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Directed to:

Getting a "new baby" off the drawing board and into full operation has not been without some problems - mainly a lack of time to get everything done - but we're encouraged by the progress. This letter and the enclosed bulletin are our first reports to you and the other members. Incidentally, we're not presenting the enclosed as complete meeting minutes but rather a running account of what took place, who said what, and a run-down of what was accomplished. You'll notice some repetitions here and there throughout the notes but very frankly we're quite relieved to get it completed and off to you. From here on we hope to get on a regular schedule and things should begin to roll quite smoothly.

We do, all of us, have our work cut out for us. At the February meeting we bit into enough work to last us through the next three years. However, working on suggestions coming from the group, we've come up with a list of priorities - things we would like to get done first. Also, here's a first accomplishment report:

- (1) CALLERLAB '72 was held as scheduled this past February and you'll find the wrap-up in the enclosed Newsletter.
- (2) The format of our Newsletter has been worked out. We call it DIRECTION, primarily because the term kept cropping up in our conference tapes. "Direction" is a two-way street, a give-and-take operation with each of us having an opportunity to "give" ideas, material, suggestions, directions, etc., and each of us then at liberty to "take" from the Newsletter the ideas, directions, and suggestions made by the others. More about the content of DIRECTION later.
- (3) Immediately after the February meeting a brief notice of accomplishment was prepared and mailed out to each member.
- (4) Letters of "invitation" to CALLERLAB were sent out to the fourteen names selected by the membership. Acceptances have been received from eight at this time. Of this number all but one plan to attend CALLERLAB '73.
- (5) The dates for the mid-year planning meeting at Asilomar, July 23, 24 and 25 have been set as have the Annual Meeting dates, February 4, 5 and 6, 1973, also at Asilomar. Facilities have been reserved for us.
- (6) The Curriculum Committee charged with course plan coordinating for Callers' Institutes met in Hartford, Connecticut, May 8, 1972.
- (7) Office space and files for CALLERLAB have been established at The Sets in Order American Square Dance Society headquarters in Los Angeles. Archives, staff personnel and planning development are now in the organizational stage.
- (8) At the request of CALLERLAB, the Basic Movements of Square Dancing Handbook designed to be used by dancers, will appear for the first time in two editions. (See report, page 4).

As you read through your copy of the wrap-up (DIRECTION Newsletter) you'll notice many specific job assignments and an even greater assortment of general assignments involving all of us. Naturally we won't be able to do everything at once, however we have taken out the most important and we'd appreciate it if you'd check carefully the various assignments in the wrap-up and most especially these PRIORITY subjects:

ALL - Start planning now to attend CALLERLAB '73 and be thinking toward Agenda.

ALL - Attend the mid-year planning meeting if you can, and let us know (page 22).

MAYO - A report, please, on the Curriculum Session for next DIRECTION (page 22).

HELT - A report on your findings for a possible convention site (page 9).

LANE and ALL - Outline ideas for Contemporary History of Square Dancing (page 13).

ALL - Thoughts on DIRECTION (Newsletter). Will you contribute dances, ideas, etc? Need your thoughts in time for mid-year meeting. Deadline next issue: August 10. (page 14).

ALL - Your thinking on the various methods of financing CALLERLAB (page 18), Reactions to yearly dues (page 19), and your feelings on books (page 13).

BRUCE - Questionnaire (see page 16).

DAVE - Can we help you with the polling of Dancer Associations? (page 7).

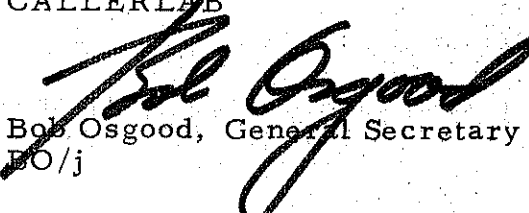
Appointment of a CALLERLAB member to the Board of Governors of The American Square Dance Society will be accomplished during the summer and will be announced at the mid-year meeting in July and in the next issue of DIRECTION.

The name of the game is, of course, COMMUNICATIONS. Please let us know your reactions to all of this and if you have an assignment, please let us hear from you as soon as possible. Incidentally, at the recent meeting those of you present seemed interested in keeping informed relative to "Happenings in the Field of Square Dancing." There has been a major break-thru on the Liquor and Square Dancing situation. I'm enclosing a current copy of Gavel and Key which has the story. Also, there are new "rumbles" relative to a National Square Dance Association. One group headquarters in El Paso, Texas, and a second "action" is coming from the Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention. This latter bunch will be making their move just prior to the Des Moines National this month. (We'll be there. Need your reactions, pro and con.)

That's about it for this wrap-up. Much thanks to those of you who have written your thoughts and encouragement. ~~Every one of us will be involved with this before we're done and I can't help but share the enthusiasm so many of you have expressed now that the "BABY" is off and running.~~

Fondest regards,

CALLERLAB


Bob Osgood, General Secretary

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