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FROM THE CHAIR

John Marshall, Chairman

What a busy year we've got going! Our last convention was one of the best in recent years. In addition to our most popular perennial panels, there were several new interest sessions offered and all received many favorable comments. We also enjoyed having a number of presenters new to the staff this year, each of whom did a fine job of bringing some fresh perspectives to various elements of our craft.

A great many of those attending shared with me their feeling that the mood, tone, and camaraderie made for one of the best conventions they had ever attended. Many first-time attendees told us directly and via their critique sheets what a great experience it was, and they plan to attend future conventions.

A new element of the convention is the inaugural issue of the CALLERLAB Convention Yearbook. This 36 page book contains more than 125 color photos taken during the convention, and includes identifying captions, commentary, awards, committee information, education panels, and social activities. The yearbook was first made available during the National Convention in Long Beach, and was well received. The first issue is being offered at \$20; proceeds go to CALLERLAB. Get yours now through the home office!

Speaking of the home office, it has indeed transitioned to Topeka, Kansas in conjunction with the exchange of duties between Jerry Reed, formerly our most excellent Executive Director (now Assistant ED), and Dana Schirmer, formerly Jerry's very capable Assistant Executive Director (now ED). We look forward to the continuation of a quality home office operation led by this strong team.

Your CALLERLAB Executive Committee re-

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cently held its Convention Planning and Business meeting to plan the next CALLERLAB Convention, to be held March 29 - 31, 2010. This meeting is held at the site of the upcoming convention, in this case, Niagara Falls, New York. This is going to be a SUPER convention!

The convention will be held at the Niagara Falls Conference and Convention Center, a state-of-the-art convention center. The conference center offers classroom and amphitheater - style seating with ergonomic, fully adjustable chairs, built-in projectors and screens, LCD panels in the walls, and more.

Our host hotel, the Crowne Plaza Hotel is immediately across the street. The Crowne Plaza has very nice rooms, a great room rate, numerous social gathering areas, and a large bar and grill. For those who are so inclined across the street is also a huge, beautiful casino, complete with slots, gaming tables, and live entertainment. Those who prefer to enjoy their entertainment outdoors will be able to delight in the spectacular, awesome, and amazing Niagara Falls. You really must see it to believe it. This locale also provides a great opportunity to view the falls from the Canadian side (arguably the better view). Remember you will need your passport to cross the border!

This year at the National Convention in Long Beach, there was a "first" - they organized a friendly dance competition. This event entertained about 30 square competing, as well as an equally large group of spectators. I emphasize friendly because that is exactly how it was intended, and how the event concluded. It really was fun! I am proud to say that I was part of the second-place square, a square comprised of five CALLERLAB members and three caller-partners. So, the next time someone offers the idea that "callers can't dance",

feel free to defend our honor!

At the same time as the 58th U.S. National Convention in Long Beach, our friends at the European Callers and Teachers Association (ECTA) were celebrating their 50th anniversary. We send them our best wishes and congratulations.

As you are no doubt aware, our Triennial Review is in full swing. The Basic/Mainstream and Plus are now complete, Advanced is well on its way, and Challenge will follow shortly. I hope you took the time to vote or will do so shortly. The programs are yours. What you think and do about them is important and makes a difference in the square dance world. Remember, YOU are CALLERLAB!

You have recognized by now that this is the CALLERLAB Board of Governors election issue of *DIRECTION*. Please take the time to cast your ballot when you receive it. Who is selected to serve on your Board of Governors is entirely up to you - the members. We see new faces coming to the Board every year. Often the results of the voting are quite close - your vote could well change the outcome of the election. The few minutes you spend reviewing the bios of those running, marking your ballot, and mailing it (be sure to follow directions carefully when mailing!) makes a difference to the organization as a whole - please, just do it!

Finally, many clubs and callers are gearing up for the traditional fall drive for new dancers to populate their classes. I think our watchwords are "Friendly, Fun, Easy, Fun, Friendly, Simple, and FUN". Best of luck with your classes, and please let us know what is working for you.



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The Editor reserves the right to exercise discretion in accepting, editing, or rejecting any material submitted for publication. Articles submitted for publication that describe square dance formations or arrangements MUST be in accordance with CALLERLAB standards.

IN MEMORIAM

John Sybalsky, San Jose, CA, long time CALLERLAB member, Board of Governors and CALLERLAB Parliamentarian, passed away unexpectedly, May 25, 2009. Donations may be made to the CALLERLAB Foundation in John's memory or to a scholarship fund established in his memory through the CALLERLAB Foundation.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

The Ballot for the 2009 BOG election is enclosed with this issue of *DIRECTION* for all voting members. Voting members who receive *DIRECTION* electronically will receive their ballots via regular mail. Members eligible to vote will be electing nine members to be seated on the Board following the 2010 CALLERLAB convention in Niagara Falls, NY. Board Members serve a term of three years.

Skip Brown, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Betsy Gotta, Mike Jacobs, Tom Rudebock, Elmer Sheffield, Jerry Story, and Norm Wilcox will complete their current terms on the Board at the 2010 convention. Choosing not to seek re-election to the Board is **Jerry Story**.

Valid petitions have been received from the following: **Skip Brown, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Trevor Day, Betsy Gotta, Eric Henerlau, Mike Jacobs, Mike Olivieri, Bob Poyner, Ken Ritucci, Tom Rudebock, Elmer Sheffield and Norm Wilcox**.

This year a special election is being conducted in conjunction with the regular BOG Election. This special election is to fill the position vacated by the untimely death of **John Sybalsky**. This term will expire at the 2011 Convention. The person receiving the 9th highest amount of votes in this election will be seated to complete John's term and will serve until the 2011 CALLERLAB Convention.

The results of this important election will be

announced in the next issue of *DIRECTION*. Press releases will be mailed to publications and callers associations announcing the results.

PAST CHAIRMAN

Tim Crawford

Occasionally I wake up and realize that I am the "Past" Chairman of CALLERLAB. It is as befuddling as the time I woke up as "Chairman" of CALLERLAB. Being the "Past" Chairman gives great rise to reflection; about the issues we dealt with, the ones we didn't, the challenges of the day, the goals we both achieved and, those that despite our best efforts, eluded us. Serving as Chairman was certainly one of the highest achievements of my calling career, and yet even today, I feel like the timing on many of the goals we set was simply wrong. . . and rightfully so, because even today, I believe strongly in those goals - as do all the other Past Chairmen of CALLERLAB with their beliefs. It is in those beliefs that the Past Chairman's Committee in the coming months and years help drive CALLERLAB to an enviable position in the reconstruction of our activity. Those beliefs do not die with us, rather we continue to work towards those goals we set in the belief that the time was just not right.

I served you all as Chairman for two terms in 2004 through 2006. Working with me was an amazing Executive Committee, a dedicated Board of Directors, and a simply awe inspiring Home Office staff under the direction of Jerry Reed. To this day, I believe this group of people only touched the potential of what we were capable of accomplishing. Given the opportunity to give it another go and armed with the knowledge we all gained from that experience, much more could still be achieved. Instead, we wait with that knowledge for the timing, that moment in time, when what we believe in becomes reality, manifesting itself in positive, lasting, and measurable results leading to that goal that we envisioned during our time of leadership.

I am a believer in that premise obviously, and during my time as Chairman, I had specific issues that I championed as did all the past

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and present Chairmen. Mine was the subject of nearly all my "From the Chair" articles and one that to this day, I still believe holds the future of our activity in some way. While I was Chair, the Program Policy Committee, under the direction of Dick Mazziotti, wrote a paper entitled the "**Program Policy Initiative**". This was a piece of work that was both insightful and forward thinking and enlisted the input of membership in a way that previously was not encouraged. It asked members to give "*US*" the answers rather than the answers coming from the hierarchy of the organization. It was meant to invoke input from members about their true-life experiences with their "experiments and ideas" in recruiting and teaching and calling in general. The Board of the day adopted the paper and it was referred to thereafter as the "PPI".

The PPI, in a nutshell, was an attempt to enlist callers and dance leaders to "try something...anything" and then to report back to the PPC. Over time we would generate a "bank" of ideas that were tried and were either successful or were not. Either way, we would be able to develop certain trends made up of those components of the ideas that were good and bad, and perhaps that data would point us in a direction that would help create necessary change which would be palatable to the general non-dancing public, or as I like to refer to them our prospects! The whole premise of this endeavor was to get members thinking about how they might approach the prospects in a different way, because, we all agreed that "what we were currently doing" seemed not to be working. Sadly, I believe the timing was wrong!

I do believe in the fact that the answer lies in experimentation, and that we must always be changing our approach or we will eventually outlive our time. As society continues to change, we too must be always searching for the next idea, the next modification, the next set of prospects that will bring with them their unique ideas. Our challenge will be to consider those ideas and maybe even embrace those ideas. Only time will tell, and as I have stated, I will be here to champion my beliefs of acceptance of any new ideas that lead us in a direction that, to quote Jim Mayo, Past Chairman

of the Board, "turns the ship in a new direction."

I followed in the footsteps and by the example of leaders that inspired me. I am proud to have my name on the list of Past Chairmen next to names like **Jim Mayo, Jack Lasry, Jon Jones, Bob Osgood, Mike Seastrom, Tony Oxendine** and my most influential mentor **Larry Cole**, and it is because of them and all the other Past Chairs that the activity continues! That, I believe.

Each of the Past Chairmen were committed while we were Chairman, and we remain committed now - it is only a matter of timing!

TRIENNIAL REVIEW IS COMPLETE

The CALLERLAB Program Policy requires a review of all CALLERLAB dance programs at least once every three years. This review is conducted by each applicable dance program committee and is known as the "Triennial Program Review". This review is conducted as follows: first the Mainstream Committee completes its review of the Basic & Mainstream Programs, then the Plus Committee conducts its review of the Plus Program, then the Advanced Committee conducts its review, and finally the Challenge Committee conducts its review. During these reviews each program committee will review the applicable dance program to determine if any changes are required. Changes can include additions or removal of calls from the program.

Tom Rudebock, Chairman of the Basic/Mainstream Committee, has announced the Basic/Mainstream Committee has completed the 2009 Triennial review with the committee voting to make no changes to the current Basic/Mainstream Program.

Skip Brown, Chairman of the Plus Committee has also announced the Plus Committee has completed the review of the Plus Programs in accordance with the review. The committee has voted to make no changes to the Plus Program.

The Home Office would like to acknowledge and thank **Tom Rudebock**, Chairman,

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Lanny Weaklend, Vice Chairman, of the Basic/Mainstream Committee and **Skip Brown**, Chairman and **Paul Bristow**, Vice Chair of the Plus committee for the work performed to accomplish these task.

CALLERLAB members are reminded that Program documents are available on the web site at <http://www.callerlab.org/DancePrograms/AllProgramDocuments/tabid/610/Default.aspx>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

(Suggestions For Convention Sessions)

Have you ever wondered why a subject you have thought of has never been selected as an interest session at a CALLERLAB Convention? Well, now is your chance to submit your ideas to the Convention Planning Committee for consideration for the 2010 CALLERLAB Convention. Submission of ideas should be on a single page and include brief information on what your idea is and who would be good panelists. Your idea will be reviewed by the Convention Planning Committee. If it is selected, you will be asked to submit a more detailed description of the session and you may be asked to moderate the session. Ideas for the 2010 convention in Niagara Falls are due in the Home Office not later than September 30, 2009.

2009 CONVENTION YEARBOOK

The 2009 CALLERLAB Convention Yearbook is now available through the Home Office at a cost of \$20.00. This beautiful 35 page book is filled with clear, colorful, captioned photographs of convention attendees, as well as, "words of wisdom" from Chairman John Marshall and Executive Director Jerry Reed. If you were unable to attend the convention, you will enjoy a glimpse of what you missed; if you did make the convention, this book is a wonderful memento of the good time you had. Special thanks to **Scot** and **Erin Byars** and the Ways and Means Committee for putting this book together and **Bill Boyd** for printing this beautiful book. To order your copy, please contact the Home Office at: CALLERLAB@aol.com or 800-331-2577.

2010 CALLERLAB CONVENTION

(Niagara Falls)



The Convention Planning Committee has chosen "**Explore the Roar**" as the theme for

the 2010 CALLERLAB Convention in Niagara Falls, March 29-31, 2010. The convention sessions will reflect our commitment focusing on the social aspect of the activity. As always there will be technical sessions to peak your interest, as well as sessions which will challenge you to help the activity grow.

Niagara Falls offers a wealth of vacation possibilities. If you have never been to Niagara Falls, a treasure of vacation wonders await your discovery. We have selected the Crowne Plaza Hotel as our host hotel. The convention activities will be held at the Niagara Falls Conference Center just across the Plaza from the Hotel. The Seneca Casino is also across the plaza from the hotel. The Crowne Plaza and the Niagara Conference Center staff are happy to serve us in 2010.

Among the SPECIAL features this year will be a dance called by the recording artists in our midst on Sunday evening.

We hope you are making plans to join us in Niagara Falls. Please contact the hotel now for reservations. (716)285-3361. Follow the link at CALLERLAB.org which has been setup by the hotel for your convenience:

NIAGARA FALLS CONFERENCE CENTER

The 2010 CALLERLAB convention will be held at the Niagara Falls Conference and Convention Center adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY. The dates are March 29-31, 2010. You may contact the hotel either at 1-716-285-3361 or via the link in the CALLERLAB web site; room rates are \$95.00 plus tax, single or double. **You must register with the hotel no later than March 21, 2010** and you must identify yourself as part of CALLERLAB, The International Association of Square Dance Callers.

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The convention rate is available until our room block is filled and will be available three days prior to and three days following the convention.

The Conference Center Niagara Falls is designed to provide meeting professionals with a technologically advanced, sensibly priced venue for your most important meetings. Exceeding the highest criteria set by the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC), The Conference Center Niagara Falls offers a variety of options, including a 19,500 sq. ft. Learning Center, the 10,500 sq. ft. Cascades Ballroom, a 32,200 sq. ft. Event Center and 15 high-tech Meeting Rooms. The convenient location makes the Conference Center Niagara Falls a most attractive and cost effective meeting destination. Our conference services staff is dedicated to exceeding your expectations with superior attention to detail, exceptional cuisine and attentive service. The Crowne Plaza Niagara Falls Hotel is just across the plaza and offers 391 newly renovated guest rooms and suites. The Crowne Plaza is in the heart of the downtown tourist area. You may walk to all major attractions in Niagara Falls USA and Canada. The Crowne Plaza is directly across the street from the Seneca Niagara Casino and adjacent to the brand new Conference Center Niagara Falls. We are located just minutes away from Niagara University, Fashion Outlets of Niagara, Lewiston, Casino Niagara (Canada) and less than a 1/2 hour drive from Buffalo, N.Y. Area attractions include: Maid of the Mist Boat Ride, Cave of the Winds, Journey Behind the Falls, helicopter rides, souvenir shops, and many nature and hiking trails.

Start your day right at the Old Falls Grille serving hot, delicious breakfast items daily. And be sure to join us in the Old Falls Sports Bar and watch the big game on one of our 17 high definition TVs, serving lunch and dinner daily. Niagara USA's only Starbucks Coffee is also right here in our lobby! All guests experience the Crowne Plaza Sleep Advantage Program and free high-speed wireless Internet access in all guest rooms and public areas. Parking is \$5 per day with in and out privileges.

Don't forget your passport! To visit

Canada and return, a current passport is required.

INVITE NON MEMBERS TO CONVENTION

CALLERLAB encourages you to invite dancers and non-CALLERLAB callers to attend the annual CALLERLAB convention? Well IT IS TRUE!! We have found that first time attendees are not only very impressed but also nearly overwhelmed with the wealth of educational material and information, entertainment, and fun available at the CALLERLAB convention. This was quite evident this past year in Kansas City, with the attendance of one our square dance legends, Cal Golden. One of the most often heard comments first time attendees is, "I wished I had attended sooner". During our formative years we were discussing some complex programming, choreography, and styling issues. Much of these discussions would not have been of interest to many dancers. However, in today's venue the topics available to our attendees range from some complex technical issues to marketing and recruiting discussions to issues of interest to club and association leadership. We ask that you look around at the dancers you come into contact with in your square dancing activities and invite those you believe would enjoy the convention. Please contact the Home Office for more information and an invitation.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The 2010 CALLERLAB convention will be held at the Niagara Falls Conference and Convention Center adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY. The dates March 29-31, 2010. You may

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contact the hotel either at 1-716-285-3361 or via the link:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=1443075.

Room rates are \$95.00 plus tax, single or double. **You must register with the hotel no later than March 21, 2010** and you must identify yourself as part of CALLERLAB, The International Association of Square Dance Callers. The \$95.00 rate will be available as always three days prior to and three days following the convention. Please make your reservations now.

VENDORS

We are looking for vendors for the convention in Niagara Falls in 2010. If you know of any square dance clothing suppliers or music dealers in the area who may be interested in setting up shop at the CALLERLAB Convention please provide the Home Office with contact information. Many of our past vendors will not be able to attend in 2010 and in an effort to provide this same service to our members, we solicit your support in helping locate potential vendors from the local area. Please submit any information to CALLERLAB@aol.com or call 800-331-2577.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS



The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requires all U.S. Citizens who are traveling internationally to present one of the following when traveling via air, land or sea and to re-enter the United States: 1) a valid U.S. passport.

2)The Passport Card: The passport card is only valid for land and sea travel between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean region, and Bermuda. You may be required to present additional or different travel documents when entering foreign countries, including countries in the Western Hemisphere. Before you travel, make sure you know the entry requirements of the country you plan to visit. See Country Specific Information for more information on the country you are traveling to.

Effective June 1, 2009, all U.S. citizens are now required to present a passport book, passport card, or WHTI-compliant document when entering the United States. (check the link below for explanations of passport, passport card and WHTI documents.

For more information about travel from the U.S. to Canada and other countries please access the following link: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html.

If you intend to travel from Niagara Falls to Canada during the 2010 CALLERLAB Convention make sure to bring your Passport; **there are no exceptions!**

RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

The Board of Governors has approved a process whereby proposals (resolutions) may be offered by any CALLERLAB Member (Active, Life, Associate, or Apprentice) to the membership for consideration, discussion, and vote. Such resolutions shall be in writing, signed by the maker and a second, each of whom shall be a Member (Active, Life, Associate, or Apprentice) in good standing of CALLERLAB. Resolutions shall be presented to the Executive Director in writing either in person, by mail, or fax to the Home Office. An explanation, in writing, of why the presenter feels the resolution is necessary shall accompany the resolution.

The procedures require resolutions to be submitted by January 1st of the Convention year so they may be listed in the "Call to Convention" and placed on the Convention agenda. Contact the Home Office for additional information or for a resolution submission form.

CALLERLAB AT THE 58th NSDC

CALLERLAB again made our appearance at the 58th National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach, CA. We also participated in the Showcase of Ideas.

The CALLERLAB Booth provides a positive presence before the dancing public and elicits a good response from everyone who stops by

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DONATIONS TO CALLERLAB
Cal Golden, AR

ELECTRONIC *DIRECTION*

The Home Office has implemented procedures which allow us to provide electronic distribution of *DIRECTION* and other mailings. We would like to encourage all members to join with us by agreeing to participate in our efforts to reduce costs. Please contact the Home Office and sign up for electronic distribution of *DIRECTION* and other mailings. An obvious requirement is that you have regular access to your Email.

If you agree to receive *DIRECTION* electronically, you will not receive a paper copy. *DIRECTION* and other mailings will be provided via a PDF file.

Any Member who wishes to receive *DIRECTION* electronically must submit an Email request to CALLERLAB@aol.com.

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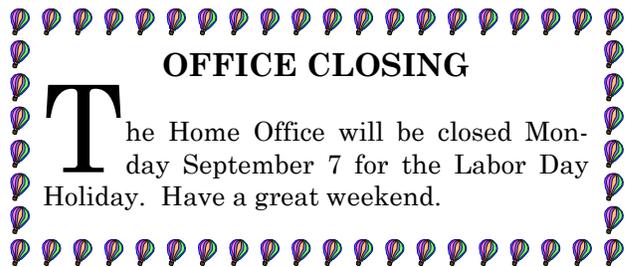
ARTS-Dance has undertaken the task of creating a web site dedicated to the promotion of square dancing, round dancing, and contra dancing, three forms of dance with a leader directing the dancers. Unlike most of the dance web sites in existence, the site will be designed for those who are not already actively engaged in these forms of dance. The idea is to provide a short video of each activity, presenting positive images and dispelling some of the old stereotypes. There will be descriptions of each activity and positive photographs. The site will extol the health and social benefits of dancing in general and each of the dance forms individually. If there is interest by the visitor to the site, there will be menus to direct them to contacts in their area.

The name of the web site will be you2candance.com. Once the site is up and running, hopefully by mid-fall, word needs to get out. This is where the dance community comes in. Imagine if all the dance leaders and dancers had a “you2candance.com” sign in their car window. Imagine business cards with nothing

on them except “you2candance.com” being left in doctor and dentist waiting rooms and stuck on supermarket bulletin boards. Imagine banners hanging outside dance halls (whether owned or rented) with just “you2candance.com”. How about free bookmarks for your library or second hand book store. Eventually people will click on the web site just to see what it is. With any luck, some of them will be interested and access the contact information.

The site is being designed by custom Video Productions of Red Bank, NJ (cvpnj.com). The project coordinator is Roy Gotta (roygotta@optonline.net). Suggestions, pictures, volunteers to be state, city or local contacts, or anything you think might be of value to the project should be sent to Roy at the above email address.

Since ARTS-Dance is a 501 (c) (3) corporation, tax-deductible contributions to the project are welcome. Please feel free to pass this information to your dancers and other callers who (surprisingly) may not read *DIRECTION*.



OFFICE CLOSING

The Home Office will be closed Monday September 7 for the Labor Day Holiday. Have a great weekend.

CD JOURNAL

The CD Journal is published approximately four times a year. It is available electronically in PDF format either by Email subscription or on the CALLERLAB web site under “Documents.” The CD Journal is a publication of CALLERLAB and contains news about the Committee for Community Dance (CCD) activities, articles about the Community Dance Program, Beginner Dance Parties and other material.

If you would like to receive the CD Journal, you must notify the Home Office by, phone, fax, mail or Email. If you would like to contribute to the CD Journal please contact **Dottie Welch** at dwelch@orion.stmarys.ca or the CALLERLAB Office at: CALLERLAB@aol.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALLING IN SCHOOLS

Mike Callahan, Chairman

At the annual CALLERLAB Convention, the Calling In Schools Committee had their first committee meeting with 11 people present. Some were members, some were not) Mike Callahan, Committee Chairman, explained the reason for the name change from "Education Committee" and went over the committee brief and goals of the committee with those present. Callers who do some work in schools made a couple of presentations. A discussion was held regarding projects that the committee might become involved in. The group leaned towards making a list of calls that could be successfully taught to different grade levels along with hints on how to teach them. (EG K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and High School). I would appreciate your thoughts about this type of project as well as any other project that you might think valuable to teaching square dancing in the school systems. Please email me with your suggestions: User846119@aol.com

CHALLENGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Barry Clasper, Chairman

During the committee meeting the 2009 CALLERLAB Convention in Kansas City, MO the Committee discussed the idea of creating a mechanism for pairing callers who are trying to learn to call challenge with experienced challenge callers. The idea is to create an email version of a mentor/protégé relationship which would provide the learning caller with someone to go to with questions and to receive guidance and information. Since this initiative is of interest to people outside the membership of the Challenge Committee, we are soliciting input from all CALLERLAB members who have an interest. If you have thoughts or suggestions on how you would like this mechanism to work or the services you would like to see provided, please contact **Barry Clasper** at barry@clasper.ca, or send an email to challenge@callerlab.org.

Cleverness is not wisdom. (Euripides)

PARTNER'S COMMITTEE

Janet Olivieri, Chairman

The Partner's Committee, under the Chairmanship of Janet Olivieri, wishes to extend an invitation to all partners to take advantage of joining a committee. In 2004 Bev Sutter, as Chair of the Partner's Committee, approached the Executive Committee (EC) and requested they tap into the talents of Partner's and allow the Partners to serve as committee members on other CALLERLAB Committees. As a result of Bev's request, a Callers Partner may now have membership and voting rights in certain committees. Partners may join the following committees: Caller Association Liaison, Calling in Schools, Canadian Advisory, Handicapable, High School Project, New Initiatives, Overseas Advisory, Recruit, Promote, Maintain, Ways and Means and the Youth Committee. Partners, please call the Home Office today and volunteer to share your talents with a committee.

Also, Janet Olivieri has contacted the Chamber of Commerce in Niagara Falls regarding other things to do in the area. She is currently waiting for a Visitor's Guidebook. There are several tour companies in the area so, depending on cost and interest, an outing looks encouraging. If you have visited Niagara Falls or live in the area and have suggestions, please contact Janet at callerswife@earthlink.net.

Members of the Partner's Committee, look for the finalized Welcome Letter in your emails soon. We want to get the final approval so we can send it on to the BOG.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Opinions expressed in letters or articles from our members are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect those of CALLERLAB, nor of the Editor.

The Editor reserves the right to condense, omit or re-write all or any part of material sent to CALLERLAB for publication.

CALLERS FOR RUSSIA

Traudel and Eberhard Walz

Kenny Reese and Uli Schingen were the first callers who became involved
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REFLECTIONS

Royce Dent, Home Office Staff

Looking back at CALLERLAB 2009, what are your most memorable experiences? What do you remember that made it special? Seeing familiar friends? Meeting new ones? Learning new ideas? As I began writing this article, I received an Email from the Home Office that contained a link to a wonderful slideshow of pictures taken at CALLERLAB 2009. Almost every picture depicted someone wearing a great big smile and having a great time. The pictures caused me to smile too - not because of anything really funny that happened, but because I realized that I too, had become an extremely small part of an awesome organization!

As "First Time Attendees" and the new Home Office staff, we came with no agenda except to observe, learn about our new responsibilities, to be of assistance where ever we could to make the convention a memorable and positive experience for everyone, and have a little fun along the way. Much to my delight, I found myself in the midst of a wonderful group of people, including many of my favorite callers. I even had the opportunity to meet a true legend, **Cal Golden**.

The workshops were terrific! The vast array of topics and the amazing presenters made it difficult to choose which module to attend. Each one that I attended left me eager to learn more.

How successful would any activity be without good food and great accommodations? Having attended many national conventions during my medical career, it was obvious that this convention's success was due to many hours of planning and hard work! Wasn't it great?

The pictures gave me an opportunity to organize my thoughts about what had occurred during my very first CALLERLAB Convention. After many years of only hearing about CALLERLAB, I can now reflect upon the

many delightful moments that I experienced during those few days.

I am very happy and proud to have the opportunity to become a small part of an organization of extremely talented and professional square dance callers who truly set friendship to music. You are CALLERLAB!

I hope to see you all again next year in Niagara Falls.

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***** S T A R T *****



APPLICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE VOTES
(August 2009)

Jon Jones, Chairman and **Jerry Story**, Vice Chairman of the Application Review Committee (ARC) announce that the committee has completed the review of four questions regarding the usage/application of certain calls as follows:

1. From a Thar Formation the calls given are: Slip the Clutch (move forward one person and with THAT person), Shoot the Star.

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Basic definition?

The committee voted YES and further ruled that the Thar formation does not go away after a Slip the Clutch.

2. Would it be proper to fractionalize Relay the Deucey?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Plus definition?

The ARC voted NO.

The definition is a bit unclear about how many parts Relay the Deucey has but, it definitely does NOT have more than two parts.

3. Would it be proper to call Teacup Chain from Facing Lines by designating who is to lead?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Plus definition?

The committee voted YES.

This application works well from in-sequence lines but there was a problem from out-of-sequence lines as the ones making the stars got confused as to whom to go to.

4. From Parallel Ocean Waves, after calling "Centers Box Counter Rotate," would it be proper to call Motivate?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written A-2 definition?

The ARC voted NO.

Due to square breathing, the first circulate is not possible.

However, if the caller immediately gives the caveat "Centers stay centers" (which would be for the first circulate) then it would be proper. The caveat MUST be stated for this application to work.

The CALLERLAB Board of Governors established the ARC in 1998 to review the proper/improper usage of calls on the various programs. If anyone has a question in this regard, contact the CALLERLAB Home Office and it will be forwarded to the proper place.

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2009 TRIENNIAL REVIEW NOW COMPLETE

The current CALLERLAB Program Policy requires a review of all CALLERLAB dance programs at least once every three years. This review is conducted by each applicable dance program committee and is known as the "Triennial Program Review." This review is conducted as follows: first the Mainstream Committee completes its review of the Mainstream Program, then the Plus Committee conducts its review of the Plus Program, then the Advanced Committee conducts its review, and finally the Challenge Committee conducts its review. During these reviews each program committee will review the applicable dance program to determine if any changes are required. Changes can include additions or removal of calls from the program.

The Mainstream Committee has completed the review of the Basic & Mainstream Programs. The following is the result of that review:

Basic Program - No change

Mainstream Program - No Change

The Plus Committee has completed the review of the Plus Program. The following is the result of that review:

Added - No calls were added to the Plus Program

Removed - No calls were removed from the Plus Program

Copies of the Basic/Mainstream and Plus Dance Programs lists, definitions, and checklists are available on the CALLERLAB website at: www.CALLERLAB.org

***** END *****

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***** S T A R T ***** 2009 CALLER SCHOOLS

The following is a listing of Caller Schools sponsored and staffed by CALLERLAB members. This listing is provided as a service to CALLERLAB for information. This listing does not constitute endorsement. For further information, please contact the school of your choice.

Trail Thru Caller College

Date: June 7 - 11, 2009
Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio TX), Mike Kelly (Kansas City, KS)
Location: Livingston, TX
Contact: Nasser Shukayr
Email: nshukayr@gmail.com

Heart of America Callers School

Date: June 7 - 11, 2009
Staff: Jerry Junck* and Paul Henze*
Location: Laramie, WY
Contact: Jerry Junck
908 Brooke Drive
Wayne, NE 68787
Phone: 402-375-2420
Email: Junck@aol.com

GSI Callers & Cuers School

Date: June 7 - 11, 2009
Staff: Jon Jones*, Deborah Carol Jones*, Tony Oxendine*, Kenny Reese*, Paul Bristow*, Martin Pruefer
Location: St Ives Leisure Centre
Westwood Road
St Ives,
Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
England
Contact: Susie Kelly phone:
Phone: +44 1280 816940
Email: graybo@freenet.co.uk

Cascade Callers College (experienced callers)

Date: July 5 - 9, 2009
Staff: Daryl Clendenin*
Location: Circle 8 Ranch, Cle Elum, WA
Contact: Daryl Clendenin
Email: daryl@clendenin.net

California Caller College

Date: July 17-19 and July 24-26, 2009
Staff: Frank Lescrinier*
Location: Martin Hall South
Santa Ana, California
Contact: Frank Lescrinier
Phone: (909) 229-303 or (714) 525-8843
FAX: (714) 525-8843
E-mail: frank253@hotmail.com

Rocky Mountain Callers School

Date August 16-21, 2009
Staff: Tim Marriner*, Ron Markus *
Mike Olivieri
Location: Arvada United Methodist Church
6750 Carr Street
Arvada, Colorado
Contact: Ron Markus
Phone: 520 730 8776
Fax: 520 546 2163
Email: : ramcaller@juno.com
Website: rockymtncallersschool.com

Norcal Callers School

Date: August 20 - 24, 2009
Staff: Ken Ritucci* and Harlan Kerr
Location: San Jose, CA
Contact: Ken Ritucci
132 Autumn Road
West Springfield, MA 01089
Phone: 413 734 0591
Email: Kenritucci@aol.com
Web Site: www.norcalcallersschool.com

Alguire Memorial Callers School

Date: August 23 - 28, 2009
Staff: Barry and Pam Clasper, Dottie Welch, Kerry Fletcher
Location: Glenholme, Nova Scotia
Contact: Dottie Welch,
415 Conrad Road
Lawrencetown, NS, Canada, B2Z 1S3
Phone: 902-435-4544
Email: dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca

Silver State Caller College

Date: November 19 - 23, 2009
Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio TX), Hanna Tenenbaum (Malmoe, Sweden)
Location: Reno, NV
Contact: Nasser Shukayr
Email: nshukayr@gmail.com

Al Stevens Caller School (Intermediate callers)

Date: October 18 - 22, 2009

Staff: Al Stevens*

Location: Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel
Langenbrand, GermanyContact: Al Stevens
Broetzingenstr. 56
75180 Pforzheim

Phone: +49-7231-766704

Email: AlStevensCaller@aol.com**Northeast Callers School**

Date: October 8 - 12, 2009

Staff: Ken Ritucci*, Norm Poisson, Jerry Story*,
Ed Foote*, Anne Uebelacker

Location: Manchester, NH

Contact: Ken Ritucci
132 Autumn Road
West Springfield, MA 01089

Phone: 413 734 0591

Email: Kenritucci@aol.comWeb Site: www.northeastcallerschool.com**Al Stevens Caller School** (experienced callers)

Date: October 25 - 29, 2009

Staff: Al Stevens*

Location: Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel
Langenbrand, GermanyContact: Al Stevens
Broetzingenstr. 56
75180 Pforzheim

Phone: +49-7231-766704

Email: AlStevensCaller@aol.com**Pride Caller College**

Date: October 25 - 29, 2009

Staff: Tony Oxendine*, Jon Jones*,
Deborah Carroll-Jones*, and Jerry Story*Location: Pride RV Park
I-40, Exit 20
Maggie Valley, NC

Contact: Linda or Kristy

Phone: 1-800-926-8191

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Please note many of the above listed schools have taken place. If you wish, you may contact any of these schools for a 2010 Schedule.

* Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches



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