

NACDS ADMINISTRATION

There will be an annual meeting of the NACDS membership during the August 7 dance for the purpose of electing next year's executive board members. A slate of nominees for the board has been prepared by a nominating committee made up of Bryan Walls, Donna Deaton, and Erin Maguire. The nominees are:

- President – Trey Brakefield
- President Elect – Wayne Hitt
- Regular Dance Series Producer - Erin Maguire
- Special Dance Series Producer - Gary Nelson
- Secretary - Eric Pohl
- Treasurer – Doug Roth
- Membership Committee Chair – Liz Seigfried
- Property Custodian – Steve Nix
- Webmaster - Bryan Walls
- Newsletter Editor – Kevin Riggs

If you would like to be considered for a board position, please contact a member of the nominating committee or a member of the current board. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the membership meeting, with consent of the nominees.

We gratefully acknowledge the work of two outgoing officers who will not run for re-election this year:

Jane Ewing has attended board meetings regularly since about 1994 (and we hope she'll continue for 16 more years!), and she took the office of treasurer in June 2007. Jane won't hold an officer position in 2011, but as a resident caller, dance gypsy, and dance ambassador, we know she will continue to be a guiding force!

Mark Mohan has served as Membership Chair since 2007, and previously served as President for three years and President-Elect for two years. Though Mark won't be an officer in 2011, we'll all continue to look to his voice of moderation and unification.

Fans of the outgoing Secretary, Claire Davies, take heart – she will take on a new role organizing the setup of dances in the coming year. Stay tuned for more information about her role; and be prepared for conversations with Claire about how you can help with the routine running of dance events this year.

We need a lot of help running each dance. Please offer to help at the reception table by the door, setting up and taking down chairs and tables, and bringing snacks for the break. NACDS functions through the efforts of the board and other volunteers – let's share the load so no one is unfairly burdened.



HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

• Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, and then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com;
Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

AUGUST 7 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — ARCHIE FAULKNER

BAND — MAPLE HILL

AUGUST 21 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD (AND MAYBE OTHERS?)

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

AUGUST 6 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

AUGUST 10 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 13 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — MATT COMBS & FRIENDS

AUGUST 14 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER --- GARY NELSON

BAND — WAXWING

AUGUST 20 - 22 : MENTONE

FOOTMAD DANCE WEEKEND

CALLER --- ROB HARPER

BAND — THE YAHOO'S

AUGUST 20 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — RUSHTON, HOOS, ROHRBOUGH, & KERSEY

AUGUST 27 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 27 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED WILKINSON

BAND — AL GOLL AND THE CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS

AUGUST 28 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — SETH TEPFER

BAND — ED AND ELSIE

TO LEARN MORE

- **Footmad (Birmingham, AL)**
www.footmadbirmingham.org
205-822-0505
- **CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)**
contranooga.org
- **NCD (Nashville, TN)**
615-356-3869
nashvillecountrydancers.org
- **Flat Creek, TN**
jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

- **CCD (Atlanta, GA)**
Fridays & alternate Tuesdays
contradance.org
- **KCD (Knoxville, TN)**
Every Monday
discoveret.org/kcd
- **MCD (Memphis, TN)**
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays
midtowners.webs.com
- **Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)**
Once a month, Sept – May
sauteecontra.com



JULY 24 OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

Present – Erin Maguire, Kevin Riggs, Carol Mebane, Steve Nix, Jane Ewing, Mark Mohon, Bryan and Diane Walls, Donna Deaton, Wayne Hitt, Gary Nelson

Miscellaneous

- Stevie – church can't store things and Stevie is retiring. Brainstorm options for storage of equipment. Request to start paying Jeff McClure.

Old Business

- Name badges – new members – January 1st Badges here and allocated to membership.
- Music at the break. Ask Jeff what kind of media would he prefer. CD/ipod/tape?
- Socializing at Ruby Tuesdays – advertise more at each dance
- Jane and Kevin – motion to alter pay to bands and callers. Make payment to callers, bands (max of 5 band members), and sound team a flat fee. \$75 for local callers and band members and \$100+travel for out-of-town callers and band members and \$75 for sound team. Keep the same definition of mileage for out-of-town (90+miles). – Passed!!!!



- Carolina Chocolate Drops – invite to play for a dance?
- Jane and Kevin 2nd made a motion to make a \$1000 donation to church.
- Ask Trey about videotaping the dances.
- Continued conversation about encouraging diversity at the dances – Jane has offered to call a dance at Marvin's church. She has also called a dance for homeschoolers. Talk to Harry about the possibility of recruiting for the dance.
- Continued conversation that the more fellowship, the stronger the group. (game night, potluck, pizza night, etc...)

Proposed Bylaw Changes

- Board supports the idea of spreading the responsibility between the positions on the board and promote involvement of members.
- Concerns: adding 2 new positions (5th Saturday Dance Series Producer and Setup Committee Chair) would increase the number of people needed for a quorum. Set meetings well in advance and make it a routine. Have a calendar so that people would know. Make these suggestions to Trey.
- Meeting with Carol, Trey, Kevin, and Me to discuss when things need to be done.
- Carol confirmed that it was stressful to be tied down to set up the dance on a regular basis.
- Carol suggested that we adjust the number of people for a quorum to conduct business.
- Mark suggests that we put the publicity together for one person.
- Bryan made a motion to create an ad hoc set up committee chaired by Claire Davies. Mark Mohon 2nd the motion. PASSED!!!!!!!!!!!! Revisited in 30 days.
- Elections will be August 7th at the dance for all positions with the exception of setup committee chair.

GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

Visit the NACDS web site:

<http://secontra.com/NACDS.html>

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>

Facebook page:

Search on Facebook for the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group. Connect with friends and get invitations to events.



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*Send just \$10 for one, or
\$15 per family, to the address above.*

*Make checks payable to NACDS.
(mailing label shows renewal date)*

*Members receive monthly newsletter,
and a \$1 DISCOUNT to each regular dance!*