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The Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting was called to order by President Stan Hockman at 9:00am on November 5,2000 at Boynton Beach Civic Center. The invocation was given by Jack Taylor and the President lead the Pledge of Alliegance.. Roll call of officers and delegates by the secretary. Guests in the audience were introduced.

Don Slocum moved that the minutes be accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
May 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000

Beginning Balance All Accounts

Checking Balance	\$	
Contingency		
First Union CD		
Insurance Account	_____	\$
	\$	

Receipts

541	Showcase Refund	\$	
	SE, NW, NE		
	Refund for Del. Bars (CEN)		
	Partial CD Redeemed		
	Service Charge Refund		
501	Convention Income		
	1st Union	_____	\$
		\$	

Disbursements

725	USDA Dues		
	Bank Service Charge		
711	Showcase Expense		
	Welcome Center Brochures		
	Welcome Center Rental		
	One Year Web Page Lease		
727	Historian		
717	Refreshments		
705	Minutes (Mail)		
703	Badges		
719	Federation Letterhead	_____	\$
		\$	

First Union Certificate of Deposit
July 10, 2000

\$

BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS 090/30/00

1st Union Checking	\$
Contingency	
1st Union Certificate of Deposit	
Insurance Account	_____
	\$

Respectfully Submitted

George & Shirley Knapp, Treasurers
November 5, 2000

Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.

47th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

Lakeland Civic Center
May 24, 25, & 26, 2001

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September 20, 2000

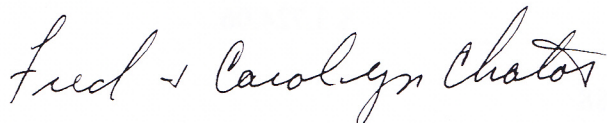
Dear Presidents;

I write this letter to you asking that consider the following request and take this request to your membership. As all three organizations are involved in putting on the Florida State Square Dance Convention it only makes sense that we attempt to increase the attendance at the convention. One of the ideas put forth was to not have any square dances at the local level on the weekend of the convention. This makes a lot of sense to me. So therefore

I request that you ask (advise) you membership to not have any Square Dances, Round Dances, or Workshops on Memorial Day Weekend. Let us all instead encourage our Dancers, Callers, and Cuers to help to make the convention a success and please attend the State Convention. We need all the help that we can get and the more at the convention the better it will be.

As all three organizations and a local association split the process of the convention this recommendation can only help each and everyone of us.

Thank you for your consideration.



Fred & Carolyn Chatos
General Chairman 47th FL State Square and Round Dance Convention

Don commented that Ron Van Valkenberg had undergone a second brain surgery and was still in the hospital.

Ken Brown of the Southeast and Fred Cornett of the Northwest have both had heart surgery since our last meeting.

NEFSARDA

November 5, 2000

The following are some of the activities scheduled at the Northeast Association:

Christmas in July, hosted by the Friendship Squares and the Rural Callers provided the calling. They held a Chinese auction and with the attendance they raised approximately \$2000.00.

Two 5th Saturday Dances that were well attended. We schedule one out of town at Lake City and it was hosted by the Dixie Squares and Vega bands. It was very successful and a lot of fun.

Held a free dance (5th Sat) for all dancers in Jacksonville as a Dancer appreciation night.

We had a picnic for all of the Delegates and Past Presidents hosted by the NESARDA Board as an appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

We have several clubs that are conducting classes. They are doing fine. We have a new club that started and is dedicated to Mainstream only. This will provide a place for the new dancers to go after they graduate to gain their confidence and perfect their skills. We have lost two clubs and we gained two. Square Dance and Round Dance Clubs. We also gained a new Caller, John Wall.

We had three clubs that had Anniversaries: Yellow Rockers 9 years

Silver Fox 15 years

Teddy Bears 16 years

Our Fall Festival Chairpersons, Linda and Chuck Riggs are working very hard to provide a top-notch dance. The dates are 17 and 18 November, 2 nights of dancing for only \$10.00. Buddy Weaver from California is the caller.

Thanks to all Associations for your support.

Manny & Sherry Gonzales

Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.
November 5, 2000

Last June the SEA sent \$300 from our disaster fund to a couple in Los Alamos, New Mexico who lost everything in the fire. Our disaster fund is maintained from the sale of 50/50 tickets.

At the caller's association meeting last June, they voted to include the cuers in the Southeast Caller's Association.

In July we held our election of officers, and they were installed in August. The new slate is the same as last year except for our Membership Chairmen, Andy and Beverly Ledoux.

We are pleased to report that the callers in our area who have weekend dances during the state convention will either be participating in the convention or will cancel their dances that weekend to encourage more attendance at the state convention.

Because the prices of halls are increasing as the dancers decrease it makes it difficult for us in the SEA to have 11 dances a year. However, we are encouraging our dancers to bring their non-dancing friends to SEA dances to see what we do.

Our past president's dance is scheduled for November 12 in Lake Worth. This dance honors all past presidents of the SEA. Also at this dance we present a plaque to the dancer of the year. We are proud to announce that this year Frank & Ada Trott have been nominated to receive this award.

It has also become a routine matter now for the SEA to pay the insurance for the Handicapable dancers thus allowing them to become honorary members of the Southeast Association.

This December will be our third year of collecting unwrapped toys for Kids in Distress. This has been very successful, and we encourage the other associations to do something similar if you are not already going so.

And last, but not least, our one fund-raiser of the year, the Snowflake Frolic, is scheduled for January 20 here at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. We would love to see all of you here again in two months!

Respectfully submitted,

Ray & Elsa Huddleston
SEA President

Presidents Meeting, November 4, 2000

Present: Tony & Patti Gee, Don Slocum, John & Paula Bouseman, Ray & Elsa Huddleston

We discussed various ways of recruiting new dancers and what the associations were doing to promote square dancing. If clubs and associations can find teenagers and younger people to teach and use them in demos, it would show others that square dancing is not an old folks dance – but getting younger people is still a problem.

We, also, discussed class procedures, such as graduating mainstream level and having mainstream club dances vs. continuing in class through plus level. One association has angels as partners for new members which seems to help them learn faster.

The frequency of association dances and board meetings was, also, discussed – as well as the locations. Most associations do not have monthly dances and board meetings. Attendance at association dances might increase if the number of dances per year were decreased.

Ray & Elsa

Report to the Federation Meeting, November 5, 2000

I am Tony Gee and with my wife, Patti, we are the very newly elected President of the North West Association.

The Association has held three Meetings of its Officers since the last Report.

Regrettably, little business could be conducted at the first one because we did not achieve a quorum. This may have had something to do with the fact that it was held in Pensacola the weekend before the National Convention. Certainly, we were deterred from attending because we were leaving for Baltimore in our RV the next day and we did not want to start off by driving a 400 mile round trip in the opposite direction.

Incidentally, it was great to see the usual good turnout from Florida at the National. We seem to be consistently number two in attendance behind the host State each year.

The second Meeting presented a problem initially because we find we only get a representative attendance of club delegates if we hold our Meetings in conjunction with some sort of "special" dance and we could not find any "special" dances in August. Everybody we spoke to said they do not hold any "special" dances in August because too many people are away on vacation. We were eventually indebted to one of our Association cuers who invited a guest caller and put on a "special" dance for us and in the end both the Meeting and the dance were reasonably well attended.

We only mention all this because we would be interested to know if any of you face the same problems.

Our final meeting of the year was held, as usual, at our annual "Round Up" last weekend and again both dance and Meeting were well attended. It was particularly gratifying to see so many visitors from outside our area at the dance, including several people who are here today.

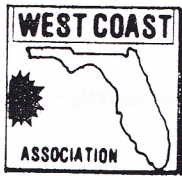
Our new slate of Officers was elected but it was very much a case of business as usual. We moved up from Vice President to President, Jerry and Sandy Williamson moved up from Treasurer to Vice President, Glen and Ann Price continued as Secretary and Wilma Scofield returned after a few years rest as Treasurer. Norman and Ann Booth from Tallahassee were named as our "Dancers of the Year".

We are solvent: we have \$5,000 on deposit and about \$1,500 in our current account. We voted to continue our incentive/subsidy/bribery scheme whereby we award \$15 to a club for each dancer they graduate. We had to amend the rules because we found that clubs were claiming \$15 for graduating round dancers who were the same people that we had paid \$15 for graduating as square dancers the year before and it was getting too expensive. We also voted to continue our financial assistance to the Pensacola Special Steppers, one of the most successful handicapped clubs in the country.

In our last Report, we were able to announce the formation of a new club in our area. Unfortunately, this time we have to report the closing of another one. Holding classes is the only way to attract new people to square dancing and many of our clubs have been playing their part in this respect. Our own club has held classes starting in September every year for the past few years. We have found that if you spend enough money advertising, you will attract a reasonable number of people to start the class but the drop-out rate tends to be high. There are obviously some who quickly find out that square dancing is not their thing but it is disappointing that others drop out after completing all or most of the class and apparently enjoying themselves. At one time or another, everyone has found that they cannot make it on a particular week but it appears that having missed a week, some class members are then put off from returning because, despite all assurances to the contrary, they fear that they will have been left behind and will never catch up. We have not been able to find a way to overcome this.

The other problem we have found with holding a class every year is that some club members get a bit upset because they feel that they are being deprived of part of their regular dancing time. The alternative of adding the class to the front of the dance is not popular with the caller or the 'angels' so we compromise.

Again, we would be interested to know whether anybody else faces these problems and how they attempt to overcome them.



**WEST COAST
SQUARE & ROUND
DANCERS' ASSOCIATION**

The West Coast Assoc. has completed a very successful year. Our membership topped 1200 thanks to the efforts of our county representatives and a mailing in March to remind those who have not renewed. We have started a tradition of 8 to 10 key couples meeting after our March membership dance to put together a mailing to the delinquent members. This has proven to be very successful in boosting our renewals.

We held 6 membership dances staffed by the area callers and cuers plus the VIP dance which is staffed by the local caller and cuers who will be on staff for the Fall Fun Fest, this year they were Bob Barnes, Charlie & Leona Lovelace, and Don & Loretta Hanhurst, and the Presidents Ball with Doc Gray on squares and Charlie & Leonna Lovelace on rounds. These were very well attended. We donated \$300.00 to the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Assoc. for their cooperation in staffing the dances.

At the July meeting we received the resignation of Bill & Mary Ellen Appel our vice-presidents. Bill had accepted a transfer with GE Long Term Care to Oklahoma.

We held elections at the September meeting. Our officers for 2000-2001 are Presidents- Ann & Don Slocum, Vice-Presidents- Paula & John Bouseman, Treasurers- Jennie and Bob Courter, Secretaries- Rose Porter & Maurice Reynolds. At the Presidents Ball, which unfortunately coincided with a hurricane so we only had six squares of hardy dancers, Sandy & Ken Brasfield held a very nice installation service for the officers. Also at this dance we were surprised and very honored by the presentation of the Circle of Service Award to us by Shirley & Zurhn Walker.

We have new Insurance Chairman, Jan & Fred Smith have graciously agreed to fill this spot.

Next weekend we are holding our annual Fall Fun Fest with Tim Marriner & Bob Barnes on squares and Charlie & Leona Lovelace and Don & Loretta Hanhurst on rounds. You are invited to join us.

Nov. 17th & 18th we will be joined by at least three other couples from the West Coast in Jacksonville to enjoy "Rockin' To The Beat" the Northeast Fall Dance. Let me again promote the idea of trying to attend dances in other Associations when possible. Sometimes they are a distance away but then what an opportunity to take a weekend trip for rest, relaxation and fellowship with fellow dancers. Plan now for Central's dance March 9th & 10th at Meritt Island.

See you in Lakeland in February for the working weekend and the third annual Red White and Blue dance featuring Larry Letson and Kurt Worlock.

Respectfully submitted
Ann & Don Slocum, Pres.

Jim McConnaha announced that Dan and Anna Foust are the CFA Dance Couple of the Year.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO THE FLORIDA FEDERATION

NOVEMBER 5, 2000

There was a great turnout for the Annual President's Ball September 30 in Daytona Beach with John Saunders and Phyllis Williams making the evening so enjoyable. Before the dance we had an election of new officers at the General Meeting. The new officers are; Jim & Jan McConnaha, President, George & Shirley Knapp, Vice President, Jack & Orlea Gay, Secretary & Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasure. Tom & Eivor Brown are doing the Keepin' Posted this year and Randy & Carol Poole are doing the Insurance Chairman job. Don & Sharon Smith were elected Membership Vice President, Ron & Lois Renwick were elected to the post of Area Vice President and Will & Carol Barnhart to Blood Bank Vice President. We have a great group to work with and are looking forward to the next year with great anticipation.

Delegates appointed as Federation Delegates are; Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Randy & Carol Poole, Dan & Anna Foust. Alternate Delegates are; Don & Sharon Smith and Will & Carol Barnhart. Of course, our representative on the Federation Board, George & Shirley Knapp and CFA President Jim & Jan McConnaha are automatically delegates.

We are already selling ribbons for the 'Shamrock Swing' which is a new weekend venture of the CFA to be held March 9th & 10th, at the Kiwanis Recreation Center in Merritt Island. The other Associations have a weekend dance and it was thought that Central Florida, being the largest association of the five, should at least do as much for their dancers. Not only will there be dancing, square dance and round dance workshops, but we will have a seminar conducted by Tim Marriner on 'Leadership and Retention for Square Dance Clubs' on Saturday morning. This seminar is open to anyone at no charge whether you attend the dance or not. We are in the process of going to other Association major dances to promote this dance and look forward to seeing you there.

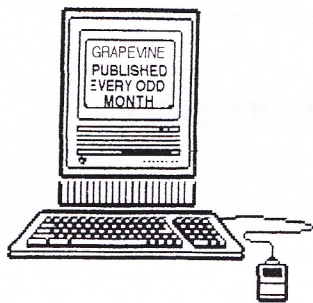
A lot of new ideas were brought to the Board meeting on October 29th held in Cocoa. There have been several thoughts and suggestions that we want to implement and hopefully bring more enthusiasm and more members to CFA.

Since New Year's Eve, December (30th), falls on the 5th Saturday, we will not be having a 5th Saturday dance until March 2001. So let us wish each and every one of you --- Happy Holidays. Hope you don't eat too much turkey on Thanksgiving and spend time with your family and friends. Christmas brings us gifts from each other and from 'above', then New Year's is not far behind with all the joy and anticipation of the new to come.

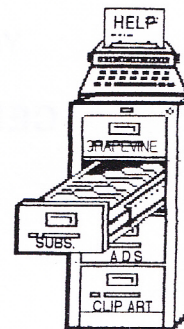
Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season.

Jim and Jan McConnaha
CFA President

Colleen Morgan announced that caller, Otis Lutz called a dance for 85 Girl Scouts and their fathers. It was sponsored by the CFA and a good time was had by all. The girls received a badge for square dance that was quite impressive.



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THE GRAPEVINE
FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT
November 5, 2000

We continue to publish, on a subscription basis, somewhere between 350-360 copies each issue. Our November-December issue went in the mail on October 26th, and the deadline for the January-February issue will be December 10th.

For the May-June issue we began a Black & White 90 lb. cover carrying the Northeast Association logo. We chose black and white since that's the Northeast colors, and we still show seasonal pictures on the front of each issue. In our September-October issue we started a new column entitled "FEATURE ARTICLE" and we asked clubs and dancers to supply us with information about their clubs, or themselves, which might be of interest to our readers. The first article was about a club's "cousin" club in Paris, France; and the second article was about a club's ongoing charitable contributions. So far, it's been a very positive addition and we've received inputs to keep us going for awhile.

For several years we have exchanged ads (our Festival for their Festival) with a publication in Kentucky. The Central Association will hold their first Festival in March, and just recently we started an agreement with them...we will publish a full page ad on their festival (appeared in our latest issue), they will publish a full page ad for us on our festival. All at no cost...just cooperation between Associations. We invite the other Associations to join us in the same venture. We currently carry all Festival type dances (that we know about) for the other Associations in our Calendar of Events, but as we all know...Ads are the real eye catchers.

We continue, of course, to provide articles on all ares of Square Dancing, including both our State and the National Conventions.

Next month we will begin our 7th year as Editor of THE GRAPEVINE. When we took on the responsibility it was our goal to promote the Square Dance Activity, not only in our Association's area but wherever our publication went, and to provide our dancing readers with up-to-date, informative as well as interesting reading. From comments we have received, we believe we have achieved that goal, and it will continue to be our goal for as long as we are Editors. We invite contributions to our publication at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome

WHO -- WHAT -- WHEN -- WHERE
FEDERATION REPORT
NOVEMBER 5, 2000

We sadly report that George has removed himself as Editor of our publication. He and Boots have given over 30 years to the publication of this paper. They are greatly missed by the 4W's Staff. At this time Garland & I have taken over the responsibilities of Editor.

Submitted by,
Garland & Carole McKenzie

Thank you to Jerry and Helen Rhodes and the Cast-offs for securing the building for last nights dance and this meeting.

Panhandle Press -- No report
West Coast Dancer -- No report
Keepin Posted -- Tom Brown

Circulation is 400, quarterly with 40 pages. Swapping ads with other associations helps. We are evaluating ads to better fund the magazine. We have added public interest items and short stories. We are continuing the holiday page that you can sign for \$2.00 to wish others Happy New Year.

50th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

The 50th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention is well underway. We have appointed our board members. I was going to introduce our Assistant, Dan & Anna Foust, and tell a little about them but if you have read the November Bow & Swing you have already learned what I was going to say. They were Central's Couple of the year. The rest of the board you probably all know. Our secretary is Dewey & Donna Hendricks and our Treasurer is Jack & Barbara Hoffman. We know we have a good board working for us and we'll have a great convention. The Caller and Cuer Chair couples have been selected and we are just waiting on confirmation from their respective organizations. I'm sure that will come in the very near future.

We had a preliminary meeting a couple of weeks ago. This meeting was to discuss prospective committee assignments. A few of the other jobs have been selected but we are still in the planning stages on the others. At this meeting we also discussed the kick-off and the fashion show. All is coming along and we know that we will put on a great convention.

In the very near future we will be having a fund raiser. We met on this activity again last night. We think we have come up with something that will bring in a lot of operating capital. As least we hope so. If anybody has any spare cash lying around that they really don't need we will be glad to take it off your hands.

That is about all I have. There will be more as we progress in the planning for our convention. I'll keep you posted as to our progress.

Bruce & Colleen Morgan
General Chairman

2003 – No report

2002 STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION REPORT

Florida Federation of Square Dancers
November 5, 2000

We had our first real kickoff rehearsal at the NW Roundup on October 28th. The rehearsal was a little ragged around the edges but we now know what we have to do before next May rolls around.

The orders for the convention dress have been placed and should be received soon.

We have raised over \$1200.00 for our convention expenses and hope to raise another \$800.00 over the next year.

The final draft of our Registration Form is being reviewed and will be ready by February, 2001.

The signage and backdrop decorations have been designed and are being made up as time permits.

The ribbon design is complete and they will be ordered about February 1, 2001.

The stationery design is finished and the letters will start pouring out of Northwest very shortly.

We wish the new Federation officers the best and look forward to seeing all of you at the Working Weekend in February.

Fred & Shirley Cornett, General Chairman
48th State Square & Round Dance Convention

Final Report

by

Don and Bonnye Bell, General Chairman
46th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention
“Dancing the Rage in the New Age” – 2000

Chairman’s Comments:

Bonnys and I had one intent from day one, and that was to have a good convention. The people that wanted the same thing from the Northeast, came forward and with their help we felt we succeeded. The Executive Committee did an outstanding job getting things in order and following through. The Committee Chairs, I can’t say enough about! They all had important jobs and from our position, they came through with flying colors. Then of course their were the “unsung hero’s”, without whose help, the 46th convention would not have taken place. We want to thank the Associations for their help in selling buttons and registrations for us.

Compliments started Friday night and went straight through Sunday evening – not missing a single committee chair – starting with Decorations, Host and Hostess, Camping /Parking & Security, Signs, Sewing Clinic, After Party, and Fashion Show Chairman. We cannot forget the Callers and Cuers who kept the Halls filled, along with the Clogging, Contra, & Country / Western Lines, Treasurer, Registration/Programs, Publicity, Housing Chairmen, Vendors, and Single’s Chairmen. Also on my list to be thanked is my right hand couple, Dave and Shirley Nihart, who were always there and did whatever we asked. And a special thank you to Bonnye, who had to put up with me these last four years. Hon, it’s finally over!

Everyone here whose position I mentioned – would you please stand up! THANK YOU!

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Lane Vento, our Lakeland Center Co-ordinator, his help and cooperation were superb.

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All of our problems were small and handled immediately.

We sold 1,292 Registrations with 258 Free Registrations totaling 1,550. Our Income was \$33,483.36 and our Expense were \$29,484.08 leaving us with a Distribution amount of \$3,999.28. Divided:

1/4 to NEFSARDA	\$
Hall of Fame	\$
1/3 to Florida Federation	\$
1/3 to Florida Callers	\$
1/3 to Round Dance Council	\$ _____
Total	\$

Yes, the money is down and will continue to be down as long as the attendance count keeps dropping. Our count was 300 shy of last year. The difference of 300 Registrations would have put us in the same ball park as the year before.

It is everyone's responsibility to encourage and support attendance at "their" convention.

Our recommendations are as follows:

1. A flat rate for the convention and have everyone pay.
2. Food – No food is allowed in the Center. Any food needs should go through the convention's concession people.
3. Special parking decals are a waste of time because special parking areas do not exist. There is ample parking available for all in the lot.
50 Free parking passes were given to Vendors, Executive Committee and Committee Chairs.
4. Be aware of hidden costs. Should a chairperson ask to use special lights, the workers will let you use them but the Chairman will be charged.
5. Larger rooms are needed for Contra and Country/Western lines dancers. We feel that the Cloggers should be invited back!
6. We suggest that the rent for the Vendors be lowered. There needs to be adjustments to the regulations, allowing the Vendor Chair to go out of state to bring in new vendors if space allows.
7. New walkie-talkies are needed.
8. Any additional tablecloths and skirting ordered should be paid for by the requesting organization.
9. The amount of Ribbons ordered should reflect the drop in attendance.

In addition to our recommendations, each chairman has included their own

It's been an honor and privilege to serve the 46th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention as it's General Chairman and we hope that everyone found "Dancing's the Rage In the New Age" – 2000.

Thank You,

Don & Bonnye Bell
General Chairman
46th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.

47th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

Nov 5, 2000

As I look at the next few months I feel the we are almost there. 1 / 2 a year away. Time is going fast.

The callers have met and their scheduling is perty much complete. The typing of the schedule is yet to be done but the hard part is done. The Cuers have met and their scheduling is close to complete. The new hall for low level rounds is going to create a little more work for them but they are looking forward to the challange.

We are going to have all the same halls that the convention had last year and a low level round dance hall. We will also have a clogging room for any clogger that wants to clog. This will be in the back of the Arena in one of the dressing rooms. We plan on having the arena used for Western couples and line dancing. We also will be having Plus DBD in the arena with line dancing between tips.

My chairman for vendors has been able to bring in a few more vendors this year. And it now looks like we will have a record vendor (Perry's Records) with us. The decorations committee is working overtime to come up with the decorations. The Style show chairman could use some more couples to be in the style show so if you know anyone from your area who wants to show their creations I now that Sandy would like to know about it.

Registrations are comming in slowly but they are comming in. Our visitations have given us a few registrations but I feel the the advertisizing is helping. We have visited all areas except for the NE and we will be going to that dance on the 16, & 17 of Nov.

Fred and Carolyn Chatos
General Chairman 47th State Square and Round Dance Convention

NEC – No report.

Hall Of Fame – Mary Butlak

The Hall of Fame committee met in August to discuss our current rules and regulations and make changes. One change we want to make you aware of is, we will accept resumes from individuals as well as from associations.

We voted to asked that Hall of Fame recipients not be informed of their induction until the Florida State Convention, thereby it will come as a surprise.

Now is the time to get your resumes to the Hall of Fame committee. Our cut-off date is January 15 of each year.

LEGACY REPORT

Legacy will hold its 2001 biennial meeting of Trustees and Affiliates prior to the Ohio State Convention in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday evening May 3 and Friday May 4, 2001.

Legacy is drafting a new set of guidelines on how to organize a mini-legacy. The guidelines will concentrate on half-day seminars (afternoons/evenings) instead of weekend seminars. Therefore, not near as much work involved, which, we hope, will result in more Clubs and/or individuals deciding to give it a try. Contact Louise Cole @ 765-384-7089 or bugwid@juno.com for information or a copy of the booklet.

LEGACY is supporting the USDA's Representative, Jack & Zonie Taylor, for getting the bill passed by the U.S. Congress designating the Square Dance as the American Folk Dance.

The LEGACY "Square Dance Directional/City Entrance Sign" is now available for ordering again. This is a 15" x 22" sign made of lifetime, aluminum, with rounded corners, baked whit enamel and red figures. It will not rust! Near the bottom of the sign is a 4" by 13" box where a telephone number, lettering, arrows, etc. Can be inserted. Use the sign to direct people to your dance, to dance halls at conventions. Etc. The sign initially designed so that it could be used as a city limits sign, indicating that square dancing is available in the area, with the sign placed along with the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis clubs. To order, call Bob & Dottie Elgin @ 714-744-2015.

Cliff Allen

U.S.D.A. Report – Marie McClain

It was our privilege to attend the U.S.D.A. meeting in Baltimore this past June along with Charlie and Val Newsome as your delegates.

For those of you who may not know U.S.D.A. stands for United Square Dancers of America. We are proud to say that we have five couples from Florida who serve on the board of the U.S.D.A.

We are happy to announce that the U.S.D.A. awarded its' first Youth Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to KeTrena Langhurst of North Carolina. Trena began square dancing while in the sixth grade. She is very committed to keeping square dancing alive and getting more youth involved.

Funds generated from the credit card program were distributed at this meeting. Affiliates shared a total of \$13,200.00 with the understanding that the funds be used in the promotion of square dancing. One half of the proceeds go to the affiliates and the other half goes to the youth and handicapable programs. Over \$10,000.00 is currently being held in escrow for the youth and handicapable programs until release is approved.


We received boxes of information from the 50th Convention next year in Anaheim. For the associations who did not get one, please we want you to have them, please see Paul or Val or Charlie for your kit for the 50th National Convention.

George reported that we received a check for \$400.00 from the credit cards.

**USDA INSURANCE REPORT
NOVEMBER 5, 2000**

1. Checking Account		
	Balance Forward as of 05/01/00	\$
	Receipts since 05/01/00	
	Central	\$
	Bank Refund	\$
Total Receipts		\$
	Balance as of 11/05/00	\$
	Disbursements since 05/01/00	
	Bank America Service Charge	\$
	USDA Premiums	\$
Total Disbursements		\$
	Balance On Hand as of 11/05/00	\$

NOTE: Due to the Service Charges being imposed on this account , as of 1 July 2000 by the Bank Of America; After consulting with FFSD Treasurer George and Shirley Knapp, the Insurance Account was moved to Washington Mutual Bank in Indian Harbor Beach Florida, WITH NO SERVICE CHARGES.


Duke and Doris McCleskey
FFSD Insurance Chairmen

Duke wanted to recognize some people who work hard for no salary –
Randy & Carol Poole – Central
John & Anita Taylor – NE
Tom & Jean Hancock – NW
Jerry & Helen Rhodes – SE
Fred & Jan Smith – WC
Daryl Gryce – Cloggers

American Folk Dance – Jack Taylor
Bad news – The square dance bill went to committee and did not come out , so it is dead.

Good news – New congress and we can staart again.

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The Florida Historian, Zonie is still performing well. She has completed the 1999 History Book and it is ready for presentation. We are still taking pictures and cutting articles for inclusion in the Convention books and albums.

Again we can make the Year's Convention book only as good as the material we are forwarded. Make sure that you identify the people in the pictures so we know who they are..

The area publications are still forwarding us a copy of the publication and we want to thank the editors again.

Keep it up, pictures, pictures, pictures!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack & Zonie Taylor

Jack and Zonie Taylor
Historians.

ASCAP – BMI – No report

Old Business – Nominating Committee – Frank & Nan Habersberger
Dave & Shirley Niehart
Dewey & Donna Hendricks

Nominees are: President – Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall, Northeast
V-Pres - Ken & Sandy Brasfield, West Coast
Secretary –George & Shirley Knapp, Central
Treasurer- Fred & Shirley Cornett, Northwest
Parl. – Garland & Carole McKenzie, Southeast

There were no nominations from the floor. Ray Huddleston made a motion to close the nominations. The slate as presented was voted in.

Paul & Marie McClain installed the officers.

New Business –

Northeast Association “peached” their newly elected President.

Next meeting February 24 & 25, 2001 at the Diplomat Inn in Lakeland. Meeting adjourned..