

# **Resolution to Create a New CALLERLAB Committee**

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Whereas: Currently, the square dancing community-callers and dancers-perceive CALLERLAB as a single source of truth. That is, CALLERLAB is the authority on all things related to modern square dancing and sets a single standard for the dance experience.

Whereas: CALLERLAB is a collection of loosely federated committees that works independently of each other to establish a set of standards for their part of modern square dancing.

Whereas: Each program committee manages and maintains a separate and independent list of calls, their definitions, and their related applications. This separation prevents CALLERLAB-as a body-from being able to create and execute an extended vision for the modern square dance experience that applies to what the members of each committee expects in their realm of dance.

Whereas: A lack of a cohesive vision has prevented modern square dancing from being able to keep up and remain part of a 21st Century society.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the CALLERLAB Board of Governors be charged to create a new committee to be called "Program Management Committee." This new committee will be responsible for all of the program lists. Additionally, this committee will have the authority to regularly change/update the size and shape of each list to make it easy to learn and enjoyable to dance.

This committee will be responsible for the content of each dance program. Therefore, the CALLERLAB Executive Committee will limit the size of this committee, create strict membership rules, limit the length of time any one person can serve, and ensure each program is represented appropriately.

The mission of this committee is to include maintaining the entire program structure as a whole and re-balance programs as needed.

Be It Further Resolved that the existing program committees will be given a new charge directly in line with CALLERLAB's mission of fostering the art of square dance calling and improve caller skills. Committees will ensure the calls on their list are taught and used appropriately, develop guidance and appropriate choreographic applications, develop a teaching order for new dancers, and create material for enhancing square dancing for experienced dancers.

Be It Further Resolved That the Executive Committee update the Committee Guidelines regarding the Definitions Committee, its charter, and how the calls are defined. In addition to its current role, the Definitions Committee is to create an encyclopedia of all the calls currently recognized in the existing programs.

This CALLERLAB Encyclopedia will be the single source of truth for all the calls recognized by CALLERLAB and include both standard and extended applications of the calls.

Be it Further Resolved That: The Executive Committee will update program committees' charters to use this CALLERLAB Encyclopedia to build a set of abbreviated teaching definitions.

These teaching definitions will be easy enough for dancers to use, put limits on applications for new dancers, and create a set of standard applications for calls used in a program.

The teaching definitions are not to conflict with the official definition. Instead, they are to act as guidance to help new dancers effectively and efficiently learn how to square dance.

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