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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Chairman Orphie Easson

BY-LAW CHANGES RATIFIED

By-Laws changes approved by the Board of Governors at the 1982 Reno Convention were ratified by the General Membership at the Opening Session on March 28, 1983.

GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, March 30, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Van Antwerp. A straw vote taken to give the Board of Governors direction on whether or not future conventions should be extended by one day indicated that the majority of attending members were opposed.

Various committee reports were given and appropriate resolutions presented to the General Membership for approval/disapproval. In this Flash Issue of DIRECTION, we will outline those representing significant changes. Complete details will be given in the June Issue of DIRECTION.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PR COMMITTEE - Chairman Norm Cross

Norm Cross presented those in attendance with the sentiments held by the members of his committee. It was generally felt that the Square Dance activity was rapidly approaching the point where radio and TV exposure would be extremely helpful. Any members with "hidden" talents in this area of public relations were asked to donate their talents in order that a promotion could be assembled to eliminate the necessity of each member and/or group doing this on their own. Norm also pointed out that this year was the decision year regarding designation of square dancing as the National Folk Dance.

ROUND DANCE - Chairman Herb Egender

Herb reiterated previous resolutions which asked ROUNDALAB to prepare a package that could be used by callers who wished to introduce rounds into their individual programs. Herb emphasized to callers who shied away from the use of rounds in their programs that it is a term that does include simple line dances and mixers.

CHALLENGE COMMITTEE - Chairman Ed Foote

The Challenge Committee voted to drop its Quarterly Selection program and instead have a quarterly newsletter that would outline all of the currently popular Challenge calls.

STYLING COMMITTEE - Chairman Melton Luttrell

Melton offered the following statement on behalf of the Styling Committee: BE IT RESOLVED that CALLERLAB reaffirms their commitment to the styling definitions previously adopted for calls throughout the Mainstream Program and that those styling recommendations along with additional styling recommendations more specific in nature will be forthcoming after the definitions of the programs have been accepted. Melton urged all caller to practice what they preach.

This year for the first time, two joint meetings were held combining the efforts and thoughts of the Membership Committee, Accreditation Committee, Rural Area Considerations Committee, and the Caller Association Liaison Committee. It was felt that many concerns expressed by various members of CALLERLAB should be discussed jointly by the members of these committees.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE - Chairman Gloria Roth

The Accreditation Committee proposed the following resolutions in order to expedite the caller accreditation renewal procedure. All were approved by the membership.

BE IT RESOLVED, (1) Change the validation period requirement from five years to six years (which coincides with the membership requirements of a multiple of three). (2) Change the experience verification requirement from 3 to 1 signature on the renewal form. Three signatures will still be required on the original accreditation certificate. Passed.

Much concern was expressed regarding those members in isolated or rural areas and foreign countries and their ability to follow the present CALLERLAB requirements. Waivers shall be permitted only in cases where it is determined by the Accreditation Committee that qualified accreditors are not reasonably available. In such cases, the following procedures shall apply: (Recommendation was in the form of a resolution which was passed at this meeting.)

1. Applicant shall describe in writing to the CALLERLAB Caller Accreditation Committee the reasons for the request.
2. The CALLERLAB Accreditation Committee shall review all waiver applications.
3. The CALLERLAB Accreditation Committee will either grant the waiver or recommend a method of compliance.

CALLER ASSN LIAISON - Co-Chmn Dave Hass & Earl Swarner

The Caller Association Liaison Committee offered the feelings of their committee to the General Membership. Current requirements for affiliation of caller associations include that at least one member attend a CALLERLAB convention each year in order to become affiliated or extend the affiliation. It was generally felt that this reflects an undue burden on a number of associations especially those who currently have no members but who subscribe to the principles of CALLERLAB. The Caller Association Liaison Committee, with the concurrence of the Rural Area Considerations Committee, offered the following proposal which was passed in the form of a motion:

It was recommended that bonafide caller associations be permitted to become affiliate caller associations without having to have one member present initially. Further, this affiliation may continue for a period of up to three years at which time at least one member must become a CALLERLAB member and attend a CALLERLAB convention.

FORMATIONS COMMITTEE - Chairman Bill Davis

The ongoing requirements for attendance of members of the local associations should coincide with the current requirements for regular membership (ie, in the continental North America) - one in three years and for non-North American countries, one in six years.

SUBSCRIBER COMMITTEE - Chairman Dick Manning

In Dick Manning's absence, Orphie Easson presented the recommendations formulated by the Subscriber Committee. The following motion was moved, seconded and carried: Subscribers shall have the same liability insurance as do members.

TIMING COMMITTEE - Chairman Dick Leger

Dick's committee reviewed the timing of the plus basics that had been developed at last year's convention in Reno. If no major objections are presented, the Timing Committee intends to put the same in the form of a permanent resolution at the 1984 convention.

Alphabetic Listing: (Timing Values)

All Eight Spin The Top	10
Anything and Roll	2
Anything and Spread	2
Chase Right	6 (from box 1-4 distance)
	8 (from static square)
Coordinate	8
Crossfire	6
Diamond Circulate	3
Dixie Grand	6
Explode the Wave	6
Extend (the Tag)	2
Flip the Diamond	3
Follow Your Neighbor	6
Grand Swing Thru	6
Load the Boat	12
Peel the Top	6
Ping Pong Circulate	6
Relay the Deucey	20
Remake the Thar	10
Single Circle to a Wave	4
Spin Chain the Gears	24
Teacup Chain	32
Track II	8
Trade the Wave	6
Triple Scoot	6
Triple Trade	4
Turn and Left Thru	8 (from box distance)
	10 (from static square)
3/4 Tag the Line	4

TRADITIONAL COMMITTEE - Chairman Stew Shacklette

Current committee work includes the preparing of a bibliography of reference material and suitable type music or record identification that would be of benefit to those interested in Traditional Dancing. Criteria will also be established for a specialty area to enable those interested to become certified Caller-Coaches in the Traditional portion of the square dance activity.

The Traditional Dance Committee also proposed the following resolution which was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED that CALLERLAB allow the Traditional Dance Committee to select a traditional dance of the quarter to be disseminated to all CALLERLAB members through the appropriate channels of communication. Furthermore that the Traditional Dance Committee make the selection by the majority vote of those who responded to a questionnaire prepared by the Traditional Dance Committee.

The three resolutions passed last year on a one year trial basis were adopted permanently by the General Membership. They are as follows:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the formation letter symbol designated as follows be adopted:

- "P" for Double Pass Thru
- "Q" for Quarter Tag
- "M" for completed Double Pass Thru
- "R" for 3/4 Tag formations

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the names Right and Left Grand Circle and Dixie Grand Circle for the illustrated formations be adopted. (In all cases, our formations will be identified strictly by pictograms and not by words.)

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the name "Normal" be used for the zero arrangement.

The function of the Formations Committee has been to name and give names to some of the technical aspects of our choreographic entities. Names have also been given to formations themselves as well as to the positions within certain formations. The following resolutions were approved on a one year trial basis:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the following formation names be adopted on a one year trial basis:

- Single Quarter Tag(Right Handed & Left Handed)
- Single Trade By
- Single Eight Chain Thru
- Single Double Pass Thru
- Single Completed Double Pass Thru
- Inverted Box
- General Line (16 possible)
- General Column (16 possible)

In addition, a number of proposed formation names and dancer designations were proposed and passed. Pictograms will, of course, be provided upon request. (Ed note - Pictograms will be included with the June Direction.)

DANCE BY DEFINITION COMMITTEE - Chairman Ernie Kinney

Ernie stated that attendance at committee meetings held during the convention was excellent. Straw votes were taken at those meetings and another at the Wednesday General Meeting to ascertain whether or not the Dance By Definition Committee should continue to work on a teaching booklet including teaching hints as originally planned. It was the consensus of those present that this worthwhile project should be continued.

ADVANCED COMMITTEE - Chairman Kip Garvey

Kip pointed out that the Advanced Committee differs from other committees in that it contains the Advanced Quarterly Selection and Advanced Definitions sub-committees. This was the first year for the newly formed Advanced Committee -- it had previously been the Advanced & Challenge Committee. Committee work this year has been very productive. Policies and procedures were established to be used in selecting Advanced Quarterly Selections which will go into effect immediately and will be used for a trial period of one year in order to test their effectiveness.

The Committee has voted and approved the deletion of three (3) calls from the Advanced Quarterly Selection list. They are:

- Double Your Pleasure
- Bridge the Gap
- Z Coordinate

The Advanced QS list now includes only the following:

Mini-Busy
Cross Double Your Pleasure
Linear Action

The Advanced Committee also voted to accept the March 15, 1983 draft of the Advanced definitions and their subsequent convention revisions for a trial period of one year. The Advanced Definitions sub-committee shall continue to revise and edit these definitions with the hopes of finalizing them and presenting them to the General Membership for approval at the 1984 convention.

As a result of several straw votes taken and polling of various segments of the activity, the Advanced Committee is not anticipating any major revisions to the Advanced List in 1983.

The paragraph on the bottom of the Advanced Dancing Basic Calls list which referred to the All Position Concept was deleted and replaced with the following:

In an Advanced Dancing Program, dancers are expected to understand the Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced calls from most, but not necessarily all, formations, positions, and arrangements. Dancers are also expected to understand the concepts of calls they dance.

MAINSTREAM COMMITTEE - Chairman Jack Murtha

Jack enthusiastically reported that the survey prior to the convention, and general comments indicated that Mainstream dancing was increasing rather dramatically in areas where there has been a lack of Mainstream opportunities and that overall, Mainstream opportunities were being increased.

The Quarterly Emphasis Call Program was given strong support. There will be two calls designated as "Emphasis" calls for each quarter. Those for the first quarter of 1983 are:

Spin the Top and Divide

Approximately 90% of the MS Committee members responding indicated that they did not wish to add Dixie Derby, the one QS eligible, to the MS Program.

Major committee efforts will be directed for preparing for the 1984 convention. It was felt that there was little support for dramatic changes to the MS Program -- changes made should be along the lines of fine tuning and polishing.

The following resolution was made and carried during the Wednesday General Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mainstream Committee recommends that the word level, when used to describe CALLERLAB call groupings, be changed to program in all printed and official communications. Passed.

MAINSTREAM QTR SELECTION COMM. - Chmn Harold Bausch

Excellent coordination between the Mainstream and the Mainstream Quarterly Selection Committees exists and the following calls were voted upon by the General Membership. Official results are indicated beside each call.

Chain Down the Line	-	Keep
Dixie Derby	-	Keep
Grand Spin	-	Keep
Hinge & Flutter	-	Drop
Linear Cycle	-	Keep
Red Hot	-	Keep
Divide to A Column	-	Keep

A straw vote indicated that the membership did not want to include calls from established lists as Quarterly Selections.

PLUS AND PLUS QUARTERLY SELECTION COMMITTEES - Chairman Jerry Schatzer

The Plus Definitions Committee presented what they believed was a finalized version of the Plus Definitions for General Membership approval and/or ratification. The complete set of Plus Definitions will be printed in the June Issue of DIRECTION.

Several minor changes were suggested and made. The following motions were made, seconded and carried:

A General Rule concerning the term "flip" was proposed and passed in the hopes that problems further down the line could be avoided. The Plus Committee was also urged to redefine Flip the Diamond based on the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the term "flip" will be used to mean an action where one dancer will roll in either direction 180 degrees and then assume a position adjacent to him/her. (The implication being that it will be a rolling action, not a walking or dancing action as a "Run" is.)

A motion was also made, seconded and carried that Explode & Anything from waves be added to the Plus Program as part of the Explode Family. The following definition was supplied: Starting formation - Any four Dancer Ocean Wave - Everyone releases handholds, steps forward and turns one quarter (90°) to face the adjacent dancer and do the anything call.

All of the proposed and amended definitions for the Plus Program were formally adopted on a permanent basis.

A new teaching order of the CALLERLAB Plus Program to be in effect for a one year trial basis was proposed, moved, seconded and carried. It is as follows:

Teacup Chain
Ping Pong Circulate
Load the Boat
Extend (the Tag)
Coordinate
Anything & Spread
Spin Chain the Gears
Track II
Anything & Roll
Follow Your Neighbor
Explode Family (from waves only)
 a. the Wave
 b. and Anything
Relay the Deucey
Remake the Thar
Diamond Circulate
Single Circle to a Wave
Trade the Wave
Flip the Diamond
Grand Swing Thru
Crossfire
All 8 Spin the Top
Triple Scoot
Chase Right
Dixie Grand
Peel the Top
3/4 Tag
Triple Trade
Turn & Left Thru

A resolution regarding the usages for Anything & Roll for the Plus Dancing Program was voted upon and passed. It is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following uses of Anything & Roll are deemed appropriate for possible inclusion in Plus Programs at the caller's discretion. (Please note that this doesn't say you can't use anything that is on here -- it clearly states "are deemed appropriate for possible inclusion at the caller's discretion".)

Approved uses are:

- Star Thru & Roll
- California Twirl & Roll
- Run Family & Roll
- Trade Family (not to include couples trade) & Roll
- Touch 1/4 & Roll
- Spin the Top & Roll
- Cast Off 3/4 from Ocean Waves only & Roll
- Slide Thru & Roll
- Fold Family & Roll
- Peel Off & Roll
- Fan the Top & Roll
- Single Hinge & Roll
- Back Track & Roll
- Flip the Diamond & Roll
- Peel the Top & Roll
- Trade the Wave & Roll

Plus Quarterly Selection - 2nd Qtr. 1983

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Track & Anything be the Plus Quarterly Selection for the quarter beginning April 1, 1983. (Note: This supercedes previous announcement that there would be no Plus QS figure. This change was based upon the voting of the General Membership at the Wednesday Morning General Meeting, March 30, 1983.)

Possible Track & Anything moves include:

- Track & Trade
- Track & Cast Off 3/4 (to a Diamond)
- Track & Box Circulate
- Track & Scoot Back
- Track & Single Hinge
- Track & Walk & Dodge
- Track & Partner Tag
- Track & U Turn Back
- Track & Follow Your Neighbor
- Track & Follow Your Neighbor & Spread

Two further important resolutions were made, seconded and approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plus Committee recommends that Track to a Diamond be dropped from the Plus Quarterly Selection List (it would be included in the Track & Anything possibilities).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plus Committee recommends that Zing be dropped from the Plus Quarterly Selection List.

Note regarding the above: A figure must remain on the Plus QS list a minimum of three years before it can be recommended for permanent addition to the Plus Program was overlooked, the above changes were necessary. (Same as MS.)

PLATEAU COORDINATING COMMITTEE - Chairman Al Brundage

At the Wednesday morning meeting, Jerry Schatzer presented the following on behalf of the Plateau Coordinating Committee:

It was recommended that the General Membership consider the following resolution: NOTE: This motion and vote are in conflict with approved procedures to change definitions and is therefore invalid. This item will be again considered in Chicago in 1984.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Crossing rule as defined in the currently approved Mainstream definitions be null

and void. All crossing moves except for the basic Cross Trail Thru will be right shoulder passes. If was further resolved that this resolution be in effect on a one year trial basis. Motion was moved, seconded and carried. (See note above)

Board of Governors Candidates

Chairman Bob Van Antwerp invited those seeking election to the Board of Governors present to make themselves known to the General Membership. Quick comments were made by each of the following:

- Carl Anderson
- Red Bates
- Bob Bennett
- Al Brundage
- Curley Custer
- Bill Davis
- Ed Foote
- Cal Golden
- Melton Luttrell
- Martin Mallard
- John Marshall
- Osa Mathews
- Elmer Sheffield Jr
- Don Beck (received after comments)
- Marshall Flippo also stated that he would not seek re-election to the Board at this time.

Anyone wishing to seek election to the Board of Governors may do so by completing a petition. The completed petition must be in the office no later than August 1, 1983 in order to be included with this year's elections conducted through the September Direction.

Bob Van Antwerp conveyed his personal thanks and on behalf of the Board of Governors to the entire membership and everyone in attendance. He urged each attendee to go back and "sell" CALLERLAB to those callers who may not be aware of our fine organization. Although minor criticisms, both justified and unjustified were occasionally received, it was also a good indication of the deep involvement of many of those associated with the Square Dance Activity.

Bob expressed his hope that the 1983 Philadelphia Convention along with its theme - Dancers - Our Prime Consideration, was meaningful and uplifting to all those in attendance. Again, he expressed thanks to all and noted that without your input, we cannot satisfy your desires -- so keep those cards and letters coming!

Bob also suggested that each of you think of the topics you would like to have discussed for the 1984 Convention in Chicago. He requests that each of you put your thoughts, ideas, suggestions in writing and send them to the office or directly to him in order that they be considered when the Executive Committee holds their convention planning meeting in Chicago at the end of May. If you have other suggestions for the conduct of the convention or items of special interest, include those ideas in your letters. All suggestions should be in the office no later than May 15, 1983. This is your opportunity to have an impact on the planning of your next convention.

YOU ARE CALLERLAB!

Next year's convention is scheduled to be held in Chicago, April 16-18, 1984. Start making your plans now to attend!

Our thanks to all the helpers, panelists and exhibitors for making this convention successful. See you next year.