

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2007
Lakeland, Florida

**The meeting was held at the Lakeland Center in the Exhibit Hall West.
Meeting was called to order by President Ken Brown at 9:00 am.**

Invocation was given by Ken Brasfield.

President Ken Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Secretary Paul Miller performed roll call. A Quorum of Delegate's were present.

Introduction of Visitors & Guests

The following guests were in attendance; Mary Kinzer, Dick & Jeanne Lysobey from Central Association and Merle Lewis from West Coast.

President Sue Brown reported, there are several changes to the agenda:
Following the Treasurer's report will be the Parliamentarian Report
Following Old Business, Jim McConnaha will give a report on the Grant from Polk County.
The Hall of Fame Report will be given by Dewey & Donna Hendricks.

Minutes of the March 10, 2007 Meeting

Don Slocum made a motion to accept the March 10 minutes, motion was seconded by George Knapp, delegates voted, and motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Ray Huddleston gave the following report;

Florida Federation of Square Dancers
TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 31, 2007 – APRIL 30, 2007

Beginning Balance – All Accounts @1/1/2007		
Wachovia Checking Balance	\$13,508.23	
Contingency	4,000.00	
Insurance	<u>1,856.36</u>	
Total All Accounts	\$19,364.59	
Checking Account Balance 1/31/2007		\$13,508.23
Receipts		
Wachovia Interest (1/31/2007 – 4/30/2007)	\$ <u>2.91</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 2.91	

Checking Account Balance		13,511.14
Disbursements		
Miller – Secretary Expenses	\$ 88.72	
Newsome – Parliamentarian (Showcase banner)	460.25	
Florida Department of State	<u>61.25</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 610.22	
Checking Account Balance 4/30/2007		12,900.92
Ending Balance – All Accounts		
Wachovia Checking Balance	\$12,900.92	
Contingency	4,000.00	
Insurance	<u>1,885.92</u>	
Total All Accounts	\$18,786.84	

Respectfully Submitted
Ray & Elsa Huddleston

A motion was made by George Knapp to accept the Treasurer's Report; Bruce Morgan seconded, delegates voted and motion was accepted.

Parliamentarian Report

We hope everyone has had a chance to view the Showcase here at the State Convention. We thought all the Associations did a great job.

The hours of operation for the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, Showcase hours will be 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please take time to visit the Florida display at the Showcase in Charlotte.

We have been advised that the hours for setting up the Showcase at National will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, June 27th. Tear down must be completed by 3 p.m on Saturday. If anyone would like to help, please see us today. We will transport the entire display to the National Convention in June.

Pencils, left over from last year, will be given away; as well as the "grapefruit magnets" still left on hand. There will be no staffing at the Showcase, and we will monitor it daily for restocking and neatness.

During the closing ceremony on Saturday evening, Florida will be presented a 25 Year Certificate for participation in the National Convention.

The 56th National Convention will allow two (2) squares from each state to march in the Parade of States. After the march we will be led to floor seats reserved for the marchers. The Convention is going to provide a State flag to precede our two (2) squares. Line up for the Parade of States will begin between 6:00 & 6:15 p.m. in the dance/open area adjacent

to the Exhibition Hall. The Parade is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. Individuals with the Blue/Green & White Federation outfit will make up the two marching squares for Florida. We currently have 3 vacancies if anyone has the Federation Outfit, could you please let us know today as we need to get everything finalized. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome, Parliamentarians

President Sue Brown, commended Val & Charlie Newsome for the outstanding work and display for the State Convention Showcase we all appreciate it.

Sunshine Report

President Sue Brown reported she had sent a Sympathy Card to Frank Habersberger for his wife Nan who passed away.

Correspondence

President Sue Brown read several emails received;

First: A poem written by Frank Habersberger; "The Girl That I Married"

Her name was Agnes Potter
But her mother called her Nan
I'm not sure how or why we met
Must be God's master plan
At first I wondered why I kept
Returning to her side
Then one day, out came that smile
Her love, she could not hide
Her smile and love reached all we met
With laughter in the air
And where she goes, I got too,
With all my love and prayer

Frank Habersberger

Second: An email sent by Linda & Danny Courtney; To all our square-dance friends, our granddaughter Courtney Alicia Berrisford has aplastic anemia. Her health has been declining for the last month at an alarming rate. She needs a bone marrow transplant to save her life. We do not have a match for her, at this time. We'd like to appeal to anyone who can to go to their local blood bank and give blood in her name. That will allow you to be typed for bone marrow donation free. You need to give her name and ask to be HLA typed specific for Courtney Alicia Berrisford. I have talked to Maryann at the Central Florida blood bank. That number is 407-835-5500. You need to be between the ages of 18 to 60 to be a bone marrow donor. If you have any questions you can call me Linda Courtney at 407-568-4168. My e-mail address is lccourt@earthlink.net.

Courtney is in the 11th grade and active in FFA and her church. She's a bright happy girl. We thank you for your concern and help. In God we trust. Linda and Danny Courtney. I have asked Bruce Morgan to take one moment to elaborate since he knows a little more about the family.

Courtney is the granddaughter of members of the Whirl & Twirl, she has come to the Whirl & Twirl for years, and she is like one of the family. Her health has really deteriorated. She is to graduate from high school this year and is only able to attend school twice a week. She doesn't have the strength to go more than that. Some days she can't go all day. If you go to the blood bank ask to be HLA tested it's free if you give blood, if you don't give blood it costs around \$200.00. Most of us can't do it, most of us are over 60, but we have friends, family and square dancers that are under 60 years of age, please pass this along. We have gotten notes back from all over the United States they have checked the National Bone Marrow Registry and they have not found a match. We are getting desperate.

Association Reports

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

We had a good turnout of both dancers and callers at our Mother's Day dance. This dance was held in conjunction with the local Swinging Singles & Associates (who were the hosts). The caller was Chris Phillips and callers were Phyllis Kent and Conrad Protzman.

Ray and I have started distributing flyers with black borders announcing that unless dancers stepped forward soon, the September 9th dance would be the last dance of the Southeast Association.

We have had some interest from dancers wanting detailed information about the duties and responsibilities of the board - and Stan and Elaine Wyler have agreed to remain as Treasurers if they can help in the continuation of the Southeast Association. We continue to hope that in the next four months other dancers will step up to the plate so that the Southeast Association can continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray & Elsa Huddleston
SEA Presidents

Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association

NEFSARDA did a fantastic job by raising \$1,000 for tornado victims. This money went to a family of square dancers who lost everything including their home, motor home, furniture and of course things that could not be replaced. Thank you Northeast.

The Northeast Board has been busy attending graduations and enjoying each one, starting with Seabreeze Singles on March 13. Others include Joy Seas, Mandarin, Rollaways, Moose,

Silver Fox, Tri County, River Ramblers, Dixie Dancers, Vagabonds and Flagler Ocean Waves. NEFSARDA presented each of these clubs with a check for \$100 to help promote square dancing. We have also attended many anniversary dances. It was our pleasure to help Tri County entertain family and friends in Trenton at Ayers Rehab Volunteer Banquet. A group from several areas went to Folkston, GA and danced to celebrate National Nursing Home Week and enjoyed a picnic with the residents and family. A big Yellow Rock to each dancer who participated in these events.

Now I would like to brag just a little about our 5th Saturday Dance. It was different type dance. It was a dance to promote "The Grapevine". Each person and/or couple was admitted to the dance free if they took a subscription to the Grapevine or renewed their subscription. If they did not want to subscribe they could pay their usual \$3.00 to dance. We were not sure how this would turn out, but it was a huge success. Going into the dance we had received 29 new subscriptions and 41 renewals. While at the dance we received 5 more new subscriptions and 18 renewals. It was the dancers, along with Sarah and Charlie Pergrossi, our new editors, who have talked up the Grapevine and encouraged friends to take a subscription. Thanks to each of you.

On July 14th The Rural Callers have scheduled a "Christmas in July" dance which will benefit Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital. They have raised about \$16,000 dollars in the past 13 years. River Ramblers also held a dance for the same purpose. Both dances are annual dances and we look forward to our part in helping the children.

This is a huge year for NEFSARDA. It is our 50th anniversary and of course we are very excited and are making big plans. Jack and Kathy McKinney are chairmen for this event and we are sure they are going to do a fantastic job. You are encouraged to talk this event up and help us have an anniversary that words can't describe. All the details have not been worked out, but it will be a dinner dance and will be held September 30, 2007. We would like to have dancers from each of the clubs in the northeast participate and dancers from each association present if possible. Mark your calendar and help us celebrate this special event.

Our chairmen for the Fall Festival are Shirley White and Smitty Smith. The theme for this dance is "Viva Las Vegas". The weekend guest caller is Lottie Ainsworth and guest cuers are Curt and Tammy Worlock. Emcee is Charlie Pergrossi. The dance will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

Now, Northwest Association, we say "Thank You" for a fantastic 53rd State and Round Dance Convention. It has been fun! Now get plenty of well deserved Rest and Relaxation.

Respectfully submitted
Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel
President of NEFSARDA

West Coast

So far all of our dances have been very successful. At our last dance in Arcadia so many callers and cuers showed up to call or cue that our dance ran over time.

We are now working toward our Fall Fun Fest in November 9th and 10th 2007. We have moved to Bartow for our Fall Fun Fest and last year everyone seemed to like the new location.

Don and Ann Slocum are very busy getting ready for next year's Convention. Let's all band together to make this another successful convention.

Respect fully submitted,
Shirley Pfeffer, President

CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Classes are beginning to wind down now. A lot of graduations have already taken place but there are still a few yet to be held. I saw a few of our local students here this week end, they seem to be having a good time. This is great.

A lot of our snowbirds have flown away leaving our clubs small in numbers but most are encouraging attendance by having the summer months dress in casual attire and holding "Special Dances" This seems to help. There are a few clubs in our area that do close down for the summer, however, and restart in the fall:

It is sad to report that no one has stepped up to take over as editors of our CFA Magazine, Keepin' Posted. Tom and Evior Brown will be publishing their last issue with this June's issue. They thought they had someone ready to step in but after thinking it over the couple declined. If you are willing to help you can contact Tom at 321/777-6891. Or his e-mail address: tfbrown@digital.net.

Randy Poole will be reporting a little later about the 2009 Florida State Convention but I simply must say "The Party Week-End" at the Deerhaven Retreat Camp Ground was a huge success. This is a great facility. Colleen Morgan called bingo on Friday, now that was an experience. Tons of prizes and laughs and just great gangs of fun. Dancing on Saturday night had Whit Brown and Paul Place calling and Bev Landwehr doing the rounds and giving us fun, fun, fun. Of course, there was food, food, food, in case you were wondering.

Randy and Carol were very instrumental in obtaining information of some very needy families in the Lake Mack area who truly needed help after the Ground Hog Day Tornado. Our Disaster Relief Fund was able to give \$4,500.00 to several people and families. These presentations were done at the camping week-end on Saturday night. We gave \$1,000.00 to Ilse Campbell, a widow on Social Security who had to get her septic tank repaired before she would be allowed to rebuild. Another \$1,000.00 was given to a young couple, Jamie McMullins, with 3 small children who needed to finish the rest of their roof that their insurance did not cover.

They are both attending college full time. Another \$1,000.00 was given to a young family, Buffy Allen, whose husband is disabled and have small children, too. They lost their trailer and most of the contents. \$500.00 was given to each of these: the Paisley Baptist Church Relief Fund and the Lake Mack Community Center to help replenish their food banks.

Earlier this year the CFA presented Lee and Joyce Whitten, square dancers, \$500.00 for their loss. It was decided that another \$500.00 be given them. They could not be present to receive this money but they have sent us a lovely thank you card. We have some wonderful, caring and very generous friends in our square dance community. If not for them, all this could not have been accomplished.

We have a young girl, Courtney Berrisford whose grandparents are Dan & Linda Courtney and dance at the Whirl & Twirl in Orlando. She is in dire need of a bone marrow transplant. If any of you would consider being a donor, please get the HLA test done the next time you give blood. This is free when you do give blood and is only a cheek swab or a blood draw. But you must say "this HLA test is for Courtney Berrisford". Maybe we can come through again for one of our own. Further information can be gotten from Bruce or Colleen Morgan.

I would like to say a "Congratulations" to the Canaveral Squares Club of Rockledge. They just celebrated their 47th year and are Brevard County's second oldest club.

Submitted by: Judy Frye
Central Florida Association

Northwest Association Report

Good morning. The Northwest Association report will be short. These past two months have been a whirlwind of traveling to promote the 53rd Convention.

Northwest would like to thank Tim & Terri Wilaby's commitment and leadership during the past 3 years as the 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Chairmen. Once again we would like to thank the other association's members that answered our call for help and helped with our convention. We can't thank you enough and hope we can be of service to you during your convention.

Northwest has a busy dance schedule this spring and summer. June 2nd is the PASARDA Billy Bowlegs Dance. During the afternoon of the 2nd, the Northwest will have its 2nd Quarterly meeting at PASARDA Hall in Fort Walton Beach. June 8th is a "Special Dance" at Ragon Hall. June 9th is the Pensacola Twirler's Fiesta of Five Flags dance.

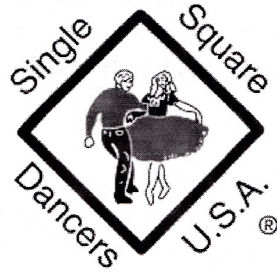
June 27-30 will find us in Charlotte for the National Square Dance Convention.

Northwest finishes off the summer with a July Jamboree on July 20th and 21st at Ragon Hall and August 18th will be the Seaside Squares Anniversary Dance at Ragon Hall in Pensacola.

We hope to see everyone at the Northwest Florida Association 33rd Annual RoundUp on October 26th & 27th in DeFuniak Springs.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Cheryl Miller

Florida Singles



Coming up on Labor Day Weekend, is the 37th National Single's Dance-A-Rama in Little Rock, Arkansas.

This is four days of fun starting with the Trail-In Dance on Thursday night, August 30th and continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 A.M. in the morning and until 11 PM at night. Don't think the fun stops at 11! That's when the after parties begin. For more info go to www.ssdusa.org

The Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers have scheduled their Single-Rama on October 19 & 20, 2007. It will be held at the historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring. Mike Callahan, from Rochester, New York, will be the caller and Jimmy & Carol Griffin will cue rounds.

17th ANNUAL FUZZY NAVEL DANCE, sponsored by the Florida & Georgia Singles Associations, is scheduled for MARCH 14 and 15, 2008. Florida Singles are hosting. Stay and dance at the Oceanside Inn & Suites on Jekyll Island, Caller is Sam Dunn from Sebring, FL, and the Cuer is Lisa Wall from Jacksonville.

All dancers are welcome at our dances – whether single or married, there is fun for everyone. Hope you got to see our ad in the 53rd State Convention Program Book featuring the Irving and Irene?

Publications:

Keepin' Posted

We are unable to be here today due to a prior commitment. We've asked Judy to do the honors for us at our last hurrah. The search for the new editors of Keepin' Posted continues. The ads are out and up; the pay has been doubled and the benefits made even better. Know you of a replacement for us? Please tell Judy.

Keepin' Posted continues its course -- about forty pages for its nearly quarterly four-hundred subscribers. We saw interest lag at the turn of the New Year and pick up again near Easter. The stories came in from the clubs. They will again wane with the departure of the snowbirds and the transition of our clubs from fun mode to summer survival mode. We'll continue to publish the news of our square dance community to all.

We have enjoyed our eight years on the Federation Board. You welcomed us as newcomers and taught us the Federation Way. Times have been good; filled with fun and comradery while filled with the sadness of passing comrades. We joined together to streamline the organization hoping to better it for the future. We'll see what the future holds.

Our time has come to bid you a fond farewell as we transition into retirement and life as a snowbird making the annual trek between Florida and West Virginia. God Bless, God Speed and May we find you in a Square in the future.

Tom and Eivor Brown Keepin' Posted Editors

Panhandle Press

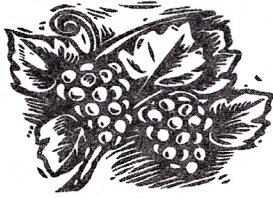
Our first issue as editors of the Panhandle Press went out on time April 1st. If anyone did not receive a copy that was supposed to, please let me know so that I can get your information to be added to the database.

Our email version went out almost a week ahead of the printed version. This was because the Press was ready to be sent, but still required printing, collating, and mailing. So there is a definite advantage to being on the email list. Our first email list consisted of over 2 dozen names. We still have to work on the layout for converting it to .pdf, but most people on the list were quite happy with the results.

We have received many compliments on the style of the newspaper. With the new laser printer, we printed in color and that certainly added a whole new dimension to the paper. We think that alone had a lot to do with many of the compliments. Seeing pictures and print in color rather than black and white is certainly a plus.

We were able to show a profit on the production of this issue of the Press by selling a few ads in flyer inserts. Unfortunately, not enough to pay overall for the printer, but we're getting there. We have started receiving our boosters again to help. And we still have time if anyone would like to submit for our next issue going out on July 1.

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The Grapevine Report Florida Federation May 27, 2007

The Grapevine is alive and well in the Northeast and is picking up more energy with each passing week. The transition between editors Bob & Jane Raymond and Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi has been smooth and is now complete. The Association held its 5th Saturday Dance on March 31st and it served as a Subscription Dance to *The Grapevine*. This event was very successful resulting in 93 new and renewal subscriptions by the end of the evening. Our subscription base has shown a slow but steady increase since this event.

During the transition between editors and the moving of the bulk mail facility in Jacksonville, we learned that the post office offers several free services to its customers. One such service is a design review to see how we might save money on bulk mailings. We learned that by making a few minor design changes we can mail at the letter rate rather than as a flat. We will realize a savings of 5¢-10¢ per piece, and this is after the postage increase of May 14th! Since we'll be mailing approximately 275 pieces of mail, this savings is significant.

Since we live on the west coast of Florida, we have selected to use a local printer instead of one in Jacksonville. With the assistance of this new printing company, we will try a few new ideas to enhance the quality of the magazine. We will go to print on our first issue early in June with a mailing before departing for North Carolina and the National Convention.

Our ad policy remains unchanged, but we have adopted a single tier ad charge. This means everyone pays the same amount per ad, instead of an association member and nonmember rate. To celebrate our new venture as editors, we are offering a 10% discount towards the cost for all non-changing ads taken in four consecutive issues with payment in advance. The majority of our regular advertisers have already taken advantage of this offer, with others considering it for future issues.

We continue to print all the news we can find about Square Dancing...which includes rounds, contra, country western and lines. We will make sure to include as much information as we can get about both the State & National Conventions. We will include all major dances of the other Associations in our Calendar of Events, so please pass along your information to us. Our Calendar of Events is available in each issue as well as online. The calendar is updated monthly on the Florida Square Dance web site (<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/northeast/index>) and on our Pergrossi site under *The Grapevine* (<http://pergrossi.com/grapevine.html>).

We've tried to contact the other Association Editors to discuss the policy of printing exchange flyers to advertise each association's annual festival and we're awaiting their replies. We believe this free exchange of flyers benefits each association and ultimately our dancers. Our deadlines are the tenth of December, March, and September. The July deadline is the first of June

in order to provide sufficient time for publishing before attending the National Convention later that same month.

We would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah & Charlie

Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi

West Coast Dancer

Good Morning, I check this week and found I had been working on the West Coast Dancers since January 2000, seems like only a few years had gone by instead of seven. I thought things were fairly stable in the square & round dance clubs, but this past year I have seen more sad notices of clubs that were disbanding or closed for seasonal basis as a result our circulation is down by 15% from the highs of a couple years ago. However, we still print about 2500 copies in season. Some clubs report increasing attendance in many cases, this is probably due to disbanded clubs member attending available dances in their area they never attended before. Club activities are holding up well, as reported in our club section.

Here's looking forward to more positive changes in the future.
Ed & Gennie Henning

Bow & Swing

Bill Boyd asked Judy Frye to read his report;
Bow & Swing is alive and well, and circulation is still above 1200 paid subscriptions. And next year we want all of them here at the State Convention. Email, fax or send newsletter for your clubs and special dances or pictures with captions as optional. As always Benefit Dances are advertised free. We always like to have fun with our publication and hope you have fun with your dancing.

Bill Boyd, Editor

State Convention Reports

2007 Convention Report

Our convention is going well. We have had few hiccups and quite a few kudos, so we are feeling fortunate.

Coming into the convention we were able to break 600 early registrations. As of Saturday evening, we were approaching the 800 mark, if not actually pass it. Right now we cannot tell how many were whole weekend versus day ribbons but at least the attendance is there. The trail-in dance went quite nicely, earning us almost \$900.00 from the 145 people that signed in at the door. Irving and Irene thank you for the wonderful party on their behalf. The cakes were wonderful. And the gifts!!! It was so thoughtful. Thank you. The wedding was also "a hoot". What a wonderful surprise for our guests to be able to see our visitors, Tweety and Cat in the Hat. And it seems quite a few dancers enjoyed being able to join the "wedding march".

Cheryl and Paul's Exotic Bird Show was another wonderful success. The participants **were** quite nervous, molting in the waiting area prior to their opportunity to strut their feathers. Granny, Sylvester and Tweety added even more to the show.

Saturday evening had a bit of confusion, but we were able to adapt fairly nicely. The dancers got a bit more dancing than planned. Comments afterwards were that they appreciated the extra floor time.

All in all, it has been an interesting experience and one I'm sure neither of us will forget. We have made a lot of new friends all across Florida, did a lot of hard work, but also had a lot of fun. Respectfully,

Tim & Terri Wilaby

2008 West Coast 54th FSSRDC Report

One year to go.

We held a Committee meeting on April 14, 2007. All committees reported and we are on track. We held our first kickoff practice after the meeting. There was a problem with the choreography for the square dance so we didn't do well with it. The round dancers however had a good practice.

On May 5th we held our 2nd practice and it was very successful. As you know we just came from our final practice and are ready for tonight. We hope you enjoy it.

The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce has been sent a copy of the invoice for printing the Registration forms. I am waiting for a response as to how much they will help us with this.

A \$2400.00 grant has been applied for. Jim McConnaha will be giving more details on this. The Ways & Means has received the shirts to sell and started selling them at the May kickoff practice and the May W.C. Assoc. meeting. Twenty four have been sold. We were given permission to start selling this week-end starting Saturday (last) night and therefore did so. If you haven't gotten yours yet be sure to come to our table tonight and get yours. They are \$25.00 S-XL and \$27.00 for XXL and we have lady's as well as men's styles.

Don't miss your opportunity to get your early bird ribbons for \$20.00/ea. After tonight they will cost you \$27.00. Don't forget to get your buttons also.

There is a package for the Association Presidents, including registration forms, buttons, and ribbons please be sure to get yours. Anyone else who is willing to sell ribbons please see Mary Lee VanValkenburg.

Also the packages of registration forms for the Publications are ready. Please get yours. If your Editor is not here will the president please take them for us? If there are individuals that wouldn't mind carrying our ribbons, please let us know

What are we going to do? CELEBRATE IN '08!!!!

Don & Ann Slocum

2009 Central

55TH FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION REPORT

The first general meeting was held at this year's convention with 48 in attendance. Many of the chairmen reported on their progress.

There is only one year until the Kick-Off. The caller chairman has many ideas in the works. After the general meeting ideas started flowing.

We met with Brenda Townsend, the event coordinator with the Lakeland Convention Center. She is giving us a contract with a caveat that there will be a price increase of 3 to 10 %.

The fundraising has started with a Party Weekend which was a financial success. We are planning another Party Weekend in 2008. It's time to start pushing the 42" TV raffle tickets. You can now say that it will be given away at the upcoming convention. If you don't have an envelope of 21 tickets please see me or Ailene today before you leave. We are asking each dancer to sell one envelope of 21 tickets.

We plan on using the same vendor as the West Coast for our convention golf shirts. The golf shirts will be PINK for the ladies and WHITE for the men.

We have filled The Marketing, Publicity and Ceremonies chairman positions since the convention meeting yesterday.

Randy and Carol Poole, Chairman

2010 Northeast

I am extremely nervous standing here, the 2010 State Convention will be the first state convention, truly a "State Convention". We are going to need everyone's help with getting this going. We have not done very much because we have been waiting for the go ahead on whether it was going to be a state or if it was going to remain an area convention. I am going to need help from everyone out there, if you like what you do and you know you do it well we are willing to take volunteers. We want everyone to help us. The only thing we have done so far is obtain a Caller Coordinator, who is Bill Chestnut and our Cuer Coordinator is Lisa Wall. We presented them to Coordinating Committee yesterday and they have been accepted. That is all I have to report at this time. We just need help.

Bud & Anita Taylor

Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame

The Hall Of Fame did not have a nominee this year.

We will be leaving the Hall Of Fame Committee as of this weekend. We are pleased to announce that David Garrett and Liz Littlewood (soon to be Garrett) will be taking our place. The Hall Of Fame account is in good standing with \$1,307.70 in the business Savings Account. We will have a small bill for the Convention Chairman to increase our monies to the amount need to reach our \$1,500.00 maximum.

Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, curator of the Hall Of Fame display at Strawberry Square is going to be updating the displays over the summer.

The Hall Of Fame Nominating Brochure's are being updated and will be out soon. Please see anyone on the committee for a brochure and please remember to check the criteria to make sure your candidate qualifies before nominating him or her.

Don and Ann Slocum will be the new Hall Of Fame Chairman's.

We have enjoyed serving on this committee and thanks for all the support we have received.

Submitted by,
Dewey & Donna Hendricks, Chairman
Hall Of Fame Committee

Historian Report

Good Morning,
Tim & Terri – Excellent Convention-Outstanding
Paul & Cheryl – Great Fashion Show & unique way of getting Birds & theme into the Fashion Show – Different – You left out our National Bird, one of my favorite birds – The Mocking Bird – from Texas – maybe next year.

PeeWee & Mary Stewart – 53rd Convention & holding. History in the making.

Sherry and I have learned a lot in just the short time we have been Historians. Jack and Zonie Taylor envisioned the need to preserve the state history of square dancing. The present history will become our legacy.

Unless you worked with these books, touch them and flipped through these pages of history, you can't know the hard work created an accomplished by Jack and Zonie. The research and maintenance of the square dancing history can be pleasant and fun. You meet a lot of people without leaving your home. You meet people you have never seen and probably never will; but you know a little history about them. And what they did then and what we do now to preserve the history of square dancing will become the legacy of square dancing.

Don't confuse tradition with legacy. Traditions may die on the vine if we let it or dare to make changes to it. But legacy - is tangible - what it becomes now can not be changed.

We need a positive and proactive approach to the preservation of history otherwise we will have a negative result in our Square Dance Legacy ---

A special historian committee was held on May 26, 2007 (Saturday) at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the disposition of the State Federation History records and memorabilia. Committee members were:

Manny and Sherry Gonzalez
Jack and Zonie Taylor
Ken and Sandy Brasfield
Mary Butlak

The historical inventory contains many albums of photos, articles and various correspondences. Other items are the collection of each association's publications; with Bow & Swing having the oldest history. A couple of the associations started their publications but changed the name of the publication as it was passed along.

We also have a collection of the state convention dress/clothing as it was designed and adopted each year by the Association cheering the state convention.

Additionally, we have buttons, banners, and souvenirs collected throughout the years. We have paintings that were donated depicting the theme and/or era of the time.

It was the intention of the committee to develop probable solutions as to the maintenance and care of the historical records. There upon making a recommendation of the best possible solutions to the President of the Board, members of the Board, and delegates.

1. First and foremost, we should not make hasty decisions to eliminate any historical records for the sake of reducing the inventory of the items, materials, correspondence, and records to make it more palatable or as a way to induce a person or couple to accept the Historian Chair.
2. Rent the storage facility in size of 5' x 5' x 8'; to be climate controlled and accessible to the committee and board. Store items not required as routine "working" history records. Working records consist of notebooks albums and convention display items for the showcase.

List:

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| a. Current working notebook for each association | five each |
| b. State convention notebook current and next five years | five each |
| c. Singles notebook | one each |
| d. Callers notebook | one each |
| e. Hall of Fame | one each |
| f. Dance couples of the year | one each |
| g. Federation historian notebook | one each |
| h. Round dance notebook | <u>one each</u> |
| total -- working notebooks | 16 |
| i. Display items include: | |
| 1) backdrop -- canvas painting | |
| 2) plaque for national convention chairman | |

3. Recommend the President appoint a committee chair to investigate procedures and/or methods of electronically transposing/scanning applicable and appropriate historical records onto CD's or appropriate type of preservation method to secure, preserve, and maintain the historical records.

- a. The investigation and/or study should include the feasibility of having such procedures contracted to a reliable firm and cost for such procedures plus the annual accumulation of the current records of each year, as records for each year are processed.
- b. Research the type of equipment required to display and/or project the CDs/DVDs onto a screen for presentation of the history photos or articles at the Square Dance Convention.

Equipment should be user friendly and able to provide maximum display activity for viewing. The study should also include the cost of maintenance of equipment, cost for materials such as ink cartridges, CDs, service warranties etc.

4. When the above are accomplished and a new method of preservation of the historical records are secured in a satisfactory procedure; Then the committee should make a positive and serious consideration of what records, publications, articles, and memorabilia to be maintained by the Historian and what is to be returned to the associations for their disposition.

Recap: The committee recommends that the Board and Delegates not make any hasty decisions to in any way reduce, condense, or attempt to eliminate any part of the historical records as they are now.

Store those historical records that are the non-working files or archives on a temporary basis in a climate controlled facility. The cost per my research is \$50 plus or minus per month for a 5' x 5' x 8' storage facility. Facility can be rented on a monthly basis without an annual contract agreement.

Appoint a committee to conduct a study to transform/transpose those applicable records/photos into a better secured method of preservation and in turn condensing the bulk to CDs or similar methods. Determine the cost for contracting or purchase of equipment. The caveat to this is that if equipment is purchased for use in displaying or projecting photo/records on a screen, that the equipment is user friendly and cost of parts, ink cartridges and supplies are not prohibitive. Maintenance contracts and warranties should be considered

Manny and Sherry Gonzalez
Historian Committee

Motion:

Manny Gonzales made a motion that we rent a climate controlled storage area on a monthly and temporary basis not to exceed \$60 per month, on a temporary basis until such time as a study is completed for further disposition of the historical records and methods are approved by the delegates.

Donna Hendricks seconded motion.

Call for Questions:

President Sue Brown called for questions from the floor.

Anita Taylor questioned: This is a cost of \$720.00 per year for now? Manny reiterated that based on his research it would be \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 per year, however, it may not take a whole year, it depends on the committee.

Jack McKinney asked: When is the committee meeting again? Manny responded the President is going to appoint a Committee to research the preservation of the records. I am not sure when the committee will meet, but I would recommend it meet post-haste on that.

From the floor: Where are the records presently at and why can't they remain there? Manny responded "They are in the hall right now, they were in our home and previously they were at Jack & Zonie Taylor's home.

From the floor: Why are they in the hall? Because we have since resigned as Historian's, our personal & private agenda has made it so unfortunately otherwise they would still be there and we would be talking about it right now.

Ray Huddleston: Where are you going to rent this storage facility? Manny stated; he has researched here in Lakeland and Mulberry not too far from here, and if you went to one of the other towns, I anticipate the cost to be more than \$50-\$60 dollars. I did ask if we would have to sign a year contract and was told "no" we could go on a monthly basis, the fees as follows; one time Administrative Fee \$10.00 to put your items in storage and monthly Rental Fee with 30 day notice.

President Sue Brown stated the best place for the storage is close to the committee.

Colleen Morgan stated that \$50.00 a month to preserve these items.

Call for Vote:

The President called for a vote. Passed with no opposition. Motion carried. Committee would be appointed during new business.

U.S.D.A. Report

First of all we would like to ask you, is there something you would like us to take to the USDA Meeting to be held in June in Charlotte, North Carolina?

A year ago, we volunteer at to have a UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA display at the FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE STATE CONVENTION for 2006. Early Friday evening, we met Cheryl Miller looking at our display, and that she was going to submit our names for Florida delegates. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be Florida delegates, and to display USDA PUBLICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS at special dances.

We submitted an article about Club Erosion to the Bow and Swing magazine for the month of June. It is sad to see clubs close down after many years, not just here in Florida but in other states. Let us all work together to retain the new dancers. Volunteer in anyway you can to keep all of our clubs friendly, enthusiastic and fun.

Tom and Miriam James
USDA Florida Delegates

U.S.D.A. Insurance Report

USDA Insurance Financial Report

May 27, 2007

Checking Account

Balance Forward as of 3/1/2007 \$

Receipts 3/1/2007 thru 4/30/2007

Central\$

Northwest\$

West Coast\$

Southeast

Northeast\$

Singles\$

Cloggers

Total Receipts\$

Sub-Total\$

Disbursements 3/1/2006 thru 4/30/2007

USDA Premiums\$

Administrative Expenses

Checks\$

Envelopes

Phone/FAX

Copies

Postage\$

Total Disbursements\$

Balance on Hand as of 4/30/2007\$

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce & Colleen Morgan

FFSD Insurance Chairpersons

Florida Federation Insurance Report

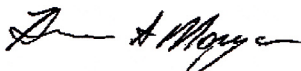

As of April 30th we had a total of 2555 dancers from 68 clubs insured. Last year at this time we also had 3110 dancers from 75 clubs. We lost 7 clubs and 555 dancers this year.

Central	1073 in 22 clubs	Northeast	574 in 17 clubs
Cloggers	25 in 1 club	Northwest	258 in 10 clubs
Singles	38 in 1 club	Southeast	139 in 5 clubs
		West Coast	448 in 11 clubs

I think all the clubs that are going to insure have probably sent their paperwork and payment in by now. There will be a few more dancers that will trickle in between now and the end of the year as clubs complete their classes and the students join the clubs. But that won't amount to very many.

Something that has come up since my report, the Southeast Insurance Chairman Jerry & Helen Rhodes asked; What is going to happen to the Southeast Dancers when the Southeast Association disbands? Well each association pays \$50.00 dues to the Federation to be a member of the Federation and so they can have insurance. Until the Federation reorganizes. I recommend that the other associations absorb the dancers. We do not want any dancers to go uninsured while we wait for the reorganization. Ray Huddleston stated that he understood that from a prior meeting that Central would pick up the dancers. Bruce stated; It doesn't matter how it gets done, we just want to make sure that any clubs and dancers don't go uninsured, whether they get picked up by Central, West Coast or if they continue to report under Southeast. Their Insurance is valid thru December 31 so come January 2008 the Federation will have to make a decision on which association will pick up these dancers or how these dancers will be insured.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce & Colleen Morgan
FFSD Insurance Chairpersons

ASCAP-BMI Report - No report

ARTS



www.arts-dance.org

1-866-445-ARTS (2787)

ARTS-DANCE stands for Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, and combines ten organizations whose goal is to bring 50,000 new dancers into the activity.

ARTS member organizations are; CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC), National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA), National Square Dance Convention Executive Committee (NEC), ROUNDALAB, Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA), United Square Dancers of America (USDA), Universal Round Dance Council (URDC), and USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board (USAWest).

We meet three times annually with individuals paying their own airfare, hotel and meals. The goal of 50,000 new dancers can only become a reality if we have the backing and help of many more of our current dancers. We ask you to become more informed about ARTS, to join the organization (\$25/per person), and to help us in our fundraising and recruiting efforts.

One way to help is to start planning your dance for the scheduled **Dance America** which is being planned for Friday, February 29, 2008. Any club, association, dance venue can sponsor a Benefit Dance in Your Area and donate the proceeds to ARTS. If you dance on Friday already, you can collect donations from the dancers for ARTS and not have to plan a special dance. More information is on the Website.

Also on the website is their new Travel Program. Turn Your Travel & Vacations into Donations! Book your personal and business travel on ARTS new travel website and help generate thousands for Your Dance Activities!

Receive the same low rates as those other travel websites. Just log on to www.arts-dancetravel.com ARTS will receive a portion of the travel commissions.

Plans are underway to conduct another comprehensive dancer demographic survey during the 56th National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina – June 2007. In your registration packet at Charlotte, you will receive one survey per person registered. We ask that each of you fill one out, even if you have done so in the past.

This demographic information is essential to identify Market segments that Dancers represent and is of significant interest to firms that market their products to the public who could become sponsors of our Dance activities.

Two surveys have been completed in the central regions, (Denver, CO, and San Antonio, TX) and one in the west (Portland, OR). Additionally, surveys were done at several state and regional festivals. Charlotte will now be surveyed to determine if the data is consistent.

So far, the data shows square dancers who completed the surveys to be intelligent, computer savvy and with above average income. The data is available for your review on the ARTS website.

Filling out a survey does not identify you, but only asks for demographic information that potential sponsors would be interested in.

Telling potential sponsors that square dancers are wonderful people is simply not enough!

Check out our website at www.arts-dance.org for more information or call the toll-free ARTS Hotline at 1-866-445-ARTS (2787).

Old Business

i. Convention Grant

Convention Facility Search Committee Report

Things have moved rather suddenly since our last report in March. At that meeting you authorized us to proceed in an effort to obtain some Grant Money for our Conventions.

Numerous meetings with the staff from the Lakeland Center and the Polk County Convention and Visitors Bureau followed, with many forms to fill out and to make a long story short, we have been approved for a \$2400.00 grant for the 2007 Convention. Also, it looks good for this same Grant to each of the 2008 and 2009 Conventions.

Now, this sounds great, but don't spend the money yet. There are certain requirements that must be met before we get the check.

For this year, they pretty much waived most of these requirements since it was such short notice. Normally, we have to put the C&VB logo on our ads and registration forms. We have to give them a copy of the final financial report and registration list, plus complete some other forms. This all has to be submitted within 60 days after the Convention and then, hopefully we get a check. We are dealing with a part of the Polk County Government and it all has to be signed off on by the County Commissioners.

While it sounds like a lot of red tape, if we can keep this Grant going, it certainly offsets a lot of the increase in the cost of putting on the Convention.

We are in the process of completing the paperwork for the next two conventions and if the Board wishes, we will follow through on these to completion.

Jim & Jan McConnaha, Facility Search Committee



POLK COUNTY SPORTS MARKETING

May 7, 2007

Jim McConnaha
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
1648 Woodland Dr.
Rockledge, FL 32955

Dear Jim:

Your request for sponsorship funds from the 2006-2007 Central Florida Tourism & Sports Marketing Budget for the following event has been reviewed and approved by Central Florida Tourism & Sports Marketing (CFTSM) as outlined below:

File Number	Item	Approved Amount
07-025A	FL State Square Dance Conv.	\$2,400.00

Please be advised, however, that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) must approve all CFTSM recommendations and execute all agreements. In preparation for our presentation of your event to the BoCC, please sign and return the enclosed (2) original agreements within 7 days following the receipt of this letter. Funds provided must be used in accordance with Tourist Development Council/Central Florida Tourism & Sports Marketing guidelines.

Event material must include the Visitor & Convention Bureau or Sports Marketing logo, 800 number and Web site (7-point type minimum.) To receive our logo via e-mail, please send your request to Kris@centralfloridasports.com.

Sponsorship funds are paid after completion of your event. We will provide you with the required Post Event forms. In order to process your paperwork in a timely manner, please return the following items to our office within 60 days after the close of your event:

- Reimbursement Request form or invoice from your organization for the amount of the sponsorship (*enclosed*) *not included in Federation Report*
- Economic Impact Report (*enclosed*) *not included in Federation Report*
- Documentation of your event expenses

We look forward to working with you. Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Christine Foley at 863-534-2500 or christine@sunsational.org.

Sincerely,

Marc Zimmerman
Sales & Events Manager

Enclosures

GSI “Winter Festival” 2007 Disbursement

President Sue Brown stated before Randy & Carol give their report, Ken & I would like to present a check that the Florida Federation received from GSI in the amount of \$526.00 as 10% for the 2007 (Jan.25-27) Winter Festival funds.

Florida Winter Festival 2008 Report

I have received our packets for next year, included in the packets are ribbons to be sold and I have distributed them to the association delegates on the Federation Board. This year we will only have 6 couples to work. I will send out the work schedule prior to the dance. Last year we had 10 packets, 10 couple to work. They have reduced that to 6, we don't have to do that much just give them our support. We voted in the beginning do this for 2 years, so next year we will have to revisit it to see if we want to continue.

Randy & Carol Poole

Questions following report:

Penny Green asked; What was the final number of registration? Randy Poole responded he did not know.

Jack Taylor asked; How much has the Federation receive? Randy stated they originally gave the Federation a \$1000.00 last year. And then they give us 10% of the profit less the expenses. Next year will be the same.

Kathy McKinney asked what is the \$500.00 that we received? Randy stated that it was for last Winter Festival (2007). Kathy McKinney restated we have received a total of \$1500.00 for the first year.

Jack McKinney asked; Have you gotten a report from the Association's on what they have used the money for? President Sue Brown asked the Secretary if any Associations had sent in reports on how they had spent \$1000.00 division disbursement. Cheryl replied she had not receive any correspondence on the original disbursement. President Sue Brown, asked that the Secretary, Paul & Cheryl Miller, send a letter to the Associations requesting information on how their association used the GSI funds disbursed by October and this information will need to be included in their November Federation President Report to the general members at the meeting. The current GSI disbursement check will be included in the letter and the association may combine the two check amounts received without separating the allocation of money within their report.

Bruce Morgan asked if we have to make a report to GSI? And when is that report due to GSI? President Sue Brown stated that GSI did not set a due date for the report.

Motion:

Bruce Morgan made a motion that no money be given to an association for next year and future years until that association reports to the Federation what the previous year funds were used for. Garland McKenzie seconded the motion. Motion passed by general vote.

Post-vote, a question from the floor; Did GSI specify what the money could be used for? President Sue Brown responded, for advertising & promoting square and round dancing to get students.

Federation Reorganization

Reports and documents given by George Knapp

Back in May of 2006 the Reorganization Committee reported on a motion to Amend the State Convention By-Laws. And in so doing we had 2 motions; the first one was to revise the method of paying for the website; we are not going to get into discussion regarding these motions, as they were made, discussed and passed by the Federation at earlier meeting. The second motion consisted of three parts: With a fourth contingent upon approval by either the Callers Association or the Cuers Association. The Cuer Association approved the 2 stated motions. We received acceptance from Beverly Landwehr, President of the Cuers Association. *(Motions and Cuers acceptance are included for the delegate's records.)*

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

Report given by George Knapp

One other item I need to mention and that was at the Coordinating Committee Meeting yesterday. There was a motion made and seconded to eliminate the Coordinating Committee and transfer its function to the Federation. After much discussion, this motion was voted to be tabled until the next meeting in May 2008. This will give the three organizations time to discuss it and report their recommendations to the Secretary of the Coordination Committee for committee review. This is not entirely a reorganization committee function; being that we were at this meeting, we were given this task.

The Coordinating Committee has done a lot of good but we all feel it is "past its prime" and is not functioning the way it was originally designed. Therefore, this motion was made at that time but it was tabled because we want to give the Callers and Cuers time to discuss it among them and report back. Then, if they are in favor, we will take it up again at the Federation meeting in November and if they are both in agreement to disband it, we will discuss it and make our recommendation at that time. But right now, we have nothing in writing as to what their feelings are at this time. The Federation feels that it should be disbanded. And that is our report.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

A meeting of the Convention Coordinating Committee was held Saturday May 26, 2007 in the Lake Parker Room at the Lakeland Center. All but two members of the committee were in attendance and the meeting was conducted by the Chairman, Conrad Protzman.

Reports were given by the Chairman of the 53rd, 54th, 55th and the 56th Convention. There was was no old business to conduct.

Under new business, Jim McConnaha reported on the search for a new site to hold the convention. He reported that for all of the sites he and Jan had looked at, the Lakeland Center was still the best choice. He then reported on their meetings with the City of Lakeland Deputy City Manager and his help in trying to resolve our problems with the Center. He also advised that the Convention and Visitor Bureau had approved a \$2400 grant to this year's Convention. George Knapp then reported on the changes that the Federation and the Cuers had voted to accept.

There was a motion made and seconded to eliminate the Coordinating Committee and transfer its functions to the Federation. After much discussion this motion was voted to be tabled until the next meeting in May 2008. This will give the three Organizations time to discuss it and report their recommendations to the Secretary of the Coordinating Committee for committee action.

Jim McConnaha,
Secretary Coordinating Committee

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

FINANCES

3. The Florida State Square and Round Dance Hall of Fame and the www.floridasquaredance.com web site shall be funded by The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention utilizing the following criterion. The maximum amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) may be contributed to the Hall of Fame and the total cost of the web site.

The net proceeds of the State Convention shall exceed \$7,500.00 and the contributions will not reduce the net proceeds to less than \$7,500.00.

The Hall Of Fame Committee shall provide a financial statement and the we master an invoice to the Treasurer of the State Convention at, or prior to, the Convention

The net balance in the Hall Of Fame shall not be more than \$1,500.00 in order to receive the contribution. The amount contributed shall not increase The Hall Of Fame balance in excess of \$1,500.00; otherwise the contribution is adjusted downward so as not to exceed that total. These contributions shall not change the Host Association's normal share of the State Convention proceeds. The Treasurer of the State Convention, utilizing the criterion above, will make the contributions from the net proceeds before a division is made.

E. The net proceeds are distributed as follows: Subtract one-third of the total amount

contributed to the Hall of Fame and the web site expenses from each dividend allocated to the Florida Federation, the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida. This dividend is determined by dividing the Net Proceed by four (4).

Example:

Assuming the Convention net proceeds are \$ _____ after all expenses.

The Hall of Fame, reports a balance of \$ _____, therefore a contribution of \$ _____ is to be made to the Hall of Fame from the net proceeds which keeps their balance within \$ _____.

- The Web Master reports an expense of \$ _____

\$13,000.00 Convention Proceeds divided by four (4) equals \$ _____.

\$750.00 to Hall Of Fame divided by three (3) equals \$ _____.

\$144.00 to the Web Master divided by three (3) equals \$ _____.

The total of these amounts to \$298.00

Division of proceeds is as follows:

Florida Federation \$ _____ . less, \$ _____ equals \$ _____ .

Florida Callers \$ _____ . less \$ _____ equals \$ _____ .

Round Dance Council \$ _____ . less, \$ _____ equals \$ _____ .

Host Association \$ _____ . equals \$ _____ .

Prior to going into New Business the following announcements were made:

- President Sue Brown received a cellular call from Loretta Hanhurst, the Callers accepted and approved the two motion to the State Convention By-Laws. Now all organizations are united in agreement. They have also appointed Whit Brown as liaison from the Callers to the Federation.
- At a previous Federation meeting, President Jack and Kathy McKinney had been requested to appoint a Convention Chairman for the 2011 Convention. Judy Frye & Ailene Picheco had been appointed to chair the 2011 Convention. I would like to read a letter I have received from Judy Frye;

Dear Ken and Sue:

After giving it much consideration, I am submitting my resignation to be co-chairman, with Ailene Picheco, for the 2011 Florida State Convention. I truly do not think I am up to such a task but I do .sincerely want to thank Jack and Kathy McKinney, then the Federations Presidents, for asking me. Ailene will do a super job as a leader for the 2011 State Convention. My suggestion for another co-chairman would be Terri Little. She is much younger and so energetic that I feel she would be a welcome addition to the planning of this convention. And besides, we really need to get these "youngsters" involved. Terri has had a lot of experience in leadership, having just finished a two year stint as President of the Space Trackers Club and presently she is the CFA 's Vice President of Membership, a position she has held for the past four years. She has done a superb job in each position! And she was selected as the CFA 's Dancer of the Year for 2007. Please consider her.

President Ken and Sue Brown announced the 2011 Florida State Convention Chairmen will be Ailene Picheco & Terri Little.

- Before we move on there is another announcement that needs to be made, a lot of big happenings are going on today. President Ken Brown announced that the Southeast Association will not be folding next year, Bobie & Carol Hutcheson have accepted the position of President, and the current Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Insurance Chairman are staying on board. It has been a great day.

New Business

We are asked during the Historian Report to form a committee to determine the costs, location of the storage facility for the historical records and to determine the preservation method for these records, we have asked Ken and Sue Brasfield, Dave and Shirley Nihart and Garland and Carole McKenzie, they have agreed to serve on this committee.

Dewey and Donna Hendricks reported that they have moved and they are on the By-Laws as Registered Agent with our permanent address, and the Federation needs to correct this at the next meeting. And also our telephone number has changed it is 407-358-7080.

Secretary Paul Miller requested that any changes to the roster be given to the Secretary.

Don Slocum encouraged everyone to fill out the surveys in each of the dance halls in the Convention Center. The Callers are trying to get an idea of which Callers the dancers prefer, this information will be used for scheduling future conventions.

Announcements:

Judy Frye announced that Representatives of the Shamrock Swing were present. The Shamrock Swing Representatives have flyers and ribbons available for anyone interested.

Next Federation Meeting: Sunday, November 11, 2007 9:00 AM.
 Davis Bros. Motor Lodge
 1035 N. Broadway Ave
 Bartow, FL
 (800) 424-0711

There are badges available for pickup, for those that ordered new badges.

President Sue Brown entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Morgan made the motion. It was unanimously seconded...Meeting adjourned.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT
MAY 27, 2007

We hope everyone has had a chance to view the Showcase here at the State Convention. We thought all the Associations did a great job.

The hours of operation for the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, Showcase hours will be 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please take time to visit the Florida display at the Showcase in Charlotte.

We have been advised that the hours for setting up the Showcase at National will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, June 27th. Tear down must be completed by 3 p.m on Saturday. If anyone would like to help, please see us today. We will transport the entire display to the National Convention in June.

Pencils, left over from last year, will be given away; as well as the "grapefruit magnets" still left on hand. There will be no staffing at the Showcase, and we will monitor it daily for restocking and neatness.

During the closing ceremony on Saturday evening, Florida will be presented a 25 Year Certificate for participation in the National Convention.

The 56th National Convention will allow two (2) squares from each state to march in the Parade of States. After the march we will be led to floor seats reserved for the marchers. The Convention is going to provide a State flag to proceed our two (2) squares. Line up for the Parade of States will begin between 6:00 & 6:15 p.m. in the dance/open area adjacent to the Exhibition Hall. The Parade is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. Individuals with the Blue/Green & White Federation outfit will make up the two marching squares for Florida.

Respectfully submitted,



**Charlie & Val Newsome
Parliamentarians**