



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 1996 RAMADA CENTRAL ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The working weekend for the Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers opened at 9:00 AM February 17, 1996 at the Ramada Central Motel. President Don Bell asked Bonnye Bell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

Roll was taken by the Secretary with 40 officers and delegates present. Visitors were welcomed by the President. They included 1996 Caller Chairman for State Convention Ben and Betty Williams.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as written.

Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack and Zonie Taylor

The Treasurer's report as of February 16, 1996 was read by Jack Taylor. The Treasurer's report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Jack and Zonie Taylor for the period of November 1, 1995 to February 16, 1996.

### BEGINNING BALANCE

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

TOTAL \$

Checking account balance as of February 16, 1996

### RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT

521 - Interest - 11/6/95	\$
521 - -Interest 12/6/95	\$
521 - Interest 01/09/96	\$
521 - Interest - 01/31/96	\$ _____
Total Interest	\$
511 - N.W. Dues	\$
Total Income	\$

Total Checking Account \$

DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT

701 - President	\$	
703 - Vice President	\$	
705 - Secretary	\$	
707 - Treasurer	\$	
727 - Historian	\$	
711 - Promotional Handooks	\$	
719 - Hospice	\$	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 16, 1996		\$ _____

First Union CD	\$	
Interest Income	\$	_____
Balance as of Feb. 16, 1996	\$	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF February 16, 1996

First Union Checking	\$	
Contingency	\$	
First Union C.D.	\$	_____
TOTAL	\$	

Respectfully Submitted:

Jack and Zonie Taylor, Treasurer

Report filed for Audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary read the card from the McClain's. Paul indicated the Marie was progressing nicely but would not be active for several weeks. He expressed regret for not being able to attend the working weekend.

**ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

Northeast: Presented by Dee Dee Stoval:

The North East Association's Fall Festival Dance was quiet a success, both financially and in enjoyment. The theme was "Dancing Around The World." We had a parade with 8 floats and approximately 50 people dressed in the native costumes of 11 different countries. We had the Statue of Liberty, Mexican had dancers, a Japanese rickshaw, Scottish golfers with their kilts and even some French Maidens from Paris.

There were several charity dances in our area. The Silver Foxes "Circus Dance" raised \$1526 for Dreams Come True. This organization helps children to fulfill their dreams. The Dance Was decorated to look like a circus including the use of a parachute making it look as if we were inside a tent. There were hot dogs, cotton candy and many tother items for sale. A gas grille was raffled off to raise funds. The recipient of the funds will be a little girl that has cancer and has been undergoing radiation treatments for some time.

Another dance was held to raise money for the City Rescue Mission. The Seabreeze Singles raised \$1150 for the benefit of the homeless. One of the big money makers was the raffle of a hat with 100, \$1 bills attached to it. Other prizes were two tickets to a denner theater, a gift certificate to square dance clothing store and many smaller prizes including an oak toilet seat.

We had two square dance classes start in January. One class has 15 students and the other one 10. When these classes and all other beginner classes graduate we will present each graduate with a pass to one of our 5th Saturday Dances. This is to be used during the year of their graduation. This will introduce them to our mone raising dance and should increas the attendance at future dances.

This is an important year for the North East, we have to select a chairman for the state convention for the year 2000 and someone will be selected this year to serve on the Federation Board. We have selected the State Convention Chairman and I would like to announce them now. This couple is very dedicated in promoting square dancing. They started dancing in 1965 while in Guam and danced in the Panama Canal Zone and Greenville, S.C. before moving to the Jacksonville Fl. in 1985. They have served at the club level, the North East Association, including president. They have worked their way through the chairs of the State Federation and are now on the National Committee. I would like to present the State Convention Chairman for the year 2000, Don and Bonnye Bell.

Respectfully submitted by

Dee Dee and Bessie Stoval  
President NEFSARDA

West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association, Presented by Jo Ann Lewis

The Mainstream dances that we helped the SUN COAST CALLERS ASSOC. promote are doing very well and the Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties alone have about 39 squares in classes from Sept. until now at our last count. At our annual FALL FUN FEST in Lakeland last Nov. we added a Mainstream Hall and it was filled all the time. We have also added Mainstream alternating tips at our monthly county membership drive dances to get the new dancers to join the Assoc.

We have had 5 membership dances in 5 counties so far this year and have at least 4 more planned. We have also done 4 West Coast Assoc. banner raids and plan about 2 every month to promote the banner raid competition to help clubs support each other and to get them to come to our FALL FUN FEST. This also enables us to get closer to our club members and make ourselves recognizable to their needs.

We had a benefit dance on Jan. 28th in Hillsborough County for a West Coast member that had been in a very bad auto accident on the way home from ANGELING a class. The accident left him permanently wheelchair bound and with very high hospital bills. Even though it was SUPER BOWL Sunday and the day after the SUNSHINE FESTIVAL we raised \$500.00 at the dance for the family. We put him and his wheelchair in a square with his wife as his partner and another dancer pushing him and even though he can't talk this brought a big smile to his face. Another club in Pinellas county adopted the family for the holidays and had their Thanksgiving and Christmas very pleasant.

Our Blood Bank is doing well with a lot of donors, we have 165 credits in Polk County and unlimited supply as long as it lasts in Hillsborough County. We have not had any members that needed blood at this quarter.

We are sad to report that we had 2 of our oldest clubs fold this year. The SHOOTING STARS in Pinellas County and the Villa CURLLIQUES in Hillsborough County. They folded from lack of classes to feed into them. No one wanted to help the caller with classes which is very important to keep clubs going as the average is a 2 square loss per year due to illness, moving or death. Clubs need new blood to keep operating and the callers have to have the club members support.

But the S.O.S. (SAVE OUR SQUARES) have helped 2 new clubs get started this quarter. One in Auburndale and one in Sarasota. Also quite a few clubs have called for ideas for fun nights, mystery trips and fun thing to do for class Graduations. We advertise our S.O.S. in every edition so our clubs know we are for them. Of course if we aren't asked we don't intrude.

We have done Demos in a school and at Cypress Gardens where The Buttons and Bows from Mulberry braved the cold and went on to entertain the audience. On Feb. 15th, we danced at the FLORIDA STATE FAIR in the SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING from 11:00A.M. - 6:00P.M. with 160 dancers for 22 clubs that participated in the dancing and Style Show.

We are planning a benefit dance on March 31st 1:30- 4:30 at THE SHRINE EGYPT TEMPLE HALL in Tampa with all the profits going to the NSDC for our contribution. Our Polk County VPs - Don & Ann Slocum are putting this on. One of our members, Frank Snow, made a beautiful mailbox that he donated to be raffled off at the benefit dance for the NSDC also.

Our dancers are getting very excited about the National Convention so I'm sure there will be a big turn out from the West Coast dancers. And a lot of our dancers and our Governing Council are working very hard to put on a good convention for the state in '98.

Thank you- Jo Ann

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION: Jim McConnaha

Report to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers  
February 17, 1996

Central Florida has been working in support of the 46th National Square Dance Convention and many are also involved in the Pre-Convention. Since CFA holds their dances on 5th Saturdays we seem to be running into problems this year. We canceled June's dance since all the officers and most of the committee people will be at the San Antonio National Convention.

March 30th is our next dance in New Smyrna Beach. There will be a general meeting before the dance where we will have the election of officers. We will install the officers at the dance but they will not take over until July 1st. Then we find that August 30 is Labor Day weekend and November 30 is Thanksgiving weekend. There is a plan for every man and we will work out a plan around these dates.

CFA finds that most of their Clubs are doing well. We have lost a couple of clubs but also have a couple that have just started - and our hope is that they do well. The Kissimmee Squares, Wagon Wheels, Wagon Wheel Rounders and Motivators are finally back in their renovated Halls. We regret that we are losing Don Furnish, Caller. He and his family are returning to Colorado which leaves his Clubs scurrying for someone to take his place. We are sorry to lose Don and Carol but we wish them luck.

Our Membership Chairman, Randy & Carol Poole, have been visiting clubs with every visit considered a success. As of the end of the year, we had increased our membership 100 over what we had last year. We ask the Area Director and many CFA officers and members as we can get to attend these dances in order to make a good showing.

The new dancer classes are still well attended and we are seeing more and more class level dances being held. There are some Clubs that have started new dancer classes in January taking them through Mainstream. It seems to be working well thus far.

Tonight CFA is sponsoring the 46NSDC Benefit Dance here at the Ramada Inn with Central Florida Callers and Cuers. The charge is \$3.00 and everyone pays. We invite you to join us for this fun dance and sneak preview of the Invitational that will be taken to San Antonio National Convention.

Jim & Jan McConnaha  
President

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION: Anneita Gilbourn

The Northwest Fla Sq and Rd Dance Association held its first meeting for '96 last weekend in Panama City in conjunction with the N.W. Callers and Cuers Sweetheart Swing, with approximately 15 squares attending.

We are very proud of our Publication and its new look. Our new Editor and her staff are doing an excellent job. Tina Allen is our new editor.

At this time I am very glad to introduce our two new delegates to the Federation.

Tony and Patti Gee	Tallahassee
Glen and Ann Price	Wakulla Springs

Both couples came to us from the Atlanta, Ga. area. Their loss and our gain. Welcome aboard our band wagon. Some of our clubs are holding classes at the present for Square and Round Dancers but our Largest boost has come from the line dance classes, with approximately 100 individuals in them.

We are working quite diligently to put on the best Hat Full Of Tricks on May 24 - 26, '96 in Lakeland. If you aren't registered please see me and get your ribbon today before the prices go up.

We are hosting several special dances

April 20 Ft Walton Beach a Charity Ball

May 18 Ft Walton Beach A N W Assoc. Fund Raiser, dance and meeting

Aug. 17 Tallahassee A N W Association Fund raiser, dance and meeting

Oct. 25 - 26 Defuniak Sp. The Annual N W Round-Up dance and meeting.

If you are in our area come dance with us. We'll make sure you welcome and show you a great time.

There are a lot of other special dances coming up so if you are going to the Nationals in San Antonio make our area a stop off and dance place while enroute.

Sincerely,

Anneita Gilbourn  
President N W Association

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOC. Ada Trott

Report for Florida Federation of Square Dancers

FEBRUARY 17, 1996

The Southeast Association started 96 with a wonderful Annual covered dish Picnic on January 14th, at Kendall Indian Hammock Park, in Miami. The weather was perfect, (low 70's clear and sunny). About 120 people came and enjoyed a large variety of home made foods. Southeast supplied the hot dogs. Al Guthrie was our host Caller, and Henri Arsenault did the cueing. We were entertained by 2 sets of the Handicapable Group who call themselves "Al-A-Mano Leftovers". They were dressed in their pink & black square dance outfits. Al & Betty Guthrie teach this group along with angel dancers helping. There is a lot of patience and kindness given, and it shows, for they danced beautifully for us.

Our Clinic dance on February 11th was in Hollywood, with Harry Taylor doing the calling, and Phyllis Kent the cueing. It was a Happy Valentines atmosphere, for we had decorated cakes and many dancers were dressed in red.

Round Dancing is very popular in our area. One of our curer's, Jerry & Joyce Viola has 4 classes they teach. One of them that just started the 1st week in January has 30 couples in this beginners class. On Sunday, February 25th, Jerry Viola along with Max Mandell are having their 3rd Annual Winter Roundup of Phase 2-4 Rounds. Advance tickets have all been sold for some time.

On March 10th we go to our Clinic Dance in Okeechobee. The Okee-Swingers are hosting. Mike Doughty will be calling, and Ruth Moore will be cueing. We are hoping to interest another area of dancers to the Southeast Association.

We attend a number of dances in our area, and place flyers and registration forms of the coming State and National Conventions with these clubs. Hopefully the dancers will be interested and pick up these forms, and be motivated to come to the conventions.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank & Ada Trott, President

## PUBLICATION REPORTS

### Grapevine: Charlie Newsome

The GRAPEVINE continues keeping its readers informed about the activities of the State Convention and the National Conventions coming up, as well as items concerning dancing around the Country. The February/March issue was our biggest to date with 64 printed pages and two full inserts (the Florida State Convention flyer and the 45th NSDC flyer). We have not had to increase our subscription or advertising rates since 1990 and are still able to operate without going in the red (it has been close a couple of times though).

We try to give our readers a listing of as many special dances coming up that may be of interest to them regardless of the locations. If you have a big special dance coming up, let us know so we can add it to the Calendar.

We have expanded our Calendar of Events to include club's special dances so that other clubs can use the listings to help plan **their** future dances. With a little effort and cooperation, clubs can plan their specials without competing with each other for dancers.

We continue to send out a number of complimentary copies each issue. The last issue called for 44..

We stay pretty busy covering special activities and dances looking for that 'special article' needed to keep the publication interesting. With a little encouragement we'll cover anything that will interest our readers - just call us. **We can't report it if we don't know about it!**

Happy Dancing!!

Respectfully submitted.

Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

West Coast Dancer: Howard Hayes

#### EDITOR'S REPORT

Presented to: THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

Presented by: KEN and SUE BROWN, Editors of THE WEST COAST DANCER

The format of the West Coast Dancer has had only a few minor changes during the past year, but we are always open to suggestion.

We have experimented with the Column which we entitled The New Dancers Corner. Unfortunately we have had little response for the "New Dancers". We shall discontinue this column until the period following the area graduations with the hopes of attracting more recent members of the New Dancer category. However, it has been suggested that a separate schedule be printed for our mainstream dancers. Area callers are doing a great job with this level and we feel they need our support. This schedule will replace the former column as far as space.

Circulation has increased somewhat. We have been asked to print 4500 plus copies for the last two issues.

With the increase in materials, we are grateful for our advertisers. Their continued support has been a great help.

Respectfully Submitted: Ken and Sue Brown.

Keepin' Posted: George Knapp

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS  
ASSOCIATION

February 17, 1996

The March issue of *Keepin' Posted* has just gone to the printer and should be distributed the last week of February. Five hundred copies were printed. Bill Boyd, of Gramac Printers continues to print our magazine.

We picked up a new advertiser this issue, however, we do not depend on advertising revenue for support. The Central Association picks up all cost overruns.

We do appreciate receiving copies of the other association's magazines. Exchanging ideas is always beneficial.

Five copies of our magazine are sent to San Antonio and Orlando NEC advisors. Future issues will continue to be sent to them until their convention is over.

Keepin' Posted is alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,

George and Shirley Knapp  
Editors, Keepin' Posted

Panhandle Press Report: Tina Allen

17 Feb 96

The Panhandle Press doesn't have much new to report.

We changed our format to a 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 booklet style. We have received numerous comments on how everyone liked this new format.

We are continuing to urge everyone to submit articles, pictures, etc to help make the Panhandle Press a more informative and entertaining publication.

We are currently still publishing approximately 500 copies per quarter.

Tina Allen  
Editor

4 W'S: Ada Trott

REPORT FOR FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

**4 W'S: Report**

**February 17, 1996**

We are still here. Sorry to miss the working weekend. This is our delivery time for the 4 W'S. The extra mile award is still active, just a little slow in getting them out. No excuse, the teams is down to one.

Delivery (Boy) Person

George Oglesby

BOW & SWING MAGAZINE: Bill Boyd

Dear Sirs:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters, callers, cuers and dancers who subscribe to and advertise in Bow & Swing.

Our *Where to Dance* Section is growing, allowing for dancers to find a dance most anywhere in Florida or southern Georgia.

*Bow & Swing* makes it a matter of record that all of the Handicapable Clubs will receive the *Where to Dance* listing in the magazine free. This compliments our policy of free advertising for all benefit dances.

We mail a complementary issue of *Bow & Swing* to all clubs in Florida or to the contact person that we have on file.

A quick reminder that we would like your newsletter by the first of the month for the following month. If you want your pictures returned please note it either on the back of the photograph or in a note with the picture. We always try to publish all photograph and use your caption if supplied. If space permits. We also try to place the photograph in the area of your newsletter.

United States Post Office distributes with Zip + 4 and Bar Code

Again thank you for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Boyd, Bow & Swing



## STATE CONVENTION REPORTS

1996 Northwest: Cliff & Jean Allen

Everything is taking shape for a good State Convention in May 96. Present registrations is about 650 and starting to come in again after the usual slow winters. The building construction at the Lakeland Convention is still a problem but looking pretty good for the Convention. The new "Exhibit Hall" is due to open on 1 April 96 and the new "Hunter Hall" due for completion shortly thereafter.

Caller programing is well under way as soon as we can find out what dancing rooms we have available.

Those wanting a room at the Convention for meetings should get in touch with the Chairman and let us know of your requirements. Presently have requests for the:

Bells	- FFSD
Carriers	- National
Hayes	- Programs (Nationals)
Niharts	- Registration (Nationals)

See you in Lakeland on 24, 25, & 26 May 1996

Cliff & Jean Allen  
Chairman

1998 West Coast Merle & Jo Ann Lewis

WEST COAST 1998 STATE CONVENTION REPORT  
SUBMITTED BY JO ANN LEWIS  
MERLE & JO ANN LEWIS GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Feb. 16, 1996

We have our ribbons ordered, our buttons ordered for the BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL. Our gifts to give out for prizes.

Our KICK OFF DRESS ALL READY AND ARE IN REHEARSALS FOR OUR KICK OFF for May 26th.

We have all of our positions filled and all of our chairmen will be observing and learning from our predecessors.

We would like to ask permission of the NATIONAL BOARD to sell our 1998 ribbons at the 1997 National Convention since we aren't having a State convention in 1997 to sell them and a lot of people won't buy them 2 years in advance.

We would like permission for the GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE 1996 TO SET UP A REGISTRATION TABLE IN THE LOBBY AS SOON AS OUR kick off dress is revealed at the style show to sell our dress packets and early bird registration, Sunday after 3:30. instead of the mad rush after the KICK OFF.

RESPECTFULLY,  
JO ANN LEWIS

1999 Central     Jim & Jan McConnaha

**45TH FLORIDA STATE  
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
May 28-29-30, 1999**

**PROGRESS REPORT  
February 17, 1996**

We asked for and have received the balance of the \$3500 allotted from the Coordination Council which added to the CFA \$1500 comes to a total of \$5000. We have very few expenses now (literally none) but it will be available when we need it.

Our Executive Board met at the NSDC meeting January 6th to finalize the theme and "outfits" for the 1999 State Convention. We will be announcing our theme and showing the Bells and Beaux outfits at our March 30th CFA 5th Saturday Dance.

Our Design and Artwork Chairman Tom & LaVonne Saville, have offered some ideas for the badge.

We find that the enthusiasm and interest still remains high. We still have several appointments to make and we have had several people come up and ask what they could do to help. We have talked to many about jobs available but have not designated any more at this time.

We feel very fortunate that with all of the Central Florida dancers so involved with the 46NSDC, that they still take time to listen to us and offer their help. We want to try and spread the jobs around to dancers in the various parts of Central Florida and not concentrate all in one area.

Jim & Jan McConnaha  
General Chairman

2000 Northeast: Don and Bonnye Bell

Don Bell's short report included the announcement of the Assistant Chairman for the year 2000 as Dave and Shirley Nihart.

2001 Southeast Fred and Carolyn Chatos

Fred Chatos announced that he had no report but was looking forward to the afternoon meeting to get a good understanding of what takes place in the Florida State Conventions.

1997 National Convention Report: Worley Carrier

Worley commented that his report was finished and turned the microphone over to Duke McCleskey. Duke said that everything seemed to be lined up for the Pre-Convention. Duke says that the Hyatt has 199 rooms rented. (Tom Hancock announced the new Convention Center was spectacular). Duke says that the cap for meals was 500. At the present time only 5 spots remained for the Friday meal. Duke guaranteed that it would be warm March 5-10.

Worley introduced Bruce Morgan, chairman of the Program Book who announced that they would be selling personal advertising in the Program Book. He stated that he had flyers to explain prices and asked that people pick them up and distribute them to the area clubs.

Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame: Mary Butlak

Mary Butlak stated that there is time to submit resumes for the Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame. She stated that if the resume is submitted by the next week. She informed the meeting that she had communicated with Sunni Thomas and she said she was waiting for another resume to come in. Mary assured the group the Strawberry Squares building would still be available to house the Florida Hall of Fame. She recommended that anyone that had not seen the Hall of Fame to make an effort to see it. She stated that to be eligible for the Florida Hall of Fame the nominee must have been active for ten years in Square Dancing and made a significant contribution to the entire state of Florida. Not just to a local area.

Legacy Report: Cliff Allen

No Report

U.S.D.A. Report: Joe Vaccari

Joe Vaccari gave an informal report in place of Marie McClain. He stated that the Insurance program was doing fairly well with about 100,000 people insured with U.S.D.A.. Just down a little from last year. Mary McClure who was historian and one of the originators of the dance passed away a few months ago. The next U.S.D.A. meeting will be in San Antonio on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. We are authorized two couples to represent Florida. Joe also stated that the Vice-President position for Central Region has had no nominees so far. He stated that only one slot could be from Florida on the Executive Board. At this point Frank Habersberg made a motion that the names of Duke and Doris McCleskey for the nomination, motion seconded. Joy Vaccari nominated Jack and Zonie Taylor, seconded. Discussion was as to whether the people agreed to assume position. There was further discussion as to when to vote for one of the two couples. There was some discussion on whether both couples names were to be forwarded. Joe Vaccari indicated that only one couples names should be forwarded. Ballots were passed out for people to vote.

UADA SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE REPORT  
February 17, 1996

1. Checking Account, Balance November 5, 1995	\$
Receipts	
Central	\$
FCC	
Northeast	
Northwest	
Southeast	
West Coast	
Total Receipts	\$
TOTAL---	\$

Disbursements  
 USDA Insurance Fund     \$  
 Admin Expenses  
 Total Disbursements             \$  
 Ending Balance - - February 17, 1996

2. Enrollments -- 1996	Clubs	Dancers
Central	31	2022
FCC (includes 1 Council)	6	314
Northeast	15	552
Northwest (+1 Assoc)	27	675
Southeast (+1 Assoc)	3	330
West Coast	<u>14</u>	<u>852</u>
Totals--	96	4745
3. Other Information		
Additional Named Insured Certificates issued		22
Downward Trend:	Clubs	Dancers
1996	96	4745
1995	98	5480
1994	100	5633

Howard & Vivian Wilson, FFSD Insurance Chairman

American Folk Dance Campaign Report: Duke Mcleskey

Duke made a few opening remarks on the nomination of the couple names to be sent forward. He stated that the Central Region was large and that possibly several couples would be considered for the Vice-President opening. He stated that Doris and he had been involved with USDA for about eight years. He commented that the USDA represented over 300,000 dancers.

Report on Folk Dance of America he stated that work on this has been ongoing for ten or twelve years. Duke reported that now over 60% of the country has adopted Square Dance as the Folk Dance. We are rapidly approaching the point where we can go before Congress with a mandate. It should be automatic. We have 27 States at the present time. Just picked up Connecticut last fall and are working in Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Nevada and North Carolina. All these states have extremely active committees and the estimate is 60% of these states. During this legislative year. A drawback on this action is the meeting of the Legistative bodies. Some states only meet every other year. Indiana will be next year before it will be introduced. Duke said that he hoped to have more than 75% of their goal by the State Convention in Lakeland in May.

Bonnye Bell questioned Duke about when the nominees names should be forwarded to USDA. Duke state that the letter should be forwarded to USDA by April at the latest. He stated that the Taylors and McClains were the USDA representatives from Florida.

ASCAP - BMI: George Wolfert

**MUSIC LICENSING REPORT**  
**February, 1996**

Licensing Agreements presently held with both ASCAP and BMI are as follows:

The fee due to ASCAP for the year 1996 will be \$.055 (five and one-half cents) per paid attendee, with a minimum fee of \$175. For the purpose of computing fees due to ASCAP the term "Attendees" shall include all persons registered and paying an admission fee to attend the Florida State Convention, plus one-half of the number of vendor personnel.

The fee due to BMI for the year 1996 will also be \$.055 (five and one-half cents) per paid attendee, with a minimum fee of \$175.

These fees reflect an increase of one-tenth of one cent over the 1995 fees. In 1995 the fee paid to ASCAP was \$103.52 based on a paid attendance of 1901 plus 16 vendor personal for a total of 1917. The fee paid in 1995 to BMI was the required minimum fee of \$175 based on the same paid attendance.

Respectfully submitted

George Wolfert  
Music Licensing Representative

The President Don Bell announced at this time that the body had voted Jack and Zonie Taylor's names to be forwarded to U.S.D.A. for consideration.

Old Business----None

New Business----None

**Committee Assignments for Saturday Afternoon**

**Finance**

Tom Hancock, Chair  
Jack Taylor, Asst. Chair  
Aaron Fry  
Donna Hendricks  
John Layne  
Ed Williams  
Helen Williams

**Public Awareness and Publicity**

Anneita Gilbourne, Chair  
Jerry Rhodes, Asst. Chair  
Tony Gee  
Betty Williams

**State Convention Procedures**

Stan Hockman, Chair  
Murl Herbert, Asst Chair  
Dave & Shirley Nihart  
Dee Dee Stovall  
Jim & Jan McConnaha  
Cliff & Jean Allen  
Fred & Carolyn Chatos  
Bruce Morgan

Randy Poole  
Worley Carrier  
Sandy Brasfield  
Merle & Jo Ann Lewis  
Howard Hayes  
Duke & Doris McCleskey  
Jack Hoffman  
Ben Williams

**U.S.D.A. Square Dancers Insurance**

Howard & Vivian Wilson, Chair  
 Carol Poole, Asst. Chair  
 Helen Williams  
 Zuhrrn & Shirley Walker (WC)

Joe Vaccari (NW)  
 Jack McKinney (NE)  
 Frank Trott  
 Walt & Sally Baechle

**Education and Services/Square Dance Preservation**

Frank & Nan Habersberger, Chair  
 Walt & Betty Smith  
 Jean Hancock  
 Glen & Ann Price  
 Ray & Barbara Stiver  
 Art Butlak

**Showcase of Ideas**

Jeri Hockman, Chair  
 Dewey Hendricks, Asst Chair  
 Erma Fry  
 Bessie Stovall  
 Mary Stewart  
 Dick Stevens

Kathy McKinney (NE)  
 Bob Schrimmer (C)  
 Murial Chabot  
 Nan Carrier (SE)  
 Patti Gee

**History of Federation**

Zonie Taylor, Chair  
 Nancy Wolfert  
 Lou Chabot

Pee Wee Stewart  
 Tom & Ethel Smith

**Publications**

Charlie & Val Newsome, Chair (NE)  
 George & Shirley Knapp, Asst. Chair (C)  
 George Wolfert (46th)  
 Betty Stevens

Bill Boyd (B&S)  
 Tina Allen (NW)  
 Ray Huddleston (SE)

**Square Dance Outfit Committee**

Mary Butlak, Chair  
 Sally Herbert  
 Sally Hayes  
 Rosemary Schrimmer

Helen Rhodes  
 Ada Trott  
 Barbara Hoffman  
 Elsa Huddleston

After the assignment of the committees Pee Wee Stewart brought up to the President the possibility of having an absentee ballot. After discussion the President asked that Pee Wee Stewart submit the proposal in new business on February 18, 1996.

Howard Hayes brought up the idea of having a Federation meeting on May 17, 1997 in lieu of the Memorial day meeting. He proposed that the meeting take place at Plant City, Strawberry Squares hall. We could also attend a dance on that Saturday night. He asked the body to consider this and a decision could be forthcoming.

Don Bell announced that the Fall meeting would be held in Jacksonville, the same weekend as the Fall Festival. He proposed that a trip to St. Augustine could be set up if there was enough interest. He said he would bring the subject up again during the May meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned until 9:00 A.M. February 18, 1996.