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FROM THE CHAIR

**By Patty Greene
Chairman**

Greetings from warm and stormy North Carolina! Somehow, summer seems to have slipped in right under everyone's noses and fall is just around the bend. First, thank you again to Vernon Jones for serving as our Chairman for the past two years. He did a great job, and I have big Texas-sized shoes to fill. I am honored to be stepping in after his leadership, as well as all the Chairmen before me.

I've recently returned from the spring Executive Committee meeting, and hopefully I am home long enough to catch my breath. During my nightmare of an extended trip home from the EC meeting (documented on Facebook), I was lucky enough to have a couple of great seat-mates. We had the usual "stuck together for a few hours, what do you do" conversations on the tarmac. One actually has a mom who square dances, but she and her husband won't because their extracurricular activity of choice is a pug club (owners of pug dogs – theirs are adorable!). We talked about the challenges of getting people to join our respective activities, and he made the comment that after being stagnant for the past few years, their club has actually been growing. I asked him what made the difference, and he said that their president is an effective leader. This instigated a great conversation about leadership and what makes someone stand apart and be effective. We discovered that even though our clubs are completely different, there seemed to be a common thread.

Remember our keynote at Convention this year? If you missed it, Patrick spoke about leadership and what is important in an effective leader. He suggested that it's simply kindness, respect, consideration, and attitude.

He emphasized that kindness was the one simple quality that is underrated. I happen to agree.

What if we take a break from all the arguing about dance levels, dress codes, types of music, and all the nuts and bolts of our activity? Yes, they are important, but the arguments have been going on since the beginning of time and haven't solved the problems yet. So let's try a new approach. Let's step back and take a look at how we as leaders in the square dance world are interacting with our peers, with our new and seasoned dancers, and with the public-at-large. Let's choose to lead with grace and respect. Let's start to turn this ship around with what I think our activity has been missing – simple kindness!

If you call dances, cue rounds, or prompt line dances, you are in a leadership role in your dance community. You may not like to think of yourself as a leader, but you are. People look to you for guidance, for social cues on how to act, for things to do and not do. Whether you have a big personality or a quiet presence, you can drive positive change and be just as effective by leveraging your own personal strengths, whatever they may be, and lead in the best way you know how. You don't have to like everyone that crosses your path – but as a leader, you do need to treat them with respect and kindness.

For much of the square dance world, this time of year is when classes start. New potential dancers and friends walk through our doors. What kind of an impression are you going to leave them with? Let's see how we can change our perspective and lead our activity back to "Friendship Set to Music" where all are welcome.

We have a great activity that provides fellowship, fun, laughter, mental and physical exercise, along with opportunities to meet some of the best people in the world. People from all walks of life who get together and find a respite from the pressures of the world around us. No matter your level of expertise, if you are a local caller or a traveling national caller, if you sing like an angel or growl

like a bear, you have the ability to help create and foster a place where people will want to come and spend their time. I challenge you to be the kind leader that helps your dancers, and everyone around you, become the best version of themselves.

POST-CONVENTION VOTE RESULT

Following the 2017 CALLERLAB Convention, 735 ballots were mailed to eligible Voting Members, asking whether or not the actions taken at the 2017 CALLERLAB Convention should be rescinded (overturned). The results of the Convention action were reported in the minutes of the Annual Meeting which were mailed to all Members with the Flash 2017 issue of *DIRECTION*.

The Bylaws specify that a minimum of one-third of the mailed ballots (this year 245) must be returned in order to constitute a quorum. Additionally, two-thirds of those responding must vote to rescind the vote or it stands as taken.

The Resolutions printed below were presented to the Membership during the 2017 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. These Resolutions were approved by the Membership at the Meeting and submitted to the Voting Members by mail ballot. Of the 735 ballots mailed, 252 valid ballots were returned by the June 25, 2017 deadline. Returned ballots have been counted and both resolutions were approved as presented.

The following resolutions stand approved by the Voting Members at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Members and ratified by the mailed ballot.

The first resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the Bylaws must be clear regarding termination of membership and funds due and payable to CALLERLAB

MOTION: Be it Resolved That Article II. Membership be revised as follows:

Article II, Section 4 - Add "Termination" to the title which will read as follows:

"Section 4. Resignation, Termination and Reinstatement"

Article II. Section 4. (A) - Delete last sentence.

Article II. Section 4. (B) - In the title, replace "Removal" with "Termination" which will read as follows:

"Section 4. (B) Termination or Expulsion of Members"

Article II. Section 4. (B) (1) - Delete last sentence and change entire sub-section to read:

"(1) Any Member whose account is delinquent shall be mailed a written notice of delinquency at the address as shown on the records of the corporation. If the delinquency is not cured within 60 days following the sending of the notice, the membership shall be terminated."

Article II. Section 4. (B) - Add new sub-section Article II, Section 4. (B) (7) which will read as follows:

"(7) Notwithstanding any termination of membership, all sums (other than unpaid membership renewals) due to the corporation from any Member shall still be due and remain a debt in favor of the corporation and shall be enforceable against the Member or his/her estate."

The second resolution reads as follows:

Whereas it is possible for a candidate for the Board Of Governors (BOG) to receive sufficient votes to be elected to the BOG but is unable to assume the office to which elected, Whereas clear procedures are required to determine how to proceed if an elected Member is not able to assume the office of BOG to which elected, and

Whereas clear procedures are required to determine how to proceed if there is a vacancy on the Board after the elected Member assumes office.

Be It Resolved That: Article IV. Board Of Governors, Section 6 (A) and Article IV. Board Of Governors, Section (B), of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(A) Elected Member Unable to Assume Office (Resignation or Other Reason) Before Taking Office. If a Governor resigns or is unable to assume office for any other reason during the period between the election and taking office, this place shall be filled by the unsuccessful candidate from the same election with the next highest vote total. Multiple such situations shall be filled in order from the remaining unsuccessful candidates. If there are no unsuccessful candidates, the office shall be filled by election at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting held in lieu thereof.

(B) Vacancy on the Board After Elected Members Assume Office. If a Governorship becomes vacant after the elected Member assumes office, this place shall be filled by the unsuccessful candidate from the most recent election with the next highest vote total. Multiple such situations shall be filled in order from the remaining unsuccessful candidates. If there are no unsuccessful candidates, the office shall be filled by election of the next Annual or special meeting held in lieu thereof.

RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

The Board of Governors has approved a process whereby any CALLERLAB Member (Active, Life, Associate, or Apprentice) in good standing may submit a proposal (resolution) to the Membership for consideration, discussion, and vote. The resolution must be in writing, signed by the author, and seconded by a CALLERLAB Member (Active, Life, Associate, or Apprentice) in good standing. Written resolutions must be submitted to the Executive Director at the Home Office either in person, by e-mail, by U.S. mail or fax. The resolution must include the reason that the author feels the proposal is necessary.

Resolutions must be submitted by January 1st of the Convention year in order to be listed in the "Call to Convention" and placed on the Convention Agenda. Please contact the Home Office for additional information or for a Resolution Submission Form.



BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

The 2018 BOG election is in process. All Voting Members will receive their ballot via U.S. mail. Members eligible to vote will be electing nine Members to be seated on the Board following the 2018 CALLERLAB Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Board Members serve a term of three years. If you are a Voting Member, please vote!

Scott Bennett, Mike Callahan, Barry Clasper, John Marshall, Jim Mayo, Jerry Reed, Justin Russell and Mike Sikorsky will complete their current terms on the Board at the 2018 Convention. One vacant BOG position (**Tim Marriner's**) will be filled during this election.

Valid petitions have been received nominating the following:

Walt Burr; Barry Clasper; Al Frazier; Paul Henze; Barry Johnson; Harlan Kerr, Ted Lizotte; John Marshall; "Bear" Miller; Susan Morris; Mike Olivieri; Bob Poyner; Charlie Robertson; Justin Russell; Mike Sikorsky; and Gloria Vivier

Scott Bennett, Mike Callahan, Jim Mayo and Jerry Reed have chosen not to seek re-election to the Board this year.

The results of this important election will be announced in the next issue of *DIRECTION*.

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS EARLY!

The room rate at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, NM is \$105 per night. The hotel features a free hot breakfast each morning and a manager's reception each evening. Be sure to ask for the **Convention group code "IAS"**. Book on line at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABQEMES-IAS-20180322/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

If you wish to call the hotel to make your reservations, please call 1-505-245-7100.

SAVE THE DATE: 45th CALLERLAB Convention
March 25-28, 2018!

CALLERLAB AT THE 66th NSDC

CALLERLAB made its annual appearance at the 66th National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati, OH. CALLERLAB also participated in the Showcase of Ideas. The CALLERLAB booth provided a positive presence before the dancing public and elicited a great response from everyone who stopped by to visit.

Thanks to the following CALLERLAB Members who volunteered to help staff the booth: **Bob Asp; Bill Harrison; Pam Clasper; Jeff Palmer; Darryl & Decah Lipscomb; Vernon & Kayla Jones; Ashley Parker; Ron & Judy Giuliana; Tom Miller; Ken Ritucci; Mike & Denise Hogan; Bob & Allynn Riggs; Bob & Ann Poyner; Patty Greene; Lawrence Johnstone; Dottie Welch; "Bear" Miller; Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie & Bob Lottie; Betsy & Roy Gotta; Lynn Webster; and Donna Schirmer.** Please let the Home Office know if we missed your name.

67th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION CALLERS' INVITATION

Lynn Nelson, Vice Chair, Squares Program
Jim Wright, Assistant Vice Chair, Squares Program

Kansas City, Missouri will be the host of the 67th National Square Dance Convention® from June 27 to June 30, 2018. We would like to extend an invitation to you, on behalf of the 67th National Square Dance Convention®, to participate in this annual event.

To be programmed at the 67th National Square Dance Convention®, all callers must be registered and must submit an on-line Dance Leader Profile. We are attaching a Registration Form for your convenience, or you can obtain another at www.67nsdc.com. This form must be completed and returned with payment, to the address on the form. We apologize that electronic registration is not

currently available.

The Dance Leader Profile is available for completion online. This profile is now a free-standing document that you control. You may update it at any time and you will be able to forward it to the appropriate National Square Dance Convention® at the appropriate time. No more starting over every year! It will also track your attendance at past Conventions, updating automatically as you attend. Instructions for accessing this profile are attached.

The link is: www.sdconvention.com/registration. The Dance Leader Profile cannot be sent to the 67th National Square Dance Convention® until your long form Registration has been processed. So if you are not registered, please complete and mail the Registration Form soon, but not later than **December 31, 2017**.

If you call Advanced or Challenge, or agree to call for the Youth or a Specialty, be assured that time spent in those halls will not affect your opportunity to call in the Mainstream and Plus halls.

Dance Leader Profiles must be submitted electronically by **January 15, 2018**, if you wish to be programmed. Callers who submit after that deadline will be placed on a space available list and may not be programmed.

This year, we have a treat for you. All callers who register with our Convention are eligible to receive, free of charge, a complete copy of "Kansas City", ESP 905, courtesy of **Elmer Sheffield** and ESP Records. You will receive information from us on how to obtain this recording after you register and submit your Caller Profile.

**Stop Wishing.
Start Doing!**
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*The Sustainable Square Dance Committee
Invites you to join their Committee.
Contact the Home Office!*



Ballots are in the Mail

Voting Members should be receiving BOG election ballots in the mail soon. **Ballots MUST be returned before September 15, 2017.** If you do not receive a ballot and you believe you qualify to be a Voting Member, please contact the Home Office to verify your membership status.

CALLER-COACHES AT 66th NSDC

CALLERLAB made its annual appearance at the 66th National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati, OH. CALLERLAB participated in caller education by staffing six seminars dealing with this subject. CALLERLAB would like to thank those Accredited Caller-Coaches who donated their time during the Convention to staff these sessions. Thanks to: **Ed Foote; Betsy Gotta; "Bear" Miller; Tom Miller; Tony Oxendine; and Ken Ritucci.** Numerous other CALLERLAB Members also assisted the NSDC by serving on educational clinics, seminars and workshops, as well as calling at the Nationals.

A Special Invitation to Attend the 45th Annual CALLERLAB Convention March 25-28, 2018, Albuquerque, NM Embassy Suites Hotel

The 2018 CALLERLAB Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, NM beginning on March 25, 2018. There's plenty to do and see for those who decide to arrive early or stay a few days following the Convention.

The CALLERLAB Convention provides tremendous amounts of educational training and materials, as well as great social time and networking with callers from around the world. Come be a part of

an unbelievable experience of callers sharing and working together. Inject your thoughts and experiences. Visit with members of the Board and spend time with some of the legends of the activity. This Convention has something for everyone in square dancing. All callers, dancers, and dance leaders are invited to attend.

The Convention "early bird" registration fee is \$210 for callers and \$200 for non-callers until September 30, 2017. October 1, 2017, registration fees will increase by \$10 for each caller and non-caller attendee so register early by making a deposit of \$100 per attendee. If you have any questions, please contact us at the Home Office by phone at: [1-785-783-3665](tel:1-785-783-3665) or by e-mail at: callerlab@aol.com. We will do our best to assist you.

A dedicated booking website has been created for this event so you may be able to make, modify, and cancel your hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel. To access the website, please click the following link: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABQEMES-IAAS-20180322/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

"CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE"

Plan to attend the 45th CALLERLAB Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Embassy Suites Hotel. There will be lots of interesting sessions and events planned for this Convention. The theme, "Change Your Perspective", has been chosen for the Convention.

INVITE NON-MEMBERS AND DANCE LEADERS TO ATTEND CALLERLAB CONVENTION

Are you aware that CALLERLAB encourages you to invite dancers and non-CALLERLAB Members to attend the Annual CALLERLAB Conventions? One of the most common comments we hear from first time attendees is that they wished they had attended earlier. During our formative years, we were discussing some complex programming, choreography, and styling issues. Much of this discussion would not have been of interest to many dancers. Currently, the topics available to our

attendees range from some complex technical issues to marketing, recruiting, and retention discussions and other issues of interest to club and association leadership. We ask that you invite dancers and callers to attend. Contact the Home Office to arrange a special invitation to your friends.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Executive Director

The Executive Committee is beginning a search for an Assistant Executive Director (AED).

The work to be handled by the person chosen to fill this position will be primarily website review, writing, assisting with the work of running Conventions, and other tasks assigned by the Executive Director or Executive Committee. Most of the day-to-day work can be done through an interactive computer link and electronic communications. Therefore, the position does not require relocation to Topeka, KS. Individuals applying for this position will most likely be considered to become the Executive Director in the future.

CALLERLAB is seeking applications from individuals who would like to be considered for this position. It has been determined that we should look first among CALLERLAB Members and their partners for a person to fill this position. An abbreviated description of the duties of the person filling this position are included with this issue of *DIRECTION*. For a complete job description and application form, please contact the CALLERLAB office at 200 SW 30th Street, Ste. 104, Topeka, KS 66611 by phone at (785) 783-3665, FAX at (785)783-3696, or e-mail at CALLERLAB@aol.com prior to **September 24, 2017**.

PLUS COMMITTEE

Eric Henerlau, Plus Committee Chairman, and Masaharu "Doc" Hiraga, Vice Chair, announce that the Plus Committee has chosen Flip the Diamond as the current Plus Emphasis Call

(See Press Release Attached)

2017 USA WEST
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
Sweetwater County Events Complex
August 16-19, 2017
Rock Springs, Wyoming

<http://www.wyoming.usawest.net>

Come join us in Rock Springs for the 2017 USA West Square Dance. Start by clicking on the Registration page to get our latest Registration Form. Also, check out the housing section as we begin our adventure to USA West 2017.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)
COMMITTEE
Wendy VanderMeulen, Chair

The PR Committee continues to work at collecting positive stories of why CALLERLAB is such a great organization to be a part of and such a great Convention to attend. If you haven't submitted your story yet, please do so by sending it to me, Committee Chair, at wendyv@sympatico.ca and Tom Rainer, Vice Chair, at tcrainger@gmail.com. A couple of the stories we've received so far follow this report.

Have you seen any of the flyers yet that have been prepared to encourage attendance at the Albuquerque Convention next March? There have been three, so far, and the fourth will be published very shortly. Look for it on the PR Committee Facebook page. If you haven't joined that page yet, please do so ASAP, as much of this Committee's news gets broadcast there. We hope you will enjoy reading about our activities and want to join us. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CALLERLAB.PR.Committee/>)

Speaking of Albuquerque, we'll be looking into some things to do while in the area, so be sure to book your travel to arrive a day early or stay a day later. Ideas are starting to come and you'll hear about them as soon as we can work them out. The Convention is a great time to network. You can start it earlier or make it last a day longer by choosing to do some extra-curricular activities in the area.

In closing, the PR Committee will be *much more* effective if you pass on all the news that comes from the Committee to your caller contacts – CALLERLAB Members or not. Working at increasing CALLERLAB membership won't work if only Members get the word on what's so great about the organization. We already know that! Please help by spreading the word.

POSITIVELY POSITIVE!
Comments From Callers who are
Positive About CALLERLAB

Positive Story #11

By **Jim Mayo**, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

About Convention: Every one has been a wonderful reunion with some of my very best friends working in support of an activity that was a huge part of my life. I am very pleased to say that is still true. Few things in life are as good as working with someone you like and having respect to improve something you both care about. I can think of no better or more enjoyable place to keep working for the activity I love than a CALLERLAB Convention! I've been to all of them and I will continue to be there as long as I am able.

Positive Story #6

By **Dave Littlefair**, Alberta, Canada

I attended my first CALLERLAB Convention in 2013. The knowledgeable presenters were inspiring as they freely shared their skills through a variety of sessions. The evening entertainment provided a chance to meet and hear some exceptional callers who rarely make it to my "neck of the woods". My partner has since come with me to subsequent Conventions, because many of the non-caller sessions address important issues like promotion and club retention. We try to share what we've learned at CALLERLAB with our own local callers and in promotional workshops. The weekend session on community dance also gave us a lot of ideas and solid, practical information. What keeps us coming back, though, is more than the education we receive. It's the networking with peers, and the renewal of enthusiasm and hope we feel for the future of square dancing.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Opinions expressed in letters or articles from our Members are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect those of CALLERLAB, nor of the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to condense, omit or re-write all or any part of material sent to CALLERLAB for publication.

MOORE THOUGHTS

By Paul Moore

Good News from Alberta, Canada

What a surprise I got the other day. The book "As I Saw It" was published in March and was first shown at CALLERLAB in Mesa, AZ. Among the people at the Convention was Claudia Littlefair of Alberta, Canada. She picked up a copy of the book and took it home. Soon after that, she wrote asking if she could quote from the book for the Alberta square dance publication. Being thoroughly flattered (and needing the publicity) I said, "Yes!"

Then she sent me a copy of the newsletter, and I was astounded by how much she had included in her article. Soon after that she explained how she and her husband got through the book so quickly and thoroughly.

Here is Claudia's story and the article she printed.

"Whenever Dave and I drive into Calgary (1 hr.) or any other drives, I read out loud. We just finished your book and enjoyed it thoroughly from cover to cover. We really had no idea what an amazing leader **Bob Osgood** was. How one man could make such a difference is truly inspiring. And the rich history!! I want everybody to know about it!

The book is a wonderful tribute, Paul, and Dave and I really appreciate the hours and hours of time and effort you put into making it happen."

"As I Saw It"

*The Home Office has a few copies of the **Bob Osgood** book, "As I Saw It". The cost is \$15 plus shipping. Contact the Home Office to order yours or you can order from Amazon at: https://www.amazon.com/As-I-Saw-Bob-Osgood/dp/1539090981/ref=sr_1_1?*

*The Public Relations Committee
Invites you to join their Committee.
Contact the Home Office!*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The following scholarships were recently approved by the Foundation Executive Directors:

**Linda Montgomery; Kerry Wallace;
James From; Connie Graham; Lane Clem and
Ronald Langley**

Congratulations to you all!

Canadian National Square Dance Convention

London, Ontario, Canada

July 19-21, 2018

<http://www.squaredance.ca/2018>

HOME OFFICE HOLIDAY-VACATION

The Home Office will be closed on September 4, 2017 observing U.S.A.'s Labor Day Holiday!

In addition, the Executive Director and Donna will be out of the office from August 23rd through September 14th vacationing. We will have access to e-mail and will be doing our best to serve anyway we can while we are gone. Meanwhile, Jodine will be working partial days and will be handling mail and checking phone messages if you call in and leave a message.



NEW CALLER-COACH CONGRATULATIONS!

The Caller-Coach Committee proudly announces that **Martin Kromer**, Germany, is CALLERLAB's newest Accredited Caller-Coach. Please join CALLERLAB in recognizing Martin's attainment of this outstanding and inspiring achievement.

Congratulations, Martin!

**REGISTER FOR THE
45TH CALLERLAB CONVENTION
EARLY FOR REDUCED RATES
AND CHANCE FOR
SPECIAL PRIZES**

The Executive Committee suggests you consider registering early for the 45th CALLERLAB Convention to take advantage of reduced rates and to be eligible for prize drawings. Registrations received before October 1, 2017 will be at the rate of \$210 for callers and \$200 for non-callers. A deposit of \$100 each is all that is needed to take advantage of the lower rates. On October 1st, rates will increase to \$220 for callers and \$210 for non-callers. Those registered by October 1st will also be eligible for prize drawings. Also, be sure to reserve your room at the Embassy Suites early! <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ABQEMES-IAS-20180322/index.jhtml?WT.mc.id=POG> or call 1-505-245-7100 and ask for the CALLERLAB rate of \$105: Use Code "IAS".

**SELF IMPROVEMENT
TECHNIQUES**

By Tim Marriner

Donna Marriner has authorized CALLERLAB to post copyrighted articles and documents that Tim wrote and published on his website. As Donna noted, "Tim would have wanted CALLERLAB Members to benefit from his work." Thank you, Donna, for sharing with CALLERLAB.

A caller's training does not end when the school is over. Callers will never reach a point where they can't learn or reinforce something. Self-study and self-improvement are needed to keep all the tools of the trade sharp. You must work to correct your weaknesses and enhance your strengths. Improving your skills will improve your marketability. Caller seminars, clinics, and schools are one way of improving your capabilities but are not the only available resources.

Suggested self-improvement techniques:

- a. Read as much caller training literature as possible.
- b. Work with checkers, diagrams, and computerized angels.
- c. Ask questions! When in doubt don't! Ask someone first.
- d. Use the "Analyze a Call Sheet" and do some homework.
- e. Set, follow, and evaluate your programming abilities.
- f. Tape (audio/video) a performance and evaluate the results.
- g. If a partner is involved, get an honest appraisal.
- h. Evaluate the dancer reaction to your calling.
- i. Be honest to yourself, and evaluate your own performance.
- j. Listen to your peers.
- k. Watch entertainers perform and pick up showmanship techniques.
- l. Research material and ideas from other callers.
- m. Subscribe to local, regional, and national square dance publications.
- n. Subscribe to tapes and note services for callers.
- o. Interact with the local, regional and state callers' associations.
- p. Attend regional, state, and national conventions for callers.
- q. The Internet has resource materials and forums for callers.
- r. CALLERLAB membership provides access to a wealth of information and benefits.
- s. Practice, practice, and practice!

**EQUIPMENT DONATIONS TO
CALLERLAB FOUNDATION**

Jerry Reed

Ned Newberry

Chuck Simpkins

Tom Rudebock

Julia Pittenger

Sue Dellere

Thanks for Your Donation!

Equipment has been granted to:

Bob Dixon

Jeffrey Kaufman

Jake Oswald

Janet Lewis

Congratulations!

BOG VOTING RESPONSE LOG

The Board of Governors (BOG) has established a policy that a report of the BOG and Executive Committee (EC) voting record responding to issues (LOGs) which require a response will be sent to the Membership at least once a year. The following is a report of the voting actions taken by the 2016/2017 BOG and the 2016/2017 EC.

BOG Response Log	Logs	Votes	Voting %
Bob Asp	5	5	100%
Clark Baker	5	5	100%
Scott Bennett	5	5	100%
Bill Boyd	5	5	100%
Mike Callahan	5	5	100%
Deborah Carroll-Jones	5	5	100%
Barry Clasper	5	5	100%
Patty Greene	5	5	100%
Bill Harrison	5	5	100%
Eric Henerlau	5	5	100%
Mike Hogan	5	5	100%
Vernon Jones	5	5	100%
John Marshall	5	5	100%
Jim Mayo	5	5	100%
“Bear” Miller	5	5	100%
Tom Miller	5	5	100%
Bob Poyner	5	5	100%
Jerry Reed	5	5	100%
Bob Riggs	5	5	100%
Ken Ritucci	5	5	100%
Justin Russell	5	5	100%
Al Stevens	5	5	100%
Dottie Welch	5	5	100%
Scot Byars (resigned)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jerry Jestin (resigned)	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	115	115	100%

EC Response Log	Logs	Votes	Voting %
Vernon Jones	16	16	100%
Barry Clasper	16	16	100%
Patty Greene	16	16	100%
John Marshall	16	16	100%
Ken Ritucci	16	16	100%
TOTAL	80	80	100%

BOG ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Executive Committee has established a policy that a report of the BOG attendance at meetings will be sent to the Membership at least once a year. The following is an attendance report of the 2016/2017 BOG.

F= Attended Full Meeting

P=Absent Partial Meeting

A=Absent Entire Meeting

n/a=not applicable—not on BOG

NAME	2017	2016	2015
Bob Asp	F	F	F
Clark Baker	F	F	F
Scott Bennett	P	F	F
Bill Boyd	F	F	F
Mike Callahan	F	F	F
Deborah Carroll-Jones	F	F	F
Barry Clasper	F	F	F
Patty Greene	F	F	F
Bill Harrison	F	F	P
Eric Henerlau	F	F	F
Mike Hogan	F	F	F
Vernon Jones	F	F	F
John Marshall	F	F	F
Jim Mayo	F	F	F
“Bear” Miller	F	F	F
Tom Miller	F	F	F
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Thank You

to All Who Took Time to Vote!

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Albert Einstein

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Plus Emphasis Call

FLIP THE DIAMOND

Eric Henerlau, Chairman of the Plus Committee, is pleased to announce Flip the Diamond has been selected as the Plus Emphasis Call for the period starting August 1, 2017.

STARTING FORMATION: Any Diamond.

TIMING: 3

DEFINITION: The centers of the diamond do a Diamond Circulate to the next position in their diamond, while the points Run ("Flip" 180°) into the nearest center position and join hands to become the centers of the forming wave or line. When "flipping" a facing diamond, the points always take the inside path, and the centers always take the outside path.

STYLING: From a normal diamond formation, all dancers blend into hands up position as required for ocean wave basic. If the starting formation is a facing diamond, all dancers blend into a couple handhold.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Flip the Diamond can be done from various diamond formations. Here are the formations used for the choreography examples shown below:

- Right-hand twin diamonds
- Left-hand twin diamonds
- Facing diamonds
- Point-to-Point Diamonds
- Three dancers with the same shoulder to the center and the fourth dancer with the other shoulder to the center.

The purpose of the choreography examples is to stimulate your thought on how you can use the call. Please push checkers to see how the sequences work. The examples listed below progress from easy to very difficult. Use good judgment and don't overload your dancers. The last sequences are very hard.

STANDARD PLUS APPLICATIONS:

- 1) Heads Lead Right, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Girls Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Boys Swing Thru, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Acey Deucey, All 8 Circulate, Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home.
- 2) Sides Square Thru 2, Touch 1/4, Split Circulate 1 1/2, Diamond Circulate, Boys Swing Thru, Flip The Diamond, Girls Run, Couples Circulate, Wheel & Deal, Square Thru On The Third Hand Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home.

- 3) Heads Pass The Ocean, Extend, Girls Cast 3/4 While The Boys U Turn Back, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Girls Trade, All 8 Circulate, Girls Run, Boys Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Boys Trade, Recycle, Left Allemande, Promenade Home.
- 4) Sides Right & Left Thru and Lead Left, Left Swing Thru, Split Circulate 1 1/2, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Split Circulate, Trade The Wave, Girls Hinge And The Boys Turn Back, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Girls Cross Run, Right and Left Grand, Face In You're Home.
- 5) Heads Spin The Top, Extend, Split Circulate, Girls Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Boys Swing Thru, Flip The Diamond, Girls Trade, Couples Circulate, 1/2 Tag, Centers Hinge, Very Centers Boys Trade, Flip The Diamond, Ferris Wheel, Zoom, Double Pass Thru, Leads Trade, Touch 1/4, Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home.
- 6) Sides Square Thru 2, Single Circle To A Wave, Boys Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Girls Swing Thru, Diamond Circulate, Flip The Diamond, Couples Circulate, Wheel & Deal, Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home.

EXTENDED APPLICATIONS:

- 1) Heads Pass The Ocean, Extend, Fan The Top, Grand Swing Thru, Boys Run, Girls Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Very Centers Girls Trade, Flip The Diamond, Recycle, Pass Thru, Wheel and Deal, Double Pass Thru, Acey Deucey, Centers Pass Thru, Left Allemande, Face In You're Home.
- 2) Sides Lead Right, Swing Thru, Spin The Top, Hinge, Circulate, Split Circulate 1 1/2, Diamond Circulate, Very Centers Boys Trade, Flip The Diamond, Grand Left Swing Thru, Recycle, Slide Thru, Left Allemande, Face In You're Home.
- 3) Heads Square Thru On Third Hand Touch 1/4 and Spread, All 8 Circulate, Centers Run, Centers Hinge while the Ends Pass Thru, Flip The Diamond, Centers Pass The Ocean and Hinge, Couples Circulate, 1/2 Tag, Swing Thru, Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home.
- 4) Sides Pass Thru and Separate around 1 To A Line, Touch 1/4, Circulate, Cast 3/4, Very Centers Boys Run, Each Line Centers Hinge, Flip The Diamond, All Cast 3/4, Spread, Centers Pass Thru, Centers Run, New Centers Follow Your Neighbor, Flip The Diamond, 1/2 Tag, Right and Left Grand, Promenade Home

SINGING CALL FIGURES:

- 1) Heads Lead Right and Veer Left, Girls Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Boys Swing Thru, Flip The Diamond, Explode The Wave, Bend The Line, Load The Boat, Swing the Corner and Promenade
- 2) Heads Pass The Ocean, Extend, Girls Hinge, Diamond Circulate, Boys Swing Thru, Flip The Diamond, Crossfire, Circulate, Boys Run, Slide Thru, Square Thru 3, Swing the corner and promenade

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