

# Florida Federation of Square Dancers

MINUTES OF THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1998 9:00 A.M.  
RAMADA INN, MELBORNE

Meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order October 18, 1998 9:00a.m. by President Jack Taylor. Jack led the pledge of allegiance followed with the invocation by Mary Stuart. Roll called by Secretary Jerri Hockman and noted a quorum was present. Guest present were introduced and welcomed by Jack Taylor.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the May 24, 1998 minutes, second, motion passed. Elsa Huddleston requested corrections in the May 24, 1998 minutes on the Federation dress pattern.

Reports were given. See attached.

Jerri & Stan Hockman

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 23, 1998 THRU OCTOBER 16, 1998

**BEGINNING BALANCE-ALL ACCOUNTS**

FIRST UNION CHECKING ACCOUNT  
 CONTINGENCY  
 INSURANCE ACCOUNT  
 FIRST UNION CD

**TOTAL**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT ANALYSIS**

**ENDING BALANCE MAY 22, 1998**

**RECEIPTS**

501 44TH STATE CONVENTION DISTRIBUTION  
 511 WEST COAST DUES (97-98)  
 521 INTEREST MAY 22 THRU SEPT. 30  
 713 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT

**TOTAL INCOME**

**TOTAL AVAILABLE**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

705 SECRETARIES EXPENSE  
 709 SHOWCASE OF IDEAS  
 711 3000 "SQUARE UP" BROCHURES  
 711 SHIPPING BROCHURES  
 711 RENTAL SPACE AT WELCOME STATIONS  
 711 WEB PAGE  
 713 USDA DUES  
 717 REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETING  
 727 HISTORIAN EXPENSE  
 725 BANK CHARGES

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF OCT. 16, 1998**

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ANALYSIS**

BALANCE 5/23/98  
 BALANCE 10/16/98

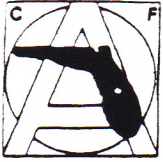
**GAIN 5/23/98 TO 10/16/98**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF OCT. 16, 1998**

FIRST UNION CHECKING  
 CONTINGENCY  
 INSURANCE ACCOUNT  
 FIRST UNION CD

**TOTAL**

Submitted by Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall  
 Treasurer  
 Florida Federation Of Square Dancers Inc.  
 October 18, 1998



Central Florida  
Square & Round Dancers Association

Report to the Florida Federation, October 18, 1998

The Central Florida Square & Round Dancers' Association has had a great year so far. We are just now starting our classes and we are just like a lot of the other areas. Some of our clubs have a fair number of students and there are some that are not doing good at all.

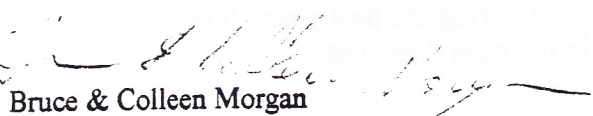
We have changed our by-laws so that the CFA Board will now coincide with the Florida Federation. The current board took office the first of July of this year but will serve until the end of September of 1999. I guess we knew this coming in so we don't have any right to complain about it. Although it wouldn't do any good any way. Just kidding, we are really having a great time and are looking forward to the remainder of our 15-month term.

The CFA has been busy. We recently put on a Benefit dance. This dance was for the purpose of raising money to benefit any dancer, caller or cuer in the Central Area that might be the victim of any type of major disaster. We have had our share already this year. In February we had tornadoes and in June we had those terrible fires. As you know we are not out of the hurricane season yet and we could have one of those look us up at any time. Hopefully this will never happen but we want to be ready if it should come our way. We had a great dance at the Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Club. The callers and cuers from all over Central Florida donated their time. Skip & Jennifer Cleland acted as Master of Ceremonies and coordinated getting the callers lined up. Phyllis & K.O. Williams arranged for the cuers. Needless to say, we had more callers and Cuers than we could get on the stage. It seemed like we could have gone on forever. But everybody was getting tired and we finally cut it off after 3 1/2 hours. The dance was a success. We raised a lot of money. We were even able to present some of the money to one of our dancers that was a victim of the tornadoes in February. All in all it was a great dance.

In August we held our first 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance of our term as presidents. It was one of the largest attended dances that the CFA has held. Our next dance will be held at the Fran Carlton Community Center in Apopka on Halloween night. We would love to have you come and join us. It will not be a costume affair. But it is sure to be full of surprises. If I know the Pirates. They are sponsoring the dance so I'm sure that Tony & Corrine Brownell have something up their sleeve.

As you will find out in a little while we are planning a great State Convention this coming May. If you have not already purchased your tickets you need to right away. The price goes up to \$18.00 at the end of the month. Jim & Jan McConnaha are here and they will be glad to sell you the ribbons. We are really looking forward to this Convention. It has been a lot of fun working on it with Jim & Jan and the other people who have volunteered their time to assist. Come and join the "Mardi Gras Time in '99".

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
CFA President

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Report to Florida Federation of Square Dancers

October 18, 1998

This is our final report as President of Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association. We want to express our thanks to all of you who have helped "show us the way" over the past two years. We have really enjoyed meeting and working with all of you.

Our new board is talented, experienced and dedicated to improving Square Dancing in our area. They are: President - Cliff & Jean Allen; Vice President - Rocco & Pat Torre; Secretary - Ann & Glen Price; Treasurer - Sandra & Jerry Williamson.

The Northwest Caller's Association held a benefit dance on August 16 for the Pensacola Special Steppers. Over \$700 was donated to this handicapable club for their travel fund and other expenses. Congratulations to the callers and cuers and to all the dancers for their support to this very worthy cause.

With the help of Ken & Sue Brown, our Dancer of the Year plaque finally made it to the Strawberry Squares Hall where it is now displayed along with the other association's plaques.

We are happy to report that we have heard of no serious damage to any of our square dancers as a result of Hurricane Georges.

We are sorry to report to you that Conrad (Connie) Bishop passed away in June. Connie was a <sup>PAST President</sup> <sup>of FFSDA in '70's</sup> past president of Northwest Florida. <sup>in '77 + '79</sup> He and his wife, Belle, also helped organize the Northwest Association back in the '70's. He will be greatly missed by all of us in our area.

Our annual Roundup will be held in DeFuniak Springs October 23-24. Our Northwest Callers, Walt Childs, Eddie Mayall, Chuck Myers and Patty Ping will call both Friday and Saturday nights. Northwest Cuers, Bill Bovard and June Leverette will present the round dance program. The featured caller on Saturday evening will be Larry Letson from McAllen, TX. We're offering free pizza on Friday night and a free pancake and ham breakfast on Saturday night. We invite you all to come and join us for a weekend of good dancing, good food and lots of fun.

As a final note, we wish Tom & Jean Hancock the best of luck and success as they embark on the very challenging task as President of the Florida Federation. We also offer a "well done" to Jack & Zonie Taylor for their fine job in steering our Federation during the past year. It is devoted people like them that keep square dancing moving in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Fred & Shirley*  
Fred & Shirley Cornett  
President

# *Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.*

October 18, 1998

Since the last time we met in Feb. 1998, we have had Association Dances each month. In March the Spring dance was a lot of fun. As we celebrated the turning of the season. The Easter Dance in all of it's color and splendor was in April. In May we celebrated all the mothers at the dance and each received a carnation to help celebrate Mothers Day. June, July and August are our slow months as the dancing people do not want to go out when it is so hot. We still had full halls these months as we planned smaller halls.

We held elections in August. President is Fred and Carol Chatos, Vice President is Ray and Elsa Huddleston, Secretary is Su and Ken Brown, Treasurer is Bobie and Carol Hutcheson, and Membership is Maurice Ritter and Virginia Grenier. Jerry and Helen Rhodes are our Insurance Chairmen.

Classes are starting and it looks like we will be having a fair group of new dancers. I haven't canvassed all of the callers but I have heard that Stuart (Sailfish Squares) have almost 4 squares and Boynton Beach (Castoffs) have a similar turnout.

After the fires in the Central and Northwest area, We contacted these areas to see if there were any dancers who needed help. Thankfully there were none. We have a disaster fund that is supplied by the 50/50 Raffle at each dance. Our half of the 50/50 goes into this fund. We are willing to help any square dancer in need. We used this fund to help after the floods in the north and also to help a person here in Florida.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION  
REPORT  
OCTOBER, 1998

This is our last meeting at the Federation as President of the Northeast. We would like to say we have really enjoyed the experience!

The Northeast had good representation at the State and National Conventions. We received several favorable comments on the showcases for the State of Florida.

Two clubs organized Knothead trips and traveled to Orlando and Waycross, Georgia. Many new dancers were initiated into the "Order of the Knothead". One club took a large group on a "Ghost Tour".

Approximately 13 clubs started beginners classes in September. The Mayor proclaimed September as the official square dance month for the City of Jacksonville. We performed a demo downtown at the Jacksonville Landing.

A camping club, The Square Wheels, joined the Association. Their caller is Bill Chesnut.

The annual Fall Festival dance for the Northeast will be held on October 30 and 31. This year's theme is Hollywood Nights. A number of Hollywood "celebrities" are expected to attend. You can see them in the parade on Friday October 30 and possibly obtain an autograph. The caller on Saturday will be Art Springer and the cuers are Jack & Nell Jenkins.

The Rollaways club is planning a charity dance November 28 to help the Nielsen Organ Transplant Foundation. The Foundation was founded in 1981 in memory of Cheryl Nielsen, who died from heart failure while awaiting an organ donor for a heart transplant. The theme is a Monte Carlo Night. We want to thank Randy and Carole Poole for loaning them their equipment from the pre-convention to help make their night a real success!

At the Northeast Delegates meeting on November 8 new officers will be elected.

I leave you with this definition: Virus - a medical term that means, "Your guess is as good as mine!"

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack & Kathy McKinney  
President, NEFSARDA

**Date: October 18, 1998**

**Submitted to: The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers**

**Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown President**

**Subject: West Coast Square and Round Dance Association Report**

**We apologize for our absence, but we are confident that we will return to the activity soon. We appreciate all of the well wishes, and above all the cooperation and assistance of the officers and association members who have accepted our responsibilities during this period.**

**The West Coast Association elected the new slate of officers at our September meeting, and the positions became effective on October 1, 1998. The new officers include; Don and Ann Slocum, Vice President – Bill and Mary Ellen Appel, Treasurer and Ken and Sue Brown – President. At this time the office of Secretary has not been filled and we ask that you direct all correspondence to the Browns or Slocums. We are certain that this vacancy will be covered prior to our November meeting.**

**“This will be a tuff act to follow” Randy and Marcia have done a fantastic job during the past year as has been evidenced at the many membership dances, meetings and most importantly throughout the square dance community at large. Our congratulations and thanks for a “Job well done”.**

**Florida Federation Delegates are as follows: Ken and Sue Brown, Don and Ann Slocum, Bill and Mary Ellen Appel. Alternates: Merle and JoAnn Lewis, Zurhn and Shirley Walker.**

**It was with regret that the West Coast accepted the resignation of Emory and Joyce Johnson as Insurance Chairman. However, Randy and Marcia Lewis have accepted the position, and we are grateful for their dedication to the activity. Once more Randy has agreed to “Just One More” responsibility.**

**The Fall Fun Fest Committee has a marvelous weekend planned in Lakeland, November 13th and 14th. This is certain to be another “can’t miss” event. Tickets are available through any West Coast officer or Fall Fun Fest Committee member. You would be wise to make reservations now.**

**We are delighted to welcome Mary Dow and Jennie Martin, (DeSoto & Charlotte Counties) as well as Bob and Maria Spence, (Citrus County) who have accepted the responsibility of County Representatives in their respective areas.**

**The sixteen counties which make up the West Coast Square and Round Dancers’ Association make it impossible to meet with each Representative on a regular basis; therefore, we are attempting a breakfast meeting during the Fall Fun Fest weekend for the purpose of a more fruitful year and personal contact with these areas.**

**We have visited several of the clubs in the counties of Hernando and Citrus thus far and intend to continue this method of communication throughout the year.**

Our first membership dance is to be held in Port Richey at the Embassy Civic Center located on Palm Drive, October 18th. We will have the privilege of dancing to Suncoast Callers and Cuers.

We are certain that all West Coast members have contacted "Just One More" student to join the classes starting this fall. Now we are urging all to "Be An Angel" during the coming year. Square Angels are an important part of the program. In addition to assisting the caller during lessons, it is an excellent way to welcome these new dancers to the activity which we have grown to enjoy. But, being an angel should not stop at the close of the session, it should continue to reflect in all square dance events. According to Webster an angel is a supernatural being (hold that thought the next time you are in a square that breaks down – and remain cool, calm and collected); a guiding spirit or influence (is it not far more pleasant to be directed than ordered?); and a person regarded as beautiful, good innocent, etc. (the very attributes by which we would like the world to perceive those who take part in our activity). So, we challenge you to take every opportunity to "Be An Angel"; and there is no doubt that it will reflect in the overall atmosphere of our lessons, workshop, dances, and meetings.

A fund for the purpose of assisting disaster victims was established during the past year. Often when the need arises for such funds, we are unable to raise necessary monies on short notice. With such a fund we will be able to provide aid at the time which it is required. However; such a fund must be replenished on a regular basis. Therefore; we are announcing the "Earth Angels Event", to be held Sunday, November 22 with early rounds at 7:00 and squares from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Art Springer will MC the gala with the support of area Callers and Cuers. We will be dancing at **AutoNation U S A**, located at 13600 Icot Boulevard in Clearwater, Florida – off Ulmerton Road between I-275 and Route 19. We ask a \$5.00 donation per person. This Thanksgiving we can be thankful we have escaped these disasters thus far, but this is not true for many who have fallen victim to winds, floods and fires. **BE AN ANGEL** and join us November 22.

The youngest member of our association, received at the State Convention and sister to four other young members who are now attached to the Northeast, Northwest, Central and Southeast Associations; is without a name. Therefore, she will be a part of a contest to find an appropriate name during the coming season. She will accompany us at all club visits and Association Membership dances complete with her basket of ballots.



# Keepin' Posted

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

October 18, 1998

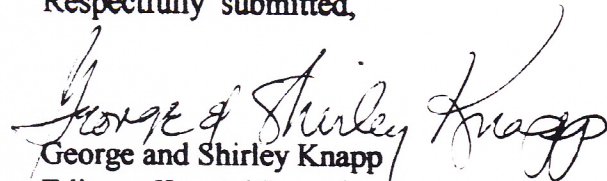
The October issue of *Keepin' Posted* has been printed and distributed.

Since the association has changed its calendar year to coincide with the Federation year, we have changed the dates of our issues to October, January, April and July to do likewise.

A home page has been established by Bruce Morgan for *Keepin' Posted*. It is located in the Florida Dance Web Page and has been receiving lots of hits.

*Keepin' Posted* is alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,

  
George and Shirley Knapp  
Editors, *Keepin' Posted*

Panhandle Press Report  
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

October 18, 1998

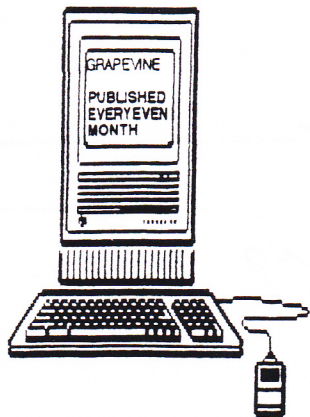
The October-December issue had eleven (11) club articles. This is the greatest number of club articles we've published since I have been Editor. I would like to invite any of our Federation members to submit articles for publication in the *Press*. Our dancers would like to read about what is happening in your clubs. Our magazine goes to over 400 dancers each quarter. The next deadline is December 19.

I would also like to invite you to advertise your special dances in the *Panhandle Press*. Our rates are very affordable and many of the Northwest dancers enjoy traveling.

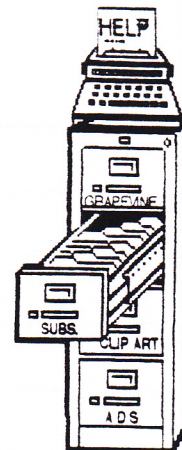
I am looking forward to being Editor of the *Panhandle Press* for the coming year. Hope to see all of you at the Federation meeting in February.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary Ping



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FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT  
FOR THE GRAPEVINE  
OCTOBER 18, 1998

The Grapevine web page is up and running, though it is still undergoing some construction. The address is [www.geocities.com/Nashville/Opry/7238](http://www.geocities.com/Nashville/Opry/7238) or it can be reached thru the Florida Dancing web pages constructed by Tom Perry. We have also started a second NEFSARDA web page that can be accessed thru the Grapevine web page or the Florida Dancing network. This one we will be able to keep more up-to-date regarding NEFSARDA happenings. WE ARE WORKING ON IT!!

Thanks to Chet Vetter for the history items regarding the Florida Federation, the Coordination Committee and the State Convention. So far we have only run the Florida Federation article (June - July issue). We ran out of room in the last issue but will pick the others up as we go.

The Camping News article we have started running is gaining support. Gerry & Dale Fredrickson, of the Gypsy Squares, have agreed to be the reporters for this. Comments received so far have been positive. We hope it will be of use to the camper subscribers.

Thanks to the folks in Central for letting us know about the Benefit dances for those hit during the disasters of last summer. We were able to run notices in the Aug-Sep issue. We hear there was a good turn out. Sorry we were not able to make it in person. We also appreciate NWSARDA for letting us know about the Special Steppers Benefit dance.

As stated in the front of the Grapevine, we will run articles advertising a benefit activity, free of charge, as long as ALL of the proceeds goes to the charity, etc, mentioned in the ad. All we ask is THAT YOU LET US KNOW!

We continue to welcome items, that will be of interest to our readers, from all associations. You can send input by Email to [cnewsome@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnewsome@bellsouth.net), by FAX to 904 292-2036 or by "snail mail" (more about this later). We do prefer it be typed - that way we can scan it into the computer and not have to retype it. We especially like to include your Association dances in our Calendar Of Events so NEFSARDA dancers know where to go when they are on the road.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie & Val Newsome*  
Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

Oct 18, 1998

WtH What-where-where

WE ARE STILL PRINTING

3000 COPIES.

GEORGE GIGESIS

EDITOR

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Convention center

500 sheet

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**Date: October 18, 1998**

**Submitted to: The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers**

**Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown, Editor**

**Subject: West Coast Dancer Report**

**We are pleased with the growing number of advertisers in the West Coast Dancer. Without their support we would be unable to continue to operate as a publication which is FREE to all those on the West Coast.**

**Dick and Betty Stevens have done an outstanding job as Director of Circulation; however, they have requested that a new Director be appointed at this time. It was with regret that we accepted their resignation during the last meeting. We are grateful that they will still be handling membership statistics**

**We are pleased to announce that Pat Hagen has accepted the job of Circulation Director for the coming year. Pat will be handling all requests for magazines, increases in numbers by clubs and shops, and arrangements for distribution during each folding. We look forward to working with Pat.**

**All though the appointment has not been one of authority, we have added a new member to the staff of the West Coast. Beginning in June, a large amount of the typing has been done by Denise Sherman. Denise is a resident of Georgetown, South Carolina, and a member of the Ocean Waves Square Dance Club. Thanks to the invention of fax and E-mail, we have had more time to devote to the actual printing of the magazine. Some of those who attended the Nationals in Orlando and Charlotte and the State Convention in Lakeland might have met Ms. Sherman at that time. Just as an aside, Denise is our daughter, and we are grateful for her assistance.**

**As is always the case, the number of copies printed during June/July was decreased drastically; a slight increase was noted for August/September; while a significant increase was made in the October/November Issue. We anticipate additional numbers for December/January when the bulk of our Snow Birds will return.**

**We are still making every effort to reduce the size of the magazine to assure that the cost remains status quo. We do intend to increase white space between columns to improve legibility. A request for updates and corrections is being sent to all area callers, cuers and clubs in an effort to eliminate any incorrect or discontinued events that may be found in the current schedules.**

Bow & Swing is alive and well and in the 20th century. Bow-n-swing.com is ready, available and on the internet. Anyone wishing to link their web page to Bow & Swing or create a web page for that purpose contact Tom Perry at [tomperry@floridadancing.com](mailto:tomperry@floridadancing.com) or call him at (727) 596-3264. Tom set our web page up and we are very pleased.

Please note, as your classes get ready to graduate, call us or drop us a line and ask us for books for your graduates. There is no charge for this service and it helps welcome new dancers to the world of square dancing.

If your clubs stop dancing for the summer notify us of the start and stop dates so that we may put that down under the club news instead of "No Club News This Month". Also remember that club news is like newspaper reporting. It is events that have happened *not advertising for future events* (we will be happy to sell you ad space for that). As always, there is no charge for advertising benefit dances.

Please send photos. We seem to always be getting them from the same club. We will use them as space permits. Please include a caption or risk using ours.

Respectfully submitted

44TH FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
MAY 22,23 & 24TH 1998

FINAL REPORT:

Submitted on this day- October 18th 1998

By Merle & JoAnn Lewis- General Chairman

Problems: Contra loved their room and the size was adequate but complained it was not cool enough because their's is a rigorous dance. They would also request a table outside of their hall next year with their dance program and callers listed on it.

The Vendors complained they wanted to be closer to the dancer but the dancers concensus was that they didn't want to dance on the cement floor in the Arena and also the ridge around the floor to hold the ice in whenever it is frozen over was distracting and the acoustics are fine for just speaking or just music but both of them combined causes an acoustic bounce. We wanted to please the dancers as without them there wouldn't be a Convention.

We allowed plenty of time between dances and during dances for the Vendors, they requested that we put out more signs next year advertising them and also in the program book ( which we did).

They also requested that we put them in the main concourse but we explained that that area could not be secured and locked up whenever they wanted to take a break for lunch or whatever.

Positive side:

We had a very good response about what a fun convention it was and they were looking forward to next year. If we can be of any help just give us a call, we sure appreciated all the help and cooperation that we had, it was a fun experience..

Now for the important part Bills and Profits:

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT:  
 992 REGISTRATIONS BEFORE THE CONVENTION  
 663 CAME IN THE DOOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY (\$  
 219 COMPS TOTAL....  
 25 SPECTATORS

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE 1,829

RECEIPTS

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Advance from Coordinating board.....  
 "Early Bird Registration.....  
 Vendors.....  
 Dress Kits, Buttons & Slides.....  
 Registrations.....  
 Interest on Checking Acct.....  
 After Party .....  
 Cash Returned(Used for making change).....  
 50/50 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.).....  
 Misc. (Jewelry) sales.....

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....

EXPENDITURES:

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Dress Kit Material.....  
 Conv. Buttons, Ribbons, Badges, Slides.....  
 Hall Rent (Lakeland Center, Lakeland, Fl.).....  
 Solo Ribbons.....  
 Vendor Refunds..(sickness or Death).....  
 Misc. (postage, printing, etc.).....  
 Return Ribbon Deposit(Sickness or Death).....  
 Cash: To make change. at Registration Booth.....  
 After Party .....  
 BMI & ASCAP Fees.....  
 Sounding Halls.....  
 Convention Printing.....  
 Coordinating return of seed money.....  
 Advertising in Assoc. Mags & Bow & Swing.....  
 Hall Of Fame.....  
 Fla. Sales Tax.....  
 Florida Federation Share.....  
 Florida Callers Assoc. Share.....  
 Florida Round Dance Council Share.....  
 Host Assoc. (West Coast Assoc.) Share.....

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....

Balance on hand-Community Ntl. Bank, Bartow, Fl.....  
 Date this report: Oct. 1, 1998

*Respectfully Yours,  
 JoAnn Lewis*



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

**October 18, 1998**

Again it is a pleasure to report to you that the 45th State Square & Round Dance Convention moving along nicely. Our deadlines are being met on time or ahead of time.

Ribbon sales are doing about as expected. Most people seem to not mind the increase in price as it gets closer to the Convention. While they sold well at the '98 convention, orders are very slow in coming in now.

We have started visitations around over the state with the help of other members of the Committee. So far visits have been made to clubs in Tallahassee, Pensacola, New Port Ritchie and Tampa, as well as the West Coast President's Ball. We have been well received at all of these clubs, have been given an opportunity to speak and sold a few ribbons, but distributed hundreds of Registration Forms. Many more visits are planned such as, the State Camp-o-ree, NW 24th Annual Round Up, NE Fall Fun Fest, WC Fun Fest, Single-Rama and many more clubs and events.

Registration Forms have now been enclosed in all of the area publications and the publications are doing a great job of publishing our publicity items and our Mardi Gras clip art.

The major item we are working on at this time is the programming of the halls. We have met with our caller, cuer, contra and C/W chairmen and it all seems to be coming together nicely. The callers are having their programming meeting today and we look forward to getting their report.

Since our last report, we have met with the Assistant Director of the Lakeland Center and discussed various matters with him. One of the items concerned the parking fee. We received a letter informing us that the parking fee was being raised to \$3.00 per day. We talked with the AD and worked out a deal where we will be able to get a three day pass for \$7.00. While no big saving, it shows their readiness to work with us on any problems that come up.

Finally, preparations for "**MARDI GRAS TIME IN '99**" are, with the help of a great committee, proceeding nicely and if you don't have your registration yet, please see us before you leave this meeting!

Jim & Jan McConnaha  
General Chairman

## 2000 State Convention

October 18, 1998

### Progress Report

- We had our first meeting on August 23rd, 98 to introduce our Executive Committee and our Committee Chairs.
- We have decided on a theme and have already finished our badges. Sorry, but we are still not telling!
- Ken Miller, our Kick-Off Chairman, had his first meeting. He is looking for 100 volunteers who can attend the rehearsals as well as the kick-off in 1999.
- 2000 State Convention Outfit has been designed and approved. Material was purchased and patterns traced by those participating in the kick-off. The outfits are great!

We are moving right along and will be ready for our Kick-Off in 99'.

Respectfully,

Don & Bonnye Bell  
General Chairman

*Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.*

## 47<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance

October 18, 1998

The committee is getting set at this time. The key players are all appointed and we need to have some of committees filled out (workers appointed). We will begin meeting on a regular schedule now that we are within my planned time frame to do the job at hand.

The Lakeland Center has been contacted to insure that we have the dates for the Year of 2001. I have asked that we have the same areas as are currently being reserved. This includes the Arena. A contract will be mailed to me and signed just as soon as I get it. Our kickoff is in the planning stages, as are the Logo and Slogan.

As we get closer of course these reports will get longer, as we try to answer all of the questions that will arise.

## HALL OF FAME

Meeting was held August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Orlando. Reorganized committee with Mary Butlak as chairman and Joe and Madeline Augenflick as Treasurer, Sunni Thomas stayed as Secretary.

We agreed to publish a pamphlet with history, resume requirement and outline suggestion. Deadline for submitting resume is January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Hall of Fame board will meet no less than twice a year.

The Board will enlist each association in the selection of Hall of Fame resumes. Associations will first review resumes and then forward to Board for their procedure/. A yearly report is requested.

First the Board reviews the resume, then they will be mailed to selection committee. Votes will be by secret ballot.

Resumes that were submitted in the spring of 1998 will be considered for 1999. Time is running short, so get any new resumes in right away.

## FLORIDA HALL OF FAME

Name	Date Inducted
Gene & Ima Bayliss	May 29, 1983
Ed & Kay Mack	May 29, 1983
Jim & Helen Galloway	May 29, 1983
Don & Marie Armstrong	May 26, 1984
Ernest (Bart) & Ruth Bartley	May 26, 1984
Jimmy & Elizabeth Clossin	May 26, 1984
Al & Dot Cody	May 26, 1984
Harry & Helen Moore	May 26, 1984
Gordon & Edna Blaum	May 26, 1985
Jay & "Mike" Fenimore	May 26, 1985
Jack & Carolyn Lasry	May 26, 1985
Charlie & Madeline Lovelace	May 25, 1986
Mori & Phyllis Sogolow	May 23, 1987
Chet & Julia Vetter	May 23, 1987
Dick & Bea Rae	May 27, 1989
Frank & Connie Bedell	May 27, 1989
Cliff & Lorraine Hendricks	May 27, 1989
George & Boots Oglesby	May 27, 1989
Joe & Joy Vaccari	May 27, 1989
Frank & Iris Gilbert	May 27, 1990
Marty & Byrdie Martin	May 27, 1990
George & Johnnie Eddins	May 29, 1994
George & Rita Deschambeau	May 29, 1994
Pee Wee & Mary Stewart	May 29, 1994
Frank & Nan Habersberger	May 29, 1994
Dave & Shirley Nihart	May 25, 1996
Jack & Marie Pierson	May 25, 1996

RESUME OUTLINE

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code & Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Began Dancing \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
To What Dance Clubs Do They Belong, Held Office & Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Member Of What Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Florida Callers \_\_\_\_\_ Round Dance Council \_\_\_\_\_  
Florida Federation \_\_\_\_\_ Northeast \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest \_\_\_\_\_  
West Coast \_\_\_\_\_ Central \_\_\_\_\_ Southeast \_\_\_\_\_  
Offices Held & Dates \_\_\_\_\_

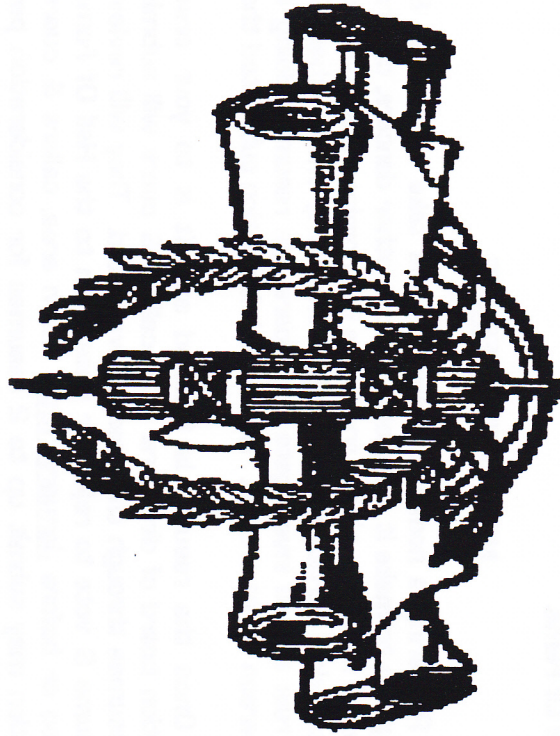
Please Explain What This Nominee Has Done Using:  
WHO - Names \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT - They Did (This can be done in resume form or as a story) \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN - The Dates They Did It (If the exact date is not available please give the year) \_\_\_\_\_  
WHERE - Area Of The State \_\_\_\_\_

Please give as much information as possible, the more the better. Talk to friends, callers, cuers, fellow board members, dancers that have left the activity, etc. for information. You'll be surprised how many people will work with you to prepare the nomination resume. Using the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE method you may have several WHAT, WHEN, & WHEREs to cover everything the nominee has done in his dancing career. The nominee may have involved with several aspects of the dance field.

IF MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED CONTACT MARY BUTLAK OR ANYONE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HALL OF FAME

**FLORIDA  
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE**

**HALL OF FAME**



**HISTORY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS & VOTING  
PROCEDURES**

**HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE**

## HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME

The Hall Of Fame was organized to honor dancers, caller, cuers, publishers, teacher, organizer, promoter, and/or vendors for their contributions made to the dance activity statewide.

The Hall Of Fame became a reality due to the work of Chet Vetter, Mori Sogolow, Art Springer & Marty Martin. On December 4, 1983 with a Grand Opening dance held at Strawberry Square, the permanent home of the Hall Of Fame. The first inductees were made May 29, 1983 at State Convention. At State Convention the new member are presented with a small plaque to keep & a larger plaque is installed at Strawberry Squares for public viewing.

So far there has been 26 inductees, 11 dancers, 7 callers, 7 cuers, 3 publishers & 1 vendor. Some of the inductees have qualified in 2 categorizes.

The Hall Of Fame also provided & financed the display cases for Past Presidents of Florida Callers Association, Florida Federation Of Square Dancers & Round Dancer and Round Dance Council Of Florida.

The Hall Of Fame is financed by Florida Federation, Florida Caller & Round Dance Council.

The Board Of Directors are:

Mary Butlak - Chairman  
Joe & Madeline Augenblick - Treasurer  
Sunni Thomas - Secretary  
Rita Deschambeau  
John & Linda Saunders  
Jack & Zonie Taylor

Voting Board consist of 7 dancers, 6 caller & 6 cuers from every area of the state and both sexes are represented. They are only known to the Board of Directors and not to each other. These voting members must have been active in the Florida activity for at least 10 years, have visited and danced in a number of areas within the state and be knowledgeable of what is going on. Voting is done in secret by sending resumes and ballot to each voting member which they fill out without their names on them. They are then returned to the Chairman in provided envelopes with no return address.

## CRITERIA

Nominees must have been involved in the activity a minimum of 10 years of Florida involvement and have made contributions that effect the whole State of Florida not just 1 or 2 of the area associations. They must have given a lot of their time & unselfish labor to the Squares Dance Activity. Being an area president, Federation president, &/or State Convention Chairman is not enough. The Hall Of Fame is looking for the person who has effected the majority of the State of Florida. Being nominated is a very high honor whether or not you enter the Hall Of Fame.

## NOMINATING RESUME

Preparing a nominating resume will take some time & investigation to make it complete. Talk to other dancers, callers &/or cuers for dates, places and times the nominee was involved in State wide participation. Follow the who, what, when & where rule as you investigate & prepares the resume. Being a great person is not enough. The more information submitted the better.

Once the resume is finished submit it to your area association board of directors. The callers & cuers will submit their resumes through their respective Board. They will review the resume & vote to reject or pass it on to the Hall Of Fame Board on or before January 15th. Each area, callers & cuers association may submit up to 2 resumes for consideration per year. If an association receives more than 2 resumes & they are all deem qualified, the association should hold the extra resumes till the next year. Each association will have a form to submit to the Hall Of Fame Directors with any resumes or stating there are no nominees for that year.

The area, callers & cuers associations will submit their resumes on or before January 15th to:

Mary Butlak  
2407 Anastasia Drive  
South Daytona, Florida 32119  
Phone: (904)767-1717



**FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE  
HALL OF FAME**

**YEARLY REPORT FOR 1999**

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE DATED, SIGN & RETURNED BY JANUARY  
15, 1999.**

**ASSOCIATION REPORTING** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE THERE ANY NOMINEES FOR 1999? YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no - go to last lines, sign, date & mail)

**HOW MANY NOMINATIONS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEES NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSE RESUMES AND MAIL TO:**

**MARY BUTLAK  
2407 ANASTASIA DRIVE  
SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA 32119**

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATION OFFICE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

# LEGACY REPORT

Legacy XIV is returning to the city where it first saw the light of day in 1973 – Cleveland Ohio. Charlie Baldwin, Stan Burdeck and Bob Osgood got together and established a meeting where representatives from every facet within the square dance activity could gather to address concerns facing the activity. And so now, after 26 years, Legacy is returning to its roots in Cleveland, Ohio to address the concerns and to communicate and interface with other organizations. And then move onward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Call Cliff Allen if you have interest in joining Legacy and / or attending the legacy meeting in Cleveland May 14-15 - 16, 1999

Cliff Allen



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
FALL MEETING - COCOA RAMADA INN  
OCTOBER 18, 1998

FLORIDA FEDERATION INSURANCE REPORT

1. Checking Account

Balance as of May 19, 1998

Receipts since 5/19/98

Balance

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund

Balance ending September 30, 1998

NOTES: Enrollment forms for the 1999 Insurance year have been received from the USDA Insurance Coordinator in Little Rock and have been distributed to the Area Association Insurance Chairmen, this past week. We have once again encouraged re-enrollment during November and December, so policies will take effect in the clubs at the beginning of the 1999 year. IT BEAR REPEATING.....Insurance DOES NOT take effect until enrollment forms and payment is received at the Home Office.

Insurance Fees for the 1999 calendar year were increased, due to abnormal amount of claims, by .10 cents to \$2.45 per dancer, with a minimum for a club of \$45.00. The Insurance Coordinator reports that Reserve Funds were exhausted by above normal claims. (Too many Ladies dancing in High Heels, result..... trips, falls, broken bones, etc). Legs do not look as good in a cast.



Duke and Doris McCleskey  
FFSD Insurance Chairman

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
FALL MEETING - COCOA RAMADA INN  
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NATIONAL FOLK DANCE REPORT

Thirty States have declared Square Dancing as the Official State Dance of their state. This is 60% of these United States. There are several States currently working on passage by their respective Legislative bodies.

Earlier this year USDA conducted a study of the 'roots' of the States Movement, and we ran everything back to the earlier 1980's, when the Square Dance Committee requested that USDA take over the task. This proved to be an interesting study and upon this, plans are being formulated and should receive full implementation during the USDA Winter Working Weekend in Baltimore, comes January 1999.

Simply put... USDA will 'lobby' the US Congress after 75% of the States have approved square dancing in their state. Fifteen percent to go!!!



Duke and Doris McCleskey  
USDA National Folk Dance Chairmen

October 12, 1998

All dues with ASCAP and BMI have been paid for the year 1998. However BMI has informed us that they have overcharged us for fees due them at the 46<sup>th</sup> NSDC. After an adjustment to these fees we have a credit of \$333.20 to our account. We may apply any dues to this credit when they become applicable.

Respectfully,



Dave and Shirley Nihart

Approved

(SUGGESTED CHANGE )  
FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
PROCEDURES (GUIDELINES)

SECTION "F" , VENDORS, PARAGRAPH #1

1. The Vendor Chairman should give/send a contract to all vendors who will be *invited to participate* in the State Convention. Contracts will be given/mailed no later than the first part of the month of September prior to the Convention. (Hint: Contracts CAN BE ready and given to the Vendors during the convention prior to yours, thus saving time and postage). *The Vendor Chairman shall update the Vendor Seniority Listing based on the Vendors in attendance at the Convention and pass it on to the next Convention Vendor Chairman at the current Convention.*

(Note: words in italics are suggested revised or new)

Approved

(SUGGESTED CHANGE)  
THE FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(Page 5 of 8, attachment #1)

ADD UNDER "EXHIBITOR SELECTION CRITERIA:"

(c) Vendors from other States are welcome, however if a Florida Vendor and an out of State Vendor have applied for the only open position, the Florida Vendor shall receive preference. Once a Vendor has been accepted for the State Convention they are to be treated equally with all other vendors in accordance with these rules and regulations.

TO THE DANCERS OF FLORIDA:

This is a survey concerning the possibility of changing the date for the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention from the Memorial Day weekend to an earlier date in the year. Your opinion is important in determining the feasibility of such a change. It has been discussed at the Florida Federation meetings, the Callers and the Cuers meetings that a change to an earlier date in the year would attract a larger crowd, particularly "snowbirds" that leave us before May first and do not return until after October first.

Attendance at the State Convention has decreased over the past few years making it difficult to meet the increased cost. It is thought that moving to earlier in the year would attract a larger crowd and produce a greater revenue to meet these higher costs.

The possible dates discussed were from the last two weeks of February to the first two weeks in March. Thursday, Friday, & Saturday is also being discussed in lieu of Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Your input on the attached form would give the Coordinating Committee looking into this matter the necessary data to consider a change. The earliest such a change might take place would be at least two, possibly three years from now considering the contracts with the Lakeland Convention Center for the coming years.

FULL TIME RESIDENT

PART TIME RESIDENT

I AGREE TO DATE CHANGE

I DISAGREE TO DATE CHANGE

WHICH DAYS ARE PREFERABLE TO YOU?

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

HOW MANY STATE CONVENTIONS HAVE YOU ATTENDED? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the above form with your information and opinion as this will be taken into consideration when making this decision. Without your opinion "others" might make this decision for you. Return this form to your Associations and it will be forwarded to the Florida Federation to be counted in February, 1999.

October 18, 1998

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

Promotion and Expansion of Square Dancing

At the September 7, 1998 Executive Board Meeting of Southeast Association, we asked approval for the President of Southeast Association, Fred & Carolyn Chatos, to meet with the Members of Southeast Caller's Association at their next Meeting and ask that Representatives of both of our Associations meet to discuss the feasibility of creating a single level below Advanced, to encompass: Basics, Mainstream and Plus Calls, with all Plus Calls called directionally. Approval was given in a unanimous Vote.

Fred & Carolyn Chatos presented this proposal at the next Southeast Caller's Association Meeting. As the change of Officers took place at this Meeting, it was felt more appropriate for this subject to be placed on the Agenda of their next Meeting where more time could be given to discussions.

A new Club has been formed in Southeast area. It will be called "Square Dance". with no Designated level, and all Calls above Mainstream will be called directionally.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Habersberger,  
Chairman, Committee on  
Promotion & Expansion of  
The Square Dance

RPT-FED

# Florida Square Dancing

I have started a Square Dance Discussion Group for the State of Florida. I want to limit it to anybody and everybody that has anything to do with the Western Style Dancing. This means all types of dancers, callers, cuers, prompters, any other leaders and even vendors.

This web site has several sections

**Announcements.** This is where you send a note and all members can read it when they log on.

**My Messages.** This is where you can send a note to just one person. There is a minor problem with this section which Excite says they are going to fix in the next version of the software. You can only send it to one person. If you want to send it to more than one but not everybody you have to send it however many times that you have people.

**Discussions.** This is where you can ask questions and any other member can try to answer it if they choose. You can also just use this area to make general comments. We should be able to get some lively discussions going in this section.

**Calendar.** This is a live calendar. Here you can place your dates of interest. Please post as much as you like but please keep the normal dance schedule of the clubs off. If we were to have all the regular club dances listed here the calendar would be so crowded that nobody could find any thing and you would eventually quit using it. So let's keep it to special items. Dances, sales, Federation Meetings, Association Meetings and etc.

**Bookmarks.** Here you can list all your web sites I already have the Floridadancing.com page listed as well as the CFA and Whirl & Twirl pages. I have it divided into the 5 areas. Please list your pages in your area unless it is a statewide page like Floridadancing.com.

**Contact list.** Here you can list all the information about yourself or you business, as long as it is a dance related business. Name, address, phone, fax, e-mail address, etc. It is similar to a business card. This is also divided into the 5 areas.

**Photos.** This is where you can place pictures of yourself, you club, whatever you like as long as it is dance related. This also is divided into the 5 areas.

You can only join this group by invitation. I have invited as many people that I have addresses for. But I know there are a lot more people in the State of Florida that have e-mail addresses. Once you log on please invite as many people that you can. There is a Invite Someone section. Please use it. If you have not received an invite yet. Don't fret. I just don't have your address. Give me your address after the meeting and I will send you an invite this afternoon. You will probably have it by the time that you get home. As long as you live more than 2 hours from here. You have to give me time to get home and logged on.

Let's everyone get involved. The more people we have on line the more lively discussions we can have. Plus the more live chats. This will be a good way to discuss things without really getting together. You can even create private rooms. So if the Federation board wanted to get together to discuss something you could. You can tell that you are the only ones in the room because there is a listing of persons that are in the room at all times. If someone was to log into the room they would only see what is said after they entered and you could just stop talking about whatever you were talking about and ask them to leave. Thi scould prove to be a very valuable tool.

Let's get logged on and start talking.

USDA: Jack and Zonie are leaving office of the USDA. Joe Vaccari made motion to have Dave and Shirley Nihart be entered as our rep. with the USDA. Letter to be sent. Motion second and passed.

Jack Taylor introduced and welcomed Worley and Nan Carrier as our new N.E.C. executive committee board members. Worley reported there will be 300 hookups at the next convention in Indiana and the Hoffmans would be in the fashion show. Also that there are seventeen fewer members now on the N.E.C. board. Worley had nothing to do with that.

PeeWee and Mary Stuart, nominating committee chairman reported this committee consist of Shirley and Dave Nihart, Sally and Howard Hayes, Mary and himself made the following nominations to the Federation:

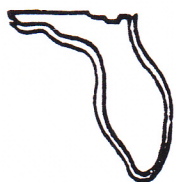
President	Tom and Jean Hancock
Vice President	Stan and Jerri Hockman
Secretary	DeeDee and Bessie Stovall
Treasurer	Ken and Sandy Brasfield.
Palamentaron	George and Shirley Knapp

Mary Stuart read a resume about the Knapps and the positions the have held. Jack Taylor proceeded to open the floor for nominations for President and Vice President. George Oglesby made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee, second by Donna Hendricks. The secretary than cast one vote for the nominates of those presented for office. The president directed the other officers to open their gifts. The meeting was then turned over to Dewey and Donna Hendricks who held the swearing in ceremony for the new board member. Tom Hancock was presented his throne and he then took charge of the meeting.

Tom announced the next meeting fourth weekend in February at the Best Western in Lakeland Florida. Tom than presented the Taylors with an outgoing gift for their work and help on the Federation board.

Motions made and second to adjourn.





FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

September 24, 1998

Nominating Committee, Report to be given, at the Florida Federation Square Dance meeting, Oct 18th at Cocoa. All of them have been confirmed, by letters:

President - Tom & Jean Hancock  
Vice President - Stan & Jerry Hockman  
Secretary - Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall  
Treasurer - Ken & Sandy Brasfield  
Parliamentarian - George & Shirley Knapp

Committee

Peo Wee & Mary Stewart  
Dore & Shirley Nibart  
Howard & Selly Hayes

Respectfully

Peo Wee & Mary

Oct 18, 1998

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

As it takes several years to prepare an effective Bid for a National Square Dance Convention, we would like to make the following motion.

We ask that the Florida Federation give its backing for Bruce & Colleen Morgan to announce at the upcoming National Convention, its intent to conduct the National Square Dance Convention in the year 2007.

Respectfully,

Frank Habersberger