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At the National Square Dance Convention, Waco, Texas I attended an insurance meeting sponsored by the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) on June 26, 2026.

The meeting was facilitated by Elizabeth Sanders, USDA National Insurance Coordinator.

Topics discussed:

- State Insurance Coordinator Duties and Responsibilities was discussed.
- There are two areas of insurance protection associated with the insurance under USDA, liability and accident medical coverage. See attached.
- On the USDA website (<https://www.usda.org>) you can find various information on the insurance program. Go to: <https://www.usda.org/Programs/DancersInsuranceProgram>
- A few other things discussed:
 - ❖ Accident Reports -
Important to fill one out when an accident occurs – even if dancer is not going to immediately seek medical care. Send to Jean Coy and I will forward to Elizabeth Sanders and then follow up.
 - ❖ Insurance follows the dancer – So if you are a member of a club and dance at another club you are covered.
 - ❖ Independent dancers – This is a dancer who does not belong to a club – does not have insurance through the USDA. Clubs are encouraged to include the following statement on their dance sign-in sheet so dancers are informed:
“As an independent dancer (non-club member) you are not covered by the club’s square dance insurance. Please know that you are dancing at your own risk. May I suggest you talk with an officer of the club about joining and becoming one of the insured dancers.”
 - ❖ Club meeting or picnic without any dancing then dancers ARE NOT COVERED under the insurance. So, dance one tip and you are covered!
 - ❖ Facility (location) where club is dancing is to be listed in the insurance data base with USDA. So, if you are doing a demo or dancing at another location, other than your normal location, this MUST be listed. Please let Jean Coy know so the insurance data base can be updated.
 - ❖ If you need a Certificate of Insurance for the facility you are dancing at, please let Jean Coy know.
- Discussed a little bit about Caller Lab Insurance. Just the highlights.

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