

MINUTES OF  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS MEETING  
MAY 30, 2004

The meeting was called to order, at 9:00am by President Shirley Cornett. Mary Stewart gave the invocation and Shirley led the delegates in the pledge of allegiance. Jack McKinney called the roll and stated a quorum was in attendance. Shirley Cornett welcomed all the guests and also Bill Boyd, editor of the Bow & Swing, as the new recipient of the Hall of Fame award.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted by a motion from Don Slocum and seconded by Pee Wee Stewart.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Brown reported that as of February 29, 2004, the checking account balance was \$5,695.49. Total receipts for the period February 29, 2004 to May 29, 2004 were \$51.27. Total disbursements were \$902.35. As of May 29, 2004 the checking account balance is \$4,844.41; contingency fund balance is \$4,000.00; and the Insurance account balance is \$1,762.34. The total for all accounts is \$10,606.75. The report was filed for audit.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: See attached

SUNSHINE REPORT: Shirley reported that Ken Brown of the Southeast is still very ill.

CORRESPONDENCE: Fred Cornett received a letter from Mr. Carey of the West Coast enclosing a news article from Minnesota stating that some clubs in Minnesota had a TV program about square dancing and maybe the Florida Federation would be interested. Fred is going to turnover the information to the Education and Publicity Committee in February to review and make a report.

NEC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Jay Richards, a member of the National Executive Committee, proposed a National Square Dance Award program. His proposal is to have senior games in each state and he is in the process of developing Florida senior games at The Villages for December 2005. Also, he proposes having games for the youth and baby boomers. NSDC will provide a National Dance-Off for these three groups at the National Square Dance Conventions each year. He suggested looking for a national corporate sponsor and developing a television special for the Dance-Offs". Fred stated that the Executive Board will review the proposal and present a recommendation to the Federation delegates in October or the working weekend in March.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: See attached

ASSOCIATION REPORTS: See attached (Southeast, no report)

PUBLICATION REPORTS: See attached (Panhandle Press, no report)

Fred introduced Conrad Protzman, President of the Round Dance Council of Florida, who reported that the 4 W's, the publication for the Southeast, has a fully computerized website listing all the dances in the Southeast. The website is 4wdance.org.

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS: See attached. (Don Slocum stated there was no report for the West Coast, however, they have already begun fundraising and filling committee chairs)

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME REPORT: See attached.

HISTORIAN REPORT: See attached.

U.S.D.A. REPORT: Jack Hoffman reported that the Federation will receive \$400 from the U.S.D.A. credit card program at the National Convention in Denver. Dave and Shirley Nihart are resigning after 4 years as Treasurer of the U.S.D.A. Fred thanked them for their contribution.

U.S.D.A. INSURANCE REPORT: Bruce Morgan reported that we have 75 clubs and 3,183 dancers insured. The balance in the account was \$1,652.89 as of January 31, 2004 and the balance as of April 30, 2004 was \$1,762.34

ASCAP-BMI REPORT: See attached.

PRESIDENTS' MEETING REPORT: The association presidents discussed moving the working weekend due to a conflict with a major dance in the Northwest. Cheryl Miller made a motion that the Federation move the working weekend to the first weekend in March. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Copies of the proposed State Convention Vendor Changes were given to all of the delegates. Charlie Newsome made a motion that the Federation approve the proposed changes. Three vendors spoke during the discussion period. The motion was approved.

Fred reported that the coordinating committee had worked on revising the State Convention guidelines. He stated that he had received some feedback and felt that we were not ready to vote on any changes at this time.

Fred Cornett appointed Tom Hancock as Chairman of the nominating committee.

Shirley Cornett reported that the next meeting will be in Defuniak Springs on October 31, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Jack and Kathy McKinney, Secretary



Parliamentarian  
May 30, 2004

25 May we received an invoice from FLA USA for \$703.14 for brochure rental space. I informed them that after 1 July 04 we would no longer be distributing brochures thru the welcoming stations. They informed me if we wanted any that were left we should make arrangements to collect them.

We have been in contact with the Showcase Director in Denver to confirm our tables and hours of operation.

This year the showcase will close at 6 PM Thursday and Friday and 2 PM on Saturday. This will allow our volunteers to enjoy all the evening events.

The FLA Citrus Association donated another 1000 grapefruit give aways. We now have 5,000

We have a sign up sheet with some vacancies. If you will be in Denver for the convention, we request you take a turn at the showcase table.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman will be transporting all the displays to Denver.

We thank them and the Associations for their help with the showcase.

Randy and Carol Poole  
Parliamentarians

WEST COAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE MAY 30, 2004

We've had the last 2 Assoc. dances for the season, one being in Venice and the other in Sun City. They were both well attended by dancers and Callers & Cuers. It really helps when the Sun Coast Callers' Assoc. has their meeting in conjunction with our dances. They have either had their meeting before or after our dance. We have had great co-operation with the Callers & Cuers. They have made the W.C. presidents honorary members and we have attended their meetings and we have been working together. We have 9 Assoc. dances scheduled for next season, we try to spread our dances around our Assoc. Most of the local clubs will supply refreshments for our dances.

Don & Ann Slocum & Fred & Jan Smith attended the last 2 Sun Coast Callers & Cuers Assoc. meetings. At the March meeting a committee was formed to help promote square dancing with Keith Stevens heading it along with Doc Gray, Penny Green and Don & Ann Slocum. Some type of radio blitz is being talked about. The West Coast provided the meat for the Sun Coast Callers' Bar-B-Q May meeting in appreciation for all that they do for us.

West Coast was well represented at Central's Shamrock Swing with 2 & 1/2 squares. Congratulations to the Central for a good dance.

There is a weight loss Convention, June 3, 4, & 5 in Tampa and we are going to have a booth (no charge) to promote the benefits of square dancing. There have been many square dance demos put on around our Assoc. by various clubs and many classes are planned to start in the fall.

At this time there are only a few clubs dancing, the rest are down for the summer. Left Allemanders have disbanded due to lack of leadership and loss of the hall, and the past members are trying to form a new club. A new club is in the process of forming in St. Petersburg, called the Sunshine Squares.

We would like to invite all dancers to attend our Fall Fun Fest here at the Lakeland Center, Nov 12 & 13, 2004 – and yes, we have ribbons, along with all our officers and much trusted Fall Fun Fest treasurers Deloures & Elvin Mahan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don and Ann Slocum  
Presidents



## NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION REPORT

At our last report NEFSARDA was sponsoring an intensive beginner weekend. We really did not have many brand new students. Most were people already in class who wanted to improve their dancing skills. There was a square of singles that were trying to have the women learn the man's part, and one man learning the woman's part. The weekend was well organized, thanks to Howard and Jettie Crowe and Jack and Kathy McKinney. We had a lot of angels show up to help. We do not feel that this was a successful weekend for new dancers, but it did help some of the students. We feel that it would be better for a caller or callers to sponsor the weekend and then incorporate these new people into their own club. Even if we had a lot of new dancers show up at this weekend, what were they going to do after the weekend? The clubs giving lessons were far along to bring them into the club. It really would only work if a club was formed for this purpose. It did spark the caller to have his own intensive weekend for plus.

The NEFSARDA Board has been kept very busy by the various clubs. March and April are extremely busy for us. In March the River Ramblers held their annual benefit dance for the Shriners' Kids and raised \$5,592.24. How marvelous. Seabreeze Singles graduated a class on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance for the Fun & Frolics and advanced group, was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The dance had alternate advanced and plus, so more people could help the club celebrate.

In April we attended Anniversary dances for River Ramblers (6<sup>th</sup>), Moose Promenaders (14<sup>th</sup>), and Mandarin Marauders (19<sup>th</sup>). Due to an oversight on our part, we did not have anyone to attend the Rollaways 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance. We sincerely apologize to them. We also attended the graduations for Grand Squares, Mandarin Marauders, Moose Promenaders, and Silver Fox Squares. Again the Rollaways also graduated a class on the night of their anniversary. A charity dance for the City Rescue Mission was also held in April. This was hosted by the Seabreeze Singles. They raised \$2,100.00. Not a shabby amount.

May 1, 2004 (Derby Day, I just like to throw that in since I'm from Louisville, Ky and that is an important day to all Kentuckians) NEFSARDA hosted their annual charity dance for Hospice. This particular charity is very close to Chairman, Kim Keffer's heart, since she has had to use their services not once but twice. Over \$3500.00 was raised. Well done. We continued attending class graduations with the River Ramblers. Among their graduates was a square of children. In fact, several of them are from the same family. How encouraging. The Moose Promenaders hosted their annual Pirates Ball, complete with warring pirate ships and damsels in distress. A jailer was in attendance to lock up any landlubber accused of a crime. Your's truly was locked up and for awhile it looked as though my husband was not going to bail me out. The money raised from the jail was also contributed to Hospice.

We are very excited to be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Square Dance Convention. Bruce, Colleen and all of Central have done a marvelous job for this weekend. A great big YELLOW ROCK to them for all their hard work. The Northeast, under Charlie and Val Newsome has a very interesting kick-off planned for tonight. I hope you will enjoy it and remember this is all for the fun, and enjoyment of square dancing. Sometimes, I think we lose sight of that fact. I know I am guilty. See you in a square.

Respectfully submitted, Bud & Anita Taylor



## NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSN

Good Morning,

Congratulations to Bruce and Colleen Morgan and the Central Association for a fantastic 50<sup>th</sup> State Convention! Northwest members attending have really enjoyed themselves.

Northwest Association has suffered several blows to the membership within our area. Campaigns to start classes in three areas of the panhandle, Fort Walton, Navarre, and Niceville have showed a very small attendance with mostly single ladies and old dancers. We had success in Niceville with the help from an Assist. Pastor of a Methodist Church who invited church members to come and the classes are used as part of an "Out Reach Program" to the community in Niceville. Crestview & Defuniak Springs will begin their drive in the fall for classes. Fort Walton Beach Playground Area Square & Round Dance Hall is in negotiations to turn the beautiful building they have owned for 25 years over to the City of Fort Walton Beach. This decision was made after the Board met and decided that the renewed contract with the city for the land would increase the insurance costs and the loss of income from square dance clubs that supported the hall had stopped. On an up note, with the help of caller Patty Ping, clubs in Pensacola are slowly growing.

I have had no success of support for the HR 645 Bill, to name "Square Dancing" as the National Folk Dance, in my panhandle area. It is currently at a stalemate. I will continue to pursue the congressmen in my area.

Northwest Florida has been very busy on finalizing plans for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Round-Up in Defuniak Springs on October 29 & 30, 2004. We look forward to hosting the Florida Federation meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I would like to ask all the Association Presidents to please take some flyers back to their clubs and promote this dance. We have included a Friday morning golf tee-time for our golfers at a wonderful golf course in Defuniak Springs. We will have all levels of dancing during this dance and have 4 wonderful NWF callers, Ted Kennedy, Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, & Willis Simmons and a National Caller Darryl McMillan performing the entire weekend. Please plan on attending this dance. Anyone interested in purchasing ribbons this weekend may see David Henn, Paul or me. The cost is \$6.00 per person for the weekend events. We are offering member prices to any Federation Delegate attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul & Cheryl Miller,

President, Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Assn.



**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE and ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION  
REPORT, 30 May, 2004**

Between our last meeting and present two events have been sponsored by the CFA.

The Fourth Shamrock Swing was held 12 & 13 March 2004 and provided a very good time for all who attended. We were very pleased with the attendance and the program. Thanks again to our General Chairmen Jack & Barbara Hoffman.

On 25 April 2004, CFA held a Benefit dance for Tim Hoffman. Tim was paralyzed in a diving accident last year. Florida Dancers came through again. Our goal was to help the Hoffman's obtain a wheelchair lift for their van. I know we have made a big dent in the cost even if all funds needed were not met. Thanks to the Space Trackers Square Dance Club for hosting and to Whit Brown for volunteering to MC and the other callers & cuers that gave of their time.

Our next fifth Saturday Dance will be held on 31 July 2004 at the new Senior Center in Saint Cloud. John Swindle will be calling & Phyllis Williams will cue. This is our General Meeting with election of officers for the 2004, 2005 season.

Next years Shamrock Swing, the fifth annual, will be held on 11 & 12 March 2005. Nick Hartley from Indianapolis, IN and our own Whit Brown will be calling, Jimmy & Carol Griffin will be cueing. Our new location is the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland and the host Hotel is the Orlando North located in the Maitland Center. General Chairmen for this event will be Dewey & Donna Hendricks.

We believe the traveling artifact idea has been a big success it helps the association presidents to get out and visit the clubs and it serves to remind all square dancers of the convention. We hope this idea will continue to be used.

This is the last time Anna and I will be reporting for the Central Florida Association. We have very much enjoyed the last 5 years. We have served as delegates to the Federation and look forward to supporting you in any way we can in the future. Thank you very much.

Dan and Anna Foust,  
President

## FASSRD REPORT

We held the 13th Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island in March. 124 dancers registered; up from 80 last year.

At the State Convention we had 114 solo men and 149 solo women pre-registered. Randy & Carol Poole have been asked to forward the names and addresses of these people for future contact from FASSRD. Have been discussing next year's convention with Shirley White & Mary Lou Pelz next year's Singles Co-Chairs. We had approximately 75 people at the Saturday after party.

We have a bus chartered to go to Atlanta September 2-5 for the National Singles Dance-A-Rama. Joe Fioretti is one of the scheduled callers. John Dean, the convention general chairman, reported that approximately 800 dancers have pre-registered, which is up from a little over 600 last year.

Our Single Rama will be October 8th - 9th in Sebring. Joe Fioretti and Whit Brown will be calling and the Griffins will be cueing.

I continue to submit articles to all the state square dance publications.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Green, President



THE GRAPEVINE REPORT  
Florida Federation Meeting  
May 30, 2004

THE GRAPEVINE publishes approximately 300 copies on a subscription basis. Deadlines for The Grapevine are the 10th of the month prior to publication date, however, the deadline for the July-August issue will be June 1st. This will allow us to get The Grapevine in the mail before we leave June 13th for a three week vacation which will include attending the National Convention in Denver, CO. We look forward to attending the Press Breakfast while at the Convention. This is always a highlight of the Convention for Editors as they get a chance to meet one another and exchange ideas.

We either met with students prior to their Graduation, or at their graduation, and presented them with FREE copies of The Grapevine. Thanks to Bill Boyd we were also able to include FREE copies of the Bow & Swing and the American Square Dance to the graduating dancers.

April and May are always busy months in the Northeast because so many of our clubs celebrate Club Anniversaries during that time. We try to be at as many of them as possible, or send a representative to take pictures if we can't make the dance.

We try to make our publication be a leader in the promotion of square dancing. To do this we include news of both the State & National Conventions, as well as articles on Square, Round, Country & Western, Lines, Contra, and Clogging. While the Club News and Calendar of Events are important articles to be included in the publication, we also believe that informative articles and human interest articles are very important to our readers. We continue to run those special interest articles in as many issues as possible.

We hope to continue the exchange of ads with other Association publications for Association sponsored activities and/or charity dances this year. We know the Fall Round Up sponsored by the Northwest Association will be in October and the Fall Fun Fest sponsored by the West Coast Association will be in November. We look forward to receiving ads for those events as soon as possible. We have a copy of our Ad for the Northeast Fall Festival for each of the publication editors.

As always, we invite your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie & Val Newsome

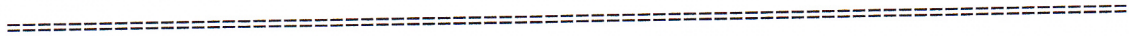
**KEEPIN POSTED:**

Thanks to Bill Boyd who does our printing. Thanks to all editors for their cross feed of information. Thanks to all who've supported our publications.

The past year was a good one. We consumed about six cases of paper, four hundred copies of 40 pages. Our vendors must have enjoyed it because they told me good things. We've set a goal to add more human interest. We've gotten positive feedback. The new crop of club editors has added some spice, little different styles, different perspectives and more pictures.

One last thanks to Eivor for letting me hibernate to get the "final draft" into her hands.

Thank You All!



**FLORIDA WEST COAST DANCER MAGAZINE REPORT**

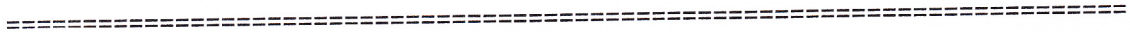
Good Morning,

I don't really have any news, and that may be good news.

At the last meeting I mentioned that we would be deleting dance listings if they were not confirmed or corrected. Well, so far it is going along well but we still need to hear from quite a few Publicity chairman. I hope that some of the delay may be that they are waiting to determine their fall schedules. In any event, the Aug./Sept. issue is when we start removing questionable listings. Hopefully we will hear from many more prior to the deadline of that issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed & Ginny Henning, Editors



**BOW AND SWING**

Bow & Swing is alive and well and having fun. As of last count we had over 1,200 paid subscribers. We also send publications to all callers and cuers and an issue to each square dance club in Florida and some in Southern Georgia.

This is an area where we could use some help. Clubs are charged \$15.00 per year to list in Bow & Swing. We have discovered in several cases, when we send the annual bill, people assume it is for the magazine subscription. If you know of, or see errors in the where to dance section let us know. Thank You.

We want to know about special events for fund raisers and we want you to send photos. I have noticed people enclosing their own captions.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Boyd



# 50<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

MAY 28 – 30, 2004

Well, it is almost over. We have less than 11 hours to go until we turn it over to Charlie & Val for the Kick-off of the 51<sup>st</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Colleen & I have had a lot of fun over the past few years and we hope The Golden Anniversary Convention was all that you expected. When we opened the doors on Friday evening, we had 1030 people registered. We believe we are going to make a good profit. It will depend on what the final bill from the Convention Center is going to be. Don't hold me to it but we will probably make around \$12,000.00

How about the Special Steppers performance at the entertainment portion of the ceremonies last night. Weren't they great. We even had a little surprise for them. We had originally collected \$8,115.01 for them. But just a few weeks ago we received another check for \$25.00. That brings the total amount collected to \$8,140.01. All of this was possible by the generosity of the dancers of Florida. In just a little over 7 months the dancers, callers and cuers from this great state of Florida collected all this money. Colleen and I, on behalf of the Special Steppers, wish to thank you all.

How have you all liked the History Room? I think Jack & Zonie did a fantastic job in collecting the items from as many of the previous conventions that they could. Of course they had a lot of help from all around the state but they are the ones that put it all together. Thanks to all of you that loaned items to them. Right in line with the history of the conventions was the Fashion Show. Art & Mary Butlak, along with Dewey & Donna Hendricks, did a great job in getting all the convention outfits from almost all the conventions that actually had outfits. It was a great show and I hope you all learned a little bit about the past conventions through these two features of this convention. Then we had the History DVD. Hopefully you learned a little about the previous convention. Maybe where they were held, who the chairman was or why there are 52 years in the span of our 50 State Conventions. If anybody would like a copy of the Convention History DVD please get with me after this meeting.

The Serger and Afghan will be given away this evening in the Sew & Save Room. The Serger is over an \$800 value and includes training classes anywhere in the state. The Afghan was donated by our Ways & Means Chairman Margie Heffner. The tickets for these are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your tickets before it is too late.

We hope that you enjoyed the after party last night. Terri Little, our after party chairman put it all together. We think she did a great job. Stand up Terri so that everyone knows who you are. Give her a big hand. And thanks to all of you that provided skits and other things. It was a great party and we did not get to bed until well into the morning hours.

We are heading out a week from tomorrow for a little over 3 weeks. We are eventually going to the National in Denver. Two weeks after we get home from Denver we are heading for Alaska. Hopefully we'll have the final report finished by the time the October meeting in DeFuniak Springs. We are really looking forward for this convention being over. We plan on taking it easy for at least a year before we get started in on any other projects. Although we will help the upcoming conventions out as much as we can. If we are home!

Thanks for supporting the 50<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Without you it would not have been a success.

**Bruce & Colleen Morgan, General Chairmen**



51st STATE CONVENTION REPORT  
Florida Federation Meeting  
May 30, 2004

First, we'd like to Congratulate Bruce & Colleen Morgan and their entire Committee on this super 50th Anniversary Convention. Hasn't it been a great party?!

Final practice for the Kick-Off was held this morning in the arena. Now all we have to do is PRAY! We extend our sincere thanks to the Federation Officers for agreeing to participate in our Kick-Off. We know it was early for you to get up, get to practice, and then get to your meeting on time. Thanks to all of you!

We hope everyone will be in the audience for the Kick-Off this evening at 7:30 PM. It's planned with entertainment and "YOU" in mind. Don't miss it!

We have been selling Registrations to next year's convention since yesterday -- the "early registrations" are \$15.00 per person and that will last thru the end of sales tonight at 9:30 PM. We chose not to increase the prices this year. We have a couple of nice prizes that will be presented to the lucky winners who register prior to 9:30 PM tonight. Winning registration numbers will be posted at the registration table shortly after 9:30 PM. You do not have to be present to win, just buy your registration ribbons. If you did not get your ticket yesterday afternoon or evening, be sure to do so tonight. Thanks for your early registration!!

After the Kick-Off tonight we will also be selling Buttons to promote the Convention, and will begin a Raffle on a Quilt Hanging which will be given away at our Fall Festival in November. You do not have to be present to win. We will also be taking orders for Cook Books which the Northeast is putting together, and will make delivery at the October Federation Meeting. You will not pay for the Cook Book until delivery is made; but we are only printing 100 so if you want one, be sure to get your name on the list!! First Come, First Served! You might also want to check out the 51st Golf Shirts we are selling. Lots to see, so be in the arena for all the festivities this evening.

Our host hotel for next year will be the Holiday Inn North and Randy Poole has agreed to continue to serve as "Reservation Agent."

The year 2004 started off with a bang! We got the registration forms to the Chamber of Commerce here in Lakeland in record time. They called when ready, and we were all scheduled to make a trip to Lakeland to pick them up on a Monday. However, our sister-in-law passed away on Sunday before so our trip was delayed several weeks. That was the first of many set backs.

A few weeks later we picked up the Registration Forms "on the way" to Bruce & Colleen's where we were filling "Welcome" bags. We looked at the Registration Forms and thought they looked great. Some of the pleasures of that trip were Colleen's lunch of corn bread and Bean Soup, the Bed & Breakfast at the Morgans, and the trip to Whirl & Twirl that



evening.

We came home and began distribution of the forms. We have with us today the Registration Forms for the Publication Editors -- please don't forget to get your package before you leave today. The President of each Association should stop by the Registration Table after Kick-Off tonight and pick up a bag of registrations reserved just for you.

Then last week, Val opened one of the Registration Forms only to find that the inside had been printed upside down. She went ballistic. It took me several hours to calm her down. We then started spot checking and it appears that only a few are printed upside down. That problem should resolve itself .... we hope!

The Buttons were completed in record time. The Ribbons presented a different problem. The logo was not one that they could work with, but after several long distance calls and faxes, they suggested sending it to a graphics artist for fine tuning. We thought -- whatever....just do it....time was running out!! And, by the way, the company did an excellent job on the ribbons and they were extremely nice to work with. That problem solved we moved on hoping it would be smooth sailing.

The next problem that surfaced was we couldn't get a banner made at the price we wanted to pay. At the same time, Val couldn't make a choice on Golf Shirts, so we sat down with the lady at Custom Creations. She spent two hours or more on the computer with us looking over her shoulder, but when we left Val had made a decision!! And, before we left we had gotten a referral for someone to make a banner! We checked it out and within two weeks we had the banner in our hands! Hooray!.....two more problems solved.

When the ribbons arrived we discovered we could not find white or gold ink to number the Full Program Ribbons! We tried everywhere, and finally Val sat down and hand numbered all the Full Program Ribbons. Another problem solved!

In between all this, Val found time to crack her head open, take an ambulance ride to the hospital, and have part of her head shaved and get 35 sutures. She then proceeded to fail her Thallium stress test due to a shadow which indicated a blockage. This caused her to undergo a heart cath -- but that proved there was no blockage! Good News! So while it's been busy and exciting around our house, it's also been stressful.

We don't think this next year can be any worse....but who knows!? We are going on a three week vacation in June as soon as The Grapevine is in the mail. We'll worry about the next set of problems when we return in July. And, hopefully, when we stand up here next year in May, things will be a lot less stressful, and we'll have a big smile on our face. (Just like Colleen & Bruce) We need everyone to help make this happen. We thank you all for your support of the 51st Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention, May 27th-29th, 2005!

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie & Val Newsome  
General Chairmen

## 2006 CONVENTION REPORT

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Bruce and Colleen on a Great Convention and wish Charlie and Val a successful kickoff tonight.

Planning for the 52 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is proceeding well. On March 6, 2004 we held a successful benefit dance with most Southeast Callers and Cuers donating their time.

The Afghan raffle for the Decoration Committee is underway and will be given away at the December SEA Dance.

Several craft projects are underway to raise funds. A flea market is being planned for the fall.

We met with Brenda Townsend of the Lakeland Center on Friday to secure a contract for the center

Respectfully submitted,  
Garland & Carole McKenzie.

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### Hall of Fame Report

The Hall of Fame Committee was honored to induct into the Hall of Fame Bill and Joann Boyd. This is a very deserving couple.

A few years ago this committee set up a system in which its members would rotate off the committee and a new couple would be asked to take their place.

Well, it has come my time to rotate off and this will be my last report to make to the Florida Federation.

Again this committee has obtained a couple who will bring honor and prestige to the Hall of Fame Committee. I am happy to announce that Dave and Shirley Nihart will become a member of this committee effective after today's meeting.

Ken and Joanne Helton will be Chairman this coming year with Bill and Mary Chesnut as Treasurer, and Dewey and Donna Hendricks as Secretary. Along with Don and Ann Slocum you can see the Hall of Fame Committee is in good hands.

It will not seem right for me not to be active in this committee, but after almost 15 years of participation, it is time for a rest. Thank all of you for your support all these years.

I thank the Federation for the lovely crystal bowl. I will use it with pleasure. I love you all

Sincerely,  
Mary Butlak



Hi All,  
WE just got back on line tonight! This has been one loooooong month! Hope everyone survived all the storms. I read several e-mails but may have lost many as we were off line 4 weeks and had many notices from administration that messages were bounced.....However the SPAM still seemed to get through!

FRANCES - She came and stayed much longer than we would have liked. We lost power at 9AM on Sat. At 10 Garland started the generator in the MH and ran a cord into the house so we had a fan, one light, TV with satellite and an extension into the kitchen to run either the freezer or frig. We spent the day watching Frances make her sloooooow trek toward landfall. We were in the outer bands almost all of the time. We lost many shingles on Saturday and our garage started taking water. We went to bed about 10 and I woke up about 3:45AM the wind was really fierce! I woke Garland because I feared having to take refuge in the spare bathroom and that tub was full of water. We turned on the TV to see where she was and then we heard a LOUD bang. She got us good at 4:55AM. Took the whole patio roof and the top of the screen room off (42' total length). The side walls fell in or out but the endwall between the patio and screenroom stood up pretty well but the door kept banging in the wind. We didn't know exactly what was going on because the shutters are metal with no peep hole. I sat there thinking that it probably went through the windshield of the MH (but it didn't). Once we lost the patio roof we really started taking in water....ceiling, walls, around the switchplates, etc. Needless to say we moved to the MH Sunday after the worst of the storm had passed. Monday part of the ceiling in the Garage fell down. Tues morning when I went in to use the bathroom, the bedroom ceiling had fallen in on the bed. We never lost phone service so Sunday while the wind was still blowing I was on the phone to State Farm rep in Texas. Tuesday the first catastrophe team rep came to survey the damage. He told us to get our belongings out ASAP. We have a mover down the street a few doors. He came by about 8:30PM (had no phones at his office), had a crew there on Wed & Thurs. All this time IVAN keeps calling and wants to stop by for the weekend. We couldn't take another storm so at 6AM on Friday after boarding up again Thursday night, we hooked up the car to the MH and headed north. When we reached I-10 it was decision time, IVAN projected to go toward Atlanta so we chose to go west to Boluxi (sorry, Fla. Panhandle, he followed us....guess he really wanted to visit us). We sat in Boluxi watching the satellite. By Sunday night it appeared Palm Beach would be in the clear and we decided to make the run back across I-10 before they ordered evacuation of the panhandle. We made it home on Tue and I went back to work on Wed. 12 hrs/day .... have to get those phones back in service!

After a week and a half of work, we had to avoid another weekend visitor named Jeanne. With the damage we got in Frances as a Cat. 2 we weren't staying around for Jeanne predicted to be Cat. 4 and a probability of hitting West Palm Beach. We left 6:30AM Sat for Homestead. We stayed with friends in their Avacado Grove. I was a little worried with all the Avacados still on the trees but we got some wind in the afternoon and a little rain...that was it. Not so for home. We lost all the tarps from the roof and the winds were so strong it pulled the panels off the sliding doors. She pulled the mollies right out of the concrete.

I brought my computer home on Monday...I had to store it at work until we stopped running. Everywhere I tried to get on someones computer, they were having problems with their computer and the corporate system won't let us access personal e-mail accounts.

George & Shirley, we know how you felt last year. We are growing our own mold! Today we had heavy rain and everything is getting wetter. Got a big tarp today but it started raining when we picked it up. We bought a dehumidifier and have to dump it 2-3 times a day.

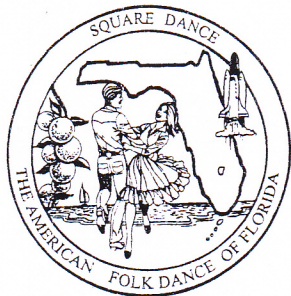
We are now waiting for the insurace ajuster to come back out. He missed sooooo much the first time around and he has to meet with the GC. Most of the house will have to be gutted including the new pergo floor Garland put down this summer!

We hope to see our square dance friends at the Camporee or in DeFuniac Springs. We also plan to attend the NE and West Coast dances. These will be a break from the 12 hr days 7 days a week. And get Garland away from the house for a while.

We have been thinking about all of you and hope to see you soon...as long as we don't have any more weekend visitors!

Garland & Carole





## Florida Federation of Square Dancers

April 1, 2004

The Honorable Jeb Bush  
Governor of the State of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Bush;

September is National Square Dance Month. Traditionally the state of Florida has proclaimed it as Florida Square Dance Month. The square dancers of Florida will be pleased if you will issue such a proclamation. Copies of the proclamation will be forwarded to each of the five state square dance associations for their use in promoting and publicizing square dancing in their area,

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack and Kathy McKinney,  
Secretary

Encl: Proclamation Form  
2002 Proclamation





JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF FLORIDA

# Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

## PROCLAMATION INFORMATION FORM

Name of organization: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

Contact person: JACK + KATHY MCKINNEY

Phone number: 904-249-3224 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 709 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE. NORTH City: JACKSONVILLE BEACH

Zip Code: 32250

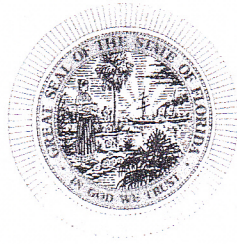
REQUESTED DATE FOR PROCLAMATION: SEPTEMBER, 2004

History/Background of organization: FIVE AREA SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATIONS FORMED THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS IN EARLY 1960 TO PROMOTE THE SQUARE DANCE ACTIVITY, TO HOLD A STATEWIDE CONVENTION ANNUALLY AND TO BRING A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AMONG SQUARE DANCE CALLERS, TEACHERS AND DANCERS EVERYWHERE.

Mission Statement of organization: TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA BY INFORMING THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE HEALTHFUL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING.

Note: Please include any previous proclamations you have received or sample language you would like us to consider in creating your proclamation. We appreciate any suggestions you might have and any additional information that might be useful to this process. Please note that it may take up to four weeks to process proclamations upon receipt of this completed form.





JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

## Square Dance Month

WHEREAS, square dancing is one of the oldest recreational heritages of the American people; and

WHEREAS, this folk art has enjoyed a sustained and widespread popularity through the centuries, and interest is still intense today; and

WHEREAS, folk and square dances are an integral, important, and expressive part of American art and culture; and

WHEREAS, square dancing eased the danger and hardships of life on the frontier; and

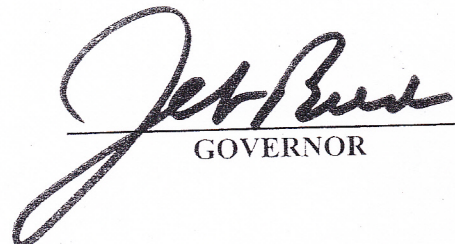
WHEREAS, the outgoing social exercise of this wholesome physical and old-time cultural activity offers a valuable antidote for the tensions and pressures created by the conflicts of modern American life; and

WHEREAS, the various square dance associations throughout the United States and Canada, including the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the Florida Callers Association, will celebrate the month of September as National Square Dance Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all participating in *Square Dance Month*, September 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of  
the state of Florida to be affixed  
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year  
of our Lord two thousand two.



  
GOVERNOR



## PROPOSED STATE CONVENTION VENDOR CHANGES

### VENDORS

1. ~~The Vendor Chairman will give/send a contract to all vendors present who will be invited to participate in the next scheduled State Convention. Contracts will be given/mailed no later than the first part of the month of September prior to the Convention. The Vendor Chairman will give a contract to all vendors present who will be invited to participate in the next scheduled State Convention. Additional contracts for vendors not present 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.~~
2. Contracts or cover letters thereto with Vendors should include a statement that the Vendor chairman will act as their agent for licenses (other than sales taxes), services, security, and equipment rentals. These charges are separate and in addition to space fees.  
(Note: The Financial Report for the Convention will not include these additional charges for reporting income or expenses from or for Vendors.)

### ~~VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA~~

1. ~~Limit the number of full service vendors\* to one for every 300 dancers based on the prior Convention attendance. \*Note: A full service vendor handles men's and women's complete dance attire.~~
2. ~~Limit specialty Vendors as follows:~~
  - A. ~~Two (2) Badge maker vendors~~
  - B. ~~Two (2) Record sales vendors~~
  - C. ~~Two (2) Lace and fabric vendors~~
  - D. ~~One (1) Jewelry vendor~~
  - E. ~~One (1) Petticoat vendor~~
  - F. ~~One (1) S/D Photography vendor~~
3. ~~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.~~

#### Vendor Selection Criteria

1. *The Convention General Chairman shall be the final authority in the selection/mix and number of Vendors. This decision should be based upon current sales experience and/or current dancer preferences.*
2. *Vendors participating at the current convention and who return contracts prior to the close of the convention, will have the first option to keep their current booth space for the following convention or the booth(s) of their choice provided it has not been selected by a vendor currently occupying that space. After that, all booth(s) requested by number will be assigned on a first come, first choice basis (determined by selection precedence and/or post marked letter).*
3. *Once a vendor has been accepted for the State Convention, they are to be treated equally with all other vendors in accordance with the Vendor Rules and Regulations.*

### ~~VENDOR SPACE ASSIGNMENT~~

1. ~~The management reserves the right to shift space assignments after the contract has been signed if they find it necessary to do so. Space is leased with the understanding that the business (hereinafter~~



PLEASE NOTE THAT <sup>THIS</sup> REPLACES THE FOUR CATEGORIES ABOVE BUT THE WORDING IS THE SAME AS THE ORIGINAL TEXT. "USE OF BOOTH(S)," "BOOTH(S) AND EQUIPMENT," "BOOTH FURNITURE," AND "SIGNS, ETC.," ARE INCORPORATED INTO ONE CATEGORY—"USE OF BOOTH(S), EQUIPMENT, AND FURNITURE."

*Use of Booth(s), Equipment, and Furniture*

1. *Management may forbid the installation of any exhibit not approved by it.*
2. *No signs, floor covering, or other materials can be pasted, cemented, nailed, stapled or otherwise attached to columns, ceilings, walls or floors.*
3. *Vendors may distribute printed matter, souvenirs, or other articles, only within the booth area. Throwing of souvenirs, loud shouting and making of any unnecessary noise, whether by human or mechanical means, puppet shows and similar devices to attract attention will not be permitted.*
4. *No food will be sold from any booth, except by the Owner of the building. All aisle space belongs to the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. No exhibits or advertising matter will be allowed beyond the booth(s).*
5. *Each booth space will be furnished one table (8' by 30") and two chairs; more may be requested on the reservation form.*
6. *Orders for special lighting, wiring, water, gas, telephones or other special work and special items such as furnishings, equipment, facilities, etc., must be placed well in advance of the exhibition and will be at the expense of the Vendor. If requested from the Vendor Chairman, official requisition forms, obtained from the owner of the building, showing rates and basis for charges will be sent in advance of convention time*

**CARE OF EXHIBITS**

~~Management will sweep and clean the aisles, but Vendors must, at their own expense keep their booths clean and their exhibits dusted and in good order.—Vendors are requested at all times to cooperate with Management by maintaining their exhibits throughout the convention in perfect condition with respect to material and personnel.~~

**OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL AND ACTIVITIES**

~~The Management and the authorized representatives of the Management reserve the right to request modification of any questionable exhibit.~~

**REMOVAL OF MATERIAL DURING CONVENTION**

~~No Vendor will have the right prior to the closing of the Convention, to pack or remove articles of exhibit without the permission and approval, in writing, from Management.~~

**VENDOR EXHIBIT REMOVAL**

~~All Vendors exhibits must be removed from the building within one (1) hour after the closing of the Convention unless such time is extended by the Management.~~

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4. Once a vendor has been accepted for the State Convention, they are to be treated equally with all other vendors in accordance with the Vendor Rules and Regulations.

## VENDOR SPACE AND SPACE ASSIGNMENT

1. Vendor's floor space will cover an area 10' x 10' in a designated area as close to the dance activity as practical. A diagram of the area and booth placements will accompany confirmations AFTER the number of attending vendors is determined, but no later than April 1 of the convention year.
2. The management reserves the right to shift space assignments after the contract has been signed if they find it necessary to do so. It is understood that booth(s) assignment(s) will be made as described in Vendor Selection Criteria, Paragraph A above.
3. Space is leased with the understanding that the business (hereinafter called Vendor) will hold Management harmless from any and/or all liability which may result from any cause whatsoever.
4. If Vendor's business is sold after a reservation has been made, whether a deposit has been given or not, and the business name remains the same, that reservation is valid. If the business is sold and the name is changed, the reservation is no longer valid. The business is then treated as a new business.

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this the Management, the Convention Committee or any officer or staff member thereof will not be responsible for the safety of the property of the Vendor, his agents, or employees from theft, damage by fire, accident, or any other causes. Vendors must have an attendant in charge of exhibits each day during the hours of the Convention. No other persons will be permitted in the building after closing hours.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Vendors will abide by all other provisions of the said Rules and Regulations and with fire regulations and all other regulations of governmental agencies and the Hosting Convention Facility. All draping and decorative material must be flame retardant.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

1. Vendors must comply with all local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances in force.
2. All Vendors are required to have a Florida State Retail Sales Tax Number.
3. Out of State Vendors may apply to the Internal Revenue Service, Sales Tax Division, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, for a temporary permit covering the period of the convention. The Sales Tax Number or the Temporary Permit Number must be submitted on the Exhibit Space Contract.
4. A copy of Vendor's Certificate of Insurance must also be submitted with the Exhibit Space Contract.



COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS  
MAY 30, 2004

Don Hanhurst, Vice Chairman, opened the meeting at 10:00am in the Lake Hollingsworth "A" at the Lakeland Center on May 29, 2004.

Roll call was held and a quorum was present. Minutes were approved and the Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Convention reports were given by Bruce Morgan (50<sup>th</sup>), Charlie Newsome (51<sup>st</sup>) and Carol McKenzie (52<sup>nd</sup>). No report from the 53<sup>rd</sup> convention as no chairman has been appointed from the Northwest Association at this time.

A report from the Convention Procedures Committee was given by Fred and Shirley Cornett. He will report on this to the Federation.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to make changes to the Vendor section of the Convention Guidelines.

A motion was made and approved that Jim and Jan McConnaha be appointed Secretary for another 3 year term. Another motion was passed adding the duties and title of Treasurer to this job.

A motion was made to accept the normal rotation of officers with Don Hanhurst becoming Chairman, Charlie & Val Newsome 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, and Conrad Protzman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman – motion passed. The 48<sup>th</sup> (2002) Convention retired as voting members and the 53<sup>rd</sup> (2007) Convention become voting members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jim and Jan McConnaha  
Secretary



# SQUARE DANCE AWARD PROGRAMS

## Speaker:

Jay Richards

Member of the Nat'l Exec. Comm.

General Chairman in Saint Paul 2002

Representing myself

## Problem:

NSDC Losing attendance in Charlotte 6 years 13,000 this around 7,000

State Convention too

Generally down all over

## Past Efforts:

CALLERLAB Foundation:

Studied but NO physical outcome

ARTS

Asking for more \$, what physical outcome?

Lee Kopman and Al Brundage

Proposed 25 years ago to have Award Programs

Jay is proposing a similar Award Programs

Ballroom dancing is a competitive sport this year at the Greece Olympic

## Jay's Research:

Pacific Northwest SD Teens Festival:

Over 50 years

Over 300 kids

Teens and Pre-teens

For SD, RD, Calling and Cueing

3 tips; 1 easy, 1 with medium DBD and 1 with hard DBD

Timed by square dancing

AAA Corporate Sponsor

California's state convention started competitive youth dancing last year

USDA Youth Director was a timer there

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## Utah's State Senior Games

By Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake and a local caller

6 years

Forecasting about 90 squares in next 3 years

Mainstream, Plus, Advance levels by age range 55-65, 65-75, 75-85

Baby-Boomers love challenges !!! We need them !!!

### Jay's Proposal:

USDA will leadership over national Award Programs

Youth – State Covention Champions

Senior Games in each state

In Process of Development is Florida's Senior Games

The Villages, Florida December, 2005

“In-Betweens” – State Convention Champions

Baby-Boomer groups

NSDC will provide a “National Dance-Off” for these three groups at the  
NSDCs each year

Televised

Develop a Television Special for these Dance-Offs

Look for National Corporate Sponsors

Suggest starting with **Blue Cross** / **Blue Shield** or other health care /  
health conscious organization



# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

## NEWS RELEASE



2004-01



For immediate publication for dancer awareness

### USDA 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

The United Square Dancers of America's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom, Doubletree Denver Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado. Registration will start at 12:30 PM and the meeting should end before 4:00 PM. This meeting is the official annual meeting of the USDA Board of Directors that provides the guidance and direction for the world's largest national square dance organization. The Board of Directors consists of delegates from all USDA Affiliate Organizations. Visitors are welcome but may not vote on items brought before the Board. Voting is reserved for the designated Directors of the Affiliate Members.

This is a great opportunity to meet the national leaders, the USDA Executive Committee Members, the USDA Board of Directors, and representatives from other national and international organizations. You will observe the USDA Executive Committee Members reporting on their activities during the last 12 months and future plans. The following Officers and Committees will provide reports:

President  
VP Eastern Region  
VP Central Region  
VP Plains Region  
VP Western Region  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Past President  
Facilities/Sound  
Other Organizations

Information Officer  
Parliamentarian  
Historian/Archives  
National Folk Dance  
Handicapable Dancers  
ARTS Dance Alliance  
Youth Advisor  
USDA NEWS Editor  
Elections  
USA Traveler

Ways & Means  
Education/Publications  
Insurance  
Credit Card  
After Party  
Showcase of Ideas  
Badges  
USDA Apparel  
Budget  
Prescription Card

The purpose of USDA is to promote and perpetuate the total square dance movement, which includes square, round, contra, clogging, line and heritage dancing; establish a line of communication from the individual dancer to a recognized unified body to make decisions at the national level; provide for education to further the growth and enjoyment of square dancing; encourage cooperation between member clubs, state associations, councils, federations, national, international organizations; provide a forum for implementing the benefits of membership and to represent square dancing to the general public as a wholesome, enjoyable family type organization. You will not want to miss this opportunity to meet your leaders and observe the USDA in action. YOU are invited! It is YOUR organization so participate in its operations and assist in leadership of our square dance hobby. For more information about the USDA Annual Meeting contact:

USDA PRESIDENT  
Jim and Edythe Weber  
1316 Middlebrook Dr  
Liberty, MO 64068-1941  
(816) 781-3598

FACILITIES CHAIR  
Pat & Ave' Herndon  
P. O. Box 273  
Poway, CA 92074  
(858) 486-1691



# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

## NEWS RELEASE



2004-02



For immediate publication for dancer awareness

### SQUARE DANCER'S CREDIT CARD PROGRAM AFFILIATES SHARE FUNDS

Great News! Affiliate members will share the proceeds from the Credit Card Program this year..

Distribution of these funds will be made at the USDA annual meeting in Denver, Colorado on June 23, 2004. The funds will be shared at a rate of \$100.00 per voting right by all affiliate members in good standing as of December 31, 2003 with the understanding that the affiliate will use these funds in the promotion of Square Dancing.

The Square Dancer's Credit Card Program was initiated in 1989 with all surplus funds being returned to the USDA Affiliates. Your Directors, at the June 1996 USDA Board Meeting authorized the current distribution plan – one half to the USDA Youth and Handicapable Dancer Programs and the other half to the Affiliates. The youth and handicapable dancer funds are held in escrow and released when authorized.

This is the third sharing of surplus funds by affiliates from the USDA Credit Card Program, the first being in the early nineties.

These funds have been earned by you – the Dancer – with the Square Dancer's Credit Card. What a super way – an easy way - to provide funds to help support our great activity. Our sincere thanks to all who have the Square Dancer's Credit Card.

The Square Dancer's Credit Card has every benefit offered by other credit cards and promotes square dancing every time the card is used. With your help, we are confident the Credit Card Program will continue to grow and generate funds to benefit Square Dancing.

Application forms have been distributed throughout the United States and additional forms can be obtained from the Credit Card Chairman. Also, Dancers may apply via the Internet by accessing USDA's home page at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) and clicking on the credit card banner.

For further information contact:

Joe & Joy Vaccari

USDA Credit Card Program Chm.

227 Hughes St. NE

Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

(850) 243-9484

E-mail: [javajoy@fwbnet.com](mailto:javajoy@fwbnet.com)



**Date: November 23, 2003**

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

**Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown**

**Subject: "Extra Mile Award"**

**Purpose of such an award:**

- 1) To show appreciation to both callers and cuers who donate their time and talent to the Square Dance Activity.
- 2) To create an incentive to those callers and cuers who are hesitant to become active in such endeavors.

**Criteria for the award:**

- 1) A caller or cuer who is a member of the Florida Callers Association or The Round Dance Council of Florida.
- 2) A caller or cuer who is a full time resident of the State of Florida (eight or more months residing in the State of Florida.)
- 3) A caller or cuer who willingly donates his or her time to the activity when needed. This would exclude those callers or cuers who participate in the activity for monetary or publicity remuneration only. (This does not refer to callers or cuers who charge for their services at regularly scheduled functions as well.)

**Procedure for Nomination:**

- 1) A selection committee would be appointed by the Federation during the Fall meeting. This committee should include two (2) persons from each of the five associations; thus equaling ten (10) members total.
- 2) Any dancer may submit a name of a caller or cuer to the selection committee prior to February 1 of the year in which the nominee is to be selected. The choice should include a brief autobiographical sketch and at least three (3) events at which the caller or cuer has demonstrated his or her contribution to the Square Dance Activity.
- 3) The committee to meet during the February working Weekend to review the nominees and arrive at a final decision.

**Procedure for Award:**

- 1) The Award should be presented at the following Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention by the current President of the Florida Federation
- 2) The name given the Award should be changed since the selection would become a Federation decision.
- 3) A possible choice for a name would be: "The Golden Mike Award"



In a message dated 6/28/04 8:46:04 PM Eastern Daylight Time, brucemorgan@earthlink.net writes:

Subj: **FW: GENERAL MINUTES MAY 29, 2004**

Date: 6/28/04 8:46:04 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: brucemorgan@earthlink.net (Bruce Morgan)

To: newsome.charles@comcast.net (Charlie & Val Newsome), fscomy@aol.com (Fred & Shirley Cornett), carolemc@bellsouth.net (Garland & Carole McKenzie), knapp2@juno.com (George & Shirley Knapp), JacknKathy1@wmconnect.com (Jack & Kathy McKinney), brownuse@aol.com (Ken & Sue Brown), carpoole@juno.com (Randy & Carol Poole), murlsqda@aol.com (Murl & Sally Herbert)

Here is a copy of the cuers meeting where they voted on the Vendor changes. It really doesn't say that they approved it but I believe that is what the intent is. It has the same wording for the adjournment of the meeting and I am pretty sure they are not still setting in Lakeland talking this over. So I think we can assume that this was approved.

Bruce Morgan

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jansrnds10@aol.com [mailto:Jansrnds10@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2004 8:29 PM

**To:** LBeve42516@juno.com; brucemorgan@earthlink.net; spinards@tampabay.rr.com; Jansrnds10@aol.com; protzman@gate.net; dickchase@juno.com; Roundrock538@aol.com; j.l.leverette@att.net; pewcuer@juno.com; QJEANNETTE@aol.com; mtripp@svic.net; Callercuer@aol.com; auriene@yahoo.com; LCHATOS@itilink.com; des.ruth.cunningham@usa.net; LHDOOLITTLE@juno.com; jiknapp@ucnsb.net; pkent@pinecrest.edu; JSKIDANCER@aol.com; cuerhagen@juno.com; JMH206@aol.com; Joannecue@aol.com; Marydeef@mindspring.com; SARoberts@verizon.net; LTESTA@ATT.NET; jimvincent@swfla.com; LJWALL@comcast.net; Jimmiaer.winter@comcast.net; CurtWorlock@juno.com

**Subject:** GENERAL MINUTES MAY 29, 2004

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA  
LAKELAND CIVIC CENTER

GENERAL MINUTES HELD MAY 29, 2004

CHAired BY PRESIDENT JUNE LEVERETTE

MEETING BEGAN AT 4:15 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JUNE LEVERETTE PRESIDENT, JOHN AYRES, VICE  
PRESIDENT, SECRETARY JANICE COUGHLIN



ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN 30 ACTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT , A QUORUM DECLARED.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS JIM AND CAROLE VINCENT AND ED CABANA WERE WELCOMED AND INFORMED THAT THEY WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK BUT COULD NOT VOTE. NO VISITORS WERE PRESENT .

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING WERE PASSED OUT AS THEIR WAS NO CUE CARD PUBLISHED SINCE THAT MEETINGS . MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT BY JOE AUGENBLICK AND SECONDED BY PHYLISS WILLIAMS.

#### VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

ON FEB 4, 2004 I RECEIVED E-MAIL FROM CONRAD PROTZMAN CONTAINING AN EMAIL FROM FRAN SOOS WHO LIVES IN GEORGIA AND TEACHES AND CUES IN TALLAHASSEE, WANTING TO JOIN. I INFORMED THEM THAT WE DO HAVE A CATEGORY NAMED "NON-RESIDENT". WAITING TO HEAR FROM THEM.

I DID NOT WRITE TO THE VINCENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR APPLICATION HAD BEEN APPROVED BECAUSE FINAL APPROVAL HAD NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. I DID NOT REALIZE UNTIL WRITING THIS THAT FINAL APPROVAL IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL AFTER THE MINIMUM ONE YEAR AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER IS OVER AND THE APPLICANT HAS PASSED THE TESTING PROCEDURE. I WILL NOW WRITE TO THEM.

RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM ED CABANA(PARTNER OF JANICE COUGHLIN) FOR MEMBERSHIP, IT WAS PRELIMINARILY APPROVED AT THE MARCH MEETING. THIS IS THE CASE THAT TRIGGERED THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF JOHN WALL, SHARON ROBERTS AND MYSELF TO COME UP WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND OR BY-LAWS TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A NEW MEMBER OF A CURRENTLY ACTIVE MEMBER TO JOIN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER AND SERVE A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR PRIOR TO BEING TESTED FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP SO THAT THE NEW PARTNER COULD TEACH



AT A COUNCIL SPONSORED EVENT. JOHN WALL TOOK THE LEAD IN THIS AND CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION WHICH SHARON APPROVED. DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, I DID NOT RECEIVE THE FIRST AND SECOND ATTEMPT BY JOHN WALL TO E-MAIL THE INFO TO ME . WE DID FINALLY CONNECT AND AT FIRST I AGREED WITH THE CHANGE WITH A SLIGHT CHANGE IN WORDING BUT LATER WHILE REVIEWING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISED IN JAN 1997 WHICH WERE MY PERSONAL COPIES, I FOUND THAT THE NECESSARY CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE 97 REVISION. IT STATES IN SECTION V111- PARA 2, IF ANY ACTIVE MEMBER HAS A CHANGE OF PARTNER DUE TO DEATH, DIVORCE OR REMARRIAGE, THE NEW PARTNER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP BUT MUST BE TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 111 PARAGRAPH 1A OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS COUNCIL. I HEREBY APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING AWARE OF THIS PRIOR TO THE MARCH MEETING. THERE IS HOWEVER, A CHANGE IN WORDING WHICH SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WHICH COULD APPLY IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. JANICE HAS BEEN A SINGLE MEMBER SINCE JOINING THE COUNCIL, AND THEREFORE THE DEATH, DIVORCE OR REMARRIAGE WORDING DOES NOT APPLY. I WILL, AT THE PROPER TIME MAKE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE WORDING TO "ANY JUSTIFIABLE REASON". RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM MARILYN YATES FROM DELAND WHO STATED THAT SHE HAS BEGUN TO DO SOME CUEING AND THAT HER CALLER HUSBAND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS STATE CONVENTION. I ASSUME SHE WANTS TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP. I SENT AND E MAIL SUGGESTING SHE LOOK ME UP AT THE STATE, AND I WOULD GIVE HER AN APPLICATION. IT WAS TOO LATE TO SEND IT.

IN WORKING ON THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE I NOTICED SEVERAL ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED SUCH AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOLDING 4 MEETINGS PER YEAR. JOHN WALL STATED HIS VERISON OF THE CONSTITUTION /BY-LAWS WERE DATED DEC 01, SO MAYBE SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED. ALSO, IN CHECKING THE SUPPLY OF THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE VICE PRESIDENTS FILES I FIND THAT ALL OF THEM ARE DATED 1995 SO I GUESS WE ALL NEED TO GET UPDATED.

SORRY TO BE SO LONG WINDED.  
RESPECTFULLY

JOHN AYRES

TREASURER REPORT

READ BY PRESIDENT JUNE



MARCH 20TH - MAY 28 2004

BEGINNING BALANCE \$6753.44

TOTAL INCOME	399.07
TOTAL EXPENSES	1356.74

ENDING BALANCE \$5795.77

\$900 OF ABOVE BALANCE IS SET ASIDE FOR THE BYRDIE MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Motion accepted Conrad and seconded by Dick Chase

JOHN AYRES MAKES MOTION OF CHANGES OF WORDING RE- SILENT PARTNER TO READ "FOR ANY JUSTIFIABLE REASON" PHYLISS SECONDED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. AT THE BOARD MEETING A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO UPDATE THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS INCLUDES JUNE, CONRAD AND WILL BE HEADED BY JOHN AYRES. JOHN THEN WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND AN EXCEPTION WILL BE MADE .

NEW BUSINESS

JUNE NEEDS EVERYONE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST ON THE DESK WE KNOW IT IS UPDATED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



CUE CARD

LAST YEAR WE SPENT \$347.50 ON CUE CARD EXPENSES ARE WE GETTING \$350 WORTH OF INFO OUT OF IT. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. MIKE AURIENE MADE MOTION TO KEEP IT AND BEVERLY SECONDED.

REPORT FROM CONRAD PROTZMAN PAST PRESIDENT FROM CO-ORDINATING COMM

VENDERS CONTRACTS. THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE, THEY ARE NOT ALLOWING ONLY CERTAIN VENDORS IN AND THERE IS NO COMPETITION . AS OF NOW THEY ONLY ALLOW ONE SHOP TO SELL A ITEM, LIKE SHOES AND PETTICOATS AND ETC.  
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY MORNING AND THEY ONLY NEED 2 VOTES FROM CALLERS CUERS AND DANCERS. BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HELD.  
MOTION WAS MADE BY CONRAD AND SECONDED BY JERRY VIOLA.

MOTION MADE BY CONRAD AND SECONDED BY JOHN TO ADJOURN.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:45 PM.

# Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association

Paul & Cheryl Miller, President

2166 Middleton Drive

Navarre, Florida 32566

October 2, 2004

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Fred & Shirley Cornett, President

1472 Champions Green

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

Dear Florida Federation President & Board Members,

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association meeting held on June 5, 2004, Tom Hancock, Northwest Florida Federation Nominee Chairman, nominated Paul & Cheryl Miller for the position of Parliamentarian on the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association Delegates voted to accept the nomination.

Therefore, Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association would like to submit Paul & Cheryl Miller to be an addition to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers board as Parliamentarian.

Respectfully,



Paul Miller

2002 - 2004 NWFSRDA President

cc: Tom Hancock, NWFSRDA Florida Federation Nominee Chairman

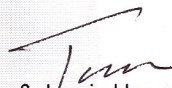


# Memorandum

**To:** Jack & Kathy McKinney, 709 6<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Jacksonville Beach, Fl 32250  
**CC:** Fred & Shirley Cornett, 1472 Champions Green Dr, Gulf Breeze, Fl 32563  
**From:** Tom & Jeanie Hancock, 130 Lanman Rd, Niceville Fl, 32578  
**Date:** 10/6/2004  
**Re:** Accepting new officer position in Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Jack & Kathy, as the chairman of the nomination committee I want to confirm that you are willing to assume the Vice-Presidency of the Federation for the upcoming year. If you concur, please either send me a memo to above address or send me an E-mail to [tomjean@cox.net](mailto:tomjean@cox.net).

Looking forward to see you two at the NWF round up in Defuniak Springs on Friday 29 Oct and your installation on Sun 31 Oct.

  
Tom & Jeanie Hancock

*Sent email  
10/14  
concurring  
Jack & Kathy*