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UPDATE AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

Some significant changes were made at the Executive Committee meeting held May 20-22, 1990. Several of these affect the 1991 annual convention to be held in Las Vegas on March 25-27, 1991.

CHANGE IN 1991 CONVENTION SITE AND FACILITIES

In response to concerns expressed by our membership about convention costs, the Executive Committee has arranged for our 1991 Las Vegas convention to be held at the ALADDIN HOTEL rather than Bally’s. We were able to negotiate a better room rate and lower meal package costs at the ALADDIN HOTEL. In addition, the meeting space we require is better for us at the Aladdin. All in all, your Executive Committee felt this was a better deal for our membership in that the savings per caller will be approximately $75.00 less than if we remained at Bally’s. We hope to see many smiling faces in Las Vegas!

1991 THEME - "DANCERS - THEIR FUN - OUR FUTURE"

The theme selected for 1991 is DANCERS - THEIR FUN - OUR FUTURE! This theme lends itself to many of the topics we have selected for the convention. More details will be forthcoming. Look for your invitation in July or August.

To those who returned the critique sheets from Orlando, we thank you. They were reviewed by the Executive Committee and helped us considerably with the convention planning for 1991 in Las Vegas.

DELTA AIR LINES, OUR DESIGNATED AIR CARRIER FOR 1991 - LAS VEGAS

DELTA AIR LINES has been designated as our 1991 official air carrier and we will be providing our special number in the near future. If you are able to get a lower fare from another airline, please do so. By utilizing our "designated carrier", however, CALLERLAB earns a minimum of two site inspection visits and one complimentary ticket for each 40 tickets sold for our group. These tickets are used for convention planning meetings and the purchase of tickets for our staff. This saves CALLERLAB the cost of flying our paid staff to the convention site. Last year, the use of Delta Air Lines by our membership resulted in savings to CALLERLAB of almost $1,200.
The best days for flying into Las Vegas are Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday and departing on a Wednesday or Thursday. Airline schedules into Las Vegas are different in that you do not get a reduced rate if you fly in on a Saturday or out on a Sunday. If you plan to fly into Las Vegas, please check with the airline of your choice for the lowest fares rather than a specific day for your flight.

CHANGE IN CONVENTION FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

The convention deposit this year will be $100.00. The convention fees will be $180 for a single caller and $310 for a couple. We are offering a discount of $10.00 per person if the complete convention fees are received in the home office on or before January 5, 1991. This would make the single caller's cost $170 and a couple's cost $280. The full convention fee is requested prior to February 15, 1991. The costs after February 15th will be $190 for a single and $330 for a couple. We encourage all of you to take advantage of the discounts offered and pay your convention fees in full prior to January 5, 1991.

CONVENTION REFUNDS

The refund policy will also change slightly. Full refunds will be given up to February 15, 1991. A $10.00 charge per person will be assessed for any cancellation after February 15th up until the meal guaranty is turned in (the Friday before the start of our convention). Late cancellations (after the meal count has been turned in) will be $25.00 per person, and if a person fails to notify us of their cancellation, they will forfeit their deposit. The invitations will be sent out during the summer months as usual.

CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF ANNUAL CALLERLAB ROSTER

Because of the high costs of printing and postage, the annual CALLERLAB roster, which is normally forwarded to each of you with the June issue of DIRECTION WILL NOT be mailed to you automatically. It is an attempt on our part to reduce operating costs while still providing each of you with the information you desire. (It should be noted that the total bill incurred in printing and distributing this complete membership roster to our entire membership is approximately $6,000.) To receive a copy of this annual roster, simply notify the CALLERLAB Home Office either by phone or by mail at your earliest convenience! The roster will be distributed to those who request it at no charge.

RESULTS OF MAIL BALLOTING

Fewer than 500 ballots were returned and no issue received more than the required 2/3's vote. The actions voted on in Orlando all stand as voted. (As you already know, the procedural policy on votes by mail is that if 2/3's of the membership [not in attendance at the annual convention] vote disagreement, then the vote will stand for a year but the topic is required to be considered at the next general meeting/annual convention.)

EXPLANATION OF VOTE RES. TRIPLE SCOOT

There seems to be some confusion on what was passed in Orlando with regard to the call Triple Scoot. Triple Scoot was dropped from the Plus Program. The Mainstream Committee was requested to look at the definition of Scoot Back to determine if a revision could allow Scoot Back to be called from columns and have the dancers perform the action as previously defined under Triple Scoot. That action has not yet taken place nor has any vote been taken on that definition change. To those of you who feel that CALLERLAB redefined Scoot Back, this has not been done. The suggestion was made that if you only want a normal Scoot Back to be done, say "In your foursome" Scoot Back. If you want everyone to do the Scoot Back action, you might say "Everybody" or "Grand" Scoot Back.
BOARD OF GOVERNORS: EXPLANATION OF ACCREDITATION CHANGES

In response to questions raised by several attendees at the 1990 Orlando Convention, the Board of Governors wants all callers affiliated with CALLERLAB to understand the action they have taken to eliminate mandatory accreditation and to permit Subscribers to serve as accreditors.

The action to eliminate mandatory accreditation as part of the continuing membership requirements was taken in response to a widespread failure of the callers affiliated with CALLERLAB to renew accreditation. The Board felt that retaining this requirement was likely to result in a significant loss of members.

It was also deemed desirable to permit Subscribers to serve as accreditors in view of the fact that Subscribers meet the same membership criteria and requirements as those set forth for full members. The only exception to this is that Subscribers have not attended a convention.

Ernie Kinney, Chairman of the Board

MAINSTREAM QUARTERLY SELECTION KEEP/DROP BALOTTING RESULTS

The move REVERSE DIXIE STYLE was voted to be dropped by a vote of 87% to 33%. The current Mainstream Quarterly Selections are:

Spin Chain & Scoot Thru
Ferris Recycle

PLUS QUARTERLY SELECTION KEEP/DROP BALOTTING RESULTS

The move RECYCLE THE DIAMOND was voted to be dropped by a vote of 73% to 27%. The current Plus Quarterly Selections are:

Right & Left By Chase and Follow

Note: The press release announcing the selection of the call CHASE AND FOLLOW as the Plus Quarterly Selection for the period beginning May 1, 1990, was previously sent out to everyone on our rosters.

ADVANCED QUARTERLY SELECTION KEEP/DROP BALOTTING RESULTS

At our 1990 Orlando Convention, the members of the CALLERLAB Advanced Dancing Committee voted to drop the move SHADOW THE COLUMN.

At the present time, there are no Advanced quarterly selections. (Note: Only members of the Advanced Dancing Committee vote on the Advanced Quarterly Selection ballots.)

Demon Coe, Chairman of the Advanced Quarterly Selection Committee, announces that there is no quarterly selection for Advanced program for the quarter beginning June 1, 1990.
QUARTERLY SELECTION PROGRAM

The original purpose of the Quarterly Selection Program was to standardize selected calls for all square dance groups to dance in programs, where the caller felt the need to provide some additional choreographic material. There was no intent to force anyone to use any call. Rather, it was designed to have all groups use the same call... When this program was first instituted (back in 1974), every caller had his or her own favorite calls s/he liked to workshop and dancers were being exposed to many calls that they never saw again. Another feature of the QS Program was that the committees would try to select a call that had the potential to be added as a regular part of some program after a reasonable time of field testing. To this end, the program has been extremely successful. Several of the QS calls selected have indeed made it to an established program. This is especially true for the Plus Program.

Unfortunately, some callers are telling the dancers that CALLERLAB requires them to teach the current quarterly selections. This is inaccurate. If you do not feel that a particular QS call adds to your dance program, do not use it. If, on the other hand, you want to do some sort of workshop, you are encouraged to use one of the QS calls selected. After a six month trial basis, the selected Mainstream and Plus quarterly selections are voted on by the entire membership of CALLERLAB to decide whether or not they should be retained as quarterly selections. The results of this balloting in the past year or two have resulted in most calls being dropped.

Again, we remind you that no one is required to use any particular call. The program is designed to provide a widespread test of a particular call to see if it has merit for continued use.

While many callers have suggested that the Quarterly Selection Program should be discontinued, please consider that the system is working and we certainly don't want to return to the chaos that was widespread prior to the advent of CALLERLAB. We always have the option to select "NO NEW MOVEMENTS" and if any moves are selected that do not meet with dancer approval -- normally they are voted to be dropped after six months.

IN SUMMATION -- the purpose of the Quarterly Selection Program is to provide directed variety for the various programs. These calls are not a mandatory part of any program, but are to be used at the caller's discretion. Dancers are not to be held accountable for selections past or present. A QS call should be verbally mentioned and, if any dancers don't know it, physically workshoped prior to being called for the first time at an open dance.

REVISED PROGRAMS AND DEFINITIONS AND CONFIRMATION AGREEMENTS

New Mainstream programs and definitions as well as revised Plus programs and definitions are now available in bulk from the CALLERLAB Home Office. The costs for these are as follows:

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Newly-revised confirmation agreements/contracts are also available in bulk from the CALLERLAB Home Office. The cost for these is $1.50 for a pack of 25.

Reminder: CALLERLAB superflex 3-ring binders ($3.00 each or 2/$5.00), Community Dance Programs ($3.00 each), 1990 After Party Video Tapes ($17.50) and the new Partner's Handbook ($5.00 each; $8.00 each including binder) are still available from the home office. All prices quoted include postage and handling.

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NOTE: The next issue of DIRECTION is planned for early July!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!