

NEWSLETTER
for Members of
CALLERLAB

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The International Association of Square Dance Callers

Convention Flash April 1981

The General Business Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM at the Radisson Muehlebach.

DEFINITIONS COMMITTEE

Ken Kernen, Chairman, did an outstanding job over the past couple of years and was able to produce a set of definitions after thirteen drafts. The written portion of the definitions is now in process of being typed and will be mailed to all members and subscribers in May. The motion to accept the revised definitions passed. A policy to provide for changes to definitions was also passed as follows: A petition to change a definition must have 25 signatures on it and be submitted to the office; after verification of signatures, the proposed definition shall be circulated to the membership. The proposed change shall be voted on at the next regularly scheduled convention.

Jon Jones, outgoing Chairman of the Board then turned the meeting over to the incoming Chairman of the Board, Dave Taylor.

MAINSTREAM BASICS COMMITTEE

Jack Murtha, Chairman, also did a superb job over the past few years in the handling of the Mainstream Basics Committee. Several resolutions were brought up and passed as follows:

No calls added to or deleted from the Mainstream Program in 1981.

The label Mainstream will identify the level and program it currently represents.

Move Alamo Style from a separate call to part of the Ocean Wave Family.

Move Pass the Ocean to a separate position of its own.

Include the following calls under appropriate families: Wrong Way Grand, Wheel and Deal from Lines of Four, Wheel and Deal from Two Faced Lines and Left Turn Thru.

Calls 1 - 48 be adopted for three years allowing no additions or deletions until the CALLERLAB Convention in 1984.

That calls 49 - 68 be adopted for three years allowing no additions except that calls from the Quarterly Selections Program which have properly gained majority approval shall be added to the list and that there be no deletions until the CALLERLAB Convention in 1984.

That the Basic list (1 - 34) and Extended Basic list (35-48) be merged into a single list called the Basic Program (Calls 1 - 48).

That Square Dance Teachers allow twenty-nine 2 - 2½ hour sessions to teach the Basic Program.

RURAL AREA CONSIDERATIONS

Jerry Murray, Chairman presented several resolutions to the floor. The Plus lists, formerly printed on the reverse side of the Mainstream lists, will now be printed on a separate page and the reverse side of the Mainstream lists will be used to describe how the level designations are to be used and will also include hints on styling, music, timing and quality dancing. This passed. The committee also made a resolution that was amended to suggest to the QS Committee that no call remain on the QS list for more than three years.

QUARTERLY SELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Cal Golden, Chairman made two proposals to the membership which were both approved as follows:
 Figures to be dropped from the Quarterly Selections List include: Couple Up, Extend the Tag, Roll as an Extension, Track and Trade and Track II. (Note: prior to the vote, the membership was advised that the Plus Committee would pick up Extend the Tag, Roll as an Extension and Track II.)
 Figures to be retained on the Quarterly Selection List include: Dixie Derby, Linear Cycle, Ping Pong Circulate and Release Recycle (new QS move not subject to vote.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bob Osgood, Chairman, advised all of us that we should be more careful in the accreditation process in that the rules provide for signatures indicating personal knowledge of a caller's ability. Confusion arises most frequently when a caller comes from a great distance (i.e. overseas) and we sometimes overlook the requirements and sign without personal knowledge. Bob offered this as a suggestion and a recommendation to be taken up by the Accreditation Committee.

BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Jerry Haag, Chairman, reported that a Major Medical Plan appeared to offer the best alternative and he and his committee will be working on that for next year. He also advised that he was checking into the possibility of a CALLERLAB Credit Union. Jerry also mentioned that our Liability policy (automatic as a function of membership) should be increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000. (Note: this will be handled through the office and our Agent of Record.)

PLUS LEVEL COMMITTEE

Jerry Schatzer, Chairman presented a description of where we had been and where we are going. Jerry indicated what they were trying to accomplish on a two year basis and advised us of the orderly approach as being the most salable to the dancers. The net result of the presentation by Jerry was that his committee made and had accepted by the membership the following resolutions:
 The Plus I and Plus II lists will be combined at the CALLERLAB Convention in 1982.
 The New Plus I list will consist of: (In alphabetical sequence) Anything and Roll, Anything and Spread, Chase Right, Coordinate, Diamond Circulate, Extend the Tag, Flip the Diamond, Load the Boat, Peel the Top, Single Circle to a Wave, Spin Chain the Gears, Teacup Chain, Track II, Trade the Wave, Triple Scoot, Triple Trade and Turn and Left Thru.
 Pair Off will be dropped from the Plus I list and Swap Around, All Eight Swing Thru and Curley Cross will be removed from the Plus II list.
 The new Plus II list will consist of: (in alphabetical sequence) All Eight Spin the Top, Crossfire, Dixie Grand, Explode the Wave, Follow Your Neighbor, Grand Swing Thru, Relay the Deucey, Remake the Thar, and 3/4 Tag the Line.

FORMATIONS COMMITTEE

Bill Davis, Chairman presented several resolutions and reports as follows: (all passed)
 The arrangement numbering system in use on a trial basis for the past year be adopted on a permanent basis. (In clarification of this and for your review the trial basis was for 0, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4; for the permanent plan nothing would be used for the 0 designation.)
 That for commonality, single letter designations for the following formations be adopted for a trial basis for one year; Facing Line - "F", 8 Chain Thru "B", Static Square - "S", Parallel Waves - "W", Right Hand Columns - "C", Trade By - "T", Diamonds - "D".
 Bill also reported that some 20 other formations had been identified but would become an Advanced Level Committee Report through Direction.

TIMING COMMITTEE

Dick Leger, Chairman made a single resolution that the timing list for the Plus Levels be adopted for a one year trial period.

TAPE SERVICE

The tape service again proved to be very popular and Steve Davidson and his Convention Tapes International did another super job for us. One of the more popular sessions within the convention this year was the Guest Instructor on VOICE from Texas Christian University. Arden Hopkin did a truly outstanding job. He was witty, quick, knowledgeable and professional in every respect. Arden spoke about the voice, the anatomical functions to make the voice and tonal qualities and gave us all examples of how to make some improvements in what we are doing. He also conducted critiques of volunteer callers. A complete order form is enclosed for your use. The quality of the tapes is excellent and the price represents a significant savings to each of you who order the tapes. Please remember, however, to include 50¢ per tape for postage and handling. Tape orders should be sent directly to Convention Tapes International in Miami, Florida with the address as shown.

CALLERLAB LISTS

The Revised Mainstream Program sheets are now at the Printer. In order to provide a significant savings to you, we are having them typeset and produced in bulk so that you can distribute them to your clubs and dancers at a lower cost. Since the list was frozen for three years, we are able to reproduce the list in 200,000 quantity and the savings are passed along to you. The Plus lists will appear on a separate page. Both lists will be available for bulk distribution anytime after May 1, 1981. Please include payment in advance. This fee includes postage in US or Canada.

Mainstream lists	\$1.75 per hundred	Plus Lists	\$1.60 per hundred
Advanced Lists	3.00 per hundred	Challenge C1 & C2	5.00 per hundred

BY-LAWS CHANGES

The By-Laws changes sent out in the March Direction and included as a convention handout were all passed in toto and will be included in the next publication of the By-Laws scheduled for May or June of this year.

The Board of Governors passed a resolution providing for a "Gold Card Membership" which is awarded to those CALLERLAB members who have retired from calling but who have made a significant contribution to the organization. To date, only Arnie Kronenberger and Lee Helsel have been awarded the Gold Card.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

A special Chairman's Award was presented to Jack Murtha for his outstanding effort during the past year. Jack, as most of you know, has chaired the Mainstream Basics Committee and they have done revisions, rearrangements, modifications and numerous surveys to obtain agreement for the revised lists. Jack put all of this into a superb handout and secured consensus among the membership. The results are as shown earlier in this document. Chairman Jon Jones screened the candidates who have made significant contributions and decided that Jack was the most deserving.

MILESTONE AWARD

Three Milestone awards were presented this year. The first went to Frank Lane of Estes Park, Colorado for his many years of calling, traveling, and dedication to the activity. The second award was presented to Cal Golden for all that he has done over the years within and outside of this continent. Cal probably conducts more caller training colleges and clinics at this time than most others. The final award was presented to Marshall Flippo for all that he has contributed over the years. Flip is on most lists as one of the most popular callers. The three selections were very well received by all who were present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The newly elected Executive Committee to guide CALLERLAB for 1981-82 includes Dave Taylor as Chairman of the Board assisted by Curley Custer, Jerry Haag, Melton Luttrell, and Bob Van Antwerp. Herb Egender was reappointed as Assistant Executive Secretary and John Kaltenthaler continues as Executive Secretary.

The Executive Committee must meet at least two times per year in addition to the Convention. Since scheduling of dates for busy callers is difficult, the Board of Governors has adopted a policy of electing an Executive Committee Designate for the following year (1982-83). The Executive Committee Designate includes Dave Taylor to continue as Chairman with Orphie Easson, Jerry Haag, Frank Lane and Don Williamson. It is expected that Herb Egender and John Kaltenthaler will continue in their current positions.

INVITATION TO BID

Responsible travel agencies are invited to submit formal proposals to become the designated carrier and official travel agent of CALLERLAB. Two years ago we made this same proposal and only one bid was submitted. Agencies may request the formal specifications from the CALLERLAB office by submitting their request in writing. The specifications will be sent by return mail and formal applications and proposals must be in the hands of the CALLERLAB office no later than June 1, 1981. The intent is to provide the best possible travel arrangements for you, the membership, in your arrangements for CALLERLAB 1982 in Reno, Nevada. Costs of airfare are increasing as well as all travel costs. Your Executive Committee makes at least two trips each year in order to prepare the convention and provide the smoothest possible convention for your dollar. A designated carrier and official travel agent can help reduce our overall costs. This designation will not deny any travel agent from making their own arrangements for their regular clients but it will provide financial benefits to CALLERLAB. Information may be obtained by calling 717-646-8411. All requests, however, must be in writing.

ARDEN HOPKIN

Several callers and caller associations have requested information on our guest instructor, ARDEN HOPKIN. His address is Arden Hopkin, 3545 Winifred, Fort Worth, Texas 76133. He is a professor of Voice and Music at Texas Christian University. He conducts an outstanding clinic for caller associations and he loves to work with callers. If you purchase the tapes on VOICE, you will agree that he knows his subject well and can help all of us with our voices and delivery styles. Everyone who attended his sessions enjoyed his knowledge as well as his humor and ability to pinpoint minor flaws in our respective deliveries. Write to him and try to get him for one of your callers' meetings. If he is able to conduct a clinic for you, advertise the event and it will be one of your best ever.

PARTING SHOT

Overall, CALLERLAB 1981 was one of our better conventions. We are maturing as an organization and our conventions show this. The business meeting on Wednesday was well run and a great deal was accomplished. We added a great deal of credibility when we froze the list and eliminated some bad calls that were not popular with dancers. We came up with a solid set of definitions, thanks to Ken Kernan and his hard working committee, and these are a major step forward. We now have firm dates and locations for our conventions up through 1985 and we are looking for suitable sites in 1986 and 1987.

CALLERLAB 1981 is over. A great deal was accomplished. Now it is up to each member of CALLERLAB as to how well the resolutions are implemented. Get behind what the majority voted for. Make the system work in your area. "YOU ARE CALLERLAB." Put "QUALITY DANCING" into YOUR programs.

Thanks again to all who helped make this convention a success.