



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS ANNUAL MEETING, JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA Travelodge Motel, November 17, 1996

Note: Before the meeting officially opened the following occurred. President Don Bell announced that we have a new Sound system. This was an item of discussion from the last meeting. This announcement was greeted by a round of applause. He announced that we also have an old Sound System and inquired if anyone in the audience was interested. Vice President Howard Hayes said he would like to have the old sound system. No one seemed interested so the system was donated to the West Coast by Don Bell.

The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers annual meeting was opened at 9:00 AM by President Don Bell. The invocation was given by Madam President Bonnye Bell. President Don Bell lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was taken and a quorum was announced. There seemed to be some confusion as to when the new delegates were to take office and this would be looked into and announced at the working weekend.

NOTE: See --- Florida Federation of Square Dancers By Laws: Article V Para 7

Visitors were introduced and welcomed by the President.

President Don Bell called Past President Frank Habersberger to the front and he read the following message: John Layne phoned. He has the results of a biopsy. He has a Hemotoma on his liver. Or cancer of the liver. Arrangements are being made for him to go to Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, where he will undergo tests to see if he will be a candidate for a transplant. He will be going back and forth to Dallas for the next 2 Months. Our prayers are with him. We will keep you informed. His first visit will be next week.

Frank and Nan

MINUTES: Motion made by PeeWee Stewart and seconded by Jim McConnaha that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Motion voted on and Passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Tom Hancock

FLORIDA FEDERATION TREASURE'S REPORT
(For period 27 May Through Nov 16, 96)

BEGINNING BALANCE- ALL ACCOUNTS

First Union checking	\$
Contingency	\$
First Union CD	\$
TOTAL	\$

CHECKING ACCOUNT ANALYSIS

BEGINNING BALANCE (as of May 26, 96) \$

RECEIPTS (acct/source/date)

521-Interest-6/28/96	\$
521-Interest-7/31/96	\$
521-Interest-8/31/96	\$
521-Interest-10/31/96	\$
511-Dues insurance acct	\$
511-Dues NWF	\$
511-Dues West Coast	\$
501-State Convention	\$
Total Income	\$

DISBURSEMENTS(acct/receipient/purpose/date)

727-Zeona Taylor Historian Expense 5/26/96	\$
705-Zeona Taylor Secretary Expense 5/26/96	\$
701-Don Bell President expense 8/3/96	\$
719-Don Bell soound system 8/3/96	\$
713 USDA Dues 9/3/96	\$
Total Disbursements	\$

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (as of 16 Nov 96) \$

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ANALYSIS

Beginning Balance	\$
interest paid (7/07/96)	\$
interest paid (10/07/96)	\$
New Balance	\$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (as of 16 NOV)

First Union Checking	\$
Contingency	\$
First Union CD	\$
TOTAL	\$

Submitted by Tom & Jean Hancock
Treasurer Florida Federation
16 Nov, 96
Jacksonville, FL

Barbara Hoffman from Central raised a question about the Association Dues. President Bell assured her that the payment of the Association dues would be looked into and straightened out.

USDA INSURANCE REPORT: Reported by Carol Poole

USDA SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE REPORT
NOVEMBER 17, 1996

1. Checking Account		
Balance--May 26, 1996		\$
Receipts		
Central		
FCC		
Northeast		
Northwest		
Southeast		
West Coast		
Total Receipts		_____
Disbursements		
USDA Insurance Fund		
Admin. Expenses		
Overpayment Refund		
Total Disbursements		_____
Ending Balance-- November 17, 1996		

2. Enrollments--1996			
	Clubs		Dancers
Central	32		2101
FCC(includes 1 Council)	7		340
Northeast	17		621
Northwest(incl. 1 Assoc)	28		709
Southeast(incl. 1 Assoc)	4		376
West Coast	<u>15</u>		<u>939</u>
Totals--	103		5086

Other Information:

- 5 Claims have been forwarded to USDA
- 123 Additional Named Insured Certificates issued

Howard & Vivian Wilson, FFSD Insurance Chairman

Murl Herbert raised the question about the USDA Insurance Fund being included in the Federation Assets. President Bell saw no reason why that it could not be done from this day forward. Jim McConnaha raised the question of the Coordination Assets. This question was answered by the President stating this fund was the Contingency money the Treasurer reported. President Bell assured the members present that the Insurance man and Treasurer could straighten out the reporting. Treasurer Tom Hancock recommended that a Committee be formed to work out this problem on the Working Weekend.

CORRESPONDENCE: Don Bell

President Bell stated that Jack and Zonie Taylor had been elected to the USDA Position of Vice President of the Central Region. The couple representing Florida Federation the the USDA is Paurl and Marie McClain. President Bell stated he had replaced the Taylors with Dave and Shirley Nihart. They agreed to fill this position. This action was in reponse to the letter of resgination from the Taylors as USDA Delagates.

The president read a Letter from Strawberry Squares Phillip Thomas President.

To Whom it May Concern,

This is to certify that all items placed in the Dance Hall at Strawberry Squares 4401 Duke Bay Road in developing and maintaing the Florida Hall of Fame is the property of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Florida Callers Association, The Round Dance Council of Florida and the Florida Hall of Fame Committee and may be removed at any time without legal recourse. Such items include three Shadow boxes, lights, drapes, carpets and plaques. In the event removal does occur, the walls will be brought back to their original condition without expense to Strawberry Squares Inc. signed Phillip Thomas.

PeeWee Stewart asked about the letter and Mary Butlack stated that she was part of the Hall of Fame Committee and would be calling a meeting of the Committee and asked for a copy of the letter to be brought up at the Committee meeting. She stated she would find out what the status was and report back at the working weekend. President Bell concurred.

President Bell announced that he had received coresspondance from Bruce and Colleen Morgan regarding the Program Book for the National Convention. Don asked Vice president Howard Hayes to elaborate on the correspondance. Howard stated the traditionally the hosting organization of the National takes the back or front cover inside. President Bell called Bruce Morgan to the front to explain the correspondance. The Florida Federation should get pretty close to the top billing in the book. Bruce Morgan showed an example of what the cover would look like. President Bell stated the two color inside front cover would cost \$950. Four colors would be \$1175. Howard Hayes made a motion that the Florida Federation subscribe to the inside front cover costing \$1175. Motion was seconded by Nan Habersberger. George Knapp brought up the question of who was to design. The motion was bought up to a vote and motion carried. President Bell appointed George Knapp and Muriel Chabot as a committee to work up the design for the inside cover. Bruce stated that he had applications for the Florida Federation of Dancers to put a \$20 ad into the program book.

Madam President added that they had correspondence for Joe and Joy Vacarri concerning the use of the USDA Credit card. They requested that all dancers use and promote this credit card program.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

NORTHEAST: Dee Dee Stoval

**NORTH EAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
REPORT
NOVEMBER 16, 1996**

The North East lost one of our most ardent workers and good friend since we last met. Nancy Wolfert passed away a short me ago. Nancy and George have been working in the Federation for quite few years. I would like for us to observe a moment of silent prayer in memory of Nancy and in support for her family, Amen Thank you

Those that attended our Fall Festival Dance this pass Friday and Saturday, on behalf of the NEFSARDA board, we thank you for coming and we hope that you enjoyed it. I wand to recognize Charlie and Val Newsmen, Dance Chairman, for doing such a good job. They put on a great dance. There were beautiful decorations, good calling and cuing, door prizes and fun was had by all.

One of our big event of the year was our Square Dance Family Reunion. This was a reunion type theme. There were hotly contested volleyball games, horse shoes throw, a little golf putting and chipping and a whole lot of bull tossed about. The covered dish dinner demonstrated what good cooks we have in the North East. This all added up to a most enjoyable day.

We just had an election of officers for the next year and we have with us our new President, Jack and Kathy McKinney and our new Vice President, Manny and Sherry Gonzales and Treasurer, Walt and Betty Smith. They are all delegates to the Federation and you will be seeing and working with them this next year.

Dee Dee and Bessie Stovall
President
NEFSARDA

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION: Sue Brown

Election officers for the West Coast Association was held in Sept. '96 for the year '96 & '97. Those elected were:

Zurhn & Shirley Walker	President
Randy and Marcia Lewis	V. President
Ken & Sue Brown	Secretary
Don & Ann Slocum	Treasurer

For the coming year we will have EIGHT membership dances, plus the V.I.P. dance in August and the Presidents' Ball in September. These dances are FREE to West Coast members. The West Coast will also sponsor a benefit dance in Dec. '96 to benefit the West Coast Dancer Magazine. In June '97 West Coast will host a Trail Dance on Sunday prior to the National Convention and in November the Fall Fun Fest.

Our "SUPER SUNDAY" membership dances will be special with something "new & exiting" at each dance. We hope this approach will stimulate interest and attendance will be up. Watch for flyers and plan to attend. Our 1st. membership dance in Oct. '96 was very successful with 14 squares in attendance. The Fall Fun Fest held Nov. 8 and 9th in Lakeland was also successfull.

Our theme for this year will be "SUPPORT". With all of our Officers and county VP's working together we should have a good year. We are expecting it.

Because of increased cost in Hall Rent and printing we had to increase our annual dues.

\$4.00 Renewal - Per Year - Per Person

\$8.00 New Member -Per Year - Person (This includes cost of badge)

We will be featuring all of our Executive Officers of the Association in issues of the West Coast Dancer Magazine, so you can see we are ordinary people Volunteering to do our best for you.

Respectfully Submitted

Zurhn & Shirley Walker
President
West Coast Square & Round Dance Association

At this time there was some discussion as to why and when the new delegates would take over. Some wondered why they take office at the annual meeting and don't get briefed until the Working Weekend.

CENTRAL FLORIDA: Bill Poole

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION
Report to the Florida Federation November 17, 1996

Central Association has had a busy and interesting summer and fall.

Many of our clubs were discontinued for the summer but are in full swing now. Central gave new graduates a coupon for a free dance. This was very successful. There were over forty new graduates that took advantage of the offer.

We said a sad farewell to caller Don Furnish who has moved to Colorado, he will be missed by all. Caller Susan Elaine Packer has recorded a record in Chicago, we are very proud of her.

The third annual square dance at Silver Springs will be held November 23, this has been a very successful and enjoyable day with many dances taking part. There will also be a buffet luncheon served.

We attended a memorial dance in honor of Trudy Felsted, wife of caller Ernie Felsted. The proceeds went to Hospice in her name. There was \$851.00 donated by the dancers. The callers and cuers donated their time.

Central Association now has 373 members and has recruited 63 new members since June. Our Area Directors are all working to get new members.

Our next dance will be on March 29 at Travis Rec Center in Cocoa with Dale McClary calling and Roy Brown cueing.

We are sorry we could not be here to give our report, we have an unexpected family emergency and must be with our children.

Bob & Rosemary Schirmer
President

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION: Fred Cornett

Nov 16, 1996

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Report from the Northwest Florida Association to the Florida Federation

We are the new President of Northwest Florida (NWF) from the Pensacola Twirlers. Our Vice-President is Julian & Flo Rosdick of the Flying Squares, Fort Walton beach; our Secretary is Fred & Janette Cramer of the Capital Squares, Tallahassee; and our Treasurer is Jerry & Sandra Williamson of the Canoe Squares, Milton. We hit the ground running and are still running but we really enjoy the work.

Our Annual Dance, the 22nd Roun-Up was held in DeFuniak Springs on October 25-26. The dancers had a terrific time dancing to our fine NWF Callers & Cuers. Attendance was a little low but it gives us a challenge for next year.

On a personal note, one of our dancers, Harry Rudy of the Capital Squares, Tallahassee, recently celebrated six years with a heart transplant. Talk about active, Harry puts the rest of us a lap behind; he square dances twice a week, plays golf and participates in TAI CHI (Chinese martial arts). Congratulations Harry, and keep on dancing.

The Playground Area Square & Round Dance Association (PASARDA) of Fort Walton Beach recently started a new class. All of the clubs in the area work together to provide the angels. The angels are working very hard to retain all 26 of the new class members.

On November 12th the Flying Squares had their entire dance taped by a local TV crew. The TV station plans to use the film in several tourism markets in the Southeast. The club and guests looked great and Bob Poyner did a fine job of calling. Maybe there is a TV star in our midst!

The NWF "Dancers of the Year" were announced at the Round-Up. Clyde & Katie Morehouse of the Belles & Beaux's club in Fort Walton Beach were the winners. They are the ultimate in "the good" that Square Dancing stands for. Congratulations!!

Pensacola is hosting a Christmas Toys-for-Tots Dance on December 8th. The Marines will be there to accept the toys in their splendid uniforms. The City of Pensacola donated the use of the Hall, Caller Ben Williams and Cuer Rose Lord also donated their services. This dance will help make this Christmas a special one for many children.

Our new board has five specific goals for 1997. One is to increase association membership by 25%. As of November 15th we have achieved a 14% increase. So far so good, but we must continue our face-to-face marketing to get the job done. One club, Canoe Squares, is at 90% on their way to 100%. Way to go!

The Panhandle Press has a new editor, Gary Ping, and Circulation Manager, Mike Lacey. Tina Allen resigned in order to return to school. We will miss her and applaud her efforts to further her education.

NWF wants to help make the 46th National Convention a huge success. Many of our dancers are working on committees to help achieve this goal. We know this convention will be the best yet.

Respectfully submitted:

Fred & Shirley Cornett
President

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION: Ada Trott

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
REPORT FOR FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS

November 17, 1996

In August, the Southeast Association, voted the previous board in again, with the exception of Treasurer. They are: President Frank & Ada Trott, Vice-President Fred & Carolyn Chatos, and Secretary Ray & Elsa Huddleston. The Nominating Committee were unable to find someone for the Treasurer's position. Fortunately we were able to find a couple to accept this position. They are George & Sara Coleman, who have been members of Southeast since 1991. We introduced them at our October Association dance.

In September, we attended a callers meeting. They had made up a small flyer Titled "Beginner Square Dance Classes". It included many of the callers names with location-day-date-starting time & their phone numbers. These were well received by the dancers as I had to make more copies as we visited the dances in our area. In October a local club (Castoffs) had their annual exhibition dance at the Boynton Beach Mall. They asked Southeast dancers to join them. We did and were pleased to see a lot of enthusiasm expressed by the large audience watching. Flyers were passed out letting them know where & when classes started.

Our renewal dance in September held in Ft Lauderdale did not have the attendance we had hoped for. Last Sunday, November 10th at our monthly dance in Boynton Beach, Castoffs Hosting, we had our largest turnout so far. Many dancers renewed, and badges have to be ordered for those joining us for the first time.

In December we will be dancing in Hollywood for our Christmas Cookie Dance. The handicapper group have been invited to attend. Our callere will be Al Guthrie and cuer will be Phyllis Kent.

In January our Annual Picnic will be in West Palm Beach on the 1st Sunday of the month. It was changed due to many commitments on our regularly second Sunday. One being the 97 National meeting in Orlando & January 11th the Roadrunners Club is sponsoring "The Red Boot Boys Dance & Concert". On January 25th the Southeast is presenting Snow Flake Frolic at Boynton Beach Civic Center, courtesy of Castoffs. We will have Frank Bedell calling and Jerry & Joyce Viola cueing.

In April we are planning an appreciation dance for our callers and cuers. We have rented a large hall with wooden floor in the West Palm Beach area. We are hoping for a large turnout.

Respectfully submitted by

Frank & Ada Trott, President of Southeast Association

PUBLICATION REPORTS:

THE GRAPEVINE: Charlie Newsome

FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT

NOVEMBER 17, 1996

The GRAPEVINE continues to keep the Northeast Florida Dancers informed about all local, state, and national square dancing activities. The number of subscribers still fluctuates due to subscribers dropping out of Square Dancing and new class members graduating.

Getting out the October - November issue gave us our first 'crisis'. Just before we had to finalize our 'proofs' to go to the printer, our printer went out- **Both of them**. Talk about scrambling, trying to locate a repair shop for a Hewlett-Packard printer (seems HP does most of its own repairs -**OUT WEST**). We finally found a rental shop, rented a printer and saved the day. We did get it to the bulk mail center on time.

The GRAPEVINE's "Letters To The Editor" column continues to improve with each issue. It provided the dancer with an avenue to express their concerns and opinions. We continue to encourage our readers to submit articles and pictures.

In our October - November issue we tried including club related pictures with the club's news rather than scattered throughout the book. So far the reaction has been positive. Now we just need a little more help from each club in providing more pictures and brief write-ups on what the picture represents. These added to the pictures we can personally take will make for a better publication.

Our expanded "Schedule of Coming Special Events" appears to have a more positive effect on our clubs with more starting to give us their expanded schedules to publish. We haven't received feedback yet on the inclusion of out-of-town activities but then maybe no reaction means it is good. We will continue until something better comes along. We try to pick up on specials from your local publication and we apologize if we miss something. Remember, a personal notice is always welcome, so if you have a big special dance coming up, please let us know so we can add it to our Calendar.

One last comment. To those out-of-towners who get The GRAPEVINE- if you don't receive your copy by the tenth of each even month, please let us know so we can try to track down the problem. The Post Office has been helpful in locating trouble spots. However, keep this in mind: a local subscriber reported the non-arrival of the last issue. A check of other subscribers in the the same zip code indicated it may be isolated to a specific address. Befor we could track it very far, we received a call from the subscriber. It seem on of the children, in their efforts to help keep things picked up, evidently had put it into the book rack before the parents had a chance to read it.

Happy Dancing
Respectfully Submitted

Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

WEST COAST DANCER: Sue Brown

WEST COAST DANCER

Submitted to: Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown

Date: November 17, 1996

With the return of our 'Snowbirds', circulation has increased approximately 30%.

We are making every effort to carry as much of the 46th National publicity and information as is possible. Unfortunately, some of the material became dated due to our bi-monthly printing and the outstanding coverage that is given by monthly publications in the State.

Due to the increase in Mainstream dancers in our area, we added a section in our schedules devoted to this level. The success has not warranted the added space required for complete coverage.

We continue to welcome any innovative ideas we might receive as well as any constructive criticism. We are fortunate to have excellent guidance from our advisors and officers.

KEEPIN' POSTED: George Knapp

KEEPIN' POSTED

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
ASSOCIATION

November 17, 1996

The December issue of *Keepin' Posted* has just gone to the printer and five hundred copies will be printed and distributed by the first of December.

We devoted ten (10) pages to the 46th National Convention and will continue to do so in the March and June issues.

Since this was the Christmas issue, the centerfold is a Holiday Greeting from the members of Central Florida Association as we've done in the past.

Deepin' Posted is alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,

George and Shirley Knapp
Editors, *Keepin' Posted*

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PANHANDLE PRESS: Shirley Cornett

November 16, 1996

Panhandle Press Report

Submitted to: The Florida Federation of Square Dancers

As the new Editor of the Panhandle Press I am looking forward to publishing the first issue which will be out in early January. Mike Lacey is the new Circulation Manager.

We want to thank Tina Allen for the smooth transition and for her dedicated work during this past year. We hope to continue her fine editorial efforts.

All of our clubs have been encouraged to send in their club news. Several clubs have promised an article for the January issue. We are looking forward to an excellent response.

We can always use more advertising regarding upcoming dances, caller/cuer availability and local merchant ads. Our rates are very competitive.

Send your information to me at: 11904 Longwood Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507, (904) 492-1757, Internet: garyping@worldnet.att.net

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Ping, Editor
Panhandle Press

4W'S: No Report

BOW & SWING: Bill Boyd

BOW & SWING MAGAZINE

Dear Sirs:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters, caller, 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 mast anywhere in Florida or southern Georgia.

Bow & Swing makes it a matter of record that all of the Handicapable Clubs will receive their *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 Florida Clubs or to the contact person that we have on file.

Free issues of Bow & Swing are sent to all requesting clubs for class graduation. It make a great addition to your graduation packet. If you wish your graduates listed, include them in your Club News letter.

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 photographs in the area of your newsletter.

Again thank you for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Boyd, Bow & Swing

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS:

1996 NORTHWEST: Cliff Allen

HAT FULL OF TRICKS IN '96

Northwest was well satisfied with the "Hat Full of Tricks in '96" Convention in Lakeland and feel we were successful in making it a fun time experience for everyone. Managed to work around the construction of the Civic Center and provide a flull slate of the various types of dancing.

We had 1699 paying dancers, 221 spectators and less than 200 Freebies (Callers, Cuers, HFOT's Committee Chairmen, handicapable and entertainers).

Our only disappointment was in the overall attendance. Hopefully, the attendance at future State Conventions can be improved.

A Treasurer's Final Report has been submitted showing \$1617.23 was distributed to each of the participating organizations.

Cliff and Jean Allen

Chairman, HFOT's in '96

TREASURER'S FINAL REPORT
HAT FULL OF TRICKS
September 30, 1996

Income:		
Advance from Coordinating Committee	\$	
Registrations (\$24,964.00+\$1500.00 Bank & Cash Box)		
Vendors		
Spectators		
Bank Interest		
Miscellaneous (Buttons, T-shirts, Decals)	_____	

Total Income: \$

Expenses		
Rents	\$	
Registration Forms, Programs, Ribbons, Printing		
Advertising		
Sound		
Florida Sales Tax		
BMI/ASCAP		
Refunds (Dancer & Vendor Registrations)		
Committee Expenses		
Bank & Cash Box Expenses (re-deposited to Income)		
Office Expenses, Postage, Telephone Calls	_____	

Total Expenses: \$

Distributions:		
Florida Hall of Fame	\$	
Coordinating Committee		
Florida Federation of Square Dancers		
Round Dance Council of Florida		
Florida Callers Association		
Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association	_____	

Total Distributions: \$

Summary:		
Income	\$	
Expenses:		
Distributions:	_____	

Balance: \$

Respectfully Submitted

Approved:

Joy Vaccari
Treasurer
HAT FULL OF TRICKS

Cliff Allen
Chairman
HAT FULL OF TRICKS

1998 WEST COAST CONVENTION: Ken Brown

CONVENTION REPORT Nov. 17 1996

We have rented and secured our halls for the 1998 state Convention and plan to have the following programs: Square Dancing- Basic & Mainstream, Plus, A-1, A-2, C1, Youth and Handicapables, Round Dancing, Line Dancing and Country Western. We are also seeing how much interest there is in Contra Dancing.

We have our Committees all set and they know their jobs. Our Decorating Committee is busy making decorations to be hung from the ceiling or on easels as nothing is permitted to be put on the walls because of the new renovations.

The parking fee will be \$2.00 per day and they are arranging for RVs to park across the street for \$10.00. We plan to have our advertising printed by the first of the year and ready to distribute our flyers out at the next Federation meeting and as soon as our National Convention is over we will be ready to jump on it and plan to visit all big dances and events in the state and some in Ga. and the Carolinas hoping to entice them to come to our convention.

We would like to have a table at the National to take early registrations for our State Convention since we don't have a state convention this year and are awaiting approval from the Gen. Chairman. Most of our people are working on the National so they will be well geared to go into action after June of '97.

Respectfully submitted by,
Merle & JoAnn Lewis
General Chairmen

1999 CENTRAL STATE CONVENTION: Jim McConnaha

**45th FLORIDIA STATE SQUARE & ROUND
DANCE CONVENTION
May 28,2,30 1999**

**REPORT TO THE
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUN DANCERS**

November 17, 1996

The 45th State Square Dance Convention is going through a slow period at this time. All of us are very involved in the 46th National Convention. Jan and I have been busy catching up on administrative details and working with the Lakeland Center on the layout for the various functions in 99, but we are trying to not involve many others who are so busy on the 97 National.

The Lakeland Center is just now completing their remodeling and expansion. It is beautiful. So much larger and can be split up so many ways. We think that we will be able to accommodate the wishes of the dancers for the various levels and kinds of dancing as never before. We plan on the round dancers having a large hall exclusively for their uses plus a hall for teaching is contemplated, all levels of square dancing having their own halls, a youth hall, a singles hall, contra, line dancing and rooms for meetings, seminars or whatever. If you can't find something of interest to you at the 45th Convention, we don't know what it might be. The contract has been signed with the Lakeland Center. While it is more expensive than in years past, per hall available it is less than earlier years.

A meeting is being planned for right after the 1st of the year with our Caller & Cuer Chairmen and Assistant Chairmen to start assigning the various halls. We hope that we may be able to satisfy everyone with their hall assignments.

The pattern kits for the Convention Dress are now available and are being passed around.

The Convention Committee Badge design is about finalized and supplier has been picked.

As you can see, while we are in a quiet spell, the 45th is moving forward.
45th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Jim & Jan McConnaha
General Chairman

2000 NORTHEAST STATE CONVENTION: Don Bell

Dave Nihart and Don went to Lakeland and met with Mr. West. We've since received his contract and the seed money

The new facilities are bigger and have more to offer. Our first Committee meeting will be held 12/1/96

Don Bell

2001 SOUTHEAST STATE CONVENTION: Fred Chatos

Southeast is just getting started so there will be no report:

1997 NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION: Worley Carrier

Worley stated that there was a committee meeting yesterday and that everyone was doing a great job and he was proud of everyone. Reports on National progress is published in State and National Publications. The next Board meeting will be January 11th at the Delta Orlando. The General Meeting will be January 12th at the Delta Orlando Resort. He encouraged everyone to stay at the Hotel for a rate of \$50.00 to help cover the thirty rooms that were guaranteed. Also Worley asked that everyone attend the lunch for \$6.00 per person. There is a minimum of 200 people guaranteed.

STATUS REPORTS:

LEGACY: Cliff Allen

The Bi-Annual meeting of Legacy will be held in Salt Lake City in May next year. The Second weekend. Cliff stated that if anyone was interested in belonging to Legacy that a Trustee of Legacy could get you a nomination form. He stated that Legacy was comprised of Callers, Cuers and Dancers, unlike USDA that is comprised of only dancers. Basically they are there to improve dancing.

U.S.D.A. REPORT: Marie McClain

The annual meeting of the USDA was in San Antonio, Tx on June 26, 1996. Representing Florida as delegates were Jack and Zonie Taylor and Paul and I.

Somethin or should I say something new has been added. Gentelmen, especially will enjoy this. Miss Rebecca Holden, a lovely actress and model has be selected by Callerlab to be the "spokesperson" for Square dancing. The USDA voted to endorse the Callerlab decision to have Miss Holden be the "Spokesperson" for Square Dancing and will provide publicity, promotion, assistance and financial support to the maximum extent possible. Some of us had the opportunity to meet Rebecca while she was learning to square dance. We think she will be a real asset to our program.

Officers were elected. I won't go through the whole roster, but will tell you the Jim and Jody Temple were reelected President. They are from Kansas. Our own Jack & Zonie Taylor were elected Vice-President of the Central Region.

I hope all of us by now know that the USDA sponsors a credit card program whereby bank contributions to the USDA is distributed to the affiliate members of the United Square Dancers. At our last annual meeting in June the Board of Directors revised the distribution plan--1/2 to the USDA Youth and Handicapable Programs and the other 1/2 to the affiliates.

Speaking of Handicapable dancers, we received a press release from USDA about the 5th Handicapable Dance Convention. Our Daughter Linda attended this Convention in New Orleans and had a wonderful time. She is still talking about it. The next Handicapable Convention will be in July of 1998, right here in Daytona Beach. We are so proud that the USDA and the Florida Federation backs these Handicapable Dancers. Thank You.

Paul & Marie McClain

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE: Duke McCleskey

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AMERICAN FOLK DANCE REPORT
FEDERATION FALL MEETING - JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA
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Five new states were added in 1995: Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri and Connecticut. Passage in 1996 of a state bill in Georgia, finished the year out [meaningful legislation is normally passed during the period January to May in many, many states].

Committed to considering bills in 1997 are: Alaska, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. States who do not have an active Chairman are Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Ohio.

1997, if we can obtain passage in the above sixteen, would be a "Magical Year" for a congressional approval and passage of: "The American Folk Dance in these United States is The Square Dance".

Duke and Doris McCleskey
USDA National Chairman
American Folk Dance Committee

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME: Mary Butlak

Mary stated that she had also received the Letter about the Hall of Fame and that she plans to have a meeting in December and will have a report to the Federation by the Working Weekend. Mary explained the function and how the Hall of Fame Committee functions. The Committee is comprised of Dancers, Callers and Cuers. New members of the Hall of Fame Committe are John and Linda Saunders representing the Callers, Joe and Madeline Augenblick representing the Round Dancers and Jack and Zonie Taylor representing the dancers. Others on the Committee are Rite Deshambeau, Mary Richardson Butlak, Sunnie and Jerry Thomas. In addition to the Board there are other voters unknown to each other. When a resume is submitted and reviewed by the Board it is then sent out to the anonymous voters to be voted on. The results are secret. If any resume is to be submitted it should submitted soon. The financial balance of the Hall of Fame on hand \$1247.60, the Florida State Convention for 1996 gave a check of \$258.17. Our new balance is \$1511.34 this is not listed as part of the Federation Funds.

Mary extended congratualations to the Niharts on their induction into the Hall of Fame.

Mary Butlak

ASCAP-BMI: George Wolfert

Things are doing fine and there is no further report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATING & STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES: Stan Hockman
There has been no input from the Coordinating Committee.

SQUARE DANCE PRESERVATION: Frank Habersberger

First of all Frank thanked the members for the well wishes, card and prayers after his recent surgery, he was operated on for an enlarged prostate, there was no cancer involved and he stated that he is feeling great.

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Report of Square Dance Preservation

There is nothing new to report on at this time, however, we wish to place the following Motion to the Floor:

We ask that the name of this Committee function be changed from "Square Dance Preservation" to: "Promotion and Expansion of Square Dancing".

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank and Nan Habersberger

The motion was submitted to the Floor, seconded by Dewey Hendricks. The motion was voted on and passed.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: Anneita Gilbourne

No Report

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS: Jerri Hockman

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT

November 17, 1996

Showcase at the Nationals in San Antonio was a great success. We had many compliments about our manning the showcase as we had people there all the time the displays were open. Not only the displays interested the dancers, but we were told that we were the most informed group of dancers on what was coming up and where this were located. This year we had on oranges or stickers of any sort to bring back.

Back drops will have to be modified next year as we have been told that from now on the display tables will be six foot by two feet (6' x 2')

The dancing brochures should be updated, reprinted and information stations be restocked this year.

Stan & Jerri Hockman

Motion to give stuffed animals and materials that are not used be childrens hospital or dispensed with.
Motion seconded by Mary Stewart, Voted upon and passed.

HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION: Jack Taylor

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
HISTORY REPORT**

November 17, 1996

The History of the Florida Federation is still progressing and Zonie has been at work compiling information and pictures. She has completed the State Convention Book for the '96 Hat Full of Tricks. She has also almost filled the second book for the 46th National Square Dance Convention. We are also taking a lot of pictures to include in the federation Album as well. It looks like we will be starting another one soon as the one she is working on is almost filled.

We would like to again thank the publishers of the State and local publications for furnishing us copies so we can build an archive.

Keep up the good work of supplying us with pictures and information that can be included in the History.

Sincerely Submitted

Jack and Zonie Taylor
Historians

STATE DRESS COMMITTEE: Mary Butlak

Mary Butlak explained the incidents that eventually led to her being the Chairman of the Dress Committee. She was on the Dress Committee and when Marie McClain was having medical problems Mary was asked to fill in for her. When Marie was recovering from the medical problems she released the committee to Mary and she has accepted the responsibility for chairing the committee.

Mary asked that all present go back to clubs and publicize the need for getting a new dress design. She stated that anyone could submit a design. She then listed the Criteria again. She emphasized that the dress design should be submitted by the working weekend. The committee would select a minimum of three designs and would be presented to the Federation on Sunday of the working weekend. This new design would not be worn until 1998.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Paul McClain

President	Howard and Sally Hayes	West Coast
Vice-President	Jack and Zonie Taylor	Central
Secretary	Tom and Jean Hancock	North West
Treasurer	Stan and Jerri Hockman	South East
Parliamentarian	Dee Dee and Bessie Stovall	North East

Paul McClain made a motion that this slate of officers be nominated to serve the Federation for the next year. Seconded by Nan Habersberger.

President Bell opened the floor for for nominations. He had Dee Dee and Bessie Stovall stand so everyone could see them.

Donna Hendricks made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jim McConnaha. Motion passed.

Nominations were closed.

At this time President Don Bell passed out gifts to his board.

The new Board was installed by Paul & Marie McClain assisted by President Don and Bonnye Bell. This was a moving and impressive ceremony. It was a multi colored map with each Board member covering his association with one color, in the end the map was one color denoting that the five associations working together as one can accomplish the goal of keeping the State unified.

Paul and Marie received a round of well deserved applause for their installation of the Officers.

NEW BUSINESS: Howard Hayes

President Howard Hayes as their first official duty called Don and Bonnye Bell to the front and presented them with their Past President Bars. He also presented them with a Plaque for their five years of service to the Federation. They were presented a Sand Sculpture by Howard and Sally, it was really pretty, in a glass container.

The working weekend will be at the Ramada Orlando Central, February 14-15-16, 1997, Howard stated there was a sign-up sheet in the rear for delegates to sign up for preferred committees. He also announced that the hotel reservations should be made prior to Jan 24, 1997 because the hotel fills up with other functions.

The Sunday meeting on May 18, will also be at a Ramada Hotel, in Plant City. Howard announced that he would have a toll free number available at the Working Weekend. He said that about 31 couples had already signed up.

The President suggested that the Florida Federation sponsor a mainstream afterparty on either Friday or Saturday night. Murl Herbert made a motion that the Florida Federation host a Mainstream after party on Friday night at the 46th National Square Dance Convention. Motion seconded by George Wolfert. Motion passed. Howard stated that he and Murl Herbert would get together to see about getting a caller to host this after party.

The President stated that if anyone would like to join George Knapp and Murial Chabot on the design of the Program Book ad he would appreciate it. Bruce Morgan said that the design should be completed by the first of January so it could be sent to the Printer.

The next meeting will be held on 14, 15, 16, February 1997, 3200 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida. Toll free telephone number 1-800- 221-5270 for reservations.

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack & Zonie

Jack & Zonie Taylor

Secretary, Florida Federation