

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
Lakeland Center, Lakeland, FL
Sunday, May 25, 2014 – 9 a.m.
Revised October 14, 2014

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by President Paul Miller at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Invocation:** The Invocation was given by Dennis Taylor.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bud Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Roll Call:** The roll call was made by Penny Green. There was a quorum.
5. **Introduction of Visitors & Guests:** None
6. **Minutes of March 1-2, 2014 Meetings:**

George Knapp made a motion that we accept the Minutes as published; seconded by Bob Spence. Motion carried.

7. **Unfinished Business March 1 & 2:**

Finance: Dennis Taylor read the Finance report as follows:

The Finance committee met on March 1, 2014 with the following present: Ray Huddleston, Maria Spence, Dee Dee Stovall, Nancy Taylor and Dennis Taylor. The following items were discussed: the proposed budget for 2014, the need for a credit card for the Federation, and the audit of the books thru November 2013.

The committee prepared a budget – copies of which are on the table for review. The committee makes a motion that the presented budget be approved for 2014. Dennis Taylor moved that we bring it off the table; seconded by Bob Spence. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve the presented 2014 budget; motion carried.

After much discussion it was decided that the Federation should not obtain a credit card, mainly because of the hassle of changing the authorized signatures on the card each year and the few times it is presently needed. The Committee makes the following motion: **That the bills requiring a credit card to be used for a payment be made on a private individual's card. The appropriate treasurer is authorized to reimburse the expenses to the individual whose card was used.** Dennis moved that we bring it off the table; seconded by Don Slocum. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded that bills requiring a credit card be used for a payment be made on a private individual's card. The appropriate treasurer is authorized to reimburse the expenses to the individual whose card was used; motion carried.

The books were audited thru November 2013 and were found to be accurately kept and approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy & Dennis Taylor

History: Anita Taylor read the History report as follows:

The History Committee met at 10:46 in the main meeting room of the hotel. The Committee consisted of Bud & Anita Taylor, Chairman, Donna Hendricks and George & Shirley Knapp.

We talked a few minutes and then it was decided that the History Committee had actually accomplished our goals.

Thanks to Bruce Morgan and Donna Hendricks, the history of Square Dancing has been preserved on the web. But is it being utilized by everyone? To make everyone aware of our history the question was asked, "Do we advertise the website in the magazine *Bow & Swing*, or the Association Publications?" We made the decision to check with Bill Boyd about whether the website was being published in the *Bow & Swing*, and if not, could he put it in the *Bow & Swing* and what would be the cost? We were talking about a banner size ad at the bottom of a page.

We also recommended that the History Committee be added to the Public Awareness, Publicity, Square Preservation, Education, & Services Committee as History would fall under Preservation and Awareness. We adjourned at 11:20 to go and join the Public Awareness, Publicity, Square Preservation, Education, & Services Committee and see if the website was advertised in the *Bow & Swing*.

We found that the website was not currently being advertised in the *Bow & Swing*. Bill Boyd made an offer to run an eighth of a page ad for \$12.50 a month or \$150.00 a year. He does not offer this to anyone else. The proposed ad would read: "Visit the past, present, & future of square dancing in Florida at www.floridasquaredance.com."

Ailene Picheco was also there and she said that *Keepin' Posted* was already running the website. The Association Presidents should all check with their Association Publication to see if this could be added at the bottom of one of their pages.

Anita Taylor made a motion that we advertise: "Visit the past, present, & future of square dancing in Florida at www.floridasquaredance.com" in the *Bow & Swing* and pay \$150.00 a year for 1 year to familiarize everyone with the History and all other benefits of the website.

Anita moved that the motion be taken off the table; George Knapp seconded. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to advertise "Visit the past, present, & future of square dancing in Florida at www.floridasquaredance.com" in the *Bow & Swing* and pay \$150.00 a year for 1 year to familiarize everyone with the History and all other benefits of the website. Bruce reported that only one caller, one cuer, and Temple Twirlers sends him information. Dancers are not sending Bruce information on special dances.

Paul Miller asked that the motion be amended. Bill Boyd extended the offer to include advertising in *Bow & Swing* and *American Square Dance* for \$300.

Anita moved to modify her motion to include the *American Square Dance*; seconded by Jack Hoffman. Also modified to say present future past. Motion passed.

State Convention Procedures:

Penny Green read the report as follows:

In attendance: Jenny Green, Jack & Kathy McKinney, Jim & Jan McConnaha, Bob Spence, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Don Slocum, Linda Tester, Richard Douget, Walt & Diane Syphard and Penny Green

EBay clothing sales have been a successful fundraiser for the state conventions for several years. In the past the process has been that on the Monday after the state convention, the funds transfer to the next convention. This handoff doesn't seem to have occurred between 2014 and 2015 as 2015 has not received any funds from Lorraine. After discussing several options, it was the consensus of the group that we would like to repair these problems so that we can continue taking advantage of a very successful fundraiser.

Penny Green moved that a liaison be appointed to be the point of contact between Lorraine and the conventions. This person will establish guidelines, receive all funds from Lorraine and forward them to the appropriate convention; seconded by Jack Hoffman. Penny Green moved that the motion be removed from the table; seconded by Barbara Hoffman. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to appoint a liaison be appointed to the point of contact between Lorraine and the conventions. This person will establish guidelines, receives all funds from Lorraine and forwards them to the appropriate convention. Motion carried.

Even if we are able to repairs these problems, future convention chairman should research other fundraising options for when the EBay sales are no longer an option and we are caught off guard.

Since the 2015 convention has not been receiving clothing sale funds, they currently lack the funds for start-up expenditures i.e. purchasing fundraising items like shirts and buttons, ribbons, and printing registration forms. They have already received their \$2,500 seed money from the convention fund but it doesn't cover these expenses.

The committee recommends approval of lending up to \$3,000 additional seed money from the Federation Fund to the 2015 convention and any conventions thereafter to supplement the \$2,500 seed money. Repayment of the loan from the Federation should be considered a priority. We are proposing that this loan be paid from Federation funds instead of the Convention Fund so that approval from the Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council is not required.

Penny Green moved that \$3,000 additional seed money from the Federation Fund be paid to the 2015 convention, and any conventions thereafter to supplement the \$2,500 seed money. Repayment of the loan from the Federation should be considered a priority. The loan is to be paid from the Federation fund instead of the Convention Fund so that approval from the Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council of Florida is not required; seconded by Bob Spence. Motion carried. Since time was of the essence, Paul Miller made an executive decision to pay the \$3,000 to the 2015 Convention at the Working Weekend. Penny Green moved that the motion be removed from the table; seconded by Bob Spence. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to pay \$3,000 additional seed money from the Federation Fund to the 2015 convention, and any conventions thereafter to supplement the \$2,500 seed money. Repayment of the loan from the Federation should be considered a priority. The load is to be paid from the Federation instead of the Convention Fund so that approval from the Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council of Florida is not required.

A suggestion was made that a program be implemented where new graduates attend their first convention, either free or for 50% of the registration rate. It was the consensus of the committee that the price of ribbons is not the reason dancers are not attending the convention; it's the peripheral expenses of gas, hotels, meals, etc. It is also the consensus of the committee that there are too many other situations that need to be addressed before something like this can be implemented i.e. retreads (people who danced several years ago and are returning to dancing), someone who graduates but then doesn't attend the convention for say five or 10 years. The committee does not recommend implementing this program at this time.

Penny Green moved that we not implement a program where new graduates attending a convention either register free or get 50% off the registration rate. Penny Green moved that the motion be removed from the table; seconded. Motion carried. Vote taken; motion carried.

It has been heard that Grand Square International may be moving the Florida Winter Festival from the Lakeland Center which would open a weekend during the dance season. There has been talk for many years about moving our state convention to a time of the year when the snowbirds are here and then we might have increased attendance. Since at this point it is only a rumor and hasn't been confirmed nothing can be done at this time, however, it is the consensus of the committee that we need to be prepared to move fast if the opportunity arises and we decide to move. The committee recommends that an ad hoc committee be established to research the feasibility of changing the dates of the state convention and authorizing the treasurer to pay the deposit. Some things that will need to be researched are; will the rent be different if we change weekends; will changing weekends increase attendance; the convention is currently held over Memorial Day Weekend which is a three day weekend. Do we want to go to a two-day weekend?

Penny Green moved that an ad hoc committee be established to research the feasibility of changing the dates of the state convention and authorizing the treasurer to pay the deposit. Penny moved that the motion be removed from the table. Both motions were withdrawn.

Identifying convention chairman is becoming more difficult every year. Currently we are looking for a chairman for 2017 but have been unsuccessful so far. A proposal was made that

we approach the Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council about one of those organizations taking over the convention. It was the consensus of the committee that our Federation By-laws need to be reviewed to ascertain if there is anything that would prevent us from making this proposal. Jim McConnaha will conduct the review and report back to us. If it is found that there is nothing that would not allow us to make this proposal, an ad hoc committee will be established at that time to prepare a proposal and approach the other two organizations.

A discussion was held regarding a timeline I have been developing that includes most of the tasks required to plan and coordinate a state convention. This will be a valuable tool for anyone that is new to chairing a convention. There is still a lot of information to be added to the timeline but I have a good start on it.

Respectfully Submitted, Penny Green, Committee Chairman

Working Weekend:

Elsa Huddleston moved that the annual working weekend be reduced to a single day with the breakout meetings immediately following the morning meeting; then after the lunch break, the wrap up meeting would resume for the committee reports. The meeting would be held on the last Saturday in February. Motion passed. (corrected at 2/28/15 meeting)

Update from the President: The Executive Board tasked the Federation president to informally meet with the other two organizations about getting more involved in the planning of the convention or helping with committee work. They have already talked to Keith and the Wilabys; they will discuss it with their respective organizations.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Dennis Taylor

Report included herein. Filed for audit

State Corporation report and IRS Form 990 have been filed.

9. Parliamentary Report:

Elsa Huddleston

We have 200 state of Florida maps and 50 travel guides. Also have buttons.

Ray is going to set up another board to display convention flyers.

10. Sunshine Report:

Anita Taylor

I want to "Thank" Cheryl for taking over on the cards while my computer was fixed. I was hacked on my way home from the Working Weekend. There haven't been too many people to report on.

Get well cards were sent to: Charlie Newsome (eye surgery), Bud Taylor (cellulitis of leg), Bruce Morgan (eyes), and Joanne Boyd (illness).

Sympathy cards were sent to: Jack & Barbara Hoffman (loss of Barbara's mother), Terri Little (loss of grandmother), Family of Phyllis Williams, Cuer, and Family of Betty Williams, (her husband Ben Williams was past FCA President).

Respectfully submitted,
Bud and Anita Taylor

11. Correspondence:

Cheryl Miller

- Received email from Robert Masters who has donated 8 square dance records autographed by the artists to the Florida Federation for a fundraiser. They have been turned over to the 2015. Thank you letter was sent.
- Thank you card from Hoffmans for the sympathy card
- Letter from GSI with a check in the amount of \$200

12. Florida Caller Liaison:

No report.

13. Florida Cuer Liaison:

No report

14. Association Reports:

Central - Terri Little

Central Florida Association membership is down; less than 100 dancers.

Shamrock Swing will have a new venue next year on the coast which more reasonably priced.

Our new chairmen are Richard and Carol Douget. It will be held March 20th – 21st.

Northeast – Pat McMillan

May 24, 2014

Our Association, NORTHEAST, is going strong. We have graduated 34 new square dancers, so far, for 2014. We have 3 clubs graduating approximately 29 new square dancers in late May early June 2014. That will put our total up to 65 new square dance students. Our Association GOAL, started last September 2013, is 100 new square dancers by the end of 2014. With continued hard work, all club members AND all callers, we will ascertain our goal. Our association voted to pay \$100.00 to each club upon their graduating at least one beginning square dance student for first and second graduations per year, just for the year 2014, with a maximum of \$200.00 per year per club. This was an additional club incentive for new student square dancers.

Realizing that retaining all dancers is extremely important, we are putting together a retention plan and hope to present it to our clubs at our July 2014 Delegates Meeting, if not sooner. If anyone has any ideas please contact us. We will be all ears.

Our Fifth Saturday Dances are going well. Our first dance for 2014, we had over 100 dancers/callers. Our 2nd dance will be May 31st with an additional \$5.00 spaghetti dinner, if ordered. We have had a super response.

Marilyn and Paul Scott, "The Mad Hatters Ball" November 2014 Fall Festival Chairpersons, reports that sales are brisk, the mini hats are awesome and overall the Fall Festival is on target for a huge success.

Club visitations are approximately 100 starting December 2013. We love to dance together.

NORTHEAST is not just a name but is made up of warm, caring dancers who just love to eat and dance. When they smile and hug you know it's for real. It's hard to imagine it getting any better.

Respectfully,

Pat McMillan

Northwest:

Kay Schmidt

All is Good in Northwest Florida. Capital Twirlers, Rivertown Squares, Agape Squares, Navarre Ocean Waves & Dancing Dolphins all have beginning SD classes ongoing. TNT Rounds recently graduated a Two Step Class of 22 dancers.

Our three relatively new callers in Northwest Florida are really progressing. Roy Bernier is caller for Dancing Dolphins, Miriam Merriwether is caller for Navarre Ocean Waves and Stuart Phinney assists Jack White with Rivertown Squares.

There are two really FUN DANCES coming up in the Panhandle in the month of June. The Billy Bowlegs Dance is going to be held on June 7th @ PASARDA Hall in Ft Walton Beach. On June 14th @ Ragon Hall in Pensacola, The Fiesta of Five Flags Dances will go down. July Jamboree

will be held at Ragon Hall in Pensacola on July 19th. Capital Twirlers are hosting Dance Away the Dog Days at the Tallahassee Senior Center from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on August 2nd. Our 3rd Quarter NW Association meeting will precede this dance. Seaside Squares will hold their 51st Anniversary Dance on August 16th @ Ragon Hall in Pensacola.

The Northwest Association 40th Annual Roundup is scheduled for October 24-25 @ Lewis School in Valparaiso, FL. located just outside the East Gate of Eglin AFB. On Friday, October 24th, we will be holding a "Costume Contest" during the evening. On Saturday, October 25th, you can join us for Rounds & Squares afternoon workshops and dancing in the evening. Tom Miller from Chest Springs, PA and Northwest Caller Dave Muller are our featured callers for the weekend. Susan Snider and Mark Fetzer are our featured Cuers for the weekend. We will be hosting the 4th Quarter Florida Federation Meeting on October 26th at the Comfort Suites in Niceville, FL.

We are offering Federation Delegates the member's price of \$10.00 per person for our Round Up. We have Ribbons and Flyers available this weekend for you to purchase. If you don't purchase your Ribbons this weekend, you can still receive our member price at the door by wearing your Federation Delegate Badge to the Round Up. Our non-member price for the Round Up is \$20.00 per person.

As usual, one or more of the Northwest Clubs dances every night of the week and there are fun dances almost every Friday night at Ragon Hall in Pensacola and other sites in our area. No matter where you are this month, get out and dance!!!! If you are in the Panhandle, come see us. You can also join us on Facebook @(Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association) if you like.

Alec & Kay Schmidt, President
Northwest Association

Southeast: Read by Elsa Huddleston

The SE membership has been slowly increasing primarily due to Scotty Sharrer's new classes every year. These new dancers have been encouraged to attend the state convention – and hopefully they are here!

Some of the new dancers attended Scotty Sharrers' Square Dance Cruise, and will probably be at the State Convention. Scotty graduated a nice group of new dancers this year from the Happy Square's and another group from Century Village in Deerfield Beach. The workshops have given many dancers a chance to get back into dancing after being out of it for several years.

Last March we were pleased to turn over a check for \$439.36 to Jack and Barbara Hoffman to support the 2015 convention. This was the total profit from the sale of square dance clothes.

Sadly, one of our popular dancers, Rick Nelson, passed away Tuesday, May 20. Rick and his wife Sharon have been dancing for many years and have been secretary of the Southeast Association for about five years. Several years ago they were winners of the cruise raffle. They have been very dedicated dancers and Rick will be missed by us all.

On a more pleasant note, Bobie and Carol Hutcheson are able to be active again in the Southeast Association – and best of all, they are once again Southeast delegates to the Federation!

Zail Greenbain
President of SEA

West Coast:

The summer schedule is in effect. Many clubs are closed for the summer and will return in Oct. & Nov., even some in January although we have some very nice clubs that are still active during the summer.

We have been busy helping promote the FSSRDC and preparing decorations for the halls. We wish Penny & Jenny a very successful Convention. Many of our members will be attending.

We hope to see many of you in Little Rock for the National Convention. We find this a great opportunity to see parts of the country we haven't had a chance to visit before.

The e-version of our W.C. Dancer is still a work in progress and hoping that our readers are getting used to it. Of course we heard the grumblings from those who are really set in their ways and can't go with a change or don't know how to use a computer but we have also heard some positive feedback. We are looking at getting some updated software (through Bruce Morgan) to make the 'book' easier to read and get to the individual pages and many other cool things. Ed Henning is still our Editor even though he and his wife can no longer dance and we believe that he has and is doing a very nice job.

Our last W.C. meeting had very poor attendance, even though we held it before our Valentine dance and we have many vacancies in the County Rep. areas and have not found anyone to agree to come on board to be an officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Don & Ann Slocum

15. Publication Reports:***The Grapevine (NE):***

First, Congratulations to all of the Federation volunteers on job well done in presenting the 60th Diamond Jubilee Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention here in Lakeland Florida.

As one of the many dancers representing the North East Florida Square and Round Dance Association we really appreciate the time and effort spent by everyone who contributed both their time and money.

The Grapevine is working hard to be innovate and will be introducing several new features with the upcoming July 2014 edition.

There will be a new type of ad available next year. It will be a full color full page insert. For those who would like an electronic copy as well as a printed copy, they will be able to receive their electronic edition as early as 10 days prior to the delivery of the mailed version.

We are also performing an audit of all our subscriber information such as address, phone number and email address.

Bill Morgan, Editor

Keepin' Posted (C):

The July edition is being put together. I am waiting for club news, pictures and articles. Please have them in by the June 5th.

The magazine averages 40 to 50 pages.

The number printed (about 200) is needed to comply with bulk rate postage.

Ailene Picheco
Editor

Panhandle Press (NW):

No report.

West Coast Dancer (WC):

No report.

Bow & Swing:

A special thank you to all of you who have sent cards, letters, and prayers for JoAnn during these trying times. We, of course are hinging on the one word given by her doctors, "Curable", again, thank you, enough on this subject.

Bow & Swing has been and will continue to make a concerted effort to promote the Florida State Convention. Realize that we are preaching to the choir as most all of you will purchase your ribbons for next year's convention. The Florida Publications are all doing their jobs. Every publisher has been and will probably continue to put in all information about our up-coming convention. Now it is up to us as members of our dance community. We should be placing flyers at every dance and event we attend. We should be talking about the fun that we have had at previous conventions. We should be planning for club and association after parties. What would our attendance be if every club in Florida had at least one square of dancers? As I said, I am preaching to the choir but sometimes a grass roots push in the right direction helps.

One new suggestion. Let's see if we can get all of our Florida clubs to get us a list of their dancers, names and addresses. Then during the year send a letter with an application inviting to participate with us at the Florida State Square Dance Convention.

To the rest of my report. Bow & Swing is still mailing about 1100 magazines monthly. The figure varies from month to month depending on expirations and renewals. Even with all of the postage increases we will continue our same prices, \$15.00 for one year and \$25 for two years. Our where to dance listing will continue to be \$15.00 per year and other advertising rates will not change. Bow & Swing will continue to publish your benefit and annual association dances with no charge and will list all of your up-coming events in our calendar section. We continually ask for your photographs, but I notice many of you are now including your own captions.

Keep dancing and having fun and we will see you in a square.

Bill Boyd, Editor

16. Hall of Fame: Bev Landwehr

The Hall of Fame committee met yesterday and the following are the new committee for 2014-2015: Bev Landwehr, Chairman; Ailene Picheco; Bill and Joann Boyd; and Bob and Maria Spence.

The Hall of Fame submitted a bill to the State Convention treasurer in the amount of \$296.42 for expenses to bring the balance back to \$1500.00.

We also inducted 2 new couples into the Hall of Fame Saturday night. Congratulations to Jack & Barbara Hoffman and Paul & Cheryl Miller.

Remember to get your nominees in for next year by January 15, 2015. You can start now so you have all the information you need to collect to enhance your resume.

Respectfully submitted by,
The Hall of Fame Committee

17. State Convention Reports:

2014 Convention:

It's almost over!

Overall we have received very complimentary comments regarding our programming changes this year. We currently have a little over 500 attendees. Based on that and the successful fundraising we have had, this has been a very successful convention.

Thursday night we had 14 ½ squares at the Trail-in dance in Plant City.

Penny moved that we add hearing enhancement to the equipment list for rental; seconded by Terri Little. Motion passed.

Bruce asked if he has sent the website bill. Don responded that it has already been paid.

2015 Convention:

A successful rehearsal for tonight's Hollywood Produced Kickoff was held earlier this morning. During this production, you and anyone setting in the audience will be asked to audition for the role of Square or Round Dancer at the convention next year. Please attend this show and respond to the "Casting Call".

There has been one change in the list of Directors: Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall are now the Vendor Directors with Ray & Elsa Huddleston as Assistant Vender Directors.

The Kindle will be given away tonight at the time of the Half & Half Drawing. We still have a limited supply of ticket to sell between now and then, so if you haven't bought any yet or if you need more, don't wait too long or they may be all gone, or not.

Tickets for the Quilt raffle will be sold starting right after the Kickoff tonight. It is to be given away at the convention next year. If you have not seen the quilt, you need to go see it. Cheryl Miller & Terri Little are to be commended for a job well done. It is Beautiful. Tonight Paul & Cheryl Miller, Ways & Means Directors, will be selling and distributing tickets to be sold either here tonight or to take back to your area and clubs to sell. You do not have to be a dancer to participate in this raffle. Also, you do not have to be present to win it.

We are also selling the Hollywood Stars with the purchasers name on it for \$5 each. These stare will be used at the convention as decorations and then the purchaser may take them home.

We would like each Association President or there representative to pick up the Artifacts, Buttons and registration forms from Barbara right after this meeting.

Flyers are being given to the Callers & Cuers to be distributed around the state at the dances they attend.

Bruce Morgan will have the Web Site up and running tonight by 7:30.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman, 61st FSDC Producers

2016 Convention:

Kathy McKinney reported that the theme will be "Sweet 16 in 2016".

2017 Convention:

No chairman.

18. Facilities:

The contract we now have with the Lakeland Center will end with next year's convention (2015), although the space is reserved for us until 2018.

After reviewing the results of this convention we will have to decide on the space we anticipate needing for the future. We will then try to negotiate another three year contract. This can be discussed at the fall meeting, and then given direction, we will have a contract for approval at the Working Weekend.

Respectfully submitted

Don & Ann Slocum

19. Historian Records: Terri Little

She still has not received any pictures for the website. She reported there is also a place for club president pictures

20. USDA Report:

Paul read a letter from the USDA regarding 501(C)3 and requesting that we change some of the wording in the Constitution and By Laws.

Paul will appoint committee to review documents. The revised docs have to be presented at the November meeting and voted on at the meeting after that.

21. USDA Insurance:

Because I was not at the last meeting and had not prepared a written insurance report, I thought I would give you the State of the Club Insurance. Compared with this time last year we have one more insured club. Central Association had two clubs fold and one club has not renewed this

year, Northeast Association gained three clubs, and the Northwest Association gained one club. FASSARD also folded. The sad news is we have 118 less dancers than last year.

We had ten reported accidents for 2013. Three were mailed claim forms and one was returned to me and I forwarded it to the USDA Director to be forwarded to the insurance company. So far this year we have had five accident reports filed. Two were mailed claim forms and both have been forwarded. One report was a repeat of one received last year.

Receiving the Certificates of Insurance by email from USDA seems to be working really good. It is much faster and easier. We have not received any complaints from the Association Insurance Chairman. The USDA Insurance Director had emergency surgery and was hospitalized for two weeks in December. This caused some delay in the processing of the renewals. Her grandchildren were date stamping everything as it came in. She did a remarkable job getting caught up in January.

One thing we have to remember is not to abbreviate the association name. The complete Federation and Association name must be on every sheet of paper we send in. These forms with the information already filled in are available on the Federation website.

For the most part the Association Chairman and the Clubs are doing an excellent job. We hope everyone will keep their job for next year. We thank them very much for the job they are doing.

Randy & Carol Poole
 Federation Insurance Chairman

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 25-May-14

Beginning Balance	January 31, 2014		\$
Income			
	Central		\$
	Northeast		\$
	Northwest		\$
	Southeast		\$
	West Coast		\$
Total Income			\$ \$
Expenses			
	USDA Insurance		\$
Total Expense			\$
Ending Balance	April 30,2014		\$

As of April 30, 2014	CLUBS	DANCERS
Central	14	589
Northeast	16	338
Northwest	1&11	277
Southeast	1&1	95
West Coast	8	294
Total for 2014	2 Associations 50 Clubs	1593

Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole
Federation Insurance Chairman

22. **ASCAP/BMI:**

Respectfully The BMI bill of \$150.00 was paid by Don Slocum, treasurer for the 60th Convention, in January, 2014.

The ASCAP bill of \$121.00 was paid by Bob & Maria Spence and reimbursed by Don Slocum, in April, 2014.

A very nice letter was received from ASCAP, thanking us for our business. This has been turned over to the Federation Secretary as correspondence.

Squarely yours,

Bob & Maria Spence
ASCAP/BMI Chairs for the
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

23. **ARTS:**

We will be working closely with a professional Re-Imaging company. The plan is to choose a company to work with us to create proposed logos and slogans. We will discuss proposals from the company. The proposed logos and slogans will be submitted to representatives of the major square dance organization for review, discussion, and vote. When approved the selected logo and slogan will be publicized and provided to all square dance organizations for their use.

Prior to the professional Re-Imaging company beginning its work The ARTS will be busy. Our work will include collection and analysis of input from the dance community regarding current precept ions of square dancing. We will be asking dancers and callers to complete and submit several online survey questions. Participation in the online survey is critical to the collection, analysis, and reporting of input from the current dancer population.

One result of the input we gather MAY be that Re-Imaging of square dancing is not required. However, if Re-Imaging is deemed to be appropriate, the information gathered will be very important and helpful.

There are other tasks which will be identified and volunteers will be needed to help.

Additional information will be made available as we move forward on this very important project.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Executive Director, Jerry Reed,

[DirectorARTS](#) Reported by Ailene Picheco for

Jerry Reed

Executive Director

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Old Business:

Welcome Center Cards: The Welcome Center cards are 4 x 9 cards printed on both sides. I was to the point of admitting failure when I found someone who used to work in Graphic Arts and volunteered to help. I expect to move forward with this next month and have them in the welcome stations by Sept. or Oct.

Nominating Committee: Paul Miller appointed Kathy McKinney to chair the nominating committee.

New Business:

Ann Slocum explained that the convention and the Lakeland Center has no control over the parking fees.

Terri Little asked about a booklet entitled *Handbook for New Dancers*. Terri will be point person for a rewrite.

Lamar McMillan stated that something needs to be done about providing water during the convention. Don is working with the Center to resolve these issues.

Don reported we were approved for \$1800 grant for this year and he has submitted the application for next year.

24. Announcements

Paul stated that everyone should try to book their rooms for the Round Up early.

Barbara reminded association presidents to see her and Carole to pick up their convention artifacts.

25. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by George Knapp to adjourn; seconded by Ken Brown. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Penny T. Green

Penny T. Green
Secretary

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
 CONVENTION FUND
 TREASURERS REPORT
 February 28, 2014- May 21, 2014

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	
Convention Fund Checking Account	\$
<u>OTHER ASSETS AS OF 02/27/14</u>	
60th State Convention Loan Seed/Lakeland Dep	\$
61st State Convention Loan Seed/Lakeland Dep	\$
62nd State Convention/Lakeland Center	\$
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>\$</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL ASSETS AS OF 02/27/14</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Florida Callers Association	\$
Round Dance Council of Florida	\$
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$</u>
<u>CONVENTION FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	
<u>Beginning Balance 02/27/14</u>	\$
RECEIPTS	
No Activity	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ -</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
No Activity	\$ -
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ -</u>
CONVENTIO FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 05/21/2014	<u>\$</u>

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BEGINNING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS

Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$	
Insurance (as of 01/31/14)	\$	
Wells Fargo CD 2 (as of 02/27/2014)	\$	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (as of 02/27/2014)	\$	
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TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 02/27/2014 \$

WELLS FARGO CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance \$

RECEIPTS

Web Site reimbursement from 60th Convention	\$	
Interest	\$	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS \$

DISBURSEMENTS

Cards, Binders, Copies (check # 1550)	\$	
Copies of Treasurers Report (check # 1551)	\$	
Annual Corp Registration (check #1552)	\$	
Plaques and Frames (check # 1553)	\$	
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$

Checking Account Ending Balance \$

WELLS FARGO CD

CD 2

Beginning Balance \$

Transactions

Interest \$

Ending Balance \$

CD Ending Balance \$

WELLS FARGO SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance \$

Transactions

Interest \$

Savings Account Ending Balance \$
