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Dear President: *MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS*

Since many of you have just assumed your office, we would like to offer our congratulations and welcome you or your appointed representative to the Miami Valley Dance Council. By way of introduction, let me say that the Council is an organization made up of representatives from all of the clubs within our geographical boundaries of the Miami Valley (loosely). The Council was formed to coordinate the activities of the various clubs and prevent overlaps in scheduling, to inform all clubs of activities in our area, to promote square, round, and folk dancing, and to help all member clubs by disseminating facts and information about club operations.

The above can only be accomplished through participation of all Council member clubs. So often, club officers change and information of this type is overlooked. For instance, the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 March 1979 at Michael Soloman Pavilion at 7:00 PM. At that time we need you to submit to the Council Secretary your club schedule as you want it printed for the second half (July-December) of 1979. These schedules are printed and distributed free by the Council to all its clubs.

At the same time, your club should have an article on your activities ready for Betty French, the editor of the Miami Valley Dance News. Also, if you have any special dances or other activities planned that you would like other dancers to know about, be sure to bring this information to Betty so she can include it. (Betty asks that each separate item be on a full page by itself to assist in her job. Thank you.)

As you know, our Council is hosting the 20th Annual Buckeye Convention in Dayton this year. As in past years, one "Honor Roll Couple" is recognized from each Area Council. This couple is honored for their past efforts in promoting and furthering square, round and folk dancing. At past conventions, 5 Miami Valley couples have been so honored. This year we will honor another, and any couple from any of the Council member clubs is eligible. All it takes is for you to submit a one page resume of the couple involved. This resume should include when and where the couple started dancing, what jobs they have held at club, council or state level, how they have encouraged others to join our activity, do they have family members in dancing and any other facts you think are important in consideration of their selection. Be sure to make your nominations available to me at the March meeting.

I also, am new at the President's job, so I have some catching up and learning to do. In this capacity, I have developed and am proposing a six part program for operation of the Council for the next year. The major goals of this program are:

- I. Let more people know about and become involved in our activity.
- II. Get dancers more involved in community activities.
- III. Have the Council provide more help to member clubs.
- IV. Increase the availability of "places to dance".
- V. Establish closer dancer/leader relationships.
- VI. Accomplish planning for the future.

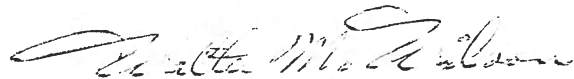
We must also accomplish actions required in day-to-day operation of the Council such as: scheduling and running lesson classes and workshops; publishing the Miami Valley Dance News; preparing and publishing semi-annual Dance Schedules; and especially this year, plan for and host the 20th Annual Buckeye Dance Convention.

The attachments to this letter include more detail on the above mentioned program items. Also included is current staffing of key committees; however, many more people are required if we are to complete the tasks at hand. I would like to have one person from every club in the Council on at least one of the committees involved. This would give Council wide participation and would assure your clubs input and interests in the final Council approved program actions.

Please review the attached with your Council representative and either come or have them bring your ideas and nomination for your club representative to one of the committees to the next Council meeting. We will present the program to the Council for approval and make additional assignments as possible. We need your club representation and participation.

Again, congratulations on your new position, and I am confident that through our joint efforts, we can make this a most productive year for your club and the Miami Valley Dance Council.

Happy Dancing!



Walter M. Wilson  
President  
Miami Valley Dance Council

I. PUBLICITY/INVOLVEMENT

CHAIRMAN: Bill Strawn

A. OBJECTIVE: 'Let more people know about and get involved in our activity

B. DESCRIPTION: Make local communities aware of square dancing, keep them advised of what is happening in the activity and get them involved either as participants or spectators.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Publicity Winnie Clark
2. Council Sponsored Lesson Classes Bill Strawn & Bud Davis
3. Council Sponsored Workshops Bill Strawn & Bud Davis
4. Special Dance Scheduling Clearing House Kris Wildman

II. DANCER/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Troy & Mary Skelton

- A. OBJECTIVE: Promote increased dancer/community relationships.
- B. DESCRIPTION: Get clubs/dancers involved in community activities and promote worthwhile events and contribute to worthy causes.
- C. ACTIONS:
1. Annual Muscular Distrophy Telethon
  2. Council Sponsored Club/Group Demonstrations
  3. Council Backed/Club Sponsored Wheelchair Club

### III. COUNCIL/CLUB INVOLVEMENTS

CHAIRMAN:        Bob Rea

- A. OBJECTIVE:    'Expand Council/Club Involvements
- B. DESCRIPTION: Determine and implement actions necessary to assist council member club operations.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Council Membership Criteria/  
Approval for New Clubs                      Darrell Kisor
2. Club Leadership/Operations Guide        Bob Rea
3. Council Sponsored Leadership  
Clinic    Don Blomberg

IV. PLACES TO DANCE

CHAIRMAN: Charles Molloy

- A. OBJECTIVE: Increase Availability of "Places to Dance" to Member Clubs
- B. DESCRIPTION: Develop and/or assist member clubs in obtaining and/or scheduling reasonable places to dance.
- C. ACTIONS:
1. Michael Solomon Pavilion Mady D'Aloiso
  2. New Pavilion
  3. Other Places

## V. LEADER/DANCER RELATIONSHIPS

CHAIRMAN: Bill Wagner

- A. OBJECTIVE: Improve Leader/Dancer Relationships
- B. DESCRIPTION: Initiate actions necessary to establish closer leader/club/dancer relationships to include scheduling, compensation, and levels of dancing.
- C. ACTIONS:
1. Scheduling
  2. Compensation
  3. Levels of Dancing

## VI. LONG RANGE PLANNING

CHAIRMAN:        George Baver

- A. OBJECTIVE:    Develop Miami Valley Dance Council Short and Long Range Plans
- B. DESCRIPTION:    Develop a Short Range Plan to include goals and actions required to advance the objectives of the MVDC for the next 5 years. Also, develop a long range plan to include goals and objectives for the 5 through 10 year time period.
- C. ACTIONS:
1. Establish a long range planning committee.
  2. Develop planning assumptions, criteria and schedules.
  3. Develop plan formats.
  4. Accomplish planning.
  5. Publish MVDC Short Range Plan.
  6. Publish MVDC Long Range Plan.
  7. Accomplish annual review and update.



VII. OPERATE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN:        Walt Wilson

A. OBJECTIVE:     Operate the Miami Valley Dance Council

B. DESCRIPTION:   Effectively and efficiently operate the Miami Valley Dance Council within the framework of the currently approved constitution and in the interest of all member clubs.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Preside at Council Sponsored Meetings

2. Appoint Permanent/Temporary Committees

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|---|---------------------|
| a. Editor, Miami Valley Dance News                                | Betty French        |
| b. State Corporation Representative                               | Paul Bonnell        |
| c. Membership Committee   | Darrel Kisor        |
| d. Schedule Printing Committee                                    | Cecil Hartis        |
| e. Ohio State Convention Committee                                | Paul & Jo Bonnell   |
| f. State Convention Council Honor Roll Couple Selection Committee |                     |
| g. Constitution Review Committee                                  |                     |
| h. Publicity/Involvement Committee                                | Bill Strawn         |
| i. Dancer/Community Relations Committee                           | Troy & Mary Skelton |
| j. Council/Club Involvements Committee                            | Bob Rea             |
| k. Places to Dance Committee                                      | Charles Molloy      |
| l. Leader/Dancer Relationships Comm.                              | Bill Wagner         |
| m. Nominating Committee   |                     |
| n. Audit Committee  | Ken Graham          |
| o. Long Range Plan Committee                                      | George Baver        |
| p. Budget Committee   | Bud Davis           |

ACTIONS (Continued)

3. Develop and present for Council approval, annual Miami Valley Dance Council Budget
4. Accomplish actions related to 1979 Ohio State Convention:
  - a. Update Council Club Banner
  - b. Develop, obtain and present Special Awards