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1400's Morris Dancers (England) / Circle Dances (Greece & other countries)

Mid 1600's French Court Dances (first instance where caller was not dancing.)

1800 's Country Dancing, City Dancing, Quadrilles, Waltz Quadrilles, Contra / Reels, Lancers, Round Dancing, Cotillions, Appalachian Dances

1900 Barn Dancing / The "Western" Square Dance

1920 The "Revival" (Renaissance) Benjamin Lovett & Henry Ford

1940 General Growth (Evolution) of modern western square dancing

1950 Introduction of Hash calling

1960 Increased level and degree of complexity (puzzle solving)

1974 First formal CALLERLAB Convention



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## History of CALLERLAB

The International Association of Square Dance Callers held its first convention in 1974 after three years of planning.

### Founding Members – The first Board of Governors

Marshall Flippo, Ed Gilmore, Lee Helsel, Bruce Johnson, Arnie Kronenberger, Frank Lane, Joe Lewis, Bob Osgood, Bob Page, Dave Taylor, Bob VanAntwerp, Don Armstrong, Earl Johnston, Jerry Haag, Jerry Helt, Jim Mayo, Al Brundage, Manning Smith, Stan Burdick, Cal Golden, C.O. Guest, Jack Lasry, Johnny LeClair, Melton Luttrell and Bill Peters.

### Goals

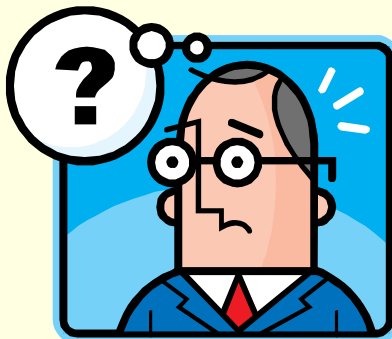
- Promote the principles of fun and friendship established by early leaders
- Standardize square dance terms, timing, and styling
- Look for ways to promote the activity to insure continued growth.

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# QUESTIONS



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# ANSWERS