONT'D)

Holt, Vern Olberding and Rosemary Davis.

The following items were discussed and agreed upon:

- 1) Each vendor at the State Convention in '85 had to send in a copy of their certificate of insurance. The '86 convention Vendor Chairman will require the same.
- 2) Each vendor had to turn in their Florida State tax number when making a reservation. Out-of-State vendors had to make application and get a Florida State tax number before their space reservations and deposits were accepted.
- 3) The Vendor Chairman for the succeeding convention can go to the vendors after the Kickoff and pick up vendor badges. Contracts for the following convention can be distributed at this time.
- 4) If a vendor's business is sold after a reservation has been made, whether a deposit has been given or not, and the business name remains the same that reservation is valid. If the business is sold and the name is changed the reservation is no longer valid.

Rules and Regulations and Contracts, as attached, were scrutinized so that they can be published and each convention Vendor Chairman will have directions and documents to use for his/her convention.

- 1) A contract which can be used each year was studied and approved.
- 2) The following guidelines to be followed by the Vendor Chairman in taking vendor reservations were suggested.
 - a) Limit full service vendors* to one for every 300 dancers based on the prior convention's attendance figures.

*A full service vendor handles Men's and/or Women's dance attire.

- b) Limit specialty vendors as follows:
 - 2 badge-makers
 - 2 record sales companies
 - 1 petticoat vendor
 - 1 jewelry vendor
 - 2 lace and fabric vendors

VENDORS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd)

3. Space reservation priority shall be determined in the following manner.

1st Choice shall be given for space to the vendor who has participated the greatest number of consecutive years. In case of ties the postmarks of the reservations shall be honored. This shall be in the Rules and Regulations which are part of the contract.

The contract, reservation sheet and Rules and Regulations as changed are attached to these minutes.

Upon a motion by Walter Stoltz the report of the Vendor Committee was accepted and will be set up as a Vendor Procedure, separate from the convention guidelines, to come under the auspices of the convention committee and to stand alone. (See attachments 2,3,4 &5)

The report respectfully submitted by Boots Oglesby, Committee Chairman.

BANNER STEALING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Mary Richardson at 1:30 P.M., February 16, 1985.

Members present: Mary Richardson, Liz Workman, Bob and Ethel Bland, Don Jordan, Emory Johnson.

Review of several guidelines for banner stealing from around the state was conducted by the committee. After considerable discussion of the points - pro and con - in each set of guidelines the following recommendations were made.

- 1) Recommendation - That the FFSD provide a uniform set of Banner Stealing guidelines for utilization throughout the State of Florida and that widest possible distribution of these guidelines be made by all associations.
- 2) Rationale - While central population areas within an association may not have a problem, the clubs near the adjoining boundaries will cross association boundaries and should have standard or common guidelines to govern their actions.
- 3) Action - The attached recommended banner stealing guidelines are submitted for approval by the FFSD and implementation by the Associations which make up the FFSD.

The recommendations of the Banner Stealing committee were put in the form of a motion by Mary Richardson and seconded by Chet Vetter. After much discussion the Banner Stealing Guidelines were adopted. (See attachment #6)

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report was presented by Joy Vacari, Chairman. The following Committee members were present: Jim Davis, Vivian Wilson, Marcy Hamel, Dave Hihart, Harry Workman.

The following suggestions from the committee meeting on February 16, 1985.

1. Newspapers, T.V. and Radio announcements. Guidelines concerning deadlines and requirement should be passed on from convention to convention.
2. Paid advertisements with the news media should also be checked into for sometimes they are effective.
3. Take advantage of Community Affairs messages on TV & radio.
4. Flyers--Keep well stocked and delivered to all parts of the state.
5. Business Cards: Could advertise all manners of square dancing.
6. Dance at Malls, Fairs and Cablethons.
7. Traveling promotional square or squares to make at least one visit to special dance in the other 4 areas of the state.
8. Travel to and promote in neighboring states with complimentary ribbon exchanges.

On a motion by Jim Davis the report was accepted as read.

IRS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Layne offered the IRS Committee report in the form of two motions. One concerning a change in the Charter and Job Description of the Treasurer. A second motion changes the postal address of the Federation. See the full report as follows:

Motion 1 - Recommend that Job Description & Duties of the Treasurer be revised as follows: Duty 3. Shall file income tax returns after review either by the IRS Committee at the working weekend, or a tax accountant at the discretion of the Executive Board. Reports are at the IRS within 5 months after November 30th of each year (which is April 30th of the following year). (The outgoing Treasurer would normally assist the newly elected Treasurer with a work copy of the 990 tax form.) The 990 form should be received at the Federation Postal Box, or a blank form can be obtained at the

IRS COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd)

IRS Office. The financial report from the previous convention should be filed with the work copy of the Form 990.

The newly elected Treasurer should publish an annual financial report as of November 30th for each fiscal year. A copy of this report should be filed with the work copy of Form 990.

Motion 2 - Recommend that the Executive Board establish a postal address in an area such as Plant City.

Mr. Layne's motions being duly seconded were passed. Chet Vetter offered his home address for use by the Federation and was accepted.

EDUCATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE

1200 new dancer booklets were made available to each association to use as they see fit.

The following committee members were present: Jean Fultz, Chairman, Bille Bishop, Joyce Tarrell, Cupie Knowlton.

The following are suggestions for possible Education Committee projects:

1. Guidelines for a consolidated class.
2. Mixer Guidelines for dancer clubs.
3. History of the Federation.
4. Ways to interest more unattached men.
5. Guidelines for a building program.
6. Guidelines for youth participation which will also attract their parents as class members.

A motion was proposed by Chet Vetter to empower the education and services committee to formulate guidelines and/or explore each of the six suggestions in their report as part of their ongoing effort and as their guidelines become available they should be approved by the Federation and have them printed and made available for distribution. Mr. Vetter's motion was seconded and carried.

BOUNDARIES ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

This committee met on February 16, 1985 with George Oglesby as chairman. Other committee members were Corky Jordan, Esther Layne, Joyce Johnson and Chet Vetter, and Roland Hamel.

The following information was researched:

On January 12, 1958 the following regions were set up by counties as follows:

BOUNDARIES ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd)

- West Coast - Hillsboro, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota
- Central - Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia
- Southeast - Broward, Dade, Martin, Monroe and Palm Beach
- Northeast - Alachua, Columbia, Flagler, Putnam and all others North and East.

It was understood that jurisdiction could be changed by action of the Board with approval of the regions affected.

The following actions have been taken since that time:

- Oct. 29, 1960 - Hendry to Southeast. Charlotte, Lee and Collier to West Coast.
- Oct. 20, 1962 - Highlands to West Coast.
- Oct. 19, 1963 - A Realignment Committee was established. No action.
- June 20, 1965 - North Central region was set from the Suwannee River west.
- Oct. 19, 1969 - Naples asked to go to the Southeast. They did not appear and no action was taken.
- Sept. 5, 1971 - New Ridge Association asked for a hearing. Committee suggested no action should be taken. The subject was dropped.
- 1974 - 1975 - North Central name changed to Northwest.
- Sept. 2, 1979 - Central said they represented 9 counties only.

It was recommended that all counties be listed according to the Association to which they shall belong as of February 16, 1985.

Attached is a list of the five Associations and the counties they serve.

BOUNDARIES ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd)

STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE COUNTIES THEY REPRESENT

Central

Marion
Sumter
Lake
Volusia
Seminole
Orange
Brevard
Osceola
Indian River

Southeast

Okeechobee
St. Lucie
Martin
Palm Beach
Hendry
Broward
Dade
Monroe

West Coast

Levy
Citrus
Hernando
Pasco
Pinellas
Hillsborough
Polk
Manatee
Hardee
Highlands
Sarasota
DeSoto
Charlotte
Glades
Lee
Collier

Northeast

Suwanee
Gilchrist
Columbia
Baker
Union
Bradford
Alachua
Nassau
Duval
Clay
St. Johns
Putnam
Flager

Northwest

Hamilton
Madison
Lafayette
Dixie
Taylor
Jefferson
Leon
Wakulla
Gadsden
Liberty
Franklin
Gulf
Calhoun
Jackson
Bay
Washington
Holmes
Walton
Okaloosa
Santa Rosa
Escambia

A motion was proposed by George Oglesby to accept the recommendations of the Boundaries Assistance Committee to assign all counties to an Association. After extended discussion Joe Vacari offered an amendment to postpone action in order for the Associations to have time to review their position. This amendment was adopted. Associations are requested to return to the Federation with solutions to their boundary questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Nan Habersberger made sure that all Federation delegates have their convention ribbons.

Walter Stoltz offered a motion to refer the letter from the Round Dance Council to the Coordinating Committee for resolution. Motion carried.

A report on the organ donor program was given by Belle Bishop who has forms and information available for prospective donors.

Don Jordan moved that the educational assistance program, which was tabled at a meeting of the Federation in January 1984, be revived and that the Federation donate up to \$500. to the Northeast Association to match funds already donated by the Gateway Callers Association and the Northeast Association to be used for advertising and printing material to promote square dancing. The motion was seconded by Norm Farrell. Discussion followed and an amendment to the motion was offered by Conrad Bishop that \$500. also be offered to each association. The amendment was seconded and adopted. The original motion was then put to a vote after discussion and clarification that this is not a carte blanche to spend but must be justified and supported by bills. Conrad and Belle Bishop called for a division of the house when the vote was called. Motion carried 20 to 10.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Vaccari yielded to Walter Stoltz who moved that the Federation place the name of Frank Habersberger in nomination for Treasurer of the U.S.D.A. The motion was seconded by Norm Farrell and passed without comment.

Joe Vaccari complimented the Federation on being one of the best of like organizations in the country. He then offered a suggestion that in order to improve effectiveness we hold one meeting a year outside of the middle of the state. Once every five years in the associations in turn. The recommendation was then put in the form of a motion by Mr. Vaccari and seconded. He asked for a standing vote and the motion carried.

Mr. Vetter observed that such a motion was unnecessary since it had been the prerogative of the President to name meeting sites.

Conrad Bishop suggested that Elmer Sheffield and Daryl McMillan MC the Florida afterparty on Friday night in Convention Hall 'B' at Birmingham.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Norm Farrell emphasized that the use of the Florida outfit be urged for the Parade of States at the National convention.

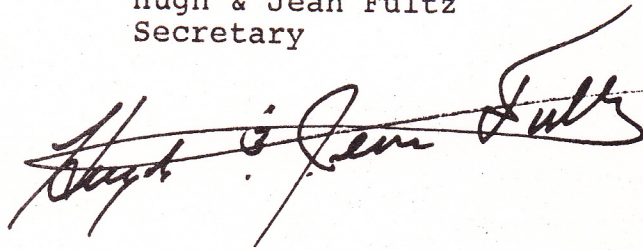
President Fred Crawford announced that the next meeting of the Federation will be Sunday May 26, 1985 in hall 'B' at the State Convention in Lakeland.

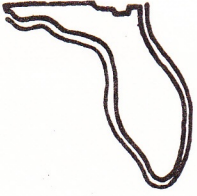
Mori Sogolow moved for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh & Jean Fultz
Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hugh & Jean Fultz", written over a horizontal line.



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

February 15, 1985

TREASURERS REPORT

Bank Balance as of November 4, 1984

\$10,123.44

RECEIPTS:

Northwest dues
Northeast dues
West Coast dues
Central dues

October interest
November interest
December interest
January interest

DISBURSEMENTS:

#530	Celeste Crawford	(Past Pres. Plaque)
#531	Chet Vetter	(Refreshments)
#532	Hazel Smith	(Refreshments)
#533	Norm Farrell	(Secretary Exp.)
#534	Norm Farrell	(Badges & Printing)
#535	Sq. Dance Enterprises	(Handbook for Sq. D)

Balance to date

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS:

Checking Account
Contingency Fund

LIABILITIES:

Total Worth

Submitted:

Leo & Mary Richardson, Treasurers