

**Rainier Council of the
Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington
Guidelines**

These guidelines are simply a record of policies and practices that the Council has followed, but the Council may deviate from these or amend these whenever its members decided to do so.

1. The Council will promote the square dance activity and its member clubs by means of a website and social media, as well as other means.
2. Reimbursement For Attending State Meetings. The Delegate to the State Federation, the Delegate to the State Nominating Committee and the Council President may be partially reimbursed by the Council for attending regular State Meetings, if not reimbursed by the State. The amount of such reimbursement is dependent upon the financial condition of the Council and may vary from time to time. The usual reimbursement shall be at the lodging and mileage rates that the State Federation reimburses its officers.
3. The Sunshine Chairperson shall send a card if illness or death occurs in any club. Other cards are sent at the discretion of the Sunshine Chairperson.
4. The Corresponding Secretary will send a letter to the State Square Dance Federation Executive Board to inform them when a club has folded.
5. The Council may arrange for a Council dance in the spring, either alone or jointly with one or more other councils, usually on a day that does not conflict with a member club's scheduled dance. It may arrange for a Council dance in the fall or on or near New Year's Eve. Council dances are intended to be special, well-attended dances for the enjoyment of all, and to be fundraisers for the Council.
6. All decorations for Council Festivals, paid for by the Council, shall become the property of the Council.
7. All Rainier Council clubs are encouraged to participate in all Council functions, serve refreshments at meetings when called upon, decorate for Council dances and attend monthly Council meetings.
8. Council shall pay the registration fee for two (2) persons from each club to attend the State Leadership Seminar.
9. Council shall place in Footnotes a full-page listing of member club dances.
10. Upon the death of any Past President, the Council shall make a donation to the Heritage Center in their name, so that their name may be placed on the plaque at the Heritage Center.
11. The Kenn Trimble Award was established to honor a Rainier Council couple, single, or fami-

ly who has done an outstanding job of promoting/supporting Square Dancing in our Council. It is not meant to be a prize for being the best at any one thing, but as recognition for a job well done and all the hard work keeping this great hobby of ours alive. This award is to be kept with the recipient(s) for one year and then passed on to another deserving awardee to be determined by the immediate past recipient with help from dancers' nominations. Dancers are encouraged to suggest deserving recipients, with supporting information, to the last recipient(s) of the award. The award (and recipient(s) badge) is presented at the Kenn Trimble Youth Fund Dance or other Council dance in the fall or winter. (approved 4/13/2020)

12. President's Award: Each year the President of Rainier Council may choose an individual, couple or family to receive the President's Award. This award is given in recognition for their noteworthy support of the Council and its activities.

13. The Kenn Trimble Youth Fund was established in 2005 as an earmarked sub-account to support our youth dancers by helping with their annual competition expenses. The Council holds fundraiser dances to fund this account. Youth club leaders may submit requests to the Council for advances (followed by receipts) or receipts for reimbursement for expenses incurred during competition if there is a hardship. The Council votes on such requests. (approved 4/13/2020)