COMMITTEE NAME: Handicapable Committee

COMMITTEE FUNCTION: To provide guidance and assistance to callers regarding calling for Handicapable Dancers. To provide guidance and ideas for callers to assist those wishing to organize and develop Handicapable square dance groups. To spread the awareness of the Handicapable Square Dancing. To provide guidance to assist callers in mentoring Handicapable dancers and assisting them to receive maximum benefit and ability from square dancing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This committee was established in November 2002. It was developed from the concepts and ideals of The US Handicapable Square Dancers. The US Handicapable Square Dancers provide an annual National Square Dance Convention for Handicapable Square Dancers.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES: Develop and distribute brochures to promote and recruit callers and dancers for the Handicapable Square Dance program worldwide. To develop and publish a Handicapable club/group directory, with lists of Handicapable friendly festivals and callers willing to call for Handicapable Dancers. Develop a caller education program for potential callers from within the Handicapable population. To locate and recruit a Handicapable ambassador to promote the awareness of Handicapable square dancing and the numerous benefits.

MISSION STATEMENT: We will promote, teach, support, mentor and provide guidance to callers to enable them to provide Handicapable Dancers the opportunity to enjoy the maximum benefits and joy that square dancing can provide. We will promote Handicapable Square Dancing and assist with the organization and networking of clubs and groups around the world to enable the recognition and growth of square dancing among this special needs group. We will recognize those individuals and or groups who provide special efforts to further the success, development and growth of the Handicapable square dance program.

VISION STATEMENT: We feel that this special needs group has a population that is undetermined, virtually unexplored and underdeveloped. This group can benefit tremendously from modern western square dancing and its associated activities. We wish to extend the outreach of CALLERLAB and callers giving the opportunity to develop the Handicapable square dancing program.

MEMBERSHIP PREREQUISITES: Active Members, Associate Members, Active Youth Member, Associate Youth Member, Life Member, or Partners of any of the above listed categories, who are willing to call for and or teach Handicapable groups on a regular basis or at festivals or special events.

COMMITTEE BRIEF REVISED: JULY 2007

COMMITTEE CREATED BY: Board Of Governors