

**This was originally seen on Facebook, from an Ohio Square Dance Publication. It told of the benefits of attending a state or national convention, as noted below. Both of these offer wonderful experiences that are not to be missed in a dancers life!!**

### **REASONS TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTIONS:**

- Promote dancing to the public
- Support of local Federations & Councils hosting conventions
- Opportunity to dance to new callers, cuers and line dance leaders
- Educational opportunities
- Dancer reunions - you see people at conventions you might only see once a year
- Financial assistance for host organization
- Keeps the future in the dance activity by keeping it alive & flourishing
- Opportunity to highlight Honor Couples/Persons
- After Parties
- It's just plain fun!

### **REASONS TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS:**

- Once in a lifetime experience for many dancers
- Could be years before another National is close enough to attend.
- The number one square dance event of the year
- Exposure to new callers, cuers, and dance leaders you have never danced to before
- Obvious promotion of the various dance activities
- Excellence in Leadership Training
- Caller School for new and upcoming callers
- Educational opportunities on interesting and varied topics
- Sharing ideas through Showcases
- Continuous dancing on all kinds of levels
- Opportunity to meet new friends from all over the world
- Opportunity to see a part of the country you may not have visited before
- Opportunity to see many exciting exhibition groups
- Dance to National Callers
- Dance to a live band - a great experience if you have never tried it before
- After Parties
- It's more than just fun, it's a dance explosion!