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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The United Square Dancers of America held its annual Board of Directors meeting on June 22, 2016, at the 65th National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, IA. This year, as USDA celebrated its 35th Anniversary, the meeting included historical material and photographs highlighting the organization's development from its founding in 1981 with eleven charter members through its growth to the current 57 state and regional affiliates.

As part of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors elected the following officers for 2016-2017:

President	Jerry and Donna Robey
Vice President Eastern Region	Lisa Breault
Vice President Central Region	Ed and Lynda Willis
Vice President Plains Region	Floyd and Judy Engelhardt
Vice President Western Region	LPaul and Sally Schmidt
Treasurer	Jim and Edythe Weber
Secretary	Scott and Brenda Deal

In another item of business, the Board of Directors adopted two new resolutions:

- Resolution #35, in which the United Square Dancers of America encourages all dancers and dance leaders to assist in "promoting, encouraging, and endorsing all activities and participation by youth as dancers, callers, cuers, and prompters in the promotion, preservation, and perpetuation of square dancing."
- Resolution #36, in which the United Square Dancers of America supports and encourages the use of the Emergency Call for Medical Aid (ECMA) process.

All resolutions can be found in the USDA Compendium of Resolutions, available on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.org/docs.htm>.

Remember - **ALL dancers** are welcome to attend the USDA Annual Meeting. It provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the United Square Dancers of America and how the organization supports dancers and dancing across the country. The next Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in conjunction with the 66th National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati, OH. Watch the USDA website at <http://www.usda.org/Meetings/nextmeeting.htm> for further information.

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