

## NORTH TEXAS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

February 3, 2024

Audrey Mansell, President NORTEX Square and Round Dance Association 1691 Brannon Bridge Circle Millsap, Texas 76066

Re: Invitation from State

Dear Dancers:

Attached please find a letter received from TSFSRD President, Matthew Whiteacre. This is an invitation from the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers to have NORTEX unite with them as an Affiliated Member.

This is the result of many conversations with State that date as far back as 2011.

An Affiliated Member pays no dues, has no obligations and conducts their own business without any input from State.

The goal is to bring a spirit of unity between NORTEX and TSFSRD. This spirit should show Texas in the best possible light when we welcome dancers from across the United States and around the World to the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention to be held in Waco, Texas in 2026.

There will be a time for discussion at the February 18, 2024 quarterly meeting. Clubs are encouraged to attend the meeting and share the discussion with any members that are not in attendance.

We will ask for a vote at the April 21, 2024 quarterly meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at 2:00 pm on February 18, 2024 at Swingtime Center.

Sincerely,

Audrey Mansell NORTEX President

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## TEXAS STATE FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS®

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January 23, 2024

Audrey Mansell
President of North Texas Square and Round Dance Association

Audrey,

With the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in June of 2026, the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers would like to see the great state of Texas put forth a unified appearance, at least to the greatest degree possible. As such, at our Nominating Meeting, held January 19-20 in Bellville, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer NORTEX an opportunity to become an Affiliated Member of our organization.

Being an Affiliated member is a largely ceremonial term. It does not grant you membership on our Board of Directors, access to our Teen Scholarship Program, nor the ability to take advantage of our insurance program. You also do not have to pay any type of dues. What it does offer is an open invitation to attend our general business meetings and to speak at them with the recognition of the chair of the meeting. You will be kept informed of the activities of the TSFSRD and invited to participate in our visitations as well. If the scheduling is possible, we will also list your Roundup as a visitation for our officers and past presidents. But beyond all that, it shows that Unity is still possible even while we each maintain our organizations.

The Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers is excited to extend this offer and we look forward to collaborating on events within our state in the future to expand square dancing to more and more people across our state.

We look forward to your decision concerning acceptance of this offer and would love to visit you all at a dance in the near future.

In Unity,

Matthew Whiteacre

TSFSRD President 2023-2024

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