

In a message dated 11/15/04 6:05:25 PM Eastern Standard Time, elsa.huddleston@dot.state.fl.us writes:

Jerry & Helen Rhodes wanted to be added as Alternates to the delegate list, so here is a revised one that includes them.

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Subj: NWFSRDA Delegates
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Hi Jack and Kathy,

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The Flowers, Mrs Koile, and the McLendons are new, and will need delegate badges and bars. I will need a President bar.
Please send us the telephone number of the Best Western/Diplomat in Lakeland, so that those delegates who are going to the Working Weekend can make
Thanks.

Dave Henn
NWFSRDA President

Subj: Delegates From West Coast
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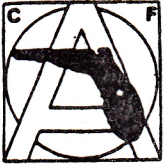
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Central Florida
Square & Round Dancers Association

October 4, 2004

Fred & Shirley Cornett, President
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Ref; CFA Delegates

Dear Fred & Shirley,

The Central Florida Square & Round Dancers association met for their annual general meeting on July 31, 2004 and elected the officers for the next year.

As the newly elected president we are required to appoint the CFA Delegates to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the New Year effective with the annual meeting in November (October 31). They are:

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Sorry we will not be able to make the meeting on October 31st.

Sincerely

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

Jack & Barbara

Jack & Barbara Hoffman

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*Hope this is what you need
for coming year. See you in October.
Ray*

Attached Reports for Minutes of Federation Meeting
October 31, 2004

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT 31 OCTOBER 2004

The Showcase of Ideas display was dismantled at the State Convention and safely transported to and from Denver by Jack & Barbara Hoffman. They also took along the brochures, flyers and giveaways in their motor home. A group from Central assembled the showcase in Denver.

Volunteers from each of the associations manned the display. In addition to the maps, fans, & refrigerator magnets, we had an assortment of key chains Anna Foust obtained from the Lake County Welcome Center.

We received many fine comments on the display.
We have the participation bar for the association's plaque and the displays to give to the association presidents today.

We thank everyone for their efforts in the Showcase.

Submitted by
Randy & Carol Poole
Parliamentarian

Northeast Report
October 31, 2004

The Northeast dancers would like to congratulate the Central Association for the wonderful State Convention. I know everyone had a great time. We also hope that you enjoyed the Northeast Kick-Off. We believe that the train was a big hit. As you already know we received a lot of help from the Central Association with our kick off and we sincerely thank them for all their help. The only way square dancing can survive is for all of us to pull together and help one another whenever we can. Our registration chairman has been hard at work selling ribbons. She has been encouraging seasoned dancers to attend, but she has also spoke to brand new students encouraging them to attend the convention next year.

After the convention we continued to visit all our clubs. In June we attended the 19th Anniversary Dance for the Silver Fox Squares and the 12th Anniversary Dance for the Teddy Bear Squares. The Teddy Bear Squares have been having a hard time this year when they suddenly lost their caller to retirement. Gary Murphy stepped in and they continued without missing a beat. At the end of June, six members of the board, along with other people from Florida attended the 53rd National convention in Denver, CO. I must confess I was just a little disappointed with the facilities, but I still had a great time. I can personally tell you that Wal-Mart is pretty much the same in every state.

We arrived home in July, and had a fairly quiet month. At the end of July we held our 5th Saturday dance. It was not a well attended as the 5th Saturday of the past, but we believe that people we away on vacation and it was a rainy night.

At the end of July, one of our callers, Gary Murphy, secured us a spot on one of the local TV morning shows to talk about square dancing. He prepared information about square dancing. He took two squares of dancers with him and another caller, Ernie Rollen, who did the calling. One square was dressed in the dress for the 51st State Convention and the other square featured our youth. We were hoping to advertise square dancing for the start of lessons in September. I doubt this helped to get any students, but it was an idea that we tried. We received another suggestion that we send out letters about square dancing to local churches. Our publicity chairman sent out about 150 letters, but again I don't think this brought in any students. We have advertisements on placemats in restaurants, and signs on poles and stands, and still the best advertisements are word of mouth. We have several classes. We certainly hope that we can graduate and retain some new dancers.

We were very lucky that no one in the northeast was injured or had very serious problems form Bonnie, Charlie, Frances, Ivan or Jeanne, but our hearts go out to all the other areas that were impacted by these hurricanes. We did plan to attend the Anniversary dance for the Flagler Ocean Waves but we had to postpone it for a week due to Frances.

In September we attended the 13th Anniversary dance for the Yellow Rockers, and the 23rd Anniversary dance for the Square Wheels camping club. The Dixie Dancers celebrated their 26th Anniversary dance along with their student graduation.

On the first weekend in October, John and Lisa Wall hosted "The Thrill In The Ville" a complete Round Dancing Weekend with Tim and Nana Eum out of Virginia. It was a great success and we salute John and Lisa for keeping Round Dancing, in the northeast fresh and exciting.

We are encouraging all our dancers to attend as many dances as possible. We are looking forward to all the upcoming dances. We invite you to attend our Fall Festival on November 19-20, 2004 and dance in a "Starlight Wonderland". Don't forget the State Convention next May. See you in a square.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud and Anita Taylor, President, NEFSARDA

Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association

Good Morning and Welcome to Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association home! We hope you have enjoyed our weekend of dancing and the warm DeFuniak Springs hospitality. Thank you for traveling to enjoy the weekend with us.

Hurricane Ivan brought many changes and lots of problems to our gulf coast. Northwest dancers were lucky with the storm only two homes were completely destroyed and many suffered wind and flood damages. Two of our square dance halls received damage, but they are still standing and dancing can be done while repairs are being made. In an effort to help some of our dancers recover from the storm, Northwest Florida Callers, Chuck Meyers, Bob Poyner, and Ben Williams have organized a dance to be held on November 14 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola with other NWF callers donating their talents. This dance will also be a "Top secret surprise" farewell to Ben Williams, who is rapidly going blind. He has had several surgeries with no success. Northwest will be presenting him a gift for his many years of service to our association. If any other association would like to participate in this "Surprise Farewell" see us or Bob Poyner. We would be happy to make the presentation if you are unable to attend.

Our association installed new officers to our board on Saturday, October 30 and I would like to introduce Dave Henn as the new President of NWFSRDA. He has graciously permitted me to give this final report to the Federation. Also, elected were Louie and Wilma Flowers, Vice President, Geraldine Pitts, Secretary, Joe and Patricia McLendon, Treasurer and Tom Hancock as Insurance Chairman. This board will have much success in the upcoming year and we expect them to accomplish many tasks.

As I stated, this will be our last report to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers as president of NWFSRDA. Paul and I would like to thank the Florida Federation Board members and the four other association presidents for their support and guidance during our two year term.

During this past year I jumped on the wagon and went hot and heavy in regards to the HR 645 Bill in congress. I would like to encourage other association presidents to continue to pursue this Bill, with letters, emails, phone calls and postcards to get our State Representatives to co-sponsor this bill. Per the USDA newsletter, this Bill will be presented one last time in congress in January 2005 and I have brought a sample of the postcards that were sent to our District 1 and District 2 congressmen, please pick one up and take it back to your association. Remember November 2 new elections and possible new representatives. So this effort requires continuous efforts This technique only costs \$15.00 for the sheets of postcards and maybe \$10.00 of ink for the printer. A small investment for such a worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul and Cheryl Miller
Past-Presidents 2003-2004.

CFA Report
October 31, 2004

We would like to apologize for not being in attendance for the Federation meeting. Our excuse is that we were committed to our 5th Saturday Dance last night at The Villages.

Our term of office started October 1 along with our newly elected board. We want to thank our predecessors, Dan and Anna Foust for the excellent service during their term of office. We are asking our board to support us in our term of office at least as well as theirs supported them.

The Central Florida Assn presented the 50th State Convention in May. It was a big success and Bruce and Colleen and all of the volunteers are to be congratulated and thanked. We will not go into any further detail in this report because we are sure that the General Chairman has something to say about it and we do not want to distract from their report.

We held the annual elections at the 5th Saturday Dance in St. Cloud on July 31, 2004 and the newly elected officers were installed at the Board Meeting on October 3rd at Randy and Carol Poole's home. We are anticipating a very successful year.

Our annual Presidents Ball was held last night (Oct 30, 2004) at The Villages and we are sure it was a success. The caller was Paul Place and the Cuer was Joann Helton.

As most of Florida was, The Central Florida Area was also effected very much by the hurricanes. CFA has a small disaster fund to aid victims of hurricanes and other emergencies. CFA has voted to donate \$1,500 of their convention distribution to this fund in light of the recent hurricanes. If anyone knows of someone who is in need of financial aid because of the hurricanes, please let us know so they may be considered.

Our next dance will be on January 29, 2005 at the City Island Recreation Center in Daytona Beach. The caller will be John Saunders and the Cuer will be Irene Knapp.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack and Barbara Hoffman
Presidents, CFA

President's report for the West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association

This is our last presidents' message because our new officers took office Oct. 1, 2004.

We have some clubs throughout W.C. Assoc. that continue to dance through the summer which makes it a good time to get around to visit these clubs by the dancers from clubs that are closed down for the summer. Our seasonal clubs are back to dancing now, and beginner lessons are getting under way within the next several weeks.

Personally speaking, we had a busy summer, danced whenever we could and had the opportunity to attend our first Canadian National Square Dance Convention. After we got there and heard that there is a banner parade, where one can carry a club banner on parade. We asked around and didn't hear of anyone there to represent the Fl. dancers so we hastily made a Fl. banner from poster board and markers, and proudly marched in their parade. May we suggest at this time that the Fl. Fed. have a banner to send with someone to Canadian Conv. and wouldn't it also be nice to carry at our own Nat'l. Conv.

Our W.C. annual V.I.P. was held our Aug. 15 at Strawberry Sq., this dance is in honor of all our volunteers throughout the Assoc. we had a fairly good turn out considering it was just two days after Hurricane Charlie. Speaking of 'Charlie', we want to thank the SE & NW for their most generous offer to help any sq. dancers in our area that needed it. While we were gathering information on any dancers that were in need, 'Frances' and 'Jeanne' took their toll in their areas and we declined their offer knowing that they would most likely have their own people to help. Thank you very much. We have found two dancer couples, in need, to help.

We had to cancel the Presidents' Ball when 'Jeanne' visited the same day, so we postponed installing our new officers until next Assoc. dance Oct. 24th in Seminole. Our new officers are: Pres. Fred & Jan Smith, V-P/ Penny Green, Sec., Shirley Pfeffer and Treas., Sonny & Molly Anderson.

We are looking forward to our big dance of the year the Fall Fun Fest in the Lakeland Center, which is in two weeks on Nov. 12 & 13th, we have ribbons that are still cheaper than the door price.

Now we say good by and good luck to our new officers,
Don & Ann Slocum, past presidents

Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.
October 31, 2004

Because of lack of interest and support from the dancers, Ray and I are back at the helm for one more year. One of our goals is to encourage a "Circle of Support" encompassing the dancers, the Southeast Association and the Southeast Callers & Cuers Association. Ray and I are personally visiting every club in the Southeast area, and are encouraging dancers to join the SEA. In addition, we are asking the dancers to support the Southeast Callers & Cuers Association by attending their annual fund raiser, the Marathon Dance in March. To complete the circle, we are asking all the callers and cuers to show their support by attending the SEA dances and encouraging their club members to join and attend - thus making a "Circle of Support" of the dancers, the Southeast Association, and the Southeast Callers & Cuers Association.

In conjunction with the "Circle of Support" effort, the Board voted to decrease the new membership fee from \$18 to \$12 for this year only; the same as the renewal fee. Walk-in dancers are told that if they join the SEA their walk-in fee will be applied toward their membership fee.

Like some of the other associations, the hurricanes affected our monthly dances. We were forced to cancel the September membership renewal dance. However, that extra time allowed us to put a greater effort in announcing the rescheduled dance that was earlier this month. Not only did we have double the usual attendance, in addition to the two paid host callers, we had four additional unexpected callers! Our "Circle of Support" is working!

Sadly, the board voted to reduce our monthly dances to nine a year because of lack of attendance. Last year we canceled the annual picnic, and next year there will be no June and August dances. We are in the process of revising our bylaws to incorporate this and other changes. Voting by the dancers will be at the December meeting.

The Snowflake Frolic, our annual fund-raiser, is scheduled for January 15, 2005 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. The callers will be Frank Bedell, Henri Arsenault and Mike Doughty. Cuers are Jerry and Joyce Viola. We would love to see all of you there!!!

We are very fortunate to have had a dancer come forward and write the SEA articles for the Bow & Swing. This person wishes to remain anonymous and we will honor that request.

Lastly, we are very grateful to Al Guthrie who allows us to hold our board meetings in a hall he rents for his club dance. Al is the first caller involved in the "Circle of Support."

Respectfully submitted,

Ray & Elsa Huddleston
SEA President

FASSRD
October 31, 2004

Forty-six single Florida square dancers drove or flew to Atlanta for the 34th National Singles Dance-A-Rama. There was a total registration of 654, a slight increase from 613 last year. Our charter bus had to be canceled, as there wasn't enough interest. Although the Florida dancers were constantly keeping their eyes and ears to the weather reports that weekend we had a great time in the dance halls. Next year's Dance-A-Rama will be in Columbus, OH.

Although I was expecting lower attendance at our Single Rama, we had 98 people in attendance, up from 91 last year. If you haven't been to the Kenilworth lately, they now have a modern elevator and there were no reports of ghosts this year! We held our annual meeting and elected new officers for the upcoming year as follows: Treasurer Mary Lou Pelz of the Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville, Secretary, Ailene Picheco of Spacetrackers in Titusville, Vice President, Nita Flanagan of Orlando Singles and President, Penny Green from West Coast. We also voted to lower our single Rama registration next year. We have a pretty healthy treasury right now, so we thought if we reduced the registration perhaps it will bring us more dancers. We promoted all the annual association dances and the 51st State Convention during the weekend and Shirley White sold eight ribbons for the Convention.

Several times during the Single Rama, I encouraged the solos to support their associations with their attendance at dances and other meetings, and in serving in various capacities.

The next big singles get-together will be the Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island, GA in March. We will be moving from the Jekyll Island Civic Center where we dance in a round hall, to the Holiday Inn, which is also our host hotel. This year we have added \$5.00 to the registration in order to have the after parties catered. Bob Sloman will be calling and Rita Mason will be cueing.

A mass mailing is being done in an effort to get information out to all the solo dancers in Florida regarding our singles dances and activities. If you have any solo dancers in your area that would like this information please, forward their name and address or have them get in touch with me.

I continue to write articles for the Bow and Swing, and all the association newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Green
President, FASSRD

The Grapevine

Our subscriber list has dropped a little during the last six months, primarily due to several deaths and several dance couples no longer able to dance because of health reasons.

We ran, free of charge, the Northwest ad for their Fall Roundup and the West Coast ad for their Fall Fun Fest in two issues of *The Grapevine*. We also carried the dates of the weekends in our Calendar of Events, even though the dates may have been on the same dates as a Northeast function. It is our firm belief that the dancers should have a choice and we publish the dates of all known weekends for that reason. We are now waiting on the Southeast ad for their Snowflake Frolic and the Central ad for the 2005 Shamrock Swing.

At one of the working weekends in the last year or two, it was decided by all Editors or representatives present, that a copy of each issue would be sent to the other four association presidents, as well as swapping with the other editors. We just learned recently that some of the presidents are not receiving a copy of the other association publications. We would like to again state that we think this is a good way to continue a cooperative line of communication between associations and would ask that all editors send copies of each of their publication to the editors and presidents of the other associations. Just a thought for your consideration!

We continue to publish news on all areas of square dancing, as well as both the state and national conventions WE still receive positive comments on our feature article which is usually about a dance couple or club and you'd be surprised what we have learned about some of our dancers as we interview them. Our latest feature was on a square dancing family of seven, in the northeast. They were a delight to interview.

The last two issues have carried a new column "For Your Address Book: We include address phone and email changes which helps everyone keep their Fall Festival 'Directory of Names updated.

Remember we still publish your ad free if it is a benefit dance with all proceeds going to a charity. We'd like the ad camera ready, if possible.

Only by supporting and cooperating with each other, association wide can we continue to have successful events. Let's remember to cooperate not compete and watch our activity grow.

All of the material in our publication may be used by any other publication, however we ask that you be gracious enough to give us the reprint credit.

As usual we invite comments, pro and con.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie and Val Newsome

51st Florida State Square and Round Dance convention

Report to Federation Meeting
October 31, 2004

First we would like to congratulate Colleen & Bruce Morgan on the great job they and their committee did planning and hosting such an excellent 50th Anniversary Party last May. It was fun and very well planned. It will be a hard act to follow!

After our FUN kick-off we received many calls and emails of congratulations on a short, to the point, and unique kick-off that everyone said delivered a message. We want to thank all those who took the time to give us your positive comments. We had a lot of fun putting it on and are now hard at work to try to make sure the 2005 State Convention is a FUN weekend. We do need to thank some people for helping us out – we could not have presented this kick-off message without the assistance of the Federation Board, our engineer from the Central Association – Larry Heffner, and Bruce and Colleen Morgan, who worked tirelessly to help us pull the event off.

We had a full committee meeting in September and found that the Chairmen were well in control and most all the planning had been finished. We are in the process now of bringing together the people to help on the various committees, as well as getting all the props and incidentals completed. I guess you could say we are bringing everyone and everything all together!

Following the Hurricane on the Labor Day weekend, we were approached by the Lakeland Center about releasing the arena on Saturday evening (the only weekend we had it reserved). After talking with our caller coordinators, and our fashion chairman, who would be the ones directly impacted by this move, and then talking to the 52nd Florida State Chairman, Garland & Carole McKenzie, we called the Lakeland Center back. Since they needed the arena to reschedule an event and not lose a substantial amount of money, they were willing to give us a monetary break, as well as meet our demands on making it workable for us, without added cost to us. We came to an agreement and released the arena, therefore, all opening ceremonies, the grand march, and the fashion show will be held in the plus hall. The grand march will be a mini grand march and you will hear more about that later. This arrangement is only coming to the state convention a year earlier, since Southeast already had made plans not to rent the arena. We are sure that with the talent and expertise in the Northeast along with the support promised by the Lakeland Center, we will have a great dancing weekend.

We attended the Florida Callers Programming Meeting that was held October 17th. An increase of Florida Callers has been programmed for next year's convention. The Round Dance Coordinators are finishing up their cuer programming now.

Emphasis is being put on our Youth at the convention – we have scheduled a Youth Party on Saturday afternoon and may have a dedicated hall for them for Saturday and Sunday evening. If we have enough come to the convention. Registration for youth not having obtained their 16th birthday by June 1st – and having registered by April 30, 2005 – will be at ½ price!

The singles have asked for rounds in their hall on Friday evening and both our caller and cuer coordinators are working hard at putting this in play.

We have continued some fund raising. The hanging quilt is to be given away at our Fall Festival. We hope you got your raffle tickets this weekend. Except for the golf shirts, we are getting thin on everything else. We have one other planned fund-raiser that we hope to get started at the Fall Festival, and then our last benefit dance on January 15th. We have flyers for this benefit dance for all presidents of the associations – and anyone else who would like some – and hope some of you will plan to support us at this event. It's January 15th and is a "Hobo Stew and Chili Too" dance. There will also be a silent auction for everyone to place bids on. But, it will be non-stop dancing with all of the Northeast callers and cuers donating their time and talents for the event.

We are gearing up for the ad program in our program book. As far as we know, in the past all associations have taken an ad in the program book, and we have those forms ready for the presidents today. Jack and Kathy McKinney are our ad chairman and doing a great job. They have come up with the idea that if this is a state convention – which it is – then why shouldn't all associations try to sell ads from their area... then the book could be used all year.

If anyone in other associations would like to sell registrations for us, we can give you a packet of ribbons and forms today. Any support you can give the Northeast on ads or registrations, will most certainly be appreciated – and we will reciprocate when it is your turn!

Our last action today is to present our "Traveling Trains" to the Presidents of the 5 associations. We hope they will travel to all your clubs and then be sure to bring them to the state convention. The association with the most visits will receive a prize.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie and Val Newsome

2006 Convention Report
October 31, 2004

We want to congratulate Bruce & Colleen Morgan on the success of the 50th Florida State Convention.

On October 17, we attended the State Caller's meeting with Charlie and Val to observe the caller programming for the 51st convention. That same weekend we met with Brenda Townsend of the Lakeland Center and Jackie Johnson of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. Brenda advised we would get a contract for consideration after she revises this year's contract.

Due to the affects of the storms in September, we do not have the time to personally contact the hotels individually so I sent each of them letters requesting rate commitments for May 2006. We have received some responses but not nearly all of them. We need this information to prepare our registration forms. When we spoke to Jackie Johnson about printing the registration forms, she advised us that after the first of the year they will be outsourcing the printing and they would have to reconsider whether they will print the forms for free as in the past. Normally, when you outsource an operation you do it because it is more economical. In that case we're not sure why they might not print our forms. We will prepare our registration forms and then see what they will do. We need each publication to advise us how many forms they will need to do the two inserts. We hope to be ready to print by mid-December.

Our badge maker has prepared sample badges and we are in the process of ordering badges for the committee chairmen.

Ribbon samples have been received and will be ordered after the first of the year.

The fabric for our outfits was ordered in June and was to be available in September. The last word we got in early October was that it would not be in customs until November 29. They have been advised that if it does not come in then, we will have to cancel the order and go to another design.

Due to the lack of attendance at our area dances, fund raising has not been going as well as expected. We still have the afghan raffle in progress and it will be drawn at the December 12 SEA dance.

We want to thank Bruce & Colleen and Charlie & Val for their help and input. Thank you also to those of you from other associations who have volunteered to chair a committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Garland & Carole McKenzie
General Chairman

2008 Florida State Convention Report
October 31, 2004

Many key positions have been filled. We have an idea for the theme and ideas for the dress.

The Ways & Means Committee, under the direction of Fred & Jan Smith, have raised over \$1,000 and have two ongoing projects.

The pace of activity will be steadily increasing over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Don and Ann Slocum
General Chairman

Florida Federation
History Report

It has been an exciting and interesting 15 years as Historians of the Florida Federation. Zonie has, in my opinion, done a great job and I am still taking the credit. We have been happy to have had the chance to meet and associate with all the great square dancers in Florida.

So as usual: Publication editors please send the complementary copy of your publication to Manny Gonzales. His address: Manny and Sherry Gonzales, 8233 Spencers Trace Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32244. Telephone (904)908-9988)

Please put the names of people and event when submitting pictures to Manny and Sherry, from experience it will help when trying to put the pictures in albums. It also stops arguing about who the people are!

Thanks again and let me at this time officially turn over the job of Historian to Manny and Sherry Gonzales.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack and Zonie Taylor
Historians, Florida Federation

USDA ANNUAL MEETING
REPORT TO FEDERATION MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2004

The annual meeting of the United Square Dancers of America is held in June each year at the National Convention. All four delegates from the Florida Federation, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Charlie and Val Newsome, attended the 2004 meeting on June 23rd at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver, CO.

After the invocation and pledge to the flag, several visiting dignitaries from the 53rd and 54th NSDC the NEC, Callerlab and Roundalab were introduced and spoke briefly.

Minutes were approved, and Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Charlie Holley, Vice President from Central Region, presented one application for affiliation, the Kentucky Association of Square Dancers with 2 votes. The delegates unanimously approved them for membership.

Reports and committee chair reports were given with most being general information. Following were of interest:

CREDIT CARD – The third distribution of funds was presented to the Affiliates. Charlie Newsome accepted a check for \$400 for the Florida Federation. This represents \$100 per vote. The credit card program was started in 1989 – if you want to apply for the credit card and help your Federation, see us and we'll get the information to you.

BUDGET – Was presented by Dave & Shirley Nihart and approved.

YOUTH – Scholarship was presented to Paul Connelly from Lower Waterford, Vermont in the Eastern District Square Dance Association. He is an extremely talented and dedicated young man and has been involved in square dance activities all his life. Since Paul was participating in an exchange program and was in Germany his mother accepted the \$500 scholarship for him. There were 6 applications this year and they had come from the North, South, East and Western parts of the United States. The report indicated that all applicants were extremely qualified, making the job of the committee for the Youth Fund Scholarship more complicated than ever.

A goal of the Youth committee this year is to give Youth Square Dancing a new look! Greek Letters were introduced and will be on tee shirts and ribbons to help emphasize our thinking.

NATIONAL FOLK DANCE – Delegates voted their approval to go forward to the next Congress to get this vital bill passed. Twenty-nine states have now sponsored the bill.

Next came the election of 2004-2005 USDA Officers. Retiring from the Treasurer's position was Dave & Shirley Nihart who received a round of applause for a job well done. Bill Flick, Eastern Region was elected to that position. Others elected were, Jim & Edyth Weber, President, Lenny & Connie Houle, VP from Eastern Region, Kitty & Charlie Holley, VP from Central Region, Michael & Kimberlee Streby, VP from Western region, John & Alitia Becker, VP from Plains Region, and Si & Marilyn Kittle, Secretary.

A new long-term care insurance plan for USDA was presented and approved by the delegates. We have some of the long-term care tri-folds on order to give you more information.

The delegates also voted approval for the Beckers and Holleys to review Youth Applications for Scholarships.

After the installation of the 2004-2005 Officers, and the Recognition of 2003-2004 Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 3:22pm

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie & Val Newsome
Delegates

Florida Federation Insurance Report
October 31, 2004

As of September 30, 2004 we have 76 clubs and 3373 dancers insured. This is an increase over last year. I'll give you a year end figure at the working weekend in February. I HAVE RECEIVED PAPERWORK FROM ALL SEVEN OF THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT WE INSURE.

The 2005 insurance package has been received from the USDA. You will be happy to know that the rates for the coming year have only gone up to \$3.90 per dancer. The minimum rate for a club is staying the same at \$45.00. The only major change this year other than the price, is that the clubs have to list their class members on a separate sheet of paper, and they have to provide a starting and ending date for their classes. As in the past, there is no charge for the class members but they have to be submitted. If they are not submitted they are not insured even if they are members of the class. After the class graduates the club has to resubmit the graduating class members again on the regular listing as regular club members along with payments. If they are not re-listed after the previously submitted end date for the class these members will not be insured.

The 2005 packages must have been mailed or delivered to each association insurance chairman and the association chairmen are actively working to get their dancers insured. That is all but the Cloggers. I have called and emailed Michelle Roberts a number of times but have not received a response. I am not going to mail the package to her until I hear from her letting me know that she is still the insurance chairman. This past year another lady tried to take the job over, when Michelle did not respond. As soon as that happened Michelle sent in her paperwork. That is the paperwork for all the clogging clubs except for the club that this other lady belongs to. I called the other lady and had her send her paperwork directly to me. Just because there is a situation in the clogging organization there is no reason for dancers to go uninsured.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce & Colleen Morgan
FFSD Insurance Chairpersons

THE EXTRA MILE

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

To show appreciation to both callers and cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD:

Any caller or cuer who is a member of the Florida Callers Association of the Round Dance Council of Florida

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION:

- 1 The board of the Florida Federation shall be the selection committee, with current president as chairman of same. New members coming on will replace one going off.
- 2 Any dancer may submit a name of a caller/cuer to the selection committee prior to February 1st of the year in which the nominee is to be selected. The choice should include a brief autobiographical sketch and at least 3 events at which the caller/cuer has demonstrated his or hers contribution to the square dance activity.
- 3 The selection committee to meet during the February working weekend to review the nominee(s) and arrive at a final decision.

PROCEDURE FOR PERSENTING AWARD(S):

1. The award(s) should be presented at the following Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention by the current president of the Florida Federation.
2. The award(s) presented shall be a framed document and an "Extra Mile Award Recipient" bar or dangle.