



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992  
QUALITY INN, LAKE LAND, FL

Meeting Called to Order: President Murl Herbert

Pledge of Allegiance - led by President Murl Herbert

Invocation - given by Howard Hayes.

Roll Call - taken by Cliff Allen with 55 delegates and alternates present. The president declared a quorum was present.

Guests and Visitors - welcomed by President Murl Herbert

**MINUTES:** Motion made and accepted for approval of May 24, 1992 FFSD Meeting Minutes as published with correction - Page 9, Paragraph 3, Line 9, should read "\$30,000" - not "\$20,000". This is total money collected, not total profit, as the cost of the 1992 Ford - or equivalent cash payment was still to be deducted. This correction will then line up correctly with the \$30,000 shown in Paragraph 5, Line 1.

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1992: Paul McClain -

Checking Balance as of May 1992 \$

#### Receipts:

Acct. # 501 State Convention	\$	
511 Assoc. Dues		
521 Interest Checking		
541 Sq. Dance Insurance		
541 Master Card Program		
	\$	\$

#### Disbursements:

Acct. # 701 President	\$	
709 Parliamentarian		
713 U.S.D.A. Dues		
719 Secretary of State		
725 Bank Charges		
	\$	

Checking Balance as of November 1992 \$

### Financial Statement

Checking	\$	
Contingency Fund		
C.D. First Union		
	\$	

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS:

1992 - Lou and Dottie Vogel -

The 39th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention "We'll Dance With you in 92" is now in the past. We had a very successful convention. We hope that everyone who attended had a very good time. There were nearly 2500 paid dancers, along with 148 spectators. We had 239 callers and cuer's and 109 complimentary ticket dancers. There were problem areas and they will be taken care of next year.

Some of the caller's and cuer's who were programmed did not show up and this caused some hard feelings. If challenge dancing is going to be continued, we need to be sure that we have the callers assigned who will show up. We had to adjust our schedule at the last moment as no shows were quite a few.

The seminar put on by the Seagraves was one of the best attended that they had presented.

The motels that raised their rates at the time of arrivals who had reservations finally made adjustments to the ones involved. The motels have to be watched along with the camp-grounds.

We enjoyed working with the people who helped make this convention one of the best. We wish the 1993 Convention people the best of luck. We thank you all for attending and helping to make this convention one of the best ever.

Financial Report

REVENUES:

Registrations	\$:	
Spectators		
Vendors		
Interests on Account		
Souvenirs		
	TOTAL REVENUE	_____ \$

EXPENSES:

Rent - Lakeland Civic Center	\$	
Printing (stationary, registra- tions, programs)		
Convention Committees expenses		
Sound Equipment for Dance Halls		
Publicity and Advertising		
Ribbons		
Telephone (committee expenses)		
Postage (committee expenses)		
Registration refunds		
Vendor refunds		
Kickoff		
ASCAP		
BMI		
Florida State Sales Tax		
Bank Service Charge		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	_____ \$

PROCEEDS BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS: \$

DISTRIBUTIONS:

Hall of Fame \$  
Florida Callers Association  
Round Dance Council of Florida  
Florida Federation of Sq. Dancers  
West Coast S & R Dance Assoc.

Comments - In the financial statements on state conventions, I think the convention guidelines recommend we show the distributions under expense and then you retain that balance (due to tax purposes).

1993 - Mary Richardson -

The 1993 Convention Committee have received raving reviews of Central's "Kick-off" extravaganza. Our theme "Everything is Coming Up Roses" is on everyone's mind. We are planning an outstanding Convention. The caller chairmen are busy setting up the dance program. Committee members are out promoting the 93 Convention. From the beginning, the executive committee set up a calendar and so far we are right on target. After the first of the year, all committees will "Rev" up their planning and preparedness for the convention in May.

1994 - Shirley Neihart -

The 1994 state convention held a meeting October 10, 1992 with 24 members present. Two new couples have been added to the team. Charlie and Val Newsome, decorations and George and Nancy Wolfert, parking. We have almost all of our committee members and hopefully will have the rest within the next three months. Our promotional badges are ready, our stationery has been ordered and we are checking on the price of ribbons. We have written to Fontana, Copecrest and English Mountain in hope of securing free weeks for our drawing. During the next four months, the committee members are going to visit the northeast clubs enlisting the dancer's aid in putting on the kick-off at the 1993 state convention.

1995 - Stan Hockman -

The 1995 Convention is on track and the Southeast Association is taking up the challenge. I have received a check in the amount of \$600.00 from the Coordinating Committee and have since signed a contract with the City of Lakeland, Florida for the use of the Civic Center for the 42nd Annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention for total rent and estimated expense of \$10,754.00. A payment of \$500.00 to engage the center was made on May 11, 1992 copy attached.

1996 - Cliff & Jean Allen -  
No Report.

NATIONAL CONVENTION BID COMMITTEE - Worley Carrier -

On October 23, 1992 we met in Orlando, Florida at the Convention Center. In attendance were: Worley & Nan Carrier; Loren & Florence Long, NEC Advisors; Carl & Jean McCarver, NEC

Advisors; William C. Peepers, Executive Director of the Convention Bureau; Brain Parker, Account Executive Visitors Bureau; Susan Bunn, Convention Sales Mgr. Kissimmee-St. Cloud Visitors Bureau; Karen Fleming, Orange County Convention Center; Tom Ackard, Orange County Administrator; and Frank & Nan Habersberger, recording secretary. Our meeting was very successful as we covered many subjects on the bid preparation and the convention.

The main subject was the cost of the Convention Center. We have a commitment--but not in writing as of yet. The Hotel & Motel Association will underwrite the cost of the Convention Center.

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, as sponsors of the 47th National Square Dance Convention, will be responsible for raising funds to cover any loss by the Convention Committee. An on the other hand will receive any profit made by the convention to be used to promote Square Dancing in the State of Florida. The Florida Federation will not have any say in the Convention after the bid is awarded.

The Bid Committee met on Saturday, October 24, 1992 at Ming Court Restaurant in Orlando, where we all enjoyed a great lunch. Those in attendance were: Worley & Nan Carrier, BC; Frank & Nan Habersberger, BC; Murl & Sally Herbert, BC; Pee Wee & Mary Stewart, BC; Don & Bonneye Bell, BC; Joy & Joy Varccari, BC; Dave & Shirley Nihart, BC; Dewey & Donna Hendricks, FFSD; Loren & Florence Long, NEC; Carl & Jean McCarver, NEC; and Duke & Doris McClesky, Guest.

Our discussion was on the meeting we had had on the previous day with the Orlando Officials. We also discussed the fund-raising dance to be held in February. We want to thank Pee Wee and Mary Stewart for the hard work they have done setting up this Big Fund Raising dance. We hope you will all attend and help collect things for the flea market. With everyone working together we are sure to win this Convention Bid.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules - Cliff Allen -

The suggested changes to the FFSD Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules as attached to the 24 May 1992 FFSD Meeting Minutes were approved for incorporation into an updated revision as of January 1993 with the modifications to the following document Articles, Sections, and paragraphs:

- 1) By-Laws, Article IV, Board of Delegates, Section 3 - Change to read as published in revised By-Laws.
- 2) By-Laws - Article IV, Board of Delegates, Section 6 - Change Section 5 to Section 6 and delete the suggested change due to change 1 above.
- 3) Suggested change shown to Constitution - Article V - Voting should of been suggested change to By-Laws, Article V - Voting.
- 4) Standing Rules, Section 16b, Duties of the Executive Board members, Vice-President, add Item 6 - modified as published in revised Standing Rules.

Public Awareness and Publicity - A. Boltze -

What we have done here in public awareness and publicity is sent out letters to difference associations asking them to give us their publicity chairman. We've had some responses from that. We also sent out a letter to Nationals to see what information we could get from them. We did get quit a bit from them. It doesn't really address the particular problem that we want to pursue. The thing that we would like would be to get in front of the public in as many different areas as we possibly can. I think all the clubs have had some success in the demonstrations, getting out into the malls. I just want to suggest that you emphasis the fact that we know have insurance certificates available so that we can provide this to the malls. This is one of the areas were we can get before the most people. I think the reluctance of the malls has been the liability aspect. If we can give them a certificate of insurance, or present at least a specimen of it each time we go to approach them, we can get off on the right foot. The other thing that we wanted to pursue is the fact that again you have many opportunities were you can get before the public but you can't get enough people for a continuous demonstration. It is our thought that we pursue the idea of a professional TV tape, or a tape that can be used in a machine with a continuous operation. Where we can go in with just a few people into a mall set up a booth with a small backdrop to it with all of the information about the classes that are available in that particular area and have a continuous tape running and just man this with one or two people. I think we can get to a lot more people and we get a lot more acceptance by the mall. This is something I would like to see us pursue at the working weekend. That's our major suggestion at this particular time. Again, before going into the purchase of any machine to do this with, I think it is possible to rent these machines, try out the idea, and make certain that it is going to get additional dancers for us.

Square Dancer Education and Preservation - Howard Hayes -

Since the May 24, 1992, Federation meeting, the booklet for the new dancers has been finalized and will be submitted to the Federation for review - possible revisions and approval. Since I nor my cohort Dick Apple are not editors, we ask that you not be too hard on us for the way the booklet was assembled. Many thanks to all those individuals who reviewed and updated the articles. A special thanks to Dick Apple who did all the typing on his computer.

Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

ASSOCIATIONS	<u>Number of dues paying square dancers</u>					4 Yr.	1993
	1989	1990	1991	1992			
	30	32	33	33			
North East	1200	1250	1275	1300		1256	
Central	459	376	402	416		413	
West Coast	2377	2289	2383	2022		2267	

Request for Quotation - Printing of Booklets - Enclosed is the "Handbook for New Dancers" which was discussed at the working weekend on February 1-2, 1992. I have written to all of the Association presidents requesting they rewrite their article. In addition, I will be requesting various people to review and update some of the other articles in the handbook.

Presently there are four pages printed both sides and the handbook could end up with five to six pages printed on both sides. I would appreciate if you would give me a cost to print 3000 to 5000 of the handbooks with re-order cost of 1000 at a time. The outer page should be in color and redesigned to reflect the Florida Federation and Associations.

I am sure you will have some good ideas as how to assemble the handbook and what should be included.

Quotations Received

5000 Booklets - Grapevine

Paul and Nita Walker

1. Number of pages: 20 (includes cover)
2. Size of handbook: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"
3. Cover paper in color (67 lb. Bristol)
4. Ink color: Black
5. Quoted cost: \$1,555.30 (31.1 cents per handbook)

The above quote will be good until June 30, 1992.

5000 Booklets - West Coast

Jack and Marie Pierson

	6 Sheets	24 Pages	
Cover and Inside	163.00	71.00	1049.00
Collating			103.00
Folding	48.00	4.50	171.00
Typesetting	7.50		180.00
Stitching and Trim			80.00
			<u>1583.00</u>
			31.6 cents per handbook)

Comparative Cost

	Cost/Page
Grapevine	\$ .0155
West Cost	.0132

BOTH A BARGAIN

Motion made and seconded to have booklet printed

Discussion - A good idea for any time we need an estimation of how many people, the insurance reports are probably the most accurate way of getting numbers.

- A comment was made that this is a "Handbook For New Dancers" and it could possibly be entitled a "Handbook For Dancers".

- If we agree, could we possibly hold off on publication until you get comments back from the various people. Another thing is who's going to print it up.

- Motion was to have them printed. Should set a top limit at this point. Would 5000 be adequate.

Motion remade to approve printing of 5000 of these booklets and there was a second

Further comments

- Think we should press on with printing.

- The one suggestion take out the word new and change to a "Handbook for Square Dancers" and then approve 5000 and get started because if there are any other corrections, those correction can be made in the later editions.

- Committee should be allowed to look at the printing!

Motion carried

Coordinating Committee - Lou Vogel -

The coordinating committee met at the state convention in Lakeland on May 23, 1992. The minutes were taken by tape and mailed to the secretary. They have not been returned to the chairman although he has wrote her and called but has not received them at this time. The committee cannot function unless all that are on it attend the meetings. When one is asked to be on the convention staff, they should understand that if their name appears on the rotation to be a officer of the committee they should have their dance schedule aligned so that they can take care of their office. If they are not willing to do this then they should not be chairman of callers or cuers. The coordinating committee can not function without the full slate of officers.

Comments - Since the coordinating committee hasn't functioned very well in the year I think it's time for us to do something about it. They seem to have a lot of power. Why give them the power if we don't have a functioning committee. I think it's time to do something about it. We did it before and now it's time to do it again.

- Under the next administration, we'll pass that on.

- Caller's can be blanked out for the coordinating meeting because you make the callers and the chairman sit in on the meeting when they put callers in slots so their should never be callers that couldn't get to the meeting. It's up to the cuers to do this.

- I think that's a very small problem compared to the overall reconstruct of the coordinating committee to make it functional - the next administration should address that issue.

Florida State Convention Procedures Committee Report - Duke & Doris McCleskey -

As reported last May, the working papers of the Procedures Committee were in the thralls of revision. The section which relates to the Vendors has been completed and reported out by Cliff and Jean Allen. The seniority of Vendors together with a complete procedures relative to their status and operation is an important step in completing an overhaul of this important committee's "Guidelines".

The way is now clear to proceed with compiling and drawing together existing facts and guides related to the "How Do We Conduct a Convention". Those of you who have firsthand experience with 'putting on' a State Convention know of the problems that crop up during the fulfillment of the task.

The FIRST thing that has been experienced is the almost total lack of a firm discipline for control of our "Guidelines" books. I have found that the Callers do not know where their book is, and while I have not asked, perhaps it would be of interest to learn if the Federation has a complete copy of the current "Guidelines". All too often those with books have failed to pass them along to their replacement; hence there is a need for a 'control point' here. The Convention Procedures Committee is charged with the responsibility of supplying the upcoming Convention General Chairman with a copy of "The Guidelines". As a point of evidence, as of this moment Central Florida's '93 Convention Chairmen have not been supplied with a copy, but have 'winged' their way by consulting with very cooperative 'Past Chairmen', to solve the little technicalities that arise from time to time. This is by NO means a disgruntled report, BUT only to point out the importance of corrective actions.

We work onward, and sincerely hope that come May of 1993 the accomplishment of this important work will be reported as 'complete'.

Show Case of Ideals - Don & Bonnye Bell -

The Showcase at the Nationals was great! Each display was wonderful and the Bears outstanding. All Associations did a good job of manning the area and giving out our Oranges, Pins and Orange Slices.

I have two recommendations to make. There are items displayed here today that have stayed in my garage for a year. We need a place to display them. If that's not possible perhaps each Association could take them to show in their area for a designated period of time. Next, I would like to recommend that the President appoint two delegates from each Association, one of which is a President from that Association, to attend the Showcase session at the working weekend. Also that the Past Parliamentarian be present at this session is very important to the National Showcase.

Bonnye and I enjoyed this past year and thank everyone involved with the Showcase for all their hard work and their support.



History of the Federation - Jack and Zonie Taylor -

This report is short but activity is progressing on the History of the Federation, I have a sample of the work from 1951 through 1958 with us. We are working on 1959 now. We have a new computer and a hand scanner so we are able to put some pictures in the history, and the printer does a better job.

The 1992 Convention book is nearly complete and will be ready for the working weekend. We have a good start on the 1993 Convention book. Looking forward to adding more to it.

Still compiling the archives of the area publication and again Thanks to the publishers for supplying us a copy.

Square Dancer Insurance - Randy and Carol Poole -

USDA Square Dance Insurance Report

15 November 1992

1. Checking Account

Balance 20 May 92 \$

Receipts

Central \$

FCC

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

West Coast

Total Receipts

TOTAL \$

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund \$

Admin Expenses

Refunds

Total Disbursements \$

Ending Bal 15 Nov 92 \$

2. Enrollments 192

	Associations	Clubs	Dancers
Central	1	34	2094
FCC	1	9	360
Northeast	1	19	728
Northwest	4	27	1023
Southeast	1	7	684
West Coast	1	17	1205
Totals	9	113	6094

3. Other Information

Additional Named Insurance Certificates Issued. 67

Claims this year. 3

The 93 insurance cost will remain at \$2.05 and the 93 packets have been sent to all associations.

\* Would like to remind people that it takes 30-45 days to get certificates. So if you plan on dancing at a mall and you want insurance, be sure to plan it ahead and get your insurance paperwork in advance. Also, if your dancing at a demonstration at a mall, every dancer has to be part of the insurance program to be covered. You can't just have one club there and have a bunch of other people come out that are not covered by insurance and have the insurance cover them. Make sure all dancers participating in the mall type demonstrations are from a club that is insured.

Question - Is that for the personal medical or the liability?

Answer - That's for the liability.

Question - So there would be no coverage if there were not insured dancers on the premises?

Answer - Right. But the individuals are covered no matter where they dance in the world. As long as its an organized square dance. But this is the liability part. They will not provide liability for someone who is not covered under the policy.

Publication Reports - Joe and Joy Vaccari -

Have no report except to remind everyone that our last report indicated that our previous recommendations would be reviewed at the next working weekend with a new chairman.

Hurricane Report - Carole McKenizie -

This report was prepared by Boots and George Oglesby who could not be here today. Update on Hurricane Andrew - as some of you know and some don't, the Southeast Callers with the help of the Southeast Dancers Association have started a long term relief fund. At this time we would like to thank all the publications on such short notice getting out the information on this relief effort. It is greatly appreciated. As you can well expect this will not be a SHORT TERM situation.

Please send your help as noted in your local publication.

The funds received thus far have been spent to purchase fresh fruit and vegies, dog and cat food, paper products, gasoline, roofing materials, one-meal canned foods and water. During the first three weeks after the storm, none of these items were available in the local area. Now as more of these items become available locally, we have turned our attention to food gift vouchers.

All of us are playing the waiting game with the insurance companies and trying to get our homes back to normal. At this stage we are helping with labor, and that is greatly appreciated.

There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner and dance for all the dancers in the South Dade Area on Sunday November 29. This will be in the afternoon since the people are still afraid to leave their property after dark.

As of now, we are still looking for some of the dancers. But, as the work spreads that there is dancing at Kendall Crossings, each week a few more return.

Almost all of the manufactured home and RV parks were completely destroyed plus many homes and businesses. It will take at least two to three years to rebuild. There are still no street signs or traffic lights and only limited phone service in the most affected areas.

We have always known that square dancers are one big happy family and it shows.

AREA REPORTS: Reported By -

Central Florida Association - Randy and Carol Poole, President - Since we assumed the presidency in July, we have had two successful Fifth Saturday dances. One on Halloween with many costumed dancers in attendance. Whit Brown took us up on an invitation to set up a Bow & Swing subscription table at our dances. It is our hope more people will subscribe to the magazine once they know about it.

In September twenty-one CFA dancers went to the Georgia State Square & Round Dance Convention in Macon to promote the '93 Convention. We did not sell many tickets but did make a good showing and had a fun weekend.

In October, a special dance was held on a Monday morning. Over ten squares of dancers showed up along with the local TV station. Bill Schaefer from WESH-TV did a live broadcast during the noon news and a taped segment for the five o'clock news. He conducted several interviews and taped lots of footage of the dancing. The caller was John Barrett. Claude & Barbara Schrader of Daytona Beach put it all together with the help of a few other dancers. This was quite successful in publicizing square dancing in Central Florida.

We are planning a good dance and a fun after party for the January 30 dance. Ed Foote will call and Pete & Jan Shankle will cue. It will be held at the Voyager Motel in Daytona Beach. Since this is the Federation Working Weekend all Federation Delegates will be admitted at the association members price of \$4.00 a couple.

Northeast Association - Hollis and Mary Fowler, President - The Northeast has been busy having Craft Shows, Special Dances and selling Tags to produce money for the 1997 Convention Bid.

NEFSARDA had its first Class to Graduate and a ceremony was held on October 26th. We had 19 Graduates and held a free dance for the ceremony. We plan to have a new class starting late January.

Our 5th Saturday Dances have been most successful and keep the Board busy retrieving banners. The dance on August 29th was Entitled "Picnic in the Forrest" and everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and checkered table cloths. The dance on October 31st was, you guessed it, Halloween and most everyone was in costume. Even the Board was in its Banner Retrieving Costume, "Black Cats", and performed a dance to the tune of "Alley Cats". The Club Delegates were honored at this dance.

We have a new Insurance Rep, Bud & Anita Taylor, who we know will do a good job.

Our next event is the Fall Festival, which will be held November 20th and 21st at the Ramallah-American Club, 3130 Prenatal Home Rd, Jacksonville, Florida. The Guest Caller will be Danny Robinson and the Cuers Jackie & Gene Tyre. This promises to be an outstanding weekend. Thanks Tom and Sherriann Frantz, Chairman.

This will be our last report as President. The two years passed ever so quickly. We have enjoyed every minute. Our successors are Charlie and Val Newsome and we are so proud of them and their Board.

Northwest Association - Bill Jenner, President - The Northwest Association held elections recently and have some new dancers now in offices. We are hoping they will put a new life-spirit in the N.W. Assoc. and member club with new ideas.

Our October meeting had a very large turn out in attendance. We had a large agenda on tap and asked all clubs to be in attendance. At the meeting our 1996 Convention was named and also the delegate for the State Federation Board. Cliff and Jean Allen are again to be our Convention Chairmen. We also appointed delegates/alternatives for '92-'93.

Early in the day we held special meeting to discuss any new ideas or complaints of the members and club delegations. Things that were discussed were the use of the News Letter for better communications in Pan Handle Press. Also insurance - support for the convention state and 1997 National Convention at Orlando. Way's to improve interest in Square Dancing and classes. We felt that one of the problems is that dancers are not being informed of what is going on. Dancers, meetings. etc. The officers and Chairmen of Committees felt the meeting was good and may be a way of putting new interest in square dancing.

Southeast Association - Garland and Carole McKenzie, President - This year has gotten off to a great start. We are three months into the year and currently have 293 paid members. We have 11 dances and one picnic each year and we are working very hard to locate facilities throughout our area for these dances. We held our annual President's dance on October 11th with 11 of the past 23 president in attendance. On October 31st we held our 3rd annual Big Pumpkin Ball.

Many of our dancers in Dade County were affected by Hurricane Andrew. Several of our dancers from the northern counties made many trips to Dade to bring them food, water, gas, and other necessities. The Saturday after the Hurricane hit, several of our dancers were in South Miami chopping down trees and hauling debris to the curb side. Callers and Dancers from Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties held a benefit dance and all donations were taken to Dade and distributed to the dancers in need. We are currently collecting cash donations at each of our dances so that we may brighten the holidays for the South Dade dancers. We hope other associations across the state will be able to help in this relief effort. All checks should be sent to the Southeast Florida Caller's Association.

West Coast Association - Dick and Betty Stevens, President - The West Coast Association held its Presidents Ball honoring Al and Mary Boltze at Strawberry Square in Plant City on September 20th with 35 squares in attendance.

Prior to the dance, a meeting of the Governing Council was held to elect new officers effective October 1, 1992, as follows: President - Dick & Betty Stevens; Vice President - Howard & Sally Hayes; Secretary - Ken & Sandy Brasfield; and Treasurer - Merle & JoAnn Lewis.

A transition meeting was held in October with the outgoing and incoming officers, West Coast Dancer editors and the insurance chairman to discuss various aspects and ideas for improvements within our Association. A committee was formed, chaired by Howard & Sally Hayes, to raise money for the 1997 National Bid Committee. It was agreed that the monies collected from the sale of leftover 1992 State Convention Cookbooks would be donated to this project. The committee will hold a garage sale on December 5th and a benefit dance is in the planning stages.

The first of 8 membership dances was held in Pasco County at New Port Richey on October 25th with 11 squares in attendance.

Callers and Clubs were contacted requesting information as to when and where their beginner classes would be held. It was planned to consolidate the information and print flyers. After minimal response, the project was delayed until next year when we will try using other methods of promoting square dancing.

A handout has been designed by Ken & Sandy Brasfield and is being distributed. It details the benefits of the West Coast Association, tells where and when the membership dances will be held, and a contact person in each area. It also includes a membership application.

We are pleased with our 1993 West Coast Association renewal bars. The bars have imprinted on them "Everything's Coming Up Roses in '92"!

PUBLICATION REPORTS: Presented by Bow & Swing, 4Ws, Grapevine, Keepin-Posted, Panhandle Press, and West Coast Dancer.

Bow & Swing: No Report.

4Ws: Boots and George Oglesby, Editor.

We are still here and printing 5000 copies. Please take note that the 4W's Post Office Box number has changed. It is now Who What When Where, P.O. Box 432920, South Miami, FL 33243. On a personal note thanks for all the cards, phone calls and prayers you have sent my way.

Grapevine: No Report.

Keepin' Posted: Duke and Doris McCleskey, George and Shirley Knapp, and Randy and Carol Poole, Editors (better known as "The Consortium") - Central Florida Square and Round Dancers Association continues the quarterly publication of it's newsletter, Keepin' Posted, averaging 24 pages per issue. Keepin' Posted is

distributed via bulk mail to it's dancers, as a benefit of their membership. 500 copies are printed of each issue. In addition Keepin' Posted has a wider distribution reaching into Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina to a select listing.

Over the past issues, we have featured articles related to USDA, NEC, The National Convention, the Florida State Convention, The Insurance Program, CFA's "Everything's Coming Up Roses in '93" Executive Committee will be distributing Registration Flyers to each of the Federations publications for inserting in their upcoming issues.

On behalf of the Central Association, we would like to express our pleasure and appreciation for the cooperation and exposure each of Area Associations have given the forthcoming Florida State Convention. Thank You!

Panhandle Press: No Report.

West Coast Dancer: No Report.

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME - Mary Richardson -

The Hall of Fame operation team has been expanded. It now consists of the President Rita Deschambeau and members Sunni and Jerry Thomas and Mary Richardson - adding John and Linda Saunders, Joe and Madlyn Augenblick, and Jack and Zonie Taylor.

Now is the time to put your heads together and select a dancer couple you believe deserve to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. It has been a couple of years when we have had no nominations. The Committee needs to receive resumes by January at the latest. Please get in touch with me if you have someone in mind.

Comment - Chet Vetter - The Hall of Fame is a wall. We have no place to store anything. I have gotten all types of material which we can not display - unfortunately. When you suggest to send it to me - please don't. This a pamphlet on the Hall of Fame and I know a lot of people don't know about the Hall of Fame. This just came back from the Northeast and they took it around to all the dances. I would suggest that the President of one of the other caller associations get this from Northeast and take it and show it around and I'll pick back up at the January meeting and give it to someone else to carry around. It's a rather interesting book.

LEGACY - Frank and Nan Habersberger - 1992 - Legacy Survey, New Dancer Longevity - A Legacy Survey was conducted in which there was a 10% Sampling of the Club Contacts listed in the National Square Dance Directory. These Club Contacts gave the names and addresses of the new dancers who dropped out of Clubs in December, January and April. A form was sent to all the drop-outs named, with questions on why they dropped out. The answers are very informative and can be very helpful to all Clubs. We are giving this copy to the FFSD Secretary and ask that copies of it be made available to any Club or Association requesting it.

We ask that the availability of this Survey be mentioned in the Minutes and that the complete Survey not be shown, as it is too lengthy.

The next Legacy meeting will be held at the Bristol Place Hotel in Toronto, Canada for four days; May 13 - 16, 1993. This is the eleventh biennial meeting, and the first time it will be held outside the United States. We will be attending.

U.S.D.A. - Paul and Marie McClain - We were privileged to attend the meeting of the U.S.D.A. in Cincinnati last June as directors from the state of Florida. U.S.D.A. is a growing, thriving organization and we are very happy that we of the Florida Federation are a part of it.

The officers remained the same as last year with Earle and Joy Hoyt from Illinois still serving as president.

There were many things that we could report on, but two were of special interest to us. These were:

(1) The report given by the Director of Youth Activities for the U.S.D.A. This young woman was very enthusiastic and optimistic about the future of young people in square dancing. We hope that we will be getting some printed materials from this convention which will include ideas about how we can interest and involve more young people in square dancing.

(2) The Prairie Skirt: After some discussion about the prairie skirt at square dances, it was the consensus of the board and the delegates that we should welcome dancers in this type skirt, but that the U.S.D.A. would not officially sanction this as a "true" square dance outfit.

Most of the meeting time was taken-up by the reading of proposed changes to the by-laws. This was a monumental task for that convention.

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE CAMPAIGN - Duke and Doris McCleskey, Chairman

As I pondered writing this report, it became evident that there would be a need for a little preamble to help bring out thoughts together at one focal point. Hence may I call to your attention the fact that this has been a very exasperating year for passage of any legislative matter, in any state, that did not deal directly with: (1) budgets and the general lack of monies, (2) reapportionment (and its accompanying political infighting), and (3) the political alignments brought on by a Presidential Election year. All this combined to fluster the American Folk Dance actions within the states, who are working hard for acceptance and passage.

Enough preamble...I hope you can readily see that our work was very disappointing to USDA and Legacy. There are only a few months in each year, sometimes every other year in some states, that Legislative Bodies are in session. These usually occur during the first quarter or two. The situation was not favorable in any state this year for passage of American Folk Dance legislation; BUT with all but the Fiscal situation behind us,

there is a determined plan to complete the goal of adding to the seventeen states who have already adopted the American Folk Dance into law. I sincerely hope that with determined efforts by our committees in each of the remaining 33 states, there will be an exciting report come next year. To this goal we are dedicated.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Where to Dance Brochures - Free space is no longer available for the placement of the square dance brochures. I acquired the necessary forms and contacted the President on this matter. Murl requested that we procure space at three Welcome Stations. The cost per station was \$80.00. The three stations are Jennings (I-75), Pensacola (I-10), and Yulee (I-95). Payment has been made for these stations and all that remains to do is to send in the brochure.

I mailed each association a brochure requesting they update their area information and return to me. This information will be forwarded to the next Parliamentarian.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee - Monumental task to do this. Parliamentarian would have to come from the West Coast and the West Coast could not help us to much so the nominating committee had to go on its own. The report of the proposed slate is: President - Dewey and Donna Hendricks; Vice President - Cliff and Jean Allen; Secretary - Paul and Marie McClain; Treasurer - Don and Bonnye Bell; and Parliamentarian - Howard and Sally Hayes.

- Motion made to accept the nominating committees recommendations and it was accepted. Move nominations be closed. Nominations closed. Motion made to elect the proposed slate and it was accepted.

Afterparty at the National Square Dance Convention - As you all know our afterparty in Cincinnati was one of the biggest afterpartys held at a National Square Dance Convention. We had over 250 square at the beginning of the afterparty and 60 squares at 1 o'clock on the dance floor. Our caller Bill Chestnut got nervous to start with but did an excellent job. Since 1983 Ann and I have attended National Square Dance conventions. We have always been in the grand march because we felt we wanted to be part of the grand march. In Cincinnati we didn't want to be part of the grand march - we wanted to see the grand march. So, we got up high and the grand march didn't come our way. People who are noticed in the grand march are states who have something in there hands - balloons - something to represent their state. I would like to make a motion that the Florida Federation set aside \$200 to be used by the Florida Federation President any way they see fit to outfit us with something for the Grand March in St. Louis. This motion for the money may not be used. I've been working with Disney World to come up with something.



Motion moved and seconded that the new president have \$200 to spend as they see fit on things for the grand march in St. Louis. Motion carried

Also make a recommendation that the new president in the Florida Federation contact the right party (I will give him the information on the right party to contact) for an afterparty in St. Louis to be handled by the Florida Federation. Recommend we have it on Saturday night after we are awarded our National Square Dance Convention.

Installation of New Officers was made.

MEETING ADJOURNED