

## PSRDF

The PSRDF met on Sunday Oct. 5, 2008 at the Penn Stater Conference Center, Penn State, Pa. Six Federations/Associations were represented. Alleghany Valley- 4 members, Central Pa.- 8 members, Delaware Valley- 1 member, Laurel Mountain- 6 members, Susquehanna Valley- 6 members, Western Pa.- 14 members.

### Call to Order

Mike and Pat Matsko, Presidents, called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Bill Flick opened with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008** Copies of the minutes were sent to all attendees of the previous meeting. There were no additions or corrections from the membership. A motion was made by Judy Miles that the minutes be accepted, Ruth Buehler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasury Report** Bill Flick presented his report for this period 4/01/08- 9/30/08.

<u>Starting Balance April 1, 2008</u>		\$20,688.14
<u>Income</u>		
Membership dues	\$ 69.00	
Dividends (CDs)	<u>\$344.56</u>	
		<u>\$413.56</u>
		\$21101.70
<u>Expenses</u>		
Seed Money (16 <sup>th</sup> Conv)	\$ 1000.00	
Membership	\$ 35.54	
Prizes ( 15 th Conv)	\$ 100.00	
Leadership Breakfast	\$ 787.40	
USDA ( Dues)	\$ 100.00	
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>\$ 2202.94</u>
<u>Balance Sept. 30,2008</u>		<u>\$19078.76</u>
<u>Location of Funds: Commerce Bank</u>		
Checking account	\$ 2844.36	
CD- 2.472% ( due 11-21-08 )	\$ 2068.86	
CD- 2.472% (due 11-8-08 )	\$ 3227.34	
CD- 2.725% (due 4-8-09)	\$10938.20	
		\$19078.76

Respectfully submitted  
Bill Flick

Barb Schreiber made a motion that the treasurer report be approved as read. Frank Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Presidents Report Read by Mike Matsko  
October 5, 2008

It is difficult to prepare a President's report because so many of our activities and events involve the Federation's various committees and chairman. We believe that it's more important for them to present this information since the accomplishments rightly belong to them.

To begin with our report, we want to congratulate General Chairman, Clyde and Judy Miles and their Convention Committee, Caller/Cuer Staff and Volunteers for the exceptional job presenting an outstanding State Convention at Pittsburgh.

It is a pleasure to report that more people have expressed interest in becoming involved in both the State Federation and the Convention activities, We believe that the enjoyment and fun dancers had at the State Convention, held in Pittsburgh, was instrumental in this interest.

We are pleased to report that we now have a new Membership Committee Chairmen, Jerry and Nancy Beckner from the Whirly Birds Club, a new Showcase of Ideas Committee Chairmen, John and Mim Martin also from the Whirly Birds Club. The Executive Board has appointed Barrett and Donna Earnest as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's of the Federation, to fill the vacancy of that office. We are currently trying to entice an individual to serve as Historian. There is still a vacancy as a Photographer.

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to Ione Hammaker and her late husband Cy for serving as past Membership Chairmen. Also, we thank Bob and Janet Wilson for serving as past Showcase of Ideas Chairmen.

Included in the meeting agenda we will be addressing proposals for incentive programs that will grant assistance to our local Club and Regional Members. One program is designed to offer partial matching funding for promotional expenses to existing and new clubs. Another program will offer grant funding to assist new Callers/Cuers for expenses towards tuition, room, and board and equipment. And the third program will provide a cash reward to Clubs that graduate new dancers. Plans are underway to hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm Show Exhibit, at Harrisburg Farm Show, January 10-17, 2009. Your support is needed to assist in scheduling time during this period to man the vendor booth.

We believe that these support programs, along with the activities and events, the Federation is providing its members, will project a positive image of our organization. Hopefully, more dancers will decide to become involved with the State Federation activities and become members.

In summary, our report indicates you are contributing in making the State Federation an active segment of our organization—and we thank you.

New Appointees: Executive Board filled the following positions. Vacancy for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President appointed Barrett and Donna Barrett. Vacancy in membership chairman due to passing of Cy Hammaker and resignation of Ione Hammaker. New chairman is Jerry and Nancy Beckner. New chairman for the Showcase of Ideas is John and Mim Martin.

Association / Federation Reports. Read by Al Pezzuto

Alleghany Valley Square and Round Dance Federation  
10/5/08

On Sat. Sept 27, 2008 the AVSRDF held their 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dance at the Warren State Hospital Auditorium. The dance was hosted by the Circle 8 club of Warren, Pa. Callers for the evening were Tom Mohney, Al Pezzuto, and Dick Miller. Cuers Vonda Hardik and Joe Tarr rounded out the program. There were over 70 dancers present for the fun night of dancing. There were many great prizes in the silent auction and well as a 50/50 drawing. There was 9 out of 13 clubs present.

Lesson for 2008 have begun, I have had 2 clubs report about their new dancers. Star Promenaders have 6 new dancers and Shenango Valley Sashayers have 12 new dancers. Other clubs have just begun and I have not had any results from them.

Unfortunately 2 clubs have not booked any callers for 2009 and are planning to terminate their club at the first of the year, due to health and lack of dancers. Lakeshore Squares and Perry Squares an advance club.

Al and Jesse Pezzuto  
Presidents

Central Pa Square and Round Dance Association Read by Tom Boesch

Since the April 2008 State Federation meeting two clubs have dissolved their activity. Billtown Squares and Susquehanna Swingers, because of the lack of dancers and the retirement of caller Hank Lutchter. The remaining seven clubs are struggling to continue dancing. A few clubs do manage to recruit and start new dancers, but through attrition due to age, health and retention problems, their dancer numbers continue to decline.

The outlook for the future among some of the remaining clubs looks bleak. With difficulties in obtaining persons for club officers, leadership suffers and apathy grows within.

The Susquehanna Swingers held it's last Anniversary Dance on April 25,2008 . There were 8 squares of dancers in recognition of caller Hank Lutcher's retirement, along with extending thanks to cuers, Earl McKibben and Nancy Prowant.

Canyon Squares held it's Annual Laurel Festival Dance, June 22,2008. On August 22-24 2008 the club held it's Annual Campout at Morris, Pa. This weekend Campout gathered 73 couples.

Country Twirlers have their Anniversary Dinner Dance on Oct.5,2008 with Tim Mariner calling. Penn Wheelers are holding their Anniversary Dance on Oct. 30, 2008. On November 1, 2008 Centre Squares will have caller Mac McCall for their Anniversary Dance. During Christmas and New Years season clubs hold a holiday dinner and dance to celebrate these events.

Plans are underway to schedule an Annual Heart Fund and Cancer Benefit Dance to be held in Feb. and March 2009.

Deleware Valley No Report

Laurel Mountain Read by Janet Wilson

Last meeting 3 clubs out of 6 attended. They give their reports of what they did and of their upcoming events.

The Laurel Mountain Federation dance is on Nov. 1, 2008 at the Queen of Peace Church in Patton from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. Dinner following at 5:30.

The Federation sponsored a bus trip to Pgh. 37 people took the bus. Thanks to the convention committee for a great dance.

We danced at the Cambria County Fair on Labor Day Week to try and get new dancers. We also presented a new slate of officers.

Submitted by Ken and Carol Graham

Susquehanna Valley Read by Ruth Buehler

Susquehanna Valley S&RD Association:

Our 40th Annual Presidents Ball was held Sunday April 27, with John Marshall calling and Linda Prosser

cueing, more than 300 dancers dancing. A separate mainstream (new dancer) hall was crowded.

The 2008 Association (new dancer) Graduation Ball was held on Sunday, May 18, in Hagerstown, MD. It

was hosted by the Gad Abouts. Callers and cuer were furnished by the South Central Pennsylvania Callers

and Cuers Association held on Saturday. May 24, at the Fairfield Community Center. Approximately 180 dancers enjoyed callers Tom Miller, Tim

Crawford, Al Groth and Dan Prosser; Linda Prosser as cuer.  
SVS&RDA have launched the 2008-2009 Club Visitation Program. There is 11 out of 14 clubs participating.

The Whirly Birds will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Dance on Sunday, October 12 from 2 to 5 p.m.

at Chambersburg, PA. Caller will be Tom Miller.

The Association voted to give a \$25 payment to clubs, up to twice per year, for activities, which promoted

and /or supported a new dancer program. The payment could be received for 1) graduating a class, of any

number 2) offering a free night to experience the square dancing event 3) being actively involved in a

community event to demonstrate square dancing.

Respectively Submitted

Bill & Ruth Buehler

Western Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation  
Report to the  
Pa. Square & Round Dance Federation

October 5, 2008

Western Pa. has lost Harrold's Squares for lack of new members. We presently have 19 active clubs.

In September the Clubs have their Open Houses/Buddy Dances to attract new dancers. A lot of the Clubs is placing signs along the local roads advertising their Buddy Nights.

In June & August North Hills Squares had reporters from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review and Pine Richland News come and interview and take pictures of the dancers and the caller, Ed Foote. The reports were published in August. Our Federation Vice President, Tony Rock was interviewed on a local radio station about community events one week before the State Convention in Pittsburgh.

North Hills Squares is sponsoring a Handicapable group. Gary & Marti Beatty are organizing the group. They meet every Thursday, with handicapable adults 18 years & up. The angels are very dedicated. The callers are Sue Korinchak, with help from Matt Lebo & Sharon Kopp.

We now have 40 plus members on the GOGGLE group as of the latest count. Tony Rock is working on getting more dancers to subscribe.

Our Fall Festival will be held October 11, 2008 in Butler, Pa. hosted by the Keystone Squares. The callers will be Skip Rueschman and Len Dougherty and the cuer will be Nathan Parrott.

Some of the Clubs in our Federation have chosen to charge independent dancers more than Club members and guests from other clubs.

Franklin Squares will host our Sophomore Dance on April 19, 2009 at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, Glenshaw, Pa. The callers will be Fred Strang and Brad Deibert.

Submitted by Larry & Margie Gorski, Presidents WPSRDF

### Committee Reports

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Convention Final Report 2008

First of all, we are so proud to say we really had a successful Convention in Pittsburgh. We want to thank all our Chairmen and Directors, who did a great job. We also want to thank all the callers and cuers for a great job. Also, thanks to all the dancers who came to the Convention. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

We are happy to say we had 607 attend the Convention from 12 different states. The Omni William Penn was a beautiful hotel and they were very cooperative and accommodating with all of our needs. The Omni William Penn made a donation of \$500.00 to the American Red Cross through the Rewards Program that the 15<sup>th</sup> Convention generated.

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Convention had 26 callers and 12 cuers, who did a wonderful job. Our convention had an added bonus of tours. We had three Ducky Tours and one Trolley Tour and could have had more. As another added bonus we had a live band perform, which went over well. Everyone had a great time. The tours and live band was a nice addition to the Convention. We also had four seminars, they were all well received. Publicity was sent out over web sites and various media in the Pittsburgh area. Our Parade of Banners was done in a timely manner. Solo's were given two time slots for dancing. Another good thing we had no medical emergencies.

**Now the good news**, after returning our \$1000.00 seed money, the 15<sup>th</sup> Convention raised \$5,158.66 in excess funds for future endeavors. The Chinese Auction was a big success raising \$1,420. We netted \$78.03 on tours, \$39.50 on dangles, \$500.00 on Share the Wealth, \$97.00 on shirt sales and \$515.10 on the Convention Book.

Our Convention Committees have made the following suggestions for future Conventions:

1. When you sell ads, please stress the fact to get them in on time. We received one ad at the Convention. ( too late).
2. Push clubs harder to promote ads and collect booster sheets, also supply ads and boosters to callers and cuers.
3. Place emergency procedures in all caller and cuer packets.
4. Callers and Cuers signing up for the breakfast meeting must be held accountable. The Convention must pay for **all** breakfasts **ordered**.
5. Continue the Chinese Auction since it was a big success.

We enjoyed chairing this great Convention and again thanks to everyone for all their help and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clyde and Judy Miles  
General Chairmen

!6<sup>th</sup> Convention Report

### **16<sup>th</sup> PSRDF Convention**

We have a complete Convention Committee Chairmen staffed with people who have worked on previous conventions. The Chairmen are busy getting Directors to assist.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Convention will be held August 14, 15 & 16, 2009 at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College. We will have dancing on Friday 3:00 -5:30 PM and evening dance 7:00 – 11:00 PM, then skits 11:15 to 11:45 PM. Saturday dancing from 10:00 AM to midnight, and Sunday a trail out dance 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.

Flyers were given to each Federation to take back to their Clubs at the Convention in Pittsburgh.

Registration forms, ad forms, and booster sheets will be distributed today.

<p><b><u>Bob &amp; Cindy Vanetta</u></b> have volunteered to be <u>Assistant General Chairmen for the 2009 Convention</u>.</p>
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<p>They have been dancing since 1997.</p>
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<p>Club Offices: Vice President Square One Banner King &amp; Queen Secretary Square One Delegates to WPSRDF &amp; PSRDF</p>
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<p>Local Federation: Vice President &amp; President of WPSRDF</p>
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<p>State Federation:</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Committee members for 2011 National Square &amp; Round Dance Convention Bid Proposed Registration and Housing Chairmen for the 2011 National Convention  Housing &amp; Registration Chairmen for the 2008 State Convention in Pittsburgh</p>
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Tom Miller ran into a situation with the Sound for the Pittsburgh Convention. In the past the Chairmen of the Square Dance Program was in charge of choosing the Sound people. Last year Tom Miller had contracted with a group that has done the sound in the past. The group wanted to charge over \$ 1,000.00 more to do the sound in Pittsburgh. Tom found another group willing to do the sound at a lower price. This put Tom in a compromising position. To avoid this from happening in the future Tom suggested to us to form a sound selection committee. This committee will consist of two callers and two dance couples. Tom has agreed to be in charge of this committee, if we decide to form one. Are there any comments or questions regarding this?

Submitted by Larry & Margie Gorski, General Chairmen 2009

October 5, 2008

### **HOUSING & REGISTRATION REPORT 09/21/2008**

	<u>FORMS</u>	<u>NO. P</u>	<u>\$PAID</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>SA</u>
COMMITTEE	9	17	0	9	9	9
STAFF	7	14	0	0	8	8
DANCERS	23	40	\$722	4	21	21
ROLLOVER DANCERS		11	\$209	?	?	?
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<u>TOTAL</u>	39	82	\$931	13	38	38

#### PREVIOUS YEARS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

2007		105	\$1113	9	42	42
2006		85	\$722	11	38	38

2005	101	\$795	13	43	43
2004	137	\$1404	11	48	48

NOTES: We have one additional registration that did not include registration fee.

We will have to send registration forms to the rollover dancers to determine room requests and intentions to come.

Discussion was held on the problems with the sound bid at the 15<sup>th</sup> Convention. The Advisory Board for the 16<sup>th</sup> Convention will take a look at the feasibility of setting up a sound bid committee.

Caller/ Cuer Report None

Showcase Of Ideas Read by John Martin

We received the banner, banner pole, and other supplies needed to set up the Showcase of Ideas at the end of the 2008 State Convention in Pittsburgh.

We plan to transport the items to Long Beach, Ca. In June 2009 for the 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

At the present time we are going to be using the display without any major changes or repairs.

John and Mim Martin

### Membership

PSRDF Meeting  
 October 5, 2008  
 Membership Report

I received 2 big boxes of Membership materials the last week of August and didn't get a chance to get to it until 2 weeks later. I found that the database wouldn't open. I needed to purchase a downloadable program to convert the database into Excel format. Database is now fixed and up and running. I haven't gotten a bill yet for the program, but figure it to be about \$14 - \$15. (Cost was priced in Euros)

Membership Application packets are available today for each Association. There was a form that someone graciously made up with my information on it and it is on the PSRDF web site. However, I had to make a few changes. There is a correction on the zip code and I added my e-mail address. Also, I took the liberty and added a place to check whether or not the blue membership cards are wanted.

I'd also like to request that the President's of each Association, (or their representative) let me know their names and contact information.

I look forward to serving with you and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Beckner  
PSRDF Membership

License Plates No Report

State Folk Dance Read by Mike Matsko

Legislation Report: House Bill No. 1495  
By Peggy and Sam Brubaker

House Bill No 1495 for the Polka and Square Dance is in the Appropriation Committee under Representative Dwight Evans from Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Legislation will be breaking Oct.8 until after the elections. There are committee meetings schedule for next week, but no session meetings because of Rosh Hashanah. According to my representative the democrats feel our bill is not that important, compared to what is left to finish up. The budget etc. is finished and done with. I have written to Representative Dwight Evans and Governor Rendell. Representative Evans is a co-sponsor of the bill. We may have a slim chance to get it before the end of November. If this bill does not pass with your promission I would try again next year. I have already contacted the Polka Organization to see what they want to do. I told Bill let me know for sure by the first of the new year, once we know who's who in Harrisburg after elections.

Computer Coordinator/ Website

As usual, I will not be attending your October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. I just have a few notes for you to pass on to your members.

I am currently working on a new template for the psrdf.org web site. I am planning on styling it a little better than It currently is and standardizing the menu system. This should look a little more professional and be easier to use and the member Federations will know they are in their own section of the PSRDF, for example if you are

checking out the CPSRDF schedule, the color coding and the header will noticeably different than say the AVSRDF or the PSRDF sections.

The AVSRDF, WPSRDF, LMSRDF, and CPSRDA are as well as the PSRDF information is done by me.

The SVSRDA is on the PSRDF web site but the pages are created by Bill Buehler.

The Delaware Valley has their own web site, which I point to.

As editor of the AVSRDF, I do have access to their club information and schedules. The CPSRDA is very good at sending me their schedules and club information.

The WPSRDF sends me their club information.

I have not had any recent club, officer or dance schedules from the Laurel Mountain Federation.

All data has to be sent to me electronically, usually Word files attached to an email.

I do not want anyone handwriting a page or two of information expecting me to type it into the web site.

Any suggestions for expanded usage of the PSRDF web site, contact me and I will see what I can do.

John Simchick, Webmaster psrdf.org

State Outfit No Report

### **Special Reports**

USDA Read By Bill Flick

The National Convention in Whichita, we had USDA bags for sale. There are still bags left if you would like one, you can go on the internet USDA.org and purchase one. You will find all the information on the website. There are always prescription cards available and if you need any contact Bill Flick. The end of January 2009 we will have our next USDA meeting in Wisconsin. The insurance for the upcoming year will be \$4.25 per person.

Audit Report Read by Mike Matsko for Ken Graham

An audit was conducted on August 9,2008 at the state convention.

“ I reviewed the incoming debits for the Pa. Square and Round Dance Federation and found that the books to be accurate and correct for the period May 30, 2007 to August 31, 2008”

### **Old Business**

Ad-Hoc Committee Farm Show Exhibitor

No new reports or suggestions from the federations or the clubs.

Farm Show Booth Exhibit-January 2009 Read by Bill Buehler  
Welcome to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show

As many of you might know we are again going to be involved with the State Farm Show. Now we need your help. This information was first presented at the Leadership Breakfast at the State Convention in Pittsburgh in August. It was again presented at the PSRDF meeting on October 5. Let this serve as your official invitation to be involved. Our informational needs include the following:

1. We are scheduled to do two demos with audience participation on Monday afternoon 3-4 and a second on the last Saturday 10-11. This is of course subject to change. Are there any callers or dancers from your area who might be interested in being involved in this activity. Names, phone numbers/email addresses will be needed. These people need only to indicate interest and they will be contacted for verification and to receive the needed specific information.
2. The Square Dance booth will again be in the Family Living Center, which is in the Main Building. Those who volunteered their last year will be contacted to serve at a similar time unless we are previously notified.
3. At the booth we are hoping to offer information in a general pamphlet, as last year, and also a card that is regional specific. The card will contain the name and phone number of a person; as well as a town/city and date of a new-dancer event. Because the State Federation is assuming responsibility for having these cards printed, the information should be emailed to us by Nov.1. Realizing that that date is just a few weeks away, we can extend that date to Nov.15 IF you contact us to let us know of the need for an extension. A notebook with additional information will again be made available.

In summary, we are working to determine who is interested in calling, dancing and/or giving booth support. And secondly, to get contacts, dates and locations of new dancer events to be held following the Farm Show.

We do thank you for your consideration and support of the Farm Show event and hope that it will bring new dancers to your area. The total purpose of our effort NEEDS to focus solely on gaining greater involvement in new-dancer programs.

Bill & Ruth Buehler

**PSRDF Support Programs** ( New Dancer & Promotional ) read by Mike Matsko

New Dancer Program

**PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Program Application**

To be used by PSRDF clubs when requesting funds from Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation. (See Guidelines- Applying for Promotional and New Dancer Program Assistance)

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

From( Club) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of  
Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Number  
Participating \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Requested: Total \_\_\_\_\_

Itemization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Funds requested are for:

1) Education	_____
2) Preservation	_____
3) Promotion	_____
4) Reward	_____

Rationale:

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Describe how funds will be spent:

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If additional space is needed for comments, feel free to add more sheets.

Email to: [mpmat@jlink.net](mailto:mpmat@jlink.net) or Mail to : Mike and Pat Matsko  
219 Mason Lane  
Selingsgrove , Pa. 17870

# **PSRDF**

## **Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation**

### **PSRDF Square & Round Dance Promotional And New Dancer Program**

#### **I. Description:**

A yearly program by the PSRDF offering financial support to Regional Association/ Federation or local Clubs requesting financial aid for the promotion/improvement of Square and Round Dancing is being proposed. This program will be considered and approved by the funding allocation, each year, determined by the member Delegates at the bi-annual meeting held in April. A maximum of two requests in a given fiscal year may be applied for an eligible applicant.

#### **II. Purpose {s}:**

1) Assistance for member Regional Association/ Federations or individual Clubs to sponsor First Nighters, Demonstrations, Public outings, etc...

2) Assistance helping a new club to get established(i.e. Hall rent, advertisement , posters, flyers, Caller/Cuer/Instructor teaching, and other related expenses.

1) Provide a cash reward to member Clubs that graduate new dancers.

#### **III. Eligibility Requirements**

1) Regional Associations / Federations and local clubs who are members in good standing of the PSRDF. Note: Refer to Articles IV, V, & VI of the PSRDF Constitution and Bylaws adopted April 6, 2003 for membership requirements. The PSRDF Constitution and Bylaws can be reviewed at the website [www.psrdf.org](http://www.psrdf.org)

2) Request must have merit and contribute to the purposes as stated above.

3) A "New Dancer" is defined as a first-time class member that completes the required instruction successfully through graduate.

#### IV } Review Committee:

The PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Committee manages this Program which will consist of three Executive Board members, appointed by the President. The 1-Vice President will act as the Chairmen of the Committee.

#### V } Terms:

Eligible applicants, as defined above, may receive up to 50% of their total expenses, but not to exceed \$200.00 with the recipient matching this amount. If unable to meet the 50% matching requirement, a letter from their Regional Association/ Federation should accompany their request specifying their position to offer financial support to cover the proposal needs. For Clubs that graduate eligible new dancers, a \$50.00 cash award may be approved per each person, not to exceed \$200.00.

#### VI } Process for Applying

- 1) Complete the PSRDF Application for Promotional and New Dancer Program Assistance. The application form and instructions are available on line. [www.psrdf.org](http://www.psrdf.org) or contact the PSRDF President for copies.
- 2) Forward the completed application to the President of the PSRDF. Electronic mailing is encouraged.
- 3) The PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Committee reviews the applicants request and submit recommendations for approval or disapproval to the PSRDF Executive Board.
- 4) Approved applicant requests will be forwarded to the PSRDF Treasurer for the amount authorized for payment /reward.
- 5) Applicants that are not approved will receive a letter specifying the reason for denial.

#### VII } Required Reports

A final financial report is to be submitted to the Committee Chairmen within 45 days upon completion of the Promotional Event where grants have been used. The report also should include the outcome or results achieved.

Motion to approve New Dancer Program 1<sup>st</sup> by Ruth Buehler 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Boesch 1 opposed . Motion carried.

#### PSRDF Promotional Fund Program

The Executive Board feels that this program should be tabled until a later date. Motion to table was made by Barb Schreiber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Schreiber. Motion carried.

## PSRDF New Caller/Cuer Program

### I. Description:

A program by PSRDF offering financial aid to individuals pursuing skills in calling or cueing within the State Federation area. This program will be considered and approved by a funding allocation, each year, determined by the member Delegates at the bi-annual meeting held in April. No single individual shall receive more than one grant from this program.

### II.

1. Caller/Cuer expenses including tuition, room and board and equipment.

### III.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Individual is either a deserving dancer who has indicated a desire to learn how to better serve square/round dancing.
2. A deserving caller who has a background of calling/cueing or dancing; and who has indicated a desire to learn to call/ cue or a desire to improve their calling/cueing.
3. The individual intends to remain in the Pa. State Federation area for a minimum of 3 years, subsequent to completion of the education, and offers continued support to square/round dancing.
4. Is a member of good standing of the PSRDF.

### IV. Review Committee

The PSRDF Caller/Cuer Committee manages the program which will consist of three Executive Board members, appointed by the President. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will act as the Chairmen of the Committee.

### V. Terms

Eligible applicants as defined above, may receive up to 50% of their total expenses, but not to exceed \$200.00.

### VI. Process for Applying:

1. Complete the PSRDF Grant Application form for Callers/Cuers. The application form and instructions are available on line [www.psrdf.org](http://www.psrdf.org) or contact the PSRDF President for copies.

2. Forward the completed application to the President of the PSRDF. Electronic making is encouraged.
3. The PSRDF Caller/Cuer Grant Committee reviews the applicants request and submit recommendations for approval or disapproval to the PSRDF Executive Board.
4. Approved applicant request will be forwarded to the PSRDF treasurer for the amount authorized for the payment.
5. Applicants that are not approved will receive a letter specifying the reason{s} for denial.

**VII Required Reports**

A copy of the certificate for the schooling, or other related expenses, that were indicated on the application, is to be submitted to the PSRDF Caller/Cuer Grant Committee Chairmen within 45 days upon completion of the training.

**PSRDF Grant Application Form for Callers/Cuers**

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant { Caller/Cuer } History

How long have you been square/round dancing ? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been calling/cueing ? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any other caller/cuer schools or clinics prior to this application? \_\_\_\_\_  
 { If yes, please list those schools and/ or clinics previously attended and give the date{s} of attendance. }

Schools Attended	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What caller/cuer school will you attend with the funds received from this grant?

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will attend{ Month/Day/Year } : \_\_\_\_\_ How long is the school? \_\_\_\_\_ Day {s}

Name of Caller/Cuer-Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Does tuition include room & Board? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of school: Tuition- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Room and Board- \_\_\_\_\_ = Total cost-\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a type written essay on a separate sheet to include your reasons for applying for this Grant Assistance. It is important that you also state your intentions regarding calling/cueing. If you have intentions of becoming a full time professional caller/cuer, so state. Address these two statements in your essay.

- I need this Grant Assistance because...
- I intend to use my calling/cueing skills...

**MAKE SURE YOU SIGN YOUR NAME AT THE END OF YOUR ESSAY**

Mail application or request to:  
PSRDF President

Changes

II Purpose

#1 delete “ and equipment”

III Eligibility Requirements

3# Add “ serve” Pa.

VII Required Reports:

Add license

Application

Add 100 word essay .

Motion to adopt program and changes was made by Tony Rock , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Pezzuto.  
Motion carried, none opposed.

Google Group Read by Bill Buehler

There are 3 groups Delaware Valley, Central group and Western group. There are 357 members and 20 to 30 postings a month. Everyone urged to join by putting in your email address. Cost is nothing.

**New Business**

Bid Site for 2010 PSRDF Convention Read by Bill Buehler

Six bids were presented.

Discussion was held on various convention sites. Executive Group reviewed bids and most acceptable bid at the time is Johnstown Convention Center, Holiday Inn.

Motion to have 2010 PSRDF Convention in Johnstown was made by Tony Rock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Boesch. Motion carried- 1 opposed.

National Convention 2013

Since we lost 2011 bid to Detroit Michigan the NEC Committee suggest we try again in 2013. Now the PSRDF is looking for your opinions and ideas about the 2013 bid.

Alleghany Valley

Maybe try again with another location and more help from outside agencies. NEC recommends applying again with Pgh .

Central Pa.

Where is the help coming from if we get the bid in 2013. Worried about the number of dancers in the year 2013 to handle convention

#### Deleware Valley

Not enough workers especially people willing to work the convention.

#### Laurel Mountain

LMSRF feel that we do not have enough people committed to work the convention.

#### Susquehanna Valley

Not enough leaders or workers to handle convention.

#### Western Pa.

Not sure Pgh . would even be interested after the way they were treated when they lost the 2011 bid. Even the committee from the 2011 National Bid were not treated well by the NEC Committee. You would need probably about 1,000 workers in the 2013 convention and we may not have that commitment.

Unanimous vote was taken that we will not bid for the 2013 convention.

#### Nomination of Officers

President - Bill and Ruth Buehler

1 Vice Pres.- Barrett and Donna Earnest

2 Vice Pres. -Bill Flick

Secretary - vacant

Treasurer- Ken and Carol Graham

This is only the recommendation of the nominating committee and nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April 5, 2009 meeting.

#### **Announcements**

Discussions was held on the pins we now use as trading trinkets at the National Convention on the Showcase of Ideas table. Please have some ideas to be presented at the April 2009 meeting on what we can use as trinkets.

#### **Next Meeting**

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, Pa.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Ruth Buehler moved to adjourn meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Miles. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Bob and Janet Wilson, Sec.