

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**  
**LaQuinta Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL**  
**Saturday, February 27, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order by Ray Huddleston
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Ray (Charlie Newsome was absent—Illness)
3. Invocation by Ken Brasfield
4. Roll Call -Bob Spence called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
5. Introduction of Visitors & Guests by Elsa Huddleston. They were:  
     the Taylors, the Galiks, the Minards, and Jennie Green
6. Minutes of November 1, 2009 Meeting were approved as written.
7. Treasurer's Report (moved to Sunday agenda).
8. Sunshine Report by Elsa Huddleston. Mentioned were: Charlie Newsome, Bernice Stovall, Ouida Taylor, and Dick Lysoby.
9. Correspondence: Elsa announced that a 'thank you' was received from the Millers.
10. Florida Caller Liaison by Charlie Pergrossi was read by Bob Spence.

**Florida Callers Association Report – Federation Meeting**  
**27 - 28 February 2010**

On behalf of the Florida Callers Association, I am unable to attend this Federation Working Weekend meeting due to other obligations but respectfully submit our report.

The FCA has finalized and approved the caller programming for 2010 State Convention and we can assure you a fantastic program in every hall. For this State Convention, the FCA has looked at several new ways to bring entertainment and variety to our dance program. Besides the regular dance programs in every hall from basic through advanced, this year we will have unique dances designed to earn special dangle badges. There will also be competitive dancing where dancers can square up with their very best corner to see who breaks down first, with the best square being crowned "Winner!"

Another venue the FCA is working on this year for the Convention is new ways to promote and help our new callers. A special hall has been designated for our new Green Badge members' use. No callers will be scheduled, but FCA Green Badge members that can round up a square will be able to use the hall to highlight their skills calling at a convention.

Has all of our Federation Delegates gotten their convention ribbons yet? Ask your caller if he/she is "Programmed" for this year. If they aren't, encourage them to join in and come with your club even if for some reason he/she can't call. If he/she is programmed, they'll have a "Hot Green" color ribbon that says "I'm Programmed" - - - so... don't be square ~ be there!!!

Remember... \* **SQUARE DANCING IS FUN** \*

Sincerely, *Charlie Pergrossi*  
 FCA Liaison

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11. Florida Cuer Liaison - Lisa Wall: Absent- No report.

12. Association Reports

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION  
FEDERATION REPORT - February 27, 2010

We are happy to report that the Southeast Association is still alive and well. Our Board has been very supportive and helpful to those of us who are the "new kids on the block" and for this, we are most grateful and appreciative!

Our December 13, 2009 "Cookie Toy" Dance was very successful. Dancers baked batches of cookies, donated many toys, games, etc. and the Christmas Spirit was in full bloom! As we've done in the past, SEA collected and donated the above items to "ChildNet," Broward County's abused, neglected, and abandoned children's network. We received a heart-warming thank you letter from their coordinator in January.

Backing up to November's beginning, we got lucky, when calling the Miami Herald Newspaper. We were able to get a reporter/photographer, who came to our "Jackpot Squares" birthday party celebration in Hollywood. Marion Boyd, our eldest dancer, was the guest of honor, as she celebrated her 99 years young special birthday party. The article, also, offered readers insight into how healthy our beloved square dancing can be. What's more aerobic, and FUN than square dancing?

On February 20, we're looking forward to our annual "Snowflake Frolic" fundraiser at the Castoff's hall in Boynton Beach. Carol & Bobie Hutcheson will be our past president Host and Hostess.

Our "Bumper Stickers" must have been a good idea as Scotty Sharrer, our caller/teacher, has been averaging about seven squares twice a week for his accelerated beginner workshops. We have been there helping as "angels" and WOW, are these new students enthusiastic!

Respectfully submitted,

Sally & George Galilk

**NORTHEAST FEDERATION REPORT**  
**February 27, 2010**

Our new officers in the Northeast are as follows:

President.....Sam & Mary Starling  
 Vice-president.....Roger & Linda Minard  
 Rec. Secretary.....Jack & Kathy McKinney  
 Corr. Secretary.....Walt & Dianne Syphard  
 Treasurer.....Jerry & Donna Robey  
 Immediate Past Pres.... Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel

We started off the New Year with a bang. Our first big dance in the Northeast was on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. It was a circus dance at the Silver Fox Squares where several people dressed as clowns. We raised \$3,226.00 for DREAMS COME TRUE. This is a local Jacksonville organization that was started by local businessmen to help critical and terminally ill children have their dreams come true. All money raised goes directly to the child. The organization is still funded by local businessmen. Callers were our own Ernie Rollen & Gary Murphy. The Rounds were by our own Lisa Wall. It was followed on the 30<sup>th</sup> with NEFSARDA 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance EVERYDAY IS A HOLIDAY WHEN YOU ARE DANCING. Callers were Bill Chestnut & Bobby Keefe, with Lisa Wall on Rounds. It was a great weekend & both dances were well attended.

In February, we had our Annual BLUE & GRAY DANCE at Round Tree Moore Toyota in Lake City. MC Bill Chestnut, with Jack Lewis as caller. Rounds by Lisa Wall. This dance was put on by the DIXIE DANCERS.

We will be having a fund raiser on March 7, 2010 to benefit the 2010 State Convention EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY WHEN YOU ARE DANCING. Bill Chestnut is the caller/coordinator. Lisa Wall will be cuer. The MOOSE PROMENADERS presents "Sundaes on Sunday"

We are looking forward to the graduations of our new dancers in April and May. Some of the clubs have already started new students by coming in early and letting the new dancer angel them.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sam & Mary Starling

**WEST COAST SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION**

The West Coast Association is still selling tv and visa raffle tickets, still collecting square dance clothing for sale on the Internet, and continuing our monthly (sometimes semi-monthly) association dances for the membership and public.

The scholarship committee will present our \$1000 scholarship to the recipient (Trevor Dunn) at the Sebring Dance at Sun 'N Lake Community Center on March 7, 2010. We hope with media coverage of this event and with further publicity the number

of applicants will increase and the amount of available monies will also increase. This is a work in progress.

There are two clubs in West Coast Association that are utilizing the internet's "face book". Seems like the Temple Twirlers and Bay Area Twirlers have initiated a 21st century method of communication. We are looking forward to updates.

Many West Coast Square & Round Dance Association members attended a seminar put on by the SunCoast Callers & Cuers Assoc.. They brought in a professional public relations person to address the audience. Her insights prompted the West Coast to establish a 'publicity committee' chaired by a caller with a make-up of West Coast members. They are presently gathering data on who to contact for all types of media.

The West Coast had a day of square dancing at the Florida State Fair. This has been a yearly event for the past couple of decades. Members dance and at one point invite the audience to dance with a square dancer to very easy instruction but fun calls.

REPORT PRESENTED ON MARCH 1, 2010 BY

Rita & Lance Baxter,

Presidents of the West Coast Square & Round Dance Association.

*After the West Coast report was read, Lance suggested that the Federation get involved and do something special with the Florida State Fair in Tampa.*

### Central Florida Association Report

#### February 2010

**We would like to start off with a few updates regarding the activities that have been taking place within the Central Florida area.**

**The CFA has been busy promoting the importance of membership in the Association and the benefits that are there for all square dancers. Even though we are not experiencing great numbers at our club dances. Most of our clubs have been actively dancing and seeing a partial increase in attendance since our many friends from the north have been visiting. Several clubs in the CFA have been able to have the benefit of National callers at their club dances or special dances which certainly does help to increase revenue.**

**Many of our CFA clubs were strong supports of the Central Florida Callers Association benefit dance for the "New Horizon Academy – School of Autism" that was held in the Villages. Approximately \$ 3500 was realized from this dance. All CFCA members donated their time for this dance.**

**Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Swing Committee met February 18 to finalize plans for this event. Once again it will be held at the LaHacienda Center in the Villages. We will be using three halls during the day on Saturday March 20. We are having a raffle on baskets/other items that are being donated by various clubs and**

**individuals. We are planning a full program that will include Round Dancing, Mainstream, Plus, Advance and workshops. We certainly look forward to another successful event starting with Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. Of course, we do have with us, flyers, ribbons and any other information if you would like to know more about the Shamrock. We hope to see many of you in attendance.**

**Unfortunately, our Keepin' Posted editors, Dick & Jeanne Lysobey are experiencing some health problems. We are trying to find someone to assist them.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bob & Jennie Courter, CFA Presidents**

### **Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association**

**February 27 & 28, 2010**

**The Northwest Association's 2009 ended with the terrific Toys-4-Tots Dance at the start of December followed by a great New Year's Eve dance.**

**January brought Fort Walton Beach a second place to dance on Monday nights. Callers Mirriam Merriwether and Chris Burchfield started the new club, Sand Spurs, averaging 2 to 3 squares every Monday night since the start and hope to have more in attendance as soon as they have their first Beginner's Blast Class . Speaking of classes Agape Squares had their half-way dance in February for their class of 2 squares. The Dancing Dolphins in Fort Walton Beach are working on their last year's class of Mainstream to the introduction of Plus, to get dancers comfortable dancing outside of their club. TNT Rounds in Pensacola continue offering round dance classes to interested dancers.**

**February featured the Sweetheart Swing in Fort Walton Beach, the Mardi Gras Dance in Panama City, a Fund Raiser for Ragon Hall in Pensacola and ended with the Annual Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance at Hobbs Middle School in Milton.**

**March and April will be just as full. On March 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Plus Blast Class in Fort Walton Beach, on March 13<sup>th</sup> a Benefit Dance for the 2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention featuring callers Chris Burchfield and Miriam Merriwether and Cuer Sandy Sturgis in Panama City, on March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> the Springtime Rounds will be hosted at Ragon Hall in Pensacola and April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Spring Fling at Ragon Hall.**

Join us for the Panama City Beach Ball on April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. New to Northwest is a Barn Dance on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Youngstown, FL The Barn Dance has become a quarterly event and dancers from all over Northwest Florida and even some from lower Alabama have come to attend this fun Saturday afternoon dance. Plans are made to host a 2011 Convention Fundraiser at PASARDA Hall, Callers Patty Ping & Mirriam Merriwether as well as Cuers; Sandy Sturgis & Terri Wilaby will be donating their time for this benefit.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller

**FASSRD**  
(Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers)  
February 27, 2010

The last meeting of FASSRD was held at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida on October 24, 2009 during our annual Single-Rama Dance. Then President Penny Green stated she could no longer continue in the office of President because of health reasons. Elections were held with the following have been elected: Mary Lou Pelz, remains as Treasurer, Ailene Picheco remains as Secretary, Penny Green did agreed to be Vice President/Advisor and Judy Frye, President.

The Single-Rama Dance this year was a big success to those of us who attended. We had Sam Dunn as caller with Lisa Wall doing the cueing honors. At our Friday night after-party we enjoyed all kinds of finger foods, square dancers do like to eat you know, and we just sat around in a circle to exchange stories, tell jokes and renew acquaintances. Then at Saturdays after-party there was more food and hilarious skits. If you have never seen Sam Dunn in a pink tutu----well you really missed something. He did a skit from the "Pirates of Pensence".

This year the 40<sup>th</sup> National Singles 2010 Dance-A-Rama is being held in Alexandria, Virginia and I, for one, am going. The theme is "Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nation's Capital". There is a great line up of callers including our own Skip Cleland from Central Florida. Many tours are being offered that sound fascinating and exciting including a River Cruise. Our Nationals are held over the Labor Day Week End, this year September 2-5. What is great about our Nationals, and the Florida State Single-Rama, is we always eat, sleep and dance all in the same location. Weather is never a factor.

Then on October 9 & 10 FASSRD is holding a "Flamingo Frolics" dance at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida. This dance is usually called "Single-Rama" but we are trying a new approach in hopes of gaining a better attendance. It seems that when you mention "Singles", people will immediately shy away. What you don't know is that we do have a several staunch supporters who are married or coupled who attend every year. Our dances are **ALWAYS OPEN** to anyone who would like to attend.

This year we have Ernie Rollen from Middleburg as our caller---you know "Elvis" from the State Convention, and our cuers are Dick and Darlene Chase from North Ft. Myers. They cued at the last Fall Fun Fest in Bartow. Both will give us two fine evenings of entertainment and fun workshops during the day on Saturday. The Kenilworth offers a nice continental breakfast and the other meals can be just a short walking distance away. So you can park your car on Friday and pick it up from the same spot on Sunday when you leave. Did I mention the Kenilworth has a great wooden dance floor????

I am passing packets of flyers for our Flamingo Frolics Dance to each of the Federation Board Members and several key people to help us get this dance information out to the square dancing public. Thanks for helping us out, it helps us to save on postage too. When your need more flyers you can contact me at either of my phone numbers or my email address.

Last December a benefit dance was held for our Penny who has ever mounting medical bills. It was held at the Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City and despite the difficult entrance road, there was a huge turn out of 19+ squares, netting many dollars to help her. Penny is going through some extremely difficult times right now, please keep her in your prayers and help her in any way possible. She is truly an advocate of square dancing, a hard worker and a great ambassador where ever she goes.

Submitted by:

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 President FASSRD          E-Mail: [judy98@netscape.com](mailto:judy98@netscape.com)

13. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame - Dick & Darleen Nordine (No Report—Illness.)  
 Dave Nihart reported at the end of the meeting, since there was 'no report', he has the money to pay for the plaques and the bills should come to him.

14.                                      **Florida Federation of Square Dancers**  
    **Working Weekend Meeting**  
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### **History Records Report**

The scanning of the area publications is completed. I received the last issues of Bow & Swing from Terri Wilaby, Sara Pergrossi and Bill Boyd. I now have all the Bow & Swings except for two of the four that were printed the first year. Plus there are a few pages of a couple of issues that are missing. The magazines that were provided to me were the personal copies of some dancer, caller or cuer. As you might know, sometimes people cut portions of the magazines out to use on flyers or just to keep. That is what

was done to these issues. If anybody has the June 1977 and January 1978 issue of Bow & Swing lying around please check to see if all the pages are there and, if so, please get them to me so that I can finish these two issues. I have all of the magazines that we have been able to locate scanned and on the web site. All that needs to be done now is the monthly and quarterly updates as the new issues of all active magazines are issued. The Grapevine and Panhandle Press send me their issues via e-mail. This makes putting them on the web very simple. The West Coast Dancer, Keepin' Posted and Bow & Swing are just sending me a paper copy of the magazine and I have to scan it in. This does not take a lot of time.

You'll notice a few tables in the back of the room that have a lot of stuff piled on them. This is what is remaining in the History Storage Room. These items are not really suitable for putting on the web site. We are offering the times to anyone that might like to keep them. If you are one of these people, please take what you want. It is a good idea to give the Convention History Books to the Chairman of that Convention. Colleen & I have taken the 2004 Convention Book. I know that Dave & Shirley Nihart have requested the book of their convention. If the chairman is not here I would appreciate it if someone from that Association would take the history book for the conventions that their Association chaired and see if the chairman would want it. The other items are available to anyone. What is not taken by the end of Sunday's meeting will be discarded.

Respectfully submitted  
Bruce Morgan

*After his report Bruce surrendered the padlock to the storage facility. The board had decided they did not need the storage space. Bruce included a rotation schedule for Federation Board changes.*

15. **Florida Federation of Square Dancers**  
**Working Weekend Meeting**  
**February 27, 2010**  
**LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Orlando, FL**

**Web Site Report**

The web site is running along fine. As I mentioned in my History report all the magazines that we have been able to located are now on the web.

There are more people using the calendar section. But they just seem to be from the Northwest. We have very few people from Central, Northeast, West Coast or the Southeast using the calendar. The calendar section is for special dances only. I do not list the weekly dances as that would take too much time and the file would be so long nobody would bother to read it. Northeast has their own calendar that shows all of their dances. However, they are missing those people that only visit the Federation Calendar. Unless it is listed on the Federation page also, they will not get the spur-of-the-moment visitor to a special dance from someone that might just be passing through the area and



would like to dance just for the one evening. The other areas are not listing most of their special dances at all. Some of them I find out by other means and I add them on my own. However, I will not actively look for them and automatically add them. That requires too much of my time.

The web is the best advertising tool we have for the travelers. We need to utilize it all we can. All you have to do is go to the calendar section and click on the link that says "Enter new dance to Calendar" and fill in the info in the e-mail message that will be generated. Once I get that e-mail, I will add the dance to the calendar. If you attach a flyer, or tell me where the flyer is already located on the web, I'll add the flyer also. I have, in the past couple of weeks received several notes from people asking why a certain dance is not on the flyer. Well, the answer is, "Nobody sent me the info." If I don't receive it I can't put it out there.

When the Federation first got started on the World Wide Web, we contracted with Tom Perry to create a web site for the Federation and 5 Associations. This was [www.floridadancing.com](http://www.floridadancing.com) and [www.floridadanceweb.com](http://www.floridadanceweb.com). That went along great for quite a while. When we decided we wanted more from the web site than Tom would provide for the price we were paying it was decided to create our own site. This new site was [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). This is the site we use today for all the Federation, the 5 Associations and a hosting site for all the clubs and businesses within the state of Florida that want to use it. As of today, we are hosting the Federation pages, the 5 Association's pages and the pages for 34 other clubs, callers, cuers and businesses. Tom Perry has kept the Florida Dance Web going in parallel ever since we started the new site. As you may or may not know, Tom Perry has been having some health problems and has recently announced that he has stopped updating the Florida Dance Web and will let it go when the domain name lease runs out in August. Since there are a lot of web sites throughout the web that have links to Tom's site. If we let the Florida Dance Web domain run out we will lose all those links and will have a hard time identifying where they are all located. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February I contacted Tom and asked him if he would transfer the domain names to the Federation so that we could maintain all three domain names. He stated that he would do so willingly and made it available for transfer. The same day I contacted the Federation Board and on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February I received confirmation from the board to go ahead with the transfer. The transfer itself is free but we have to purchase at least a 1 year extension for a cost of \$7.19. I suggested that we purchase extensions in order to get the 3 domain names expiration dates close together. The board agreed. On February 8<sup>th</sup> the transfer was completed and I redirected [www.floridadanceweb.com](http://www.floridadanceweb.com) and [www.floridadancing.com](http://www.floridadancing.com) to the same location as [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). Now no matter which address you type in you will arrive at the same location, the Florida Federation Official page. Another note since Tom has announce his retirement from web hosting, 4 additional clubs have contact me and moved their web site over to [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). I have hopes that all the remaining clubs that Tom created web sites for will migrate to our site. I guess I assumed too much when Tom posted the note out on the Florida Dance Web stating that he was no longer providing updates to web site. I assumed he meant all of the square dance web sites. I contacted Bill Boyd concerning the Bow & Swing and American Square Dance sites as I

didn't want Bill to lose his sites. Bill agreed to transfer both sites to the Federation site. When I contacted Tom, he got upset. It was not his intention to quite the Bow & Swing and American Square Dance sites along with all the others. He had planned on maintaining those. Since I had contacted Bill concerning the sites Tom got upset and took the sites down. I apologized to Tom and asked him to please turn the sites back on and he could keep the sites and that I was sorry about my incorrect assumption. He said that I could just take the sites and be done with it. I am truly sorry for the misunderstanding. I have since been trying to work with Randy Boyd to get Bow & Swing transferred over. Tom owns the American Square Dance site and says that it can be purchased on March 31<sup>st</sup>. That will mean the Bill will have lost the use of his web site for over 6 weeks. Plus I don't know how much it will cost for Bill to purchase the domain name for American Square Dance. The domain name does not expire until February 2011. So if Bill wants to keep the name he will have to purchase it. I regret all of this but it was just a misunderstanding.

Respectfully submitted  
Bruce Morgan

*15.a. Bruce Morgan shared his resignation from the square dance activity. He will complete his commitments, but a new person to oversee the Web Site is needed. Ray and Elsa thanked Bruce for his excellent work.*

16.

**USDA Report  
February 27 & 28, 2010**

**We have a celebrity in our midst. Why do we go to the USDA website or subscribe to the USDA Newsletter each quarter? So we can get real excited when one of our own Floridians, make the news and we can say we know them! Good job Jerry & Donna Robey on your success in approaching your goal in obtaining the 50 states USDA "USA Traveler Program".**

**We are pleased to announce the United Square Dancers of America now has a presence on Facebook. Just go to the website, [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) and click on the Facebook link to become a member. The following information was obtained from USDA's wall on Facebook.**

**The United Square Dancers of America National General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Louisville KY. This is an opportunity for members from across the country to learn more about what USDA is doing for Square Dancing and an opportunity for USDA to make decisions about how to better serve square dancing in the future. They will announce the winner of the USDA \$1,000 Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship at this meeting.**

**The Youth/Family after party will be hosted by USDA as part of the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cheryl & I continue to write USDA articles for each of the Florida Publications and we thank the editors for publishing them. We hope we are keeping our dancers informed with various selected articles from the USDA.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller**

**INSURANCE REPORT  
FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

We received Certificates of Insurance for the Southeast Association and one club. This was the first we became aware the Southeast Association enrolled for 2010. We have no record of who was enrolled and are unable to verify dancers should there be an accident. When I mailed their certificates I requested a copy of what they mailed to the USDA Chairman but have not received a reply. We also lost the five cents per dancer that supports our program.

We have received three club accident reports since January 1. Only one required a claim form which has not been returned at this time.

The Northeast Association has a new chairman, Linda Tester. She is doing a very good job. The West Coast Chairman, Don & Marianne Reason, have put in their resignation due to personal reasons. They were excellent and great to work with. Everyone needs to remind their clubs when new members join they are not insured until the club sends in the dancers name and the insurance fee. Students in the basic/mainstream class are only insured when the insurance company receives their name.

Randy & Carol Poole  
Florida Federation Insurance Chairman

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS					
INSURANCE REPORT February 27, 2010					
Beginning Balance		September 30, 2009			\$
<b>Income</b>					
	Central			\$	
	FASSARD			\$	
	Northeast			\$	
	Northwest			\$	
	Southeast			\$	
	West Coast			\$	
	Bank Adjustment			\$	

Total Income			\$	
<b>Expenses</b>				
	USDA Insurance		\$	
	West Coast Over Payment		\$	
Total Expense			\$	
Ending Balance	January 31, 2010			\$
As of February 14, 2010	C LUBS			DANCERS
	Central	15		687
	FASSARD	0		0
	Northeast	17		421
	Northwest	1&7		213
	Southeast	0		0
	West Coast	10		375
Total				1696
Submitted by Randy & Carol	oole			
Poole, CFA Insurance				
Chairman				
Federation Insurance Chairman				

**18. ASCAP/BMI - Report**

**We received a notice from BMI with the fee for 2010. Niharts have paid the bill, as the State Convention Treasurers.**

**Submitted by Bob and Maria Spence, February 25, 2010**

**ARTS Report – February 27, 2010**

**The Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance has undertaken the task of creating a web site dedicated to the promotion of square dancing, round dancing, and**

contra dancing, three forms of dance with a leader directing the dancers. Unlike most of the dance web sites in existence, this site will be designed for those who are not already actively engaged in these forms of dance. The idea is to provide a short video of each activity, presenting positive images and dispelling some of the old stereotypes. There will be descriptions of each activity and positive photographs. The site will extol the health and social benefits of dancing in general and each of the dance forms individually. If there is interest by the visitor to the site, there will be menus to direct them to contacts in their area.

The next ARTS Meeting will be held immediately following the 60th NSDC Pre-Convention in Detroit, MI. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

ALL dancers, callers, and cuers are invited to attend any ARTS meeting. The Board welcomes participation and additional input. The ARTS Members are working to help increase the number of dancers and the Board is always looking for new ideas to help this effort. Please consider attending a future meeting.

The ARTS administers a Grant Program to help dancer groups finance educational seminars or gatherings. For more information on this, or any other programs sponsored by ARTS, visit: [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org) The March 2010 ARTS meeting will be held immediately after the 60th NSDC Pre-Convention in Detroit, MI.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ailene Picheco*

20. Old Business

*State Convention Reports were moved from the Sunday agenda to Saturday agenda.*

State Convention Facility Report - Jim McConnaha

Florida Federation of  
Square & Round Dancers  
February 27, 2010  
Convention Facility Report

On Wednesday, 12-2- 2009, Assistant Facilities Chairman Don Slocum and I met with the Lakeland Center Director Mike LaPan to discuss future relations with the Lakeland Center.

This discussion centered on present and future contracts and pricing for state square dance conventions. After some time spent on the 2010 contract, it was decided that the Center, if approved by the Florida Federation, would agree to the following terms;

1. the contract now signed for the 2010 Convention would be cancelled
2. a new contract would be prepared along with contracts for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Conventions
3. these contracts would be based on the facility usage and total pricing (\$12,00.00) of the Center in 2009
4. the new total contract pricing would be as follows
  - A. 2010           \$12,000.00 plus \$500.00 Total \$12,500.00
  - B. 2011           \$12,500.00 plus \$750.00 Total \$13,250.00
  - C. 2012           \$13,250.00 plus \$750.00 Total \$14,000.00.

I informed Mr. LaPan that this would be brought up at the Federation Working Week End Meeting Feb 27 & 28, 2010. If approved at that time, Don and I would meet with representatives of the Lakeland Center to do the new contract for 2010. After that one is done, work could go forward to finalize the next two years.

Mr. LaPan was very aware of the problems caused by their increase in pricing and was most helpful in trying to arrive at a decision that would be beneficial to all concerned.

Jim McConnaha,  
Federation Facilities Chairman

*It was moved and seconded that we accept the agreement as discussed with the Lakeland Center and go forward with the three-year contract. Discussion followed and the motion was approved.*

## **STATE CONVENTION REPORT- 2010**

### **February 27, 2010**

The state convention is a little over 3 months away, and there are a million things to do. Remember this is the first all State Convention and I really need everyone's help. First I need you to ask everyone in your areas if they have their ribbons for the State Convention. If they don't have one, give them a State Convention form. If you have new dancers in your clubs, encourage them to go to their first State Convention and include them in your group. Please stay at the host hotel, The Imperial Swan Hotel. The rooms are \$53.75 a night plus tax. See Randy Poole for all the information. The after party will be held there, and you are all invited.

I need the Presidents of each Association to ask each club in their area to have two couples represent each club in the Grand March on Saturday. Send me an e-mail to let me know approximately how many people will be marching in the Grand March. Encourage everyone to wear all their different holiday outfits thru out the weekend.

I would be lying if I didn't say I was worried about the bills. We still have shirts for sale, along with buttons, angels and totes. I need everyone to push the raffle tickets for the TV to be given away on Sunday. Don't forget to get your ads and booster names for the program book. If you know of a company that is willing to sponsor the State Convention see Cheryl Miller. The Northeast is having one more fundraiser, "Sundaes on Sunday, the Sequel" will be held on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Moose Promenaders at the Moose Lodge in Jacksonville.

We have planned some different things in this convention to make it fun. On Saturday afternoon, we are gong to have Challenge dancing in the Plus Hall. This is not the Challenge level of square dancing, but squares challenging each other not to make mistakes. Get your square together, or make a square that day, and join in the fun. There will be 2 sessions and the winner from each session will participate in a dance off. Different callers will be the judges and if they see your square make a mistake you will be asked to sit down. If you have to sit down on the first round, you can get back up for the second round. On Friday night we will have a Singles Room. On Saturday and Sunday nights this room will be the Fun Room. This room will be all singing calls by the Callers. The Callers have said that they just love to perform and this will also give our newest Callers a chance to showcase their talents. There will be some good surprises in this room each night.

We are having trouble scheduling line dancing, New England Contra or Country Western. We only have one couple who will lead line dancing for 1 hour. We have been unable to locate the Country Western line dancers or the New England Contra. If you know anyone that would be willing to help in the afternoon with line dancing, country western or contra, please let me know ASAP!

Ailene Picheco has an idea for the color guard on Saturday night. We could use square dance veterans from different branches of the military to act as our color guard. You would just wear red, white and blue. I need some volunteers to act as the color guard.

We also need to see if we can borrow some Holiday decorations from some of the Associations. We especially need St. Patrick's Day decorations. If you would be willing to bring some decorations, please let me know.

I know I have forgotten something, but I'll probably think of it later. This Convention has not been without some very big challenges. It is our most heartfelt wish to provide a good, fun Convention. If I have forgotten to give you a personal "THANK YOU" let me tell you now. Hope to see you all at the FIRST ALL STATE CONVENTION.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bud & Anita Taylor**  
General Chairman

**57<sup>th</sup> Florida Square and Round Dance Convention**  
**Lakeland, FL**  
**May 27 – 29, 2011**

Date: February 27, 2010  
To: Florida Federation of Square Dancers  
From: Terri Little and Ailene Picheco  
Co-Chairmen of 57<sup>th</sup> Florida Square Dance Convention  
Subject: 57<sup>th</sup> Florida Square Dance Convention, 2011

- All of our major Chairmen positions have been filled for some time. Due to illness and personal reasons, we have had our Registration Chairman, Assistant Registration Chairman and Program Book Chairman resign in the last few months. Fortunately, we have had little trouble finding someone willing to step in.
- Our fund raising is going well. We have so much clothing that we've had to set up racks in 2 different homes. This evening we are having a recycle sale at the benefit dance at Whirl & Twirl. We have a bunch of clothing to drop off with Lorraine Walton for sale on e-bay. Thus far, these clothing sales have netted us over \$1000. We are selling raffle tickets for a \$500 pre-paid VISA card to be given away at the 2010 convention. We're hoping the dance tonight will be well attended and add to our coffers. The Fun Weekend, being held this year April 16-18, has always been a big hit and a good money-maker. Hopefully this year will be the same. The callers are Bob Stern, Roland Morin and Bill Chesnut. Dick and Darlene Nordine will be cuing.
- Our meeting at the Winter Fest was unconventional...I spoke to board members that I ran into between dancing and eating. I gathered a few and we visited our host hotel, the Imperial Swan, for a tour, negotiated the rate, and booked our block of rooms. We also priced shirts and bags with our logo and asked Susie Q to make us a sample badge using a pirate ship she had available. We will be ordering the badges, ribbons, shirts, bags and all the STUFF needed to get started promoting our convention in the next month or so. The plan is to have items available at the Fun Weekend.



- Our next "official" board meeting will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, around 2 p.m. The Caller Coordinators also plan to have a rehearsal of our kickoff, which I'm told will be something just short of organized chaos.

Respectfully submitted,

Captains Terri Little and Ailene Picheco  
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## **2012 CONVENTION REPORT**

### **FEDERATION MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

**Planning for the 2012 Convention is continuing. We have many of the Critical Positions filled; but we desperately need a Registration Chairman and a Way & Means Coordinator. The Registration position is not time consuming except at pre-registration in 2011 and the weekend of our convention in 2012. During the year between conventions very little has to be done. I hope someone will volunteer as I did for Anita. If there is someone that cannot dance or cannot dance a lot, they would be an ideal candidate. Cheryl Miller can give you the information about being a Ways & Means Coordinator. Cheryl had taken on this task for several years now but with her many obligations in square dancing she can no longer do this job. We still have a few other positions open and would ask anyone that would like to participate with us to please let us know your wishes.**

**In attempting to make our convention plan as simple as possible to duplicate in the future, we had originally planned to do away with the Theme. But, after doing pre-registration last year and having so many people come and ask "What is the Theme for next year?" we changed our mind and have come up with a theme. Besides we needed something simple for a kickoff and for use on the polo shirts, etc.**

**In keeping with our attempt to make things simple for the future, our hall signs have been designed and you will see them at this year's convention. They will be passed from convention to convention in an attempt to save money. If care is taken with the signs they should last for 5 or 6 years without having to be replaced. We also have the badge design we want but have not settled on a badge maker yet. These badges are designed to be passed from convention to convention also. The person's name will be on a hang-bar that can be removed and the main badge passed on. The only ones keeping their badge will be the Convention Chairman each year. Again this is being done to save money. These ideas are our own but have been**

discussed with some of the past and the existing convention chairmen and a couple of possible future chairmen for their thoughts and input.

We will be having our first fund raising project at the State Convention this year. We are going to hold a silent auction of Gift Baskets. It will be set up in the Main Hallway and be open for bidding from Friday Night to Sunday Evening. We will decide the closing times and announce them later and post it at the tables. We are asking the Associations and Clubs to donate a basket for this project. Please take this information back to your Associations and clubs and let them know we need their help. Let us know either by phone or email if you will be donating a basket so we know how to plan for tables. We will also accept baskets from individuals if you are so inclined. We will need the baskets at the convention center by 12 Noon on Friday to get the table set for the bidding.

Respectfully submitted,

Garland & Carole McKenzie

General Chairman

**Announcement:**

The nomination of the 2013 State Convention chairman of Paul & Cheryl Miller was announced and after short discussion they accepted the position. A short report follows:

Three years out and Cheryl started planning in 2008. We have a Treasurer, Dave Henn holding \$10.25 in cash, just waiting for Cheryl to find a fundraiser that will bring in the needed \$89.75 to open our account in the needed amount of \$100.00. *(I am worried that Cheryl is losing her touch! She only raised \$10.25 in the last 2 years!)* Our convention dates will be 5/24-26, 2013 We have a caller chair, Bob Poyner and our Convention Advisors, Garland & Carole McKenzie, so we are on our way to planning. Please feel free to volunteer for any committees.

Respectfully,

Paul & Cheryl Miller

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE 2010 STATE DRESS**

**Anita Taylor explained how her committee arrived at this suggested dress, and read aloud the description and exactly what fabric to use, etc. She shared drawings of the final product. Anita moved that we accept this dress as proposed. The motion was seconded and carried. She handed out samples of the material and discussion followed on the logos from past years. Elsa thanked Anita for a great job.**

**The best information is now online on the Federation website:**

**<http://floridasquaredance.com/new.html> This info will not be repeated here.**

### 21. New Business

Committee Assignments were read aloud with room numbers and all meetings were to convene at 1:30.

Next meeting will be Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the LaQuinta Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, Florida.

### 22. Adjourn 11:30 a.m.