

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES OF THE
FLORIDA FEDERATION MEETING
SUNDAY MAY 24, 1998 9:00A.M.
LAKELAND CIVIC CENTER

The last meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held at the Lakeland Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Jack Taylor who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Stewart gave the invocation. Jerri Hockman called the roll and noted a quorum was present. There were no guest present.

MINUTES:

Merle Herbert moved to dispense with the reading of the working weekend minutes, second by Randy Lewis all in favor motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasures report given and motion to accept was made by Fred Chatos second by Fred Cornett. Motion passed. See page 2 for copy of the report.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO THE FEDERATION MAY 24, 1998

Central has had a great group of new dancers graduate this year. We were all encouraged by the efforts of our dancers to help recruit so many. We were holding class level dances in many areas. Now that most of the graduations are over the new dancers are coming to our regular dances with many of the callers calling alternate mainstream and plus dances. The booklet for new dancers have been given to all new dancers.

At the last Board meeting it was voted to change the date of our election and installation of officers to coincide with the Federation dates. This will go in effect in 1999. We will have our 1998 election and installation of officers on the 30th of this month. These officers will be in office from July 1 1998 until September 30 1999. Aren't they lucky to have those extra months? Our newly elected President Bruce and Colleen Morgan and Vice President Wil and Carol Barnhart will take it all in their stride.

We have enjoyed being President of Central Association for the last two years and thank all those who have helped us so much.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob & Rosemary Schirmer
President

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Report to Florida Federation of Square Dancers

May 24, 1998

Thanks to the West Coast Association, led by their General Chairman Merle and JoAnn Lewis, for a sensational State Convention. We know that Merle and JoAnn and all their committee members worked many long hours to make this convention a success. They really stayed "On The Road Again" to "Tour The State In '98." Way to go, West Coast!

We are just about ready to install our Northwest Florida Dancer of the Year plaque in the Strawberry Squares dance hall. We appreciate the help that Chet Vetter and George Burcham gave us with this project.

On a sad note – we regret to report that Phyllis Griffin died in March. Phyllis was the wife of one of our callers, Ernie Griffin. She was a very courageous lady and we all miss her.

Our annual Roundup will be held on October 23-24 in DeFuniak Springs. Several of our Northwest callers, Walt Childs, Eddie Mayall, Chuck Myers and Patty Ping, will call for the weekend. The feature caller on the 24th will be Larry Letson of McAllen, TX. Rounds will be by two of our Northwest cuers, Bill Bovard and June Leverette. We are looking forward to a weekend filled with good dancing, food and fun. For information, give us a call at 850-934-0574. *COME AND DANCE WITH US.*

One of our member clubs, the Swingin' Saints in Pensacola, will celebrate their 25th Anniversary in July. Archie Garlock, who has called for the club since its inception, will call the dance. Our congratulations to the club and to Archie for a great run of 25 years.

We came across this quote by Michael Landon the other day and believe it is applicable to all of us – *Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows.*

See you in Charlotte next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred & Shirley Cornett
Fred & Shirley Cornett
President

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

May 24, 1998

Since our last report we have been busy. We have held dances each month at different areas of the Southeast: in Stuart, North Palm Beach and in Davie. By moving our dance around we give everyone a chance to not drive too far to attend.

In April we were able to help one of the Central area dancers affected by the tornadoes that hit Kissimmee. We were happy to help. We learned that any thing can happen, when Andrew hit us. We keep a disaster fund for this kind of circumstance. It has helped in a few different emergencies. Dancers helping Dancers.

Fred Chatos

THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION REPORT

May 24, 1998

The Northeast Association Board attended 1 round dance and 9 square dance graduations during March and April. We are honored to welcome over 100 new dancers into our squares. One club graduated one whole square of young people under the age of 16. The Board has also attended to anniversary dances this year. We have also been busy retrieving 4 Association banners from previous club winners to be given away at the next 5th Saturday dance on May 30.

The Gateway Callers Association sponsored and conducted two wonderful dances for the new students —the Sophomore Hoe –Down and the Graduation Ball. We are grateful to them for their efforts.

The annual Blood Bank dance was handled by our new Blood Bank Chairmen – Howard and Jettie Crowe. We donated \$200 to the Blood Bank Association.

The Silver Fox club held their annual circus dance and contributed \$2,900. To the "Dreams Come True" Foundation. The Seabreeze Singles Club held their annual charity dance and contributed \$1,700.00 to the City Rescue Mission. The Sweethart Squares had their annual Pirates Ball Dance on May 1 & 2.

We were honored to have the Federation presidents, Jack and Zoni Taylor visiting the dance and also PeeWee and Mary Stewart. John Saunders also helped to provide the calling for the dancers.

At the May 3rd Delegates meeting it was announced that the Association Board's Vice-President, Manny and Sherry Gonzales and the Boards' Recording Secretary, Tom Thornton and Kim Keffer, are planning a cook book for the Northeast. Prizes will be given for the winning name and front cover. Also, the delegates voted to buy an electric badge machine and an electric cutter to be used by any club that is a member of the association.

We want to thank Chuck and Linda Riggs for the beautiful showcase for the Northeast. You can view it this weekend and also in Charlotte, N.C. at the national convention.

On a sad note, we lost four wonderful dancers in the Northeast – Dave Hayes, Bob Lust, Richard Harvey and Marlene McCabe.

I would like to leave this reminder with you – a Federation report in hand is worth two reports in the bushes, or at home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack and Kathy McKinney

HOW SMART ARE YOU ???????
SHORT INTELLIGENCE QUIZ...

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England YES or NO??? --- YES, IT COMES AFTER THE 3rd OF JULY.
2. How many birthdays does the average man have??? --- ONE, BUT WE CELEBRATE IT EACH YEAR.
3. Some months have 31 days, how many have 28??? --- ALL OF THEM.
4. How many outs in an inning??? --- 6 OUTS, 3 PER TEAM.
5. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister, YES or NO??? NO, HE IS DEAD
6. Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What is the answer??? $30 \text{ DIVIDED BY } \frac{1}{2} = 60 + 10 = 70$
7. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have??? 2, YOU TOOK THEM AWAY.
8. A doctor gives you 3 pills telling you to take one every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. How many minutes do they last?? 60
9. A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 8 die. How many are left??? 8, ALL BUT 8 DIE.
10. How many animal of each sex did Moses take on the ark??? MOSES DIDN'T HAVE AN ARK, NOAH DID.
11. A clerk in the butcher's shop is 5'10" tall. What does he weigh??? MEAT
12. How many 2 cent stamps in a dozen??? 12

**WEST COAST SQUARE & ROUND DANCER'S ASSOCIATION
REPORT TO FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND
DANCERS**

May 24th, 1998, LAKELAND FLORIDA

1. The WCS&RDA has been busy with final preparations for the State Convention, which I feel has been a big success so far, and I hope everyone else feels the same.
2. WCS&RDA have attended several Club graduation ceremonies and distributed Handbooks and brochures to all graduates, inviting them to join the association and reap the benefits.
3. Since start of our "JUST 1 MORE" campaign our association membership has increased by _____, and we've had _____ renewals, for total membership of _____. We feel our campaign has been successful. Have you participated in the "JUST 1 MORE" campaign, as I tasked you at the last Federation meeting???
4. Since our last Federation meeting several WCS&RDA board and association members got together and sent out over 500 letters to past association members who hadn't renewed for more than 2 years. In our letter we inquired as to why they hadn't renewed and encouraged them to do so. Hopefully you are working on "Just 1 More." We are working on 500 MORE.
5. Club activity and dances are curtailed over the summer months, with numerous clubs shutting down, but we have scheduled several banner raids in the upcoming months to stir up dancing activity, visit association clubs and to hopefully increase attendance at the Fall Fun Fest.
6. Everyone is cordially invited to return to Lakeland and attend the annual WCS&RDA FALL FUN FEST this November 13th & 14th
7. As President of the WCS&RDA I would like to pass on a "BIG THANK YOU" to the WCS&RDA STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, Merle & JoAnn Lewis, Ken & Sue Brown, Dick & Betty Stevens, Ron & Marylee VanValkenburg, Dick & Jeannie Apple, Art & Martha Springer, just to name a few, and all the others too many to mention by name, but especially those "UNSUNG HEROS" who have worked behind the scenes without whose dedication, time, sacrifice, and efforts the Convention would not have been a success. Fashion Show
8. WHAT'S THE WEST COAST THEME???"JUST 1 MORE"

WEST COAST

Membership Retention

In March, the West Coast sent out 471 letters to members who had not renewed their membership in the West Coast. This was a very successful project, the response has been very good and most members were very pleased to have been reminded.

25 telephone calls (representing 45 dancers) were received, mostly requesting they be taken off the Membership List and yet very pleased that they were thought of.

30 letters (representing 55 dancers) were received from members, mostly in poor health or a spouse had passed away. Some of these letters were so interesting. A daughter of a prior dancing couple wrote that her mother had recently passed away and her father recently had brain surgery. She told how they enjoyed their square dancing for many years and she had several pictures of them dressed in their beautiful outfits, always grinning from ear to ear!!! She feels positive that dancing is what kept them adventurous and active and out of "the old rocker!" and she thanked the West Coast once again for their attention to this matter.

21 letters (representing 39 dancers) were returned from members who had moved away and left no forwarding address.

There have been about 280 renewals turned in since those letters were sent out and at present we have 1,234 members paid for 1998 of which 123 are brand new members.

May 24, 1998

Panhandle Press Report

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank the dancers who submitted articles and the callers and vendors who purchased ads in the Press.

We are getting ready for our next issue in July. I have been working on some ideas for Northwest's Web pages. I plan to discuss them with Tom Perry this weekend.

So remember if your club is having a dance and would like to submit an article or flyer, please have your submission to us by June 19, 1998. I feel confident that future issues will continue to grow in size as our clubs continue to support their magazine with interesting articles. I have just purchased a Digital camera and plan to use more photos where possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ping, Editor

WHO - WHAT - WHEN - WHERE

Report 5/24/98

We are still here, printing 3,000 copies down from 5,000 copies due to the drop in square dancing since the hurricane of "92"

George E Oglesby
Editor

FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT
FOR THE GRAPEVINE
MAY 24, 1998

The Grapevine is still mailing out 300 to 320 copies per issue - mostly subscriptions but some are exchange copies for other publications around the country as well as complimentary copies to upcoming National and State Convention's Publicity Chairmen.

We are currently trying to get a Web Page going but have really not had the time necessary to devote to getting it set up. Probably after the national Convention in June.

We finally added a scanner to our "arsenal of publishing tools". Letter recognition works good but haven't figured out all the "necessaries" for graphics yet. Time will tell.

We are **still** waiting for the Federation History synopsis so we can better inform our readers about the Federation. The only thing we have reported on (in last December's issue) was a brief history of the State Convention and **THAT** was picked up from another Florida publication late last year.

Our readers still seem to be pleased with the increased coverage of special happenings as well as Class Graduations and Club Anniversaries. The next issue (June-July) will carry pictures of ALL graduations thus far in NEFSARDA (that we knew about - some of the outlying clubs are a little slow to keep us informed about their classes and graduation dates).

We welcome any input from other associations. That is the only way we can keep our readers informed about happenings when they are traveling around the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome

Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

WEST COAST DANCER REPORT

Submitted to: The Florida Federation Square and Round Dance Association

Submitted By: Ken and Sue Brown

Date: May 24, 1998

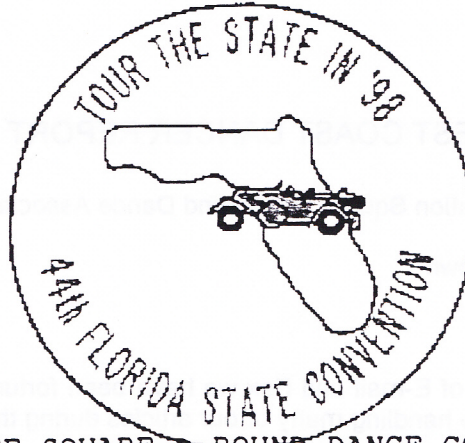
Through the modern technology of E-mail and Fax we have been fortunate to acquire a new editor on staff. Denise Sherman will be handling many of our articles during the coming months. This is of great assistance to us.

As always, the circulation reduces during the summer months when all of our snowbirds return North for the summer.

We are looking forward to attending the Nationals in June and will hope to see many of you there.

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FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION
FINAL REPORT

44TH CONVENTION, MAY 22, 23 & 24TH, 1998

MERLE & JO ANN LEWIS -CHAIRMAN

Submitted this day May 24, 1998

Final count Sat. 1567

1. Problems: The biggest problems we incurred was changing of the schedules, we had schedule changes up to 2 days before the event. This caused a lot of room juggling and as it was too late to change and reprint our program books we had to blow up full pages and display them in the General areas to enlighten the dancers.

Another problem I think that hindered us is that we should have gotten advertising out a lot sooner, the concept of waiting until August or the new year to getting flyers out should in my opinion be out now for next year, the snow birds go home but so do our residents travel, this is a playground state, people are coming and going all the time as your regular dance clubs well know. So this advertisement should be sent out to the public all year, we should have had them ready by last May.

I also think ribbons should have been sent out to all the callers and cuers and shops instead of just registrations, you have to have them out selling too because they all have a stake in this. Sell the ribbons as people ask about it that way you have a committment. I know this is harder for the Registrar to keep track of them, but I don't think people make it a priority unless they have already paid for it. Also there should be a cut off date in reimbursements for cancellations or none at all.

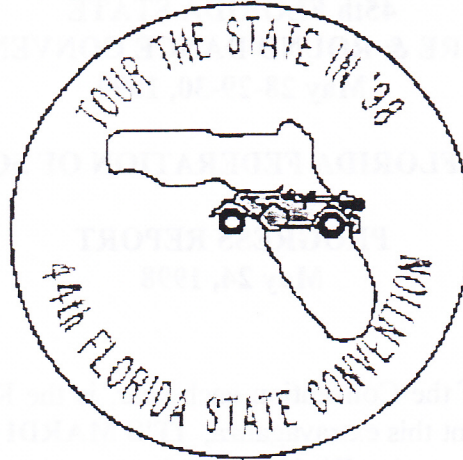
2. Positive items: I think the other Associations were all helping as much as they could and we got a lot of good advice from some of them and an offer to help in any way they could, there wasn't any competitive attitudes, it was all friendly and as one big family, exactly what square dancing is all about.

The Center worked well with us and complied with all of our wishes even when we decided not to use the theatre they took it off of our contract. Even though our decorations were limited we were still able to get our themes across and probably saved us a lot of money.

Most of our committee people worked very well together and if another had a problem they pitched in to see if they could help solve it, we were very proud of the good team work in helping one another. The meetings were well attended (after we found a spot that was congenial to everyone).

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The success in making things work is first of all getting workers not watchers and people that have open minds to new ideas and are in it to make things work, not for prestige and to see how many times their names are mentioned and I think in the most part we succeeded in this.

Suggestions for improvement: Most of all I would like to see the convention date set up to March before the 90,s temperatures hit. The answer that I got back from this was that we needed a 3 day weekend so the working people wouldn't have to get up the next day but as our dancers are for the most part retired and it doesn't seem to bother at the National Conventions I don't see the point. Another reason I got was that it was geared for the Floridians not the snowbirds but most of the Floridians leave when the weather gets hot and go to North Carolina.

I think the idea of the General Chairman and their committees handing down journals to the upcoming Chairman is a very good idea, it would have made our job a lot easier and I hope our notebooks will be of some help but I think it would also be a big help if the 1st Vice callers Chairman and the 1st Vice Round Dance Chairman do the same. It would save a lot of phone calls and frustration.

I think that a committee should talk with the Lakeland Center or the Chamber of Commerce and see that we get free publicity as we are non-profit and we put on 4 big events here a year. The Sunshine Festival, State Convention, Knothead Convention and the Fall Fun Fest. Either that or free parking.

Outside of this I think you all got the bases covered and it was fun and we sure met a lot of nice people.

Submitted by,

JoAnn Lewis
JoAnn Lewis

Merle & JoAnn Lewis
44th General Chairman

that hasn't paid yet
P.S. Please have the Assoc. send in their money for the buttons.
Maybe you used the same mail service our West Coast did.

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

REPORT TO THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

**PROGRESS REPORT
May 24, 1998**

One of the hi-lites of the Convention each year, is the Kick Off on Sunday evening. This year is our turn to present this extravaganza, **IT'S MARDI GRAS TIME IN '99**. It has taken a lot of work by many people. We have had four practices before we came to Lakeland and had the final one this morning. We think you will all enjoy this.

Many other things have happened since our last report. The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce printed 25,000 registration forms for us and you have seen them being used already at our registration desk. We also have some here for all of the Association Presidents. Our Publicity Chairman Duke & Doris McCleskey has them here for all of the area publications. We will be furnishing these to everyone and everywhere we can get someone to take them. They have also already sent out the first news releases to all of the publications, for release the 1st of June. Thanks to Bruce Morgan, our web page is already to go as soon as this convention is over.

We now have eleven hotels that have committed rooms to us, with prices for next year. While the new hotel going up out in front of the Center will be finished, they say, by next year, it is not far enough along to get any type of a commitment from them.

Our After Party Chairman, Ray & Barbara Stivers, have plans for a party for all of the people that participate in our Kick Off tonight. They also have already started their planning for next year.

The Fashion Show Chairman have much of their planning behind them and are now starting to put the plans into action. They have their letters all prepared to go to all of the Association Presidents soliciting models for the Fashion Show. They should receive these in the next week.

Ways & Means have been doing well with our White Elephant sale items, as have the golf shirts & ear rings. We have had a problem keeping the golf shirts and our tote bags have been scarce.

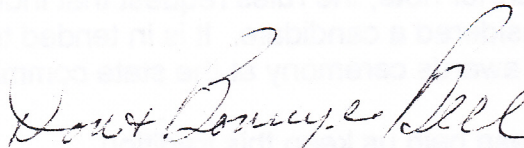
The Vendor Chairman, PeeWee and Mary Stewart along with Co-Chairman Esther Layne have been making contact with the vendors while they are here. We need more vendors and they will be working on that over the next few months.

Jim & Jan McConnaha
General Chairman

State Convention Report for the Year 2000.

We plan on having our next Committee meeting after the National Convention in Charlotte. There are plans in the works for our Kick-off, and our outfits. We have decided on our theme and our badges are finished. Everything will remain a mystery until it's our turn to advertise the convention at Kick-off next year. We still have not decided on a project to promote the convention thru the Associations. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Don & Bonnye Bell

Chairman, 2000

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION 2001 47TH CONVENTION

May 24, 1998

At this time the committees have been formed and the theme has been decided.

As we get closer to 2001 we will become more active in the planning of the convention. Currently we are watching what is happening at each of the other conventions and we are learning what to do and what not to do.

Fred Chatos

HALL OF FAME

May 24, 1998

The Hall of Fame facility at Strawberry Squares in Plant City is still in need of a caretaker. In the meantime, Chet Vitter continues to fulfill this function.

A few resumes of prospective inductees were received this year. However, due to incomplete or insufficient information, it was found none qualified at this time.

The item of most concern is in the area of "State wide" contribution to square & round dance programs.

In order to avoid confusion on the rules of qualification, the committee will work on providing a pamphlet, which will be available to dancers who wish to present a resume. It will include a history of the Hall of Fame of Florida and the funding procedures.

A further note, the rules request that inductees not be told they are being considered a candidate. It is intended to come as a surprise, revealed only at the awards ceremony at the state committee.

Please help us keep this tradition.

Mary Butlak

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR FOLLOWED:

Chet Vetter gave a brief history of the Hall of Fame. PeeWee Steweart posed a question on procedures and Randy Lewis reported the association presidents would like a written policy on guidelines and dates of inductees. After some discussion, it was suggested a written policy and guidelines on selecting candidates would be on hand by the next Federation meeting in October. Jack Taylor suggested this would help us move forward and correct any problems.

COORDINATING REPORT

Art Springer - Chairman
Jim McConnaha – Secretary
Audrey Philip – Treasurer

Merle Herbert – Recording Secretary reported that two members from each of the organizations callers, curers and dancers to study and report on the feasibility of moving the date of the state convention. Also the vendor lineup to use out of state vendors who would have the same rights as in state vendors once accepted to participate at the Florida State Convention.

U.S.D.A.

May 24, 1998

Marie McClain

For those of you who don't know, U.S.D.A. stands for United Square Dancers of America. This is a national organization of which Florida is an affiliate. We are happy to be two of your delegates from Florida.

] The U.S.D.A. continues to provide many services to the Square Dancer. First is the excellent Square Dancer Insurance, which is available to all square dance clubs and associations.

Second is the wonderful educational program and materials provided by U.S.D.A. There is a wealth of information in this material some of it is free, sometimes it is available for a nominal cost. See the U.S.D.A. table that's on display here at the convention Center.

Third is the Credit Card program. If you get a Square Dancer's credit card, each time a purchase is made or a new card is issued, we as square dancers benefit.

U.S.D.A. also provides special services for the youth program and for the Handicapable Dancers.

The next U.S.D.A. meeting will be at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. at 1:00 P.M. Wed., June 24th and you are invited! You may not vote but you are very welcome to attend and observe.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
 SUMMER MEETING - LAKE LAND CENTER
 MAY 24, 1998

FLORIDA FEDERATION INSURANCE REPORT

1. Checking Account
 Balance as of February 11, 1998

Receipts since 2/11/98

Central
 FCC
 Northeast
 Northwest
 Southeast
 West Coast

Total Receipts

Balance

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund
 FFSD

Total Disbursements

Ending Balance as of May 19, 1998

2. Enrollments for 1997/98 (thru 5/19/98)

	Clubs	Dancers	1996/97 TOTALS
Central	33	1,903	-70
FCC	9	418	+94
Northeast	20	781	+102
Northwest	21	502	-218
Southeast	5	301	-35
West Coast	13	745	-52
Totals	101	4,650	Difference -179

Interesting Numbers.....

As Of May 1996	102 Clubs	5,060 Dancers	
As Of May 1997	100 Clubs	4,829 Dancers	-2 Clubs -231 Dancers
As Of May 1998	101 Clubs	4,650 Dancers	+1 Club -179 Dancers

Duke and Doris McCleskey FFSD Insurance Chairmen

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
SUMMER MEETING - LAKELAND FLORIDA
MAY 24, 1998

USDA NATIONAL FOLK DANCE REPORT

The National Folk Dance Committee renewed contract with the Chairmen in the following states during this past year. Pennsylvania, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Iowa, Nebraska, New York, Maine, Kansas, Wyoming and Louisiana.

Nebraska became the thirtieth (30th) state to proclaim Square Dancing as their American Folk Dance. Congratulation was extended to Nebraska Chairman Donna Boltz, and her hard work-in committee.

On April 14th Thomas Cerrone of Las Vegas Nevada contacted us for information on how to go about getting organized and promoting passage of Square Dancing in the state of Nevada.

Maine passed the Square Dance Bill but for some unknown reason the documents were removed from the Governors Desk, BEFORE the signing. No one seems to know why.

Doris and I have submitted to USDA Presidents Bill and Joan Flick, some background materials on the promotion of Square Dance before the US Congress; with some recommendations to USDA's Executive Board on a course of action. When an additional five to eight states have proclaimed. it will be time to commence a lobby of Congress, and we are presently formulating a plan of attack.

Doris and Duke McCleskey
Chairmen USDA National
Folk Dance Committee

BMI & ASCAP Report
May 1998

We have been in contact with BMI and sent them a copy of our report for the 46th NSDC, as they requested.

There will be no payment due them or ASCAP until we receive attendance figures from the State Convention.

Upon receipt of these figures, we will request a check from the State Convention Treasurer to remit to BMI and ASCAP.

Respectfully submitted
Dave & Shirley Nihart

May 24, 1998

Jack & Zonie Taylor, President,
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Progress Report of the Committee on Promotion
And Expansion of the Square Dance

Frank is attending the Florida Caller's Association Meeting as Liaison from the Florida Federation - at the same time as this Meeting.

If the opportunity presents itself, he will recommend that both of our Organizations join as equal partners, forming a joint Committee to ~~study~~^{STUDY} and apply the ACA concept of all Calls below that of Advanced to be called "Square Dance".

He is hoping for a favorable decision and that he will have time to come to this Meeting before it adjourns and report Progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank

Frank Habersberger, Chairman,
Committee on Promotion and
Expansion of the Square Dance

FLORIDA FEDERATION HISTORY REPORT

May 24, 1998

The history of the Federation is doing well. Zonie has been updating the Albums and presently working on the 1999 State Convention. She has almost completed the "Tour the State in '98" and will have it completed by the annual meeting in October.

Again we ask if you give up a picture please write on the back the occasion and who is in the picture. We want to give credit to all who participate in making these albums interesting.

Again thanks to the area publications for furnishing us a copy of their magazines.

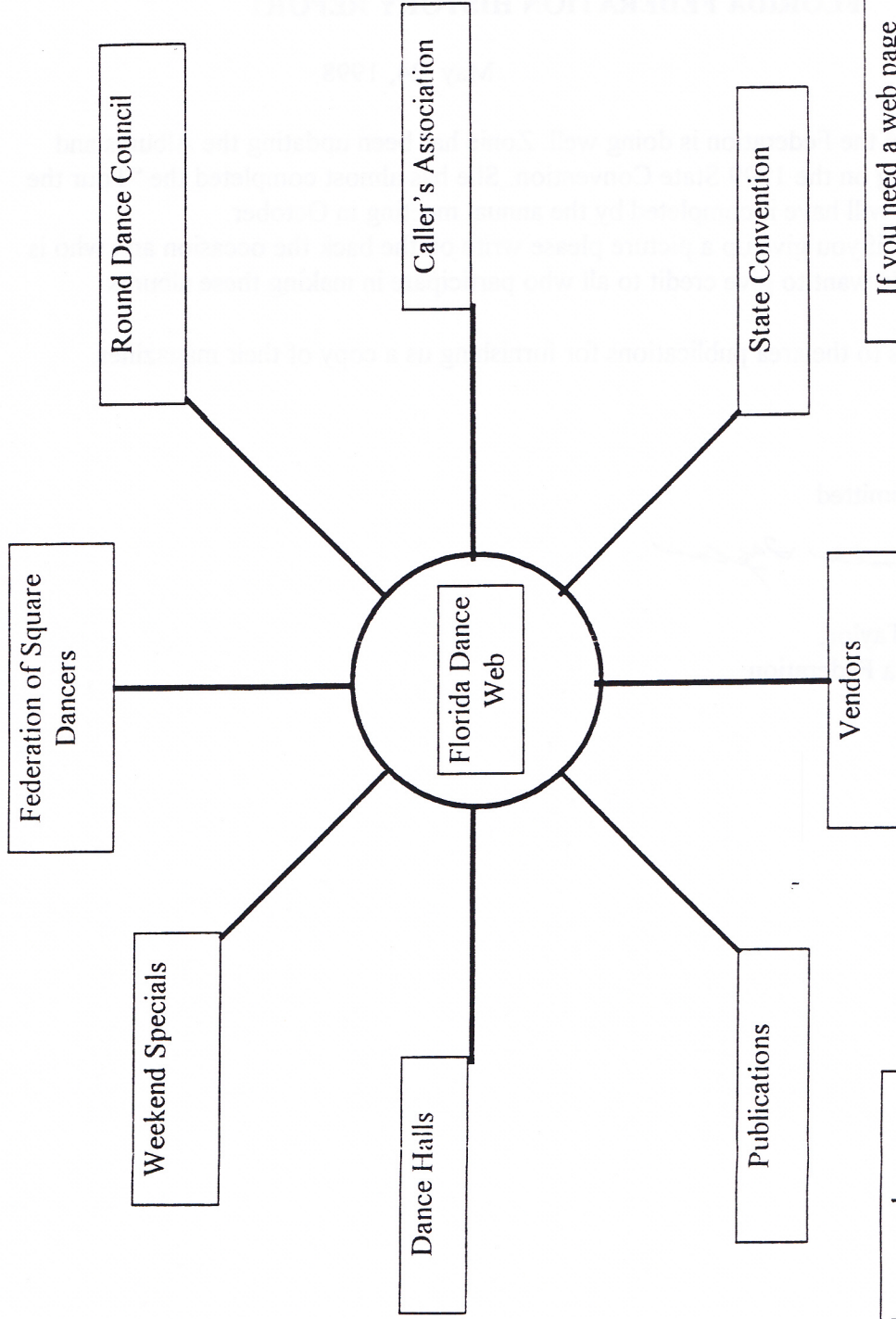
Respectfully Submitted

Jack & Zonie Taylor

Jack and Zonie Taylor,
Historian, Florida Federation

The Florida Dance Web

www.floridadancing.com



If you need a web page
Visit our web site at
<http://floridadancing.com/tipi>
for complete information

If you have a web page
Contact Tom Perry for a
free link
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SHOWCASE:

Parliamentarian Report

May 24, 1998

First we would like to thank Dewey and Donna Hendricks for all the work that they put into the Showcase of Ideas. Dewey purchased the material, shipped it to each association, painted the backdrop for the Federation Showcase and put the table up at the State Convention, as we were unable to be there until Saturday. Dewey will send statements to each association for their part of the material and shipping. Please pay him promptly. Thanks again Dewey and Donna.

We were very pleased when we saw the Showcase on Saturday night. Each association did a super job with the theme "Square dancing is a Florida Treasure". We will be proud to display our Showcase in Charlotte.

We received a letter from Bill & PEg Bottjer, Chairman of the Showcase of Ideas for the 47th National Convention. The letter contained instructions on when and where to set up. We have a copy for each association. We will be handing out the Florida lapel pins and individually wrapped orange slices.

Ken and Sandy Brasfield

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Hancock reported that the web site made by Tom Perry is up and running and can be found at Florida Dancing.com.

Mary Butlak reported on the selection of a new Florida State outfit and presented the three entries. They were as follows:

- #1. Elsa & Ray Huddelson. The ladies outfit consists of a white skirt with Inverted pleats of the rainbow colors pink, yellow, blue and green. The blouse is a white peasant with ruffles of green, yellow and blue trimmed with pink bows. The Mans outfit consist of white trousers, white shirt with the yoke trimmed in the rainbow colors of pink, yellow, blue and green.
- #2. Donna & Dewey Hendricks: The ladies dress is light yellow, with a white inset of white lace, the skirt has four inserts of a triangle of white with two layers of ruffle around the bottom, top ruffle outlines the four triangles of white. The mans outfit was black pants and a yellow shirt to match the dress.
- #3 Mary & Art Butlak: The dress was blue trimmed with yellow, pink and green, half moons around the gores of the skirt. The mans outfit was black pants and a blue shirt to match the dress.

The outfits were voted on and the winner as outfit #1. DeeDee Stovel and Randy Poole counted the secret ballots for the state outfit with the winning outfit to be shown in the fashion show to present it to the dancers. The October meeting will be the target date for wearing the new outfit.

Frank Habersberger reported on callers meeting having been adjourned before he could speak on the new dance level.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Brasfield Printing of handouts. Stated the welcome centers are out and would like to print 3000 more and made a motion second by George Oglesby to do so right away. Motion carried.

A question arose from the floor about when the new state outfit would be used. Jack Taylor suggested the October meeting be the target date.

Next meeting to be held October 18, 1998 at the Ramada Motel Friday Road, Cocoa, FL
Meeting adjourned