

**Florida Federation of Square Dance  
Strawberry Square  
Plant City, Fl.  
Saturday May 21, 2022**

I need a volunteer to take the minutes this week end. Ann & Cal are in Hawaii attending a graduation.

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**Pledge of Allegiance (Terri Little)**

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## New Dancer Handbook (Penny Green)

### New Business

Nominating Committee

Standing Committees:

Finance: Terri Little chairperson

Public Awareness & Publicity: Penny Green

State Convention Procedures: Keith & Angie Olds

Square Dancer Preservation, Education: Aileen Picheco

SquareDancer Insurance: Carole Poole

Showcase of Ideas: Eric & Robin Burton

### Announcements:

We will be breaking for our special groups. Chairperson please prepare a report for our meeting in the morning and email a copy to the secretary of the weekend. I hope to see all at the dance tonight. Our next meeting will be tomorrow morning at 9 am.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
Working Weekend  
Strawberry Square, Plant City, FL  
Saturday, May 21, 2022

Call to Order

Terry Wetherby called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Walt Syphard offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Terri Little lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Terri Little called the roll and stated that we do have a quorum. Penny Green introduced new delegates from West Coast, Craig and Margaret Ann Brown. There were no guests present.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Terry Wetherby asked for the minutes from our meeting held on November 7, 2021, to be approved. At the last meeting (March 20, 2022) this detail was overlooked. **Penny Green moved that the November 7, 2021, minutes be approved as corrected. Bruce Morgan seconded. The motion carried.** Terry Wetherby then asked for any corrections to the minutes from March 20, 2022. The Insurance Financial report had some missing information. Mary Lee Van Valkenburg's name was misspelled. In the paragraph about the Round Dance Council, Pat Hilton's name was incomplete. Scotty Sharrer's name was misspelled. The National Camper's Jamboree is in Rockville, not Pikesville. **Linda Tester made a motion to accept the March 20, 2022, minutes as corrected. Barbara Hoffman seconded. The motion carried.**

Correspondence

Terry Wetherby reported that we were contacted by USDA for delegates for national. She asked for anyone who is planning on going to the National convention to attend the USDA meeting. Randy and Carol Poolc plan to attend the USDA meeting. She also received a letter from the National Convention regarding Showcase shipments, which does not apply to us (our Showcase is transported to the Convention via personal vehicle).

Financial Report

Terri Little reported that since she misplaced the Financial Report at the last meeting (March 20, 2022), this time's report will reflect all activity from November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022. The Financial Report in its entirety is on the next page. The report will be filed for audit.

**Florida Federation Treasurer's Report**  
**May 21, 2022**

BEGINNING BALANCES AS OF 11/01/2021			
Wells Fargo Conventlon			\$12,377.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking			\$19,310.35
Wells Fargo Savings			\$12,876.33
Insurance			\$2,886.60
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 4/30/2022			\$47,450.80
Convention Checking Account ...2033			
Beginning Balance (11/1/2021)			\$12,377.52
Receipts			
4/4/2022	67th FSDC		\$4,250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$4,250.00
Disbursements			
3/20/2022	68th FSDC		\$2,500.00
4/20/2022	Volusia County Fairgrounds		\$2,160.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$4,660.00
Ending Balance (4/30/2022)			\$11,967.52
Business Checking Account ...3154			
Beginning Balance (11/1/2021)			\$19,310.35
Receipts			
11/15/2021	Interest		\$0.07
11/30/2021	Interest		\$0.08
12/31/2021	Interest		\$0.17
1/31/2022	Interest		\$0.16
2/28/2022	Interest		\$0.15
3/31/2022	Interest		\$0.16
4/30/2022	Interest		\$0.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$0.94
Disbursements			
11/1/2021	Ck #1087 Cal Maki (stamps, paper, printing)		\$18.59
11/7/2021	Ck #1088 Ed Drexel (outgoing President's gift)		\$146.33
2/27/2022	Ck #1089 Florida Federation Insurance		\$45.00
3/14/2022	Ck #1090 Terri Little (copies Sec/Treas/VP)		\$53.77
3/20/2022	Ck #1091 Terry Wetherby (67th Chairmen gift)		\$103.54
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$367.23
Ending Balance (4/30/2022)			\$18,944.06
Market Savings Account ...9599			
Beginning Balance (11/1/2021)			\$12,876.33
Receipts			
10/31/2021	Interest		\$0.11
11/30/2021	Interest		\$0.11
12/31/2021	Interest		\$0.10
1/31/2022	Interest		\$0.11
2/28/2022	Interest		\$0.10
3/31/2022	Interest		\$0.11
4/30/2022	Interest		\$0.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$0.75
Disbursements			
	None		\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$0.00
Ending Balance (4/30/2022)			\$12,877.08
ENDING BALANCES AS OF 4/30/2022			
Wells Fargo Conventlon			\$11,967.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking			\$18,944.06
Wells Fargo Savings			\$12,877.08
Insurance			\$2,863.44
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 4/30/2022			\$46,652.10

### Parliamentarian Report

Erik and Robin Burton – No report.

### Sunshine Report

Terri Little reported cards sent as follows:

3/17/22 Ruth McGee for the death of her husband, Dave (caller)  
3/17/22 Marlene Sharrer for the death of her sister  
4/4/22 Bob Poyner (underwent heart surgery)  
4/15/22 Elmer Sheffield (liver cancer)  
4/15/22 Bob and Nancy Hagaman (West Coast insurance chairmen) (moved to assisted living facility)

Delegate training needs to be accomplished for Rick and Kim Doucette (Northeast), Dawn DeWitt and Charles Tharp (Southeast) and Craig and Margaret Ann Brown (West Coast).

### Florida Callers – Duane Rodgers

No report.

### Round Dance Council of Florida – Tom and Cindy Bunn

No report.

### Florida Square Dance Campers – Bob and Barbara Rosenthal

No report.

### Association Reports

#### Southeast – Annie Minor and Zail Greenbaum

Since our last meeting in March the Southeast has held one last regional dance, our Charlie Brown amateur caller dance. This was held at FAU where we hope to do some demos and garner any interest in starting classes there. We decided to cancel our last dance as there are too many people that have gone home for the summer to hold a dance. We will be planning next year's dances this summer to be held in various places miles apart to incorporate people from different areas of our region. We plan to incorporate visiting caller and cuers. We would like to share information about the history of the Briny Breezes square dance club which has folded after 71 years. Most of our dances were sponsored by them recently and we have now lost the hall they danced in which was on the property of the Briny Breezes community. AJacks, Castoffs, Mustangs, a Galaxy Squares workshop and Whirlaways round dance class is the current dancing going on in the southeast. We hope to see the Ocean Waves back up in the fall and Treasure Coast Squares in the Port St. Lucie area.

#### Central – Terri Little

CFA's next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance will be held on July 30, 2022, in Ormond Beach at the Senior Center. Rod Barngrover will be calling and Earle Collins cuing. This will be our President's Ball where our new Officers will be elected. We are currently discussing a fund raiser dance for the 2023 Convention. Be on the lookout for further details soon. Several callers and dancers have been working VERY hard recruiting new dancers by attending county fairs, street fairs and various other events. They dance and get the spectators to join them. It has been successful and is a timely effort as several callers will be starting classes in the near future. Most clubs in the Central are dancing as usual.

Northwest – Brian and Barbara McDonald  
No report.

West Coast – Penny Green

Jenny and I have been working hard to get our 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest scheduled for 2022. We have been rolling it over for the past two years, like everyone else. We have held it at the Carver Center in Bartow for several years now, and Don Slocum was calling them every so often to see if the City of Bartow had released the building for rentals. He was told it wasn't released yet, and Parks & Recreation didn't know when it would be released. I started assuming Don's work shortly before he passed away. At the last FFF we had, the Advanced dancers were complaining the Advanced Hall wasn't large enough. So I started calling places that have larger rooms. I called several places, but they were all booked. I thought I would try Bartow one more time and see if anything had changed there. Well, they were open but guess what? They had already booked our weekend! So I booked the third weekend. Then the cuer we booked had a conflict with those dates, so we changed it to October 28th-29th. Then one of the callers had a conflict! We couldn't keep going on like this, so we decided to keep the October dates to start advertising and promoting the dance. So, we've ended up with October 28 – 29, 2022 for the dates, and we have Ted Kennedy and Bill Chesnut calling and Earle Collins cueing. We will use the ribbons from the first Festival that we canceled. Anyone that purchased ribbons for that Festival can roll them over to 2022. Bob Hagaman, our insurance chairman, had to resign about a month ago as he and his wife Nancy have moved to assisted living. I will be handling our insurance until I can find someone to take it over. Sandy Sturgis, a cuer in the Northwest Association area, lives in Pinellas County (Tampa Bay area) now. She is cueing at Temple Twirlers in Tampa and Promenade Squares in Pinellas County. I have heard a few clubs in our area may not start next season or probably won't make it through the year. As far as classes in our area, there's not much. Promenade Squares in St. Pete had a successful class and just started another one. Their caller is Scotty Sharrer. They are also working with a handicapable class with Dianne Hicks calling. Mike Gormley tried to start a class but didn't have enough for one square. Dave Muller and I had a class going in Lakeland. The first few weeks, we had good participation, and then some of them decided they could drop in and out whenever they felt like it. After two weeks of only two couples showing up, David stopped the class. We were also having problems with the use of the facility. We were holding the class in the historic Magnolia Building on Lake Mirror. After many years of not taking care of the building, they decided to start fixing it up. For two years, the building sat there, not being used. Now, why couldn't they have done this work during that time? They would cancel our class because there would be a crew in the building working. One time they notified us on Friday that we couldn't use the building, and there was no other building in the complex that we could use, so we had to cancel the class. On Monday, the morning of the class, they decided we could use it. I had notified everyone by phone that we wouldn't have class, and then I had to notify everyone on Monday morning; oh yeah, we can use the Magnolia Building tonight. It's a little hard to teach a progressive class with these interruptions and a lack of participants. I understand Allen Snell couldn't get a square for his class. But fear not! We haven't given up. We will start another class on June 20. Hopefully, with it being summer break, we'll be able to get younger people involved.

Northeast – Linda Tester

The Northeast has 7 clubs going...Our one Advanced club has not folded, but is on a "leave-of-absence" because the caller, Bobby Keefe, has had a lot of illness and is no able to call. We have 192 insured members. We are going to have a Fall Festival. I have tickets and flyers. It will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran Church on McDuff Avenue. Callers are Scotty Sharrer and Bill Chesnut and the cuer is Susan Snider. There will be 2 halls: Advanced and Mainstream/Plus with Rounds. On Saturday

we will start dancing at 1 pm with workshops, but we will also have a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the hall. The weekend ribbons are \$25 with Saturday only being \$8. The Rollaways is probably the only club that is dancing at a school. Our last dance will be this coming Tuesday. We hope to have some activities and recruiting soon. The Mandarin Marauders is a 2-caller club, Ken Perez and his son Shane. Shane's little girl (under 2) has had a lot of medical issues including leukemia. I am happy to announce that Shane's little girl is now free and clear! Seabreeze Singles have moved from the church to the Senior Center. The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance will be on July 30 in Gainesville from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We will restart the Square Dance Couple of the Year.

#### PUBLICATION Reports

##### Website – Bruce Morgan/Stephen Bigelow (Bruce Morgan and Stephen Bigelow)

Bruce Morgan reported that Stephen e-mailed a few days ago that he would not be able to attend this meeting. No progress has been made on turning the website over to Stephen at this time. Craig Brown indicated that he may be able to help. He will get with Bruce at a later time.

##### Bow and Swing – Susan Elaine Packer

No report.

##### Grapevine – Stephen Bigelow

No report.

##### Keepin Posted – Ailene Picheco

(Read by Colleen Morgan) Most of the clubs are back dancing. I am working on the next publication and hope to send it out soon. I have been looking for someone to take over the magazine, but, so far, no one has volunteered.

##### Panhandle Press – Barbara McDonald

No report.

##### DANCERgram – Penny Green

Before starting my report, I want to reiterate that the DANCERgram and the West Coast Dancer are two different publications. The West Coast Dancer, a printed publication, was retired when no one would take it over upon the editor's resignation. I was already publishing the DANCERgram, and the West Coast Association Board approached me regarding making it the official publication of the West Coast Association; I agreed to the proposal. The DANCERgram is an entirely different publication from the West Coast Dancer and should be listed as such. I must say, the DANCERgram has kept me very busy over the past couple of years. The Planner is published weekly with the schedule for the upcoming seven days. I make every attempt to publish it on Saturday, but sometimes people send me information past the deadline that needs to be in that particular issue, and I try to get it into the Planner before I publish it. I'm starting to have "reporters" in the field who are very good about sending me information or giving me leads. All of the clubs in the area have a newsletter or bulletin. Even if the club doesn't have a newsletter, they communicate with their members electronically; they have added me to their distribution list so I can keep up with the happenings in each club. An interesting little story. A woman in a club in Levy County keeps sending me their schedule. I keep explaining to her that Levy County is in the Northeast Association, and she should send the information to The Grapevine. She keeps coming back at me, telling me they are X number of miles from Highway X, and she doesn't understand why it matters where the information goes. I explained that I only track dances in the West Coast Association area. This



went back and forth about three times. She wasn't going to drop it, and I was about to lose it! I finally decided to ask Charlie, their caller, to help me out. I figured he knew her personally; maybe he could explain it to her better. I emailed him and told him what had been going on, and he responded he would take care of it. I haven't heard anything more from her; knock on wood. Can you imagine if I tracked every dance, class, and clinic in Florida in the Planner? I have enough trouble getting information from the people in our area! The FCA president and vice president do an excellent job of keeping me informed about things our area needs to know. The Round Dance Council is not so good. This & That is the newspaper of square dancing, which I try to publish by the first of the month. It contains reprints of articles from American Square Dance, articles from the Florida regional publications, press releases and flyers for the National Square Dance Convention® and the Florida State Convention, and information of interest to the dancers, callers, and cuers on the west coast of Florida. There may sometimes be other information that our people need to know or would like to know; things like the family of a deceased caller or cuer trying to sell equipment, a celebration of 50 years of calling or cueing, etc. Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies can keep me busy sometimes. The name of this publication is self-explanatory. There are times that two or three notices go out in one week, and there may be several people listed in one edition. I try to provide a mailing address for each person listed so people can send cards. If it's a death, I try to provide the obituary or a link to the obituary. I will also try to provide a photo. Sometimes people don't recognize a name, but they know who it is if they see a picture. In addition to the publication, I maintain a list of the deaths for Ailene to include on the Memorium page in the state convention program book. Ailene also uses them to keep a list for the entire state. And last but not least is the Directory which is published as needed. It contains the officers and their contact information for the three state organizations, all the Associations, the campers, the regional callers and cuers associations, and some miscellaneous information. I try to put an announcement in This & That when an organization has elections to announce who the officers are. I forward the presidents' information to the Federation secretary to update the roster when I receive the information. I am always willing to share the information I receive or the documents I create. If you don't currently receive the DANCERgram, you are welcome to request to be added to the distribution list. Keep in mind that the target audience is the dancers, callers, and cuers in the West Coast Association area. If you are only interested in certain things, they are all on [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com). There are also archived copies of previous issues back to 2007.

#### Florida E-mail Tree – Penny Green

We've been using the Email Tree more often, but I'm still not sure that the emails are being forwarded in a couple of associations. I haven't received the emails, but I have received other communications. People need education about using the email tree. We have been using it to forward information about the Florida State Convention, each Association's annual dance weekend or the health or death of a caller or cuer, etc. If you need to send something on the Email Tree, send it to me, and I'll start the circulation.

#### Convention Reports

##### 2022 67<sup>th</sup> FSDC – Richard and Carol Douget

The 67<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention was held at the Daytona Ocean Center on March 18 & 19, 2022. The theme was "Lighting the Way to Friendship & Fun". Colors were red and white and décor was lighthouses. We had 306 paid registrations, 31 callers and 17 cuers. Vendors were Suzie Q, Avant Shoes and Space Trackers "Boutique". Space Trackers were a last-minute substitute clothing vendor. Their recycled clothes were very well received and appreciated by the dancers. This may be the solution to no clothing vendors in the future. Fundraising activities included raffles, benefit dances, silent auctions and several items for sale. The raffles were a Florida Lighthouse Quilt, 2

Lighthouse structures and 50/50 each night of the convention and at the benefit dances. The benefit dances included two working weekend dances and the Trail End Dance. Silent auctions were held at both weekend dances and the convention. The items for sale were polo shirts, buttons, lighthouse books and square dance clothing. We would like to thank our committee for all their hard work. This convention would not have been successful without them. We plan to have our Final Report ready for the next Federation meeting.

#### 2023 68<sup>th</sup> FSDC – Keith and Angie Olds

The convention will be held at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on January 20 and 21, 2023. There will be a Trail-End Dance at the Fairgrounds on January 19. The deposit has been made to the venue. We will be setting up a table at this evening's benefit dance with ribbons, shirts and buttons for sale. One of the new events we are having is a dinner and Disco show on Friday night (January 20). This event will require separate ribbons, which will be available tonight as well. Jack Lewis has offered to do a benefit dance for us in the Fall since he will not be able to participate this evening. At this time, it looks like it will be held on Sunday, November 6. We are hopeful that we will be able to locate a venue in the Orlando area. Watch for further details soon. Randy Poole has been negotiating for host hotel in Deland. He will report on that later. We have registration forms and ribbons to hand out today and at tonight's dance. We will be offering ribbons for the convention tonight and during the month of June for the lowest price of \$35. After June, they will be \$45 and \$50 at the door.

#### 2024 69<sup>th</sup> FSDC – TBD

Terry Wetherby asked for volunteers to Chair the 2024 Convention.

#### Facilities – Randy Poole

At the last meeting, I briefed you on the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Since then, we have visited many times. The first consisted of callers Bill Chesnut and Rod Barngrover, cuer Earle and Carol Collins, dancers Jeri and Peggy Huston and Carol and me. We toured all three buildings. There was a great deal of discussion. It was decided that it is workable. I briefed the Federation President, Convention Chairman and the Caller and Cuer Chairmen. All agreed to give it a try. The Convention Chairmen held a Zoom meeting. The Convention Committee decided to purchase 1/4-inch Masonite flooring for the round dance hall. It is the same flooring that the Tennessee State Convention uses for their halls. Jeri Huston volunteered to purchase it and to store it in his five-car garage. A second meeting consisting of Rod Barngrover, Earle and Carol Collins, Jeri and Peggy Huston, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Terri Little and Carol and me. This meeting was set up to put down 6 sheets of the flooring. A square of dancers danced and round danced on the floor. Rod Barngrover set up the sound system to sound the hall. All agreed it was a successful experiment. Terri, the Federation Treasurer was available to write the deposit check. I have visited every major hotel within ten miles of the Fairgrounds. None of them will give us a large block of rooms because of other events during the same time and they have no history with us. The Marriott Hotel is a large new hotel located in the middle of downtown DeLand. They contacted the Homewood Suites in Daytona Beach and was given a very positive review of our group. The Marriott said they would give us 30 rooms at \$139/night. This hotel is on the same road as the Fairgrounds about 3 miles away. There are several small hotels that are available to book, but at their "regular" rates.

#### Housing – Randy Poole

Included with Facilities report

#### Hall of Fame – Ailene Picheco

After three years with no nominations, the committee did receive a nomination in time for the 2022 State Convention. The nomination was approved, and the plaque was presented at the Convention. The Hall of Fame committee processes went smoothly until it came time to order the plaques. There are 2 made: one for the recipient and one for the Hall of Fame at Strawberry Square. It was discovered that the Gold Medal placed on all the plaques is from another vendor. The engraver does not do this type of work. After quite a bit of research, I found that no one knows who the vendor was that made the medal. Now the committee will have to start over from scratch. I found an accomplished vendor for the medal, now I need a drawing to submit for the set-up. All this will be recorded in the Committee Chairman's Book so it will be passed on in the future. Penny Green is updating the pictures and metal bars on many of the plaques at the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame bank account has enough to pay all fees. The State Conventions reimburse our account as needed before their division between the Callers, Cuers and Dancers Associations. The deadline for nominations is September 1. This gives the Committee time to review them and submit them by mail to the Selection Committee for final consideration in time for presentation at the Florida State Convention. The criteria is listed on the website and the more information submitted in the nominations, the better. If an application arrives later and cannot be approved in the allotted time, the presentation will be scheduled for the next convention.

#### History – Penny Green

There has been no activity on History.

#### USDA Insurance (Carol Poole)

The United Square Dancers of America annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, at 1 pm in the Doubletree Hotel, Ballroom AB in Evansville, Indiana. Everyone is invited to attend. Florida was a founding member of this organization. As promised, I have more Trifolds with me today. We have told the clubs that when a dancer arrives at the dance, they are covered once they leave their car. This has changed. According to the insurance company, the dancer must be in the area where the dance is occurring. Florida has had several parking-lot claims over the years and one entering the building. I asked about that and was told to submit the claim and let the insurance company handle it. There were five reported accidents this year: 3 at the convention and 2 later. No one filed a claim. We only enrolled 13 members in the past 2 months. Please remind your clubs to enroll their students when they graduate and other dancers when they join the club. To keep the insurance active, we must have everyone in the club enrolled. I started work on my "what I do" list and decided to clean out the files. We took over this duty in 2007. There were a lot of accident reports, claims and correspondence that a new chairman would not need. I also checked with the bank on the signers of the checking account. Currently, Randy, myself and Cheryl Miller are the signers. Since Cheryl has left the state, we need to replace her. A little background history on why Cheryl was a signer: The Federation changes Treasurer every year. For several years, the insurance account got caught up in the change. Some years I was removed as a signer (and didn't know it). The address was changed, and I didn't receive the bank statements. I went every month to the bank to get an activity report. The account uses online banking, and I didn't have the passwords. Finally, I say down with my local banker to discuss what was wrong. Fortunately, I had paperwork with my name and address on it because I wasn't even authorized to discuss this with the bank. I really hated when the treasurer changed. Cheryl was on the board for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term and went to her bank and together they did something, and it has been fine ever since. That's when her name went on. It was OK with me. Now I do online banking and the treasurer has the username and password. We need someone to go on to replace Cheryl. Linda Tester is an obvious

replacement given her long-time experience with insurance. Linda will work with Carol to get on the account. Terry Wetherby announced that Ed and Linda Willis (Central Region Vice President of USDA) have served their 3 years and have termed out. They are looking for a replacement for them for USDA.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT  
May 21, 2022

Beginning Balance	March 1, 2022		\$2,735.69
Income			
Central		\$ 4.95	
Northeast		\$ 4.95	
Northwest		\$ 14.05	
Southeast		\$ .00	
West Coast		\$ 405.00	
67 <sup>th</sup> FSDC		\$ 45.00	
Florida Federation		\$ 45.00	
Total Income		\$ 519.75	\$3,255.44
Expenses			
USDA Insurance		\$ 392.00	
Total Expense		\$ 392.00	
Ending Balance	April 30, 2022		\$2,863.44

As of April 30, 2022	Association/Clubs	Members
Central	6	117
Northeast	7	192
Northwest	1 & 4	101
Southeast	1 Assoc	51
West Coast	7	128
Florida Federation		9
67 <sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention		4
Total Federation, Convention, Two Associations & 25 Clubs		602

Randy & Carol Poole  
Insurance Chairman

ASCAP/BMI – Richard and Carol Douget

No report.

ARTS – Ailene Picheco

Our participation in the 71<sup>st</sup> NSDC includes: Trail End Dance (Plus with Rounds) on Wednesday, June 22, 2022; Displays and handouts in the Showcase of Ideas; and Participation in the Round Table Discussion. Immediately following the 71<sup>st</sup> NSDC in Evansville, IN, we will hold our annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 am on Sunday, June 26, 2022. All dancers and dance leaders are invited. If you would like to attend, please contact our Executive Director, Jerry Reed at [executivedirector@artsdance.org](mailto:executivedirector@artsdance.org). For more information, please check out our website at [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org). If you have ideas of comments regarding our activity or for more information, please contact our Executive Director at [executivedirector@arts-dance.org](mailto:executivedirector@arts-dance.org).

Old Business

By Laws Committee – Bruce Morgan

Annie Minor was doing a fine job and then we found out we don't have to modify the By-Laws. I contacted Jim Masko and he sent back a letter that says "I'm not sure why you're doing these changes. Generally speaking, the phrase not-for-profit is the same as non-profit. I have attached a letter of award issued to the Florida Federation from the USDA designating the Florida Federation as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Please note, the IRS did not hyphenate the word non-profit, so we have chosen to conform to the IRS's use of the word non-profit. We have worked closely with Cheryl Miller to assign Florida Federation with this non-profit status. It should be noted that the attached Florida Federation documents were filed with the IRS as part of the USDA application to become a Group Exemption Administrator Organization which was finally approved in December of 2019." Cheryl Miller joined the meeting via telephone and suggested we call someone with the State of Florida to see if there is some sort of card or certificate that we use when purchasing/renting to exempt us from sales tax. The Form 990N, financial reports and Group Exemption fee must be submitted to the IRS and/or USDA. It is believed that this is due in February. Bruce Morgan submits the State report requirements. Bottom line is that we do NOT have to modify our By-Laws. Terri Little will get with Cheryl Miller if needed.

New Dancer Handbook – Penny Green

Jenny gave my report at the last meeting. At that time, I didn't have a printing estimate for a vote to be taken. At that meeting, someone suggested to Jenny that we consider providing this booklet electronically. I have given that suggestion a lot of thought. PROS 1. The Handbook can be as many pages as we want. 2. We can add as much Information as we want. 3. We can use color as freely as we want. 4. Storage space wouldn't be needed. 5. No postage is needed. 6. Easier to update the Handbook. CONS 1. There are still people that don't have email. Solution for the Con. Someone at the class or club will have to print copies for those who don't have email. We need to decide on the procedure. 1. Have one person at the Federation level disburse the booklets as requested. 2. Have a point person in each Association disburse the booklets as requested. 3. Would we send a copy to the class leader, and that person distributes them. 4. Would we request that a list of email addresses be sent to the coordinator to send the Handbook directly to each new dancer? **Penny Green made a motion that the New Dancer Handbook be provided in electronic format. Linda Reid seconded. The motion carried.** Additional discussion ensued regarding how to get the information out to the clubs and whether or not Federation will reimburse printing expenses to the clubs. The information can be disbursed to the clubs through the Associations. There was much discussion regarding Federation reimbursement to the club/association. It was decided to let the HEPP Committee discuss is at this afternoon's break-out meeting. The Committee will report at tomorrow's meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

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Nominating Committee – Terry Wetherby

Terry asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. Because of the inability of Northwest to have a representative on the Board and the possibility that the current Parliamentarian may not continue on the Board, some adjustments will be required to our normal process. In this light, the appointment of the Nominating Committee will be taken care of at tomorrow's meeting.

Standing Committees – Terry Wetherby

The break-out meetings will be held at 1 pm at the hotel. Terry asked for everyone to sign up for one of the following committees:

Finance	Terri Little
History, Education, Public Awareness & Preservation (HEPP)	Penny Green
State Convention Procedures	Keith & Angie Olds
Association Presidents & USDA Insurance	Carol Poole
Showcase of Ideas	Eric & Robin Burton

Resident Agent – Bruce Morgan

Bruce Morgan brought up the fact that changing Treasurer every year creates a continuity problem with filing the IRS forms, Corporation forms, etc. Bruce is currently in charge of the Corporation forms. He suggested that he also be in charge of the IRS form (E990) so it will be done on time every year. **Linda Tester made a motion to appoint the Resident Agent (currently Bruce Morgan) as suggested. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hoffman. The motion carried.**

Next Meeting – Terry Wetherby

Next meeting will be at Strawberry Square tomorrow morning at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted

Terri Little, Vice President  
Acting Secretary  
Acting Treasurer