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**WHO SHOULD BE A NOMINEE
FOR THE BOARD of DIRECTORS?**

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We were on our way to Fond du Lac at the beginning of May with lots of plans for some R&R on the way after celebrating our granddaughter's graduation from Virginia Tech, but as the Scottish poet Robert Burns stated, that the "best laid plans of mice and men oft' go awry." Some concerns over my eyesight sent us back to Florida to see a specialist. Back home now, I'm still hopeful of joining you in a few weeks, but no guarantees at this time.

As I consider the possibility of not being in Fond du Lac for the Camporee, I'm reflecting on all the hard-working members of the NSDCA that pulled together to make this year's Camporee a reality. In Lebanon, TN last year, we were not able to announce details for our 2024 event. Thanks to your new national Secretaries, Neal and Tricia Chartier, who stepped in, this year's Camporee is a reality. Not only that, Tricia has also volunteered to be the Camporee Chairman for next year. We can now announce that the 2025 International NSDCA Camporee will be held in Shreveport, LA, in conjunction with and at the same camping facility as the 74th NSDC. Even as our membership is dwindling, the motivation and spirit of some of our members is truly inspiring.

Even as our thanks goes out to all the members of the hard working team that's bringing you this year's 65th Annual NSDCA International Camporee, we also thank Ruth and Ozzie Osborn for their service as Vice Presidents. Life has a way of attracting our attention, and for personal reasons, Ruth and Ozzie find it necessary to retire after their first term of office. They were a great addition to the Board over the last several years and we will miss their help. We, the Board, and I'm sure all our members, thank them for their dedication and support, and wish them well.

But where would we be, if not for our members? So I want to personally thank everyone for their continued support of square dancing, round dancing AND camping without whom none of us would be here to enjoy this event. Of course, we can't forget our callers and cuers, who provide their talents, time, and equipment so that we can have fun. We owe them all a great deal of thanks. Finally, we need to thank the long list of VIPs that are always listed in the last pages of the Times; the Area, State and Chapter Reps; the various staff members; and all those who submit Campfire Chats, and even those who search for the lost camper, or more recently, the lost cow.

If should be apparent by now, that we are an organization that depends on our members to provide an opportunity to meet and enjoy being with one another, to have fun through the specific activities of camping, square dancing, and round dancing. It takes all of us together so that we individually can enjoy what we love. That said, I need to remind everyone that we're searching for a new Board member so that we can continue to fulfill the mission of the NSDCA. The job is not hard but rewarding. It doesn't require travel or an inordinate amount of time. We ask only that the new Board member be willing to work with likeminded and motivated camper-dancers and sacrifice a little of your time. We need a full Board of four positions to effectively serve you, our members.

When I consider what's happening to our country in virtually all areas of social encounter, it reminds me that the NSDCA is an organization that focuses on unity, fellowship, and fun. It takes eight friends to square dance and a caller to tell us what to do. I'm sure you've heard the tagline that "Square dancing is friendship set to music." We need one another. We need the support of our members. We need a volunteer for the Board.

As I put this report together, I find it interesting and somewhat concerning that our membership has come from 1359 ten years ago, declining at a rate of 15% to 20% per year to 397 last year, to 360 this year. As we become smaller, there is less that we can do to have great activities and our member attrition will increase. A time will come when we may no longer be a viable organization. Are we ready to let that happen? I believe not and instead hope for a resurgence. This year is the first time in many years that we lost less than 10% of our members from the previous year. That's hopeful and may suggest that the national heritage of square dancing may not be lost, that there are those younger and stronger that can and will step in to continue the NSDCA and the activities we all love. In an age of instant messaging and social media, the loss of direct personal interaction and actual social connections that activities like square dancing provide, is critical for the wellbeing of our nation, our culture and our lives. Which of you will step in to help continue the fun and friendships?

Dolly & John

VICE PRESIDENT; *CHUCK & RUTH OSBORN*

Wow, it has been a year since we saw many of you in Lebanon, TN for the 65th NSDCA Camporee! What fun we had being the

Camporee Chairs & seeing everyone across the Squares & the Campfires. During the 65th Camporee, we did a lot of community service for several local organizations They greatly appreciate our donations & spreading the word of the outstanding services they provide.

It's hard to believe it has been three years since we joined the NSDCA Board, but our term ends at this Camporee. We have had a great time working with great people. As with most organizations, our documents are constantly in need of updating to keep everything current. We have been involved in several of these updates, which takes a lot of thought to cover many opinions. It is truly amazing how much we accomplished with telephone conference calls & emails.

One of VP our duties is to act as the contact persons for members of the 000-Members At Large (MAL), who are National Members who have not located a local Chapter to join. While we were sad to hear 000 MAL lost a few members this year, we were pleased to learn most of the losses were because they joined a local Chapter. We were also pleased to learn we have not lost as many members as were projected, based on past years. We are continuing to add new members, as you do a great job recruiting new members as you travel.

A large issue we continue to have has been making sure your contact information is current. Since this is a membership driven organization, it is imperative we be able to reach ALL our membership. This is especially important for all our members since we generally know how to contact our officers, staff, etc. If you are an officer of a Chapter, it is even more important for you to send in Chapter Officers Form, after EVERY ELECTION! Even if the people remain the same, contact information does change. It would also be great if everyone used CAPITAL LETTERS when sharing email addresses, so numbers and letters do not get mixed.

We are looking forward to seeing so many of you again this year at the 66th NSDCA Camporee in Fond du Lac, WI & many more who could not make last year's Camporee. Just a reminder, we will not be collecting Pull Tabs for Shriners Hospitals this year at the Camporee.

The great news is we have the 67th & 68th Camporees in the works, & we are pleased to have members stepping up to make these happen. It takes all of us to pull off these Camporees, & many hands make easier work for all. Please volunteer your time & energy.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone we have worked with while serving on the NSDCA Board of Directors. It has been a great experience, but we feel it is our time to move on. It is an opportunity

for more members to step up and share in the adventure.

Happy Trails until our paths cross again.

Safe Travels & Good Health.

Chuck (Ozzie) & Ruth Osborn

SECRETARY; *NEAL & TRICIA CHARTIER*

Welcome to the 66th NSDCA Camporee held in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin hosted by Pine Tree Campers. We hope that by having the Camporee prior to the National Square Dance Convention you will be able to attend. Hoping that you will get to enjoy Wisconsin while you are here. There is so much to do if you need suggestions just reach out to us. Neal was born and raised in the Milwaukee area.

It would be extremely helpful if you use the fillable forms on the National Website, NSDCA.org. If it's a change of address or elections of officers you can just email that to me if you don't want to print and mail it. If you are sending money then you will need to mail it in. Most everyone has read the times to know that the post office changed to NSDCA, P.O. Box 241, Bulter, WI 53007-9998. The benefits of changing the post office is that Neal or I are able to pop in and pick up the mail and then I can process it quicker. Overall we are saving on postage and hopefully getting things taken care of more efficiently. Remember renewals & election of officers are due by the end of December 2024. We will gladly take new members anytime!!

I'm not even sure how we got elected to the National Board. I have to say that it's been fun working with the board. We have truly enjoyed getting to know the board members better. Mary Bruun has been so helpful, not sure what I would have done without her help. Recently she told me where to find our certificate paper & seal that we use here at our annual Camporee. I had to tweak the certificate as different computers are compatible.

Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to be chairing this Camporee and next year in Shreveport. I guess the saying ask a busy person to be in charge and it will get done. I'm hoping you enjoy our "Brat Fest" the meal before our annual meeting. For years it's been pizza. Well I decided that as Wisconsin is known as capital of the "Brats" it only makes sense to share that with everyone. I have food issues and try really hard to eat healthy. Most of the fresh brats have corn syrup. I don't eat that as it makes me sick. So I have been trying different brats. Well I make them and Neal eats them. We are on

our 3rd batch hoping these are a winner. I asked Neal if he was up for more brats it said only if I grilled them.

We sure hope you enjoyed this years Camporee. We are already looking forward to next years Camporee in Shreveport, Louisiana. Note the date: June 18th, 2025 will be our trails in dance. Camporee officially starts June 19-21st. This will allow the callers to attend caller school before the National Square Dance Convention starts. The great news is that we will be staying at the same fairgrounds. It's only a 9 minute drive to the convention center. The parking is only \$4.00 in & out for the day . National has also rented the hall for our use during National so if we want to have potlucks during the national we will be able to do that. What a great opportunity to recruit any campers that come to National that they be aware of the NSDCA.

Hope you have a blast and plan on attending next year. Look for us in a square or around the campfire!!!

Neal & Tricia Chartier

TREASURER; *DON & SUSAN WOLFORD*

Here we are again, but this time in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, all coming together to enjoy dancing and fellowship with friends. Always fun to meet up with longtime friends and meet new friends. Welcome to Fond du Lac. The committee has been working hard to plan an experience that will be a long time memory of fun for you.

I hope that your chapter is back up and running full speed. Don and I have gone to 3 of the 4 campouts for our chapter since the Camporee in Lebanon last year. Although we missed one of our campouts, we were able to attend the Florida State Camporee in October. It was fun and we enjoyed the fellowship and dancing.

If you have moved or if you now have a summer and winter address, please remember to send in your address update. We want to make sure you get every issue of the TIMES Magazine. You can go to our website: nsdca.org, then click on Forms & FAQ and you will see the "Change Address or Request Transfer" link. Click on it and you will be able to complete the form on your computer. Then you can print it and mail it to the address listed on the form. Remember, when going to the nsdca.org website, some of the forms have been updated and you may want to refresh the page so that you are seeing the latest forms.

Thank you for coming to the 66th International Camporee. We hope you enjoy all the fun activities and dancing that have been planned for you. Hope to see you across the square there.

Don & Susan Wolford

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY; *KATHY NICKEL*

Another year has passed, and we are ready to get together again at the NSDCA International Camporee in Fond du lac, Wi. I am excited to see all of you and have you visit my state of Wisconsin this year. It has been a slow year for me and the Membership renewal processing for the NSDCA, as the renewals slowly made their way to me. Thank you to everyone that did get their renewals in on time, and I am asking others that you try and get your Renewals in more promptly, the due date is the end of December. Remember your renewals are needed for the financial needs of the organization. Also, we can really use new members so go out and market your clubs to get new members. Camping and Dancing are both such FUN activities.

We have all done an EXCELLENT job in getting our alternate addresses identified. We have cut way down the number of Time Magazines returned to just one or two per mailing. This is a real cost savings for the NSDCA. Thank You and I really appreciate your efforts to keep your information updated with me. It is easy to track this in my Membership information and it makes it easier for the Post Office as well. Let's keep up the GREAT JOB this year.

I am looking forward to working with you for another year. Please be sure to contact me if you have any Membership questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Camporee this summer. I hope that everyone has another GREAT year of Camping and Dancing.

Kathy Nickel

NSDCA TIMES EDITOR; *KEN SHACTER*

As I write this report, I have just wrapped up the twenty-fourth issue of the NSDCA *TIMES* in my term as editor. I thank the Board

members, State and Area Representatives, the other Staff members and (especially) all Chapter correspondents who have provided material for their individual columns, the *Chats around the Campfire* and *Campout Schedule* sections. Once again, a hearty thanks goes to webmaster Bob Summers for the support he's provided and to Bob's long-suffering wife, Marguerite, for putting up with all the time Bob spends tending to the website or researching answers to my questions about if something is possible to do on the website (and then doing it). I would be remiss if I did not also thank my wife, Carolyn, who puts up with me 'banging on the keys' at all hours of the day and night in the weeks leading up to the issue's deadline dealing with the newsletter or the website, or returning emails and phone calls from members, correspondents or Board members. Carolyn also provides another set of eyes (and most of all, a brain) to double-check my initial proofing of the document. Lastly, a very special THANK YOU also goes to John and Dolly Ide for their continued support in suggesting items, providing graphic layout, covers and flyers, and doing the final proofing of the *TIMES* issues I have edited.

As you can tell from the above paragraph, producing your newsletter is not the job of a single person. I'm not kidding when I write that this is a newsletter for and by the members of the NSDCA. If an article has a byline, the author is an NSDCA member unless explicitly stated otherwise. If there is no byline, the article was written or compiled by the Editor (an NSDCA member). Please contribute articles or pictures (everybody likes pictures) on any subject of interest to square dancers and campers. If it interests you, it probably interests others. We all will benefit from your contribution. For reviews (e.g., campgrounds, RVs, equipment) let us know the good, the bad and the ugly. Reviews of campgrounds are always welcomed; many of us travel near your camping/dancing venues at times outside of when you are meeting – but may consider staying at a particular campground if convenient and well-reviewed. If writing about crafts that another Chapter can use on their campout, please include a picture or two of the finished product(s) and provide instructions and guidance on how to complete the project (remember, everyone likes pictures). As for games, a detailed description of the rules is a must, and please include drawings/pictures of any non-standard items that are used. Also please remember my outstanding requests for biographies on your Chapter caller/cuer, for campout-friendly food recipes, and Publicity Director Bill Baker's "We tried this and it worked great!" idea. The deadlines for each quarter's issue are posted in each

issue, but there's no need to wait until the last minute to submit something.

I know I just mentioned this in the previous paragraph, but it's important: you don't have to wait until the published deadline is imminent to make a submission for the upcoming issue of the *TIMES*. The web-based campout schedule submission process developed by webmaster Bob Summers has resulted in a faster turn-around of posting your information to the master list on the NSDCA.org website. The information is also posted to a Google Map (what I call the "Traveling Map") that shows all the campout geographic locations as well as the event date and associated chapter, which should come in handy for spotting a square dance camping event near you wherever you may be traveling in the US or Canada. There is *absolutely no reason* to wait until a new issue of the *TIMES*' deadline to provide this information, and for those of us who like to make long-range planning, knowing what is up-and-coming allows potential routes (with stops for square dance-related campouts) to be made well ahead of time. Additionally, if there is a change in campout plans (e.g., date or venue or cancelation) also let us know so the NSDCA website can be updated. Remember that *Chats around the Campfire* can also be provided early during your Chapter's 'off season' if desired. Let others know what your Chapter is doing when you are not out camping and dancing. If you know of future events you wish to mention in addition to past events, please include those, too.

Speaking of the *Chats* section, did you know that the average rate of submission for the past four issues is 40%, meaning on average 40% of our active chapters do not provide any details on their events. One of the things I liked the best about the *TIMES* before becoming editor was reading about what other chapters were doing, and that's still the case. There certainly must be something to write about! Remember, the *TIMES* is your newsletter. It is the editor's job to assemble your contributions into a usable document that is distributed to the NSDCA membership. Without your help the newsletter will suffer. Thank you for committing to provide interesting and meaningful content for all to read and enjoy.

Ken Shacter

AREA/STATE REPRESENTATIVES

FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE; *MARY BURZO*

Howdy Folks!

Wow...another year has come and gone already. Florida keeps busy with Square Dancing opportunities throughout the year; however, we do slow down a bit in the summer months. Our Florida NSDCA clubs do not have camp weekends in June & July, with Square Wheels, Chapter 128 starting their camping weekends back up in August, Florida RoadRunners, Chapter 193 in September and Strawberry Travelers, Chapter 153 camping again in October. Many of our 'brick & mortal clubs' also go dark as some of us take our vacations up north and the snowbird population has gone north as well.

Like square dancing everywhere our core membership is suffering from the effects of modern technology, aging bodies, and entertainment overload. However, I see many of the clubs and Square Dance organizations here in Florida working diligently to find new and innovative ways to attract new people as well as hold onto the interest of us seasoned dancers. Square Dance cruises, festivals, conventions that are packed with not only the fun and challenge of dancing but also great themes and fabulous forms of entertainment.

I genuinely believe even in this fast-paced society that we now live in, there are a vast number of folks out there who are looking for challenging, fun, and healthy interactive activities to participate in and "That's Us Folks"! In fact, we do that and even more by adding 'America's favorite pastime "RVing" to the mix.

They just don't know about us so "let's get out there and tell them!"

Submitted by Dolly Ide, (for Mary Burzo)

ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE; *LAWRENCE & RUTHANN SANDERS*

The Illinois State Association 2024 Annual Camporee hosted by the Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds NSDCA Chapter 196 was held in Rockville, Indiana at Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds on US 41, just north of Rockville. Their annual meeting was held and elections were held. (Report of the election will be in the fall issue of *The Times* magazine). Chapter 014, especially their caller, Bob Asp, is to

be congratulated for their involvement in the hosting committee of the up coming 2024 National Square Dance Convention. Members of most of the other chapters serve on the Illinois State Board. Unfortunately one IL Chapter closed this year and several others are holding on by a thread, but are still still camping and dancing with other IL chapters. We congratulate those who are able to gain new members and hope those who no longer have a chapter to camp with will be able to find another so they may continue to enjoy this combined activity.

Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders

MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

GARY & ALBERTA GUNSELL

The year 2023 was a year of trying to get camping and dancing activities going.

State Camporee was held in Otisville, Michigan the last of June 2023. Chapter #121 hosted the event. There were five square dance callers and one cuer in attendance and two squares plus a couple extra for dancing. The group was kept busy with workshops, sports, crafts, evening dances and of course eating, weather it was a potluck or going out. It is always nice to work with the group that attends our State Camporee as they are always ready to help when needed. No matter how much planning is done there seem to be at least one item that slips by until the last moment and needs help getting done. Some Canadian dancers came to help with the fun.

Chapter #121 held campout/dances for May, June, August and September, along with the State Camporee in June. Some of the chapter visited Blythe, Ontario for the Camporee in August. A great time was had by all that attended. These outings also had a lot of great dancing, camp fires, games, crafts and new friends made and old ones rekindled.

I have been informed that Chapter #121 is the only chapter in Michigan currently. I am very saddened by the news. I hope that in the future we will have more chapters again. Thank you to Chapter #005 and #007 for all help you donated to the square dancing activity.

Happy camping,

Gary & Alberta Gunsell

REVIEW OF THE USE OF NSDCA REGISTERED MARK

The legal NSDCA trade mark shown at the right has been registered with the US Patent Office since 1973. The NSDCA adopted the following recommendations in order to establish a graphic identifier for the NSDCA to be used on name tags, badges, and saleable items such as shirts, hats, etc. that would be proprietary fundraiser items for the NSDCA. :



A. The current NSDCA Trademark registration is for the composite mark, that is that the mark encompasses both words and a graphic image, i.e. “National Square Dance Camper” and a log fire design will be renewed in 2020 and remain valid through 2024. The simpler “NSD Camper” and a log fire design was discontinued in 2007. We have no protection on the use of the log fire design alone, i.e., separate and apart from the words and initials which form part of our marks.

B. The present NSDCA registration offers protection for the sale of glassware, jewelry, clothes, etc. if sale of said items is limited to membership in NSDCA, Inc. In order to maintain and control the protection of the marks sale of such items and the general use of the NSDCA marks must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.

C. Upon the sale of campers, trailers, motor homes, automobiles, etc. carrying the NSDCA marks all such marks shall be removed before the sale is completed. Decals can be removed rather easily by gently applying heat from a hair dryer.

D. Whenever the NSDCA mark is incorporated into a design including chapter banners, make sure to use the entire mark including the small R in the circle.

BMI & ASCAP LICENSE POLICY

Square Dance Callers and Cuers as well as all special events, in the United States, are now under license rulings by BMI & ASCAP. Effective April 1, 1991, all Callers and Cuers must be licensed with BMI and ASCAP in order to call for your chapter. All events, such as a State/Provincial and International Camporee, must be license individually. A stiff fine may be imposed to the Caller/Cuer and to the chapter if not enforced. It is the responsibility of each Chapter to enforce this ruling.

NSDCA BLANKET LIABILITY INSURANCE

NSDCA has had blanket liability insurance coverage of all its activities since August 1, 1975. We are currently buying insurance through the Lawley Vivacqua LLC Agency and are insured with the Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company.

This insurance is issued in the name of the association, all its affiliated chapters, and includes all officers and directors, of either the association or any chapter while engaged in any activity on behalf of their group. The limit of the liability is \$1,000,000.00 per incident (\$2,000,000 aggregate) for either bodily injury or property damage or both when NSDCA is determined negligent.

This is however **NOT accident insurance**. It covers only injury or damage caused **accidentally or by negligence** of NSDCA or its chapters in the course of any activity. It will not necessarily pay for any injury that might happen. It has to have happened in such a way that NSDCA would be legally held responsible for the injury. The insurance company would investigate and defend a claim resulting from any accident, but the injured party will normally not receive a settlement unless it can be proven there was negligence or fault of the chapter(s) or association.

The policy is issued on a comprehensive liability form that covers all the activities of NSDCA or its chapters. This includes campouts, meetings, social affairs or any other type of an event, all of which are automatically insured. Specific questions should be referred to the company agent through whom the insurance is written.

The Application Forms, for Insurance Certificates, are available from (NSDCA.org). There is no cost for a 'Proof of Insurance' Certificate and may be obtained by contacting:

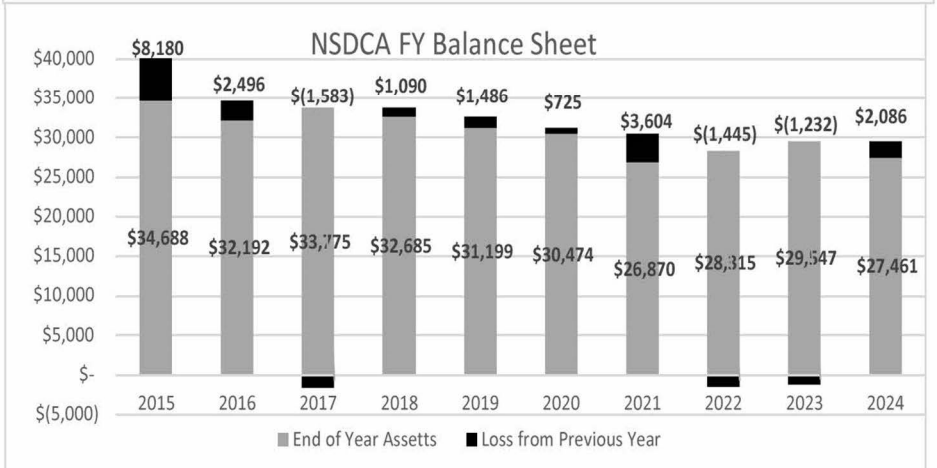
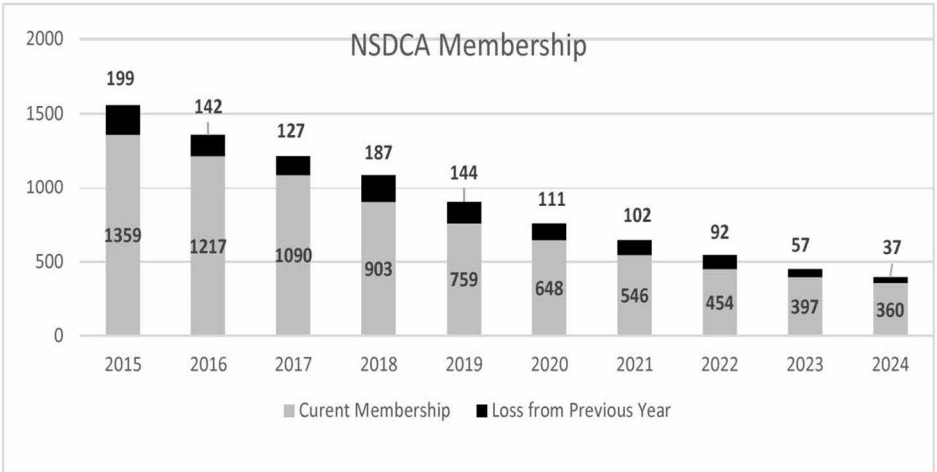
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FAX: 716-849-8291

If the entity (land or building owner, municipality etc.) requires their name to be explicitly listed as an **ADDITIONAL** insured, the additional insured can be added at no charge by simply requesting the addition when requesting the Certificate from, Lawley.

2024 NSDCA Statistics

Year	Curent Membership	Loss from Previous Year	%	FY	End of Year Assets	Loss from Previous Year	%
2015	1359	199	12.8	2015	\$ 34,688	\$ 8,180	7.2
2016	1217	142	10.4	2016	\$ 32,192	\$ 2,496	7.2
2017	1090	127	10.4	2017	\$ 33,775	\$ (1,583)	-4.9
2018	903	187	17.2	2018	\$ 32,685	\$ 1,090	3.2
2019	759	144	15.9	2019	\$ 31,199	\$ 1,486	4.5
2020	648	111	14.6	2020	\$ 30,474	\$ 725	2.3
2021	546	102	15.7	2021	\$ 26,870	\$ 3,604	11.8
2022	454	92	16.8	2022	\$ 28,315	\$ (1,445)	-5.4
2023	397	57	12.6	2023	\$ 29,547	\$ (1,232)	-4.4
2024	360	37	9.3	2024	\$ 27,461	\$ 2,086	7.1



NSDCA FY24 ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSETS REPORT June 1 2023 - May 31 2024
Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Modified Cash Basis

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>	<u>FY-2024</u>
Checking Account	\$ 7,182.36	\$ 5,094.36
Money Market - Savings	\$ 21,864.95	\$ 21,867.11
Advance - 66th Camporee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Advance - 67th Camporee		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 29,547.31	\$ 27,461.47
Beginning of Year	\$ 28,315.10	\$ 29,547.31
Gain(Loss) - Modified Cash Basis	\$ 1,232.21	\$ (2,085.84)
 Revenues		
Badges	\$ 779.00	\$ 508.00
Camporee	\$ 2,702.38	\$ -
Dues - New Members	\$ 295.00	\$ 245.00
Dues - Renewal	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 6,290.00
TIMES Ads	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00	\$ 323.49
Total Revenues Collected	\$ 10,681.38	\$ 7,366.49
 Expenses		
Badge + Shipping Cost	\$ 558.60	\$ 512.30
Insurance - Liability/Bonding	\$ 2,647.48	\$ 3,216.24
Postage/Shipping	\$ 150.06	\$ 186.52
Membership Expenses		
Overpayments Refund	\$ -	\$ -
Rent - Storage Space	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies & Postage	\$ -	\$ -
NSDCA TIMES		
Postage/Printing	\$ 3,770.76	\$ 3,550.99
Promotion by NSDCA		
Printing & Materials*	\$ 1,611.39	\$ 1,033.04
Various Reps/Staff/Directors		
Office Equipment (Flags & Recept Reader)	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Rep/Staff Expense	\$ 214.99	\$ 91.35
Website Expense (Go Daddy)*	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous		
Licenses & Permits**	\$ 498.05	\$ 994.05
Total Expenses	\$9,451.33	\$9,584.49

*Website Expense Included in License & Permits

**Includes ASCAP License, BMI License, Website Expense & PO Box Permit

NSDCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 13, 2023

Lebanon, TN

President John Ide called the 65th NSDCA Camporee General Membership Meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. by giving an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. John also asked that phones are placed on silent or airplane mode.

John asked last night “who is not having a good time?” one hand went up. Today he asked “Who is having a Great Time?” Lots of YAYS! Not everyone has been to a Camporee, so he asked if anyone was here for your first time? Four couples stood. He asked those to stand if they had been to at least 5 Camporees, 10 or more.. He said a lot of people keep coming back because it’s a lot of fun. Some of our friends like Ernie & Linda Ellis (000) come all the way from California every year. Any callers, please stand (5) cuers (3), without these people we would not dance. They deserve a lot of credit. All members from Chapters 198 were recognized. Applause.

At this time John reminded everyone about the “We Remember Our Friends” column in the Times. He then asked for a moment of silence for all deceased members that we lost during the past year followed by a short prayer. Anyone can submit to Ken Shacter, Times Editor a picture and short write up..

Bill Baker (123) will be our parliamentarian for the meeting and keep us straight and moving on. John introduced the BOD, Susan & Don Wolford (153), Treasurers; Ruth & Chuck Osborn (198), Vice Presidents; Mary & Dave Bruun (123), Secretaries who have faithfully served 2 four year terms and Dolly & John Ide (193) Presidents. Staff Members present Bill & Kathy Baker (123), Publicity Public Relations; Barbara Connelly (181), NORTH EAST AREA Rep & ARTS/DANCE Representative and Joy & Barry Vlad (123) Facebook Editors. Other Representatives present were Sharon Schmidt & David Lust (031) NORTH CENTRAL AREA and Nancy & Ted Kennedy (149) SOUTH CENTRAL AREA.

Out of order, but John wanted to present Mary & Dave Bruun their service plaque for 8 years instead of the 4 year one that they should have been rewarded when NO one stepped forward in 2019 so they decided to stay on the board for another 4 year term. Since Mary orders the plaques, she ordered only the bottom part to be placed on the original plaque. (Saved the NSDCA money) Picture to be taken later

ELECTION: The BOD talked to potential candidates and nominated Neal & Tricia Chartier (002). The election for 2023 was turned over to

Bill Baker at this point. Bill stated that the By-Laws say we need to ask for nominations from the floor. After asking 3 times with no one coming forward with another nomination, Bill told the President that the Chartier's are the only nominees. Tom Herscha (128) asked for the secretary to cast the vote to elect these 2 people to the Board of Directors. Seconded by Bill Baker (123) John asked for a show of hands. Any opposed. None. John welcomed the Chartier's to the Board. Applause.

Past minutes were printed in the 2023 Annual Report book for approval. Hank Sweetman (152) moved to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mary Ann Smith (076). John asked for a show of hands, it was unanimous, so they will stand as printed.

John addressed the treasurer's report next. Ron Imus (128) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed, seconded by Dan Hatfield (196). John asked for a show of hands, then he declared the report will stand as printed.

Awards were given out by Ruth & Chuck Osborn. Barry Vlad took pictures of all those in attendance. Chapter with the Most New Members went to Chapter 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds. Anniversary certificate 55 Years #C-028 Swing'N' Canadians*; 50 Years #055 Fireliters*; 50 Years #058 Curley Q Campers; 50 Years #061 Dakota Wheelers*; 50 Years #063 Diamond Lace-A-Ways*; 45 Years #108 Southern Tier Wheelers; 10 Years #193 Florida Roadrunners and the last one 40 Years Illinois State Association SA-3. Dan Hatfield accepted the certificate since he is their president. (* indicates not present so Mary will mail)

2023 Camporee Report: Ruth wanted to thank Ann Sharland-- her right hand, Hank Sweetman who took care of camping and the fairgrounds, Bob Roos & Liz Kennedy who were incidental with many miscellaneous jobs and many others. Of course Ozzie who didn't divorce her. John remarked on the phenomenal job you have done with such few people. As you can see it doesn't take 30-40 people, it can be done with about half a dozen people. Looking forward, we don't have anyone for next year. John has been working with Michigan/Canada but finding a fairground is the biggest issue. The NSDC is in Milwaukee next year, so we are also looking at Wisconsin. You don't have to live in Michigan or Wisconsin to help at either location. If anyone here is interested in doing that, come see John afterwards, he will help you out.

No reports from Area or State Reps.

John asked where are we going with our Association? Some Facts: 18 chapters and some from 000 were present at this year's Camporee, NSDCA has a total of about 400 member units (not total people), in 52 chapters, age is also a factor. There is now a survey on the website for

you as an individual or one for your chapter to fill out. We are not wanting your age--5 year brackets to be listed. Most Camporees need at least 30 registration for a break even statics. What are the markers before we will have to close. Bill Baker asked about the total funds. John said we have about \$28,000 and the annual report shows we lose about \$1,000 a year so we have some time ahead of us. He said the only funds coming in are from the Camporee. Short term we don't have a financial problem, long term we have a people problem with volunteers. Tom Herscha (128) said by looking at the income/expenses from last year, it shows a \$1,000 gain. John said, yes because of the profit from the Camporee last year in Rockville. John said he didn't know how we will turn out this year. Ruth replied "not that good". John said we have no crystal ball as to how long we will be here, 5 years, 10 years, or 20 years, but we are planning for the long term.

New membership fees were addressed. Should we continue the promotion? Tricia Chartier (002) questioned the price. John explained it is \$10.00 per couple and \$5.00 for singles for new members. Ron Imus (128) did the promotion do anything for us? John said it's hard to tell. Linda Michel, newest member, said the cost wouldn't have mattered to her. Dan Hatfield (196) had the most new members this past year and feels the \$10.00 wouldn't have made a difference either. Liz Kennedy (198) we would have paid the \$20.00 as what can you do anymore for that amount. Dan Hatfield (196) made a motion to change the new membership back to \$20.00, seconded by Tricia Chartier (002). Mary Bruun suggested that it be \$10.00 per person, as a single would not pay the \$20.00. Correction as Mary said. Vote showed all individuals (can be members or new-members) will pay \$10.00 per year. One opposed--Tom Herscha.

The Trademark was not renewed this past year per BOD decision. It is in effect until January 2024. The trademark will stand but the NSDCA will not have exclusive rights to it. Cost was the reasoning for not renewing since it was around \$1,000. Bill Baker asked if a motion is required. John said no.

Pull tabs for Shriners were discussed. Last year only \$28.00 was redeemed. Ruth said \$72.90 was the amount received this year. So far we have received \$343.90 with the BOARD deciding to match up to \$500.00. See Susan with other donations.

Tricia Chartier crocheted 2 plastic picnic bench covers to give away at the dance tonight. If interested, see her to put your name in the drawing.

Ruth Oborn said to check out the NSDCA Facebook page as Barry & Joy Vlad have been busy recording all the activities this entire week

and doing a fabulous job. Search for NDSCA....remember there is an old site, do NOT use the 2015 one. Otherwise, go to NSDCA.org website and click under Facebook link and it will automatically link you to it.

Tricia Chartier (our snooper editor for this Camporee) would like names to send the Snooper News to you.

John again mentioned that the Board has terminated the collecting of pull tabs, but will continue to match donations up to \$500.00 for the Shriners. Sandy McIntire (018) said not to stop saving the tabs, but find another organization that will take them. John said, better yet save the entire can and recycle.

John stated that to keep the meeting shorter, the following awards will be given at the after party tonight: Games, Tabs, Lost Camper, etc.

Tom Herscha (128) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Baker (

Other: Nancy Kennedy (149) I have a question: "When did we quit wearing square dance clothes on the nights of the Camporee?" She thought that was always done on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights. John said "That is correct". By-Laws point that out, that we should be wearing square dance attire in the evenings. To go along with that, badges with ribbons should be worn to identify that you are registered for the event. Consider that for tonight and see what we can do. Both Mary Ann Smith (076) and John remarked on having a Sheriff to tag people without badges & proper attire. (\$.25 to \$1.00). Pat Herscha (128) feels it is wrong to require somebody to wear something, especially since you don't have vendors anymore. For the new people coming in, you are placing a restriction on them, plus Pat says she is very uncomfortable wearing them. Linda Michel (000) wasn't sure what to wear as she is new plus this is a camping event. Tom Poquette (000) is also fairly new and recommends that you announce that and have it published ahead of time. Ron Imus (128) said about 3 years ago at a National Convention, a National caller on stage said, "do not require square dance clothes" but put it out that "square dance attire is requested but not required". Last one, Lynn Mardock (076) I prefer not to see short shorts, halter tops & t-shirts. John said that usually when attending National Conventions and other events, that daytime activities are more casual with evening dancing being a more formal event. John agreed with Ron and said it will go on the next registration and be announced ahead of time in the future.

Bill stated we have a motion on the floor to adjourn, but before we do, it has been requested to have a group photo tonight at the dance, so Barry bring a bigger camera. Bill: We have a motion on the floor to adjourn, all in favor. AYE John: opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 1:58

p.m. with 89 members present.

***Any member that can pick up the envelope with the annual report book, membership list and letter, please help us save on postage and return to your chapter representative. Thank you.

Mary Bruun, NSDCA Secretary Approved

CAMPOREE STATISTICS

Camporee Attendance: 59 registrations with 56 on site for the 65th International Camporee. By Chapter: 000-10, 001-2, 002-2, 010-2, 014-4, 018-2, 031-2, 058-2, 076-4, 121-2, 123-10, 128-18, 149-2, 152-14, 153-11, 181-1, 193-4, 196-10, 198-8, and Guests- 4. Total of 114 people.

Callers Present: Bob Asp (014), Jim Davis (121), Mark Fetzer (128), Mike Gormley (153), George Ferguson (018), Ted Kennedy (149) and Diane Poquette (000).

Cuers Present: Barbara Connelly (181), Susan Snider (128), and Susan Wolford (153). All Callers & Cuers were awarded certificates at Thursdays after party.

AWARDS GIVEN AT THURSDAY NIGHT AFTER PARTY

Sports Awards: Don Wolford, coordinator with Ruth giving out awards.

Tuesday -- Bocce Ball

- 3rd Place Dave Bruun (123) & Ken Roberts (010)
- 2nd Place Harriet Roberts (010) & Jerry Dwenger (000)
- 1st Place David Lust (031) & Jeri Huston (153)

Wednesday -- Corn Hole

- 3rd Place Sharon Schmidt (031) & Jim Wahl (196)
- 2nd Place Brian Ziegler (128) & Jerry Dwenger (000)
- 1st Place Diane Wahl (196) & Jeri Huston (153)

Thursday -- Washer Toss

- 3rd Place David Lust (031) & Jeri Houston (153)
- 2nd Place Mark Fetzer (128) & Bob Asp (014)
- 1st Place Sharon Schmidt (031) & Brian Ziegler (128)

Cowboy Golf:

- 3rd Place Susan Wolford (153); NOT Sharon Schmidt, sorry.
- 2nd Place Jeri Huston (153)
- 1st Place Ozzie Osborn (198)

Other awards:

Lost Camper winner went to Chapter 123 Swing-N-Travelers (again) with 43 correct entries.

Most pop tabs winner went to Chapter 128 Square Wheels so they get to keep the plaque (we decided at the BOD business meeting on July 10, 2023 NOT TO SAVE the tabs for the next year, and only do a donation bucket and the NSDCA treasury will match up to \$500.00 which will go to the Shriners.

Thirteen chapters participated in the Pull Tab collection with the following results: (Numbers are pounds)

000	Members at Large		0.2
153	Strawberry Travelers	FL	1.2
031	Badger Rovers	WI	1.6
196	Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds	IL/IN	3
198	Crossfire Campers	TN	3.7
149	Bayou Square-A-Rounds	LA/MS	4.8
152	Campers & Dancers	AL	6
001	Garden State Square Dance Campers	NJ/PA	8.4
014	Blackhawk Crosstrailers	IL	12.8
123	Swing-N-Travelers	IL	14.8
076	River Cities Travelin Squares	IA	14.8
193	Florida Roadrunner Squares	FL	23
128	Square Wheels	FL	78.9

There were 82 stuffed animals that were donated to local children in Wilson County.

Ruth gave a special award to Brian Ziegler & Tom Poquette for being the best “BOOTS ON THE GROUND ASSISTANTS”. They were always there whenever she needed anything done.

“Quilt of Valor” quilts were presented to Tim Kittle (198) and Lester Smith (076) after the Parade of States on Monday night.

**By-Laws
of
THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE
CAMPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Article I

Name

The name of this non-profit, non-stock association shall be the "National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc." (NSDCA).

Article II

Object

The objective of the Association shall be to provide an opportunity for and to encourage those interested in square dancing and camping to:

- a) Combine these two activities for mutual enjoyment.
- b) Permit each member the opportunity of sharing in the responsibility of membership.
- c) Promote interest in square dancing and camping.
- d) Promote Square Dance Camporees as may be decided upon by the membership.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Membership

Membership is open to adult couples and single individuals (hereafter referred to as member units) who have completed a prescribed course in square dancing or clearly demonstrate the equivalent ability in established square dance clubs and who at regular vacation intervals reside at a vacation site, as in a woods, forest, seashore, et cetera, in a tent, trailer, motor home, van or other temporary shelter, not to include temporary residence in a motel, hotel, tourist room, or other organized facilities catering principally to transient travelers and vacationers and which normally furnish bedding, sanitary facilities, controlled air, and other refinements of normal day-to-day living. Membership is

primarily through chapters. Those not affiliated with a chapter shall be Members At Large (MAL).

Section 2. Joining NSDCA

- a) All persons applying for membership must complete an official membership application form.
- b) Membership application forms shall be available from the NSDCA.org website, officers at the International Camporee, State/Provincial/Country and Chapter Association meetings, other Camporees, the NSDCA Secretary, and such other places as the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Board for simplicity) may select.
- c) Membership shall be indicated by a current membership card.
- d) Any application submitted during the week before or during the International Camporee of the NSDCA shall not become effective until the close of the Camporee. Membership dues received with such applications shall be valid for the remainder of the current and following calendar year.

Section 3. No member of this association shall use the membership in any form to promote personal benefit.

Section 4. Membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Article IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. The administration of the affairs of this organization shall be the responsibility of the Board. They shall be protected by indemnity recourse as a result of any lawful actions while representing the association.

Section 2. Composition

The Board shall consist of those members in good standing, elected as officers in any combination of single/couples, which provides from 4 to 8 people.

- a) Board members shall be elected for a four-year term and may succeed themselves no more than once. Succession is subject

to an election and a Board member must be re-elected in order to fulfill a second four-year term.

- b) In the event of a vacancy on the Board as a result of a resignation, death, etc., the Board shall appoint an NSDCA member in good standing to the vacated position for the remainder of the term of the vacated position. An appointment to the Board of two years or more shall constitute one full term. At no time may any one chapter be represented on the Board by more than one officer position.
- c) No member of the Board may be compensated for services performed as a member of the Board.

Section 3. Duties

- a) It shall be the duty of the Board to establish policy and rules of procedure and practice for the promotion and expansion of the Association, subject to the approval of or amendment by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Elect the officers of the Association.
- c) Fill the unexpired term of any vacancy.
- d) Determine the time and place of the Annual Meeting.
- e) Oversee the Officers, staff, and all committees.
- f) Shall provide to interested chapters a copy of the current procedure for bidding for a Camporee.

Section 4. Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Board shall be called by the President of the Board at his/her discretion or when requested to do so by three (3) members of the Board.
- b) A majority of Board positions at a scheduled Board meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- c) Decisions shall be by concurrence of the majority of members present and voting.
- d) Except for the position of President, each position shall have two votes on all matters pertaining to the Association. The position of President shall have one vote and may vote only in the case of a tie.

Article V

Officers

Section 1. President

- a) Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board.
- b) Prepare and distribute an annual report of the state of the Association to all members attending the Annual Meeting. A copy shall also be sent to all Area and State/Provincial Representatives and chapters not represented at the Annual Meeting as well as any member requesting a copy. The report shall include, but not be limited to, reports from the officers and staff, financial statement, current by-laws, recommended by-laws changes, liability insurance explanation, and minutes of the last annual meeting.
- c) Arrange for the bonding of President and Treasurer of the Association, the current International Camporee Chairman and Treasurer, and the next International Camporee Chairman and Treasurer immediately after their assumption of their office.
- d) Shall arrange for an audit of all financial records or appoint and auditing committee to perform the audit prior to the end of each fiscal year. The audit need not be performed by a licensed book-keeper or professional accountant but may be performed by a three-member auditing committee consisting of members in good standing, excluding all Board members and their immediate families.
- e) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice President

- a) Shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- b) Keep a sufficient supply of materials for Area, State/Provincial Representatives.
- c) Provide information and ideas to Area, State/Provincial Representatives to increase chapters and members.
- d) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Section 3. Secretary

- a) Shall compose and keep a record of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board.

- b) Provide a copy of these minutes to all members of the Board within forty-five (45) days of the meetings.
- c) Provide copies of meeting minutes to any active member when requested.
- d) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Section 4. Treasurer

- a) Shall have custody of all funds and property of the Association.
- b) Deposit all funds of the Association in a bank in a city designated by the Board.
- c) All withdrawals of funds shall be on checks or orders signed by the Treasurer or President or as authorized by the Board. Approved expenses incurred by any member in the performance of assigned duties shall be reimbursed.
- d) Maintain an inventory list of all NSDCA owned equipment or property and provide an annual report of that equipment or property, its location and state of repair.
- e) Co-operate with the appointed auditing committee or other agency by providing the requested Association financial records for review. The results of that audit shall be documented in a signed and dated audit statement provided by the auditing entity.
- f) Prepare and submit to the Board, an annual detailed financial report covering the period from the previous year June 1 to the immediate past May 31, fifteen (15) days prior to the annual General Membership Meeting.
- g) Make available the detailed financial report at the annual Membership Meeting to any member requesting that information
- h) Prepare and submit a summary statement of the financial condition of the Association to be published in the Annual Report.
- i) Provide other financial details of the Association to any member requesting such details.
- j) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

- a) Shall be held at the annual International Camporee at such time and place as selected by the Board. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in the Spring issue of the TIMES.
- b) Any member of NSDCA may attend the Annual Meeting.
- c) The Board shall prepare and make available, an agenda for the transaction of business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting, not later than thirty days prior to the meeting
- d) Any active member may, in writing or in person, request the Board to bring up for discussion at the Annual Meeting, any matter in which he/she may be interested. Items for discussion may be raised from the floor if in keeping with the business at hand.
- e) Active members in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Special Meetings

The Board may call meetings for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association at stated times or at their discretion as needed. The purpose(s) of the meeting shall be included with the meeting notice. Only the item(s) for which the meeting was called as established in the meeting notice shall be discussed.

Article VII

National Staff

All members of the National Staff shall be appointed by the Board to serve at their pleasure. They shall receive instructions and information from the liaison officer appointed by the Board.

Section 1. Publications

The official publication of NSDCA shall be known as NSDCA TIMES. The Editor shall:

- a) Gather and, with Board approval, arrange for publication and distribution of the NSDCA TIMES four (4) issues a year. (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter).
- b) Sell advertising in the NSDCA TIMES at rates and allowances determined by the Board. All funds from sales of advertising must be accounted for to the Treasurer.

Section 2. Insignia

- a) Order insignia merchandise, with Board approval, and sell to members and chapters, the merchandise with the Association emblem displayed on it.
- b) Keep a continuing record of inventory and sales to be presented to the Board annually, or whenever requested to do so by them. All funds from sales shall be accounted for to the Treasurer.

Section 3. Membership

- a) Receive membership dues or proof of membership dues payment from the Board Secretary, or dues from chapters and members. All funds received shall be accounted for to the Treasurer.
- b) Maintain a current chapter and membership list using a computer database contracted or approved by the Board.
- c) Arrange the distribution of membership lists as indicated in the job description and as instructed by the Board.

Section 4. Showcase of Ideas

- a) Arrange for the setting up and the displaying of NSDCA materials at the National Square Dance Convention and the International Camporee each year.
- b) Set up NSDCA display at any other appropriate times and/or events.

Section 5. Historian

Gather and assemble in an organized way, pictures and other material pertaining to NSDCA for the preservation of NSDCA history.

Section 6 Chapter, State, Province, Area or Country Representatives

- a) Shall be the contact person for chapters and members in an assigned area, as determined by the Board.

- b) Promote and provide information to members and prospective members concerning membership and new chapter formation procedures.
- c) Have a supply of all promotional brochures and materials for distribution to chapters, members, and appropriate gatherings.

Article VIII

Committees

Section 1. International Camporee

- a) Each annual International Camporee shall have a separate committee.
- b) The Board shall appoint a liaison to represent the Board on the Committee. The liaison shall be in accordance with NSDCA International Camporee Guidelines.
- c) Hosting chapter(s), Camporee General chairpersons, and liaison shall follow the "INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE GUIDELINES" for putting on the Camporee.
- d) No person involved shall be compensated for his/her services.

Section 2. Amendment Review Committee

- a) Shall be composed of a member of the Board, a past member of the Board, a State/Area Representative, and an active Chapter Representative or Contact.
- b) The Board shall appoint a chairman for the committee.
- c) May propose amendments to the By-laws.
- d) Shall review all amendment proposals and present their interpretation of the proposal to the Board.
- e) The chairman of the committee should represent the Board in presenting amendment proposals to the membership.
- f) Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board.

Section 3. Other Committees

- a) May be appointed by the President, or Vice-President in the absence of the President, with the advice and consent of the Board as are deemed advisable to further the interests of the Association and its members.
- b) Shall be provided with appropriate duties.

- c) Shall have such power and authority, as the Board shall deem advisable.

Article IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Procedure for Nomination

- a) The President of the Board shall, prior to the Annual Meeting, appoint a nominating committee of no less than three (3) member units of demonstrated active interest in NSDCA, Inc. affairs and shall provide them with full instructions.
- b) The chairman of the Nominating Committee (appointed by the President of the Board) shall submit to the President of the Board, no later than January 5 of the following year, no less than two (2) member unit nominees to fill the one vacancy on the Board. Each name submitted shall be accompanied by a biography, a statement of qualifications of the nominee, a statement of acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee, and a picture of the nominee.
- c) Any member of the Association may be nominated from the membership at-large by submitting the documents mentioned above to the nominating committee by December 15. Nominations of members of chapters who will have a current representation on the Board cannot be accepted.

Section 2. Election

- a) Election of members to the Board shall be conducted at the annual General Membership Meeting at the annual Camporee.
- b) Voting may be conducted with any suitable means approved by the membership present, including a voice vote, show of hands, paper ballot, etc.

Section 3. Assumption of Office

The newly elected Board members will take office following their election and immediately after the close of the Annual Camporee.

Article X

Dues

Section 1. Shall be established as recommended by the Board with the approval of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The Board, with the approval of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall establish the price of membership badge(s).

Section 3. Membership Validation

- a) Dues shall be payable by January 1. Badges shall be paid for when ordered.
- b) Any member in arrears of payment after February 1 shall be notified in writing that they will be removed from active membership status unless dues and other fees are received by March 15.
- c) Any member who has not renewed for the current year will be removed from the membership file as of March 15 and they will no longer receive issues of the *Times*.

Section 4. Reinstatement

- a) A member who pays all dues in arrears before the current annual International Camporee shall be reinstated. without penalty.
- b) A member who has not paid their current year dues before the annual International Camporee shall be required to register for the Camporee as a non-member.

Article XI

Chapters and Associations

Section 1.

- a) NSDCA is empowered and authorized to issue charters to chapters, state, provincial or country associations composed of square dance campers who are eligible for membership pursuant to the By-Laws of NSDCA.
- b) All members of such chapter, state, provincial, or country associations shall be members of NSDCA.

Section 2. The term "chapter" shall mean an organized unit in and for the cities, towns, counties, or any subdivision of the states of the United States or the provinces of Canada, or other countries.

Section 3. The term "state, provincial, or country association" shall mean an organized unit of at least four (4) chapters organized in and for the region for which it is chartered.

Section 4.

- a) The number of members needed to form a chapter shall be determined by the Board.
- b) The minimum to retain a chapter shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Subject to these By-Laws, the Board of the NSDCA is authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations:

- a) Governing the admission of chapters and state, provincial or country associations.
- b) The suspension, cancellation, and termination of charters.
- c) The Board may amend such rules and regulations, as it deems necessary.

Section 6. The By-Laws of and the Names of chapters and state, provincial, or country associations shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

Article XII

Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of NSDCA.

Article XIII

Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing that notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall

have been published in the NSDCA TIMES or mailed to all active members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 2. Any member of NSDCA in good standing may propose an amendment to these By-laws.

Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the amendment committee for their review and interpretation (Ref. Article VIII Section 2c). Said committee may propose amendments (Ref. Article VIII, Section 2d).

Section 4. All proposals shall be submitted to the Board, who shall review them and make a recommendation of approval, disapproval or amendment.

Section 5. Any amendment to a previously published proposal shall require a ninety per cent (90%) affirmative vote of the membership present and voting.

Section 6. These By-laws shall be reviewed in their entirety at least once every ten (10) years.

Article XIV

Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all assets of the Corporation shall become the property of the Cancer Society, divided proportionally per Membership between the American and Canadian Cancer Societies, and no assets shall be distributed to any member of the Corporation.

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