

CHRONOLOGY OF THE HISTORY
OF THE
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC.

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Nov 78	The idea for a national square dancer's association was presented to the California Square Dance Council. It was the intent of this idea to bring together the various State Square Dance Associations, Councils, Federations, etc. into one National organization to represent the Dancers in the affairs of the activity.												
Feb 79	Jim & Jan Maczko (CA), as President of the California Square Dance Council, were directed to contact all of the State organizations throughout the country to see if there was any interest in organizing a National Square Dance Body. Questionnaires were sent out and a very good response was received.												
28 Jun 80	<p>A meeting was held in Memphis, TN at the 29th National Square Dance Convention and brought more than 100 dancers from 12 states together to create the "Organizing Committee for the Formation of a National Square Dancers Association." The Organizing Committee consisted of the following:</p> <p>Jim & Jan Maczko (CA) Chairman Ed & Mary Barbee (TX) Secretary Charles & Ebba Naddeo (CA) Advisors</p> <p>Regional Directors:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Frank & Helen Cavanaugh (NJ)</td><td>Dewey Glass (AL)</td></tr><tr><td>Win & JoAnn Erlandson (WI)</td><td>Joe Vaccari (FL)</td></tr><tr><td>Norm & Sharon Frank (CA)</td><td>Mike & Mary Gettula (NE)</td></tr><tr><td>Bob & Jenette Kemper (TN)</td><td>Elmer & Jean Marose (OK)</td></tr><tr><td>Bob & Ginger Prescott (MO)</td><td>Curtis & Jo Young (TX)</td></tr><tr><td>Wayne & Marilyn Wells (MN)</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	Frank & Helen Cavanaugh (NJ)	Dewey Glass (AL)	Win & JoAnn Erlandson (WI)	Joe Vaccari (FL)	Norm & Sharon Frank (CA)	Mike & Mary Gettula (NE)	Bob & Jenette Kemper (TN)	Elmer & Jean Marose (OK)	Bob & Ginger Prescott (MO)	Curtis & Jo Young (TX)	Wayne & Marilyn Wells (MN)	
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1 Nov 80	A group of interested dancer/leaders met in Oklahoma City, OK to formulate the governing documents for USDA - Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules for distribution in early 1981 to all State Associations, Federations, Councils, etc. for their review and comment. It was proposed to have an organizational meeting in Seattle, WA in June 1981 to officially form the national dancer's organization.												

26 Jun 81

Organization Meeting and final adoption of the organizational documents to officially create a National Square Dancer's Organization took place at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Seattle, WA during the 30th National Square Dance Convention.

A list of organizational names was presented and the name "UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, Inc." was chosen as the official name at the 1st Annual Meeting with 22 states represented. The states represented approximately 110,000 dancers.

Three Resolutions were adopted, one creating the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. and directing the elected Officers to execute drafts of the Constitution, By-Laws and apply for a Charter of Incorporation under the laws of the United States. Another Resolution supported the efforts of the California based "National Folk Dance Committee" in their efforts to obtain recognition for Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance. The third Resolution encouraged the California based "Square Dancers of America" in their endeavors to promote Square Dancing through presentation of an annual float in the New Years Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA.

Following goals were established:

1. Assist the National Folk Dance Committee in their efforts to obtain recognition of square dancing as the National Folk Dance.
2. Support the efforts of the Square Dancers of America in their endeavor to bring Square Dancing to the attention of the general public through placement of a float in the name of Square Dancers in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.
3. Strive for the unification of the dancer.
4. Provide a National Square Dancers insurance program for dancers, clubs and affiliate groups desiring coverage.
5. Establish lines of communications and cooperation with existing national organizations on behalf of the Square Dancer.
6. Be available to provide assistance to those desiring to organize for the betterment of the Square Dance Activity.
7. Develop a National program for the recognition of the Square Dance Leader for their services to the movement.

8. Serve to promote Square Dancing in all possible areas.

9. Obtain the history of the various affiliate members to create an overall record of the development of the Square Dance Organization.

10. Maintain lists of the numerous Square Dance Organizations, Publications, etc. to further enhance the cooperation among these various groups.

The inaugural USDA Officers were installed as follows:

President - Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)

Vice Presidents

Western Region - Claude & Polly Potter (CO)

Plains Region - Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)

Central Region - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)

Eastern Region - Walter & Ruth Henderson (PA)

Secretary - Nate & Margaret Reynolds (MD)

Treasurer - Joe Vaccari & Joy Richardson (FL)

Parliamentarian- Charles & Ebba Naddeo (CA)

26 Oct 81

USDA letter issued to the square dance world announcing the creation of USDA and inviting dance organizations to affiliate with USDA. Copies of the organizational documents: Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, a Press Release for use in any square dance publication, and a sample resolution indicating a desire to Affiliate as a Charter Member of the USDA were also provided.

Charter Membership granted to those Organizations that qualify and join the USDA between June 26, 1981 and June 25, 1982.

30 Jan 82

First Winter (Mid-Year) USDA Executive Board Meeting held at PASARDA Square Dance Hall in Fort Walton Beach, FL. PASARDA Hall is a square dance hall owned and operated by the Playground Area Square and Round Dance Association, Inc.

The first five applications for affiliation from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado and Missouri were reviewed and recommended for acceptance by the USDA Board of Directors.

An economical square dancers medical/liability insurance program was presented which could provide the individual dancer with accident-medical coverage as well as the club, area and State Organizations with \$1,000,000 general liability insurance for those organizations desiring to participate.

Reaffirmed the 10 USDA goals established at the June 26, 1981 USDA Organization Meeting.

1 Jun 82 USA President R. Reagan signed a Bill identifying Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance for a 2-year period through 1983. Efforts are now being directed toward the State level, seeking each State to also designate Square Dance as its official State Folk Dance.

Celebrations were held nationwide by dance organizations.

25 Jun 82 USDA Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI.

Resolution adopted that USDA supports the 1982 CALLERLAB resolution to encourage cooperation among the national and international square dance organizations: CALLERLAB, LEGACY, ROUNDALAB, USDA, NSDC, National Association of Square and Round Dance Suppliers, etc. involving dancers, leaders, callers, and round dance instructors who contribute to the establishment of the direction and advancement of square dancing in all its forms.

An economical National Insurance Program for Square Dancers, clubs, associations and State organizations was approved.

Resolution adopted that USDA establish a Square Dancers Museum and a Square Dancers Hall of Fame. USDA to establish a committee to develop plans and programs to develop a Square Dancers Museum and Hall of Fame at some future date.

USDA Officers were installed as follows:

President - Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)
Vice Pres
Western Region - Claude & Polly Potter (CO)
Plains Region - Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
Central Region - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
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Historian - Walter & Esther Stoltz (FL)
Parliamentarian - Charles & Peggy Naddeo (CA)

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Committee Chairmen Appointed:

Insurance - Charles & Peggy Naddeo (CA)
Museum, HOFame - George & Judy Garland (NC)
Postage Stamp - Joe Vaccari (FL)
Ways & Means - Mac & Mary McClure (CA)

Eleven (11) USDA Charter Memberships were granted to the following organizations that applied for membership during 1981 and 1982:

Alabama Square and Round Dance Association
Arkansas State Square Dance Federation
California Square Dance Council, Inc.
Colorado State Square Dance Association
The Federation of Delaware Valley S&R Dancers
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Lubbock Area S&R Dance Federation - Texas
Missouri Federation of S&R Dance Clubs, Inc.
New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association
North Dakota Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
Panhandle Square and Round Dance Association -
Texas

Acceptance of the 11 Charter Memberships established the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA as the "World's largest Square Dance Organization" as a result of their representing over 100,000 dancers.

18 Aug 82 Joe Vaccari (FL), Chairman of the Postage Stamp Committee, submitted four different designs for a commemorative square dance postage stamp to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee with information copies to the Postmaster General and Congressman Earl Hutto, 1st District, FL, who supported the effort.

12 Oct 82 Organizational Survey conducted by USDA to determine the magnitude of the organized square dance movement. Regional Vice Presidents sent the forms out to dance organizations in their regions.

1 Jan 83 USDA National Dancer's Accident/Liability Insurance Program commences with Charles Naddeo (CA) as the Program Chairman.

29 Jan 83 USDA Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Travelodge.

USDA is beginning to receive some coverage in national publications and will be listed in the National Square Dance Directory.

Motion made and approved that a CPA audit be waived in favor of an internal audit and that this audit report be made a part of the permanent records.

Motion made and approved that in view of the fact that the treasury has very little money, bonding of the Treasurer be waived until a later date.

Only state to sign up for the new USDA Insurance Program is California to date. Have had many inquiries from non-affiliates about the insurance program. The Insurance Chairman was instructed to negotiate with the insurance company to include non-affiliates.

Joe Vaccari (FL), Chairman of the USDA Postal Stamp Committee advised that the Postal Advisory Committee receives about 5,000 requests a year for commemorative postage stamps and issue about 18 stamps. The Postal Advisory Committee keeps referring to the 1978 folk dance stamp.

George Garland (NC) outlined his ideas on a proposed square dance museum and hall of fame. He envisioned

this as a place where square dance documents, mementos, etc. could be preserved. In addition to the museum, he proposed a recreational vehicle park for visitors. He had located a suitable site in Macon County, NC that was available for \$100,000 with 25% down and the balance in five years with an option to buy adjoining land. Motion made and approved to present a resolution to the Board of Directors that USDA create a museum and hall of fame.

Jim & Jan Maczko (CA), USDA President reported that efforts are being made to establish lines of communications and cooperation with existing organizations, e.g. CALLERLAB, LEGACY, NEC, ROUNDALAB, etc.

Motion made and approved that the Regional Vice Presidents be permitted to set up a regional board to help with organization.

A sample USDA dangle badge, offered by Walter Stoltz (FL), to hang from other badges was approved and authorization for purchase of 1,000 was given.

USDA will have a display in the Showcase of Ideas at the National this year.

A discussion was held on the request from Corinna Roth Studios for support in connection with a limited edition of a Presidential porcelain in honor of the proclamation of square dancing as our national dance.

28 square dance organizations responded to date of the USDA organizational survey.

Charles Naddeo (CA) will investigate the possibility of getting hot-stamp badges for sale as an additional source of revenue for USDA.

It was determined that it was not feasible for USDA to have a publication at this time.

USDA Bank Balance - \$1,896.25.
USDA Liabilities - \$3,854.63.

24 Jun 83

USDA Annual Meeting, Executive West, Louisville, KY.

George Garland (NC), Chairman of the Museum and Hall of Fame Committee, reported that the museum should be located where square dancing got its start. Franklin, NC has been selected where there is a tract of 50 acres available for \$200,000. He envisioned that the museum would serve as a place that square dance material could be sent, catalogued and preserved for posterity. He also proposed having an RV camping facility, which would generate income. 1,000 museum dangles were distributed at the USDA Meeting for sale at \$1.00 each. Another 1,000 will be ordered by Walter Stoltz (FL).

Joe Vaccari (FL), Chairman of the Postage Stamp Committee, reported that four different designs for a commemorative postage stamp were submitted on 18 Aug. 1982 to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. The proposed stamps were designed by Jack Lorusso, a renowned Florida artist. These designs have been considered by the Citizens Advisory Committee at four meetings without favorable action. Correspondence from the Assistant Postmaster General indicates that the 1983 stamp program has been completed and any favorable action could not result in a stamp until 1984 or later. A block of four stamps were issued in 1978 depicting the different forms of dance (including square dance).

USDA passed a resolution urging the Postal Service to issue, as soon as possible, a Square Dancing Commemorative Stamp.

USDA represents 132,300 dancers and remains the "Largest Square Dance organization in the world".

Charles Naddeo (CA), USDA Insurance Chairman, reported that the first year of the Insurance Program was a success. We have earned \$120.36 in interest and added to the administrative fee of \$.05 per member totals \$943.65. Two underwriters submitted proposals for the 1994 insurance program - R.F. Lyons and Rhulen Agency. R.F. Lyons' proposal was accepted at the premium rate of \$1.00 per dancer.

USDA President advised that since no interest has been shown to date, the Executive Committee had decided to table the question of Regional Festivals until there is sufficient interest to bring it forth again.

USDA Organizational Survey conducted in 1982 revealed that the average club size is 75 dancers.

USDA President invited Corinna Roth, a Pennsylvania sculptress to make her presentation. She showed a limited edition porcelain sculpture "Ancestral Grace", a portrayal of a couple performing a folk dance. She hopes to present this sculpture to President Reagan at such time as the square dance is permanently proclaimed the national folk dance of the US. To show authenticity of her work, her models, Bill & Pat Johnson were present. Ms. Roth proposed a relationship between the USDA and her corporation whereby a percentage of sales would be donated to the fund for the Square Dancers Museum.

Betty Coates (CA) suggested that USDA develop a bumper sticker as a fund raiser.

Ways & Means Committee established consisting of Mac & Mary McClure (CA) as Chairman, Walter & Esther Stoltz

(FL) and Ed & Mary Barbee (TX).

First USDA Educational Document prepared by Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) and consisted of a one-page information sheet entitled "Club Leadership". Another USDA information sheet entitled "Club Check List" was developed and used in an educational panel at the NSDC by Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL).

"Usda" a traveling Square Dance Doll was born and started on her nation-wide travel. The USDA doll will be passed from club to club and return for each national convention.

Mac McClure (CA), Folk Dance Committee Chairman, advised that on June 10, 1983 a bill was introduced by Senator Robert S. Byrd of WV, with 27 co-sponsors, to designate the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance of the USA.

USDA President advised that USDA is still not incorporated but it is a project that we will continue to pursue. Jim Maczko will look into incorporation of USDA.

It is hoped to sell badges as a means of generating funds. Once an economical means of producing the badges is found, it is hoped to provide the delegate of each member organization with a badge.

A dress has not been designed as yet but suggestions were requested.

Resolutions adopted: Commemorative Postage Stamp; Support of the National Square Dance Executive Committee; Liaison relationship with Corinna Roth Studio, Inc.. Resolutions presented at previous meetings supportive of the National Folk Dance, Square Dancers of America Float effort, the National Convention, as well as a resolution encouraging cooperation among square dance organizations were reaffirmed.

USDA Officers were installed as follows:

President	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Past President	- Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)
Vice Pres	
Western Region	- Claude & Polly Potter (CO)
Plains Region	- Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Central Region	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Eastern Region	- Walter & Ruth Henderson (PA)
Secretary	- Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
Treasurer	- Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
Dir. of Info.	- Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)
Historian	- Walter & Esther Stoltz (FL)
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Committee Chairmen Appointed:

Incorporation - Jim Maczko (CA)
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Postage Stamp - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Ways & Means - Mac & Mary McClure (CA)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Nebraska Square & Round Dance Association (NE)
Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association (NJ)
Southwestern Illinois Association of S&RD Clubs

(IL)

USDA Membership:

15 Member organizations
77 Area Association Member Organizations
16 States represented
132,300 dancers represented
1950 Clubs represented

USDA Bank Balance - \$1,332.32.
USDA Liabilities - \$4,038.87.

- 27 Jul 83 Requested one Showcase of Ideas Display Table be reserved for USDA at the 33rd NSDC in Baltimore, MD.
- 27 Jul 83 Letter sent to the Postal Service requesting current status of the proposal for a Commemorative Postage Stamp submitted on 19 Aug 82.
- Jul 83 First USDA Press Release. Developed by Jim & Jan Maczko (CA), Director of Information.
- 14 Aug 83 West Virginia voted to affiliate with the USDA and submits Application for Affiliation.
- 15 Aug 83 Letter sent to Ken & Carla Parker, Chairman, National Executive Committee advises that during the June USDA meeting held in Louisville, KY several discussions greatly influenced the future plans of USDA.

REGIONAL USDA FESTIVALS: It has been decided to shelve the plan to sponsoring an annual festival in each of the four USDA Regions so as not to conflict or possibly detract from the National Convention.

USDA ANNUAL MEETINGS: USDA will hold two-hour meetings in lieu of four-hour meetings to assure that attendees would be absent from the National Convention for a minimum period of time. USDA has decided to hold its meeting on Wednesday prior to the convention and hold a short Introduction to USDA meeting on Friday afternoon.

USDA PARTICIPATION AT THE NSDC: The USDA does not desire to conflict with the purpose, conduct or control of the NSDC, however, we do desire to participate as a recognized National Organization in the same manner that other recognized top national organizations participate. With the same recognition as the other organizations, USDA would become a part of the NSDC and therefore could not compete with it in any manner.

Requested NEC to respond to the desires and affiliation of the USDA and the NSDC. UNITED WE STAND - for a better square dance movement.

- 20 Aug 83 Frank B. Thomas, Philatelic Programs Specialist, Stamps Div., US Postal Service, Washington, DC advises USDA - The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee already has considered the proposal without recommending issuance of a stamp. Since it is the Committee's policy to reconsider a subject whenever there is a new expression of interest, the USDA letter will serve to place the proposal on the Committee's agenda for reconsideration at its next meeting.
- 24 Aug 83 Draft USDA Bumper Sticker designed.
- 18 Sep 83 Charles Naddeo (CA), USDA Insurance Chairman reported that he is meeting with Insurance specialists this month to develop and overall Insurance Program that would be available to members of USDA from which USDA would derive revenue. This would be a program that could include car and RV insurance, health, over and under age supplementary insurance (medical). Direction from the Executive Board will be required.
- 20 Sep 83 U.S. Senate unanimously approved Bill S. 1448 which would permanently establish the Square Dance as the official dance of the United States. The only hurdle ahead now is the House of Representatives, where H.R. 1706, an exact replica of the Senate legislation, now has more than 225 cosponsors. This Bill is being considered by the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Census and Population.
- 4 Oct 83 Congressman Norman Y. Mineta advises the Hon. Katie Hall, Subcommittee on Census and Population, Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service, that H.R. 1706, a bill to designate the square dance as the national folk dance of the US now has 225 cosponsors. Since this number exceeds the cotes 218 cosponsors, I hope that the Subcommittee on Census and Population can begin immediately to consider this important legislation. A copy of the Senate version of the bill, S. 1448 was attached and had passed unanimously last month.
- 1 Nov 83 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) reports of a meeting with Mac MacKenzie (FL) and Frank Cherry (FL),

Pensacola Special Steppers and they will submit a written proposal to establish a "Committee on Disabled Dancers" for consideration by the Executive Committee at the USDA Winter Meeting.

25 Nov 83 Mac Mackenzie (FL) and Frank Cherry (FL) submit a proposal to USDA for establishment of a Committee on Disabled Dancers (CODD) in USDA.

28 Nov 83 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) sends letters to non-member organizations and extends an invitation for them to affiliate with USDA. USDA has 15 member organizations representing 16 states with over 150,000 dancers and has become the "World's largest Square Dance Organization". USDA is the National Square Dancers organization, organized by dancers, for dancers, and under the control of dancers.

28 Nov 83 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) sends letters to all Affiliate members and relates the USDA programs and projects underway to include:

Establish lines of communication and cooperation with other national organizations on behalf of the square dancer.

Strive for unification of dancers through membership in the USDA.

Be available to provide assistance to those desiring to organize for the betterment of the square dance activity when requested.

Serve to promote square dancing in all possible areas.

Provide an economical National Square Dancers insurance program for dancers, clubs, and affiliated groups desiring coverage.

Develop a national program for the recognition of the Square Dance Leader for their services to the movement.

Establish a National Square Dance Museum.

Strive to obtain a Square Dance commemorative Postage Stamp.

Support for Square Dancing to be recognized as the National Folk Dance.

Support for the Square Dancers of America's annual Tournament of Roses Parade Float.

26 Jan 84 USDA Bank Balance - \$2,560.15
USDA Liabilities - \$3,674.87

28 Jan 84

USDA Winter Meeting, Dillard, GA - Best Western Motel.

First USDA banners produced by Jim & Peggy Seagraves (AL), were distributed to the attendees. A total of 62 banners were provided to USDA for \$150, if and when USDA has money to pay for them out of the treasury.

Use of USDA Bumper Stickers and USDA Decals were discussed as fund raisers to obtain funding for a proposed USDA Square Dance Museum. Mac McClure (CA) will request \$4,000 from the California Square Dance Council to get started on this project. (Interest-free loan of \$3,512 was received from the California SD Council)

Mac McClure (CA), Chairman of the California Folk Dance Committee reported that they have 253 co-sponsors for a permanent designation of the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance. The California Folk Dance Committee is not a committee of the USDA but has been in operation for many years prior to USDA. USDA does support the California Folk Dance Committee.

Malcom MacKenzie (FL), President of the Pensacola Special Steppers, Inc, and Caller Frank Cherry of Florida presented a proposal for establishment of a committee to assist in the coordination activities of handicapped dancers. Walter Stoltz (FL), USDA Historian, made a motion to form a USDA Committee for Handicapped Dancers, seconded by Claude Potter (CO), motion passed. President Joe Vaccari (FL) appointed Mac MacKenzie (FL) and Frank Cherry (FL) as CoChairmen of the Committee on Disabled Dancers (CODD).

Jim Maczko (CA) was requested to develop a Code of Ethics for presentation to the USDA Board of Directors in June 1984.

Joe Vaccari (FL), Chairman of the USDA Postage Stamp Committee reported that the postage stamp has been in the works for 1 to 1 1/2 years. No action has been taken by the Postal Advisory Committee because we do not have the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance. No action is being taken at this time until we see how the National Folk Dance Campaign turns out.

West Virginia application for affiliation was approved.

Jim Maczko (CA) reported that he has enlisted some qualified assistance to obtain Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status.

Letters have been sent to LEGACY, CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, National Square Dance Suppliers, National Executive Committee, inviting them to attend our Baltimore annual meeting and give a brief report on their organization.

Nine USDA resolutions have been passed since its inception: #1. Establishment of USDA, #2. Support the National Folk Dance Committee, #3. Support the Rose Parade Float, #4. Establish a program to form a Square Dance Museum and Hall of Fame, #5. Encourage cooperation between National Square Dance Organizations, #6. Support the Annual National Square Dance Convention, #7. Commemorative Postage Stamp, #8. Support the National Executive Committee in promoting the National Conventions, #9. Establish a liaison with the Corina Roth Studios.

USDA support of Corina Roth Studios was withdrawn and she was informed that the name of the USDA was not to be used in any advertisement she used. (Studio legal problems)

Purchase of 1000 Museum dangles was approved. Nan Habersberger (FL) appointed as Badge Chairman for Director's Badges.

USDA outstanding liabilities amounts to about \$4,000 since 1981. Funds provided by Executive Committee members. USDA paid 10% of the liabilities. USDA is on a "pay as we go" at this time.

Mary Barbee (TX) advised that they had written another letter to Washington on Nov. 16th about the USDA logo and mentioned that they have been in possession of our check for over 16 months. No response from the Government. She heard through the grapevine that the Government was 3 1/2 to 4 years behind

USDA Bank Balance - \$2,560.15.
USDA Liabilities - \$4,038.87.

31 Jan 84 Mac MacKenzie (FL) and Frank Cherry (FL) suggested a change in the title for the Committee on Disabled Dancers to "Committee for Handicapable Dancers". Approved.

25 Feb 84 Twenty two members of the USDA Executive Committee volunteer to serve as moderators and panelists at the 34th NSDC in Birmingham, AL.

1 Mar 84 USDA President's Report advises of an article in the National Squares Magazines whereby the NEC has publicly taken the position that a National Dancers Association is not only unnecessary but may even be harmful as inferred by the "big brother" statement.

California Council has approved an interest free loan to initiate the USDA "Decal" program.

17 Mar 84 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) submits a letter to the NEC Chairman in response to the article printed

in the Feb 84 National Squares. The two page letter takes great exception to the contents of the article and respectfully requests that an unbiased, thorough, fair and favorable consideration be given to the USDA request of 15 Aug 1983 and an early response be provided.

1 Apr 84 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) requests status of the Commemorative Postage Stamp from Congressman William Ford, Chairman of the Post Office & Civil Service Committee. Status was also requested by separate letter to Congresswoman Katie Hall, Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Census & Population.

2 Apr 84 USDA Treasurer Ed & Mary Barbee (TX) advised that they have heard nothing from Washington concerning the registration of the USDA Logo. Understand that they are 3 1/2 to 4 years behind in review of logos.

10 Apr 84 USDA Letter to Corina Roth Studios, Inc, Washington Crossing, PA, withdraws USDA support of Corina Roth, Corina works, and her studio. She was requested to no longer use the name of the United Square Dancers of America in any advertisements or other type of publications.

11 Apr 84 Congressman William D. Ford, House of Representatives, advises USDA of three major concerns expressed about designating the square dance (or any other dance) as this country's official dance. They are as follows:

1. the possibility of offending those who do not feel themselves to be a part of the America that is represented by square dance;
2. the possibility of creating a perceived standard form of folk dance that will inhibit the natural, creative evolution of American dance traditions; and
3. the possibility of setting up barriers to our ability to represent the cultural diversity of America to audiences overseas.

"While I certainly understand your love of the square dance, I am reluctant to endorse an effort to impose any dance as THE dance of the United States on a permanent basis. However I encourage you and your members to continue to seek the passage of annual resolutions designating certain periods to recognize the square dance."

23 Apr 84 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) respond to Congressman William Ford's letter of 11 Apr 84 and counter every point raised by Hon. Ford. Invites the Congressman to the Baltimore NSDC in June 84 and requests reconsideration of the position taken in regards to H.R. 1706.

14 May 84 Articles of Incorporation developed for incorporation of USDA in the State of California.

23 May 84 USDA's Handicapable Committee distributes questionnaire seeking information concerning handicapable organizations to assist in the planning of future activities of the committee.

25 May 84 Chairman Ken & Carla Parker of the National Executive Committee of the NSDC invited USDA to a meeting to be held Wednesday evening at the June NSDC to come and explain USDA's proposed assistance to the production of the NSDC.

30 May 84 Ruth & Walter Henderson (PA) resign as USDA Vice President of the Eastern Region due to health problems and personal priorities.

3 Jun 84 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) responds to NEC letter of 25 May 84 and advises that USDA welcomes the opportunity to meet with the NEC. Jim Segraves (AL) will also attend the meeting.

3 Jun 84 USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) submits Testimony of the USDA to be made part of the Hearing on HR 1706 to be held in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 1984.

8 Jun 84 Congresswoman Katie Hall, Chairman of Subcommittee on Census and Civil Service advises USDA President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) that USDA Testimony of 3 Jun 84 will be included in the record of the Subcommittee hearing on H.R. 1706 on June 28, 1984. (Permanent designation of the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance of the US)

11 Jun 84 Representative Earl Hutto was requested by USDA Handicapable Committee Chairman Mac MacKenzie (FL) to attend the 28 Jun 1984 Hearing and present testimony on behalf of the Handicapable Dancers.

29 Jun 84 USDA Annual Board of Directors Meeting was held in Baltimore, MD at the Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor.

 USDA Obtained tacit recognition from the NEC but no written response to USDA's proposal to participate in National Conventions.

 USDA created the "Handicapable Dancers Committee" chaired by Mac & Chieko MacKenzie (FL) and Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL). USDA recognized the need for a place within the Square Dance Movement for individual Handicapped and Disabled Dancers and created the Committee for Handicapable Dancers to serve as a forum for the identification of existing clubs and leaders, encouraging an exchange of ideas beneficial to the promotion, preservation, and growth of these special

interest groups.

Code of Ethics adopted by the USDA. (Resolution)

25,000 USDA decals, 4" X 5", were purchased for resale at \$.50 each to the square dance community as a fund raiser. Selling organizations to retain 10% of the funds to defray local expenses. Funds for this program was borrowed from the California State Square Dance Council at no interest.

The Museum Committee Chairman Walter Stoltz (FL) reported that we have decided to have a Square Dance Museum to incorporate all of the memorabilia of Square Dancing in one area and to help finance this program we have 2,000 small dangle badges we are selling for \$1.00 each. The site chosen for this museum is in Franklin, NC.

1,400 "Member Badges" were purchased at \$1.50 each for resale to any member dancer for \$2.00 each.

USDA doll named "Usda" has an official USDA costume dress and 32 other outfits she has accumulated in her travels throughout the USA. Usda will be exhibited on the USDA Display Table.

USDA Board of Directors approved the formation of "The Committee for Handicapable Dancers."

Insurance Premium Rates with Rhulen Agency for 1985 were announced.

2,000 USDA Museum dangles were purchased for resale at \$1.00 each to assist in financing the Museum and Hall of Fame Program.

The 1981 request for a Square Dance Commemorative Postage Stamp is on the back burner pending approval of Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance of the USA.

The USDA check for Logo Registration has been cashed, but no word from Washington has been received. Apparently the Logo is registered.

Approval was obtained to enter into agreements with The Rhulen Agency for the 1985 USDA Insurance Program. R. F. Lyons Co. had the previous USDA Insurance Program.

USDA official dress costume presented by Loraine Backus (AR) and approved by the Board of Directors.

Status of 1981, 1982, 1983 USDA Resolutions:

1. Establish the United Square Dancers of America.
2. Supporting the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance.

3. Support the Square Dancers of America Rose Bowl Float.
4. Establish an effort to establish a Square Dance Museum and Hall of Fame.
5. Encourage cooperation between National Square Dance organizations.
6. Support the Annual National Square Dance Convention.
7. Pursue the effort to obtain a Square Dancers Commemorative Postage Stamp.
8. Support the NEC in promoting the National Convention.
9. Establish a liaison relationship with Corrina Roth Studios for the purposes of developing objects of Art relating to the Square Dance Activity.
10. Reaffirm previous resolutions. (1-8 only)

USDA disassociated itself from any relationship with the Corrina Roth Studios. The Studios failed to submit a proposal to USDA as requested and legal problems recently associated within the Studios caused the immediate USDA disassociation.

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- Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL) |
| Incorp. & Tax | - Jim Maczko, Charles Naddeo (CA) |
| Insurance | - Charles & Peggy Naddeo (CA) |
| Membership | - All Executive Committee |
| Museum Dangles | - Walter & Esther Stoltz (FL) |
| Museum, HOFame | - George & Judy Garland (NC) |
| Nat. Folk Dance | - Mac & Mary McClure (CA) |

Postage Stamp	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Publications	- Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)
Region. Conv.	- Jim Maczko (CA)
Showcase	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Ways & Means	- Mac & Mary McClure (CA)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

West Virginia Square and Round Dance Federation
 State Council of Illinois Square Dance Association
 Rochester Area Federation of Western R&SD Clubs

USDA Membership:

16 Member organizations
 85 Area Association Member Organizations
 17 States represented
 152,100 dancers represented
 2294 Clubs represented

USDA Bank Balance - \$1,149.04.

- 18 Jul 84 Letter received from Corinna Roth Studios, Inc. requesting complete details of the dissolution of the liaison contract between USDA and Corinna Roth Studios.
- 23 Jul 84 USDA advises Corinna Roth Studios that the decision to dissolve the liaison relationship was made after much thought and discussion by the Executive Committee. It was their considered opinion that it was not in the best interest of our organization to maintain or continue a relationship with any commercial enterprise. Our withdrawal of support was ratified at the Annual Meeting of the entire membership on June 29, 1984.
- 6 Sep 84 USDA letter to National Executive Committee Chairman Roger & Mary Anne Reynolds states our appreciation to the entire NEC Board for taking the time from their busy schedules to listen to the presentation of the USDA at the NSDC in Baltimore, MD. Requests NEC advise USDA of NEC position on our proposal of 15 Apr. 84.
- 15 Sep 84 President's Report indicates action taken to include USDA in the Encyclopedia of Associations.
- 3 Dec 84 USDA Bank balance - \$1,565.74
 USDA Liabilities - \$3,824.87
- 27 Dec 84 USDA letter to Ernest & Barbara Stone, 35th NSDC General Chairman offers the following: The USDA has actively supported and participated in National Conventions since we were organized including the education programs. Our members are serving as either moderators or panelists in a number of education panels during the upcoming 34th NSDC. Jim & Peggy Segraves, 34th National Convention Education Program Chairman also serve as Education Committee Chairman for the USDA. A tremendous bank of

dedicated leaders and dancers exist in the USDA and this talent bank is available to support the 35th NSDC in its Education Program and in any other manner that may be beneficial to the success of the Convention.

During a meeting in Baltimore the Executive Committee of the NSDC suggested that USDA offer its services to upcoming National Convention Committees. USDA is pleased to extend an invitation to the 35th NSDC to utilize the resources available within our organization in the production of the 35th NSDC.

1 Jan 85 Administrative Procedures for USDA 1985 Insurance Program provided by Charles Naddeo (CA), Chairman of Insurance Committee. Provides for: \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit for bodily injury or property damage per person or accident subject to \$100.00 deductible, and \$25,000 Fire Liability. Cost of the program for 1 Jan 85 - 31 Dec 85 is \$1.00 per member. The Affiliate will retain \$.05 of every dollar.

26 Jan 85 USDA Winter Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, Union Plaza Hotel.
Regional Festival Committee was appointed consisting of Jim Maczko (CA), Joy Vaccari (FL), Howard Backus (AR), Ed & Mary Barbee (TX).

USDA Banners (large & small) and windbreaker jackets were approved and are available from Loraine Backus (AR). The large banners (2' X 3') are \$9.50, small banners (8 1/2" X 11") are \$2.50, jackets are \$25.00.

All USDA Resolutions in effect in 1984 were reaffirmed.

Claude & Polly Potter (CO) appointed as assistant Historians.

USDA is now listed in the Encyclopedia of Associations.

1 Mar 85 USDA President's Report indicates that the California Square Dance Council has forwarded a letter requesting information on our plans for repayment of the loan for the Ways and Means Decal Program. A reply was sent by Ed & Mary Barbee (USDA Treasurer) along with a check for \$68.50 received from the sale of decals. The loan amounted to \$3,512.00. Payments amount to \$775.50 (within California) and \$68.50 leaving a balance of \$2,668.00. We must eliminate this outstanding obligation as soon as possible.

4 Mar 85 USDA President's letter to caller Ed Foote in response to his article addressed to LEGACY members, in the March issue of the National Square Dance Magazine, concerning a national recognized Code of Ethics for clubs and organizations in terms of dealing with callers. Since responsibility for a Code of Ethics for clubs and organizations primarily rests with dancer organizations,

we suggest that the USDA may be the appropriate national organization to handle this effort. In the event USDA takes this project on, rest assured that publication and release of a Code would only be done in coordination with the other affected National Organizations. Orlo Hoadley (NY) and Jim Maczko (CA) to handle this project.

If a code is considered necessary, than a Resolution may be forthcoming to present to the Board of Directors at the USDA Annual Meeting.

4 Mar 85 USDA President's letter to LEGACY Chairman Doc & Peg Tirrell stating that we firmly believe the time has come for LEGACY to recognize the USDA as the National Square Dancers Organization and have it take its rightful place along side the other National Organizations represented in LEGACY. If this should occur, then the family of Square Dance Organizations would be complete under the LEGACY umbrella.

3 Apr 85 USDA President, Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL), letter to 34th NSDC General Chairman Jim & Jaunita Harper thanking them for their cooperation and assistance in obtaining meeting rooms for USDA.

15 Apr 85 USDA President's Report states that several USDA Executive Committee members will be attending the LEGACY VII meeting in Philadelphia, May 9-12, 85. This will be another opportunity to further the objectives of USDA. It is planned to have a display table there with USDA handouts and materials.

3,000 small U.S. Flag (stick-ons) will be available to handout to dancers at the USDA After Party at the NSDC in June.

25 Apr 85 USDA Letter to Ernest & Barbara Stone, General Chairman of the 35th NSDC offers USDA talents and expertise to assist in the conduct of the NSDC Educational Programs in 1986. At the present time the following USDA representatives have been selected to work at the 34th NSDC at Birmingham, AL in 1985:

Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)	Chm. 34th NSDC Educ. Comm.
Joy Vaccari (FL)	Moderator
Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)	Moderator
Howard Backus (AR)	Moderator
Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)	Moderator
Malcolm MacKenzie (FL)	Moderator
Jim Segraves (AL)	Moderator
Mac McClure (CA)	Moderator
Frank Cherry (FL)	Panelist
Ed Barbee (TX)	Panelist
Joni Fischer (CA)	Panelist

15 May 85 USDA Handicapable Committee Chairman Mac MacKenzie (FL) invited to participate in the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped Program "INSPIRE 85", to

be held in Washington, D.C. on September 20 & 21, 1985.

27 Jun 85 First USDA After Party sponsored (11:00 pm - 1:00 am) at the 34th NSDC in Birmingham, AL, featuring The Red Boot Boys, Wade Driver Jay Henderson, Darryl McMillan, Elmer Sheffield and The Squarenaders of California.

28 Jun 85 USDA Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL - Belton Inn, 34th NSDC.

Insurance Chairman Charles Naddeo (CA) reported that if the participation in the program continues to grow, it will be necessary to hire a person for a minimum of one day a week with the option of increasing that during the busy months of January - March, to as many days as may be needed. Mrs. Jan Wells, Assistant Ins. Chairman for California Square Dance Council, has tentatively agreed to put the insurance records on computer discs.

Insurance premiums increased to \$1.15 for Affiliates and \$1.45 for Non-Affiliate Associations and \$1.65 for Non-Affiliate Clubs.

Handicapable Resolution was approved. USDA will take every possible action to encourage the establishment of Square Dance Clubs for the Handicapable in their communities by contacting organizations serving the Handicapped/Disabled, providing Angel Helpers, and soliciting cooperation and support from local Square Dance Callers.

Large USDA Banners, 24" X 36", cost \$9.50 and small banners, 8.5" X 11", cost \$2.50. USDA purchased 24 large banners and 100 small banners. Small banners will be presented to USDA Affiliates by the Regional Vice Presidents at no cost. USDA lined jackets cost \$25.00.

3,000 small U.S. Flags, stick-ons, are available to hand out to attendees of the USDA After Party.

USDA is continuing to consider conducting Regional Festivals without conflicting with the National Square Dance Convention. The Regional Festivals would be conducted in all three USDA Regions each year with no Festival in the Region that has the National Convention.

A motion was approved to prepare guidelines for conducting Regional Festivals. Regional Festivals will be fund raisers for USDA and the sponsoring organization. Amarillo, TX has offered its facility at no cost to USDA.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) has still not responded to USDA proposal to participate in the National Conventions.

National Folk Dance Committee reported that the NFD Bill died in Committee this year.

USDA approves a Resolution supporting the proposal to hold a "Summit Meeting" of dance leaders for the purpose of discussing the problems facing Square Dancing.

USDA votes to support the "1986 Spirit of Square Dancing" effort promoted by Jerry & Beck Cope (NC). This is to be a national square dance publicity and promotion effort.

USDA approves a proposal from the California National Folk Dance Committee, dated 11 Jun 85, for USDA to assume responsibility of the National Folk Dance Committee effective January 1987. Surplus funds will be transferred to USDA and authorization was provided to use the Logo and badges as USDA sees fit.

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 Jim Maczko (CA)
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Fac. Win. Mtg. - Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
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Museum, HOFame - George & Judy Garland (NC)
Nat. Folk Dance - Vacant
Postage Stamp - Joe & Joy Vaccari

Publications	- Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)
Regional Fest.	- Jim Maczko (CA)
	Norm Farrell (FL)
	Joy Vaccari (FL)
	Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
Showcase	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
USDA Doll	- George & Judy Garland (NC)
Ways & Means	- Mac & Mary McClure (CA)
Winter Mtg.	- Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
	Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

South Carolina Square & Round Dance Federation
Worcester Area Coordinators Association (MA)
Associated Square Dancers of Southern Nevada

Total membership in USDA is 19 affiliates representing 20 States with over 150,000 dancers.

USDA Bank Balance - \$1,034.94.
USDA Liabilities - \$5,796.14.

- 15 Aug 85 New Mexico Square Dance Association advised of their unanimous decision to discontinue support and association with USDA due to lack of concrete actions. "There did not appear to be no support at all for any form of monetary outlay to your group."

- 18 Sep 85 Testimony of Frank Cherry (FL) and Malcom MacKenzie (FL) given before The National Council on the Handicapped in Washington, D.C. to advise the handicapped/disabled community and their supporters about the USDA Committee for Handicapable Dancers and to encourage members of that community and their providers to be come involved in square dancing.

- 23 Nov 85 "Crossfire at Copecrest" Study Group sponsored by Jim White (GA) to discuss the ailing square dance activity and determine possible solutions. USDA Representatives attending included Howard & Loraine Backus (AR), Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL), Mac & Mary McClure (CA), and Orlo & Rita Hoadley (NY).

- Dec 85 "Square Dancing" Magazine published by Bob Osgood went out of business this month after 37 years of continuous publication (444 issues).

- 27 Jan 86 USDA Winter meeting in Amarillo, TX - Hilton Inn.

USDA adopted a resolution to support the Crossfire study Group.

USDA representative Q.H. Mac McClure (CA) passed away in Los Altos, CA. The death of Nate Reynolds (MD) was reported in the National Square Dance magazine.

Circle of Service Awards presented to Howard & Loraine Backus (AR), Jim Maczko (CA) and Charles Naddeo (CA) for their dedicated service to the square dance movement.

Handicapable Dancers Committee received inquiries from Arkansas, Kansas, Chicago, Tennessee and Massachusetts.

USDA Bank Balance - \$2,126.40.

USDA Liabilities - \$4,893.55.

- Feb 86 Walter Stoltz (FL) resigns as USDA Historian due to health reasons. Claude & Polly Potter (CO) to serve the unexpired term as Historian.
- 1 Mar 86 USDA Press Release developed by Jim Maczko (CA) and concerns the Progress - Growth - Development of USDA Programs.
- 1 Mar 86 USDA forwards to CALLERLAB a resolution adopted 25 Jan 86 concerning the decline of square dancing and states that USDA would like to share the responsibility for corrective action with CALLERLAB and will do so according to a three step plan. The resolution was forwarded for CALLERLAB consideration and action deemed appropriate.
- 5 Mar 86 USDA Federal Identification Number is #95-3748067.
- 15 Mar 86 A meeting was held in Little Rock, AR to develop guidelines for USDA Regional Festivals. Broad guidelines, policies and procedures for regional festivals to be developed and discussions to evaluate potential sites and timelines for the first regional festival.
- 2 Apr 86 Executive Committee authorized opening a bank account with Sun Bank West, Pensacola, FL for the Handicapable Committee. This was accomplished by written ballot of the Executive Committee, dated 10 Feb. 86, for the purpose of depositing funds to be received from the Carolina Jamboree in Charlotte, NC March 7-8 1986. The Jamboree was sponsored by the Pairs and Squares Dance Group, the Hotel/Motel Association and GSR Services (Gary W. Stewart) of Charlotte, NC. (A check in the amount of \$1,088 was received from Gary Stewart, a caller, in March 86, deposited and bounced. The account was closed in December 86.)
- 25 Apr 86 USDA Bank Balance \$2980.20
USDA Liabilities \$1,144.17
- 15 May 86 It is reported that Walter & Esther Stoltz (FL) have resigned as Historian. Clyde and Polly Potter (CO) will assume these responsibilities.
- Jun 86 Three articles by USDA Executive Committee members appeared in the June 86 issue of the American Square

Dance Magazine.

27 Jun 86

USDA Annual Meeting - Indianapolis, IN - Atkinson Hotel.

USDA encouraged everyone to support the December 31, 86 "Spirit of 86" plan to have 6 million dancers dancing at one time in a show of unity of the Square Dance Activity. Part of the program include balloon releases on June 14, September 13 and December 31, 1986.

Action to resubmit the Commemorative Postage Stamp proposal is being held in abeyance pending results of the National Folk Dance Committee.

Objectives of the proposed USDA Regional Conventions were presented and approved. Considerable more details and guidelines must be generated prior to implementing the program.

500 copies of 14 USDA Information Sheets (28 pages) have been developed and printed by the Education Committee for placement on the Display Tables at the Show Case of Ideas. The Information Sheets have also been used in many USDA Educational Seminars conducted in various parts of the USA.

\$500.00 was sent to the California Council as partial payment of the no-interest loan they provided for the USDA Decal Program.

USDA has received non-profit status and the incorporation is still in process.

Second Annual USDA After Party held in room B of the Convention Center under the direction of Bob & Betty Coates (CA). Stick-on American flags were given away at the Showcase of Ideas and the USDA After Party.

It was reported that Florida was the sixth State to designate "Square Dance" as their official Folk Dance. The campaign was chaired by Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL).

Approved retirement of USDA debts to Jim Maczko, Jim Segraves and Ed Barbee for USDA start-up costs.

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Hoadley

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 Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
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 USDA Doll - Mary Barbee (TX)
 Ways & Means - Howard & vivian Wilson (FL)
 Winter Mtg. - Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
 Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Kansas Square Dance Association (KS)
 Old Pueblo Square Dance Association (AZ)
 Square Dance Federation of Minnesota (MN)

USDA Bank Balance - \$2,270.29
 USDA Liabilities - \$3,468.90.

25 Sep 86

USDA President Howard & Loraine Backus (AR) advises the USDA Insurance Chairman of approval of the 1987 Insurance rates as follows:

\$1.85 per member for Affiliate members
 \$2.20 per member for Non-Affiliate Organizations
 \$2.50 per member for Non-Affiliate Clubs

Approved payment of \$3.50 per hour for 20 hours per week

for two weeks in Dec. 86 and four weeks in Jan. 87 for the USDA Insurance Committee.

1 Dec 86 USDA Bank Balance \$3,177.68
 USDA Liabilities \$2,199.67

1 Jan 87 USDA accepts responsibility for the National Folk Dance Campaign from the California Folk Dance Committee. A total of \$487.56 and a 20' X 40" banner was transferred to USDA. The banner had almost the exact logo of the USDA plus the words "WELCOME - AMERICAN HERITAGE" on each side. All files, records, surplus funds transferred from the Vice Chairman George & Ann Holser, California National Folk Dance Committee to the USDA National Folk Dance Committee.

23 Jan 87 USDA Winter Meeting, Rochester, NY - Holiday Inn.

Two Display Tables have been ordered for USDA at the Houston, TX Convention Show Case of Ideas.

Jim Maczko (CA), USDA Regional Convention Committee Chairman reported that they hope to have three regional conventions each year with the region that is hosting the National Convention to be dark (no regional convention). Initial plans were made to commence with a regional convention in Florida in December 1987. The theme would be "Constitution Dance" to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the writing of the US Constitution.

Howard I. Wilson (FL) submits a proposal to USDA to conduct a two-day dance Dec. 11 -12, 1986 in Orlando, FL to raise funds for USDA. The dance to be called the "Constitution Anniversary Dance". Anticipate expenses to be \$8,897 with income of \$10,000. Anticipate surplus of \$1,353 for USDA. (The dance was later canceled due to a conflict in schedule of dances within the area)

The Executive Committee approved a NTE \$70/week for the 6 month trial period ending June 30 1987 for the Insurance Committee operations. At that time a budget will be presented to the Executive Committee by the Insurance Chairman Charles Naddeo (CA) for follow-on operations. Any paid assistance will be to independent contractors as "self employed" and will have to pay their own social security themselves and also take care of their own taxes, etc.

The "Code of Ethics" dated Jan. 24, 1987 was endorsed by USDA and supersedes any and all previous provisions of the USDA relative to the ethics of square dancing. The document previously known as the Code of Ethics shall henceforth be identified as the "Code of Conduct" for Square Dancers.

The "Suggested Simplified Rules of Order for Square

Dance Organizations", dated Jan. 24, 1987 was endorsed by USDA.

A motion was made and approved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that USDA establish the calendar year as the fiscal year for reporting income for tax purposes. This change will be made a USDA Standing Rule.

The funds (\$487.56) of the National Folk Dance Committee (of California) have been transferred by Bob & Lois Ferber to the USDA.

USDA's Education Chairman, Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) selected to serve as Moderator of the Organizational Round Table at the 36th National Square Dance Convention.

The following organizations have applied for USDA Affiliation:

- Metro Atlanta Square Dancers Association (GA)
- Lexington Square Dance Council (KY)
- Yellowstone Square Dance Council (MT)
- Northeast Oklahoma (OK)
- Delaware Valley Federation (Reinstatement)

USDA Bank Balance - \$2,725.57

USDA Liabilities - \$2,171.17

23 Feb 87

Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL), USDA Past President, advises the Lloyd Shaw Foundation, Inc, Albuquerque, NM, of a visit of USDA representatives, Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL), Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO), Mary McClure (CA) to obtain sufficient information to make a recommendation to the USDA Board of Directors concerning the feasibility of USDA placing its full support to the LSF Archives in lieu of USDA establishing its own museum. The visit is scheduled for 4 April 1987.

4 Apr 87

USDA representatives Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL), Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO) and Mary McClure (OR) visited the Lloyd Shaw Foundation Archives. The USDA Committee recommended:

The USDA Museum effort be placed on hold pending further developments.

USDA become a Sustaining Member of the Lloyd Shaw Foundation.

USDA encourage affiliates to support the archives.

USDA support the Seminar of American Folk Dance Archives in Aug 87.

Amend USDA governing documents to permit Associate (Non-Voting) membership for organizations such as

the LSF.

26 Jun 87

USDA Annual Meeting, Houston, TX - Marriott Medical Center.

Dancers in the State of Florida requested and received authorization to use the USDA costume, with minor modifications, as their official 1988 State Convention Dress.

USDA received over 15 inquires during the past 12 months concerning how to start Handicapable Clubs.

Joe Vaccari (FL) received an inquiry from Empire Bank of America about a VISA Credit Card Program. He will get additional details and report back to the Executive Committee.

The sudden death of the USDA Western Region VP Dick Kitson was reported.

Incorporation Committee Chairman Jim Maczko (CA) reported that 196 pages have been submitted in support of incorporation of USDA as a non-profit and tax exempt organization in California. No success to date.

The title of the 1984 USDA "Code of Ethics" was changed to "Code of Conduct". A new "Code of Ethics" was presented and approved.

A Standing Rule was passed establishing the Calendar Year as the USDA Fiscal Year.

Following 5 Resolutions were adopted:

"Code of Ethics" to be renamed "Code of Conduct".

Establish new Code of Ethics.

Funding for Handicapable Dancers - \$1,000 for 1988.

Funding for Education Committee - \$1,000 for 1988.

Establish a Compendium of Resolutions.

USDA Secretary directed to continue to maintain an up-to-date compendium of all USDA Resolutions.

Approval was given by the Board of Directors for a CPA Audit of the books of the Insurance program.

Ways & Means Chairman Howard & Vivian Wilson (FL) sent 300 USDA decals to all new affiliates and 500 each to all the Florida Associations hoping they would lead the way in sales. 4,900 decals have been sent out, and 6,000 - 7,000 decals in stock.

Insurance Chairman Charles Naddeo (CA) reported that 53,000 dancers are currently covered under the USDA Insurance Program.

Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) reported that there were over

5,000 pieces of USDA educational materials covering over 40 different subjects on the Showcase Display Tables for dancers to pick up and take home with them.

Jim Maczko (CA) moved to purchase a full page Ad for the California Convention Program Book for \$350. Approved.

Regional USDA Conventions were discussed to help gain recognition of the USDA from dancers throughout the country. The idea for Regional Conventions came up a couple of years ago but no firm plans were made. The conventions would be held in each USDA Region with the exception of the Region in which the National Square Dance Convention is held. That Region would go dark that year and not compete with the National SD Convention.

USDA Museum program was put "on-hold" due to lack of an acceptable plan to overcome various obstacles such as initial funding, operating costs and a fixed location for the museum.

CB Channel #4 was designated as the official "Square Dancers Channel" for use across the nation.

"Circle of Service" Awards were presented by Past President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) to Orlo & Rita Hoadley (NY), John & Dimple Williford (AL), Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO), Juanita Kitson (CA), Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL), Kathy Maczko (CA), Mary McClure (CA), Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL), Bob & Betty Coates (CA), and Ed & Mary Barbee (TX).

USDA requested three display tables, was authorized one table, but used two display tables for the Showcase of Ideas. Previous conventions allowed USDA only one table.

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 Showcase - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Ways & Means - Open

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following nine organizations:

Valley of the Sun SD Assoc. (AZ)
 Metro Atlanta SD Assoc. (GA)
 Lexington SD Council (KY)
 Yellowstone SD Council (MT)
 Central New Jersey SD Assoc. (NJ)
 SD Council of New Jersey (NJ)
 Northeast Oklahoma SD Assoc. (OK)
 Oregon Federation of S&RD Clubs (OR)
 Delaware Valley S&RD Federation (DE)

USDA Bank Balance - \$2,943.11.
 USDA Liabilities - \$1,129.17.

- Jul 87 The Jul/Aug issue of "The Exceptional Parent" magazine published Handicapable Dancers article with credit to the USDA Handicapable Committee.
- Jul 87 USDA representatives Mac MacKenzie (FL) and Frank Cherry (FL) appointed to assist Alabama in the conduct of the first National Handicapable Square Dance Convention. Peggy and Jim Segraves (AL) appointed as advisors.
- 20 Jul 87 All indebtedness (\$553.00) was paid to the California Square Dance Council and a thank you letter was sent to the Council. The Council loaned USDA operating funds for the purchase of USDA decals and the loan was repaid in full.
- 22 Jul 87 USDA become an Affiliate Member of LEGACY, International, Inc. with an annual fee of \$20.00.
- 6 Aug 87 USDA joins "The Lloyd Shaw Foundation, Inc." to preserve and promote all forms of the American Folk Dance.
- 21 Aug 87 Joe Vaccari (FL) and Mary McClure (CA) represented USDA at a meeting in Albuquerque, NM with The Lloyd Shaw

Foundation to discuss the means to promote the establishment, growth and quality of American Folk Dance archives in the USA.

Oct 87 USDA received "Tax Exempt" status.

6 Nov 87 USDA incorporated in the state of California. (1600576 filed by the Secretary of State.) (See 4 Dec. 89)

Charles Naddeo (CA) resigned as USDA Parliamentarian.

Dec 87 Three USDA Press Releases developed and distributed by Director of Information, Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA).

Jan 88 Lloyd Shaw Foundation, Archives Chairman Dr. Bill Litchman and President Enid Cocke, advised USDA that they prefer not to support the USDA Folk Dance Campaign and choose to remain neutral.

22 Jan 88 USDA Winter Meeting, Atlanta, GA - Holiday Inn.

It was approved that all Affiliate and Non-Affiliate information (names, addresses, changes) be funneled through the USDA Secretary who will maintain a master list and send information on changes to all affected.

Kathy Maczko (CA) announced that USDA is now tax exempt and incorporated in the State of California. Request for exemption from Federal Income Tax has been filed with the IRS.

Copy machine and computer for the Insurance committee was approved.

The USDA Insurance Chairman is eligible to receive a small commission from the Insurance Carrier for his effort. Receipt of the commission by the USDA Insurance Chairman was acceptable to the USDA Executive Committee.

CPA Audit of the Insurance Account was waived due to the high cost involved with a formal audit.

USDA President's signature was authorized to be added to the Treasurer's USDA bank account along with the Treasurer's signature.

USDA Badge Committee was authorized to purchase a supply of "Directors" badges to present at Annual Meetings to any USDA Director that has not been issued one, at no cost to the Directors.

Small stick-on US flags authorized to be ordered for give-away at the National Conventions.

Credit Card Committee to investigate, negotiate and develop the best credit card program proposal for submittal to the Board of Directors.

\$1,000 was approved to be donated to the 1st National Handicapable Square Dance Convention to be held in Chickasaw, AL, July 21-23, 1988.

NEC Liaison Committee position established to be sure that the NEC understand that USDA supports the NEC and the National Square Dance Convention. Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) to chair this committee.

"Ms. Usda", USDA doll is reported lost. Last seen when Tony Oxendine took her to South Carolina.

It was agreed to design a bar-badge "PROUD TO BE A HANDICAPABLE DANCER" to give out at the Handicapable Square Dance Convention. The badge is white with red edging with "PROUD TO BE A HANDICAPABLE DANCER" in large blue letters and "United Square Dancers of America" in smaller blue letters at the bottom. Funded from the USDA Handicapable Committee funds.

The Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Charles Naddeo (CA) as USDA Parliamentarian.

A Committee was established to review the USDA Governing Documents and submit revisions as deemed necessary. Members of the committee are Earle Hoyt (IL) Chairman, Orlo Hoadley (NY), Jim Maczko (CA), John Williford (AL) and Jim Segraves (AL) ex-officio.

A VISA Credit Card Committee was established to develop and negotiate a proposed contract with Empire of America Federal Savings Bank of Buffalo, NY. Committee members were Joe Vaccari (FL), Dimple Williford (AL), Kathy Maczko (CA) and Jim Segraves (AL) ex-officio.

USDA Regional Festivals/Conventions efforts were placed on-hold.

Officer/Committee Notebooks were discussed and will be designed to be passed on to successors to maintain continuity in USDA operations. Joy Hoyt (IL) accepted the task of providing the notebooks.

USDA Bank Balance - \$8,709.00.
USDA Liabilities - \$0,000.00.

- 25 Jan 88 USDA donated \$1,000 to the National Handicapable Square Dance Association.
- 15 Feb 88 Guidelines developed for USDA Officer's Notebooks.
- 16 Mar 88 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL), USDA Folk Dance Committee Chairmen, appointed Frank & Helen Cavanaugh (NJ), LEGACY American Folk Dance Committee Chairman, as the new Vice Chairman of the USDA National Folk Dance Committee replacing Howard & Loraine Backus (AR).

16 Mar 88 LEGACY Annual Affiliate Membership Card received.

Mar 88 Small American Flags (Woven) were ordered to be given out by USDA at the 37th National Square Dance Convention.

Mar 88 Four Display Tables ordered for the USDA Display at the 37th NSD Convention.

24 Jun 88 USDA Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA - Quality Hotel.

Following USDA Constitution amendment (Article II, Paragraph A.) proposed:

"The purpose of this non-profit corporation shall be to promote Square Dancing in all its forms. Square Dancing is the American folk dance which is called, cued, or prompted to the dancers, and includes squares, rounds, contras, clogging, line, and heritage dances."

The 1984 USDA adopted Code of Ethics was reviewed and determined to be more appropriately labeled Code of Conduct. A new Code of Ethics developed and approved.

Four USDA Display Tables used at the 37th National SD Convention in California.

USDA After Party held at the Quality Hotel, Anaheim, CA.

An Ad was developed and submitted for the California 37th National Convention Program Book.

The USDA After Party vs a Trail-End Dance was discussed and the consensus was to remain with the USDA After Party.

Continuation of the USDA Friday night After Party was approved.

Papers have been filed with the California Sec. of State to obtain non-profit, tax exempt status. One hundred and ninety-six pages of supporting documentation have been submitted to attain recognition.

USDA Fiscal Year changed to coincide with the Calendar Year.

\$1,000 was allocated to the Handicapable Committee and \$1,000 allocated to the Education Committee for 1988.

The Board of Directors approved the Affinity Credit Card concept and authorized the Credit Card Committee to proceed with the program.

The Handicapable Committee reported that Co-Chairman Mac MacKenzie (FL) does the administration and correspondence duties and Frank Cherry (FL) works with

other callers teaching handicapable dancers.

Great national publicity has been received about the USDA Handicapable Program.

A metal lapel pin made in the replica of the Square Dance Postage Stamp issued in 1977-1978 was available for sale at the 37th National Square Dance Convention Post Office for \$2.00.

Commemorative Postage Stamp program activities are being held in abeyance pending the outcome of the attempt to obtain designation of the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance of the USA. Action will be initiated immediately following designation by Congress.

A computer and associated peripheral components were authorized for the Insurance Committee.

A copier was purchased for \$1,186.50 by the Insurance Committee.

First time a "Handicapable Hall" is provided at a National Square Dance Convention - 37th NSDC - CA.

Four Press Releases developed and distributed by Jim Maczko (CA) during the past 12 months concerning: Annual Meeting, Insurance Program, Winter Meeting and Annual Update.

The following Handicapable Dancers Resolution adopted:

Whereas: The Handicapable Dancers are an integral and important part of the Square Dance activity and should be recognized for their inspiring participation,

Whereas: For the first time in the history of the National Square Dance Convention, facilities were made available for Handicapable Dancers by the 37th National Square Dance Convention Committee in Anaheim, California in June 1988,

Whereas: The United Square Dancers of America, Inc. wishes to express appreciation on behalf of the Handicapable Dancer for this historical expression of support,

Therefore: Be it resolved that letters of appreciation be sent from the President of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. and from the Co-Chairmen of the USDA's Handicapable Dancers Committee to the 37th National Square Dance Convention Executive Committee.

Be it further resolved that the aforementioned USDA leaders contact future National Square

Dance Convention Committees to encourage continuation of this expression of support for the Handicapable Dancers.

The Folk Dance Committee was authorized to pursue the objective of introducing in the House of Representatives the same terms as shown in HR 2067 to be designated as a National Treasure. Eight States have Square Dancing as their Folk Dance.

A full scale "audit" of USDA financial accounts would cost \$500 - \$1,000 and an independent CPA verification of the accounts could be accomplished for \$35. USDA Books will be verified and certified by a CPA or using Square Dancers to perform the review of the USDA Books.

Education Committee reported that over 5,000 pieces of USDA educational materials are available on the Showcase Display Tables.

The following "Compendium of Resolutions" developed:

1981

1. Establish the United Square Dancers of America.
2. Support the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance.
3. Support the Square Dancers of America Float in the Rose Parade.

1982

4. Establish a Square Dance Museum and Hall of Fame.
5. Cooperation between National Square Dance Organizations.
6. Support the National Square Dance Convention.

1983

7. Square Dancers Commemorative Postage Stamp.
8. Liaison relationship with Corrina Roth Studios.
9. Support NEC in promoting National Square Dance Conventions.
10. Reaffirm previous resolutions.

1985

11. Support summit meeting of Square Dance Leaders (Crossfire).
12. Support Handicapable Dancers.

1987

13. "Code of Ethics" to be renamed "Code of Conduct".
14. Establish new "Code of Ethics".
15. Funding for Handicapable Dancers.
16. Funding for Education Committee.
17. Establish a Compendium of Resolutions.

1988

18. Appreciation to 37th National Square Dance Convention or support of Handicapable Dancers facilities.

Cost of USDA National Folk Dance Campaign to date-\$1,641.88

A budget for USDA operations initiated. First budget to

reflect operational needs for Jul-Dec 88 and Jan-Dec 89.

Past President Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) presented the "Circle of Service Award" to Orlo & Rita Hoadley (NY), John & Dimple Williford (AL), Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO), Juanita Kitson (CA), Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL), Kathy Maczko (CA), Mary McClure (CA), Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL), Bob & Betty Coates (CA), and Ed & Mary Barbee (TX).

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

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C&BL Review - Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Credit Card - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Dress - Loraine Backus (AR)
Education - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Facilities - Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Handicapable - Mac & Chieko Mackenzie (FL)
- Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL)
Insurance - Howard & Loraine Backus
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Showcase - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Ways & Means - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Iowa Federation of S&RD Clubs (IA)
Susquehanna Valley S&RD Association (DE)

USDA Membership:

29 Member organizations
115 Area Association Member Organizations
27 States represented
212,418 dancers represented
3,030 Clubs represented

USDA Bank Balance - \$5,906.63.
USDA Liabilities - \$0,000.00.

- 28 Jun 88 Frank Habersberger (FL), Mac MacKenzie (FL), Jim Seagraves (AL) gave oral and written testimony at Congressional Subcommittee Hearings held in Washington, DC in support of H.R. 2067 to make the Square Dance the official permanent American Folk Dance. Representatives of several other national dance organizations participated. Hon. Mervyn M. Dymally, Chm. of Census and Population Subcommittee presided. A USDA scroll Petition with 3,652 signatures was obtained at the Anaheim, CA National Square Dance Convention supporting the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance. The scroll was presented by USDA at the Congressional Subcommittee Hearings.
- 21 Jul 88 First National Handicapable Square Dance Convention was held in Chickasaw, AL. USDA assisted the National Handicapable Square Dance Association in the financial support and conduct of the first Handicapable Dancers Convention.
- Sep 88 USDA Insurance Program goes high-tech with a new IBM PS/2 Model 30 computer; IBM Proprinter II; IBM Color Monitor; DOS 3.3, LOTUS 123, Word Perfect Software packages; Xerox FAX; and associated cables.
- 1 Oct 88 Square Dance becomes the official Folk Dance for the State of California.
- 20 Jan 89 USDA Winter Meeting, Arkadelphia, AR - Holiday Inn.
- National Folk Dance Campaign expenditures for the two-year period of Jan. 87 through Jan. 89 were \$2,152.66.
- National American Folk Dance campaign officially ended, as of Dec. 31, 1988. Campaign defeated in Congress.
- Approval was requested by the USDA National Folk Dance Committee Chairman to work with the LEGACY American Folk Dance Committee and concentrate on helping States win their State's campaign. Upon arriving at more than a simple majority, a renewal of the National Folk Dance Campaign would be recommended. It was decided that the USDA President should meet with LEGACY's President for discussion and resolution. Approval was obtained from the Executive Committee for the composition of the new committee - may be composed of appointees from CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, CONTRALAB, Cloggers, Singles and the Chairman of the Handicapable Dancers with the current Chairman and Vice Chairman to remain in place at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- Executive Committee approved \$100 donation to the

National Dance Archives Coordinating Committee (NDACC) as a "Sustaining Friend" to support their efforts with the Lloyd Shaw Foundation Dance Archives.

Bob Coates (CA) moved to eliminate reference to USDA Regional Conventions in all USDA publications. Motion carried.

Fifty USDA Officer/Committee notebooks have been purchased and will be distributed at the June Annual Meeting. The notebooks are to be passed on to new officers/committee chairmen.

Approval was provided for the donation of \$1,000 to the Pensacola Special Steppers (Handicapable Dancers) for their trip to China with the provision that the funds be returned to USDA if the trip is cancelled.

Insurance Premium rates for 1989 are \$1.90 per person for Affiliates and \$2.05 per person for non-Affiliates.

USDA Master Card Program initiated.

Minutes of the Post Annual, Winter Meeting and Annual Meeting should be distributed to the Directors.

A total of 58,863 dancers covered by the USDA insurance in 1988.

USDA Bank Balance - \$9,323.11.

19 Mar 89 USDA President advised LEGACY that we are pleased to be working with LEGACY on the State's campaign to designate the Square Dance as the American Folk Dance.

12 May 89 USDA invited to attend the LEGACY Annual National Chairmen No-Host Dinner (Summit Meeting) during the National Convention in June 1989 in Oklahoma City, OK.

23 Jun 89 USDA Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK - Holiday Inn.

Review continues of USDA By-Laws by Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL), Committee Chairman.

The Board of Directors voted to conduct future USDA Annual Meetings prior to the National Square Dance Convention so as not to conflict with the National Square Dance Convention activities. This will change the annual meetings from Friday to Wednesday.

Credit Card Press Release #1 and #2 developed and distributed by USDA Credit Card Committee.

First royalty check for USDA Master Credit Card Program received for the first quarter 1989 in the amount of \$4,079.

Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK), chairman of the Showcase of Ideas Committee reported that a wooden display map is being constructed for placement on the USDA Display tables and depicts USDA Charter Members, Current Members and States with Square Dancing as their official State Folk Dance.

Idaho becomes the 10th State with the Square Dance as their official State Folk Dance (13 March 1989).

National Folk Dance Campaign Cost to Date - \$2,241.26

USDA Sustaining Membership in the Lloyd Shaw Foundation was renewed.

LEGACY invited USDA to a "no-host" dinner at the 38th NSDC. This is the start of the LEGACY Summit Meetings.

USDA embarked on the implementation of plans to publish a quarterly USDA publication. Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO) developed the initial plans for the USDA Newsletter. First publication to be published in the fall of 1989.

USDA Handicapable Committee has been flooded with requests from throughout the USA seeking data concerning the formation of handicapable clubs, club operations and points of contact of existing handicapable clubs.

5,000 small woven USA flags were made available at the Showcase of Ideas to pass out to attendees. The half inch by one inch flags were purchased at a cost of \$.07 each.

Four Display Tables were requested at the National Square Dance Convention, five tables were used for USDA displays.

USDA Board of Directors authorized the USDA Incorporation in the State of Arkansas and merging of the USDA California Corporation.

Board of Directors approved to reinstate the Postage Stamp Program only when the National Folk Dance is passed.

USDA After Party held at the Holiday Inn West on Friday.

Insurance Committee to continue to use their CPA Certification as the official audit of the Insurance Account.

It was approved that an internal audit of the USDA Treasurer's Account be conducted at the USDA Annual Meeting.

Approved an internal audit of the Credit Card Account be conducted prior to the USDA Annual Meeting.

79,420 dancers currently covered under the USDA insurance program.

NEC Liaison Committee will work with the NEC and attempt to improve relationship with NEC members.

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Handicapable	- Mac & Chieko MacKenzie (FL)
	- Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL)
Inc. & Tax Ex.	- Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Insurance	- Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Mus. & Archives	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
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Publications	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Showcase	- Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Ways & Means	- Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Louisiana Square Dance Association (LA)
Maricopa County SD Association (AZ)
Heart of America Federation (KS)
Arizona State SD Association (AZ)

USDA Bank Balance - \$10,049.79

6 Jul 89

USDA President advises of the new strategy of the National Folk Dance Committee in which USDA is working with LEGACY by concentrating first on getting as many

"States" victories as possible, before introducing a new "National" Bill in the U.S. Congress.

- Aug 89 USDA "National" Folk Dance Committee Chairman Ron & Cupadine Knowlton (FL) reappoint Frank & Helen Cavanaugh - LEGACY "States" Folk Dance Committee Chairman, as Vice Chairman of the USDA National Folk Dance Committee. The USDA Chairman serves as Vice Chairman of the LEGACY "States" Committee.
- 6 Sep 89 USDA President Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL) advised Garland Steele (WV), President of the National Clogging & Hoedown Council, that a USDA Resolution was approved to have Clogging recognized as a full and equal Member of the Square Dance Community.
- 8 Sep 89 USDA President Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL) confirm verbal approval of the use of an Arkansas Tax Attorney (James W. Hyden) to obtain Tax Exempt Status for USDA before the end of the year, as approved by the USDA Executive Committee at the Post Annual Meeting.
- Sep 89 USDA insurance rates for 1990 established as the same as 1989 - \$1.90 for members and \$2.50 for non-affiliates.
- Oct 89 USDA Editors, Jim & Peggy Segraves, published the first USDA News and distributed it to over 550 leaders and dancers throughout the USA. The initial issue contained 28 pages, documenting the history of USDA and the organization Archives. Printing of 1st Newsletter, 700 copies - \$315.80. Mailing of 583 copies - \$97.36.
- 4 Oct 89 USDA exemption from tax previously granted hereby revoked by IRS. (USDA now reapplying in Arkansas)
- 23 Oct 89 USDA President Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL) confirm verbal approval of 15 Oct. 89 for Howard & Loraine Backus (AR) to direct the USDA Attorney to file for Incorporation as a non-profit Corporation in the State of Arkansas.
- 2 Nov 89 USDA Incorporated in Arkansas as a non-profit Corporation.
- 4 Dec 89 USDA Corporation transferred from California to Arkansas. USDA now incorporated as a non-profit organization in Arkansas as the California Taxing Board revoked the USDA non-profit status and Charter. The purpose of the merger of the USDA California Corporation with the USDA Arkansas Corporation is to phase out the California Corporation.
- 25 Jan 90 USDA Winter Meeting, San Diego, CA - Doubletree Hotel.
- Two USDA couples approved to attend the next CALLERLAB

Convention - Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL) and Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL). Handicapable Committee Co-Chairman Frank Cherry (FL) will attend on his own invitation from CALLERLAB. Registration fees for all USDA representatives will be paid by USDA.

A "Special USDA Meeting" was planned for Wednesday prior to the National Convention for the sole purpose of officially changing the Annual Meeting date from Fridays to Wednesdays. After approval of the change, the Special Meeting will be adjourned and the Annual Meeting opened on Wednesday instead of Friday.

Education Committee Chairman requested a copy machine however the Executive Committee advised the Education Committee to continue to use commercial copying facilities.

A dedicated phone line was approved for the USDA Insurance Committee.

Because of unrelated taxable income generated, and under Arkansas law, USDA Attorney (Jim W. Hyden) advised that USDA consider expense reimbursements for the officers travel and lodging to reduce this fund. The Executive Committee approved that USDA pay for three nights lodging for both the Annual Meeting and the Winter Meeting for the Executive Committee consisting of the elected Officers, appointed Officers, and Committee Chairmen, and that this reimbursement be paid directly to the USDA Headquarters Hotel.

Approval was provided by the Executive Committee for the USDA to pay for all expenses incurred at the meetings this weekend to include lodging, business breakfast, business luncheons, and hospitality room expenses. The approval contained a provision that should any of the above be declared non-business related, they would be repaid.

The Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Walt & Sally Baechle, (NY) recommended that the USDA decals be displayed at various dances with a box for donations. The funds received would be given to various handicapable dancers organizations for their use. The Museum dangles are to be held by the Archives Committee for possible future use.

Lorraine Backus (AR) reported that some organizations are using the USDA jacket and putting their "state name" below the logo. This is agreeable and encouraged by USDA.

Postage Stamp Committee remains "On Hold" to be revived at some future date at a proper time.

Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA) was appointed Chairman of the

USDA Membership and Hospitality Committee.

USDA was incorporated on 2 Nov. 1989 in Arkansas. The California Corporation was merged with the Arkansas Corporation on 4 Dec. 1989.

Eight Press Releases were developed and distributed in the last six months by Jim & Peggy Seagraves (AL), USDA Director of Information. The Press Releases concerned: Attendance at USDA Meeting, New USDA Officers, Annual Meeting, Credit Card Program, Insurance Program, Handicapable Program, Education Program, and USDA Affiliation.

1990 Complimentary Ad for the 1990 National Square Dance Directory was reviewed, revised and returned to the Directory.

LEGACY's Frank & Helen Cavanaugh (NJ) were reappointed as Vice Chairman of USDA's National Folk Dance Committee by Ron & Cupadine Knowlton (FL), Chairman of USDA's National Folk Dance Committee.

USDA Executive Committee approved the following as recommended by the Credit Card Program Chairman:

That Affiliates be paid a share of 1989 Credit Card Funds, even if their 1990 dues are not paid.

That Affiliates report the estimated number of dancers along with the current President's name, address and telephone number.

That \$1,000 be authorized for in-house publicity, including ads in selected State/major association S/D Publications and other publicity. These funds are to be used only if the bank doesn't pay for this publicity.

The Mastercard Application Form for 1989 stated the card could not be offered in Wisconsin and Iowa. This was noted in the press release dated September 1989. Due to late notification, it is recommended that Iowa's share be granted for 1989.

The 1990 Mastercard Application Form for 1990 will state the card offer is void in Colorado, Iowa, Maine, North Carolina and Wisconsin (Due to restrictive State Laws).

Walt & Sally Baechle (NY), Ways & Means Committee Chairman, reviewed previous records and reported that as of June 1987 there were about 11,400 USDA Decals on hand. Of these, 4,900 were sent to organizations on consignment. Records reflect that there wasn't any acknowledgement that the decals were received or any payment made for about 3,000 decals. Sending decals on

unordered consignment does not look like a good idea. Currently there are 5,300 decals on hand. There are 86 small USDA flags and 15 large USDA flags.

- 13 Feb 90 USDA President Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL), advised the Executive Committee that costs for the Hospitality Room at the Winter meeting are not to be paid by the USDA Treasurer. Reimbursement of these costs were requested by the USDA President from the meeting attendees. The Executive Committee will determine if work load dictates use of business luncheons and use of a Hospitality Room at future meetings. Members of the Executive Committee will provide donations for future Hospitality Refreshments (Coffee and Tea will be provided).
- 9 Apr 90 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL), Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) represented USDA at the two-day CALLERLAB Convention in Orlando, FL. Frank Cherry (FL) served as a panelist and provided information on what USDA was doing in the Handicapable Dancer area.
- 20 Apr 90 Coast International, Inc., submitted a proposal to USDA for a "Long Distance" Telephone fund raising program.
- 10 May 90 USDA Credit Card Committee reported that Signet Bank was discontinuing the Affinity Credit Cards but will continue the USDA Credit Card program through August 1993.
- 14 May 90 Amendment to Article II - PURPOSE, Section A of the USDA Constitution ratified to read: "The purpose of this non-profit corporation shall be to promote Square Dancing in all its forms. Square Dancing is the American Folk Dance which is called, cued, or prompted the dancers, and includes Squares, Rounds, Contras, Clogging, Line, and Heritage Dances."
- 24 Jun 90 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL) represented USDA at the two-day ROUNDALAB Convention in Memphis, TN.
- 27 Jun 90 USDA "Special Meeting" held to change the day of the USDA Annual Board Meeting from Friday to Wednesday. The change was approved. The change was made in cooperation with the National Executive Committee's desire.
- 27 Jun 90 USDA Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN - Raddison Hotel.
- 19 Affiliates represented, 12 Affiliates not represented.
- Eleven states now have Square Dancing as their official State Folk Dance.
- 38 States enrolled in the USDA Insurance Program.
- USDA Map added to the USDA Display Tables.

The 1989 USDA Master Card program generated a surplus of \$8,512.12 that was shared with 29 Affiliates.

Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL), By-Laws Review Committee Chairmen report the review of the USDA governing documents continues since June 89. A draft revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was submitted to the Executive Committee for review.

Insurance and Credit Card Accounts are classified as "Holding Accounts" per the USDA Arkansas attorney.

Approved a fee of \$50 per month as a retainer for our attorney (Jim Hyden) in Arkansas.

Copy machine authorized for the Education Committee.

New USDA Information Sheet (tri-fold) developed. Eleven Press Releases developed and distributed in the past 12 months.

\$2,000 was donated to the US Handicapable Association to assist in funding the National Handicapable Square Dance Convention.

Article II - Purpose, Section A of the USDA Constitution was approved by the Affiliates on 7 May 89 and ratified at this USDA Annual Meeting.

USDA made arrangements for the Handicapable Dancers to use the Radisson Hotel Ballroom since the 39th National Convention did not provide a hall for the Handicapable Dancers.

USDA After Party held in the Radisson Hotel on Saturday night.

Long Distance Telephone Program with Coast International, Inc. approved. 100% of the surplus funds, minus administrative costs, to be distributed to all tax exempt Affiliates. Jim Maczko (CA) appointed chairman of the USDA program.

Reimbursement to Executive Committee (elected officers, appointed officers, committee chairmen) for 3-day lodging at Midyear and Annual meetings approved. Reimbursement to be paid direct to the hotel by the USDA Treasurer.

"Certification" of Treasurer's books approved in lieu of "audit".

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 Incorp.& Tax Ex. - Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
 Insurance - Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
 Long Dist. Phone - Jim Maczko & Kathy (CA)
 Membership & Hos. - Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA)
 Mus. & Archives - Orlo & Rita Hoadely (NY)
 Nat. Folk Dance - Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
 NEC Liaison - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Postage Stamp - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Publications - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Showcase - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
 Ways & Means - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Kansas Square Dance Association (reinstatement)
 North Carolina Clogging Council

USDA Bank Balance - \$15,377.91

- 30 Jun 90 Preliminary operating budget for USDA established at \$13,770 for year Jun 90 - Jun 91.
- 27 Jul 90 Second National Handicapable Square Dance Convention held in Mobile, AL with many supporting USDA officers and representatives assisting 27-28 July 90.
- Oct 90 Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) sent out 7,000 letters to dance clubs advising them that they were required to pay royalties to play records at their club dances. The proposed rate for club dances was \$15.00 per dance. An uproar reverberated spontaneously throughout the square dance activity. USDA immediately contacted BMI, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), CALLERLAB and ROUNDALAB to obtain information. CALLERLAB requested that USDA take no action that might rock the boat while CALLERLAB/ROUNDALAB are in

negotiations for licenses with BMI/ASCAP as they will obtain maximum coverage for all concerned. USDA took no action pending completion of the negotiations.

25 Jan 91

USDA Winter Meeting, Richmond, VA - Sheraton Airport Inn.

BMI/ASCAP Committee established with Chairman Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL), Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA) and Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL). The Committee is to attempt to obtain a blanket licensing agreement between BMI, ASCAP and Square Dance Clubs.

USDA Insurance Committee reported 41 states are represented in the USDA Insurance Program. Approval was granted for the Insurance Chairman to obtain Errors and Omissions insurance coverage with payment to be made from the insurance funds.

Promotion of the USDA Mastercard has been terminated.

Travel reimbursement of USDA Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen at the Winter Meeting (only) was discussed. A motion was made and approved to reimburse the members of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen, contingent upon the financial status of the treasury, a sum no greater than \$300.00 to be allocated each couple based on lowest air fare or 20 cents a mile if traveling by car. The use of the car, the actual miles and costs, if it is lower than \$300.00, would prevail.

Five display tables have been reserved for USDA at the next national convention in Salt Lake City, UT.

Four issues (91 pages) of the USDA Newsletter were prepared and distributed during 1990.

15 Feb 91

USDA President advises the Handicapable Committee of the need for a detailed budget input. The previous \$1,000 allocation to the Handicapable Committee will no longer apply after July 1, 1991.

8 Mar 91

1000 danglers "PROUD TO BE A HANDICAPABLE DANCER" received from Dance Masters Engraving at a cost of \$1.50 each.

22 Mar 91

Upon finding out that the CALLERLAB/ROUNDALAB BMI/ASCAP agreement covered only the callers and cuers and did not cover all facets of the square dance activity as anticipated, the USDA BMI/ASCAP Committee entered into discussions with BMI/ASCAP to provide a service and benefit to dancers by providing coverage for all areas of the square dance activity to include all dance organizations, callers, cuers, teachers, instructors and prompters.

10 May 91 Internal Revenue Service determined USDA was exempt from federal income tax.
Internal Revenue Code: 501(C) (4)
Employer Identification Number: 95-3748067
Key District: Atlanta
Accounting Period: December 31
Form 990 Required: Yes

21 May 91 USDA proposed "Square Dance Activity Agreement" submitted to BMI for their consideration.

26 Jun 91 USDA Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City - Peery Hotel.

A motion was made to increase the non-affiliate insurance premiums at a minimum of 50% greater than the affiliate rate. The motion was defeated.

The \$600 granted by the USDA helped supply vans to transport wheel chair dancers between the hotels and dance sites at the Phoenix, Third International S/R Dance Jamboree.

Frank Cherry (FL), Co-Chairman of the USDA Handicapable Committee was honored as Pensacola "Volunteer of the Year".

USDA After Party held at the Quality Inn, Friday night.

USDA Attorney James Hyden (AR) was placed on a retainer to guide USDA in all matters requiring a legal opinion.

Minnesota used the USDA outfit for their 1992 convention.

Sixteen States now have "Square Dancing" as their official State Folk Dance. The State of Texas was number 16.

The quarterly USDA Newsletter is being distributed to over 700 addresses. The April 91 issue was 56 pages and the largest newsletter published to date.

The USDA Incorporation and Tax Exempt Committee, was successful and the committee dissolved.

A growth of 17% in the insurance program was reported and a 20% growth expected by the end of the year.

Promotion of the USDA Mastercard Program has been halted as the bank wants out of the affinity card program. The VISA Credit Card Program initiated in Jan. 91 is continuing.

A motion was made direct the Director of Information, or other appropriate Officer/Committeeman to obtain a minimum of one full page of advertising space within the

Souvenir Program Book for each future National Square Dance Convention, and that this expense be included in the USDA Budget. The purpose of this advertising space is to be for the promotion of the USDA it's programs and activities. The motion was approved unanimous.

The USDA Display Map made its first appearance at the National Convention. It was built at a cost of \$300 by Lyle Schoonover in 1990 under the direction of the Education Chairman Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK).

The Education Committee was directed to send all proposed educational materials to the Director of Information for approval prior to publication.

Twelve USDA Press Releases developed and distributed to over 700 addressees during the past 12 months.

USDA Youth Program established with Debra Mills (CA) designated as chairman of the committee.

The USDA Constitution/By-Laws Review Committee reported that the new "Roberts Rules of Order" recommends the merging of the Constitution and By-Laws. USDA will proceed to merge the USDA Constitution into the By-Laws.

Representatives from Pennsylvania displayed the first vanity license plate with square dancers displayed on it. Alabama, Florida and Tennessee currently working on their square dance license plate.

USDA Operating Budget for 91/92 approved at \$34,499.

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

President	- Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Past President	- Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)
Vice Pres	
Western Region	- Red & Reva Null (CA)
Plains Region	- Larry & Dixie Ann Foraker (MO)
Central Region	- G.P. & Eleanor Caughman (SC)
Eastern Region	- John & Mary Lachenmayer (PA)
Secretary	- Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
Treasurer	- Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
Dir. of Info.	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Historian	- Mary McClure (CA)
Parliamentarian	- Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)

Committee Chairmen Appointed:

After Party	- Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
Badges	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Banners	- Loraine Backus (AR)
BMI/ASCAP	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
C&BL Review	- Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Credit Card	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Education	- Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Dress	- Loraine Backus (AR)
Handicapable	- Mac & Chieko MacKenzie (FL)

	- Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL)
Insurance	- Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Long Distance	- Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA)
Mus. & Archives	- Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)
Nat. Folk Dance	- Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
NEC Liaison	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Publications	- Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Postage Stamp	- Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Showcase	- Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Ways & Means	- Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Tennessee State S&RD Clubs
 Richmond S&RD, Inc. (VA)

USDA Bank Balance - \$13,633.15

Aug 91

BMI transmitted a proposed "Club License" to USDA for consideration. The proposed agreement was a modification to their BMI "Athletic Clubs/Dance Classes Performance Agreements" and structured to require clubs to pay \$46 to \$241 per year for BMI License, based on number of students (club membership). The proposal was rejected by USDA in Oct. 91 as it provided no incentive or logic for a club to pay up to \$241 per year when their caller could obtain an annual license for \$20. BMI could not jeopardize their licensing relationship with other type clubs by giving the square dance clubs a license for \$20. By law, they would have to offer the same agreement to their other clubs.

24 Jan 92

USDA Winter Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC - Best Western Landmark Hotel.

21 USDA Press Releases were prepared and distributed during 1991.

Four issues (144 pages) of the USDA Newsletter were prepared and distributed during 1991. Approximately 800 copies of each issue were mailed out.

USDA Education Booklet "Take the First Step" approved for printing and distribution at a cost of \$3.00 each.

Approval was given to delete the \$5,400 travel expenses from the USDA Budget for the Winter Meeting.

\$1,000 was approved for donation to the US Handicapable Square Dance Association to assist in their operations.

Charles Naddeo (CA) passed away this date. Charles was a founder and early worker in the USDA.

Kathy Maczko (CA) designated as the USDA Poet Laureate.

92,932 dancers were insured in the 1991 USDA Insurance

Program.

Museum and Archives Committee reported that a museum at a fixed location does not seem economically feasible. A mobile museum similar to a bookmobile was discussed with unit cost of \$93,000, plus \$5,000 annually for maintenance, insurance and housing. Additional costs would include travel expenses of driver and unit. It was voted to place the museum on hold and continue to support the Lloyd Shaw Foundation Archives.

USDA Bank Balance - \$19,513.15

24 Jun 92

USDA Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH - Westin Hotel

USDA Constitution rescinded in lieu of new approved all encompassing USDA By-Laws.

Revised USDA By-Laws approved by the Board of Directors after a thorough review.

17 States have the "Square Dance" as their official state folk dance. Colorado is in as #17.

Trans National was selected to replace Coast International to handle the USDA Long Distance Telephone Program.

Subscriptions for the quarterly USDA Newsletter approved at the rate of \$5.00 per year effective 1993.

The USDA BMI/ASCAP Committee recommended dissolution of the Committee due to the CALLERLAB/ROUNDALAB and ACA Licensing arrangement for the callers and cuers. BMI and ASCAP did not desire to enter into an economical blanket agreement with Square Dance Clubs which could jeopardize their existing agreement with other clubs - aerobics, jazz, ballroom, etc.

The BMI/ASCAP Committee was directed to remain active by the USDA Board of Directors and to monitor the music licensing activities.

Articles of Incorporation Review Committee established consisting of Bill & Joan Flick (PA).

21 Press Releases developed and distributed to over 750 leaders, editors and organizations during the past 12 months.

USDA Education Committee reports that over 50 requests for USDA Education Materials have been filled during the past 12 months.

Four new Information Sheets (Retaining Dancers, Master of Ceremonies, Floats, Club Checklist) have been published. 100 copies of "Take the First Step" Booklet

also printed.

The USDA Map was damaged in transit from Salt Lake City and insurance by the shipper paid \$750 for the damage. The original builder repaired the Map at a cost of \$325.

USDA Educational Seminars continue to be presented throughout the USA by members of the Executive Committee. Subjects include "Putting FUN into Square Dancing", "Recruiting New Dancers", "Club Finances", "Club Leadership", "Club Leadership", "After Party Fun".

USDA Educational materials continue to be developed and distributed throughout the square dance community.

A Community Dance Program Committee was established chaired by Red & Reva Null (CA) to establish the USDA position on the CDP Program.

USDA Square Dance Attire Committee established consisting of Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA), Joy Vaccari (FL) and Debra Mills (CA) to determine USDA's position on proper square dance attire.

USDA Youth Program approved. The purpose is to promote youth square dancing on a nationwide basis. To provide guidance for our youth and the adults working with them by providing information and guidelines regarding establishing and maintaining youth clubs and organizations. (It is not our intent to run youth groups or organizations but to work as a research and development group, offering "blueprints" that can be used to build programs at the local level). The three basic areas where we feel we can offer assistance are:

PROMOTION/EDUCATION: Materials would include suggested ways to encourage the participation of youth in the square dance movement and include; How to set up a youth club or organization, How to approach their local school district or park and recreation department or other organizations regarding a hall, How to go about locating a caller, How to make flyers and suggestions on where to distribute them.

FINANCIAL GUIDANCE: This is NOT offering them money but is providing information regarding possible fund raising projects and events.

DIRECTORY: Develop a directory to include name of club or organization, location, dance night, time, age group and name and address of contact.

A motion was made and approved to do away with the "business luncheon" at the Annual and Winter Meetings and leave the rest (reimbursable expenses) alone.

Second printing of the USDA News Leadership issue required by demand. 500 additional copies printed and nearly all have been distributed.

USDA After Party held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Westin Hotel.

USDA Budget for 92/93 approved at \$24,284.

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

President - Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Past President - Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)
Vice Pres
Western Region - Red & Reva Null (CA)
Plains Region - Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
Central Region - G.P. & Eleanor Caughman (SC)
Eastern Region - John & Mary Lachenmayer (PA)
Secretary - Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
Treasurer - Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
Dir. of Info. - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Historian - Mary McClure (OR)
Parliamentarian - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)

Committee Chairmen Appointed:

After Party - Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
Art. of Inc. - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
Badges - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Banners - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
BMI/ASCAP - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Com. Dance Prg. - Red & Reva Null (CA)
Credit Card - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Dress & Jackets - Don & Karleen Suhrbier (IL)
Education - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Facilities - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
Handicapable - Mac & Chieko MacKenzie (FL)
- Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL)
Insurance - Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Long Distance - Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA)
Mus. & Archives - Juan & Betty Salcedo (CA)
Nat. Folk Dance - Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
NEC Liaison - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Poet Laureate - Kathy Maczko (CA)
Postage Stamp - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
Publications - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
SD Attire - Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA)
Showcase - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
Ways & Means - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
Youth - Debra Mills (CA)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Delmarva Square Dance Federation (MD & VA)
Mason Dixon Square Dance Federation
Laurel Mountain S/R Dance Federation

New York Metropolitan SD Association (NY)
Western Pennsylvania SD Federation (PA)
Western Michigan S&RD Association (MI)
Northwest Michigan S&RD Council (MI)
Northern Indiana Callers & Dancers Association (IN)
Nebraska Square & Round Dance Association (NE)

USDA Bank Balance - \$12,520.93

24 Jul 92 Third US Handicapable Square Dance Convention held in Orlando, FL supported by USDA representatives.

22 Jan 93 USDA Winter Meeting, McAllen, TX - Doubletree Hotel

Insurance Premiums are \$2.05 per dancer of Affiliates.

A separate FAX line authorized for the Insurance Committee. Temporary help of four hours per week, year around authorized for the Insurance Committee.

Affiliate distributed funds from the Credit Card Program not picked up by July 1, 1993 will come back to USDA general funds to promote square dancing. \$469.00 have not been picked up by the Affiliates from the USDA distribution.

Support of the Lloyd Shaw Foundation ceased as the Foundation would not support the USDA's position to have the Square Dance designated as the National Folk Dance.

USDA will continue to use the Lloyd Shaw Foundation Archives as our repository for our archives.

The Publications Committee reported 36 new subscriptions to the USDA Newsletter. Newsletters are mailed out to 828 different addresses.

Plaques issued to USDA as a participant of the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention are to be maintained by the USDA Historian.

Motion made to not change the Articles of Incorporation for a year or two, but to collect potential changes for consideration at a later date. Motion made that the AOI Review Committee be composed of Bill & Joan Flick, Howard & Loraine Backus and Jim & Peggy Segraves. Motions approved.

Square Dance Attire Committee dissolved. Each individual organization can set their own dress codes.

Support of the Community Dance Program approved. The Community Dance Committee dissolved.

Motion made to pay the MC at the USDA After Parties - defeated. We will not pay the MC.

A motion made and approved that we have only coffee, tea and water for USDA meetings.

A discussion of retaining USDA records revealed that it was not economical feasible to microfiche the records. Motion made and approved that the Historian should be the final repository for all USDA records, reports, etc.

The Historian will determine which records should be retained for future archive collection.

A motion made and approved that the Regional Vice Presidents are responsible for sending Welcome Packets to new and old affiliates as a part of their duties. Welcome Packets consist of USDA By-Laws, Standing Rules, Policies, Organizational Charts, Officer Roster, USDA Information Sheet.

Museum Committee placed on inactive status.

Archives functions are assigned to the Historian position.

The position of USDA Poet Laureate eliminated.

Motion made and approved to charge \$1.50 for the Class Graduation Pamphlet to help defray costs for printing and mailing.

Motion made and approved to place an USDA ad in the NSDCA Camper Program Book at a cost of \$50.00.

New By-Law Committee established with Bill & Joan Flick (PA) as Chairman, Larry and Dixie Foraker (MO) and Red & Reva Null (CA).

USDA Bank Balance - \$17,045.32.

20 USDA Press Releases were prepared and distributed during 1992.

Four issues (148 pages) of the USDA Newsletter were prepared and distributed during 1992. 1200 copies of the USDA News 56 page Leadership issue have been distributed.

VISA Credit Card program continues to be a disappointment. Royalties in 1992 amounted to \$343.20 with 32 active accounts. The Mastercard program paid \$2,498.00 in 1992 with 270 accounts still active.

6 May 93

Third notice sent out by USDA Secretary Gailard & Jo Ann Janes, to USDA Board of Directors on the Ratification of the USDA By-Laws, Standing Rules and Rescinding the USDA Constitution.

13 May 93

Mac MacKenzie (FL), chairman of the USDA Handicapable

Committee presented a "Handicapable Dancers" seminar in Toronto, Canada for LEGACY. Earl & Joy Hoyt (IL) participated on a "Club Cliques" seminar panel and Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) participated on a "Recruit, Regain and Retain" seminar panel.

23 Jun 93

USDA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO - Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

17 States have Square Dancing as their official folk dance. Colorado is #17.

By-Laws dated June 26, 1981 rescinded, By-Laws dated June 24, 1992 ratified. Standing Rules of June 24, 1992 ratified. USDA Constitution rescinded and will not be replaced per the new Roberts Rules of Order.

USDA Articles of Incorporation Review Committee chairman, Bill & Joan Flick (PA) reported that "It is recommended that no change to the Articles of Incorporation (Merger) be initiated at this time but to list and document what changes are necessary now and in the immediate future. In a year or two consider initiating a formal change by amendment."

USDA After Party held in Cervantes Convention Center on Thursday night.

Six display tables requested by USDA for the Showcase of Ideas.

Four issues (112 pages) of the USDA Newsletter distributed to over 840 addressees. The cost of printing and mailing of a typical 24 page newsletter is approximately \$450.00. 1300 copies of the 1992 Leadership issue have been distributed.

15 USDA Press Releases were prepared and distributed during the last 12 months by the Director of Information.

Mastercard Credit Cards expire in August 1993. The Signet Bank will not renew the cards.

Approved the "Club Newsletter" pamphlet for publication and distribution at a price of \$1.50 each to assist defray printing and mailing costs.

Youth Advisory Committee Chairman Debra Mills (CA) wrote a letter to the White House telling them about the USDA's Youth Program, of "Say Yes to Square Dancing". She received a response commending her on what she was doing. She presented little green frog emblem and stickers to wear on club badges which signifies you are willing to dance with youthful dancers.

Resolution approved that Country Western Dancing, when

conducted in accordance with the USDA's "Square Dancing Code of Ethics" and "Code of Conduct for Square Dancers", is acknowledged as an integral part of the Square Dance Movement.

The USDA Country Western Dance Committee was dissolved.

Second printing approved of USDA's "Games, Gimmicks, and Skits" to sell for \$3.00 each to assist in printing and postal costs.

USDA Youth Committee chairman Debra Mills (CA) told of their new "Hop to it, support our Youth" pamphlet and the little green "frog" stickers. The stickers on a dancers badge signifies that you are a youth friendly dancer.

Motion made and approved to join LEGACY 1993. 16 members of the USDA Executive Committee are LEGACY Trustees.

USDA has 47 Affiliates this date.

USA Network contacted USDA to obtain information on youth dancers, youth callers and square dancing. The information and film clips will be displayed on the USA channel.

Readers Digest contacted USDA to obtain information about square dancing and its impact on health. They are working on an article for publishing in the Readers Digest.

Participation in the USDA Credit Card and Long Distance Telephone Programs was encouraged.

95,502 dancers enrolled in the 1992 USDA Insurance Program.

87,704 are already enrolled in the 1993 Program. 51 Accident/medical claims and one general liability claim have been filed in the last six months.

15 USDA Press Releases were developed and distributed during the past 12 months.

Proposed budget for the next year was approved.

Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO) reported after attending the LEGACY Summit Meeting of leaders in the square dance movement. Leaders were very complimentary about the USDA News publication and the Youth Program.

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

President	- Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
Past President	- Earl & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Vice Pres	

Western Region - Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
 Plains Region - Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
 Central Region - Bill & Dody Shepard (TN)
 Eastern Region - John & Mary Lachenmayer (PA)
 Secretary - Dick & Lois Currie (LA)
 Treasurer - Bernie & Sue Auten (NE)
 Dir. of Info. - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Historian & Arc - Mary McClure (OR)
 Parliamentarian - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)

Committee Chairmen Appointed:

After Party - Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
 Art. of Inc. - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
 Badges - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Banners - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
 BMI/ASCAP - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Credit Card - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Dress & Jackets - Don & Karleen Suhribier (IL)
 Education - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
 Facilities - Walt & Sally Baeshle (NY)
 Handicapable - Mac & Chieko MacKenzie (FL)
 - Frank & Nancy Cherry (FL)
 Insurance - Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
 Long Distance - Jim Maczko (CA)
 Museum - (Inactive)
 Nat. Folk Dance - Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
 NEC Liaison - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Postage Stamp - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Publications - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Showcase - Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)
 Ways & Means - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
 Youth - Debra Mills (CA)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Mountain Square & Round Dance Association (VA)
 Southwest Ohio Square Dance Federation (OH)
 Michigan Council of S&RD Clubs (MI)
 Idaho Federation of S&RD Clubs (ID)
 Anchorage Square & Round Dance Council (AK)

USDA Bank Balance - \$34,415.76

Aug 93 The Mastercard Program (Signet Bank) program expired in August 1993. The Program paid royalties of \$19,436 over the five year term of the contract.

27 Aug 93 USDA Attorney, James Hyden, responds to the State of Florida Department of Revenue letter of June 1, 1993, which requested that USDA register and collect Florida sales tax for the USDA publication subscriptions sold in Florida. J. Hyden advised Florida and the USDA to not apply for a sales and use tax registration because the incidence of sales to Florida residents are simply too infrequent and isolated to warrant this administrative task. The potential revenue to the State of Florida is

nil.

21 Jan 94

USDA Winter Meeting. Aurora, CO - Doubletree Hotel.

Pennsylvania Square & Round Federation applied for membership. The USDA dues previously paid by Western Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation and Susquehanna Valley Square and Round Dance Association will be refunded as they are now part of the State Federation.

Executive Committee advised the USDA Secretary that old tapes and files over three years could be destroyed but minutes and all organizational documents must be kept.

20 Press Releases developed and distributed to over 840 addressees during the past 12 months.

Thousands of little "Green Frog" stickers have been distributed by the USDA Youth Committee.

Four issues (148 pages) of the USDA Newsletter was developed and distributed in 1993 to over 840 addressees including 87 subscribers.

USDA Insurance Premiums for 1994 are \$2.10 for affiliates and \$2.75 for non-affiliates with a club minimum of \$32. 109 Accident/Medical claims were filed in 1993.

Executive Committee approved a "no charge" for the USDA pamphlet "Club Erosion".

USDA Education Pamphlet "The National Square Dance Convention" has been developed and draft copies sent to various National Executive Committee (NEC) members for their review and comment. The NEC was most complimentary and desire to use the pamphlet with revisions under the NEC logo, with credit given to USDA. No objections were voiced over the use of the pamphlet by the NEC.

The Executive Committee will recommend at the next Board of Directors meeting that the Long Distance Telephone Program be discontinued due to lack of participation by the dancers and that the residual balance of \$183.06 be returned to the USDA General Fund.

An informal presentation was made by Pres & Kay Minnick (CO) and Sam & Linda Margheim (CO) of their efforts toward establishing a Western International Square Dance Convention. The convention would be held in one of the 11 western states each year.

Motion made and approved to sponsor a USDA "Hospitality Room" for four nights (Tuesday - Friday) with an expense not to exceed \$500.

Motion made and approved to honor a request from the American Callers Association to survey the dancers of their preference of levels of square dancing.

Budget approved for 1994 - \$25,935.00

USDA Bank Balance - \$23,432.77

31 Jan 94 A Dancer Survey Form was released by the USDA Information Officer using the USDA mailing list. The Survey was to determine the preference of dance levels from the dancers and based upon a request for dancer input from the American Callers Association request of 5 December 1993.

22 Jun 94 USDA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR - Best Western Inn.
Four new states have proclaimed "Square Dance" as their state folk dance and include Delaware, Utah, South Carolina and Maryland. 22 States now share this honor.

New USDA Forms for "Application for Affiliation" and "Resolution" have been prepared and distributed to the USDA Region Vice Presidents.

Motion made and approved for the purchase of a new copy machine for the Education Committee, not to exceed \$1,000.

Handicapable Committee assisting groups in Sweden and Denmark and having them get together to help each other.

Over 20,000 "Frog" stickers have been sent to 31 states, Canada and Germany by the USDA Youth Committee.

Credit Card Committee has a balance of \$6,493.28 as of May 31, 94. Program royalties from the VISA Program was \$411 in 1993 with 97 active accounts.

Motion made and approved to discontinue the Long Distance Telephone Program effective immediately and the residual funds be transferred to the USDA General Fund.
The Long Distance Telephone Committee was dissolved.

USDA Dancer Survey revealed that dancers preferred the multilevel dancing. Jim Maczko (CA) reported 810 responses received. Some 3200 dancers' votes were tallied. 82% voted to maintain the existing (CALLERLAB) levels, 29% voted to change.

It was reported that three square dance clubs in Arkansas have been visited by BMI/ASCAP "loggers". No problems were reported.

Motion made and approved to purchase a gavel for USDA.

The USDA Pamphlet "The National Square Dance Convention" has been reprinted by the National Executive Committee under their logo with USDA permission. 1,000 of the NEC pamphlet were given out at the National Convention.

LEGACY Summit Meeting held Thursday and attended by the USDA President. Nine common goals of square dance organizations were proposed and each organization was requested to review and comment on the goals.

Amendments dated 6/24/92 to the USDA Glossary, By-Laws, Standing Rules approved by the Board of Directors.

USDA Region Vice Presidents are responsible for writing and sending "welcome" and "we missed you" letters, not the secretary.

20 Press Releases were developed and distributed to over 862 addressees in the past 12 months.

To date, 97,537 dancers are covered by the USDA Insurance Program in 1994. Will probably exceed 100,000 dancers by the end of 1994.

42 Accident/Medical claims submitted to date in 1994 for broken bones, sprains, torn ligaments, lacerations and burns. Two General Liability claims are pending.

Cost of operating the USDA insurance office is approximately \$5,000 per year for telephone, FAX line, postage, service contracts on office machines, office supplies, P.O. Box rental, etc. No costs were incurred for facilities, utility or clerical expenses.

This is the sixth year of publication of the USDA Newsletter. The USDA News is printed and mailed FREE to Editors of all known dance publications, USDA Officers, USDA Committee Chairmen, USDA Directors, Affiliates and leaders of national, international and state organizations. Circulation is nearly 900 with 93 subscriptions.

Four issues (168 pages) were sent out during the past 12 months. Cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is about \$678 per issue.

USDA After Party held at the Red Lion - Lloyd Center on Friday night.

Motion made and approved for the 1995 budget - \$30,425.

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

President	- Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
Past President	- Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
Vice Pres	
Western Region	- Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
Plains Region	- Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
Central Region	- Bill & Dody Shepard (TN)

Eastern Region - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
 Secretary - Dick & Lois Currie (LA)
 Treasurer - Gilbert & Dea Leon (AZ)
 Dir. of Info. - Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 Historian & Arc - Mary McClure (OR)
 Parliamentarian - Jim Maczko (CA)

Committee Chairmen Appointed:

After Party - Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
 Art of Inc. - Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
 Badges - Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 Banners - Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)
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 Youth - Debra Mills (CA)

Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation (PA)
 Gulf Coast Square Dance Association (MS)
 South Central District SD Association (OK)
 Farthest North Federation of Dance Clubs (AK)

USDA Bank Balance - \$15,455.64

27 Jan 95

USDA Winter Meeting, King of Prussia, PA - Valley Forge Hilton Hotel.

Motion made and approved to purchase the computer software program "Quickbooks" for use by the Treasurer.

Motion made and approved to develop a form to be used by the Past Presidents to create a history of USDA from the files and that the Past Presidents purge the USDA files.

100,041 dancers covered by the USDA Insurance Program in 1994.

71 Accident/Medical claims submitted in 1994.

1995 premiums are \$2.20 for Affiliates and \$2.85 for Non-Affiliates with a \$35 club minimum.

Motion made and approved to ratify the appointment of Jim & Edythe Weber (MO) as editor of the USDA News effective January 1, 1995.

Motion made and approved to establish a postal account at the Liberty, MO post office with a deposit of \$400 for use by the new USDA News editor.

Four issues (160 pages) of the USDA Newsletter was published and distributed during 1994.

USDA Publications guidelines developed. Revision #1 to the Duties and Responsibilities of the USDA Publications Committee dated September 2, 1994 were approved and supersedes the July 1, 1991 issue.

Motion made and approved that a line item be included in the USDA Budget for seminars.

A proposed dental insurance program from LPT Associates dated December 1, 1994 was discussed and rejected as a potential USDA Program.

A balance of \$6,785.23 reported for the Credit Card Committee.

Nine Press Releases developed and distributed to over 900 addressees during 1994.

Motion made and approved for Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) to purchase new metal type pins or "stick ons" for distribution at the Showcase of Ideas and USDA After Party at the Birmingham Square Dance Convention.

22 current or previous USDA Executive Committee Members will be panelists at the 44th National Square Dance Convention in Birmingham, AL.

Don and Karleen Suhrbier (IL) resigned as Dress and Jacket Chairman. Howard & Loraine Backus (AR) appointed as Chairman.

Motion made and approved to dispense with a hospitality room at the 44th National Convention.

Discussion was held concerning the establishment of a Foundation for the Youth Committee. The Chairman of the Youth Committee, Debra Mills (CA) is to revise her proposal and present it at the LEGACY Summit Meeting at the 44th National Convention.

USDA Bank Balance \$31,836.40

4 May 95

Letter from Debra Mills (CA), Youth Advisory Committee Chairman to USDA Executive Committee provides information concerning the proposed Founders Memorial

Youth Foundation. The Mission Statement, Principles, Goals, Strategic Objectives are provided. The Foundation is formed in memory of the dedication and contributions of the United Square Dancers of America founders to the preservation and perpetuation of square dancing, its history and traditions. Through honoring them we honor all those who have contributed to the heritage of square dancing past, present, and future.

FOUNDERS

Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)
Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
Claude & Polly Potter (CO)
Nate & Margaret Reynolds (MD)
Joe Vaccari (FL)
Joy Richardson (FL)
Charles & Ebba Naddeo (CA)
Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
Mac & Mary McClure (CA)

17 May 95

Letter from USDA Attorney James Hyden (AR) states that USDA enjoys a "public charity" status since its sources of income are from the general public as opposed to a "private foundation" which receives its income from a few sources. As such, a public charity qualifies for full charitable deduction privileges by donors. The proposed Youth Program appears to be consistent with the purposes under which USDA was formed and is currently operating. There is no need to set up another organization or trust fund. Solicitations by USDA are permissible activities. Donations to USDA are tax deductible. The objectives of the Youth Advisory Committee can be met simply by establishing a dedicated or segregated account under USDA's employer identification number just as USDA has done with the separate insurance account. Accordingly, the USDA leadership would exercise ultimate authority over the expenditure of these funds, perhaps guided by the recommendations and requests of the Youth Advisory Committee.

15 Jun 95

Howard Backus (AR) USDA Insurance Committee passed away.

24 Jun 95

USDA Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL - Sheraton Hotel.

34 USDA Delegates, Officers, Committee Chairmen and past officers and delegates participated in the 44th National Convention education program.

USDA Resolution adopted established the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide a means to receive donations which would be tax deductible and to fund a program dedicated to providing youth with access to quality educational materials regarding modern square dancing, its history and traditions.

100 Frog dangles were obtained for promotion of the Youth Program and are to be distributed for a \$1.00 donation.

As reported by Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL) Chairman of the USDA National Folk Dance Committee, Mississippi, North Dakota and Missouri became the 24th, 25th and 26th State with Square Dancing as their State Folk Dance. Kentucky found out their legislators had approved the Square Dance as their State Folk Dance long, long ago (March 7, 1972) and Kentucky was inserted in the #1 position on the list of states with this honor.

Motion made and approved to contribute \$200 to the Hospice of Pine Bluff, AR and \$250 to the USDA Memorial Youth Fund in the name of Howard Backus (AR).

Motion made and approved to purchase 300 "Proud to be a Handicapable Dancer, United Square Dancers of America" at an estimated cost of \$225.

Information regarding the Youth Program was sent to 24 different States during the past 12 months.

Education Committee currently maintains 23 different Information Sheets (tri-folds), 4 pamphlets, 3 Booklets. This is the most complete set of educational leadership documents known to date. An additional 500 copies of "Club Erosion" pamphlet, "Club Newsletter" and "National Square Dance Convention" were required to meet the demand during the past 12 months.

A total of 1,300 "Club Leadership handout Booklets have been printed and used in various USDA Seminars conducted across the USA during the past two years.

Eight Showcase of Ideas display tables were used by USDA at the 44th National Convention for display of USDA materials.

The National Executive Committee and the USDA in the spirit of cooperation shared mailing lists to develop the best possible list of current addresses of dance organizations and publications.

The chairman of the USDA BMI/ASCAP Committee, Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) reported that the courts have recently split on whether trade show managers are liable for their exhibitors in music licensing cases. A New York court decided in favor of trade show managers in a similar case last year, but a Massachusetts court indicated last year that it favored ASCAP's position. There are no known law suits that have been filed to date against the clubs associated with the Square Dance Movement.

USDA After Party held in the Convention Center Friday night at the 44th National Convention.

1996 Budget approved at \$36,400.

Motion made and approved that when expenditures have reached approximately 80% of the budgeted amount, the Treasurer is to notify the Officer or Committee Chairman responsible for that classification of expenses and the USDA President so they may take appropriate.

"Outline for USDA Reports" developed and distributed to members of the USDA Executive Committee.

12 USDA Press Releases developed and distributed the first six months of 1995.

The USDA Information Officer received and processed correspondence to 8 different countries and 28 states during the past 12 months.

Mac MacKenzie (FL) chairman of the USDA Handicapable Committee reported the establishment of handicapable programs in Europe and South Africa.

Motion made and approved to reaffirm USDA support of the National Executive Committee and the National Square Dance Convention by a restatement of Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors June 24, 1983.

The USDA Youth Foundation reported a balance of \$310.

A first - metal USDA pins in the shape of the USA were given out at the convention and replaced the stick-ons previously used. 10,000 additional pins were approved to be ordered. Cost of the 10,000 pins are \$2,800.

New USDA Officers installed as follows:

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Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association (MS)

USDA Bank Balance - \$21,202.98

24 Jul 95 USDA Copier and secretary files sent to new USDA Secretary Lyle & Jean Beck (IA) by out going USDA Secretary.

26 Jan 96 USDA Winter Meeting, Nashville, TN - Ramada Inn Suites
 Mary McClure (OR) USDA Historian, passed away after Christmas in 1995.

Motion made and approved to send \$200 to American Heart Association and \$250 to the USDA Founder's Memorial Youth Fund in memory of Mary McClure (OR).

Motion made and approved to purchase, out of the insurance account, the Errors and Omissions insurance that is needed for the insurance program.

Motion made and approved the authorization for Loraine Backus (AR), Insurance Committee Chairman to pay any fees and licenses out of the insurance fund necessary to conduct the insurance program. If an insurance commission is paid to the current USDA Insurance Agent of Record, the commission will flow down to the USDA Insurance Committee Chairman.

Presently an average of 876 USDA Newsletters of each issue are sent out, 201 of which are paid subscriptions. Four issues (144 pages) developed and distributed in 1995.

The USDA Handicapable Committee Chairman requested that the Regional Vice Presidents take a more active role in

the Handicapable Program. He requested \$3,000 to help handicapable groups attend the 1997 National Convention in Orlando, FL. He also requested that USDA purchase exclusive rights to a pamphlet by Ken Oakley about wheelchair dancing and publish it as a USDA pamphlet (with credit to Ken Oakley) at a cost of \$250 - \$500. No action was taken due to lack of sufficient details.

Credit Card Committee reported 426 enrollments in 1995 and a bank balance of \$7,557.26. Motion made and approved to authorize up to \$500 be spent for advertising for the credit card program out of the credit card funding.

Motion made and approved that USDA pay for the silk screening for one outfit for each Executive Committee member serving their first term. A change of the bodice of the USDA dress was approved.

19 Press Releases developed and distributed to over 830 addressees in 1995.

USDA Bank Balance \$31,605.86

26 Jun 96

USDA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX - Marriott Rivercenter

Chuck Veldhuizen, CALLERLAB Caller, introduced Rebecca Holden who has been accepted by CALLERLAB and ROUNDALAB as a national spokesperson for square dancing. They were seeking additional support from other organizations. After lengthy discussion, a Resolution was developed and approved which stated that "The USDA endorses the CALLERLAB selection and designation of Rebecca Holden as a spokesperson for square dancing. The USDA will provide publicity, promotion, assistance and financial support of the spokesperson project to the maximum extent possible."

The Youth Committee Chairman Debra Mills (CA) reported that the green frog stickers are in use in 42 states and 7 foreign countries. Janelle Haskins (IL) was introduced as her assistant.

USDA is on line at <http://www.inf.net/~usdanew/> and with an E-Mail address of usdanews@inf.net.

Credit Card Chairman Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL) advised that enrollments are up to 373 credit cards and there is a bank balance of \$8,056.08.

Motion made and approved that USDA split fifty percent of the surplus funds from the Credit Card Program between the Handicapable Program and the Youth Program, and the other fifty percent be returned to affiliates as the USDA Executive Committee determines.

USDA After Party held 10 - 12 pm in the Marriott Rivercenter Ballroom.

Larry Foraker (MO) approved as the USDA Insurance Agent of Record for the Insurance Program.

Debra Mills (CA) Chairman of the Youth Committee requested authorization to: 1. Send out program information and funding request to affiliates, non-affiliates, vendors and the total square dance community. 2. Request grants from government programs, private foundations, and commercial organizations. 3. Proceed with the development of the following program materials:

VIDEO - Introduction, Brief History, Instruction of approximately 10 calls, Two singing calls.

WRITTEN MATERIALS (to correspond with video) - Introduction, History, General Information, Dance Instruction, Games and Gimmicks.

COLORING BOOK (for younger children).

Motion made and approved to approve the Youth Committee Request.

Motion made and approved for USDA meeting expenses to be divided into each committee/officer budget effective with the budget presented next year.

22 Press Releases developed and distributed to over 830 addresses during the past 12 months.

The Director of Information reported processing correspondence to 10 different countries and 25 states.

Guidelines for USDA Meeting Reports developed and distributed to members of the Executive Committee.

The BMI/ASCAP Committee reported monitoring the music licensing activity and reported there is still some desire by some of the large commercial businesses to fight the licensing requirement in the legal courts of the USA. Recently the courts have ruled in favor of both sides making the decisions arbitrary and subject to the whims of the judges.

Education Committee is maintaining 23 USDA Information Sheets, 6 Pamphlets and 3 Booklets.

One gross of USDA T-Shirts ordered for resale.

Georgia became State #29 to have the square dance designated as their official State Folk Dance. Connecticut and South Dakota have joined the ranks.

During the period of July 1, 1995 to April 9, 1996, 6,032 educational trifolds, 513 pamphlets and 388 booklets have been requested from the USDA Education

Committee.

Eight display tables were requested for the USDA Showcase of Ideas display at the National Convention.

USDA President Jim & Jody Temple (KS) attended the LEGACY Summit Meeting and presented USDA's position regarding the LEGACY proposed nine common goals for dance organizations. The goals are listed below followed by the established USDA positions:

1. All square dance organizations work together for the preservation, perpetuation, and promotion of square dance activities throughout the world. (USDA - concurs)
2. Develop improved communications between organizations. (USDA - concurs)
3. Develop a joint program for promoting and advertising the square dance activity on a national and international level. (USDA - concurs)
4. As a collective group, obtain national sponsorship and/or a celebrity spokesperson. (USDA - Rebecca Holden will be a spokesperson, not the spokesperson.)
5. Work toward getting square dancing named the American Folk Dance. (USDA - Concur - we have 29 States and working on others.)
6. Promote and foster tolerance of others in the square dance world.
 - A. Squares, Rounds, Contra, Clogging, Country Western.
 - B. Youth - Tolerance toward teaching and dancing with younger dancers.
 - C. Seniors - Tolerance toward teaching and dancing with older dancers.
 - D. Encourage family groups in classes and clubs.
 - E. Encourage single dancers in square dance classes and clubs.
 - F. Tolerance for all ethnic groups.
(USDA - Concur but change "tolerance" to "acceptance".)
7. Develop programs for square dancing in public schools, as well as colleges and universities. Encourage square dancing as part of required curriculum and for teacher accreditation, so that teachers can teach square dancing in schools. (USDA - Refer back to callers)
8. Support one charity nationwide to obtain national publicity for square dancing. (USDA - Delete this goal. Opposed to one charity.)
9. Re-evaluate current dress guidelines, and seek acceptance of alternative, yet appropriate styles. (USDA - Still re-evaluating.)

Proposed Budget for June 96 - July 97 approved at \$36,900.

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Affiliate Membership status granted to the following organizations:

Georgia State Square Dancers Association (GA)
Folk, Round & Square Dance Federation of NC (NC)
North Central District of Oklahoma (OK)

USDA Bank Balance - \$21,660.89

Since USDA was established in 1981, USDA has produced club leadership and educational materials for use by dancers and leaders to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. The following is a list of what items are available at this time:

INFORMATION SHEETS (One sheet, printed both sides, trifolds)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FREE</u>
IS-001-96	Recruiting New Dancers	"
IS-002-97	Retaining Dancers	"
IS-010-97	Club Incorporation	"
IS-018-97	Square Dance Attire	"
IS-020-96	Square Dance Organizations	"
IS-023-96	Class Graduation	"
IS-025-96	Club Newsletters	"
IS-028-97	Club Specials	"
IS-040-96	Club Checklist	"
IS-045-96	Master of Ceremonies	"
IS-047-92	Square Dance Floats	"
IS-050-96	Club President Responsibilities	"
IS-051-96	Vice President Responsibilities	"
IS-052-96	Past President Responsibilities	"
IS-053-96	Club Secretary Responsibilities	"
IS-054-96	Club Treasurer Responsibilities	"
IS-055-96	Social Director Responsibilities	"
IS-056-96	Club Delegate Responsibilities"	"
IS-057-96	Club Member Responsibilities	"
IS-058-96	Club Caller Responsibilities	"
IS-060-96	Club President Calendar	"
IS-062-96	Vice President Calendar	"
IS-063-96	Club Secretary Calendar	"
IS-064-96	Club Treasurer Calendar	"
IS-072-97	USDA Information	"
IS-073-97	USDA Officers & Committees	"

PAMPHLETS (Pamphlets are 5 1/2" X 8 1/2")

P-010-97	Club Incorporation	16 pages	(free)
P-023-92	Class Graduation	36 pages	\$1.50
P-025-95	Club Newsletters	48 pages	\$1.50
P-042-94	Nat. SD Convent.	24 pages	(free)
P-070-96	Club Erosion	16 pages	(free)
P-Y01-93	Youth Dancers	12 pages	(free)
P-Y02-93	Youth Advisor	12 pages	(free)

BOOKLETS (Booklets are 8 1/2" X 11")

B-018-97	Square Dance Attire	28 pages	\$3.00
B-028-97	Club Specials	40 pages	\$3.00
B-071-96	Games, Gimmicks, Skits	40 pages	\$3.00
B-074-94	Take the First Step	42 pages	\$3.00
B-075-97	Recruit. & Keep Dancers	60 pages	(free)

19 Nov 96

CALLERLAB letter to USDA and other National organizations. Attaches a business proposal from Rebecca Holden's agency "Box Office, Inc." in Nashville, TN,

requesting our review and comments. To implement Rebecca's proposed plan requires significant funds. If the square dancing community decides to make such an investment, where will the funds come from, and how will they be handled? The proposal is a "wide open ended contract form" with very little detail and no guarantees with an average cost of \$10,000 per month. The proposal was totally unacceptable to the USDA.

23 Jan 97

USDA Winter Meeting, Branson, MO - 76 Mall Inn.

25 USDA Press Releases were developed and distributed during 1995 to over 830 addressees.

The Director of Information reported that they had received and responded to correspondence from four foreign countries and 16 States.

Placed USDA ad in the National Square Dance Directory and NSDC Program Book. Six copies of the Directory ordered for the Executive Committee.

Updated USDA information in the Encyclopedia of Associations, the standard reference guide to associations, societies and other nonprofit organizations. This is a major source of contacts for the American Embassies located in various countries world wide. Published by Gale Research Inc., Detroit, MI.

USDA requested 10 display tables for the Showcase of Ideas at the u NSDC (Orlando, FL).

Credit Card ad placed in American Square Dance Magazine of the months of September, October, November, 1996 and January 1997 at a cost of \$368. An ad was placed in the 1997 National Square Dance Directory at a cost of \$90.

Education Committee reported 3,115 trifold, 377 pamphlets and 307 booklets were mailed out in the last six months of 1996.

Review by Jim Segraves (AL), USDA Director of Information, of the publication by Ken I about standardized calls for wheelchair dancing suggested three options for USDA. 1. Start gathering "Wheelchair Dancing" material and write our own USDA Booklet; 2. Get Ken I to work with USDA in the development of a new Booklet; 3. If agreeable to Ken I, Vancouver, B.C., use his data in a new USDA Booklet and give him credit and appreciation for most of the contents of the Booklet. He gets no money, just publicity and promotion. The Executive

Committee approved the first option - USDA to develop our own Booklet. The Education Chairman John & Janet Rothrock were directed to head up a Committee to gather the data and write the USDA "Wheelchair Dancing" Booklet with assistance of the Handicapable Committee and the Director of Information.

The USDA Historian, Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO) are working on the USDA display that will depict photographs of the USDA Officers and Committee Chairmen. The display will be used at the National Conventions in the Showcase of Ideas.

A copy of all USDA general correspondence should be submitted to the USDA Secretary for file.

3,590+ copies of the USDA News were mailed out in 1996. There are 299 paid subscribers.

Jim & Edythe Weber, USDA Publications Committee Chairman reported that the "on-line" efforts of USDA have been well accepted. The "Web Counter" indicated that 699 persons have accessed the Home Page of USDA NEWS on the Internet since July 26, 1996. This count does not duplicate, surfers are only counted once. Several letters have been received complimenting USDA on the use of Internet for square dance information. The first subscription form printed from the Internet has been received for a one-year subscription.

The USDA Treasurer, Elmer & Lottie Jackson (TN) reported that the \$9,500 Meeting Expenses have been redistributed to the account of each officer or appointee who is eligible for room expenses. Three new accounts (budget line items) were created - Credit Card Committee, Insurance Chairman and Parliamentarian. Three new line items were added to the "Income Section" Handicapable Committee, Ways & Means, Youth, since significant amounts of income could be received in the future.

12 copies of the National Square Dance Directory were received and distributed to the members of the USDA Executive Committee. Directories were obtained at a cost of \$54.

Larry Foraker (MO) is the USDA Agent of Record and Loraine Backus (AR) is the National Insurance Coordinator.

Mr. Al Ganaway of Ganaway Productions in Nashville, TN made a presentation to the Executive Committee and expressed his desire to promote square dancing and he wanted to promote it in Branson, MO. He expressed his desire to make the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance, purchase a considerable number of USDA Newsletters to send out with his video tapes and to purchase ads in the newsletter on a continuing basis.

He made a tape with the Executive Committee singing "Dancin in Branson", issued each member T-Shirts and ball caps with the Dancin in Branson logo. Because everything had been verbal, it was decided to request Mr. Ganaway to put his proposal in writing for consideration by USDA. Mark Mortensen (MO) was requested to contact Mr. Ganaway and request his proposal and plans be put in writing to the USDA.

-----Veldhuizen Presentation
review of tapes

USDA Bank Balance - \$14,371.22.

27 Jan 97 USDA Letter to Chuck Veldhuizen, Daystar Productions responding to Chuck's presentation at the 1997 Winter Meeting. Advises that "It was the unanimous decision of the USDA Executive Committee that we reject your proposal for "Square Dancing 101" Instructional Video Proposal for the United Square Dancers of America, Inc.

Our Youth Chair, Debra Mills, has already been given the directive to work in this area, as you know. We are a group with limited funding, and her work has been geared in that direction. The name of our group, The United Square Dancers of America is not to be used in any way with your video materials, as on one can use it without our authorization. Thank you for removing it from your materials."

25 Jun 97 USDA Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL - Orlando Marriott.

John & Janet Rothrock resigned as Chairman of the USDA Education Committee.

95% of all USDA publications are available on Internet. 2500 Internet contacts have been received since going on-line.

New Education publications include pamphlet on Club Incorporation, Booklets on Club Specials and Square Dance Attire. Information sheets on each of these publications have also been developed.

Motion made and approved to have the NEC Liaison contact the NEC about the possibility of USDA conducting seminars at the National Conventions in the same manner as CALLERLAB and ROUNDALAB. NEC Liaison Committee to take the necessary action. The letter was sent this date.

482 Active credit cards accounts in the USDA Credit Card Program. It was felt that a minimum of \$12,000 be in the Credit Card account before any distribution to

affiliates was made.

Motion made and approved to leave the Affiliate's share of the Credit Card funds in escrow at this time.

\$4,150 was transferred from the Credit Card account to the treasurer for the benefit of youth and handicapped dancers.

Motion made and approved to reject the pursuit of \$2,000,000 liability insurance coverage at this time.

Treasurer to have three separate accounts maintaining separate balances for youth and handicapped dancers.

USDA President sent 15 letters of invitation to various guests and organizations to attend the USDA Annual Meeting.

We should keep refreshments for the Annual Meeting as they have been in the past.

Name plates should be placed in front of the Executive Committee members at the Annual Meeting.

In three letters, a California Caller requested the names of all dancers in our organization. He wanted to send each one a list of calls he feels should be adopted by the square dance activity. Request was denied.

Proposed budget for 1998 approved.

After Party on Thursday 10-12 pm, Exhibition Hall of Convention Center.

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Missoula Area Federation Of S&RD Clubs (MT)
 Eastern District S&RD Clubs (New England States)
 Hudson Valley Council, Inc. (NY & CT)
 Washington Area SD Assoc. (MD, VA, D.C., DE, WV)

USDA Bank Balance - \$

5 Dec 97 USDA Education Chairman, Larry Foraker (MO) passed away.

1998 Jan 23-34 Winter meeting in Las Vegas, NV

Moment of silence was held for Larry Foraker who passed away since the last meeting.

A penalty of \$1389.73 was received from the IRS because Form 990 was not received on time in 1995. It has been filed on a timely basis since then and the CPA was going to try to get the penalty refunded.

Several committee members will be on panels in Charlotte, North Carolina. "Duties of Club Officers", "What in the World is USDA?" "Insurance and Incorporation", and a Youth Panel.

USDA will have two tables at the USA West Convention in San Francisco, CA.

The USDA After Party in Charlotte will be on Saturday night.

\$2250 was disbursed to the Youth and Handicapable accounts.

There are 53 paid Affiliates to date.

The bank balance as of 12/31/97 is \$15,210.92.

1998 June 23-26 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina

A motion was made and carried to accept New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association as a new Affiliate.

Debra Mills introduced a new booklet, "Take a Youthful Step", a step-by-step guide to establishing and maintaining a youth square dance club.

A motion was made and carried to accept Master Works Marketing Internet proposal as a benefit to USDA. This will offer square dancers Internet access. They would sign on and see the USDA front page and logo. They would get unlimited web access, email, chat room, bulletin board, and space for personal web presence and favorite links. The cost is \$17.95 per month with a rebate back to USDA.

A motion was made and carried to accept the proposed Resolution to host a Round Table Discussion in January 1999 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The Round Table would discuss the declining numbers in square dancing, in hopes of arriving at a consensus of a united level program for the future of the Square Dance activity.

USDA web page received a Links2Go Key Resource award.

The following people were installed for the upcoming year:

President	Bill and Joan Flick
Vice President-East	Larry and Penny Matchen
Vice President-Central	Jack and Zonie Taylor
Vice President-Plains	Lyle and Jean Beck
Vice President-West	Bob and Betty Coates
Secretary	Marilyn and Ron Schmit
Treasurer	Elmer and Lottie Jackson
Insurance	Lorraine Backus
Information Officer	Jim and Edythe Weber
Historian/Showcase	Frank & Nan Habersberger
Nat'l Folk Dance	Duke & Doris McCleskey
After Party/Ways & Means	Bill and Bobbie Shepard
Facilities	Walt and Sally Baechle
Credit Card	Joe Vaccari
Badges	Joy Vacarri
Youth	Debra Mills

The bank balance is \$17,320.26 as of June 1, 1998.

1999 Winter Meeting Hunt Valley, Maryland

Bob Coates, Husband of Western Region Vice President, Betty Coates, passes away on January 9, 1999.

Youth Committee is working on a proposed scholarship program for Affiliate youth. It will be for \$500 and awarded at the Annual Meeting.

Discussions held on improving subscriptions to USDA News, and increased usage of the Credit Card.

Several possible Affiliates are working on applications.

Insurance chair gets help from Mark and Bessie Grumbine for computer input.

Ongoing discussions and letters continue with the Square Dance Council of New Jersey about membership questions.

The balance in the bank as of January 1, 1999 is \$6052.40.

1999 Annual Meeting Indianapolis, Indiana

The Board of Directors vote to accept Alaska, Square Dance Council of New Jersey, and Mississippi as Affiliate members.

Motion made and carried to accept the Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship program with the first one to be given out in June 2000.

Motion made and carried to accept distribution of Credit Card escrow account funds to Affiliates with membership as of 12/31/1999. Subject to availability in June 2000.

Louisiana is the 31st state to make square dance the National Folk Dance.

Voting delegates each received a new USDA T-shirt.

Motion made and carried to continue membership in the National Council of Square Dance Organizations.

The following people were installed as officers and committee chairs for the upcoming term:

President	Bill and Bobbie Shepard
Vice President-East	Larry and Penny Matchen
Vice President-Central	Jim and Jill Larkin
Vice President-Plains	Lyle and Jean Beck
Vice President-West	Betty Coates
Secretary	Marilyn and Ron Schmit
Treasurer	Dave and Shirley Nihart
Facilities	Walt and Sally Baechle
Nat'l Folk Dance	Jack and Zonie Taylor
Credit Cards	Joe Vaccari
Badges	Joy Vaccari
Insurance	Loraine Backus
Parliamentarian	Jim Maczko
Showcase/Historian	Frank & Nan Habersberger
Publications	Jim and Edythe Weber
Youth	Debra Mills
Handicapable	Mac MacKenzie
Education	Jim and Peggy Seagraves

Ways/Means-Dress/Jacket) Duke and Doris McCleskey
After Party)

The bank balance is \$20,873.20 as of June 1, 1999.

2000 Winter Meeting Charleston, North Carolina

Jim and Peggy Segraves attend the Winter Meeting after Jim recovers from a long illness.

Callerlab puts on a presentation about their marketing and a new Foundation aimed at getting the numbers back up in the square dance activity by repackaging the product.

Indiana and Akron will join as Affiliates in June.

Officer Installation, National Convention and Hop To It pamphlets are updated.

Motion made and carried to authorize handicapable money available to go toward Anaheim convention registrations.

Clocks with the USDA logo are sold to the Executive Committee. What is left will be sold at the Annual Meeting.

Affiliate distribution is scheduled for June 2000 for membership as of 12/31/1999. \$100 per vote.

Treasurer gets laptop computer and printer to be passed on to the next treasurer.

A letter was written to LEGACY concerning the National Folk Dance campaign.

A motion was made and carried to pledge \$5000 to the Callerlab Foundation in yearly \$1000 installments.

The bank balance as of December 31, 1999 is \$5984.26.

2000 Annual Meeting Baltimore, Maryland

John and Alitia Becker of Louisiana are appointed as Youth Committee members to assist Debra Mills.

Budget titles of Dress & Jacket and Ways & Means are combined into one account titled Ways and Means.

Chieko MacKenzie passes away May 30, 2000. She is the wife of Mac MacKenzie, the former Handicapable chairperson.

Applications from Indiana and Akron are accepted as Affiliates. Wisconsin Southeast Area is also accepted.

Mark and Bessie Grumbine assist Loraine Backus during enrollment time as computer helpers.

Director and Officers Liability Insurance is purchased for the Executive Board.

USDA purchased a money manager program and took money from the Contingency Fund for the set up. It will belong to USDA so we won't violate the ownership rules about sharing programs.

KeTrena Langhurst is the first recipient of the Founders Youth Memorial Fund Scholarship. She is from North Carolina.

New Youth trifold is unveiled with the scholarship information included.

\$100 was donated to the Association of Retarded Citizens in memory of Chieko MacKenzie.

22 clocks were sold at the Annual Meeting.

Precious Moments dolls were presented to USDA from Missouri.

Credit card distribution of \$100 per vote was conducted during roll call.

Motion made and carried to donate \$1000 to Callerlab Foundation from current funds.

Baechle's present Bill and Bobbie Shepard with the Circle of Service Award.

The bank balance is \$22,466.90.

The following people were installed as officers and committee chairs for the upcoming term:

President	Bill and Bobbie Shepard
Vice President-East	Dave and Betty Peake (later resigned, replaced by Bill Flick, interim)
Vice President-Central	Jim and Jill Larkin
Vice President-Plains	Lyle and Jean Beck
Vice President-West	Sam and Marianne Baines
Secretary	Marilyn and Ron Schmit
Treasurer	Dave and Shirley Nihart
Handicapable	Larry and Penny Matchen

All other committees were reappointed for another year.

Joan Flick, wife of interim Vice President Eastern Region, passes away on August 30, 2000.

Walt Baechle, Facilities Chair, passes away on October 3, 2000. Sally continues on in his place.

Square Dance Association of Wisconsin will submit an application for Affiliation at the June meeting.

Sam and Marianne Baines, Western Region Vice President, joined in the filming of Living Better on NBC. It will air in March 2001.

USDA is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year.

The count of Non Affiliate clubs is growing yearly.

Internet Service was dropped from the Income and Expense columns.

An application has been received from a youth in North Carolina for the Youth Memorial Scholarship.

Debra Mills has been promoted in her job and will be resigning at the Annual Meeting.

USDA News will go to color covers to entice readership. It looks great.

The Information Officer/Publications will get a new printer. The old one was purchased in 1995.

The Handicapable Committee is working on a new trifold. It will list how USDA can be of service to those in need of assistance.

The Credit Card Committee unveiled an updated trifold.

Sally Baechle showed the Executive Committee the headstone for Walt. It has the USDA logo on it.

Jerry Reed and Jim Hensley will be asked to speak at the Annual Meeting to give a progress report on the Callerlab Foundation.

A motion was made and carried to put the Henzel Recruitment Plan into trifold form and be part of the educational program.

Jim Segraves has the USDA history done through 1998.

A letter was received from San Diego Square Dance Association asking USDA if they would like some space in a museum that will be built on former Navy barracks. A timetable was presented and USDA will follow along with interest in the results.

Charles Wilkinson spoke before the Executive Board from Creative Benefits Designs. It is a proposal for a prescription drug discount program. We would earn 25 cents

per prescription filled. Mr. Wilkinson will be asked to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motions were made to donate \$100 each in the names of Walt Baechle and Joan Flick to the Founders Memorial fund. Both motions carried.

Duke McCleskey will order four-dozen T-shirts for Director giveaways at the Annual Meeting.

Dave and Betty Peake, Eastern Region Vice Presidents, have resigned and Bill Flick will fill out the remainder of their term.

10,000 pins were ordered to be distributed over a 2-3 year period.

The bank balance is \$

2001 Annual Meeting Anaheim, California

Square Dance Association of Wisconsin was accepted as an Affiliate.

John and Alitia Becker, Youth Committee, presented a teaching video to the Executive Committee for approval. After approval, it will be ready for any club or school that feels it will be helpful.

Youth Scholarship goes to Rebekah Atkinson, from North Carolina.

Debra Mills, Youth Committee, recuperates from an auto accident as she attends her last USDA Annual Meeting. She resigned due to a job promotion.

A new trifold, Installation of Officers, was presented.

The dress for the ladies is now embroidered instead of screen-printed. It is easier to take care of.

The Credit Card Committee is amassing credible mailing lists for the campaign to get more enrollees. The money earned will be used for future Affiliate distributions.

Bob Osgood spoke during the Annual Meeting. He stated that USDA is the voice between the dancer and the non-dancer.

Charles Wilkinson from Creative Benefits Design presented a program on Prescription Drug Discount Program. Information sheets were given to the Directors. After learning that a royalty of 25 cents per prescription would be earned, and there would be no cost to USDA, the Board of Directors approved our participation in the program.

The following people were elected and appointed for the ensuing term.

President	Lyle & Jean Beck
Eastern Vice President	Bill Flick
Central Vice President	Jim & Jill Larkin
Plains Vice President	Dan & Pat Liska
Western Vice President	Sam & Marianne Baines
Secretary	Michael & Kimberlee Streby
Treasurer	Dave & Shirley Nihart
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After Party/Ways & Means	Duke & Doris McCleskey
Nat'l Folk Dance	Mark & Bessie Grumbine
Youth	John & Alitia Becker
Parliamentarian	Jim Maczko
Handicapable	Larry & Penny Matchen

The bank balance as of 5/31/01 is \$7973.50.

2002 Winter Meeting Las Vegas, NV

The subject of 9/11/01 was discussed and sympathy card was received from Germany and a response was read from President Bush who replied to a letter from Lyle and Jean Beck.

The application of South Dakota Square and Round Dance Federation was submitted and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The registered agent has been changed from Lorraine Backus to the USDA attorney, James Hyden.

Charlie and Kitty Holley have been nominated for Central Region Vice President. They are long time Directors.

A copy of the USDA history through 1997 was distributed to the Executive Committee for reading and comments.

The royalty payments for the Prescription Drug Card Program are increasing little by little.

John and Alitia Becker are hard at work to complete the Youth Dance Instruction video. They have received the proper permission letters and are working on a manual to go along with the video. A motion was made and carried to purchase 500 videos for under \$2500.

Larry and Penny Matchen have been working on drafting a new Handicapable Trifold. A sample copy was submitted for approval

Open accounts with the USDA Credit Card totaled 2290. New applications were being developed.

Facilities for St. Paul will be at the Radisson Riverfront. A letter has been sent to Oklahoma City stating our requests and needs.

Motion made and carried that the Educational Material (publications) be free of charge as of April 2002.

New policies regarding recognition of service and honoring the outgoing president were discussed and carried. Past USDA President will receive a \$250 donation to the Founders Memorial Youth Fund in their name upon their passing. Executive Committee members will receive a \$200 donation and Retired Executive Committee members with 10 or more years will receive a \$100 donation. Out going Presidents will receive a plaque not to exceed \$100 in cost.

The USDA logos will now be embroidered. Easier to care for since it will not melt when ironed.

Monies donated to USDA for a 9/11 fund will be donated to the Salvation Army 9-11-01 disaster relief fund.

A motion was made and carried to make Jim and Peggy Segraves honored as the first Honorary Members of USDA. A formal presentation will be made upon approval of the Board of Directors.

The bank balance as of 12/31/01 is \$8,389.52.

2002

Annual Meeting

St. Paul, MN

Several members were absent due to health reasons. Jim Larkin had heart surgery and Bessie Grumbine had back surgery. Larry and Penny Matchen have resigned as Handicapable Committee due to scheduling conflicts.

Lottie and Ray Ainsworth were presented a certificate by John and Alitia Becker to express their thanks in assisting with the Youth Square Dance Training video.

New Affiliates voted in for membership were Capital District Square and Round Dance Association and South Dakota State Square, Folk and Round Dance Association. That will add 1386 new dancers to the membership.

Four Resolutions were presented for voting and acceptance.

1. Resolution of Support for the National Folk Dance Campaign.
2. Resolution of Support or the FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF SQUARE DANCING - ARTS.
3. Resolution of Recognition of Service Policy - Executive Committee.

4. Resolution Establishing Policy for Recognition of Retiring Presidents.

#1 will work on designating Square Dance and its various counterparts as the National Folk Dance permanently.

#2 will support the creation of an "alliance" to provide a wider array of sources, support, and programs for the preservation and promotion of square dance.

#3 and #4 were listed in the Winter 2002 meeting listings.

The Youth video is completed and on its way to various parts of the United States.

The Scholarship recipient is Robert Salas from Escondido, California.

The National Folk Dance committee distributed listings of Senators and Representatives in the delegate packets to assist in signing letters of support from the Affiliates and their dancers.

As of this meeting, approximately 700 prescriptions had been filled monthly using the USDA Prescription Drug Card program.

USA Traveler Program was initiated to encourage dancing in all 50 states. A red bar and a badge will be awarded after achieving the first 12 states with proper signatures. Then bars of white, blue, silver for each of the next 12 states and a gold bar for all 50 states. Upon achieving 48 states, and 50 states, a registration to the next National Square Dance Convention will be awarded also.

The following people were nominated and elected/appointed for the following term:

President	Lyle & Jean Beck
Eastern Vice Pres.	Bill Flick
Central Vice Pres.	Charlie & Kitty Holley
Plains Vice Pres.	Dan & Pat Liska
Western Vice Pres.	Sam & Marianne Baines
Secretary	Michael & Kimberlee Streby
Treasurer	Bob & Loretta Welch
Handicapable	Al & Portia Bruning
Historian	Marilyn & Ron Schmit

All other appointed committees were reappointed to their respective offices for another year.

Later in the year, Bob and Loretta Welch resigned as Treasurer due to family health matters and Dave and Shirley Nihart were appointed to fill out the rest of the term. Sam and Marianne Baines also resigned later in the year due to

health matters and that position was left vacant until the Annual Meeting in 2003.

The bank balance as of 5/31/02 is \$6,053.98.

2003

Winter Meeting

Falls Church, Virginia

The meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel in the Tyson's Corner area of Falls Church, Virginia. The meeting was preceded by some meetings with legislators to promote the National Folk Dance resolution.

The following people were absent due to various health reasons and prior commitments: Sally Baechle, Loraine Backus, Mark and Bessie Grumbine, Al and Portia Bruning, and Marilyn and Ron Schmit. New to the board are Pat and Ave Herndon, new Sound Coordinators.

Dave and Shirley Nihart are back as Treasurers due to the resignation of Bob and Loretta Welch.

Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association, Inc. will be presented for membership at the June Annual Meeting. Charlie Holley presented the affiliation application.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of a special meeting held in Cocoa, Florida to appoint the Nihart's to the treasurer's position.

The proposed changes to the Standing Rules were distributed and discussed for action at the Annual Meeting. A lot of the changes are housekeeping measures to incorporate the current committees that exist.

A motion to host an After Party for the Oklahoma City youth attendees was approved.

The USDA.ORG name/URL was renewed for five years time at a cost of \$80.00

Affiliate city/state bars will be replaced with Affiliate Bars at the Oklahoma City convention.

The theme for the National Folk Dance is "Let's Make a Lot of Noise". The name of the bill is the Promenade Turn Act.

A motion was made and seconded to designate up to \$1000 for the Oklahoma City convention and another motion to support the Handicapable West Convention in the amount of \$1000. It was amended to read \$750 for the West Convention for this year only. The same motions were made to support the conventions in 2004 for Denver and the Handicapable East convention.

Joe Vaccari is shooting for a 2004 distribution of USDA credit card escrow funds.

The National Convention housing in Oklahoma City is at the Saddleback Inn. The Annual Meeting is in the Westin Hotel. (Originally listed as the convention center but later changed.)

The ARTS meeting earlier in the week produced some results and a mission statement was adopted.

13 Executive Committee members attended the presentation of Honorary Member Status to Jim and Peggy Seagraves.

USDA pins will be ordered for Denver and beyond. There are enough to hand out at Oklahoma City.

Pat and Ave' Herndon put on a presentation of a sound system to meet the needs of USDA to save on the rental costs that occur each year. It will pay for itself in two years. The motion to purchase for a price of \$1250 was approved.

The winter meeting for 2004 is potentially scheduled for the fourth weekend of January in Paducah, Kentucky.

The bank balance is \$7,826.69.

2003 Annual Meeting June 25, 2003 Oklahoma City, OK

The meeting is held in the Westin Hotel. Guests include John Williford, Nec; Mike Jacobs, Tim Crawford and Jerry Reed, Callerlab; and Doc and Peg Tirrell from Roundalab.

The Affiliate applications from Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association, Inc., and Kentuckiana Square Dance Association, Inc., were accepted. USDA has continued to add membership for 23 years.

Dan Liska, Plains Region Vice President, was bound for Kuwait City today, June 25, 2003. It is located 200 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq.

William Sundwall, a member of the Missouri Federation was presented with the \$500 Youth Memorial Founders Scholarship after reading his essay that accompanied his application. He will be attending SW Missouri State University.

Sam Margheim, chair of the 53rd National Square Dance Convention, talked to the Directors and the Executive Committee about Denver and that we would find the facilities to our liking.

The USDA Traveler Program has three couples who have completed the first 12 states in their travels. Mike and Judy Downey from Omaha, Nebraska; Lyle and Jean Beck, Dubuque, Iowa; and Bill and Bobbie Shepard from Nashville,

Tennessee. They received their traveler badge and the first bar.

A budget for 6 months and 18 months were presented. It will change the fiscal year as provided in our bylaws to a calendar year.

Si and Marilyn Kittle from Wisconsin are the nominees for Secretary and Bill Huntington from Oregon is the appointee for USDA News Editor. They were introduced.

The Circle of Service Award were awarded to the following Executive Board members: John & Alitia Becker, Mark & Bessie Grumbine, Pat & Ave' Herndon, Charlie & Kitty Holley, Dan & Pat Liska, Michael & Kimberlee Streby, Jim & Edythe Weber, Patty Wilcox, Ron & Marilyn Schmit, and Sam & Marianne Baines.

Our insurance rating is rated as an A.

All the publications have been revised and updated. They are available on the USDA Web Site <http://www.usda.org> in MS Word and Adobe formats.

The prescription card is generating on an average of \$160 income per month.

The proposed museum in San Diego has been called Liberty Station and is still 2-3 years out.

The following people were nominated and elected for office for the term of 2003-2004.

Jim & Edythe Weber	President
Bill Flick	Eastern Vice President
Charlie & Kitty Holley	Central Vice President
Dan & Pat Liska	Plains Vice President
Michael & Kimberlee Streby	West Vice President
Si & Marilyn Kittle	Secretary
Dave & Shirley Nihart	Treasurer

The following people were appointed to the committees as follows:

Lyle & Jean Beck	Past President
	Director of Information
Michael & Kimberlee Streby	Showcase of Ideas
Bill & Bobbie Shepard	Historian, USA Traveler Card, Prescription Card
Jim Maczko/Patty Wilcox	Parliamentarian
Lorraine Backus	Insurance
John & Alitia Becker	Youth
Bill Huntington/Merri Anne Huber	USDA News Editor
Mark & Bessie Grumbine	National Folk Dance

Al & Portia Bruning	Handicapable Dancers
Dan & Pat Liska	Dress & Jacket
Bill Flick	Ways & Means
Pat & Ave' Herndon	Sound/Facilities
Charlie & Kitty Holley	After Party
Bill & Mary Ellen Appel	Educational Publications
Joe & Joy Vaccari	Credit Card/Badges

The bank balance is \$5,623.16 as of 5/31/03.