

NEWSLETTER
for Members of
CALLERLAB

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'77 Convention Special

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WELCOME TO CALLERLAB '77



When you begin to read the contents of this packet, we ask that you look around you and get to meet the others who are sharing this experience with you. The 1977 CALLERLAB Convention is the largest gathering of the most experienced callers all over the world. Together, their years of experience would astound you. In the past, many of the attendees may have been only names to you or perhaps places: here for the first time, you will be able to meet them face to face and talk to them and associate a face with a name. We will be spending a great deal of time together during the next three days - talking, yacking, cussing and discussing many facets of this activity. Even though a cliché, you only get out of this convention what you are willing to put into it. It is up to you. Wear your badge with pride and wear it at all times. Your badge is your entrance ticket to all scheduled events and absolutely essential for the two dinner meals provided in your package. We urge you to wear the badge after the convention as well. Please take a few minutes and read the rest of this package before you get carried away with new friendships or renew old ones.

How to Get the Most Out of This Convention

Your convention planning committee has put together what will be a very busy three days of meetings and discussions. We do not expect that you will agree with everything that is said by all who speak. However, we want everyone to feel that they have a say in the proceedings. If you have a question or comment, please share it with the rest of us. In many instances, you will find a large choice of topics from which you may select. If your spouse is with you, then each can attend the one in which each is most interested. You will also find that there are committee meetings and perhaps you would like to help out on a committee. Please tell the chairman you are interested and would like to join his committee. Even if you don't find a committee that interests you, there are other events that should stir interest. Both on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, we have open sessions for those of you not on committees or not desiring to be on one.



We mentioned in the March Direction that your tape recorders would be welcomed at all sessions. However, we will also be providing a complete convention wrap-up in the June issue of Direction. After the convention is over though, our work does not cease nor do your responsibilities. What we do here at the convention is only a part of the professional responsibility that we used as a theme last year. Chairman Mayo talked about our Professional Responsibility in his talk last year. This year the theme is "YOU ARE CALLERLAB". Obviously those three words can be read or said with different inflections and written with different punctuation. But, no matter how you say it YOU ARE CALLERLAB. What we resolve here, how we implement our actions after we return to our home areas all are a part of this theme. In the past, we have had some callers who say they believe in what CALLERLAB is doing but the support is only lip service to the projects. The term Mainstream is a classic case in point - Many callers agree the idea of Mainstream is good but turn right around and call all sorts of figures and terms not contained in the Mainstream list as defined. Please, if you don't agree with what is going on, say so here and let's work towards a majority opinion - but- please do not undermine the strength of CALLERLAB by undoing our efforts after you leave this convention.

This year the major topic for discussion is the question "Should CALLERLAB Support The National Square Dance Convention?" The topic will be introduced on Monday night and will be continued in smaller groups on Tuesday afternoon. It should be a spirited discussion topic - much controversy will erupt - and then emotionalism will subside and we will thoroughly examine and try to come up with a consensus of our membership. One aspect should not influence your decision or position - we are not dependent on the National Square Dance Convention for financial solvency. Your Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Ways and Means Committee, have come up with a realistic budget and dues structure that enable us to operate in the black regardless of any position we may take with the National Square Dance Convention.

WAYS AND MEANS This term frequently means budget matters. However, in CALLERLAB, it is more than just budget items. Last year, the raffle idea was hatched here. Also suggestions were made to hold fund raising dances during CALLERLAB week and seek donations from organizations. Based upon the feedback we got from our members, we are not going to repeat the raffle. It helped us this year. Our dues of \$40.00 plus the earned surplus from our convention plus the income from Accreditation will keep us operating in the black. Elsewhere in this Convention special issue, you will see lists of those who have donated their time and services for the benefit of CALLERLAB. Special mention should again go to Jack Lasry and his group of Florida callers who held a fund raising dance which netted \$859.00 to CALLERLAB. Incidentally, Jack also was the high seller in the Caller Interest series and the Dancer Interest series. He, alone, sold more than \$500.00 worth of raffle tickets.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS All members of this association play an important role in the selection and election of your Board of Governors. Each year, petitions for nominations to the Board are circulated by members or their sponsor for those seeking office as a member of the Board of Governors. Our By-Laws state that anyone is eligible for the board after they have been a member of CALLERLAB for a period of three or more years except that all members at the time of Incorporation are eligible for the elections to be held in 1976, 1977 and 1978. What this simply means is that all members in good standing as of the 1976 Convention are eligible for nomination to the Board. That list is available for your review in the main hallway area. If you are signing a petition for someone, please also type or print your name so that we can verify your eligibility.

For your convenience we are listing those members of the Board and the expiration dates of their term of office. For the election to be held this fall, we have six openings. Petitions will be accepted during this convention by turning them in to Convention Headquarters- Room 4.

The Current Board of Governors

Don Armstrong	82	*Frank Lane	81
Al Brundage	78	*Jack Lasry	81
Stan Burdick	79	Johnny LeClair	82
Marshall Flippo	79	Joe Lewis	80
Cal Golden	79	Melton Luttrell	79
C.O. Guest	80	**Jim Mayo	80
Jerry Haag	77	*Angus McMorran	78
Lee Helse	80	*Bob Osgood	82
Jerry Helt	78	Bob Page	78
Bruce Johnson	81	Vaughn Parrish	79
Jon Jones	82	Bill Peters	81
Lee Kopman	82	Dave Taylor	80
Arnie Kronenberger	77	Bob VanAntwerp	78

* indicates member Executive Committee

** indicates Chairman of the Board

John Kaltenthaler is the Executive Secretary and also serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee

DUES: A special mailing was sent to all members and invitees planning on attending the convention. In that notice, you were advised that the dues for 1977-78 were set at \$40.00. Some members had to cancel out of the convention and we applied part of their refund towards their dues. Since we didn't have the dues set at that time, we withheld \$35.00 and the notice told them they owed an additional \$5.00. If you have not already paid your 1977-78 dues of \$40.00, please do so while at this convention. Please have your checks made out to CALLERLAB for the correct amount. We prefer not to have a great deal of cash around.

EXHIBITORS: Several exhibitors have purchased space from CALLERLAB as a service to you, the membership. Their booths are located in Royal Hall and the hours are posted when they are open for selling. The exhibitors include Jim Hilton of Hilton Audion Products, Yak Stak, Ashton Electronics, Clinton Instrument Co, Red Boot Records, Hanhurst Tape & Record Service, Ox Yoke, Manning & Nita Smith, American Square Dance, Sets In Order American Square Dance Society (Square Dancing), Kalox, Belco, Longhorn Record Co (CO Guest), Square Dance Encyclopedia and Guide (Bill Burleson).

Drop in and visit with them - buy something if you are so inclined. Try their merchandise and see first hand what it is they have to offer. It sure is nice to know the people with whom you have been dealing all of these years.

CALLERLAB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE: CALLERLAB will also have a table in the exhibitor area where we offer selected items for sale to members. These items include CALLERLAB recognition pins at \$5.00 each. These are either men's or women's models. CALLERLAB Decals - large 4" peel back decals suitable for inside or outside use. CALLERLAB approved contracts in pads of approximately 25 per pad. Square Dance Building Guidelines - the authoritative book put out by Melton Luttrell and his committee. The cost of the decals is 50¢ each, the contracts are \$1.25 per pad and the book is \$1.50.

Other items that we handle are also on display even though not for sale. Your comments are invited on any of the items we handle. A proposed belt buckle can be ordered if desired at \$10.00. If you think of something you feel we should offer to our membership, submit your idea to Ways & Means Committee - Cal Golden Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND INVITEES We have provided for your review two separate lists of members, invitees, caller associations and known publications. The first list is arranged in straight alphabetic sequence except that all caller assoc are listed together and all publications are listed together. The second list is listed in Zip Code Sequence where the zip code was listed or by a computer alpha sort where no zip or Canadian postal zone was known. For your convenience, the Canadian and non zip coded addresses appear at the beginning and the end of the list. Please look them over to insure that we have the right callers on our invitee list and also that we have the proper geographic coverage. The code letters at the extreme right margin refer to M for Member, I for Invitee, C for Caller Assoc and P for Publication. Those of you who are attending for the first time will see your name listed as I. The next change list will convert you to member if you have paid your dues.

If you need more nomination cards, these are available in Convention Headquarters. Completed cards should be turned in before you leave the convention. Please print or type all information.

Future Planning: Plan now for future Conventions of your association. The dates to plan around are as follows:

1978	March 20 - 22	Location St Louis
1979	April 9 - 11	
1980	March 31- April 2	
1981	April 13 - 15	

In line with future planning, we are providing an evaluation form at the final breakfast session. Please fill it out completely with honest answers and opinions. We ask you to suggest topics for considerations at our future conventions. We also ask you to volunteer if you have some sort of special talent that could be helpful to the organization.

Rosters of Members will be furnished with the June issue of Direction. However, if you move, please advise this office so that we may keep our rosters up to date. Postage is a large item in our budget since we send everything by first class mail.

Donations and Fund Raising Projects since August 31. Since August 31st, the following organizations or individuals have made contributions to CALLERLAB in amounts as shown. Each of them was sent a thank you letter and acknowledgement. We expect that more will come in after this goes to press and further acknowledgements will be made in the June issue of Direction. Illinois Square Dance Callers Association-\$500.00, Metrolina Callers Association \$100.00, Ranier Teachers and Callers \$200.00, Bill Zambella \$100.00, Quint Cities Square & Round Dance Assoc \$200.00, George Gargano \$25.00, Hawaii Callers Club \$89.00, Bill Tait \$50.00, Edmonton & District Callers Association \$50.00, Jack Murtha \$50.00, Cole Peters \$30.00, 17th International of Williston N.D. \$200.00, Colorado Springs Square Dance Callers Association \$300.00, Jerry Haag \$259.75, North Dakota Square Dance Callers Association \$100.00, North Dakota SE Callers association \$25.00, John Craven \$25.00, Calgary Callers Association \$50.00, Sets In Order American Square Dance Society \$100.00, Frederichon Callers Association \$25.00, Al Broadway \$231.00, Bill Johnston \$50.00, Colin Walton \$138.00, Wes Wessinger \$125.00, Nashville Callers Association \$100.00, City of San Diego Callers Association \$125.00, Green Mountain Callers Association \$50.00, Jack Lasry and other Florida Callers \$858.35. This completes the list from the first of September through the 28th of February.

Have you asked your callers association yet?

SMOKERS: It will be greatly appreciated if you will step out into the hallways if you would like to smoke. Thank you.