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CALLERLAB Membership Approves New Program Policy Statement

Effective Immediately • Transition Phase Underway
Full Implementation by September 1, 2026

In a vote of **336 to 112**, CALLERLAB members have officially approved a revised Program Policy Statement as of **May 29, 2025**. This resolution introduces a simplified Program structure, including a newly defined entry-level program and a streamlined path forward for modern square dancing.

The most significant change in Draft E is:

6. Dance Program size is determined by the committees, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Mainstream – Must be less than or equal to 50 calls
 - b. Plus – Must be 50 calls or greater

What This Means for You, Your Club, and the Future of Square Dancing

This is not a “flip-the-switch” moment. While the policy is now official, we are entering the TIPPP — the “Transitionary Implementation Phase of the Program Policy.” Over the next 14 months, CALLERLAB leadership, committees, and members will collaborate to finalize resources, establish teaching orders, and prepare for a worldwide implementation date of September 1, 2026.

What Happens During TIPPP?

- Finalize a new entry-level 50-call Mainstream list and subsequent 50-call Plus list
- Develop a recommended teaching order and full caller playbook
- Update all existing documents with expiration dates and timelines
- Actively involve clubs, callers, and dancers in the transition

What's Happening Now?

- A new Mainstream Committee has been formed by merging members from the Basic, Mainstream and Social Square Dance Committees.
► [Join a Committee](#)
- Committees will collaborate to build the new program structure.
- Legacy documents will be marked with expiration dates and updated as new resources become available.

Stay Connected

- A dedicated webpage will offer updates, draft documents, a roadmap, and FAQs: callerlab.org/tipp
- Sign up for email updates
 - Members will automatically receive any notices first via the e-news blast
 - Non-members may sign up to receive email updates here: callerlab.org/2025subscriber/

We thank every member who participated in the discussion and vote. Your voice is helping shape the future of square dancing.

For more information as available, visit www.callerlab.org/tipp.

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