

**MINUTES OF
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
LAKE MORTON ROOM, LAKELAND CENTER, LAKELAND, FLORIDA
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009**

1. **Presidents Paul & Cheryl Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by all, led by Ray Huddleston.
3. **INVOCATION** was given by Jerry Robey, a new delegate from the Northeast.
4. **ROLL CALL**

Val Newsome called the roll and stated a quorum was present. A revised updated roster was available for everyone to pick up. She gave the names of two new delegates who were not on this list -- Jerry & Donna Robey from the Northeast and Joe and Patricia McLendon from the Northwest. Val advised that a roster for corrections and updates is available at the front table.

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

Duke & Doris McClesky from Clemson, South Carolina; Tom & Miriam James, USDA Handicapable Directors; Rod Reimer from Central; George & Sally Galik, from Southeast; and Roger & Linda Minard from Northeast. Larry & Margie Heffner from Central; and Conrad Protzman, cuer from Southeast, joined us during the break.

6. **MINUTES** of the February 28th and March 1st meetings were approved as written.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT March 1, 2009 - April 30, 2009

Beginning Balance

Wachovia Checking Balance	\$	
Convention Fund Checking Account		
Insurance		
CD		_____
Total All Accounts		\$

Checking Account Balance	\$
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Federation Checking Account

Receipts

Interest Earned (Feb-Mar-Apr)	\$	
Total Receipts		\$ _____
Checking Account Balance		\$

Disbursements

Starburst Hall – (Fed. Meeting)	\$	
Ray Huddleston (Copies & Badges)		
FL Dept. of State (Corporation Tax)		
Val Newsome (Secretary's Expense)		
Bruce Morgan (Storage Rental to 4/2010)		_____
Total Disbursements		(\$ _____)
Checking Account Balance		\$

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24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD (Purchased 8-12-08)		
Beginning Balance	(3-1-09)	\$
2 mos. Interest		_____
CD Total (As of 4-30-09)		\$
Ending Balance – All Accounts (4-30-09)		
Wachovia Checking Balance		\$
Convention Fund Balance		
Insurance		
CD		_____
<u>Current Total All Accounts</u>		\$ _____

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob & Maria Spence, Federation Treasurers

8. SUNSHINE REPORT

Cheryl reported that Zurhn Walker, Delegate from West Coast, had a stroke which has affected his vision. She asked all delegates to sign the card for him. Maria Spence (Federation Treasurer) will be having double knee replacement surgery on August 10th. Remember both of them in your prayers.

Carol Poole reported that she and Randy will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this summer.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Cheryl read a letter from Linda & John Saunders, on behalf of Grand Squares Incorporated and the Florida Winter Festival staff, thanking the Federation for their support of the 3rd Annual Florida Winter Festival. A check for \$600.00 representing 10% of the profits from the 2009 Festival was enclosed. Each Association will receive \$120.00 for the promotion of square dancing.

10. FLORIDA CALLER LIAISON

Bruce Morgan said Whit Brown asked him to relay to the Federation that this was a great convention, and the callers thanked everyone who worked on it. Whit said it was "one of the best" ever.

Kathy McKinney stated that all the callers and cuers had been so enthusiastic and energetic this year. She suggested the dancers take time to say a personal "thank you" to the callers and cuers who have donated their time and talent to help make this convention so much fun.

11. FLORIDA CUER LIAISON

Lisa Wall, President of the Round Dance Council of Florida, said she thought everything went well from the cuers standpoint during the Convention. At this convention, we had two new cuers cueing (Wilaby & Greenbain, who both did a great job) and one new cuer doing an intro/teach (Sandy Sturgis), who also did a great job. Three new couples have joined the Round Dance Council, so look for more new cuers out there soon. We felt that the cuers put forth more effort and participation. After all, this is the only way we get money from the State Convention to pay for our two round dance weekends.

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12. PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST MEETING (Ken Brasfield was to have chaired this meeting but, due to family illness, could not attend. Paul & Cheryl Miller chaired the meeting.)

The President's meeting was held at Fred's Market in Lakeland, Florida. Attending the meeting were Bob & Jennie Courter, Central Association; Penny Green, FASSRD; Lance and Rita Baxter, Vice President West Coast; Bobie & Carol Hutcheson, Southeast; and Paul & Cheryl Miller, Northwest. Also attending the meeting were Frank and Gloria Marshall from the Southeast.

Each Association reported that classes had or were being held. Concern about retaining the new dancers in certain areas had become a problem. West Coast had a club formed by new graduates, as well as the Northwest.

Southeast and West Coast both have new dancers attending this year's convention.

Southeast has been converting their Historical pictures to preserve them on the computer. The resulting DVDs were used as a fundraiser. This is a really good idea!

All in all, it was a pleasant meeting with no problems solved, but some new ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Cheryl Miller, Northwest Association Presidents

12: ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION

We are happy to announce that the Southeast Association is still going strong. Our Board has been very enthusiastic and supportive. We presently have 72 paid members and we are averaging 5 - 6 squares at most dances. I still believe that email flyers to members about a month before a dance and then reminding them a week before has made a difference. I still send members not having email the information by snail mail. I email callers and cuers both times. Many of them copy the flyers and bring them to their dances. I make a point of thanking each and every one. The different theme dances also helped, they add more fun and excitement. (People love to dress up and party.)

Bobie and I have enjoyed being presidents of SEA and have found it a challenge, frustrating at times but a blessing getting to know everyone. It's amazing that we have danced with people for many years and until we became presidents we knew only the faces; now we connect names and faces. Are you doing this?

We are planning our renewal dance and the election of officers at our September Dance at Holiday Park on September 13th. The Board of Directors have agreed to remain with the exception of our Secretary who has had a lot of medical problems this past year. Bobie and I have decided to step down due to family sicknesses, and also some of our own. We are trying to recruit our replacement, in fact we've made a "HELP WANTED" flyer and have sent it to members, callers & cuers. We are also leaving it at dances. We will help and do whatever is necessary to keep SEA going. That is a promise! In fact, we just today learned that George & Sally Galik will be presidents next year. That means we'll have a full board.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobie & Carol Hutcheson, Presidents

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

First, I would like to thank Randy & Carol Poole, the General Chairmen of the 55th State Convention, their committees and all the Central Association for all the effort, planning and hard work you put into making this a fun and successful state convention. You did a fantastic job.

There has been excitement in the Northeast with graduations from many clubs, anniversaries and visits to retrieve NEFSARDA banners and to promote the upcoming 5th Saturday Dance. Although we had fewer graduates this year we are still proud of each new dancer and are looking forward to seeing them at special dances and at their club.

The theme for our 5th Saturday Dance in May is, Anchors Aweigh -- Let's Take a Cruise to NEFSARDA'S 5th Saturday Dance. Port of Call is Tynes Elementary School. Callers are Admiral R. J. Hogan and Captain Mike Akers. The Cruise Director (cuer) is Irene Knapp-Smith. Host clubs are Joy Seas, Flagler Ocean Waves and River Ramblers. Of course, the dress is whatever you would wear on a cruise, excluding bikinis.

Our August 5th Saturday Dance will be held in Lake City in the beautiful showroom of Rountree/Moore Toyota Dealership. This is a wonderful experience. You can dance and buy a Toyota on the same night. There will be a tailgate party because the theme is "Are you ready for some football?" Hotdogs, chips, popcorn and plenty of desserts will be served. The callers are Gary Murphy and Lon Ligon, cuer will be Lisa Wall. Host clubs are Dixie Dancers, Vagabond Squares and Grand Squares. Look for some surprises at this dance. I will never tell.

Plans for our fall festival, scheduled for November 20th & 21st, are underway. We are going to "Walk on the Wild Side" so we are looking forward to seeing all kinds of animals, or see how our dancers interpret their wild side. We encourage each of you to attend and be part of our festival.

We, as well as all the other associations, are looking for ways to recruit and retain dancers. It is an ongoing challenge and we have not found the solution.

Now with the 55th State Convention almost behind us it is time to put our energies on raising money, raising money and raising money. Also, we need people to volunteer to help on the committees that are necessary to have another successful convention. Each of us should be willing to do whatever we are physically able to do. If you have a special talent -- volunteer! Don't wait to be asked. Remember, the 56th will be a true STATE CONVENTION!

Respectfully submitted,
Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel, Presidents

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION

(In Ken Brasfield's absence, report was read by Lance Baxter)

We have not been idle in the West Coast since we last gathered together. On March 15th we were in Sebring for a dance and on March 21st we were in Plant City at Strawberry Squares to help them celebrate their 30 years of continuous dance activities. The West Coast presented them with a plaque honoring the hall for all their support to our Association. On April 5th we had our Association dance in Sarasota at the Sun "N" Fun RV park. We still have our VIP dance on Aug. 16th and the President's Ball on Sept 20th.

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To get back to the monthly rotation, on May 3rd at Strawberry Squares we co-sponsored with the Suncoast Caller's and Cuer's a benefit dance for Jeanne Morton. Jeanne has been around Square dancing for many years in Pinellas County in many ways. She was a cuer, owned a dance hall, the Ox-Bow, and a square dance shop. While having surgery she had a stroke and then another one a week later. Being single and now out of work she also had financial troubles. We raised \$1080.00 at the door and the West Coast had already agreed to donating \$500.00 so we were able to turn over to Jeanne, by the way of a friend who is taking care of her, a check for \$1580.00. You can always count on "Square Dancer's" to be there for you.

Well, it is that time of year again for new officers and at this time it appears that we have a slate to present so we are excited about that. Looking forward to the 2009-2010 year which brings me to the closing of this report.

I know we are all working together for a common goal, a successful 2010 State Convention. We all are doing the best we can to make that happen. As you all know I like to close with a saying. So, I leave you with this, "A lot of good can be accomplished in this world if nobody cares who gets the credit." This is a togetherness project.....!

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Brasfield, Co-President

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

As usual, several of our area clubs have either closed or will be closing for several months due to many of the members traveling or returning to their summer homes.

One of our cuers, Phyllis Williams, has decided to retire from cueing, but has taken on the role of CFA Historian. We are happy to have her join us in this position. We are still trying to find people to fill the role of nominating chairpersons and, of course, members to take positions for the upcoming year. Maybe we will have to twist a few arms.

On Saturday, May 30th, we will have our next 5th Saturday Dance at the H&R Hall at On Top of the World starting at 7:00 p.m. Whit Brown will be the caller and Bev Landwehr will be the cuer. Hope you will be able to join us. Please wear your red, white & blue to honor our veterans.

We are sure many of you have already heard that we were most fortunate to have a very successful 2009 Shamrock Swing. The LaHacienda center at the Villages was really rocking to a full house on Saturday Evening. Our callers, Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern, and cuers, Joanne & Ken Helton, were wonderful and kept the group enthusiastic and happy. The final attendance for the event was 397 paid ribbons. This was only accomplished by the fact that we had a great committee of local dancers as well as all of our CFA pro's who have been working on this event for many years. It took many hands to make this a very successful event. We have received some wonderful favorable comments.

Now we move on to our 2010 Shamrock Swing which will be held at the newly renovated LaHacienda Center on Friday and Saturday, March 19th & 20th, 2010. The callers will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern, and our cuers will be Jimmy & Carol Griffin. Flyers are available and we have ribbons with us and booster sheets for you to have your name printed in the program book. The cost for booster names is just \$1.00 per name per line. We hope all of the board members will take their boosters right after the meeting. This is really helpful. We also have ad sheets for the

various associations and clubs to take ads.

Last but not least, we wish to thank Randy & Carol Poole and their committees for providing all of us with a truly Rock & Roll weekend. We have been saying for the past several months that these two really know how to plan a fun time. They certainly have proven that. Thank you for all your efforts. You are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob & Jennie Courter, Presidents.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Northwest Association would like to thank Randy & Carol Poole and their committee members for an outstanding state convention. It was definitely a blast from the past for our dancers.

The Northwest Association is doing well. We have two new clubs joining the Association: The TNT Rounds in Pensacola, and the Sundowners in Destin.

Our clubs have been very busy. Panama City had their own Rock-n-Time at their 50's Sock-Hop. There was even a little ice cream shoppe with a soda jerk. There was live entertainment featuring the Coasters, Patsy Cline and Buddy Holly & the Crickets. Pensacola has been the scene of the famous "Girls Gone Wild" tour featuring Terri Wilaby and Miriam Merriwether. Special upcoming dance is the "Panhandle Press Benefit Dance" with a recycle sale to raise funds to help continue the publication. This dance will be held in September at Ragon Hall in Pensacola.

Summer is here. Our clubs invite dancers traveling through the panhandle to stop in and dance. Most of our clubs will be dancing weekly throughout the summer, with many "Summer Dances" planned. For club contact information you can find it at the www.floridasquaredance.com web site or contact us directly at 850-939-6688, or pe.miller@mchsi.com.

Northwest looks forward to hosting the Federation meeting in DeFuniak Springs at our annual Round Up. Flyers have been placed on the Northwest showcase display table as well as ribbons are here to be sold at \$10.00 per person for the weekend event.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Cheryl Miller, President

FASSRD

Back in March a small group of us journeyed to Jekyll Island for the 18th Annual Fuzzy Navel dance which was being hosted by the Georgia Singles. Although the attendance at the dance was higher than the previous year, we barely met expenses. At the joint meeting on Saturday morning, Florida decided to withdraw as co-sponsor of this annual event. We will continue to promote and attend the weekend, but we will no longer share in the work or profit of the dance. Georgia doesn't seem to support the weekend when Florida books callers and cuers from here and our dancers won't drive to Jekyll Island so it didn't make sense for us to continue.

We regret to report that the Swingin' Singles in Ft. Lauderdale folded earlier this year, which leaves us with two singles clubs in Florida -- Orlando Singles and Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville. Orlando Singles has had to change from a weekly club to a bi-weekly club and now dances on the first and third Fridays of the month due to their low attendance.

Over Labor Day Weekend we will be holding our 39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama in the Quad Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf, IA and Moline/East Moline and Rock Island, IL. With seven callers and three cuers scheduled and tours including a Circa '21 Dinner Theatre, the Amana Colonies, John Deere Attractions, a Mississippi River Cruise, Dancing in all 4 Quad Cities and the Rock Island Arsenal, this looks like another great Dance-A-Rama. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun weekend where we don't know when to stop dancing. After the convention dancing ends in the evening, we have after parties where you can square dance some more or do some social dancing. There are flyers for this dance on the flyer table in the hall.

Now, I would like to take a few minutes to address some comments and questions I have received about FASSRD and singles dances.

--Why do singles have their own association; they're all members of their own associations? I wasn't involved 30 years ago when FASSRD was started, but I am sure that back then the singles "situation" was worse than it is today. They weren't welcome at couples clubs so a group of dancers established an organization to promote and stimulate fellowship and interest in square and round dancing among unmarried adults of all ages throughout Florida. Believe it or not, in this day and age, there are still clubs that do not welcome singles and do not allow singles to join their clubs.

As far as being a member of their own association, this isn't always the case. We have several FASSRD members who do not belong to any clubs or associations; they want to be free to stop dancing at a club if they feel they aren't wanted there.

--Why do singles want to segregate themselves at the conventions? It's not that we want to; we're almost forced to. In a room of 700 or 800 people, it's hard to find 20-25 single dancers dispersed amongst them; especially if they are out-of-state visitors that we don't know. So, having a central place for the singles to congregate makes it easier to find other singles to dance with.

--I want information about your club. FASSRD isn't a club; it's a state association for singles just like the other associations. When you are asked how many associations the Florida Federation has, we have seven - five regional associations, a singles association and a camping association.

--The singles don't want to be "left out" or "forgotten". That's not the point of having a singles association or being a part of the Federation. We/I are trying to bring awareness to the "plight" of the single dancer. Those of you who are part of a couple don't think about those who are alone and don't have partners so you need to be reminded. That's one of the many reasons for FASSRD; we have to be on every convention committee to ensure we have a Singles Hall on Friday night, that there is a sign in front of that singles hall, that there are singles sections in each hall, that there are singles sections at every major dance in Florida, i.e. Florida Winter Festival, each of the association festivals, etc., because I can just about guarantee that the couples won't remember to do it!

In the singles dance community we have an expression -- "singles friendly club". Do you dance at a "singles friendly club"? And before you spit out "yes" think about it. Yes, you might let them in the door and pay to dance, but then what happens? Does anyone sit with them? Does anyone ask them to dance? Will that single come back to your dance? I recently visited a dance, and it was a dance that I've visited many times before. I had a partner but he had gone out to the car for something so I was sitting at a table by myself. One of the club members came over to sit down with me because he didn't want me to be sitting by myself. He said he would sit with me until my

partner came back. Now that type of action will keep any dancer coming back.

More and more of you are becoming single and I wonder how many of you will stay with dancing when you discover the wonderful world of "single dancing".

Penny Green, President

13. PUBLICATIONS REPORTS

KEEPIN' POSTED

Since the postage-paid mailing permit which is issued in Cocoa, Florida will be running out in mid-July and Jack & Barbara Hoffman have requested that someone take over the mailing of *Keepin' Posted*, we have researched postal options and found out the following:

1. We have decided to take over the mailing of the publication, but the new postal permit would have to be issued in the Deltona, Florida area. The postal permit cannot be transferred from one post office to another. The cost of the new permit will be \$370.00 for the first year (\$185.00 for the permit and \$185.00 for the first year it is issued). Therefore, \$370.00 divided by 900 magazines per year will cost \$.422 per issue for the first year, plus postage at \$.29 a copy, for a total cost of \$.712 each. That's just for mailing.

2. We spoke at length with Bill Boyd about mailing. He has offered to mail *Keepin' Posted* under his permit and will print the mailing address on each magazine for \$.02 per copy, thereby eliminating the cost of mailing labels, will affix a closer tab to each magazine for \$.02 each, bringing our mailing cost down to \$.33 per issue (\$.29 bulk mail fee plus \$.02 for addressing and \$.02 per closer tab).

3. This arrangement means that once we bring our final version of *Keepin' Posted* to be printed, the rest will be taken care of by Bill and Randy Boyd, thereby saving us from getting the printed copies, labeling, sorting and mailing. This will be a cost reduction of \$351.00 for the first year.

4. The CFA must supply Bill or Randy with a updated address list by email before each printing.

We are planning to include photos in future issues of *Keepin' Posted*. We are very pleased with the updates, club news and other articles being sent to us. Thanks!

Our next issue comes out in July. Thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick & Jeanne Lysobey, Editors

PANHANDLE PRESS

It's been two years now since Tim and I took over as editors of our association paper. It has been an interesting challenge. It has also been lots of fun, getting to know the dancers, working with the programs and keeping everyone up to speed on what is going on in our little corner, as well as around the state.

We are still producing around 125 printed copies for distribution. With the hand deliveries, our postage was less than \$30 in April. Our electronic copies are now up to about 50, giving us a total distribution around the State of 175.

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We still fight the battle of getting enough ads to pay for supplies. I'm sure dancers in our area cringe when they see another email from me around the deadline for the Press. But they do still manage to come through with their club articles and dance notices.

We would like to remind everyone that we would be happy to advertise your dances, even if they are not in the Panhandle. Snowbirds come to visit us, as do relatives of dancers in our area. The Press is distributed not only in Florida, but to dancers in Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia as well. Let us help you get word about your dances out to them!

This weekend the baton has been passed. We have finished digitizing the 30 years of the *Panhandle Press* and given the last of the files to Bruce Morgan for uploading to the web. Thanks, Bruce, for all your hard work and patience with us getting this task done. Thanks also to Joe & Joy Vaccari. Without their dedication and forethought, many of these issues would have been lost!

Respectfully,
Tim & Terry Wilaby, Editors

THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine is published quarterly and is sold by subscription. We currently print approximately 300 copies each quarter.

We have been busy these past three months as we attended graduations and club anniversaries. We always take pictures at these events. In the July issue we run the names and as many pictures as we can of the graduates. In addition to welcoming the graduates to square and round dancing with the appropriate "Yellowrock", we present them with complimentary copies to *The Grapevine*, *Bow & Swing*, and *American Square Dance Magazine*. We'd like to thank Bill & Randy Boyd for the free copies of their publications so that we can make this presentation to the graduates.

Remember, we exchange Festival ads with the other association publications. We have emailed out the Northeast Fall Festival ad and brought along hardcopies if needed. Editors: if you haven't gotten yours yet, please see us before you leave.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,
Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi, Editors

WEST COAST DANCER

I would like to discuss a subject I may have touched on previously.. I receive many emails of Ads and articles for special annual dances. Many times I am unable to put them in the *West Coast Dancer* because the event may be over when the Dancer is published. Or, the email was received well after the Deadline. This has happened three times since the last Federation meeting.

I'd like to include these articles and Ads. We publish bimonthly on even months. For example; February, March or April, May etc.. The Deadline is usually the last day of the even month preceding the issue.

If you don't have a copy of the *Dancer* for reference or forget these dates, you can always go to the DANCERgram where Penny puts a big notice reminding everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Henning, Editor

BOW & SWING

(Bill Boyd's report was read by Sarah Pergrossi)

The *Bow & Swing* is alive and well. Our paid circulation is around 1200 and has been at this level for about eight years.

My serious question is "why do we keep our Conventions & Festivals such a big secret"?

We hire a hall, caller, cuer; print a few flyers and maybe, just maybe, put ads in one of the Florida Square Dance Publications. Florida publications are among the best in the Nation with our regional magazines rivalling and topping several, if not most, of the other states' periodicals. These magazines could use your advertising revenue -- in exchange, they expose you to more dancers who will attend your event.

DON'T KEEP YOUR DANCES A SECRET!

Enough Serious stuff. The *Bow & Swing* continues to publish your charity events at no charge; your news letters at no charge; and your photos with or without your captions.

Keep dancing, have fun, and we'll see you in a square.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Boyd, Editor

14. FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION REPORTS:

2009 STATE CONVENTION (Hosted by Central Assn.)

About six weeks ago, we had less than 300 people registered for the State Convention. We weren't really that worried, because we had our bills paid. Last night's count showed 785 attendees. Hope everyone's enjoying the weekend.

There will be a 3:00 p.m. wrap-up meeting here in this room. We invite all those future chairmen and any others to come hear our comments on what was done right or wrong, etc.

I said yesterday that I would not say that our Convention was the best we've ever had...but I will say that the callers and cuers are the best we've had. We received a lot of good comments on the enthusiasm of both the callers and cuers and we thank them for that.

Susan Elaine's mother was here yesterday for the convention and used an electric wheelchair. She is not here today and has offered the chair for the use of anyone who needs it. See me if you have an interest.

One last thing....it wasn't Carol and I that made the convention, it was YOU who made it the best

convention -- in our opinion.

Want to thank Val for promoting our convention by wearing her tee shirt...we are now selling those souvenir tee shirts for \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy & Carol Poole, General Chairman

2010 STATE CONVENTION

The 2010 State Convention has really gotten busy in the last few months. We have come up with a simple kick-off that we hope you enjoy. Because this is the first "**ALL STATE CONVENTION**" we have had to go with a simple idea. We are very pleased that so many people from all over the state have chosen to participate. Actually for the next year the whole state will be able to **GET ON BOARD** and **CELEBRATE** next year's convention. Everyone has already got one or more outfits for the convention and you did not have to spend anything extra unless you wanted to. Afterwards, you still have outfits that you can wear again and again.

We would like to thank everyone that has given us help and advice. We have listened and taken your suggestions. I would especially like to thank Bruce Morgan, Sarah Pergrossi, and Val and Charlie Newsome for their help.

We are ready with our Early Bird Registrations. We have our ribbons. We have shirts with us for sale. We will be taking orders if we don't have what you need.

We are in a little better shape financially than last time we had a meeting. We would like to thank everyone who came to the Working Weekend dance. We would also like to thank Randy and Carol along with the 2009 Convention for sharing the Party Weekend proceeds with us, as well as the work. That was a great weekend and we had a good time. Also a very big thanks to Bill Chesnut, Charlie Pergrossi and Lisa Wall for giving their time and talents to have a great dance.

Our fundraisers have been successful. The cruise, which will be drawn for tonight, has given us a profit. We have been lucky that the price for the cruise has actually dropped and we are going to give the lucky winner \$250.00 in cash to take with them on the trip.

The grocery coupons seem to be very successful especially in the Northeast. In fact we have run out of the ones that we had and people are still wanting more. They are buying them for themselves, gifts for children, siblings, and parents. Everyone in our area is very excited about sending in their first grocery coupons. If all the Associations can sell 100 of these coupons in their area, we will be able to cover most of the expenses of the Convention center. And this can go on for the other Conventions as well. We do, however, have more fundraisers planned to help out.

We are all going to have to pull together, not just this year, but in the future years to insure the success of the Conventions. I do feel like we are heading in the right direction in finding fundraisers that can go from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bud and Anita Taylor, General Chairman

2011 STATE CONVENTION

Still looking for some Chairmen – Assistant General Chairmen, Security, Youth, Campers, Contra, Country, Clogging, and Line.

We had a “Get Acquainted” meeting Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Lake Morton meeting room to go over some plans (mainly fund raising) and make sure our contact information was correct.

The Convention Guidelines state that each Association President is responsible for appointing a Vice Chairman to act as liaison between the General Chairman and the Association with particular emphasis on fund raising for the State Convention. As our Ways and Means Chairman, Cheryl Miller will need these names as soon as possible in order to coordinate the fundraising efforts for 2011.

Cheryl has ordered gas coupons, similar to the grocery coupons the 56th is selling.

We are also asking ALL ladies across the state to go through their square dance closet and donate a SINGLE outfit in good repair. These outfits will be sold on e-bay and have the potential to provide a large portion of our fund raising needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Captains Terri Little and Ailene Picheco
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15. FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME

The May meeting for the Hall of Fame committee will be held today, May 24, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. following the Federation meeting. We will be rotating off the committee and Dick & Darleen Nordine will become chairman for the next year. Any questions relating to the Hall of Fame committee should be sent to them.

We are presenting a bill in the amount of \$139.21 to the State Convention Chairman to bring the balance of the Hall of Fame account to the specified amount of \$1,500.00 according to our Bylaws. This was for work done at Strawberry Squares on the Hall of Fame plaques.

We have enjoyed our five years on the board, but it is time for us to retire.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave & Shirley Nihart, Chairman

16. HISTORIAN RECORDS:

The scanning of the area publications is progressing fairly well. I have the Southeast and West Coast completed and are just adding the new publications as they are published. As you know, the Southeast no longer has a publication. The only thing left on the *West Coast Dancer* is the quarterly updates. The Northwest is pretty far along. Terri Wilaby has been scanning these for me. Thanks Terri, this really saves me a lot of time. Tim & Terri delivered the last of the back issues this weekend. So I still have these few issues to put on the web. In addition, she is sending me the quarterly updates via e-mail and, here again, it saves me a lot of time. The Northeast is really progressing along fine. Sarah Pergrossi has been working with me in finding the older issues. She also sends me the quarterly updates via e-mail. Except for a couple of issues that Sarah is

still trying to locate, I have *The Grapevine* all the way back to December 1981. Charlie & Val Newsome brought me some of the older issues of *The Grapevine* this weekend. Everybody seems as if they want to keep me busy. As for the *Keepin' Posted* and *Bow & Swing*, I really have not started on them as of yet. There are a few issues of each on the web already but not too many. I will start on the *Keepin' Posted* shortly. *Bow & Swing* will probably be the last publication that I work on. Nevertheless, overall, the scanning is progressing nicely.

At the Working Weekend Breakout session, George Knapp and Jack Taylor volunteered to rewrite the job description of the Historian Chairman. I would like to ask Jack Taylor to come up and read their new job description for the Historian Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Jack Taylor read the following **Federation Historian Duties and Responsibilities**:

The Florida Historian will be the focal point for all information dealing with the History of Florida Square and Round dancing, and related activities. The Historian will be responsible for gathering information and pictures dealing with history of the Federation, then forwarding the information to the Federation Web Master.

The Federation Historian responsibilities will be, but not limited to the following:

1. Take photographs of memorable events such as State Conventions, people getting awards and other events that deal with the history of square dancing as pertains to Florida.
2. Encourage each association and dance groups to have a designated person to forward the information and pictures to him for forwarding to the Web Master.
3. Coordinate with the keeper of the Hall of Fame located at Strawberry Square in Plant City to maintain the plaques and pictures dealing with the History.
4. Create an album dealing with the Florida State Convention to include the final financial report and forward it to the Web Master for inclusion into the History.
5. Make a report at every Federation meeting, updating the status of the history of the Federation.

Jack made a motion that the Historian job description be added as Item g. to Section 12 (Standing Committees) of the Standing Rules. Carol McKenzie seconded the motion and it carried.

17. WEB SITE REPORT

The web site is running along fine. Ever since we started with the web site, it has been costing us \$143.40 per year. At the start, we were paying \$11.95 per month for the service. That was the only way that they accepted payment, by the month. In May of 2008 they started offering quarterly payments. The cost was \$35.85 per quarter, which is the same as the \$11.95 per month. I wasn't going to switch but along with the difference in payment schedule they offered unlimited storage and bandwidth so I switched to the quarterly payment plan. Shortly after that is when we decided to start putting the publications on the web. As was approved a couple of years ago, this is being paid for by the current State Convention. The cost is handled exactly like the cost of the Hall of Fame. The Florida Callers Association, The Round Dance Council of Florida and the Florida Federation of Square Dancers share the cost equally. As of May 1st, Yahoo offered a yearly payment option. I quickly signed up for it. The cost is \$119.40 per year or \$9.95 per month. It is saving us \$2.00 per

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West Coast FASSARD	\$	
Total Income :	\$	\$
Expenses		
USDA Insurance Admin Expense	\$	
Total Expense		\$
Ending Balance April 30, 2009		\$

As of 5/3	CLUBS	DANCERS
Central	20	869
Northeast	16	488
Northwest	1 + 8	266
Southeast	1 + 1	90
West Coast	10	439
Totals	2 + 55	2152

Three accidents have been reported. Claim forms have been mailed to two dancers but none have been returned. The third did not require any medical attention.

We have the following additional report to make:

At the last Federation meeting several questions were raised. I emailed the delegates the answers I received. I will briefly cover the topics so the answers will be in the minutes.

Question No. 1 - Does the liability coverage go with the club when there is an emergency change of location and not sufficient time to request a certificate?

Answer - The club only has liability coverage if a certificate of insurance is issued; so no, they would not be covered for liability if they had to move to another location unless that location was in the same building as they had been dancing but a different part of the building.

Now, when requesting a Certificate of Insurance, allow 4-6 weeks for it. Except for the employees in the insurance office, everyone handling the request is a volunteer. These requests can be emailed to the Association Chairman. All of the forms are on the USDA web site and can be filled in online and emailed to your Association Chairman. Be sure to type Florida Federation and your Association on the line Federation/Organization.

If you omit the day or date you need the certificate, the certificate is good for the entire year for that location regardless of when it is used. So, if you think you will use the same location more than once during the year, leave the date off.

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The next question concerned cruises. Liability Insurance will extend to locations that are listed on certificates. The insurance company will not issue a certificate for any cruise line. General Liability does not cover into international waters.

Should the club rent a commercial bus to take them to the cruise ship and bring them back, they would need to complete the bottom section of the notification of event form and send it in before they leave. If they take a regular bus such as Greyhound then they are not covered.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy & Carol Poole, Insurance Chairman

20. ASCAP/BMI:

Our latest correspondence from ASCAP was \$.078 per dancer plus 1/2 the vendors or a minimum of \$80.00 for 2009.

Rates for BMI were \$140.00 and have been paid for the year 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave & Shirley Nihart

Paul Miller then read a letter of resignation from Dave Nihart, chairman ASCAP/BMI, to become effective December 31, 2009. Paul asked Dave to discuss his duties and then asked the delegates for a volunteer to take the job. Bob & Maria Spence accepted the position.

21. ARTS:

Nationwide Benefit Dances for ARTS were held in the spring of 2008 resulting in total donations of over \$9,500.00. ARTs would like to continue these dances and make this an annual event.

ARTS has set up an Electronic Mailing Tree to not only help publicize the ARTS, but more importantly, establish a communication system to distribute information to the dancing community. The eventual goal is to have a system which will link the ARTS to every square dance club in the USA.

The contract has been signed for Roy and Betsy Gotta to start work on the web site and videos to promote Square Dancing. They will be completed some time in the fall.

Visit the ARTS web site ARTS-Dance.org for information on:

Booking your Travel, Educational Grant Program, Teaching Youth Square Dancing, ARTS newsletters, Outcomes of surveys that were done, Recruiting Plan, and you can join in the ARTS e-mail discussion group.

The next meeting will be held June 28, 2009 in Long Beach, CA immediately following the 58th National Square Dance Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Ailene Picheco

22. OLD BUSINESS: None

23. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Announcement of 2012 Florida State Convention Chairman. President Cheryl Miller announced the appointment of Garland & Carole McKenzie as 2012 Florida State Convention General Chairman. Carole said "let's get these grocery coupons going, so we'll have good fund raising ready to help fund the 2012 Convention." Garland said they'd already gotten about 2/3's of their committee on board and they are from all five areas of the state.

b. Federation Board Continuity. Paul explained that they had appointed Bruce & Colleen Morgan as Chairman of this Committee and called on Bruce for his report.

As Paul and Cheryl, our Presidents, have stated, they have appointed us to form a committee and look into how we might re-write the Federation documents in case that one, or more, of the five associations cannot appoint a couple to assume their association's seat on the Federation Board. Although it is not a pleasant task, we must prepare for the fact that something like this might happen in the near future and it is our obligation to plan for it.

The members of the committee are Paul & Cheryl Miller (Northwest), Ray & Elsa Huddleston (Southeast), Charlie & Val Newsome (Northeast), Don & Ann Slocum (West Coast), and Bruce & Colleen Morgan, Chairmen (Central).

We have reviewed the By-Laws, Standing Rules of the Federation, the Constitution, the Articles of Incorporation, and as we got further into this review the Convention Procedures. Bruce discussed in detail the rules of each of the Federation Documents as to how and when they could be modified.

The Constitution requires no change at this time.

The By-Laws, and Standing Rules may be changed by vote today.

The Articles of Incorporation may be voted on but requires ratification by all five associations; therefore, the earliest this document could be changed is at the Federation meeting in DeFuniak Springs on November 1st. The presidents of the five associations must take this back to their associations for a vote and report on that at the November meeting. Three of the five associations must agree for the changes to be approved. **(Secretary's Note: This was later determined, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, that all five (5) associations must agree for the changes to be approved).**

The Convention Procedures must be voted on by Florida Callers Association, The Round Dance Council of Florida, and the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. In order to modify this document two of the three organizations must approve the changes. This change is being presented at the Round Dance Council and the Callers Association this weekend also.

The By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 3, 4 & 5 state that the first item of old business at the Annual Meeting shall be the report of the nominating committee, the election of officers and the installation of those elected officers. Since we have the problem of the Outgoing President's Association possibly not being able to locate a couple to be nominated for Parliamentarian and that we are governed by the Constitution and Articles of Incorporation with what we can and cannot do, our President would like to make a statement.

Paul stated his **REQUEST FOR NEW BUSINESS ORDER CHANGE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**. What it means is we have to do something out of order from our documented procedures. What we need to do is move some new business forward for our November 1st meeting to vote on it and get it out of the way so we are not violating our procedures to continue. What I'm seeking is approval right now from the Board of Delegates to switch our new business order at our November 1st meeting, so we have it on record now. **Garland McKenzie so moved. Paul Miller restated the motion as follows: "Subject to this next meeting we reorder new business to take a vote prior to the normal election and installation of officers." The motion was seconded and approved.**

Bruce then continued his report. At the Federation Meeting in DeFuniak Springs on November 1st, Colleen and I will not be in attendance. We had already made plans for that week and will be in Charleston, SC attending a Navy Reunion. Paul & Cheryl will be handling the second half of this committee's responsibility for us at that meeting.

The Committees' Recommendations are:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE III (changes are in red)

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission to membership shall be as follows:

All persons who hold membership in good standing in any of the **five** regional associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall be members of this Federation.

I would like to make a motion to modify Article III of the Articles of Incorporation to remove the word **FIVE as shown above. Don Slocum seconded the motion and it carried.** The associations will vote on this and report will be made at the meeting on November 1st.

BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

ARTICLE II (changes are in red)

Members

All persons who hold membership in good standing in any of the **five** area associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall be members.

ARTICLE IV (changes are in red)

Board of Delegates

Section 3. Delegates at Large shall be:

Chairman of the History Committee

Chairman of the Insurance Committee

Present Florida State Convention Chairman

General Chairman for the 46th National Square Dance Convention.

Manager of the Square Dance Hall of Fame Revised 2/09

President of the Florida Association of Single Square Dancers Revised 2/09

Convention Facilities Chairman Revised 3/09

Convention Facilities Vice Chairman Revised 3/09

President of the Area Associations not seated on the Florida Federation of Square Dancers' Board.

I would like to make a motion to amend Article II on members to drop the word "five" and Article IV, Section 3 to add the "President of the Area Associations not seated on the Florida Federation of Square Dancers' Board as Delegates at Large." Motion seconded by Randy Poole and carried.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Board (changes are in red)

Section 3. No **more than** two (2) elected couples of the Executive Board shall be from the same Area Association.

I would like to make a motion to amend Article VII, Section 3 to add the words "more than" to make the Section 3 read "No more than two (2) elected couples of the Executive Board shall be from the same Area Association." Motion was seconded by Jack Hoffman and much discussion followed.

Dewey Hendricks called for the question. It was seconded, motion carried.

The motion made by Bruce was then voted on and carried.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

We found no changes required in this document. Therefore, there will be no motion concerning this document.

FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Finances (changes are in red)

2. A General Fund **presently totaling to total \$12,000.00 \$16,500.00 exists** in a special, separate line item, within the Florida Federation for underwriting the expenses of the Convention. A maximum underwriting (seed money) of \$3,500.00 is advanced to each Convention, three (3) years in advance, in the form of a loan, repayable before the final report of said Convention is submitted. Should losses occur beyond the capabilities of this general fund, the losses shall be absorbed equally by the three sponsoring organizations.

3. D The net proceeds are distributed as follows: Subject 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 Proceeds by four (4).

Example:

Assuming the convention proceeds are \$13,000.00 after expenses.

The Hall of Fame reports a balance of \$750.00; therefore, a contribution of \$750.00 is to be made to the Hall of Fame from the net proceeds which keeps their balance **within at** \$1,500.00. The Web Master reports an expense of \$144.00.

\$13,000.00 Convention Proceeds divided by four (4) equals \$3,250.00

\$750.00 to the Hall of Fame divided by three (3) equals \$350.00.

\$144.00 divided by three (3) equals \$48.00

The total of these amount to \$298.00.

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Division of proceeds are as follows:

Florida Federation	\$3250.00 less \$298.00 equals	\$2,952.00
Florida Callers	\$3250.00 less \$298.00 equals	\$2,952.00
Round Dance Council	\$3250.00 less \$298.00 equals	\$2,952.00
Participating Associations	\$3,250.00 divided equally	\$3,250.00

Participating Associations are defined as stated in The Standing Rules of The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Section 6.

For reference, Section 6 of the Standing Rules state:

Section 6. The Area Associations referenced in Article II of the By-Laws are further defined as the Northwest, Northeast, Central, West Coast, and Southeast Associations.

I would like to make a motion to amend Paragraph 2 of the Finance section of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Procedures to read as follows:

2. A General Fund to total \$16,500.00 in a special, separate line item, within the Florida Federation for underwriting the expenses of the Convention. A maximum underwriting (seed money) of \$3,500.00 is advanced to each Convention, three (3) years in advance, in the form of a loan, repayable before the final report of said Convention is submitted. Should losses occur beyond the capabilities of this general fund, the losses shall be absorbed equally by the three sponsoring organizations.

Motion was seconded by Randy Poole and carried.

I would like to make a motion to amend Paragraph 3-D of the Finance section of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Procedures to change the word within to at and to define what Participating Associations are by added the sentence, "Participating Associations are defined as stated in The Standing Rules of The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Section 6". Motion was seconded and carried.

I wanted this organization to vote before I told you, but I will tell you now. The Callers and Cuers have already voted their approval of the changes. Therefore, the changes to the Convention Procedures are effective immediately.

Thank you,

Respectively submitted
Bruce & Colleen Morgan
Committee Chairman

c. Appointment of Nominating Committee. President Paul Miller appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Dewey Hendricks (Central), Chairman; Dave Henn (Northwest); and Val Newsome (Northeast).

d. Ann Slocum presented the following information. An idea for promotion of square dancing is being worked on by the Sun Coast Callers & Cuers that involves employing Professional PR persons. If they feel this turns out to be a useful presentation they would like to present it to this organization for statewide use.

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Now this will involve some dollars in funds and I believe that is what our dollars are supposed to be spent on. It seems to me that every working weekend we have a committee for promotion and good ideas are discussed, but we have problems implementing these ideas.

I present this today just as a "heads up" that this may be formally presented at our next working weekend.

24. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1st, at 9:00 a.m., at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

25. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m .

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome, Secretary

FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION
PROCEDURES
(Amended May 2009)

The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is jointly sponsored by The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, The Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN:

1. A General Chairman for the state Convention is selected by the Federation President with the approval of the Federation Board, and once selected, has complete and absolute responsibility for the proper hosting of the Convention. As Chief Executive Officer, the General Chairman retains the right to make final decisions.
2. Appoints the Caller and Cuer Chairman, subject to the approval of their respective organizations.
3. Appoints all Committee Chairmen.
4. Establishes the duties and responsibilities of all committees.
5. Sets an agenda and timetable of accomplishments with definite deadlines
6. Coordinates the Halls for dancing, together with the hours of operation with the Caller and Cuer Chairman, but relies on their respective organizations to program the Halls with the proper Caller and Cuer personnel.
7. Plans and coordinates the Kick-Off program with a committee which includes the Caller and Cuer Chairman, as well as his Executive Committee.
8. Schedules Committee Meetings and makes an agenda for progress reports. Troubleshooting where necessary.
9. Establishes timetable for determining slogan, logo, theme, banner, costumes, registration forms, advertising, booster buttons, after parties and fund raisers.
10. Makes final decisions on all disbursements.

ASSISTANT GENERAL CHAIRMAN

1. Appointed by the General Chairman. Will assist the General Chairman in all matters and will assume leadership in the absence of the General Chairman.
2. Can only serve on one Convention at a time.
3. Is a member of the Executive Committee.

VICE CHAIRMAN

1. One Vice Chairman appointed by each participating Association to assist in all matters.
2. Acts as liaison between the General Chairman and the participating Association.

CONVENTION SECRETARY

1. Records all minutes of meetings
2. Conducts all correspondence and maintains records and files.
3. Assembles and preserves a record of all matters of importance (ribbons, programs, pictures, etc.) for the Florida Federation Historical Chairman, who will incorporate this information into the historical records of the Convention.
4. Is a member of the Executive Committee.

TREASURER

1. Establishes a Bank account - requiring the necessary signatures.
2. Receives all monies, keeping the proper records, in accordance with acceptable bookkeeping procedures.
3. Pays all bills as authorized by the General Chairman.

4. Submits a monthly financial statement to members of the Executive Committee.
5. Submits the final accounting records and statements to the General Chairman for reporting to the three sponsoring organizations.
6. Is a member of the Executive Committee.

CALLER CHAIRMAN

1. FCA President will send out invitations to callers to attend the State Convention, which includes the caller profile sheet. Profile sheet should include a block showing callers equipment availability.
2. Profile sheet returned to Caller Chairman by Sept. 1.
3. Caller Chairman lists callers in alphabetical order as to level, days available for the convention. This will be a worksheet for programming at October meeting.
4. Caller Chairman receives profile sheet to assign callers to be responsible for sounding required halls.
5. Caller Chairman to keep in touch with FCA Secretary as to who has paid their dues.
6. Caller Chairman will keep a list of caller cancellations.
7. After program approval by the FCA President and the Convention Chairman, the Caller Chairman will mail out caller assignments and hall sounding assignments.
8. Caller Chairman will keep the program updated and will notify FCA President of all changes.
9. Caller Chairman will be responsible for coordinating Hospitality room operations, such as coffee, water, etc.
10. Caller Chairman will maintain a list of callers who provide equipment. This list will be given to Convention Treasurer to procure funding for said equipment.
11. Consult with the General Chairman for a room for the FCA Sunday meeting.
12. Caller Chairman programs halls not covered in the fall seminar program meeting i.e. advance/challenge/youth halls as required.
13. Caller Chairman sends completed program to FCA President by March 1 and upon approval then sends to General Chairman for assembling.
14. Utilize the Assistant Caller Chairman in all capacities of assigned duties.
15. Caller Assistant Chairman will be responsible for arranging equipment availability and sounding halls.
16. Caller Chairman will ensure compliance with FCA by-laws.
17. Caller Chairman coordinates with General Chairman on the level of dance in each hall.
18. Assist in the planning and programming of the kick-off presentation.

ROUND DANCE CHAIRMAN

1. Keeps in contact with Convention General Chairman. Attend convention meetings
2. Helps with Kick-off program in any way asked. Caller Chairman usually heads this up.
3. Select teachers, cuers, helpers, clinicians as early as possible.
4. Coordinates with the Round Dance Council President to program the Rounds to be danced in each hall.
5. Works with General Chairman and Publicity Chairman.
6. Prepares (or delegates) the Syllabus for the Round Dance Program. Have teachers submit resumes and pictures early.
7. Coordinates with the General Chairman about printing the Syllabus.
8. Sounding the Round Dance Hall is the responsibility of the Round Dance Council. The bill for use of equipment is to be submitted to the Convention Treasurer within two weeks of the end of the convention.
9. Coordinates with the Round Dance Council President and General Chairman to schedule the hall and time for the RDCF meeting and any testing times.
10. Responsible for checking-in the Round Dance Cuers, Teachers, and Clinicians.

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN

1. Coordinates with the General Chairman and the Executive Committee on the wording and content

- of the registration form.
- 2. Coordinates with the Executive Committee to determine fees, prizes and incentives.
- 3. Establishes a secure manner to receive registrations via mail.
- 4. Recruits a person to act as assistant and a committee to staff the Registration Booth during the Convention.
- 5. Conveys all monies to the Treasurer for proper deposit and accounting.
- 6. Submits regular reports to the General Chairman on registration sales.
- 7. Coordinates with the Treasurer for security of monies and deposits during the Convention.
- 8. Mails ribbons, etc. to registrants.
- 9. Distributes registration forms and ribbons as instructed by the Executive Committee and the Publicity Chairman.

VENDOR CHAIRMAN

- 1. Prepares Vendor Contracts.
- 2. Recommends and establishes with the Executive Committee, booth rental fees.
- 3. Distributes contracts to Vendors attending the previous Convention. (see Convention Requirements/Procedures section for more information).
- 4. Assigns booths, with the assistance of the Vendors Assistant Chairman, in accordance with the Vendors Seniority List.
- 5. Make arrangements with the Facility for the requested tables, chairs, etc. at the proper locations.
- 6. Provide the General Chairman with the vendor names, and booth locations for inclusion in the printed Program.

PUBLICITY/PROMOTION CHAIRMAN

- 1. Provide monthly news releases to all State and Area Publications.
- 2. Send copies of Logo and Theme to each publication, in reproductive quality.
- 3. Prepare and distribute articles and promotional news releases.
- 4. Schedule promotional visitations to all local Square and Round Dance Clubs and to all Special Dances Statewide.
- 5. Add the Convention & Visitors Bureau Logo to promotional items.

SEWING CHAIRMAN (Optional)

- 1. Arrange for displays, hands-on sessions, and demonstrations during the Sewing Clinic hours.
- 2. Secure various machines and operators to show and demonstrate various sewing and related tasks.
- 3. Arrange prizes and handout items for those in attendance.

FASHION SHOW CHAIRMAN (Optional)

- 1. Design and present a costume during the designated General Convention Committee meeting, for acceptance as "The Convention Dress". The design (usually the simpler the better to encourage the making of the dress) and the availability of the material are very important.
- 2. Develop a plan and theme for the Fashion Show.
- 3. Recruit models and develop a program for the introductions to match the theme.
- 4. Submit the plans to the Publicity/Promotion Chairman for news releases and to the General Chairman for the printed program.

GRAND MARCH CHAIRMAN (Optional)

- 1. In a meeting with the Executive Committee, design a plan for the Grand March.
- 2. Be sure to follow the outline put forth in the Convention Requirements/Procedures.
- 3. Arrange for a color guard and a presentation of National Anthem.
- 4. Submit the final plans for inclusion in the printed program.
- 5. Coordinate your plans with the Entertainment Chairman who will be the emcee during the Grand

March.

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN (Optional)

1. Arrange with the Grand March Chairman for the emcee for the Grand March.
2. Arrange for exhibitions throughout the Convention.
3. Arrange with the General Chairman for an after party on Saturday night.

PRINTED PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

1. Gather information to be included in the program from all Chairmen.
2. Arrange and request the General Chairman's approval of the information as it will appear in the printed program.
3. Appoint additional personnel to sell advertisements for inclusion into the printed program book.
4. Obtain printing bids and submit for the General Chairman's approval.

FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

CONVENTION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held annually around the Memorial Day weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
2. The Convention shall be located within a hundred (100) mile radius of Interstate Highway 4 (I-4). This affords an approximate central location for dancers.
3. The Federation Secretary is responsible for the publication and distribution of these documents to the General Chairman, Caller Chairman, and Cuer Chairman.

CONVENTION PROCEDURES

1. The Federation President, with the approval of the Federation Board, shall appoint a Convention General Chairman three years prior to the scheduled Convention year. Said General Chairman may come from any area of Florida.
2. The General Chairman shall invite his Assistant General Chairman to all Federation meetings and all of the Vice Chairmen to the Working Weekend starting two years prior to their Convention.
3. Programming and Calling in Square Dance Halls is to be handled by the Florida Callers Association within the guidelines established by The Convention General Chairman and the Caller Chairman. The Guidelines shall include specific halls to be utilized, times available and level of dance in each. The Florida Callers Association has specific guidelines within their association to program Callers. The Florida Callers Association will be responsible for requesting availability of Callers and equipment. The Florida Callers will be paid for the sounding of the square dance halls, \$60 for each amplifier used and \$15 for each speaker used.
4. Programming, Cueing, and sounding of the Round Dance Halls is to be handled by the Round Dance Council of Florida within the guidelines established by the Convention General Chairman. The guidelines shall include specific halls to be utilized, times available and level of dance in each. The Round Dance Council of Florida will be responsible for requesting availability of cuers and equipment. The Cuers will be paid for the sounding of the Round Dance Halls, \$60 for each amplifier used and \$15 for each speaker used.
5. The General Chairman shall obtain approval of the Caller Chairman and the Round Dance Chairman of the Caller/Cuer printed program before it goes to the printers.
6. There may be two (2) Rounds between each "tip" in the Plus Dance Halls.
7. All introductions and announcements, other than the Callers and Cuers emceeding, shall be handled by the Convention General Chairman.
8. The Grand March shall be organized in the following order:
 - 1) The Florida Federation President
 - 2) The Florida Callers Association President
 - 3) The Round Dance Council of Florida President
 - 4) The Convention General Chairman
 - 5) Officers of The Florida Federation
 - 6) Officers of The Florida Callers Association
 - 7) Officers of The Round Dance Council of Florida
 - 8) Out of State Groups and International Dancers
9. Only advertising relating to The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention shall be made from the Caller/Cuer platform.
10. All contracts and insurance shall be in the name of "The ___th (annual number) Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. (Example: The 55th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.)
11. Dismantling or removal of Convention Decorations, Showcase displays or Vendor Booths can

only be done after 9:30 P.M. on the last day of the Convention.

FINANCES

1. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, The Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall underwrite all Florida State Conventions, acting through the Florida Federation
2. A General Fund, to total \$16,500.00, will be maintained in a special, separate line item within the Florida Federation for underwriting the expenses of the Convention. A maximum underwriting (seed money) of \$3,500.00 is advanced to each Convention, three (3) years in advance, in the form of a loan, repayable before the final report of said Convention is submitted. Should losses occur beyond the capabilities of this general fund, the losses shall be absorbed equally by the three sponsoring organizations.
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.
 - A. The net proceeds of the State Convention shall exceed \$7,500.00 and the contribution will not reduce the net proceeds to less than \$7,500.00.
 - B. The Hall Of Fame Committee shall provide the Treasurer of the State Convention with a financial statement at, or prior to, the Convention.
 - C. The web master shall provide the Treasurer of the State Convention with an invoice for the web hosting at, or prior to, the Convention
 - D. 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.
 - 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 \$13,000.00 after all expenses.

 - The Hall of Fame, reports a balance of \$750.00, therefore a contribution of \$750.00 is to be made to the Hall of Fame from the net proceeds which keeps their balance within \$1,500.00.
 - The Web Master reports an expense of \$144.00
 - \$13,000.00 Convention Proceeds divided by four (4) equals \$3,250.
 - 750.00 to Hall Of Fame divided by three (3) equals 250.00.
 - \$144.00 to the Web Master divided by three (3) equals \$48.00.

The total of these amounts to \$298.00.

 - Division of proceeds are as follows:

Florida Federation	\$3,250	less \$298.	equals	\$2,952.00.
Florida Callers	\$3,250	less \$298.	Equals	\$2,952.00.
Round Dance Council	\$3,250.	less \$298.	Equals	\$2,952.00.
Participating Associations	\$3,250.00	divided equally		\$3,250.00.

Participating Associations are defined as stated in The Standing Rules of The Florida Federation of Square Dancers Section 6.

For reference, Section 6 of the Standing Rules states:
The Area Associations referenced in Article II of the By-Laws are further defined as the Northwest, Northeast, Central, West Coast, and Southeast Associations.
4. All bills shall be submitted no later than 30 days following the Convention for which they were incurred.
5. The State Convention General Chairman shall make a financial final report and distribute one copy each as follows.

- A. Florida Federation of Square Dancers
 - B. Florida Callers Association
 - C. Round Dance Council of Florida
 - D. The General Chairman of the next two conventions
6. The State Convention General Chairman shall make a written report using the Convention report outline and distribute as follows.
- A. Florida Federation of Square Dancers
 - B. Florida Callers Association
 - C. Round Dance Council of Florida
 - D. The General Chairman of the next two Conventions
7. The State Convention General Chairman shall distribute all proceeds and make final reports as soon as possible after the Convention, but no later than the Fall meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. It is recommended that the Convention Financial Final Report be reviewed by an IRS Committee before official release. A cover letter for the division of proceeds shall be sent or delivered to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, The Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council of Florida, stating that the distribution is an expense of the current Convention and the accompanying check represents income to their organization.
8. Florida State Sales Tax must be paid on all spectator admissions, button sales, and fund raising sale items, i.e. Cook Book, White Elephant or Flea Market items, etc.
9. The convention General Chairman should, upon appointment, make immediate contact with The Florida Federation Chairman of the BMI/ASCAP committee for proper licenses with these agencies.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

1. The services of each of the Area Associations Publication/Newsletters shall be reimbursed in the amount of two hundred (\$200) dollars and Bow & Swing shall be reimbursed in the amount of three hundred (\$300) for providing published Convention information. These services should encompass such items as:
- A. Convention theme, used as often as possible in all yearly publications.
 - B. Convention news articles, as provided by the Convention Publicity Chairman (limit one page)
 - C. Inserting The Convention Registration Form into publications at least twice (2) yearly. These forms will be provided by the Convention Committee, and should be furnished in the sizes and folded or remain flat as requested by the Publication Editors.
 - D. Copies of each Publication/Newsletter should be sent to the Convention Committee as proof of participation. Within ten (10) days of the closing of the Convention, the Publication Editors will make a written request for the reimbursement from the Convention Committee Treasurer.

REGISTRATION FEES

1. All callers/partners and cuers/partners who are programmed and dancer committee members, as determined by the Convention Chairman, will be provided free admission to the State Convention. All other attendees shall pay.
2. Registration forms or correspondence provided with each registration form will contain the following statements:
- A. "Donations to the Florida Federation, The Florida Callers Association, The Round Dance Council of Florida, or their Convention are not tax deductible for income tax purposes".
 - B. "A dancer who is not an association member will be a provisional member of the Federation for the duration of the State Convention after the acceptance of the registration form. The application for registration signifies that the dancer will abide by the rules of the Convention, local regulations and laws".

Revised By-Laws Approved May, 2009
Federation Reorganization Committee:

Bruce & Colleen Morgan
Paul & Cheryl Miller
Ray & Elsa Huddleston
Don & Ann Slocum
Charlie & Val Newsome

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INCORPORATED

(Adopted as revised through May, 2009)

We the undersigned incorporators and founders, do hereby mutually agree to unite and assemble for the purpose of founding a body corporate not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and to that end do make, execute and adopt the following articles of incorporation to be known as the "Charter".

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc., a corporation not for profit, and its location shall be at 5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, FL. 32712.

ARTICLE II

The general nature and object of this corporation shall be as follows:

1. To promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by informing the general public of the moral and healthful recreational opportunities in square and round dancing.
2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.
3. To serve as clearinghouse for information among the unaffiliated dance groups and as an instrument of liaison with square dancers elsewhere in the world.
4. To bring about a spirit of cooperation among the callers, teachers and dancers of the State of Florida and elsewhere in the world.
5. To sponsor an annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention on Memorial Day weekend in cooperation with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

ARTICLE III

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission to membership shall be as follows:

All persons who hold membership in good standing in any of the regional associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida

Federation of Square Dancers shall be members of this Federation.

ARTICLE IV

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

Officers and organization:

1. The same as By Laws, Article IV, Section 1.
2. As long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one Federation meeting each calendar year, all Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall have the privilege of permanent delegates. An absence of more than one year, unless due to health reasons, will result in permanent loss of voting privilege.
3. The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. All of these officers shall retain their vote from their respective regional association.

4. A technical representative, to be named by the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall be invited to sit with the Board of Delegates. Such representatives shall not have voting privileges but shall serve advisory and liaison functions.
5. The President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall appoint one delegate to serve in a liaison capacity with the Florida Caller's Association and one delegate to serve as liaison with the Round Dance Council of Florida.
6. Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one vote.
Permanent delegates would have 1/2 vote per person. revised 6/01
7. Regular delegates shall be named by the regional affiliated organizations not later than October 15th of each year and shall hold office for a term of one year beginning with the annual meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. If, for personal reasons, the appointed delegate is unable to serve his full term, a successor shall be appointed by his regional President to fulfill the unexpired term until the next annual meeting of the Federation. Regular delegates may succeed themselves in office, but no person shall succeed himself as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.
8. When unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Delegates, a member shall notify the president of his regional association who shall name another dancer member in good standing to serve as alternate delegate for that meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of this Corporation shall be as follows:

1. Announcement of the time and place of meeting of the Board of Delegates shall be made in writing at least 30 days in advance to all delegates and representatives. Those Regular and Permanent Delegates in attendance at an officially announced regular or special meeting shall constitute a legal quorum.
2. Any person interested in square dance activities may attend the meetings of the Board of Delegates. They may address meetings of the Board of Delegates but may neither move that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers take a particular action nor vote on any such motion.
3. The annual meeting at which new officers shall be elected will be held between October 15 and the weekend prior to Thanksgiving on a date selected by the President.
4. On all matters not specifically covered by these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
5. A copy of the Federation minutes shall be provided to each member of the Board of Delegates, to the secretary of the Florida Caller's Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida at least 30 days prior to the next meeting.

ARTICLE VII

The Amount of indebtedness, which the corporation may incur at any time, is the sum of \$10,000. The corporation shall be financed as follows:

1. Each regional association shall pay to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers an initial fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$50.00. Payment of such monies shall be made on or before the annual meeting.
2. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall have the power to raise and disburse monies from such other sources and activities as may contribute to the purpose of this

organization.

3. In the event of dissolution of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, remaining funds after payment of outstanding debts shall be donated to a non profit public organization selected by the Board of Delegates.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to this Charter shall be by the following methods:

1. Amendments to these articles may be initiated by two-thirds vote of the Board of Delegates, or by petition of members, such petition to state exactly the proposed amendment and to be signed by 250 members in good standing. When an amendment is initiated by petition, such petition shall be submitted to the Board of Delegates, which body shall not debate the matter or take any action upon it, but shall cause the amendment so initiated to be forwarded to the regional associations for ratification.
2. Ratification shall be accomplished by unanimous vote of the regional dancers association affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.

ARTICLE IX

The Corporation shall adopt a seal with the words in the center circle: "Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.", and in the inner circle a "Corporate Seal".

The Corporate Seal of the corporation shall be kept in the custody of the Federation Secretary and shall be necessary to give validity to all contracts of the Corporation in accordance with the Constitution, and By-Laws of the same.

ARTICLE X

The names of the officers are submitted in the annual report to the State of Florida.

Articles of Incorporation Revised March, 2009

Revision Committee: Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall
Paul & Cheryl Miller
Ray & Elsa Huddleston

Articles of Incorporation Revised May, 2009

Reorganization Committee: Bruce & Colleen Morgan
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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

(Adopted as amended March, 2009)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation, not-for-profit, is the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Incorporated, organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and IRS Code Section 501 (c) 7, Social and Recreational Clubs, and shall be known as "the Corporation" in the Constitution. The office location shall be 5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, Fl. 32712

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- Section 1. To promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by informing the general public of the healthful and recreational opportunities in square and round dancing.
- Section 2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.
- Section 3. To serve as clearinghouse for information among the unaffiliated dance groups and as an instrument of liaison with square dancers elsewhere in the world.
- Section 4. To bring a spirit of cooperation among the callers, teachers and dancers elsewhere in the world.
- Section 5. To sponsor an annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention on Memorial Day weekend in coordination with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership and representatives will be defined or provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Privileges and Responsibilities

All members shall enjoy the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as defined in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Their Election

- Section 1. The Executive Board of the Corporation shall consist of the following officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Parliamentarian
- Section 2. The nomination and election of the Executive Board shall be as described in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.
- Section 3. Duties of the Executive Board shall be defined in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

Article VI
Organization and Voting

Organization and voting shall be as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Article VII
Meetings

Meeting shall be as provided for in the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Article VIII
Quorum

Section 1. The same as Articles of Incorporation, Article VI 1.

Section 2. The business of this Corporation shall be conducted in open meetings with the minutes recorded and made a part of the official records of the Corporation and distributed to each voting member as provided for in the By-Laws and the Standing Rules.

Article IX
By-Laws and Standing Rules

By-Laws and Standing Rules shall be written, approved, and published to further define the scope and purpose of this Corporation with duties, responsibilities, and obligations of members and officers.

Article X
Dissolution

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, after payment of all obligations, the remaining assets shall be distributed by the Executive Board as follows:

- a. To any recognized not-for-profit organization in any proportion deemed advisable.
- b. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any officer, delegate or employee of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended or changed by 2/3 vote of the Board of Delegates at any meeting provided the proposed changes have been submitted to the Board of Delegates at a prior meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution may also be amended or changed by a petition of members, such petition to state exactly the proposed amendment and to be signed by at least 250 members in good standing. When an amendment is initiated by petition, such petition shall be submitted to the Board of Delegates, which body shall not debate the matter or take any action on it, but shall cause the amendment to be forwarded to the regional associations for ratification. The petition must then be ratified by unanimous vote of the regional dancers associations affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

Revised Constitution Approved March, 2009

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