

**PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION**  
**Minutes of October 7, 2007**

The Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation met on Sunday, October 7, 2007, at the William Penn Omni Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. Six Federations/Associations were represented. Allegany Valley Federation – 4 members; Central Pennsylvania Association – 2 members; Delaware Valley Federation – 3 members; Laurel Mountain Federation – 7 members; Susquehanna Valley Federation – 8 members; Western Pennsylvania Federation – 8 members.

**Call to Order:** Mike & Pat Matsko, Presidents called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Bill Flick opened with an invocation. Mike led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Mike welcomed John Jacobs as he is recovering from Surgery.

**Minutes of Mar. 27, 2007:** Copies of the minutes were sent to all attendees of the previous meeting and additional copies were made available. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes as distributed. A motion was made by Clyde Miles that minutes be accepted as distributed. Barb Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Flick presented his report for the period 2/28/07-9/30/07.

Starting Balance:				\$ 19,794.00
Income:				
Membership Dues	\$	156.00		
Dance-A-Thon		1,042.00		
Refund (Bid Committee)		437.50		
CD - AVFCU		2,059.50		
Dividends (CDs)		<u>65.31</u>		
 Total Income				 <u>\$ 3,760.61</u>
				\$ 23,554.61
Expenses:				
15 <sup>th</sup> PA Convention	\$	1,000.00		
Bid Committee		1,000.00		
Penn Stater (Meeting Expenses)		217.80		
PowWeb (two years)		93.24		
President's Expenses		17.30		
CD		2,000.00		
American Cancer Society		521.00		
Engraving Reprints		206.70		
Bill Buehler (Powweb setup)		63.32		
Penn Stater (Leadership Breakfast)		503.81		
Photographer		77.17		
Prizes (Convention)		45.00		
Edith Meyers		49.41		
USDA (Dues)		<u>100.00</u>		
 Total Expenses				 <u>\$ 5,894.75</u>
				\$ 17,659.86
Balance – September 30, 2007				\$ 17,659.86
Location of funds – Commerce Bank				
Checking Account	\$	2,193.22		
CD at 5.25% (Due 12-8-07)		10,346.72		
CD at 4.00% (Due 11-8-07)		3,119.92		
CD at 4.00% (Due 11-8-07)		<u>2,000.00</u>		
				\$ 17,659.86

(Submitted by Bill Flick)

Judy Miles moved that the Treasurers report be approved as read. Ruth Buehler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** Read by Mike Matsko

The Executive Board has met a few times to discuss our concerns and ideas. We seek direction that is necessary in order to be helpful in serving members, and to determine types of programs that would best support those dealing with the problems we face as a Square & Round Dance Organization.

We agree that the overall activity is declining. We see:

1. declining in club membership,
2. lack of new dancers entering clubs,
3. poor retention rates,
4. aging of existing dancers,
5. lack of leadership and enthusiasm within local clubs and regional Assoc/Federations,
6. folding of clubs and regional Assoc/Federations,
7. aging of existing Callers, and
8. few new Callers.

Our problem is enormous.

We believe that there is a fragmentation within the state. This fragmentation is between our State, Regional, and Local Clubs, including our Caller/Cuer Associations. We believe that we must build a closer relationship with these groups in order to be effective in working on issues that need attention.

What do we feel is needed to become an Organization that will be effective?

1. Improve our relationships among our members and strive to develop a positive attitude by supporting them on programs they need and want. To accomplish this, everyone will need to be more active in attending special dances and Regional Association/Federation members' meetings throughout the State. In addition, we should have activities that promote goodwill.
2. Encourage more Member Delegates to attend State Federation meetings. Through their participation more effective programs can be developed to support club needs.
3. Provide partial financial assistance to member organizations for eligible program purposes. For example, rewards for graduating and retaining new dancers.
4. Improve our relationship with Caller/Cuers and invite them to join in with the development and implementation of new programs. We have met with the Callers, at their Breakfast Meeting, during the 14<sup>TH</sup> Square & Round Dance Convention. At this meeting they were briefed on the Federations concerns while sharing a few ideas and expressing our interest in joint activities.
5. We will need to address the leadership problems that exist. Currently, we have vacancies in the Executive Board {2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Secretary} and Committee Chairmen for Publicity, Historian and Photographer.

Current programs and suggested ideas for consideration.

1. State Farm Show Exhibit - Jan. 2008
2. Annual Dance-A-Thon - A fund raiser to be split 50/50 with the American Cancer Society and the Federation. Our share will be used to pay expenses for programs that promote square dancing, recruit dancers and related activities.
3. Consideration of a New Caller Program that will offer some financial support to individuals intending to be involved in State Federation approved activities. This program is in the exploratory stage. We have mailed inquiries to all Regional Associations/Federations requesting their comments and ideas regarding this program.
4. ARTS- DANCE AMERICA - This is a dance that ARTS is asking all States to support. It should bring all Dance Groups together to promote Square Dancing. The event is set for Friday February 29, 2008. The intent is that all funds raised be donated to the ARTS -Dance Foundation. This organization mission is to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, and Traditional Folk Dance. They will provide a nationwide marketing program for this promotion. ARTS, thru Callerlab, has a Marketing Plan Strategy that can be used by Callers and Dance Groups. It can be reviewed by visiting the web site: [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org)

We have an opportunity and challenge to act on these problems. As Presidents of the PSRDF, we accept this challenge. The Executive Board has endorsed this message. We need your support and invite you to join in the journey to "Strive to Keep Square & Round Dance Alive"  
(Submitted by Mike & Pat Matsko)

### **Association/Federation Reports:**

Allegheny Valley S&R/D Federation: Read by Lou Stiles.

Allegheny Valley Square and Round Dance Federation On Sept. 29, 2007, the AVSRDF held its 41st Annual Dance at Greenville, PA with 90 dancers in attendance. Callers were Gary Brumagin, Mike Senita, and Dave Wolfhope. cuers were Lois Vandergrift and Regina Wolfhope. A good night of dancing plus, advanced, DBD and rounds was enjoyed in two halls. Vice Presidents Al and Jessie Pezzuto of the Shenango Valley Sashayers did a great job of organizing the dance. Next years dance will be held hosted by the Circle eight Club of Warren PA. We are having difficulty filling our slate of officers. Installed for a two year term were Al/Jessie Pezzuto as President, Lou/Ruthie Stiles as Vice President, Frank/Barb Schreiber as Treasurer. We have a temporary volunteer to fill in until a secretary can be found. The Erie area is working with Don Yosten on several ideas to promote dancing. All clubs in the federation report difficulty getting new dancers involved.  
(Submitted by Lou & Ruthie Stiles)

Central PA S&R/D Association: There was no Report. However Mike Matsko stated that the clubs in the Central Association are struggling. There is talk of merging two clubs. One club is hanging on by a frail limb. Lack of new dancers for several years is causing existence of clubs to be in question unless there is a turn around. The Central Association has found that bringing new dancers to the clubs does not work. Mixing young and old with very different energy levels prohibits both groups from having fun. We feel that the solution is to form new clubs with younger dancers. We will continue to seek solutions to these problems.

Federation of Delaware Valley S&R/D: No Report

Laurel Mountain S&R/D Federation: Read by Carol Graham

The LMS&RDF held their quarterly meeting Sunday, September 23 at the Dream Restaurant in Hollidaysburg. We had five clubs represented. The clubs reported on their meetings and the fun nights to get new dancers. The clubs are having a light turnout, but keep trying to find new ways to invite people to try square dancing.

Information was given to each club asking for members to give some of their time to the exhibition booth at the State Farm Show in January. We hope to have some responses at our November meeting.

The election of 2008 Officers was an open and closed session. The officers of 2007 agree to stay on for another year.

President: Ken & Carol Graham; Vice President: Larry & Lynn Crone; Secretary: Bob & Janet Wilson; Treasurer; Tom & Louise Riley

Our Federation will be having their 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Morrison Cove Memorial Park. The dance will be held from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. It will be followed by a turkey dinner buffet. We welcome all dancers and look forward to seeing several state officers also.

(Submitted by Ken & Carol Graham)

Susquehanna Valley S&R/D Association: Read by Ruth Buehler

Our 39th Annual Presidents Ball was held Sunday April 29, with Butch Adams calling and Linda Prosser cueing, and 32 (254 dancers registered) squares dancing. Bill Harrison came to assist on short notice since Butch had developed laryngitis. A separate mainstream (new dancer) hall was crowded.

The 2007 Association (new dancer) Graduation Ball was held on Sunday, May 20, in Chambersburg, PA. It was hosted by the Whirly Birds. Callers and cuer were furnished by the South Central Pennsylvania Callers and Cuers Association.

The Gettysburg Dance, sponsored by the Fair Squares and Flirts and Skirts clubs, was held on Saturday May 26, at the Fairfield Community Center. Callers were Tom Miller, Bill Harrison, Al Groth and Dan Prosser, Linda Prosser was the cuer.

The Annual Rebel Yell was hosted by Do Pas O, June 16. Fifteen squares danced to Butch Adams and Henry Ferree. Linda Prosser cued.

Swing Thrus held a special dance with 16 squares attending in July with Ken Bowers (California) calling.

SVS&RDA has launched our 2007-2008 Club Visitation Program. There are 11 out of 14 clubs participating. Jerry and Nancy Beckner are visitation coordinators.

The Shippen Squares held their 30th Anniversary Dance, Sunday, September 23. Caller was Mac McCall, cuer Linda Prosser. Attendance was 150 dancers.

The Gad-Abouts will be hosting their 50th Anniversary Dance on Sunday, October 14 from 2 to 5 PM. at the Washington County Agriculture Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, Maryland. Caller will be Mike Sikorsky from Mesa, Arizona.

CD's are available for the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Square Dance competition to be held Monday January 7, 2008. They may be obtained by contacting Dan Prosser, 19 N. Fileys Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019. Phone 717-432-4488 or 717-697-3462 -- e-mail address [jdprosser@juno.com](mailto:jdprosser@juno.com). Dan Prosser reported that there were 55 competing squares and 15 additional squares demonstrating or alternates at the State Farm Show last January.

The 40th annual President's Ball and Dinner will be held at the Mechanicsburg Middle School, 1750 S Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. The dance will be sponsored by the Flirts and Skirts. John Marshall (Sterling, VA) will call in the Plus Hall. Linda Prosser will cue. Dan Prosser will call in the Mainstream Hall for new dancers. All Dancers are invited. For tickets contact John Donoughe at 717-774-5073 or obtain flyer at <http://psrdf.org/svsrda/PresidentsBallFlyer2008.pdf>. \$22.00 dinner & dance, \$8.00 dance only.

The 2008 Graduation Ball will be held on May 18 hosted by the Gad-Abouts. For further information contact Martha at [jaipur2@verizon.net](mailto:jaipur2@verizon.net). All new dancers are urged to attend this dance.

The Gettysburg Memorial Day Dance Festival, <http://www.psrdf.org/svsrda/fairsquares/ball.html>, will be held on Saturday May 24 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 PM. Callers will be Tom Miller, Tim Crawford, Al Groth and Dan Prosser, Linda Prosser will be the cuer. At our last meeting it was reported that White Rose expected to cease dancing. That is incorrect as they have continued to operate. Grand Square, however, has ceased to dance and has been dissolved. Rainbow Rounds and Rainbow Strollers have united to form Rainbow Strollers Squares and Rounds. The total number of clubs in the Association is now 14.

(Submitted by Bill & Ruth Buehler)

#### Western Pennsylvania S&R/D Federation: Read by Larry Gorski

Our 39th Annual Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 6, 2007. The Callers were Gary Brown, Tom Mohny, and Jim Yoest. The Cuer was Claire & John Miller. We had two floors of dancing, plus and rounds and advanced/challenge. We had 2 squares in the advanced hall and 11 squares in the plus hall. The dance was preceded by a catered dinner buffet.

The WPSRDF Sophomore Dance will be held Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The staff to be announced later.

WPSRDF Fall Festival for 2008 will be on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The Callers will be Skip Rauschman from Ohio & Len Dougherty from New Castle, PA. The Cuer will be Nathan Parrott.

The date for the 2009 Fall Festival will be the first Saturday in October.

(Submitted by Margie & Larry Gorski)

It was noted that the Annual dances for Laurel Mountain and Western Federations are on different week ends for next two years.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### 14th PSRDF Convention – Read by Ruth Buehler

Written reports presented were (1) the Final Report of the 14th Convention for the incoming General Chairman, (2) an abbreviated Final Report for the Convention Advisory Board and Convention Committee Chairmen, and (3) an Executive Summary Report for the PSRDF members. The committee Chairmen and their Directors were thanked for doing a terrific and thorough job. It was a pleasure working with this group.

Highlights of the written Summary are: 477 dancers registered and net surplus was \$2201.57 after \$1000.00 seed money was returned. (Submitted by Bill & Ruth Buehler)

##### 15th PSRDF Convention – Read by Clyde Miles

The 15<sup>th</sup> Convention will be held August 8, 9 & 10, 2008 at the Omni William Penn Hotel. We are now in need of an Assistant General Chairman. Due to Bill Wagner's work schedule he will not be able to be our Assistant General Chairman. This year side trips will be offered to entice participants to make this into a vacation and not just a convention. We will also have dancing on Friday 3:00-5:30 PM and evening dance 7:00 – 11:00 PM., then skit 11:15 to 11:45 PM. Saturday dancing from 10:00 AM – Noon, then 1:00 – 5:00 PM., then 8:00 – Midnight, and Sunday a trail out dance 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Find the H in Pittsburgh and win a prize. Everyone is invited to join the Scavenger Hunt. Reduced room rates will be from August 4 through August 12, 2008. As of October 7, 2007, we have 52 registration forms received. There are 94 staff and dancers signed up. Talk it up to everyone. Let's make this Convention a new experience in a city where it has never been before. Let Pittsburgh Surprise You.

(Submitted by Clyde & Judy Miles)

Clyde passed out registration forms and tour information for the 2008 Convention

Ruth Buehler moved that Larry & Margie Gorsky be selected for the position of Assistant General Chairman for the 15<sup>th</sup> Convention. Creta Jacobs seconded the motion. A show of cards passed the motion.

##### Proposed National Convention Bid 2011 – Clyde Miles read the following report.

It is with regret and disappointment that Pittsburgh did not win the bid for 2011. The committees worked hard and were ready to start working on the 2011 Convention. It was a unique experience and challenge to be the proposed General Chairman for the

2011 National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh. It was a real education on what all is required to put on a national convention. We had an after party dance Saturday night with all National Callers calling. Everyone enjoyed the after party. Thanks to all who supported us and all the volunteers who helped on our committees. Thanks especially go to all those who came to Charlotte to cheer us on. It was so nice to see so much gold and black there. The bid committee closed the account by returning \$437.50 to the PSRDF treasury. (Submitted by Clyde & Judy Miles)

Caller/Cuer Liaison: No Report

Showcase of Ideas: Bob Wilson read the report.

There are several items that need changed and several ideas we have to be incorporated into the display.

- 1) Display stands are in need of repair.
- 2) State outfit needs to be updated and / or the possibility of making comparison between the two.
- 3) Remove Northeast Federation from the display.
- 4) Check on the feasibility of listing local clubs along with the federation.

(Submitted by Bib & Janet Wilson)

Photography: Mike Matsko noted that he is working with a potential photographer. This person took pictures of the 14<sup>th</sup> Convention. The photographer does not have to be a square dancer. This position could be combined with Historian.

Publicity: Publicity is being temporarily handled by the Secretary and all minutes and announcements are being posted on the PSRDF website: [PAsquaredance.org](http://PAsquaredance.org) or [PSRDF.org](http://PSRDF.org). Minutes are mailed to all attendees (or any other interested persons) that do not have an internet connection (Email).

Membership: Report read by Mike Matsko.

As of today's date, the Federation currently has 1656 paid memberships. By Federation/Association, a total of 1656 reported:

*AVSRDF* – 9 clubs of 14 clubs -- 242 members  
*CPSRDA* – 7 clubs of 9 clubs -- 175 members  
*DVSRDF* – 8 clubs of 32 clubs -- 209 members  
*LMSRDF* – 7 clubs of 7 clubs -- 148 members  
*SVSRDA* – 7 clubs of 14 clubs -- 162 members  
*WPSRDF* – 20 clubs of 20 clubs -- 716 members

Many thanks to all the regional federation officers for their effort to increase membership in PSRDF. Membership packets were distributed to the regional federation presidents or their representatives at the State Convention in August.

(Submitted by Cy and Ione Hammaker)

License Plates: No Report

State Folk Dance: Read by Ruth Buehler - House Bill No. 1260, designating polka music as the official folk music of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and designating the American Square Dance as the official folk dance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was passed on February 8, 2006. There has been no action on this bill in the Senate and none is expected until November. (Submitted by Peggy and Sam Brubaker)

Computer Coordinator/Webmaster: Read by Bill Buehler Email listings for clubs should be kept to one email contact. Two if it is really necessary. [psrdf.org](http://psrdf.org) emails are available for club representatives, district officers, and PSRDF leaders. If you wish to have one, send your name, your position or reason for wanting the email, and the email address you wish to have the emails forwarded to. (Submitted by John Simchick)

Clarification of the features of the new PSRDF host (PowWeb) was requested.

Basically we have greatly expanded capacity, speed and reliability. Sufficient capacity exists for PSRDF to offer web page hosting for all clubs that desire one at no charge to the club. We need to develop the ability to assist clubs in preparing a web page customized to each club.

Ways & Means: Read by Edith Myers

The first annual Dance-A-Thon ended with a total of \$1042.00 donated. There were 8 dancers that made an effort to send out letters seeking sponsors. A recap and a detailed accounting of the Dance-A-Thon was presented. This included 50 sponsors.

Some recommended changes are:

1. Educate the Federations earlier.
2. Have all paperwork ready for distribution at the April meeting.
3. Give all sponsors a VIP ribbon (distributed by the dancers) or sent by mail with a thank you letter note.
4. Have the actual dance date designated for Saturday evening of the convention.

5. Have a table at the convention setup for donations/sponsors.
6. Have an announcement on Saturday evening recognizing dancers securing sponsors and the amount pledged.  
(Submitted by George & Edith Myers)

Discussion of PSRDF constitution statement (Article II Purpose Section I (g) to provide service organizations (such as Heart, Cancer, Disabled, and Elderly etc.)) with assistance in promotion and fund raising activities, all profits of which will remain with the charitable or nonprofit organization being assisted.) followed. A vote passed that the distribution (50%/50%) this year is acceptable since the initial solicitation letter stated that the net proceeds would be shared.

There was additional discussion of other money raising ideas such as a new vendor table at the convention and cook book sales. Clyde Miles moved that the cook book be pursued. Ruth Buehler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Vanetta suggested that CDs be prepared and sold which would showcase present Pennsylvania callers and cuers. Discussion followed.

Historian: No Report. Mike stated that we do need a new Historian.

State Outfit: No report. A picture of the new state outfit is still needed be included on the PSRDF web page. It was noted that any dancer can wear the state outfit.

By-laws: No report. A comment was made that Joe Nardi has recently said that the constitution as modified in 2003 probably does not need revision at this time.

**Special Reports:**

USDA Report: Bill Flick gave the following report.

The Prescription Discount card is still useful for anybody that does not have prescription coverage. About 45,000 pharmacies honor the card. See Card. Some doctors allow a display of the card in their office. USDA gets 25¢ for each prescription filled. Savings to users are in the 20 – 30% range.

USDA approved participation in a long term care insurance program. USDA members will receive a discount if they choose to take the insurance. In addition, USDA will receive a finder's fee for each submitted application. This will be used to Supplement USDA's budget to promote square dancing. Call 1-800-587-3279 for more information or send quote request form at right to: Robt. Davis, L T C Quote,1580 N. Fiesta Blvd, Suite 103, Gilbert, AZ 85233-1032

USDA Dancer Shopping Mall is a new program that allows USDA members and friends to support United Square Dancers of America by making online purchases through the Dancers online shopping mall, a Web site created in conjunction with United Square Dancers of America (USDA) and Fundlink, LLC, and over 1,400 major retailers. <http://usda.fundlinkllc.com>  
When you shop at the USDA Dancer Shopping Mall you are supporting your dance activity.

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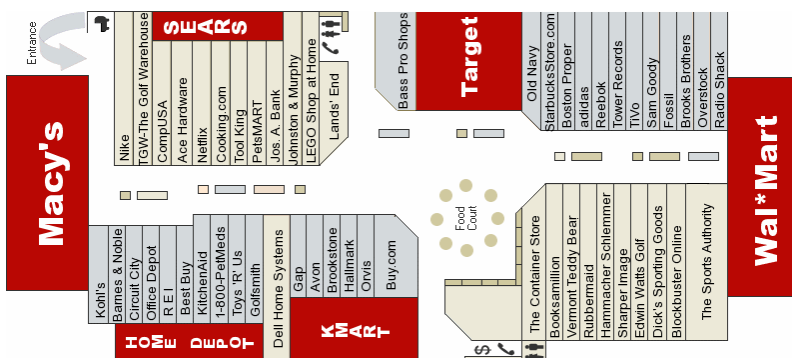
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The credit card plan is no longer in effect. The Shopping Mall is a way to possibly regain a credit card program.

**Old Business:**

Farm Show Exhibitor: Read by Bill Buehler  
500,000 people attended the 2006 Farm Show. 280 exhibitors had booths at this show. PSRDF is applying for a booth in January 2008. The 8 day exhibit should be staffed for 92 hours and will require advertising and promotional material. You may volunteer to aid in staffing by adding your name to the circulated Exhibit Schedule. Proposed booth arrangement, free standing banner (shown at right) and tri-fold for distribution were presented.

Estimated cost to sponsor a booth follows:	
Booth 10 ft. x 10 ft.	\$255.
Tables & Chairs Rental	145.
Banner – free standing 34 in. x 80 in.	700.
Printing of color tri-fold brochure @ .40 ea	1200.
Unforeseen Expenses	<u>700.</u>
Total	\$3000.

(Submitted by Bill & Ruth Buehler)



Discussion followed regarding new dancer classes and dress for those working in the Farm Show booth.

A motion to finance the booth in the amount of the estimate (\$3000.) was made by Creta Jacobs and seconded by Ken Graham. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Dance America – ARTS: Mike Matsko

Covered in the Presidents message and encourage all Association/Federation presidents to discuss with clubs to see if they wish to participate.

ARTS Square Dance Marketing Plan: Mike Matsko

ARTS square dance recruiting may be found by visiting the web site: [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org) choose Recruiting Plan. This plan offers excellent points that may be utilized by callers, clubs and regional organizations in marketing square dancing.

Google Group: Read by Bill Buehler

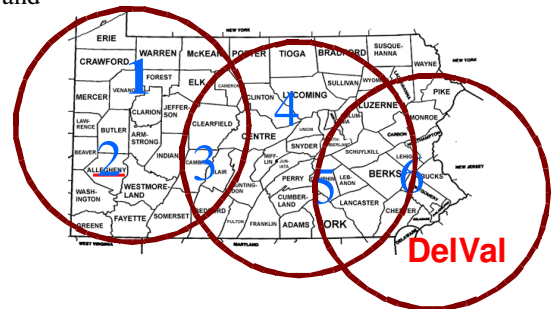
One of the purposes of the Federation stated in the Constitution is:

(d) to provide, encourage, and facilitate greater communication, relationships, and cooperation between its member organizations.

Since 2002 more than 400 dancers/members have received and posting messages in the Greater Washington DC area.

This group is named WASCADances group at Yahoo! Groups, a free, easy-to-use email group service. ... This is an email list to promote Square and Round dances in the Washington, DC area. The intent of the list is to give WASCA clubs a forum to promote their club dances [59 messages posted in September alone]. The website for this Group is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WASCADances>



In a similar manner more than 350 members are making announcements

(34 in September alone) about dance events in and around the Delaware Valley. The Google group is called DelValDancer, with web site: <http://groups.google.com/group/DelVal?hl=en>

Central Pennsylvania Square Dancer is another Google Group that has been recently formed. See:

<http://groups.google.com/group/central-PA-sqdan?hl=en>

We are proposing that someone in Western Pennsylvania initiate an email group service. See map.

(Submitted by Bill & Ruth Buehler)

Tony and Diane Rock agreed to be the creator/owner/manager of a Western Google Group.

Post Script: Later in the day a group was created and named: Western Pennsylvania Square Dancers Group, with web site -

<http://groups.google.com/group/western-pennsylvania-square-dancers-group?hl=en>



New Callers Program: Clyde Miles

Clyde read a letter sent to all presidents of the Associations/Federations.

PSRDF has set up a committee to promote and encourage new square dance callers. At this point we are trying to find out if any clubs or Associations are interested in promoting new callers or possibly trying to start new clubs. This committee is chaired by Clyde & Judy Miles.

DeIVal sent a letter asking if this program will also include cuers. Western Pennsylvania Federations had a program a few years back "So you want to become a caller." Callers assisted in handling this program. Twelve persons started this program. One completed the program to become a caller. One of the things that can be done is to provide assistance for the prospective caller/cuer to attend CallerLab/CuerLab School.

Nominations for Officers: Mike Matsko stated we, currently, do not have a Secretary or a Second Vice President. These positions can be assigned by the Executive Committee when interested persons are located. Federation/Associations are asked to suggest names of persons willing to serve in these positions. Current Officers have indicated that they will continue to serve for an additional term. Note that elections will be held at the Spring Semi Annual Meeting in April.

**Announcements:**

Flooring It was noted that PSRDF owns 400 Square feet of polypropylene flooring. This flooring is stored at Whitenight Produce in Danville, PA.

2010 State Convention Any information about possible sites or bids for the State Convention should be brought to the Spring Meeting. Bids should be sent to Mike & Pat Matsko prior to the spring meeting.

2009 State Convention Registration forms and tour forms are available to be taken to the Federations/Associations and member clubs. Note that the cut-off date for the reduced registration fee is March 31, 2008.

New Dancer Program Support Bill Flick noted that Delaware Valley Federation is supporting club effort to graduate new dancers. Pen Del District gives \$50 to each club that graduates at least four people. Delaware Valley gives \$150 to each club that graduates four people. PSRDF should probably consider rewarding member clubs for completing a new dancer program. A suggestion was made that the club should have all its members be members of PSRDF.

**Next meeting of PSRDF is 1:00 P.M. Sunday, April 6, 2008, in the William Penn Omni Hotel, Pittsburgh. The Fall Meeting will be held Sunday October 5, 2008, in the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College.**

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Frank Schreiber moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M. Creta Jacobs seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*William L Buchler*  
*Ruth M Buchler*  
Acting Secretary