

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**

Hampton Inn Oceanfront

Jacksonville, FL

Sunday November 19, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Dennis Taylor.
2. **Invocation** was performed by Walt Syphard.
3. **Guests attending:**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Vice President Ray Huddleston
5. **Roll Call:** There was a quorum with 27 Delegates attending the meeting.
6. **President’s Comments:** Guest attending Robin & Eric Burton, last evenings NE Association Fall Festival Dance Chairman and Florida Caller Bob Ormsbee. President Dennis Taylor announced that a NE delegates bar was found last night and must have fallen off someone’s badge. President Jack McKinney stated he would take it. Regarding badges; Convention Badges that name bars go on the bottom seem to not being used, is their anyone who would like them? The Convention 2019 took the Convention badges. President Dennis Taylor stated that he wanted he wanted to say the past 5 years went fast and it was interesting and fun. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and corporation.
7. **Minutes of March 26, 2017 Meetings: A motion was made to dispense with reading the minutes. Motion passed.** Motion was made by Elsa Huddleston, seconded by Don Slocum.
8. **Financial Report:** Financial Report will be filed for audit.

Florida Federation of Square  
Dancers

Financial Report  
11/19/2017

**Wells Fargo Savings Account:**

Beginning Balance 1/1/17  
Deposits (Interest) 1/1 – 10/31/17  
Ending Balance 10/31/17

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**Wells Fargo Convention Account:**

Beginning Balance 1/1/17  
Deposits 1/1 – 10/31/17  
3/1/2017 63rd FSSRDC Seed Money  
6/5/2017 Polk County Grant  
Total Deposits

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Withdraws 1/1 – 10/31/17

Check #1017 - Transfer  
Convention Profit to Operating  
Check #1018- 65th FSSRDC Seed Money  
Check #1019 63rd FSSRDC(Polk County)  
Total Disbursements

Ending Balance 10/31/17

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**Wells Fargo Checking Account:**

Beginning account 1/1 – 10/31/17

Deposits 1/1 – 10/31/17

1/26/2017 Go Daddy Web Service  
1/26/17 State Convention Fund  
Account-Transfer 62nd Profit  
4/4/17 E. Huddleston/Overpayment  
10/30/17 Southwest Association-Dues  
Interest Income 1/1-10/31/17

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Withdraws 1/1 – 10/31/17

Check #1012-Secretary Exp.-Cards  
Check #1013-Whirl & Twirl-Benefit Dance  
Check #1014-Secretary Exp. & Badges  
Check #1015-D.Taylor-President's Exp.  
Check #1016-void  
Check #1017-Atek Ind. Rack Cards  
Check #1018-D.Slocum - Postage  
Check #1019-D.Taylor- Annual Corp Report  
Check #1020-Welcome Center Brochure Slots  
Check #1021-D. Slocum- Shipping Welcome  
Cntr  
Check #1022-Bow & Swing  
Check #1023-L. Reid -Supplies For Showcase  
Check #1024-USDA Dues

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Total Disbursements

Ending Balance 10/31/17

**All Accounts:**

**Wells Fargo Savings Account:**

**Wells Fargo Convention Account:**

**Wells Fargo Checking Account:**

**Wells Fargo USDA Insurance**

**Total Accounts:**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Tester, Treasurer

**Report filed for Audit**

**9. Parliamentarian Report**

Terry and I would like to welcome everyone back from a hectic summer. Our summer began with a bang, or should I say crash. Living in Central Florida, we all know about the quality of drivers here. Well on Terry's last day of school, we got hit by a driver passing 5 cars on a double yellow line in torrential rain coming right at us. Terry's car was totaled but good news, the Showcase of Ideas was safe.

Once we got our bearings, we loaded up the car with the Showcase (and all supporting tubs) and the Federation business cards and headed North. Yes our 2017 Kia Soul was loaded!! With detours in Maine for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance, and Albany Magic in Albany, NY the Showcase arrived in Cincinnati. Terry and I got the display set up and were in business.

In Cincinnati, we had a great support staff of the Hoffmans, the Reids, and the Pooles. Everyone did their part to keep the oranges, alligators, and cards stocked. We had plenty of oranges and business cards. The alligators were a different story. They are HOT!! Everyone wants them and return frequently to get more. In the future, our suggestion is to bag the oranges and just get alligators.

Terry and I want to remind everyone that the Federation approved the purchase of the business cards to be used both at the Convention, and by the Associations. We have them with us and would encourage each Association to get a few boxes to bring back and make available.

Sincerely,  
Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby  
Parliamentarian

**10. Sunshine Report:** Vice President Elsa Huddleston reported that we sent Get Well Cards were sent to Don & Ann Slocum who had the flu, Florida Caller Jack Lewis who had hip replacement surgery, Bill Reid who had a lung replacement surgery, Nancy Taylor who suffered a fall, Florida Crier Phyllis Kent who was injured in an automobile accident and is currently

still in rehab. Sympathy cards were sent to Linda Saunders for the passing of John Saunders, Penny & Jenny Green for the passing of Penny's daughter and Jenny's sister and Susie Moon for the passing of her husband. Ray Huddleston thanked everyone for the cards he received during his illness.

- 11. Correspondence:** President Dennis Taylor stated he received a Thank you card addressed to the Florida Federation from the 2017 Convention Chairman Ray & Elsa Huddleston for the "March of the Penguin" picture set given to them at the State Convention in acknowledgement of their work on the 2017 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.
- 12. Florida Callers Assn. Liaison-**Bob Ormsbee reported that in October a Callers Clinic was held by Tom Miller, all the Callers learned something. Bill Chesnut is working on the upcoming 2018 Florida State Convention caller programing.
- 13. Round Dance Council of Florida Liaison-**Susan Snider reported we are doing great, we held our Round Dance weekend in Panama City, it was good to have it in a different location. We had a good turn out and a great time. The 2018 State Convention Round Dance program is done and on it's way to Bruce for the insertion in the convention program book.
- 14. Florida Square Dance Campers Liaison-no report**
- 15. Association Reports**

### **Central Association**

CFA has new board members that took office effective October 1, 2017. They are as follows:

Terri Little, President  
Randy & Carol Poole, Vice President  
Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurer  
Sheila Reid, Secretary  
Ailene Picheco, Area Vice President  
Terri Little, Membership Vice President

Congratulations to Dennis and Nancy Taylor (CFA dancers) for surviving their 5-year stint on the Federation Board. They have done a terrific job and can now step down and relax a bit. By the way, Nancy had a bit of a fall a few months back and is recovering from several broken bones. She's not dancing yet, but is getting better all the time. It was good to see them at the dance this weekend. Most of you know Bill Reid. He and his wife, Linda, daughter, Sheila and granddaughter, Shannon, have been dancing for about 5 years. Bill and Linda have been CFA alternate delegates to the Federation and were the USDA representatives for the State of Florida. He recently (1 month ago) underwent double-lung transplant surgery in Gainesville. His recovery is amazing and we hope to see him on the dance floor soon...as soon as his doctor's allow, that is!

CFA's next big thing is the Party Weekend on April 20-22, 2018. As in past years, it will be held at Deerhaven Retreat in Paisley. We're including the pool this year so bring your bathing suits! The pool will be open from 1-4 pm on Saturday. I've also heard rumors that we may have some Intro to Advanced sessions as well! Join us if you can...it's always a fun, relaxing weekend with good dancing and LOTS of good food! (This is CFA's fund raiser for the 2019 Florida Convention...we need your support!)

CFA also has several clubs that are holding Toys 4 Tots dances and New Year's Eve dances during the holiday season. Be sure to check the events calendar on the Federation website for details.

Terri Little, President, CFA

### **Northeast Association**

Our Association met in October and new Officers for 2018 were elected and installed. They are:

President – Jack and Kathy McKinney

VP – Jane Johnson

Recording Secy – Wayne & Debbie Miller

Corresponding Secy – Chuck & Mary Giera

Treasurer – Patrick & Joan Amarino

This Fall has been filled with wonderful association dances by the Northwest Association, the camping clubs Camporee, the West Coast Association, and our own Northeast Association. Until you have been Fall Festival Chairmen...you do not realize the appreciation of your support for this dance. For the Northeast Association, it is our only revenue. We want to extend a HUGE SHOUT OUT to Erik and Robin Burton for making such a FUN WEEKEND for us! THANK YOU! We hope all the Federation Delegates enjoyed it as much as we did!!

At the Northeast Association Fall Festival we presented an award to our Dance Couple of the Year, Chuck & Mary Giera! They are so well deserving! They are our Association Corresponding Secretary for the third year, they handled the clothing drive for a fund raiser for Dreams Come True. They raised more money than any other individual. Believe me, it was a TON OF WORK!!! At the same time they took over the Northeast's Grapevine Magazine. They worked with Bruce Morgan to put our magazine online! It was a huge task just creating distribution lists! Thank you Chuck and Mary, you are so deserving!

Speaking of the Grapevine, we now have new Grapevine Editors, Jim Maroldo and Laura Martin. They have taken over from the Giera's and have put their own spin on it! It just keeps getting better and better!! They have not been involved with the "workings" of the Square Dance Association and Federation, therefore they realize what NEEDS to be published! Some of us oldtimers...assume new dancers know what we are doing....wrong! It is this freshness that they bring to our magazine. They also publish a huge volume of flyers, dance schedules and other information. Being that the Grapevine is now online, take a look at it on the Northeast page on the Federation website. You will be very impressed as we are! Jim and Laura make us PROUD!

In closing, I am going to do what everyone else is doing.....encouraging you all to support and attend the State Convention. We have a brand new freshness to our convention too! New first time chairmen, new location, and new ideas! We in the northeast have had a lot of enthusiasm for the Blast Class! Students and new Graduates are looking forward. And I can NOT wait to win that Google Home, so I can say, "Google, have Jack take me out for dinner at my favorite restaurant"!

**Submitted by, Jack & Kathy McKinney**

### **Northwest Association**

Northwest Florida has been busy since the state convention in March. We had a great delegation and had lots of fun dancing. We had about 20 from NW go to the TN state convention in Gatlinberg.

We had most clubs starting classes in August or September with some delays due to the Hurricanes.

October 27-28 is NWFSRDA Roundup and we had a 104 registered. Our callers were Darryl McMillan, Larry Belcher and Curer's Terri and Tim Wilaby. November dances are an ARC benefit dance in Panama City at Grand Square Hall and NEFSARDA Fall Fest in Jacksonville in which there will be plenty of dancers.

Our Benefit dance for the 64<sup>th</sup> square dance convention is December 2, at PASADRA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach, Fl. December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Toys for tots benefit to collect toys in Ragon Hall in Pensacola, Fl. The Capital Twirlers in Tallahassee are having their Annual Holiday Dinner & Dance on Monday December 11, 2017 so be sure and see them if you are in town. December 8<sup>th</sup> is a benefit dance Toys for Tots at Ragon Hall in Pensacola, Fl. The January shine Dance at Ragon Hall in Pensacola, Fl. is January 20<sup>th</sup>. As you can see we have a lot going on as we all continue to square dance into 2018.

We pray you all have a wonderful thanksgiving and Christmas.

Brian and Barbara McDonald Presidents of NWFSRDA

### **Southeast Association**

We held our Membership Dance and Ice Cream Social, along with the election of officers, on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Next up is our Toy and Cookie dance to which dancers bring toys and gifts for ChildNet – an organization that provides support for abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Jack Lewis will be the host caller and Zail Greenbain the host cuer.

The Snowflake Frolic, Saturday evening, January 27<sup>th</sup>, will be a fund raiser for both the Southeast and the 2018 Convention. Scotty Sharrer and Jack Lewis will be the host callers; Zail Greenbain the host cuer.

We thank both the Briny Breezes club for hosting our dances, which are held in the Briny auditorium, and the Briny Board of Directors for their continued support.

We are planning three New Year's celebrations in the Southeast. A Pre-New Year's Eve dance with Scotty Sharrer and Joanne Helton will be held Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Boynton Beach Community Center. Jack Lewis and the Briny Breezes Square Dance Club are having a New Year's Eve dance at Briny. Mike Doughty, Gil Mattson, Scotty Sharrer, and the Ryalls will be celebrating New Year's Eve in Fort Pierce at the River Walk Center.

Thanks to Cheryl Dodes, the Southeast now has a Facebook page. It will feature info about upcoming dances, flyers, pictures from various dances, and videos. We're still working out all the details. Hopefully, we can use it as a "recruiting" tool, as well. Bob Dodes has posted square dance photos on a very active community site with the hopes of drumming up more interest in our upcoming classes. Scotty and the Happy Squares will have beginning classes starting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. Classes at Briny with Jack Lewis will

begin on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Chris Phillips will also be starting a new beginner's class in January in Wilton Manors.

As many of you may know, cuer Phyllis Kent recently was in a terrible automobile accident. She is continuing to make great progress, has had the last of her surgeries, and soon will be moving to a rehabilitation facility in Fort Lauderdale. She has certainly been cheered by the many cards she has received from her square dance friends.

Finally, the Briny Breezes Square Dance Club will be having a special dance sometime during its coming season to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> year of dancing at Briny.

Steve Adler  
President, SEA

## **West Coast Association**

November is here. Time for turkey, Christmas shopping and dancing. Snow birds are gradually returning from the North. This process will continue over the next few months. Clubs are finalizing their upcoming class schedules, recruiting dancers, and prepping for the new season of 'dancing in the West Coast'. It doesn't get any better. The West Coast is the premier region to square dance in the state of Florida. We have the best halls, the best callers, and the best dancers!

The West Coast has more Advanced callers and more Advanced dances than any other region. We have multiple callers doing C1 and C2 lessons/workshops weekly. We have regularly scheduled C1 dances. Yes, it doesn't get any better!

Most clubs lessons start anytime from November to January. The WCSRDA just purchased 50 yard signs and have made them available to West Coast clubs so they can promote new dancer training. It's interesting to note that we have put the word out that these signs were available, free of charge. Even at that, the response has been minimal. Go figure....

For new dancers, most clubs have gone to the condensed Callerlab First 50 to get new dancers on the floor as soon as possible. There are Advanced lessons given throughout the region at varying days and times. The same holds true for C1 lessons and workshops. There are fewer locations offering C2 lessons. We have many locations offering Round dance lessons at all levels as well. From Squares to Rounds, whatever your level, it is easy to find a lesson to suit your ability in the West Coast.

November is a fun month in the West Coast. It is the month of our annual Association dance, the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow. We'd like to thank everyone here that attended. We know you had a great time. For those that didn't attend, shame on you. This is always a great event as we have a weekend of fun dancing in two halls. We bring in a National caller, a Florida caller, and a Florida cuer. We dance Mainstream/Plus with Rounds in one hall, and Advanced in the other. The dancing is fun and the workshops are even better. This year we had Don Moger, from Montreal, Canada, Bob Stern, from Florida, and the Griffins from the West Coast of Florida. In 2018, Terry and I will serve as Fall Fun Fest Chairman. We have Ted Lizzotte from New Hampshire, Ron Libby from Florida as callers, and our cuer is Susan Snider from Jacksonville. Ted Lizzotte and Ron Libby are exceptional Advanced callers, so again, mark your calendars now for 2018.

On a sad note, the West coast lost Russ Collier since my last report. Russ was a long time cuer in the West Coast. He was a great cuer, but more importantly, a great man. He will be dearly missed.

Our 2017 - 2018 Association Member dance schedule is in full swing. Admission to these dances is included in your West Coast membership.

There's always a lot going on in the West Coast. We are the premier region in Florida to square dance. I encourage everyone to give us a try. From Strawberry Square, to Lake Ashton, to Lakeland, or all the way down the Gulf Coast, you will find a club and get to meet a lot of fun people. Whether you are a new dancer or a veteran, there is no doubt the West Coast is the place to be. The callers, facilities and dancers make the West Coast what it is today. For Square Dancing in Florida, you gotta go West!!

Sincerely,  
Ed Drexel, President, WCSRDA

## 16. Publications Reports

### Bow & Swing

Grapevine (The)-no report

### Keepin' Posted

Printed copies are mailed to the Central Florida Clubs so they can display it for their members.

Copies are Emailed to Members. For those who don't have email, a printed copy is mailed.

Many Members still prefer a printed copy.

Copies are also Emailed to the Florida Association Presidents, the Federation Board, and to various publications and other organizations.

I would like to receive more club articles, pictures and other information from the clubs throughout the Central Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ailene Picheco, Editor/Publisher

**Panhandle Press-no report**

**West Coast Dancer-no report**

## 17. Convention Reports



### 2017 STATE CONVENTION REPORT

This is our time for very special thank yous!

We were extremely fortunate to have had experienced committee chairmen. They knew what to do and did it! **We can't thank each and every one of our committee chairmen enough for such outstanding work!** We also say a very special thank you to Don and Ann Slocum for the



tremendous help they gave us. They never said “no” to any of our requests. Their advice and support was always positive and encouraging. And of course we must remember George Knapp for his wonderful logo!! We also want to thank all the many people who were not committee chairmen, but who worked on various projects and volunteered their time without recognition in order to help make the convention such a success! And Thank You, Judy Anderson, for brainstorming with me to come up with a slogan!

We consider the 2017 convention to have been a tremendous success! Even though we were thrown a curve ball by the date change, it turned out to be a very positive outcome.

Ray and I received several stuffed penguins and other theme-related items in the first month from supportive dancers. However, the very first gift we received in the mail will always be special – an acrylic enclosure of penguins jumping into the sea! We appreciate the thoughtfulness and show of support from all our fellow volunteers and dancers!

We had a net profit of \$21,498.44. At this time we are presenting each association with a check in the amount of \$879.66 along with a hard copy of the Final Report. This report is on line for anyone to review.

Our penguin friends have plodded on now, but the happiness they brought as we “DANCED TO THE BEAT WITH HAPPY FEET will remain a pleasant memory. Maybe we will all smile with fond remembrance whenever we see a stuffed penguin.

Ray & Elsa Huddleston, 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention General Chairmen

Bye Bye!



## **2018 STATE CONVENTION REPORT**

### **Daytona Beach February 23-24, 2018**

The Magic of Dance will Enchant You.

In order to get the most dancers to the convention we are ensuring that all levels of dance are available for our dancers. Last year, with many snow birds present, the level of dance was higher than years past. We have added a blast class for novice dancers and students, with room for 6 squares. We have added 10 hours of challenge dance to the program. There is room for 6 squares in this room. We have planned 6 dangle dances, maybe 7 if good weather and we can do a sand flea dance. We will have people sign up for dangle dances because the room is only large enough for 6 squares. We will repeat the dangles on Friday, Saturday. Also new, in the evening we will be opening the wall for more space for advanced squares. The largest room will be plus and rounds. The two next largest rooms will be Rounds. All rooms will have wood floors.

**Facilities** - Daytona Beach summary of remaining issues.

We still have to give the Ocean Center a Floor Plan. This means coordinating with Callers on sounding. Also, any chairs and tables in the atrium for sitting come with a cost. I will talk to Whirl and Twirl and see if they will bring their chairs and tables. This will have no cost. We also need to get with Larry and discuss the vendor spaces. There is a lot of room in the atrium so this should not be a problem. Lewis and I have reserved rooms for Bob Bahrs' crew. Flooring will be a cost of 1288.76. Insurance for the event is still an issue because of the need to use the

loading dock for decorations and bringing in the flooring. Carol Poole is working on this for us. Another extra cost is water. Each dancer may bring in two bottles of water each. Or we could set up water 50 dollars a refill by the convention. I don't remember if there is a water fountain, and I am not sure if the concession will be open.

**Hotels and RV** are filling fast. The Homewood suite is full. The Hilton is full or almost full. Additional RV sites have been reserved. We have added 30 rooms at the Fairfield Inn.

**Fundraisers**-The polos were a hit. We just ordered some more and still have to distribute the polo's. We will be ordering 16 more T-shirts. Some people need sizes we do not have. They told us we can mix and match and still get the discount. So if you need a size tell me. If we have one in that size we will get it to you. If not get the money and they will be delivered end of December or beginning of January. We still have a number of T-shirts in the smaller sizes. We still have a lot of mugs. These make nice Christmas gifts.

Given the items we still have to sell, we did not order bags. I think with the shortened year it was too many items to push. I think that Ed may want to use the bags as a new item.

Raffle tickets are selling. Not making a lot of money but did not lose any money on the Google Home, and the quilt is all profit.

**ADs** We need help selling ads in Daytona. The home wood suite and Fairfield inn said they would each put an ad in the program book. Letters have been sent and Lewis and I contacted a few places in Daytona. We need to go back out and work on the ads. Help would be appreciated. Ailene will put together the program book in January.

**Schedule**-Bill Chestnut is still working the schedule. We will have festival dancing in Ballroom A for one hour. Then Ballroom A will become the round dance room for the rest of the convention. The main large room will be open Friday afternoon. At 10 AM plus, advanced, rounds, mainstream will be available. Blast class starts at 9 AM. Challenge and fun hall open at 1 PM. Friday.

Saturday evening the fun hall and blast class close after the afternoon session.

Friday evening invocation, awards, grand march. Saturday evening kick off for 2019. Except for 50-50 tickets after Friday night, Ed may start to promote 2019 convention.

**Decorations**- Picture of all our Dragons and Fairies etc. brought to meeting so decoration committee can see what they want to use.

**After party**- We have made enough money for a reasonable amount of money to be spent.

Ideas from other conventions. Tennessee has wood boards they tape together with expensive tape. This should be discussed. Also going to a hotel and guaranteeing a number of rooms. Allowing out of state callers to sign up. Tennessee has a big recycle sale.

Jobs still needed. Help with dangle dances. Registration. Grand March. 50-50 tickets to be sold.

**Registration** to date is 443

Trail End Dance The Trail End will be held at the Nova Community Center Feb 22, 2017. The hall rental is for 8 hours, so we are adding a round dance teach and pizza dinner to the schedule.

8 dollars for the dance per person and 7 for the piazza. Drinks and snack need to come from the associations. Details are in the current newsletter.

Lewis & Linda Wasserman, 64<sup>th</sup> Convention General Chairman



## 2019 65<sup>th</sup> FSSDC REPORT

Here we are, less than 2 months from our Benefit dance and a little over 3 months before our official Kick Off... Woa !!! Time flies when you are having fun!!

We have made tremendous progress in putting together our All Star team!! We still have a few slots available. Remember, this is the convention you all want to be part of!! It's gonna be huge!! Just ask me!!

In putting together our All Star team, we want to thank those that have stepped up!! This group is great at what they do and we need their help.

### **We want to thank :**

Keith Stevens/ Rod Barngrover – Co-Caller Chair (a Technical Wizard and Mr High Energy)

Terri Wilaby - Cuer Chair

Don/Ann Slocum – Treasurer

Carol Poole – Registration

Randy Poole – Housing

Jack Hoffman/ Randy Poole – 50/50

Cheryl Miller - Ways and Means

Ailene Picheco – Program Book

Kathy McKinney – Ads

Terri Little and Sheila Reid - After Party

Suzy Moon – Publicity

Rita and Lance Baxter – Vendors

Jeff and Diane Hissong - Line Dance

George Knapp - Logo Design

We have worked with George Knapp and our logo is ready to go.

**GIFT BASKETS!!**

We want to give a special shout out to Cheryl Miller for stepping up to be Ways and Means Chairman. Cheryl has put together our flyer for the January 13, 2018 Benefit Dance at Whirl and Twirl. Our callers for that event will be Keith Stevens and Rod Barngrover. Our cuer, thanks to Susan Snider will be Earle Collins. Mark your calendars now but most of all, bring money!!

Terry and I would also like to thank Carol and Randy Poole and the Central Association. Recently at the Daytona Beach Ball we talked to Carol and Randy about the Deerhaven weekend. They gave us the OK to plan whatever activities we would like. I have talked to both Keith and Rod and they are all in for whatever we would like. Susan is getting us a cuer. It is our plan to have workshop sessions Saturday and a dance Saturday evening. If scheduling allows, we would ideally like a dance Friday evening as well. In other words, turn this into a Square dance weekend!! Party hearty on Party Weekend. Mark your calendars now and again of course, bring money!!

We want the 2019 Convention to be high energy, loud and fast!! We want dancers at all levels to have fun. We foresee our convention appealing to both the technical end and high energy end of the spectrum, as well as newer dancers with fun activities sprinkled in .Our theme reflects this. At Daytona, we're 4 miles from the center of racing where they go 200 miles an hour. Our theme is " GREEN FLAG DANCING FROM DAYTONA" with a lead in of "START YOUR ENGINES FOR HIGH ENERGY FUN!"

As we get into the detail, there are a few things I think we need to consider. The conventions before 2018, did not have a \$10,000+ charge for flooring. For example, Lewis received \$5,000 from the 2017 Convention. He has already told me that that will not happen this year. In effect, we will have \$5,000 less funds with the same prohibitive cost for flooring. I think as a Federation we need to rethink this process. Carpeting is a way of life. At the Tennessee State Convention, I spoke to Jerry Biggerstaff about flooring. He was instrumental in the Tennessee purchase of wood for flooring. He put me on to R.G. Pratt who had also been in touch with Lewis. Basically Tennessee purchased 4x8 boards. They are stored at the Gatlinburg Convention Center, put down by the Convention Center and taped by the Tennessee Federation. The cost Mr. Pratt gave me was \$17.69 per board. Of course there are additional costs and questions that need to be answered. I think rather than rule out the purchase of flooring because there are questions, I think we as a Federation need to put a Committee together to research and come up with a recommendation. After the 2018 Convention, we will have spent more than \$10,000 on flooring and have nothing to show for it. I think that is the wrong answer, but I feel strongly we need to ask the question.

As I said, the 2019 Convention kick off is are about 3 1/2 months away and we have a lot to learn. We need your help to be successful. That said, there is one thing for sure. The 65<sup>th</sup> FSSDC in February 2019 will be the PLACE TO BE!!! It's gonna be huge! Mark your calendars now!! Oh, and yes, bring money!!

Sincerely, Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby, 2019 General Chairman

*President Dennis Taylor appointed Ed Drexel as Committee Chairman to look into flooring. Requested that the Florida Callers and the Round Dance Council provide a representative to this committee. Don Slocum agreed to serve on this committee. The committee will report back after the 2018 State Convention.*

**2020**

## **66<sup>th</sup> FSSDC REPORT**

Date: November 19, 2017  
To: Florida Federation of Square Dancers  
From: The Firm – Little, Miller, Reid, Green & Reid  
Co-Chairmen of 66<sup>th</sup> Florida Square Dance Convention  
Subject: 66<sup>th</sup> Florida Square Dance Convention, 2020  
The Co-Chairmen met yesterday morning. Highlights of our meeting:

- Our 2 biggest blank spaces in our planning are Location and Dates. We spoke with Don Slocum yesterday and he indicated that he will get with Lakeland for input from them

and after the 2018 convention, we'll have more data from Daytona. A decision will be made regarding location and dates at that time.

- One of our biggest concerns is fundraising. We have a short timeframe (2 years from now) and much money to raise. Our first fundraising opportunity doesn't occur until the dance at the Working Weekend in 2019 (a year from now!). Once the 2019 convention is over, our fundraising can begin in earnest. We will need much support from the entire state in this respect.
- We have many openings in our board from as vital as Secretary and Ways and Means to as fun as 50/50, decorations and after party. We would welcome any volunteers! Because there are 5 of us, we have split the Board into 5 groups and each of us is acting as a Point of Contact to one of the groups.
- Our slogan is "2020 – Power to See the Future", but we will still be known as "The Firm". Shannon has agreed to utilize her computer skills to finalize our rough logo design.
- We have combed the internet and local fabric stores for suitable fabric for our outfit design, but have not yet made a final decision.
- We have submitted our requests for approval for our Caller and Cues Chairmen. The Cues Association has approved our choice of Susan Snider. We are confident that our Caller choice, Bob Poyner, will also be approved.
- We are submitting our request for seed money to the Federation now and hope to get our checking account opened shortly after we receive that check. Our Treasurer, Jack & Barbara Hoffman, intend to locate a suitable bank, preferably one that has no service fees!

Respectfully submitted,

**THE FIRM**

Terri Little, Cheryl Miller, Sheila Reid, Jenny Green and Shannon Reid, 2020 General Chairman

## **2021**

### **67<sup>th</sup> FSSDC REPORT**

President Dennis Taylor appointed Richard & Carol Douget as the General Chairman

#### **Facilities**

As we approach our first year in a new venue for the F.S. Sq. Dance Convention the only bump has been the time to install the wood floor. There were varying times given but finally fixed. Our contract with the Ocean Center is for 6AM to Midnight. It is now agreed, we can start at 5:00 AM on Friday and finish at 2AM Sunday morning to accommodate the flooring install and removal.

We will need to be given the room and vendor floor layouts by Dec 31, 2017 as they must be submitted to the Fire Marshall for approval.

We look forward to working with the Ocean Center for the Convention.

At the Federation meeting after our 2018 Convention, the future beyond 2019 will need to be discussed and decided on, to be able to arrange the future contracts.

Respectfully Submitted: Don & Ann Slocum, Facilities Chairmen

## 18. Florida Hall of Fame

At the last Federation Meeting there was a question about how the Hall of Fame was organized. I will go over it for you now. This information is also on the website.

The Hall of Fame was organized to honor **dancers, callers, cuers, publishers, teachers, organizers, promoters and/or vendors** for their contributions made to the dance activity *statewide*.

The Hall of Fame became a reality due to the work of Chet & Julia Vetter, Mori & Phyllis Sogolo, Art & Martha Springer and Marty & Birdie Martin.

The first inductees were made May 19, 1983 at the state convention. The square dance hall at Strawberry Square became the permanent home of the Hall of Fame at a Grand Opening dance held on December 4, 1983.

At the State Convention, new members are presented with a small plaque to keep and a larger plaque is installed at Strawberry Squares Hall for public viewing.

As of the 2017 State Convention, 90 inductees have been installed in the Florida Hall of Fame. These inductees consist of dancers, callers, cuers, publishers and vendors. Some have qualified in two categories.

Display cases for past presidents of the Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers, the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida have been provided by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Each of the five area associations have a plaque displaying persons from their area who have been honored as person or couple of the year.

An additional plaque lists the State Convention General Chairman and Caller Chairman & Cuer Chairman for each of the State Conventions.

The Hall of Fame is financed through funds derived from State Conventions.

The three sponsoring associations, Florida Federation, Callers Association and Round Dance Council, each contribute one-third (1/3) of expenses.

The **Selection Committee** is a group of dancers, callers & cuers from every area of the state and both sexes are represented. These are known only to the Hall of Fame Committee and not to each other.

Members of the Selection Committee must have been active in the Florida dance activity for at least 10 years, have visited & danced in a number of areas within the state and be knowledgeable of what is going on.

Voting is done in secret by sending resumes (with no names) & ballots to each voting member; ballots are completed & returned to the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman without revealing the name & address of the voter. The ballots are then opened in the presence of a quorum of the Hall

of Fame Committee.

The **Hall of Fame Committee** is composed of dancers, callers and cuers. The term on this committee shall be for a period of five years. When each rotates off, a new couple or person will be asked to replace them. Dancers will be replaced by dancers, callers by callers and cuers by cuers.

Respectfully submitted, Ailene Picheco

## 19. History

Nothing earthshattering to report. Pictures are being sent to Bruce Morgan to put on the website as I get them. I haven't received many since our last meeting. Today's installation pictures will be sent when the meeting is over.

Pictures can be sent to me at [islandmom74@att.net](mailto:islandmom74@att.net) or directly to Bruce at [brucemorgan@embarqmail.com](mailto:brucemorgan@embarqmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Little

## 20. USDA Report-no report

President Dennis Taylor reported that Bill & Linda Reid are unable to continue in this position due to health reasons. We need to fill their position. They were responsible for setting up the USDA display of information and pamphlets at our State Convention and association dances. Anyone who is interested please see me or a Federation Board Member.

## 21. USDA Insurance

### FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS Insurance Report November 19, 2017

Beginning Balance February 28, 2017

#### Income

Central  
Northeast  
Northwest  
Southeast  
West Coast

Total Income

#### Expenses

USDA Insurance  
Carol Poole Postage

Total Expense

**Ending Balance** October 31, 2017

As of October 31, 2017		CLUBS	DANCERS
	Central	13	458
	Northeast	10	316
	Northwest	1&8	251
	Southeast	1	79
	West Coast	8	260
Total	2 Associations	39 Clubs	1364
Insured for 2018			
	Southeast Association		57
	West Coast	1	10
Total	1 Associaton	1 Club	67

Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole  
Federation Insurance Chairman

Our figures for this same time last year and most likely the final for this year are 100 less dancers and four less clubs. We took over this job once again ten years ago and being the curious person I am, I looked up my first report for the March working weekend. We had insured 54 clubs and two associations and had 2,245 dancers insured. Wow. We are losing about 100 dancers a year.

Some good news the rate remained the same this year as last year \$4.75. The Southeast Association has already sent in their renewal and one club from the West Coast. This is a very good start.

There were six accidents reports mailed in this year. Four claim forms were mailed out and two were returned and forwarded to USDA. One is still deciding whether to send one in. One dancer was not a member of an insured club. I did send that dancer a letter to verify the dancer wasn't insured in a club in another state. The remaining two dancers were not injured. It is very important to send in the accident reports even if they don't appear injured. The record is needed if something shows up at a later date.

I am happy to report the Northwest Association has a new insurance chairman, Alec Schmidt. He is taking over for Tom Hancock who has been their chairman for many, many years. In fact, the Northwest has had only two insurance chairmen since 1984. Joe Vaccari and Tom. We appreciate his years of service and welcome Alec to the position.

Randy & Carol Poole, Insurance Chairman

## 22. ASCAP/BMI – no report

## 23. ARTS-no report

## 24. Old Business



**a. Convention Procedures Review Committee-**Anita Taylor stated we have no report as this time as everything keeps changing.

**b. Standing Rules Document Revision / Federation Document Review**

The Florida Federation Document Review Committee has completed its review of the documents. If you remember we approved the Standing Rules at the March 2017 Federation Meeting. With the uncertainty of the future format of the Federation's meeting schedule and other matters that were being worked out, we were unable to rewrite most of the documents in a manner that will not cause them to be rewritten each and every year. Well, we are still not to a point where everything is finalized but we need to get the documents updated so we are presenting the changes that we have so far. Another committee can be formed if further changes need to be made at a later date.

The following corrections were also found and will need to be made so the two (2) documents will agree. The following changes were not reflected in the revisions of the Articles of Incorporations & By-Laws sent out for review:

Articles of Incorporation-Article V; Section 7;

**Regular delegates shall be named by the regional affiliated organizations not later than December 1st of each year (instead of sixty (60) days prior to the working weekend).**

By-Laws-Article IV; Section 6;

**Regular delegates shall be named by each area association not later than December 1st of each year (instead of December 15<sup>th</sup>).**

Please note: The changes are outlined in the graphics below. The **RED** areas are what are being changed. Those with the **underline** are being added and those with the **strike-through** are being deleted. **(ALL DOCUMENT WITH REVISIONS ARE ATTACHED AT THE BACK OF THE MINUTES FOR YOUR REFERENCE).**

Most of the changes are punctuation and capitalization. But there are others that are more important. In all documents the location of the corporation is being changed from Dewey & Donna Hendrick's home to Dennis & Nancy Taylor's home. Dennis & Nancy have graciously agreed to allow the Federation to use their address of the home of record for as long as they are still active in the corporation.

I will not go through all the changes to the documents here in the written report. They are being shown in the graphics below. I will detail them during the actual meeting.

**See Attachment provided:**

1. Articles of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Incorporated
2. By-Laws
3. Constitution of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

***The Bylaws have one additional change that is of importance that must be covered. During the last Federation meeting that was held at the State Convention in February Don Slocum made a motion concerning spending authorization of the board that was approved. That motion was as follows.***

Executive Board Spending Authority: Don Slocum stated that there is a little concern regarding the distance between our now current scheduled Federation meetings and the possible delay in handling financial expenditures.

Is there any authority for the President and the Executive Board to authorize the spending of a certain amount of money for the benefit of expenditures on behalf of the Federation of Square Dancers? President Taylor stated now there is not.

Don Slocum made the following motion: That the Federation President be authorized up to a \$100.00; and the Executive Board be authorized up to \$500.00 to act on the behalf of the Federation to ensure that necessary expenditure can be met between meetings. Motion passed.

*We needed to incorporate this into the documents. So we added it to the Bylaws Section XII, Funds of the Corporation, Section b. This is noted in the Bylaws presented here.*

*Since the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws are the only 2 documents that we are presenting that can be approved during this board meeting I would like to make the following motion..*

***I move that ALL of the changes noted in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws presented be approved and adopted effective today, November 19, 2017. Motion was seconded by Jack Hoffman. Motion passed.***

*Now for the changes in the Constitution which cannot be approved today. They have to be voted upon and approved at a meeting after they have previously been presented at a prior meeting. So they will be voted on during the Working Weekend meeting in January.*

The Constitution, as presented (attachment), will be voted on during the February Meeting after the State Convention in Daytona Beach.

Except for this final vote in February this concludes the business of this Document Review Committee  
Bruce Morgan, Chairman of the Document Review Committee

**d. Financial Audit Report-**Jack Hoffman reported that a Financial Audit was performed with Linda Tester, Don Slocum & Ed Drexel present. We found a \$.20 error and has been corrected.

**e. Extra Mile Award Due Date -** December 1, to the Federation Chairman.

#### **f. USDA Tax Status**

The USDA has decided to move forward on the IRS 501c3 Group Exemption. Now that Florida has revised our documents we will need to get them recorded as fast as possible. The last item of business the Florida Federation will have to do to meet the USDA guidelines for the 501c3 Group Exemption is to change our current Fiscal Year End to a Calendar Year End with the IRS.

*I would like to make the following motion: Effective January 1, 2018 that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers change our tax year end from November 30 (currently fiscal year end) to December 31 (calendar year end) to meet the USDA 501c3 Group Exemption requirement. Ann Slocum seconded motion. Motion passed.*

#### **24. New Business**

**a. Appointment of Nominating Committee:** Kathy & Jack McKinney report that Terri Little's resume and recommendation for the position of Parliamentarian on the Federation Executive Board was received from the Central Association. No floor nominations were made.

**b. The new Executive Board members were installed into office.**

**Additional New Business:**

#### **25. Announcements:**

**Next meeting:** Working Weekend January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. Quality Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando. Due to the renovations to the Quality Inn the hotel has offered a \$79.00 + tax per night phone number 407-645-5600. \*\*Benefit Dance to be held for the 65<sup>th</sup> FSSRDC at the Whirl & Twirl, Saturday, January 13, 2018.

## **26. Adjourn**

Prepared & submitted by,  
Cheryl Miller, Federation Secretary

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
of  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INCORPORATED**

AMENDED ~~February 28, 2015~~  
November 19, 2017

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

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc., a ~~not-for-profit~~ corporation ~~not for profit~~, and its location shall be at ~~5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, FL 32712~~ 2215 Carib Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

**ARTICLE II**

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

1. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by educating the general public of the healthful and recreational opportunities in square and round dancing. ~~-This includes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.~~
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, Inc. 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~~ Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1.
2. As long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one (1) Federation

meeting each calendar year, all Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall have the privilege of permanent delegates. An absence of more than one (1) 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, Inc. shall appoint one (1) delegate to serve in a liaison capacity with the Florida ~~Caller's Callers~~ Association and one (1) delegate to serve as liaison with the Round Dance Council of Florida.
6. Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one (1) vote. Permanent delegates would have one half (1/2) vote per person.
7. Regular delegates shall be named by the regional affiliated organizations not later than ~~December 15 of sixty (60) days prior to the working weekend~~ each year and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning with the ~~annual meeting~~working weekend of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. 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, Inc.
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~~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 thirty (30) days in advance to all delegates and representatives. Those ~~Regular regular~~ and ~~Permanent permanent Delegates-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, Inc. 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<sup>th</sup> 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 Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting.



#### ARTICLE VII

The ~~Amount~~ 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, Inc. 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, Inc. 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. Upon majority vote of the Board of Directors to dissolve the ~~Corperation~~ corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the ~~Corperation~~ corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the ~~Corperation~~ corporation exclusively for the benefit of the ~~Corperation~~ corporation to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to this Charter shall be by the following methods:

1. Amendments to these articles may be initiated by two-thirds (2/3) 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, Inc.

#### ARTICLE IX

The ~~Corperation~~ 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 ~~Corperation~~ corporation in accordance with the Constitution and ~~By-Laws~~ Bylaws of the same.

#### ARTICLE X

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

Revised Articles of Incorporation    Approved May 29, 2011  
Revision Committee:                    Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
    Don & Ann Slocum

Revised Articles of Incorporation    Approved February 28, 2015  
Revision Committee:                    Ray & Elsa Huddleston

Bruce & Colleen Morgan

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Revised Constitution Approved November 19, 2017 -  
Revision Committee: Bruce & Colleen Morgan -  
Penny Green, Steve Adler & Judy Anderson -

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**BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INC.**  
AMENDED ~~February 28, 2015~~ November 19, 2017

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**ARTICLE II**

Members

All persons who holds a membership in good standing in any of the area associations in the State of Florida affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall be members.

**ARTICLE III**

Term of Corporation

The term of this corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV**

Board of Delegates

**Section 1.** The area Associations affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall provide a maximum of five (5) couple representatives (one of which should be the ~~Association association President-president~~ and one of which will be the elected officer on the Executive Board). They will serve as the regular delegates. Two (2) additional couples shall be named as alternate delegates. The term "couple" includes two (2) single persons.

**Section 2.** All ~~Past-past Presidents-presidents~~ of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall become permanent delegates as long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one (1) Federation meeting per year. Any absence of more than one (1) year, unless due to health reasons, will result in the loss of their voting privilege and they shall be placed on the inactive list.

**Section 3.** Delegates at ~~Large-large~~ shall be:

- Chairman of the History, Education, Public Awareness & Preservation (HEPP) Committee
- Chairman of the Insurance Committee
- Chairman of the Present Florida State Convention ~~Chairman~~
- Manager of the Square Dance Hall of Fame
- ~~President of the Florida Association of Single Square Dancers~~
- Convention Facilities Chairman
- Convention Facilities Vice Chairman



President, or their designated representative, of the ~~Area~~area  
~~Associations~~associations not seated on the Florida Federation of  
Square Dancers, Inc. Board

ARTS Representative

USDA Representatives

**Section 4.** The ~~Delegates~~delegates established by Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall be known collectively as the Board of Delegates.

**Section 5.** To avoid conflict of interest, no caller, cuer or vendor shall be eligible to serve as a ~~Regular~~regular, ~~Permanent~~permanent, or ~~At-Large~~large ~~Delegate~~delegate to the Federation.

**Section 6.** Regular delegates shall be named by each ~~Area~~area ~~Association~~association not later than December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning with the working weekend meeting. If, for personal reasons, an appointed delegate is unable to serve a full term, or is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Delegates, the ~~President~~president of that area association shall appoint an alternate delegate to serve as required.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Voting

**Section 1.** Regular delegates will have one (1) vote per person.

**Section 2.** Permanent delegates will have one-half (½) vote per person.

**Section 3.** Delegates at ~~Large~~large shall be eligible to vote only on issues which come under their respective committee responsibilities (i.e., History, Insurance, State Convention, etc.). They will have one (1) vote per person.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Elections

**Section 1.** The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a governing body of officers that shall be known as the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The President shall appoint a nominating committee prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall present a slate of officers at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall request approval for the Parliamentarian, and if applicable, any other open position from the Executive Board of the nominee's ~~Association~~association.

**Section 3.** At the annual meeting each year, the first item of old business shall be the report of the nominating committee, and after which there will be a call for nominations from the floor for each office: ~~{~~President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian~~}~~.

**Section 4.** The President will cause an election to be held for each office, and the candidate receiving the majority of votes for the office will be elected.

**Section 5.** At the conclusion of the election process the new officers will be installed by a person appointed by the outgoing President.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Executive Board

**Section 1.** The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. All of these officers shall retain their vote in the Federation.

- Section 2.** Each office shall be held by an elected couple or by a single individual.
- Section 3.** No more than two (2) ~~elected couples~~positions of the Executive Board shall be from the same ~~Area-area Association~~association.
- Section 4.** It shall be the duty of the other Executive Board members to keep the President informed of activities and/or problems in the association and recommend persons who would qualify to serve on committees.
- Section 5.** An officer who has served more than one-half (1/2) of a term shall be considered as serving a full term.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Duties of Officers

The duties of each Executive Board member shall be outlined in the Standing Rules.

## ARTICLE IX

### Meetings

- Section 1.** Procedures
- a. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall be operated on a representative basis and parliamentary procedures will be followed at all meetings.
  - b. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority that shall prevail at all meetings except such rules as may be adopted, modified or changed by the ~~Corporation~~corporation.
- Section 2.** Schedule
- a. Announcement of times and places of regular meetings of the Board of Delegates shall be made in writing ~~to all delegates and representatives,~~ at least thirty (30) days in advance ~~of the planned meeting, to all delegates and representatives.~~
  - b. Special meetings of the Board of Delegates may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board, provided there is such business that requires their immediate attention and cannot be delayed until the next regular meeting. Announcements of the time and place of a special meeting should be given with as much advanced notice as possible.
  - c. Any person interested in square dancing activities may attend the meetings of the Board of Delegates. They may address the meetings of the Board of Delegates but may neither move that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc take a particular action nor vote on any such motion.
  - d. The annual meeting, at which new officers shall be elected, will be held between October 15<sup>th</sup> ~~and the weekend prior to Thanksgiving, on a date selected by the President.~~
  - e. The first regular meeting of the Federation each calendar year shall be a "Working Weekend." The weekend shall be devoted to developing plans and programs for the year, including a Federation ~~Budget~~budget and resolving problems, in addition to routine business. The working weekend will be ~~the last weekend in February,~~ at a location, date and time set by the Federation Vice President ~~for each out year~~

subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Vice President will work with the out-year state convention chairman in coordinating a Saturday night dance to benefit the out-year state convention.

#### ARTICLE X

##### Vested Rights

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall be a not-for-profit incorporated entity, and no member, association or individual delegate shall have any vested interest in any funds, property, or assets of the ~~Corporation~~corporation, nor shall any funds or assets of the ~~Corporation~~corporation be allowed to accrue to the benefit of any member, association or individual unless they are authorized by the lawful activities of the Federation. No funds of the ~~Corporation~~corporation will be expended for any purpose other than the furtherance of the stated purpose of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### Personal Liability

No officer or member of the Executive Board shall receive a salary. The elected officers of the ~~Corporation~~corporation shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incident to the handling of the affairs of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. upon the approval of the majority of the Board of Delegates.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### Funds of the Corporation

**Section 1.** Funds shall be maintained in the name of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

- a. The depository in which the account(s) is/are maintained shall be insured by the ~~Federation~~Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC).
- b. All funds shall be deposited in such account(s).
- c. One (1) or more accounts may be opened in one (1) or more depositories as designated by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The funds of the ~~Corporation~~corporation shall be used and expended under the direction of the Executive Board with the approval of the Board of Delegates.

- a. The Executive Board shall, from time to time, authorize signatures for withdrawal of funds of the Corporation. Funds may be withdrawn on the signature of the person or persons so designated.
- b. The president shall be authorized to expend a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the Executive Board shall be authorized to expend a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to ensure that all financial responsibilities are kept current
- ~~b.c.~~ The Executive Board may require that all persons authorized to sign be bonded.



### ARTICLE XIII

#### Ratification

All organizations applying for affiliation in the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall be deemed to have ratified by a majority vote of their members, the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and policies of this ~~Corporation~~corporation, and by the application, such organizations agree to be bound and governed by the terms and conditions thereof.

### ARTICLE XIV

#### Committees

**Section 1.** Standing Committees

- a. Shall be established as required.
- b. Name and purpose shall be recorded in the Standing Rules.

**Section 2.** Special Committees

- a. Appointed by the President
- b. Approved by the Executive Board.

**Section 3.** All committee reports shall be made a part of the minutes of the ~~Corporation~~corporation.

- a. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

### ARTICLE XV

#### Official Documents

**Section 1.** The official documents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall consist of the following:

- a. Articles of Incorporation
- b. Constitution
- c. By-Laws
- d. Standing Rules
- e. Minutes of all meetings of the ~~Corporation~~corporation.

**Section 2.** These aforementioned ~~papers~~documents— shall become the official ~~papers~~ documents of the Federation and shall be passed on to the succeeding delegates or ~~Board board~~ Membersmembers.

### ARTICLE XVI

#### Corporation Indebtedness

**Section 1.** The corporation shall not exceed a total indebtedness of \$10,000.

**Section 2.** The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. shall have the power to raise and disburse monies from any legal source or activity as required to further the purposes of this organization.

### ARTICLE XVII

#### Seal

The ~~Corporation~~corporation has adopted a seal with the words in the center circle: "Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc." and in the inner circle a Corporate Seal of the ~~Corporation~~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, By-Laws and Standing Rules.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

##### Contingency Fund

A contingency fund to sponsor the annual Florida State Convention shall be maintained by the Florida Federation Treasurer as a separate line item. The fund shall be reimbursed annually from the net proceeds of the ~~State-state Convention-convention~~ prior to the division of the proceeds. In case the convention has a loss and cannot repay the seed money, all three (3) organizations: ~~Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc., Florida Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida;~~ shall repay the loss equally.

#### ARTICLE XIX

##### Permanent Delegate Reinstatement

Permanent delegates who have ~~lose-lost~~ their voting rights due to ~~in-activity~~inactivity may be reinstated to full membership in the Federation by accomplishing the following:

- a. Become active square dancers.
- b. Support square dancing activities.
- c. Request in writing to the Federation Executive Board a desire to be reinstated to the Board of Delegates.

#### ARTICLE XX

##### Dissolution

Upon majority vote of the Board of Directors to dissolve the ~~Corporation~~corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the ~~Corporation~~corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the ~~Corporation~~corporation exclusively for the benefit of the ~~Corporation~~corporation to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the directors shall determine.

#### ARTICLE XXI

##### Affiliation

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc. is an ~~Affiliate~~affiliate of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. (USDA) and agrees to abide ~~to-by~~ the USDA Bylaws and Standing Rules and further agrees to subscribe to the *United Square Dancers of America Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct*.

#### ARTICLE XXII

##### Amendments

**Section 1.** ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws may be adopted, amended or rescinded without previous notice, by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Delegates.

**Section 2.** A ~~By-Law~~Bylaw continues in full force until it is rescinded.

Revised ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws Approved November 20, 2011  
Revision Committee: Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
Don & Ann Slocum

Revised ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws Approved February 28, 2015  
Revision Committee: Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Revised Bylaws Approved Noember 19, 2017  
Revision Committee: Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
Penny Green, Steve Adler & Judy Anderson

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS, INC.**  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED ~~MAY JANUARY 2413, 2015~~2018

**ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of this not-for-profit corporation, ~~not for profit,~~ is the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, ~~Incorporated Inc.,~~ organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and IRS Code Section 501 (C)7, Social and Recreational Clubs, and shall be known as "~~the~~The Corporation" in the Constitution. The office location shall be ~~5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, FL 32712~~15 Carib Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

**ARTICLE II**

Purpose

The purpose of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- Section 1. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to promote the extension of square and round dancing in the State of Florida by educating the general public of the healthful and recreational opportunities in square and round dancing. This includes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2. To encourage the formation of square and round dance clubs.
- Section 3. To serve as a 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~~Bylaws 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~~Bylaws 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~~Bylaws and the Standing Rules.

Section 3. Duties of the Executive Board shall be defined in the ~~By Laws~~Bylaws and the Standing Rules.

**Article VI**

Organization and Voting

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

**Article VII**

Meetings

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

**Article IX**

~~By Laws~~Bylaws and Standing Rules

~~By Laws~~Bylaws 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**

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~~ Such petition ~~to~~ shall 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-all~~ regional associations for ratification. The petition must then be ratified by unanimous vote of ~~the-all~~ regional dancers associations affiliated with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Inc.

Revised Constitution Approved March, 2009

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

Revised Constitution Revised May, 2009

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

Amended Constitution Reprinted February 26, 2011 (Title conformity and font change only)

Revision Committee: Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
Don & Ann Slocum

Revised Constitution Approved May 24, 2015

Revision Committee: Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Revised Constitution Approved January 13, 2018

Revision Committee: Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Penny Green

Steve Adler

Judy Anderson