

## CONVENTION FLASH

This 'FLASH' issue of *DIRECTION* is published as soon as possible after the Annual Convention in order to inform all CALLERLAB Members of significant actions taken at the Annual Meeting. This issue includes the results of any voting of the Members during the 2014 Annual Meeting, information about award presentations, and reports from certain committees. Additional committee reports are included with the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting.

## RESULTS OF CONVENTION VOTE

The 2014 CALLERLAB Call to Convention, published in the January/February 2014 issue of *DIRECTION*, informed all Members that two proposed resolutions which required action by the Membership had been submitted and would be presented at the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting. The resolutions were presented to the Membership during the 2014 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. These resolutions were approved by the Membership at the meeting. The resolutions will be submitted to all voting Members by U. S. mail for vote.

### The first resolution reads as follows:

Whereas Removal or Expulsion of any Member by the Board of Governors (Board) is a very serious issue and

Whereas the Bylaws must be clear regarding Removal or Expulsion and Reinstatement of any Member by the Board,

MOTION: Be it Resolved That Article II, Membership, Section 4 be revised to read as follows:

Section 4. Resignation, Removal, and Reinstatement.

(A) Resignation. Any Member in good standing, whose account is fully paid, may resign and his resignation shall be accepted at the next meeting of the Board of Governors and shall be effective as of the date of resignation. Notwithstanding any termination of membership, all sums due to the corporation from any Member shall be due and remain a debt in favor of the corporation and shall be enforceable against the Member or his/her estate.

### (B) Removal or Expulsion of Members.

(1) Any Member whose account is delinquent shall be mailed a written notice of delinquency at the address as shown on the records of the corporation. If the delinquency is not cured within 60 days following the sending of the notice, the Member shall be expelled without further action being required.

(2) Any Member of the corporation may be expelled by an affirmative vote of 2/3 majority of the currently serving Board of Governors (Board), at a meeting of the Board, for conduct the Board shall deem harmful to the best interest of the corporation. The Membership of any such Member, and all rights pertaining to Membership, shall terminate immediately upon expulsion.

(3) Any Member who has been expelled in accordance with Subparagraph (B) (2) above and who has been reinstated in accordance with Article II Membership, Section 4 (C) (2) may be expelled by an affirmative vote of a simple majority (51%) of the currently serving Board, at a meeting of the Board, for conduct the Board shall deem harmful to the best interest of the corporation. The Membership of any such Member, and all rights pertaining to Membership, shall terminate immediately upon expulsion.

(4) No Member shall be so expelled until he/she is given thirty (30) days prior notice of the proposed action for expulsion and the reasons

and worked diligently on the committee that created our current Caller-Coach curriculum. He was one of the very first callers tested to achieve the coveted status of Accredited Caller-Coach.

Health issues led to a decision to lighten his workload and not re-run for the Board. However, our recipient continued to serve the organization by working diligently on projects and committees. He has either chaired, or been a member of numerous committees throughout his years of membership. Recently, he contributed to the creation of the Mentoring Project for new callers. He continues to give generously of his time and experience to CALLERLAB and our square dance activity.

A full-time professional caller since the early 70s and a former owner-producer of one of the top square dance record labels for 28 years, most of you will have purchased records from his company. Would you please join me in recognizing the 2014 Gold Card Award winner, my good friend, Daryl and his wife, Yvonne Clendenin.



### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS SERVICE AWARD**

**Presented by  
Barry Clasper, Chairman**

The Board of Governors Service Award is presented to retiring Board Members in recognition of their commitment to CALLERLAB as demonstrated by the selfless sharing of their time, talent, and leadership skills. This year, we have one retiring Board member.

**John Swindle** began calling in 1968. He joined CALLERLAB in 1975 and attended his first CALLERLAB Convention that same year. He has attended 21 CALLERLAB Conventions. He has served on the Board since 2011 and has served on many CALLERLAB committees. I'm pleased to present the Board of Governors Service Award to retiring Board member, **John Swindle**.

**The CALLERLAB Home Office will be  
CLOSED July 4, 2014 in observance of  
U.S.A.'s Independence Day.**

**"Education is not the learning of facts, but  
the training of the mind to think."  
Albert Einstein**



### **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD**

**Presented by  
Barry Clasper, Chairman**

Now I have the happy task of presenting a Chairman's Award. Normally, this award is presented by the sitting Chairman, but this particular instance is a little different. The contribution we're recognizing with this award took place over a lengthy period, spanning the tenures of several Chairmen. Therefore, I've asked all the Past Chairmen who are present here tonight to come forward and help me present this award: **Tim Crawford; Jon Jones; Jerry Junck; Ernie Kinney; Jim Mayo; Tim Marriner; John Marshall; and Mike Seastrom.**

When CALLERLAB was founded, there was no e-mail or internet. Those who wish to nitpick minor details will probably say they did exist at that time, which is true, but they were restricted to a very few privileged and technically savvy users. The World Wide Web was still almost 20 years away. As the world changed, CALLERLAB changed too – perhaps more slowly than some thought we should (although more quickly than others wanted). As e-mail and websites became ubiquitous, CALLERLAB joined in. Today, most CALLERLAB committee business, BOG business, and EC business is transacted via e-mail. Our website grows more important to our operations every year, hosting documents, Convention information, and general information about CALLERLAB.

We are now making plans to expand the role of our website even faster. We're planning things such as online voting, online membership renewals, online merchandise purchases, and online committee discussions. Just as the scale of our operation makes it necessary to have a full-time Home Office staff, the anticipated scale of our website in the near future makes it necessary to engage outside paid resources to handle the workload.

For the past ?? years, Patty Greene has served as our webmaster. She has hosted our site, installed software, and handled problems. It has been a huge job, and she has served generously and unstintingly even though our demands are often totally unreasonable. Any of you who have worked in IT support jobs know that users are often a pain in the "patootie", and we certainly

have not been an exception. Patty always responded – calmly, cheerfully, competently, and with a big smile, no matter how convoluted our request might be.

She has done all this as an unpaid volunteer in her spare time, merely because she wanted to make a contribution. Despite this informal situation, and the fact that not only was she not being paid, but she was given no budget to purchase software or equipment, Patty approached the task with great professionalism. The company we have engaged to take on the heavy development work for the new enhancements has remarked on how well positioned we are technically to take these new steps.

I take great pleasure in presenting a Chairman's Award to Patty Greene.

## HALF CENTURY CERTIFICATES

Presented by Jack O'Leary

Prior to 2014, a total of 183 CALLERLAB Members have received the Half Century Certificate. Of the 84 current CALLERLAB Members who have previously received this award, 17 attended the 2014 CALLERLAB Convention in Reno, NV.

This year, six callers attended the Convention and were recognized for their Half Century Award Certificate. They were: **Don Beck**, Massachusetts; **Naru Okumura**, Japan; **Randy Dougherty**, Arizona; **Tac Ozaki**, Japan; **Tom Sellner**, Maryland and **Dave Harry**, Washington.

In addition, there were seven active CALLERLAB Members who earned their Half Century Award Certificate this year but were unable to attend the Convention. They are: **Dick Busboom**, Nebraska; **Howard Cole**, Florida; **Shoichi Katsura**, Japan; **Orvin Logan**, Washington; **Mike Luna**, California; **Don Schadt**, California; and **Bill Wright**, Texas.

2015 Springfield, Missouri  
Convention Hotel is the  
University Plaza Hotel.

Hotel rate is \$98 per night, including a  
hot breakfast each day.

## QUARTER CENTURY CERTIFICATES

Presented by Betsy Gotta

Quarter Century Certificates are awarded to CALLERLAB Members who have been calling for 25 or more years. The first awards were made in Baltimore in 1986, and they have been awarded annually since then.

Since 1986, a total of 1,409 CALLERLAB Members have received the Quarter Century Certificate. Of those, 452 are still Active Members and 97 were at the 2014 CALLERLAB Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

This year, two callers attended the 41st CALLERLAB Convention and received their Quarter Century Awards. They were: **Andy Shore**, California; and **Jim Wass**, Maryland.

Additionally, 18 Members who will celebrate their 25th anniversary of calling this year were unable to attend the 2014 CALLERLAB Convention. They are: **Bob Engel**, Pennsylvania; **Cecil Burton**, Oklahoma; **Cindy Hawley**, Massachusetts; **David Plume**, Canada; **Donnie Devore**, South Carolina; **Ed Kerns**, Pennsylvania; **Ett McAtee**, Maryland; **Howard Richman**, New Jersey; **Jimmy Robison**, Indiana; **Lenny Newberry**, Alabama; **Ludwig Aumeier**, Germany; **Marine Ramsby**, Sweden; **Mel Branham**, California; **Michael Haworth**, California; **Mike Summers**, North Carolina; **Philip Vinokur**, California; **Rudi Reiser**, Germany; and **Traylor Walker**, Texas.

## SMALL WORLD AWARDS

Presented by Michael Franz

The Small World Award is presented to Members residing outside Continental North America and Hawaii who are attending a CALLERLAB Convention for the first time. This year, **Tom Rainier** of Japan attended his first Convention and received the Small World Award.

Previous Small World Award recipients attending the Convention were: **Ulrich Brandt**, Germany; **Juli Burr**, Germany; **Walt Burr**, Germany; **Don Casper**, Germany; **Trevor** and **Chris Day**, England; **Michael Franz**, Germany; **Masaharu (Doc) Hiraga**, Japan; **Shozo** and **Miyoko Nishimura**, Japan; **Naru Okumura**, Japan; **Tac Ozaki**, Japan; **Jeannette Staeuble**, Switzerland; and **Motohiro Yoshimura**, Japan.