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The 10th Annual CALLERLAB Convention is just around the corner and it promises to be another fine convention. We have close to 800 people registered to attend and we have lots of important items to be discussed for the future of CALLERLAB. Several committees have important legislative considerations as well as the normal activity associated with various programs and lists.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the announcements about various quarterly selections and some considerations. Since we adopted the combined Plus Lists last year, what are your dancers saying about this change? Should we continue with a single Plus Program or should we go back to two smaller lists called the Plus I and Plus II? There will be considerations in the Mainstream Program as to changes in teaching order as well as list composition. Contra and Traditional Programs will also come up for discussion in their respective committee meetings. At the Advanced Programs, there are many facets to be covered - a proposed booklet describing Advanced Dancing, a session on Advanced Definitions and also Interest Sessions for those considering Advanced Dancing as well as those already into Advanced Dancing.

We have several programs for the Callers' Partners including a session on how to set up and conduct a fashion show for your own groups and two sessions on a dance stretching exercise program conducted by Neeca Flippo and Becky Osgood. The final session for partners will be in small groups of 10 - 20 people without mikes.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS
Mar 28-30, 1983 Philadelphia Marriott
Apr 16-18, 1984 Chicago Hyatt O'Hare
Apr 1-3, 1985 Phoenix Hyatt
Mar 24-26, 1986 Baltimore Hyatt
Apr 13-15, 1987 New Orleans Hyatt

The Executive Committee met at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel during the third weekend in February and, based on the experiences traveling from the airport, has established a special package for those of you flying in. Beginning at Noon on Sunday, March 27, 1983, a special CALLERLAB shuttle bus will provide continuous loop round trips from the Philadelphia International Airport to the City Line Marriott Hotel for a nominal $5.00 per person. The normal limousine service is $7.50 and is subject to many stops along the way.

There will be a hostess on each bus to whom you pay the $5.00 fee. The bus will stop at all major baggage claim areas at the airport and then proceed directly to the hotel. We anticipate a round trip will take one hour, perhaps a little more. The service we have contracted for is scheduled to begin at noon at Terminal A and will terminate with last delivery at the hotel at approximately 7:45 PM. If you arrive much before noon or after 7:00 PM, you might wish to use alternate transportation of standard limousine or share a cab with someone else. It is about a $15.00 cab fare.

By scheduling the bus in this fashion, we feel that we will be catering to the majority of members flying in on Sunday to attend the social hour from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We recognize that some will be arriving earlier and some will be later but there is a limit as to the costs to be picked up by CALLERLAB. If this idea proves as successful as we expect, then we would continue the practice when we hold our conventions at other than airport properties. For instance, the
Phoenix Convention in 1985 would be the next
time we would use this procedure. Please
let members of the Board know your feelings
on this or, better yet, write to the office.

One feature that we are initiating this year
is a session entitled NEW & INNOVATIVE. This
session is designed to present some
ideas that are not generally commonplace or
which may be completely new to the average
caller. This year, for instance, we have
five different people presenting selected
ideas for your consideration. They include
Kip Garvey and Clark Baker dealing with the
subject of Computers for Callers, not only
the business applications for individuals
but also some programming consideration for
dance content. We also have Don Williamson
dealing with considerations for transitions
from Class to Club; Decko Deck to tell of a
successful program previously used in the
Washington DC area, and last but not least,
Gloria Roth dealing with some thoughts on
teaching from a different perspective.

We feel that this session should not only be
interesting, but might lead to follow up
discussions at future conventions dealing
with one or more of these subjects in an
expanded version.

Some other special arrangements include a
joint meeting for all segments of membership
to include Recruitment, Affiliate Organiza-
tions, Caller Association Liaison, Subscrib-
ers and Accreditation. Some letters have
been written to the office dealing with the
on-going requirements for membership as well
as requirements for Affiliate organizations.
Economic times may necessitate change for
the need to attend once every three years
and, of course, the periodic review for the
accreditation requirements especially for
callers located in remote or overseas
locations. Each of these groups will then
hold separate meetings to discuss specific
recommendations from their groups and
finally, a second combined meeting to
formulate the presentation to the entire
group for vote and/or ratification.

The Exhibitor areas will be open for all
sessions except the opening session and the
evening banquets. The exhibitors are there
for your convenience and as a service to
you. We hope that you take advantage of
this service and browse to see what is
available. They will be located in the Hall
of Cities area on the lower convention floor
just below the ballroom. This is an especi-
ally valuable service for those of you not
in major metropolitan areas. The Exhibitor
coordinator is Bob Clark and Bob and his
wife, Millie, have done a fine job to bring
you quality exhibitors again this year. We
have Hilton Audio Products as well as
Clinton Instruments and many of the record
producers. Several other suppliers for
record cases, speakers, microphones, and
ancillary supplies as well as publications
are also exhibiting. We hope you enjoy this
service and tell the exhibitors how much you
appreciate their taking the time to bring
their products and services to the conven-
tion for your review and first hand observa-
tion.

It is essential that we start and end all
meetings on time since the time schedule is
so short during the convention. We have
scheduled activities from 9:00 AM through
11:00 PM and we hope that each hour has
something of interest to each person attend-
ing. One of the major bottlenecks in
scheduling is the informal receiving line
prior to the luncheon on the first day. Many
of you have said how much you enjoy
meeting the members of your Board so we try
to schedule a short opportunity to say
hello, shake hands and move directly into
the luncheon for the first day.

It is also important to enlist your support
for meals. We would urge you to fill in
tables completely rather than save seats for
special friends. If you want to sit with
someone, please walk in to the meal togeth-
er. We have asked the hotel staff to seat
you at full tables to provide better meal
service for you. Who knows, you might find
a wonderful new friend by sitting with
someone you had not previously known?

For the evening meals, we are opening the
doors about twenty minutes early and we urge
your cooperation for these meals as well.
There will be a blessing before the evening
meals so please do not begin to eat until
after the blessing. During the coffee
breaks, we will provide several stations so
that the lines are minimal. However, please
get your coffee/tea/COKE or TAB and then
move away from the table so that others can
get theirs.

For Monday evening after the banquet, we
have only scheduled a continuation of the
Advanced Definitions (at their request) and
a Challenge Committee meeting (also at their request). No other activities are scheduled after the banquet to permit you to browse through the exhibit area or just to socialize and make new friends and renew acquaintances. All formal activities cease at 11:00 PM. We recognize that some of you will then adjourn to hotel facilities or private rooms for further talk and frivolity.

Tuesday will open with a continental breakfast and then meetings will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Interest sessions and committee meetings will fill the day. At 5:00 PM we have scheduled open time to prepare for the Awards Banquet with the same set up for doors opening and blessing as on Monday night. Nothing is scheduled after the evening banquet. This will allow ample opportunity for chit-chat and socializing.

The Wednesday schedule starts with a full sit-down breakfast to be followed by the general business meeting. At this meeting we ask that each delegate pay close attention to the presentations from the platform and not engage in side conversations. Several items for discussion will be presented for votes by the delegates. As is the normal case, the convention flash will advise the membership of what was discussed and voted on. Anyone who disagrees with the vote may submit a letter to the office outlining his or her objections. Votes taken at the convention are binding for one year but, if sufficient members are dissatisfied with the vote, the item will be placed on the agenda for the following year. Final adjournment will occur no later than noon on Wednesday.

Periodically we get letters and calls to the office wondering what to wear at a CALLERLAB Convention. Casual clothing is appropriate at all times. Some people prefer to get a bit dressier for the evening banquets and the Tuesday Awards Banquet is the more dressy of the two. Slacks, skirts and sweaters and pants suits are suitable for the ladies while casual wear is suitable for the men. Square Dance attire is not required although it would also be suitable. Since the meetings will all take place in air-conditioned rooms, sweaters might be advisable. The weather can be mild to moderate and subject to precipitation.

Convention Tapes International will again be taping selected sessions at the 10th Annual Convention in Philadelphia. Jim Hilton will also be helping with the sound systems to provide quality sound throughout a PA set and the house system to permit all miles to be recorded into the tape service. We urge your cooperation if you have a comment or question during any taped sessions. This year, we will be taping fifteen different sessions and Steve Davidson and Lois Curtis have again provided an attractive price for our members.

One tape of your choice is $6.00.
Four tapes for $24.00 with free album.
Eight tapes for $46.00 with free album.
All fifteen tapes for $75.00 - free album.

Steve will provide complete ordering information at the convention. For those of you who are unable to make it to Philadelphia, we will be sending out order blanks for tapes with the Convention Flash. Those of you who have used this service in the past know the high quality they provide us. For comparative purposes, you should also realize that at other conventions, tape service is generally $8.00 or more per tape so we really have a good deal. Steve and Lois enjoy the members of CALLERLAB more than any other group with whom they work and we appreciate the friendliness and support you give them. Take the time to say hi to them and let them know that callers are somebody special.

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For those of you whose accreditation is about to expire, the office sends out renewal information approximately six months prior to expiration date. We now have the ability to advise any individual who accredited him in the past as well as provide a list of those accredited by the individual caller. Please ask the office for this information if it will be helpful to you in any way. However, please do so in writing so that we have the information on which to base the response.
Data Base Update

As a part of the convention packet, we are including an individual printout of the information we have on each delegate attending the convention. This printout reflects information currently contained on each caller and is only as accurate as the information you have sent us. In some instances, information is lacking and in others, we suspect that there may be changes or errors that need correcting. Please take the time to read the instructions and return the entire form to the office personnel so that we may make the necessary changes. Please also note that the current policy is that no member of CALLERLAB may serve on more than two committees and that if you neglect to circle one or two committees of your choice, ALL committee entries will be reset to blanks. If we do not get the form back, then all entries for committee assignments will be reset to blanks.

Please make sure that all corrections and changes are easily visible and legibly written in pen or pencil.

For subscribers and members who are not able to attend the convention, we will be sending your copies out with the convention flash. Please complete and return the entire sheet promptly. Thank you!

Press Releases

For the quarter beginning April 1, 1983, the Mainstream Quarterly Selection is NO NEW MOVEMENTS. The members of that committee felt that none of the moves under consideration were worthy of selection for the Mainstream Program. Harold Bausch, chairman of the committee, hastened to add that he felt the quarterly selection process was working well and should be continued for the foreseeable future.

As of this writing, the office has not received any results of the voting for the Plus or Advanced Quarterly Selection Programs and therefore no announcements are appropriate at this time.

From time to time, as new members join the organization, legitimate questions are raised as to the functions and responsibilities of various appointed and elected functionaries. Beginning with this issue of DIRECTION, we will try to answer those questions by including, periodically, a discussion of some of the offices, chairmanships, etc. The position covered in this issue is that of ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

The position of ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY was established by the Board of Governors in 1979. The position was advertised in DIRECTION, and interested applicants were invited to submit resumes. A number of qualified applicants were interviewed at the CALLERLAB convention in Miami in 1980, and an ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY was selected at that time. He serves at the pleasure of the EXECUTIVE SECRETARY and the Board of Governors on a year-to-year basis.

The duties and responsibilities of the ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY are outlined in Part IV, Section 4 of the By-Laws. They include, but are not limited to the following:

- Preparation of the periodic publication called GUIDELINES
- Preparation of periodic press releases
- Writing of the history of CALLERLAB
- Maintaining a record of resolutions and policy decisions
- Assistance in convention planning and execution
- Assistance with NSDC seminars and displays
- Preparation of the Welcome book for new members
- Development and drafting of proposed guidelines and policies
- Attendance at and assistance with Executive Committee meetings
- Liaison with other national square and round dance organizations