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CONVENTION FLASH

This 'FLASH' issue of *DIRECTION* is published as soon as possible after the Annual Convention in order to inform all CALLERLAB Members of significant actions taken at the Annual Meeting. This issue includes the results of any voting during the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members, information about award presentations, and reports from certain committees. Additional committee reports are included with the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

**RESULTS OF
CONVENTION VOTE**

The 2019 CALLERLAB Call to Convention, published in the January/February 2019 issue of *DIRECTION*, informed all Members that two proposed resolutions which required action by the Membership had been submitted and would be presented at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting. The resolutions were presented to the Membership during the 2019 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The first resolution was approved by the Membership at the meeting as presented.

The second resolution was discussed. An amendment was approved and the amended Motion was approved by the Membership at the meeting.

The resolutions will be submitted to all voting Members by U. S. mail for vote.

The first resolution reads as follows:

Resolution to Change the Name of the Mainstream Committee to the Basic and Mainstream Committee.

Whereas: The oversight of the CALLERLAB Basic and Mainstream program lists is the charge of the

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Mainstream Committee; and

Whereas: The Mainstream Committee voted to separate the Basic and Mainstream Program lists and number them separately; and

Whereas: Other program committees oversee multiple programs (Challenge, for instance, oversees three programs);

Whereas: The Basic List provides the fundamentals upon which the rest of Modern Western Square Dancing is based, and this should be clearly recognized and honored by including it in the committee title; and

Whereas: It is in the best interest of Modern Western Square Dancing for one committee to oversee both the Basic and Mainstream Programs.

Therefore: Be It Resolved That; Paragraph 6 of the Board Of Governors’ Program Policy be amended to change the name of the “Mainstream Committee” to “Basic and Mainstream Committee”. The remainder of the Program Policy remains unchanged.

The second resolution reads as follows::

Part 1

Whereas: The current CALLERLAB Bylaws were written before electronic means of addressing business were as common as they are today, and

Whereas: It is within the legal guidelines of the CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION Codes covering CALLERLAB to include e-mail and other electronic approaches as a means of balloting outside of meetings; and

Whereas: The current Bylaws, Article III, MEETINGS OF MEMBERS, Section 6. Action by mail is not written to include voting by e-mail, or other electronic means; and

Whereas: It is the commitment of this organization to ensure that all Members are enfranchised

and have a viable, accessible, and easy means of balloting that supports this commitment; and

Whereas: In order to support such a change in the balloting process, an amendment of Article III, MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS, Section 6. Action By Mail of the Bylaws is required.

Therefore, let it be resolved that: Article III. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS. Section 6, Action By Mail of the CALLERLAB Bylaws, be amended to read:

III. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 6. Action by Mail. **ACTION OUTSIDE OF MEETINGS.** Except as provided by law or required by these Bylaws, any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Members may be taken by written ballot, provided that a ballot is sent to every Voting Member **via the means specified by the Member and as recorded in the corporate records**, and at least 15 days is allowed for responses. The quorum for a mail ballot **outside of meetings** shall be one-third (1/3) of the number of ballots issued. No written ballot shall be accompanied by any argument or recommendation of a specific result, unless it carries an argument for each side written by an advocate of that side.

Part 2

Whereas: the current CALLERLAB Bylaws were written before electronic means of addressing business were as common as they are today, and

Whereas: it is within the legal guidelines of the CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION Codes covering CALLERLAB to include e-mail and other electronic approaches as a means of balloting outside of meetings, and

Whereas: The current Bylaws, Article IV. BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Section 4. Election. is not written to include voting by e-mail, or other

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electronic means, and

Whereas: It is the commitment of this organization to ensure that all Members are enfranchised and have a viable, accessible and easy means of balloting that supports this commitment; and

Whereas: In order to implement such a change in the balloting process, an amendment of Article IV, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Section 4. Election. of the Bylaws is required.

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The CALLERLAB Bylaws, Article IV, Board of Governors, Section 4. Election, be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 4. Election. The Governors shall be elected by written ballot or, if such a vote is not conducted or is for any reason found invalid, then by the Members at the Annual Meeting of the Members or any special meeting held in lieu thereof, **ballots that are distributed to qualified Voting Members via the means, electronic or by mail, designated by the Member and as recorded in the corporate records.**

Ballots must be returned by the date specified in accordance with Section D below to be considered valid. Each qualified Voting Member shall submit only one ballot.

If such a vote is not conducted, or is for any reason found invalid, then **Governors will be elected by ballots issued to the Voting Members** at the **next** Annual Meeting of the Members or any special meeting held in lieu thereof.

The election procedure shall be as follows:

(A) The corporation shall, by June 15 of each year, send written notice to each Voting Member **in Good Standing, via the means specified by the Member and as recorded in the corporate records. This notification shall inform each Voting Member** that nominations are in order for the class of the Board of Governors whose term is to expire at the next Annual Meeting, and for such other governorships that are vacant or required to be filled by election. Any Active Member in good standing may nominate any eligible Voting Member, including himself/herself.

(B) Each submitted nomination shall have thereon or attached thereto, in addition to the signature of

the nominator, the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) Voting Members who concur in the nomination. To be valid, a nomination must be in the hands of the Executive Director no later than July 1. **[NOTE: There are no proposed changes to Subsection (B).]**

(C) After the qualifications of the nominators, nominees, and supporting signatories have been verified as being in accordance with this Article, the names of the nominees who have been properly nominated shall be placed on ballots and a ballot shall be sent to each Voting Member **via the means specified by the Member and as recorded in the corporate records** no later than August 15.

(D) Each Voting Member may cast one vote for each Governorship to be filled. However, no Member may cumulate his votes, nor vote for more than the number of Governorships to be filled. All ballots shall be returned to the Executive Director of the corporation no later than 45 days after the mailing of ballots. **Ballots must be returned by the established closing date for that election by mail, fax, or e-mail, and have a postmark or electronic mail time of before midnight on that date.**

[NOTE: There are no proposed changes to the remainder of ARTICLE IV, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Section 4. Election.]

Part 3

Whereas: The Board of Governors (BOG) is the CALLERLAB leadership and policy making body, and as such are considered the Directors of the corporation, and

Whereas: The current CALLERLAB Bylaws were written before electronic means of addressing business were as common as they are today, and

Whereas: It is the commitment of this organization to ensure that all Members are enfranchised and have a viable, accessible and easy means of balloting that supports this commitment, and

Whereas: Members of the Board of Governors are democratically elected by the membership-at-large and are entrusted by the membership to make and oversee the policies of the organization. Due to the fact that they make and set policy, they must have well announced, formal face-to-face

meetings; and

Whereas: As a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation, the Board of Governors, may conduct electronic meetings where they deliberate and vote on CALLERLAB policy issues when these meetings are appropriately called and constructed. Electronic meetings include participation through use of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or electronic transmission by and to the corporation.

Whereas: In order to implement such a change in the balloting process, an amendment of Article V, MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, of the Bylaws is required.

Therefore, let it be resolved that: Article V, MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, of the Bylaws of CALLERLAB be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

[New Section] Section 6. Electronic Meetings.

As a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation the Board of Governors may conduct electronic meetings where they deliberate and vote on CALLERLAB issues when these meetings are properly called and constructed. Electronic meetings of the Board must adhere to the policy, procedures, and guidance contained in the Board of Governors document titled “Procedures For Electronic Meetings of the Board of Governors.”

[New Section] Section 7. E-mail Discussion and Voting.

E-mail discussion and voting is allowable under California Code if it is well documented that all Members were aware of and had ample opportunity to participate in electronic discussion, and 100% of the Directors have provided written consent as described below.

Each Board Member is annually required to sign a statement acknowledging that electronic mail will be used for discussions and voting on items submitted to the Board outside of the annual face-to-face meeting, and that they have the means and ability to participate in electronic discussions. The Home Office will maintain a record of each Board

Member’s written consent for the current year.

The Board of Governors may choose to allow its members to informally discuss issues via e-mail. These discussions must be conducted with clear provision to ensure that all members are aware of them and involved in them. At the conclusion of such discussion, an electronic straw poll may be taken, but final votes need to be confirmed at a face-to-face or appropriately set up electronic meeting of the Board of Governors, or using the process described in the next paragraph.

E-mail voting on a proposal circulated and responded to by e-mail is essentially a proxy vote without verbal face-to-face debate. In order for this form of voting to meet the California Code, it must be followed by unanimous written consent from all the Directors that the action taken via the e-mail vote would have been taken if a meeting had been held. The only exception to the unanimous written consent is in the case of a conflict of interest in which one or more Directors have to excuse themselves from the vote.

[Re-number Section 6. Publication of Minutes to read:]

Section 8. Publication of Minutes.

(End of Resolution)



**CHAIRMAN’S SPEECH
PRESENTED AT THE
46THCALLERLAB
CONVENTION
By Patty Greene**

Hello Rockstars! I didn’t anticipate how difficult this speech would be to write. This will be my last time to stand before you as your Chairman and share what is on my heart and mind.

My good friend, Tony, was right when he described how very difficult it is to stand before you and TALK to you. Since finding my corner right now would be more than a bit stressful, can I just skip out and do a couple of singing calls and call it a

night? THAT would be super easy! Yes? Well, never being one to take the easy road, I probably shouldn't squander this moment. So here is version 234.89 of this speech.

I thought that Tony kicked off this Convention with a super keynote speech. Were you listening? Do you remember any of his "ATE" words? They are words that each of us should remember and take to heart as we continue to Rockstar our groups and make a difference in this beloved activity. Just in case you didn't write them all down, let me refresherate your memory (if he can make up words, so can I!). In addition to a mind-bending list of circulates and other "ATE" call names, a couple of not-so-tongue-in-cheek new calls he'd like to invent, he talked about the following:

Accommodate; Appreciate; Celebrate; Dedicate; Demonstrate; Educate; Elevate; Articulate; Illuminate; Passionate; Considerate; Consummate (professional!); Create; Innovate; Relate; Illuminate; Cooperate.

Let me reiterate them again: Accommodate; Appreciate; Celebrate; Dedicate; Demonstrate; Educate; Elevate; Articulate; Illuminate; Passionate; Considerate; Consummate (professional!); Create; Innovate; Relate; Illuminate; Cooperate.

Steve will tell you that I am a rainbows and unicorn type of girl. Let me digress and say that without Steve, I never would be able to do what I do. He has sacrificed a lot, and has patiently put up with my hair brained ideas, my absences, my distractions, dancing when he didn't want to, being a sounding board, and cheerleading me. Thanks, babe, for being a good sport. And as a reminder to all of you: your partners, be they husband, wife, family, friend, dog, cat, are as important as the people that come to your dances.

Back to my rainbow and unicorn world. I choose to believe in the good. Even though we have some big and small issues and some things to work out between ourselves, our dancers, and our non-dancing public, I refuse to buy into the doom and gloom that seems to be much easier to pontificate on. Instead, I am encouraged by what I have seen and heard the past two years. The naysayers can moan and complain and boo hoo as much as they want. I choose to believe that there is still good in

this activity. A LOT of good, actually.

I am encouraged by the addition of Teresa as our Assistant Executive Director. I am proud that I was able to have a small hand in getting this position in place and filling the role. We are stepping out in faith and making an investment in the future of our organization and our activity. That is something to celebrate!

I am encouraged by the membership report the Board of Governors got during our meeting on Sunday. You all heard the VERY long list of callers we have lost in the past year. I head many of you talking about that list. Yet, while this was a difficult year of losses, we had a net gain of one Member. "So what," you might say—we didn't grow very much." Yup. True. **But we had a net gain of one; we defied our own projection of loss!** That means that in the big scheme of things, we DO have new callers coming up. I think that is cause to celebrate! So which of the "ATE" words can you use to help our newer callers to keep on keeping on? How about Demonstrate, Articulate, Relate, Cooperate, Educate? What about Cultivate (support them and give them opportunities)? Or how about Irrigate (water them frequently with encouragement)?

I am encouraged by the response that the Marketing Report is receiving. There are many callers and dancers/clubs that are starting to use the tools in that document. And even lots who are **thinking** about the items presented. "So what?" some of you say. "Our bottom line hasn't changed." But people are rethinking how they might better market, and they are sticking their toes in the water with regards to the tools out there in this century that might help. And there have been pockets of success all over. Pockets of success, as far as I am concerned, are reason to Celebrate, Emulate, Appreciate, Relate, and Copycateate!

I am over the moon encouraged by some of the conversations I have overheard as I wandered around the Convention. I hear a tangible shift in the tone and content: you are having real conversations with people; you are making connections; you are treating each other with respect; and you are welcoming those who are not like you. And THAT checks off a LOT of "ATE" words!

I am encouraged by the subtle shift in your EC, BOG, and committees from a place of “maybe someday” to action. Action is the only way to move from inertia to forward movement. The definitions project is almost complete, policies and workflows are being actively reviewed and streamlined, updated, and sometimes reworked, and we’ve got a few projects that have happened in (for us!) an efficiently short timeframe. Lots of “ATE” words there. One that is increasingly going **away** is stalemate—our Members are compromising, talking with each other, and acting on decisions.

But the one thing that I am most encouraged about, is that in addition to our constant discussions about choreo, marketing, and the other mechanics of our activity, we are actively talking about the personal side—sociability. I’ve been talking about it for years. Your Past Chairs, EC, and Board are actively working on how to innovate, motivate, and educate the lost art of sociability.

Throughout my teens and into my early 20s I was involved with a summer camp in New Hampshire—the Deering Conference Center. I started out in 5th grade as a camper, was on staff as a counselor, then worked summers on Camp Family, and cooked and cleaned and maintained the property; I was the camper that wouldn’t leave. The couple that was in charge of the camp are like a second father and mother—to me and everyone else that passed through. When Gordon passed away a couple of years ago, my Deering family came together and shared stories about the things we remember: the memories of singing at the top of our lungs or weeping or worshipping together; doing dishes and eating together. Those moments that we created are still strong and meaningful. Some of these people I haven’t seen in over 35 years; some I communicate with on a regular basis. The one thing that we keep coming back to is that strong bond of community even after all these years that still ties us together as family and friends. I always wear or have in my pocket a cross that each of us at Camp Family received. It reminds me that I am connected and have a family even in the midst of the chaos of my life. My Deering family recognizes that in spite of our diverse backgrounds and beliefs, in today’s

world this connectivity is something to take to the bank.

This feeling of community is what I feel today with my square dance family. We laugh uncontrollably, we ache and cry for each other, we celebrate milestones and victories, we work together in groups of eight to problem solve, we drive literally hours to spend a couple of hours with our favorite people; I stay up way too late having conversations with people on the other side of the world.

I still maintain that people in today’s world could use some face-to-face community time with other people. We all spend so much time isolated these days between schlepping kids and grandkids around, working two to three jobs, taking care of our homes or family members. Square dancing can offer a place to come and be accepted, dance and work together, fellowship, laugh, support each other, break bread together. Me and my rainbow and unicorn world is convinced that if we can find a way to get that piece back in our groups, it could go a long way in turning the tide around.

That missing piece is the sociability factor. It’s something that should be cultivated and celebrated and modeled regardless of the level or type of group. It applies to community dances, to Mainstream, all the way up to Challenge. It applies across the board to our national, regional, local organizations and events. It might look differently depending upon who you are, but I strongly believe that is the common glue that binds.

I hope that as we begin to dialogue and educate about sociability that you will listen, participate, and contribute. I hope that you, as leaders and Rockstars of the activity, will re-interject this piece of the puzzle into your groups. And I hope that you are comfortable enough to share back with us what you are doing, what is working, and how you are doing it. We, your family, are aching for these stories to be shared.

Boy. What a ride it’s been! I am humbled and

honored that I have had the opportunity to serve the organization as your chairman. You will never know the depth of my thankfulness for your support and tolerance. While I might have allowed myself to have a teensy little dream about standing here, I didn't think in a million years that it would ever happen. The path has been rocky and full of beautiful vistas and unexpected landmines. But, here I stand before you. Anything is possible. Don't stop dreaming big and shooting for the stars though the road may be rough and rocky. I don't care where you are on the rung of your calling career. The only thing that will hold you back is your unwillingness to dream big. Believe in yourself. Walk your path with integrity. Say no when you need to, and yes when you can. Never stop working and striving to become a better version of YOU; beautiful, handsome, talented quirky wonderful YOU. We so desperately need what only you can bring to this table. One final thought:

He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. You are all still, and always will be, my Rockstars for sure. I'll see you on the flip-side! Will you join me?

68th NSDC

Atlanta, Georgia

Are you attending the 68th National Square Dance Convention? If so, please plan to wear your CALLERLAB badge and stop by the CALLERLAB booth to pick up a CALLERLAB ribbon to wear. Sign up to assist in the booth or just stop by and visit. We are always happy to see fellow Members during the Convention.

Friday, June 28th will be our "CALLERLAB Blue Shirt Day". We ask all Members who have a long sleeved blue shirt to wear it proudly that day!



CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Dennis & Judy Grossnickle

Tom & Cindy Hollinberger

Presented by

Patty Greene

Most of the time, we recognize people who are front and center in our activity—the ones behind the microphone and visible. The reality is that there are many people doing lots of jobs behind the scenes for us, especially during our Conventions to make things easy for YOU.

For those of you who were presenters; did you have to set up your hall for sound and recording? Or were most of you able to just walk into your hall and do your thing?

Did any of you man the Registration table or volunteer to set up or take down the Ways and Means or Registration table?

Are you enjoying this Convention? Have you been able to relax and only worry about getting to your sessions, take a snooze, and get to bed early?

This year for the Chairman's Award, I would like to shine a light on some unsung heroes in our activity who work tirelessly to make YOUR Convention a success. In this case, our award recipients willingly perform behind the scene's jobs with a smile. They volunteer to come in early, stay late, deal with all of our personalities and quirks, get us settled in, schlep equipment, answer our questions, and keep

track of us. They are incredibly valuable resources to the Executive Director. I would venture to guess that without them, our Conventions wouldn't be nearly as successful.

Dennis served in the Army and the Reserves. He was also employed at the Civilian Civil Service Department of Army as Director of Information Management (Computers). Judy worked in Public Works as Director of Housing Inspections. The Grossnickles served as Chairman of Social Events for the 57th National Square Dance Convention in Wichita, KS and served several terms as officers and on various committees of the Kansas Square Dance Association. They were inducted into the Kansas Square Dance Hall of Fame in 2015. Judy once noted that one of her favorite CALLERLAB Convention session was attending the Definitions Committee meeting.

Tom and Cindy Hollinberger started their square dance calling careers around 2013. Dana invited them to attend the 2014 Reno Convention to help indoctrinate Tom with his calling education while assisting the Home Office with the various Convention tasks. Tom and Cindy became enthused with the Convention and have asked to assist each year thereafter. Tom is retired Navy and worked at Fort Riley with the Corp of Engineers and later as a professor at Kansas State University. Cindy has worked as a Para at elementary schools.

The Hollinbergers and Grossnickles have served as volunteers for every CALLERLAB Convention starting in 2014, and we are beyond lucky to have them in our corner!

Each of them are enthusiastic and ready to assist in any way they can to make the Convention much less stressful for the Executive Director and other staff members. They field questions, run interference, spend a lot of time in the office and run here-and there doing what's needed.

It gives me great joy to award this year's Chairman's Award to Dennis and Judy Grossnickle, and

Tom and Cindy Hollinberger. On behalf of all of us, I would like to say "Thank you for being an integral part of our CALLERLAB family."



**Skip Cleland
Award of Excellence**

**Presented by
Bill Harrison**

Tonight, I have been asked to present a CALLERLAB Award of Excellence

This award is presented to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service and support to CALLERLAB. I am happy to present this award to someone who has been my right hand in the leadership of the Advanced Committee. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Advanced Committee since 2009 and has been a CALLERLAB Member since 1990. During his years of being the Vice Chairman, he has been a major contributor in 4 Triennial Reviews, over 30 definition issues, kept a running Excel report on all issues voted on by the Committee membership, and has been involved in the preparation of many of the Committee ballots. CALLERLAB, the Advanced Committee, and myself, have been fortunate to have him on this Committee.

It is my distinct pleasure to present the CALLERLAB Award of Excellence to Skip Cleland.



**Masaharu "Doc" Hiraga
Award of Excellence**

**Presented by
Mike Seastrom**

Our Award Recipient tonight began calling in 1962 and joined CALLERLAB in 2004. He attended his first Convention in 2005, and this is his 14th Convention.

He has served as Vice Chairman of the Plus Committee since the fall of 2016 and has actively served on all of the following committees: the Advanced Committee; Choreographic Applications Committee; International Advisory Committee; Mainstream Committee; Marketing Committee; Public Relations Committee; and the following Ad Hoc Committees: Mainstream Abridge Definitions and Mainstream Teaching Order.

When I say “actively served”, I mean he responds and participates more than almost any other Committee member. His responses often lead most of the discussion.

He has served as a panelist at many of CALLERLAB’s Conventions and has been a very important liaison between CALLERLAB and the All Japan Square Dance Association.

As many of you know, the All Japan Square Dance Association is made up of callers, cuers, dancer leaders, and dancers, and he has been a strong proponent of that concept for square dance growth and success.

The Executive Committee selected him for this Award because of his many contributions to CALLERLAB, and as a valuable liaison to all of Japan.

He has two daughters, three grandchildren, and a PhD in Engineering. He even looks like a professor; that’s why we all call him “Doc”.

It gives me great pleasure tonight to present the CALLERLAB “Award of Excellence” to Masaharu “Doc” Hiraga!

PARTNER’S COMMITTEE

**Presented by Allynn Riggs,
Chairman**

Sixteen persons were in attendance at the meeting in Richmond, Virginia. Any who were not yet members of the Committee were encouraged to join and were asked to provide e-mail contact information to be given to the Home Office. We will ask the Home Office to create an e-mail group for the Partners Committee.

After a brief discussion of the Financial Emergency Fund project, it was noted that however well intended, legalities surrounding such are untenable and not within the mission of CALLERLAB or its committees. Those in attendance chose to drop this project.

It was suggested that the Committee review and update *The Partners’ Handbook*. The attendees readily agreed to take on this project. They were informed of the document and encouraged to read it through in preparation for discussion of what to remove, what and how to edit it, and what topics might be pertinent to add. Those members not attending the meeting will be notified of the project so that they may participate if they desire.

Attendees were informed that by giving the Home Office and the chair their e-mail contact information, committee members give CALLERLAB and the Partners’ Committee permission to contact them about committee business i.e., voting as needed, project discussion, plans for the 2020 Convention, etc. They were also informed of the private Facebook group: [Caller Partners Committee](#) for discussion of Committee business not needing votes, as well as keeping in touch with each other between Conventions. We hope this will allow friendships to grow and create a feeling of community as partners in the square dance activity.

In Memory

**Judy Campbell, Colorado (Partner)
Jill Sybalsky, California
Larry Dupray, Oregon**

FUTURE CONVENTIONS:

**APR 6-8, 2020, Sparks (Reno), NV
MAR 29-31, 2021, Grapevine, TX
APR 11-13, 2022, East Region**

CHOREOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Presented by **Dottie Welch,**
Chairman

We are pleased to report that the “Online Teaching Resource” is ready for use for all the calls in the Mainstream Program. Enter www.teaching.callerlab.org in your web browser to find this resource. You will find many pages of easily accessible material there to assist you in teaching dancers and in providing review and workshops. This is the place to easily find all the information you need to teach a given call including the definition, standard applications, call analysis, modules, teaching hints, patten choreography, singing call examples, and other useful ideas.

CALLER TRAINING COMMITTEE

Presented by
Betsy Gotta, Chairman

Callers who want to work in schools teaching square dancing to children may benefit from the Square Dance Teaching Credential (SDTC) Program. This program was developed by **Virgil Forbes** and **Jim Wass**, and has been updated by **Mike Seastrom** leading a group of volunteers. CALLERLAB Members can apply for a Square Dance Teaching Credential, which may help to give the caller a way to be considered for a job teaching square dancing in a school. Members of the Caller Training Committee will be voting to approve the procedures. Interested callers should contact the Home Office or **Mike Seastrom** at: MikeCaller@aol.com for an application.

Members of the Caller Training Committee are working on questions for a test so that callers can earn a certification as a Mentor. This is designed for callers who work with newer callers, but do not want to work on becoming a CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach. Committee members hope to have procedures to earn the Mentor Certification designation before the next Convention. Interested parties can contact **Betsy Gotta** at: ugottadance@optonline.net or **John Marshall** at: jmclab@comcast.net.

WOMEN IN CALLING COMMITTEE

Presented by
Susan Morris, Chairman

CALLERLAB Convention 2019 started a few days early for the 23 women and the women caller-coaches who participated in the first ever Women In Calling Institute (WICI). (See full report elsewhere in this *DIRECTION*.) The attendees arrived from all over the world including Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Canada and the United States. It was a time for newer and more experienced callers to learn or relearn basic skills that every caller needs. Two highlights were the time and help to explore that ‘sweet spot’ where singing a song becomes effortless compared to the struggle when it is in the wrong key and making friends with and having the support of our sister callers from around the world.

Our meeting during Convention was like “old home week”, since many that attended the WICI stayed for their first ever CALLERLAB Convention.

Our first project this year will be to update the WIC Music List from 2009. We will be surveying all members of the Women In Calling Committee to find out their favorite singing calls and patten music. This is an important project as more and more women become square dance callers; they look to this list for suggestions. Caller-coaches also use this list to help the women that participate in their caller schools. Watch this space for the final results later this year.

Shauna Kaaria graciously shared her journey with us in becoming a caller and a square dance music producer. Thank you, Shauna!

Make plans now to join us in Reno, NV in 2020. If you are not a member of the Women in Calling Committee, please call the Home Office to join. The only requirement is that you are a woman caller. If you would like to participate in and add your voice to the music survey, call soon!

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Presented by
Juli Burr, Chairman

CALLERLAB Convention 2019 was very successful! The Ways and Means committee ran three events. Sunday evening started with our "PIN A DOLLAR" Dance. A big thank you to our callers **Wade Driver, Tony Oxendine, Shauna Kaaria, Mike Seastrom, Scott Bennett, Vic Ceder, Jack Paddys** and last year's winner **Juli Burr**.

This year the dance raised \$1,600 and the new Top Dollar Caller of 2019 is **Susanne Jones**. She will be on the program for next year's Convention dance. Thank you also to all the dancers who attended and to the Board of Governors for taking a break from their meeting to show their support.

Monday evening **Justin Russell** had an outstanding live auction with **Jon Jones** and **Vernon Jones** as auctioneers. Thanks to all three of them, to all the helpers behind the scene, and thanks to everyone who donated articles for the auction. There was an autographed half Yak Stack, calling spots on several well-known labels, hand crafted items and collectible items to name just a few things. The live auction raised over \$7,500.

During the whole Convention, a silent auction, also organized by **Justin Russell** and **Pam Clasper**, took place. Everything donated was greatly appreciated and found happy new owners. Items included a beer stein with chocolate, jewelry, books, clothes of well known callers and food baskets. The silent auction raised over \$1,600. In addition, \$466 was donated from the sale of equipment at the Women in Calling Institute. All total, over \$11,200 was raised for the CALLERLAB Foundation.

In our Committee meeting we discussed new ideas for future Conventions and also looked at successful fund raising ideas of past years to perhaps bring them back in the near future.

In addition, we looked into new market areas and how we can improve our activity even more. Keep an eye open for future Ways & Means events!

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE –AUCTION

Presented by
Justin Russell, Auction Coordinator

After the banquet on Monday, **Jon Jones** and **Vernon Jones** took the stage as auctioneers for a Live Auction. **Pam Clasper** was writing feverishly to keep up as the Jones auctioned off 26 items in an hour. Several items went for \$1,000 or more including an autographed Half Yak donated by **Scott Bennett**, a recording session on Rhythm Records donated by **Wade Driver**, a session on Royal donated by **Tony Oxendine** and **Jerry Story** and a session on Chic Recordings donated by **Shauna Kaaria**. The Foundation received over \$7,500 that evening.

Special thanks to **Tom Miller** for his invaluable experience from past fundraisers. **Pam Clasper** deserves a trophy for her organizational skills including when last minute items were being donated from the floor.

The final piece was a silent auction which ran from Sunday evening until Tuesday. The silent auction had 29 items that ranged from the entire catalog of music from Fine Tunes/Gold Wing/Sharpshooters donated by **Rick Hampton** and **Rod Shuping** to a **Lee Kopman** vest & bolo donated by **Lilith Kopman**. The silent auction brought in an additional \$1,600.00.

Special thanks to the Home Office that locked all the items up at night and sat them all out the next morning. These guys are organized, accommodating, and always rise to the occasion to make sure the work gets done. If you know of someone in your area that will be using a CALLERLAB scholarship to attend a caller's school or using grant money from the Foundation, please let them know how many people contributed to make those funds available. There are a lot of people who are passionate about the activity and want to see square dancing and CALLERLAB thrive.

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

Mark Twain

I can resist everything except temptation.

Oscar Wilde

PUBLIC RELATIONS

COMMITTEE

Presented by

Wendy VanderMeulen, Chairman

The Public Relations Committee (PRC) had a great meeting at the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention held in Richmond, Virginia. Good progress was made on the series of tri-fold flyers outlining the benefits of CALLERLAB Membership, benefits of attending the Annual Convention, and benefits of what CALLERLAB does for the square dance activity as a whole. A first draft of a proposal to implement 'MicroLABs' was also presented.

The PRC looks forward to working closely with whomever will be the new Chair of the International Advisory Committee to explore ways to encourage increased membership from the 23 countries outside North America where square dancing occurs.

Finally, with the 2019 Convention now over, the PRC will start planning projects to encourage increased attendance at the 2020 Convention in Reno, NV, April 5-8. Put it on your calendar and start planning NOW to be there!

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SERVICE AWARD

Presented by

Patty Greene, Chairman

The Board of Governors Service Award is presented to retiring Board Members in recognition of their commitment to CALLERLAB as demonstrated by the selfless sharing of their time, talent, and leadership skills. This year, we have two retiring Board members.

Deborah Carroll-Jones began calling in 1982. She joined CALLERLAB in 1985 and attended her first CALLERLAB Convention that same year. She has attended 34 CALLERLAB Conventions. She has served on the Board from 1995 to 2000 and 2007 to present. She is a Milestone recipient, served on the Executive Committee and many

CALLERLAB Committees. I'm pleased to present the Board of Governors Service Award to retiring Board member, **Deborah Carroll-Jones**.

Al Stevens began calling in 1958. He joined CALLERLAB in 1976 and attended his first Convention that same year. He has attended 24 CALLERLAB Conventions. He served on the Board from 1993 to 2006 and returned in 2016 to present. He has served on many CALLERLAB Committees. I'm pleased to present the Board of Governors Service Award to retiring Board member **Al Stevens**.

HALF CENTURY RECOGNITIONS

Presented by **Jerry Junck**

Prior to 2019, a total of 238 CALLERLAB Members have received the Half Century Certificate. Of the 89 current CALLERLAB Members who have previously received this award, 18 attended the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, VA.

This year, **John Marshall** of Virginia, attended the Convention and received his Half Century Award Certificate.

In addition, there were 19 active CALLERLAB Members who earned their Half Century Award Certificate this year but were unable to attend the Convention. They are: **Craig Abercrombie**, Oregon; **Rod Bradish**, Japan; **Dave Brown**, California; **Daryl Clendenin**, Oregon; **Dick Duckham**, Michigan; **Bill Fox**, Tennessee; **Joe "Little Joe" Goins**, Tennessee; **Detlev Junker**, Germany; **Takao Katsumata**, Japan; **Jack Lewis**, Florida; **Darryl McMillan**, Alabama; **Don Mitcham**, South Carolina; **Carl Ohrt**, Iowa; **LaMar Podbevsek**, Colorado; **Cliff Simpson**, California; **Bob Tallman**, Oregon; **Kevin Thomaier**, Washington; **Carlton Trudo**, New York; and **Steve Turner**, Australia.

Congratulations!

MARKETING MANUAL

Do you have a copy of the Marketing Manual? If not, download at <http://callerlabknowledge.org/?p=1736> or call the CALLERLAB Home Office 785-783-3665

SMALL WORLD AWARD RECIPIENTS ATTENDING 46th CONVENTION

Presented by **Buddy Weaver**

The Small World Award is presented to Members residing outside Continental North America and Hawaii who are attending a CALLERLAB Convention for the first time. This year, new awards were presented to **Mike Goff**, Germany; **Jennifer Davis**, Japan; **Kazuyo Ohsaki**, Japan; and **Kazuya Tsujimura**, Japan.

Previous Small World Award recipients attending the Convention were: **Juli Burr**, Germany; **Walt Burr**, Germany; **Don Casper**, Germany; **Masaharu (Doc) Hiraga**, Japan; **Hiroshi Nakagawa**, Japan; **Jeannette Staeuble**, Switzerland; **Michael & Elvira Strauss**, Germany; **Tom Rainer**, Delaware (received while living in Japan); and **Al Stevens**, Alabama (received while living in Germany).

QUARTER CENTURY RECOGNITIONS

Presented by **Eric Henerlau**

Quarter Century Certificates are awarded to CALLERLAB Members who have been calling for 25 or more years. The first awards were made in Baltimore in 1986, and they have been awarded annually since then.

Since 1986, a total of 1,509 CALLERLAB Members have received the Quarter Century Certificate. Of those, 409 are still Active Members and 70 were at the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, VA.

This year, **Mike Gormley**, Florida, attended the 46th CALLERLAB Convention and received his Quarter Century Award.

Four attended this Convention and received their 25 Year Certificate by mail in the year they reached this milestone. This is the first Convention that we have the opportunity to honor them by name. They were: **Dave Schulz**, Wisconsin; **Mark Franks**, New Jersey; **Joseph Valvo**, Nevada; and **Donald St. Jean**, Canada.

Additionally, eight Members who will celebrate their 25th anniversary of calling this year were unable to attend the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention. They are: **Alexander Wallerer**, Germany; **Annemarie Cohen**, France; **Glenn Wilson**, Australia; **Guido Haas**, Germany; **Janice Pearson**, California; **Melvin Ford**, Wyoming; **Scott Zinser**, Oregon; and **Walt Helgesen**, Texas. Congratulations!

APPRECIATION AWARDS

The Appreciation Award is presented to recognize CALLERLAB Members who have given unselfishly of their time, energy, and knowledge in support of CALLERLAB committee work, Convention assistance, or significant CALLERLAB programs.

CALLERLAB and the Foundation had a vendor booth at the 67th National Square Dance Convention in Kansas City, MO. The Home Office manned the booth with the help of the following who gave unselfishly of their time: **Bob Asp**; **Brian Freed**; **Patty Greene**; **Paul Henze**; **Bob & Ann Poyner**; **Vernon & Kayla Jones**; **Betsy Gotta**; **Paul & Mary Ellen Cote**; **Melton Luttrell**; **Ken Ritucci**; **Ron & Judy Giuliana**; **Bob & Allynn Riggs**; **Jon Jones**; **Deborah Carroll-Jones**; **Jack Pladdys**; **Dottie Welch**; **Lanny Weaklend**; **Lottie Buckbee**; **Scot & Erin Byars**; **Mike & Janet Olivieri**; **Tom & Cindy Hollinberger**; and **Dennis & Judy Grossnickle**.

Much of the work of CALLERLAB is done by our committees. Dedicated Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen are the people who make it happen within the committee structure. Your Executive Committee has approved presenting Appreciation Awards to outgoing Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen: **Vernon Jones**, Chairman, Past Chairs Committee; **Vernon Jones**, Chairman, Professional Conduct Committee; **Bill Boyd**, Vice Chairman, Ways and Means Committee; **Shauna Kaaria**, Chairman Ways and Means Committee.

CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches **Ed Foote**; **Walt Burr**; **Jon Jones**; **Deborah Carroll-Jones**; **Betsy Gotta**; **Paul Henze**; **Jerry Junck**; **Tony Oxendine**; **Jack Pladdys** and **Ken Ritucci**, participated in the caller training sessions at the 67th NSDC in Kansas City, MO. **Thanks!**

SPECIAL AWARD

Presented by **Bob Riggs**

The Special Award Certificate is given to recognize CALLERLAB Members who have given unselfishly of their time, energy, and knowledge in support of CALLERLAB committee work, Convention assistance, or other significant CALLERLAB program activities. In situations where the EC deems the recipient's service to be especially noteworthy a Special Award Plaque may be presented. Examples of especially noteworthy service include, but are not limited to, unusual longevity, managing a particularly difficult crisis, or producing an especially valuable document.

This year, a Special Appreciation Award was presented by **Bob Riggs** to **Calvin Campbell** for his many years of service as the Chairman of the Committee for Community and Traditional Dance (CCTD)

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.

50 Years Certificate

From **Takao Katsumata**
Japan

I received a heartwarming celebration card from CALLERLAB.

I am very honored. I would like to thank my wife Yuri and our club members for having been able to be a caller for 50 years. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the 46th CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, VA.

I started square dancing and calling at student club activities in 1969. At that time my teacher was **Marshall Flippo** on the SIOs records.

It was a great experience for me to actually dance to his call at Kirkwood Lodge in 1992 and at English Mountain Retreat in 1998. I give sincere condolences to Flippo's family.

I started working toward the caller-coach in 1983, and as a result I have taught about 600 people to date. Currently, I am Vice President of JSDA and Chairman of the Technical Committee. Japanese translation of CALLERLAB documents is very important for Japanese callers and dancers.

As Executive Director of CALLERLAB you are always supportive of our various tasks. I would like to express my sincere thanks on this occasion.

Please give my best regards to Donna and the Home Office Staff.

Promotion Idea

From **Sharon Baldwin**
North Carolina

I recently was in the waiting room of a doctor's office that had a continual power point displayed on a large TV screen. I noticed that it was suggesting exercise for patients with different problems; however, it didn't give any ideas of what exercise to do to achieve any goals or age and ability of patient. Under the screen were a series of pamphlets. I found the phone number of the group that had done the display and called them. I explained to the person who returned my call that I had a suggestion for the display. I discussed with this person that exercise was mentioned but ideas of what kind of exercise would be helpful. A lot of people won't or can't walk or lift weights or do a lot of gym type exercise and usually when they start they quit because the program they start doesn't have any social aspect to the program.

I then explained square dancing, line dancing and round dancing as options for a large number of people who need the social part of the activity to keep them going. I also, told them of the American Heart Association's statement that square dance was the best long-term exercise that one could do to keep fit. I don't know if anything will come out of the conversation, but the person stated that she liked the idea and would pass it to the office where the power point displays are put together, and that I should not to be surprised if I see the idea incorpo-

rated into the power point in the near future. I then offered to supply a video of different dances.

Don't waste any opportunity to get our activity out to the public. It only took a few minutes out of my otherwise busy day to make this call.

Women In Calling Institute 2019

By Deborah Carroll-Jones

When an idea comes to fruition, it's wonderful to behold. When an idea whose time has also come explodes wildly into being, it's nearly overwhelming. From the moment the concept of an all women's caller's school with all women coaches was gently extended on social media, this was definitely the right time.

The focus of the Women In Calling Institute 2019 was best stated in this declaration, which was on the cover of our syllabus:

"We practice 'Shine Theory' because true confidence is infectious. Because powerful women make the greatest friends. Because people know you by the company you keep. Because we want the strongest, happiest, smartest women in our corner—and we want to support each other in pursuing success and happiness on our own terms." ~Ann Friedman and Aminatou Sow~ Our women callers did indeed SHINE!

The Women In Calling Institute sold out 6 months ahead of time with 23 attendees and a waiting list. Our outstanding coaches were **Betsy Gotta, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jeannette Staeuble, Kris Jensen and Patty Greene**. The event was held before the CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, VA, starting with a dinner together, followed by an evening dance on Thursday, April 11, and ending with a morning dance on Sunday, April 14. Many of the attendees also stayed for the CALLERLAB Convention, which started Sunday evening, April 14.

Students were divided into two groups: Beginner and Experienced. Our students worked very hard at acquiring universal caller skills and also had the

benefit of coaching in the pitching of music to best complement the range of each woman's voice. This was so very valuable, based on the feedback we received.

The excitement, support and friendships started (as well as developed) were a loving bonus of the environment. ALL attendees and coaches want to have the Women In Calling Institute again, and WE WILL, so watch *DIRECTION* and social media for the where and when.

Many thanks to Dana and the Home Office for all their help in helping us put this together, to Roy Gotta for organizing the Thursday night dinner and bringing the sound equipment that was donated to the Foundation by **John & Freddie Kaltenthaler's** family. We also extend our gratitude to ALL the partners for their devoted support and encouragement of their callers and coaches.

My father noted many years ago, "Just because we are all equal in the eyes of the law doesn't mean we are equal under the laws of nature. We ARE different. Women NEED other women and men NEED other men." While the genders are learning how to best support each other, we still need our own tribe—and that's not a bad thing! In the case of the Women In Calling Institute 2019, it was FABULOUS!

CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Thank You!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted in whatever capacity at this year's Convention! This includes all of those who served as moderators or panelists, our Registration and Ways and Means staff, those who served as emcees, presenters (invocation and award presentations), Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman, our exhibitors, the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors, and especially, all of our attendees.

To all of you who attended and helped out in any way, please accept our sincere thanks for your contributions to a great Convention!

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Thank You!

**The Home Office will be closed on
May 27 and July 4, 2019 observing
U.S.A. Holidays!**

***YOU ARE CALLERLAB—
JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!***

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Executive Committee has approved **Ray Brendzy** as the new Chairman of the Advanced Committee, succeeding **Bill Harrison**. Thanks to Bill for serving in this position the past several years and to Ray for agreeing to serve.

The Executive Committee has also approved **Barry Johnson** as the new Vice Chairman of the Advanced Committee, succeeding **Skip Cleland**. Thanks to Skip for serving in this position and to Barry for agreeing to serve.

The Executive Committee has approved **Allynn Riggs** as the new Chairman of the Callers Partners Committee, succeeding **Erin Byars**. Thanks to Erin for serving in this position the past several years and to Allynn for agreeing to serve.

The Executive Committee has also approved **Ri-Shea Schlitter** as the new Vice Chairman of the Callers' Partner's Committee, succeeding **Allynn Riggs**. Thanks to Allynn for serving in this position and to Ri-Shea for agreeing to serve.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

If you would like to be a candidate for the Board of Governors, petitions can be obtained from the Home Office. Your **valid petition**, a brief **biography of 200 words or less**, and a current photo must be in the Home Office no later than **July 1, 2019!**

Candidates must have been a full Member for no less than 3 years and must obtain the signatures of 25 Active (Voting) Members. Eight positions will be elected to 3-year terms on the Board, beginning with the Board of Governors' meeting immediately following the 2020 Annual Meeting.

As of May 1st, 11 petitions have been received by the Home Office. Those petitions received are from **Walt Burr, Ed Foote, Al Frazier, Bill Harrison, Paul Henze, Barry Johnson, Vernon Jones, Tom Miller, Jack Pladdys, Buddy Weaver and Dottie Welch**. Please contact the Home Office if you have questions pertaining to completing or submitting a petition.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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

Janolyn Keller	John Sloper
Cece Glidewell	Patrick Krause
Henry Capron	Donald Woodruff
Melissa James	Connie Graham
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Congratulations, Everyone!

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Thank You!

Please be sure to VOTE!
Ballots are due in Home Office
By June 15th

CALLERLAB FOUNDATION DIRECTORS AWARD PRESENTED TO

American Square Dance Magazine
Presented by Shauna Kaaria
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BECOME A VOTING MEMBER!!

You do not have to attend a CALLERLAB Convention to become a voting member.

CALLERLAB has an Alternative Involvement Form that can be completed. If you meet the qualifications, you may become a Voting Member. Ask the Home Office for more details.

THANKS TO OUR EXHIBITORS

We wish to thank those who exhibited their products and services at this year's CALLERLAB Convention.

They were:

Hilton Audio of Texas (Paul and Mary Ellen Cote); Suzie Q Creations (Susan Elaine and Harry Packard); Yak Stacks (Scott Bennett); Blue Star (Buddy Weaver) and Chic Recordings (Shauna Kaaria).

NEW CALLER-COACH CONGRATULATIONS!



The Caller-Coach Committee proudly announces **Bob Riggs**, as CALLERLAB's newest Accredited Caller-Coach. Please join CALLERLAB in recognizing Bob's attainment of this outstanding and inspiring achievement. Congratulations, Bob!

THE 47TH CALLERLAB CONVENTION WILL BE IN SPARKS (RENO), NV APRIL 6-8, 2020!

We will be staying at the beautiful Nugget Casino and Resort

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND!



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**“WE JUST LOVE OUR JOBS!”
Please join us in Reno in 2020!**

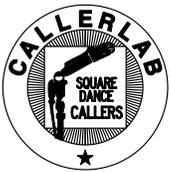
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A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

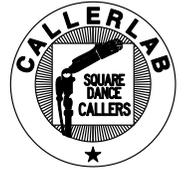
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PRESS RELEASE

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

(May/June 2019)



PRESS RELEASE

2018 PLUS TRIENNIAL REVIEW

The current CALLERLAB Program Policy requires a review of all CALLERLAB dance programs at least once every three years. This review is conducted by each applicable dance program committee and is known as the "Triennial Program Review." This review is conducted as follows: first the Mainstream Committee completes its review of the Basic & Mainstream Programs, then the Plus Committee conducts its review of the Plus Program, then the Advanced Committee conducts its review, and finally the Challenge Committee conducts its review. During these reviews each program committee will review the applicable dance program to determine if any changes are required. Changes can include additions or removal of calls from the program.

The Mainstream Committee results were published in the September/October 2018 DIRECTION.

The Plus Committee made no changes to the Plus Program.

The Advanced Committee made no changes to the Advanced Program.

The Challenge Committee results are shown below:

C-1 Program:

- Add — TRACK N (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)
- Add — PASS & ROLL YOUR CROSS NEIGHBOR

C-2 Program:

- Add — GRAND DROP
- Add — PASS AND ROLL YOUR CRISS CROSS NEIGHBOR
- Add — ANY TAGGING CALL YOUR CROSS/CRISS CROSS NEIGHBOR

C - 3 Program:

- Add — SINGLE SHAKEDOWN/SINGLE TURN AND DEAL
- Add — ADD INTERLOCKED EXTEND
- Add — HINGE THE TOP TO LOCK THE HINGE FAMILY

We thank all members of the Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge Committees for their work on this review.

***** E N D *****

We thank you for the coverage you have given us in the past and for your continued support in the future.

THE CALLERLAB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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