

BY-LAWS CHANGES

Please see page 3 for important news regarding our by-laws. Changes are proposed, and we'll need your vote to approve them at the November 17th dance.

OUR READERS WRITE

Jane Ewing stepped up onto her soapbox this month to deliver a simple request:

"Please consider wearing a name badge at all of our dances. This not only makes the newcomer feel a little more comfortable in a strange (in many ways!) environment but allows those of us in the group with poor memories (myself in particular) in calling you by name. I have always found that calling someone by the correct name as being more polite and acceptable then saying "Hey you!" or worst yet - me using the wrong name, which I do frequently!!!

"Those of us who have attended dance weekends have name badges put away in our "stuff" somewhere – go find one.

"Those of us who have never attended a dance weekend have the option of paper name badges which are always on the tables by the entrance desk. We also have the option of going to a dance weekend sometime in the future and obtaining a really neat name badge. What a great thing to look forward to!

"Bottom line: Please try your best to always have a name badge on at every contra dance you attend. We (contra dancers) try to be a friendly and welcoming community of all people – let's not be ashamed to have our names out there for everyone to see and use."

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Thank you, Readers, for your participation! We received so much mail this month, we'll have to wait till next month to post some of it! Please feel free to contact me at the email address shown in the banner to ask questions, give your opinion, or post news for the group.

## **NACDS PICNIC**

We understand that the NACDS picnic was held October 14 at Monte Sano St. Park and that a good time was had by all. We were disappointed not to be able to attend this year, but we look forward to next year. Doug Roth was kind enough to forward the photos of the event that you see throughout this newsletter.

## **MUSIC CITY MASQUERADE**

Kathy and I drove up to Nashville for their annual dance weekend on Saturday, October 27. Nils Fredland played with Airdance, and it was a fabulous dance. We saw several fellow Huntsville dancers as well as friends from across the South-east. We saw lots of fun costumes and really enjoyed the venue, the Cohn Adult Learning Center. We dressed in elaborate costumes representing our alter-egos: drab, middle-aged, unimaginative, fuddy-dufs. Word must have gotten out, though, because everyone recognized us anyway.

If you've never traveled to dances at Chattanooga, Birmingham, Sewanee, or Flat Creek, or if you've never attended a dance weekend, we encourage you to give it a try: it is very good for the soul! We have friendly neighbors who welcome us warmly.



## HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

• Huntsville dances are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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!

• For more info Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: [bwalls@pobox.com](mailto:bwalls@pobox.com) or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html>

### NOVEMBER 3 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — HARRY DELUGACH

BAND — THE FURIES

### NOVEMBER 17 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — WOLVES A HOWLIN'

## AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 9 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — JIM NELSON, STEPHANIE COLEMAN & JIM COLLIER

### NOVEMBER 10 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

### NOVEMBER 10 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — JIM NELSON, STEPHANIE COLEMAN & JIM COLLIER

### NOVEMBER 24 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JEF HODGE

BAND — RED MOUNTAIN WHITE TRASH

### NOVEMBER 24 : SAUTEE NACOOCHEE CENTER

CALLER — ?

BAND — SWEETWATER JAM

### NOVEMBER 24 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

### NOVEMBER 30 : SEWANEE

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — THE FIERY GIZZARD STRINGBAND

**FoOTMaD (Birmingham)** dances 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at the YMCA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & 23<sup>rd</sup> St, 7:30 PM.

<http://www.bamalong.com/bcdds.htm>.

**CTDS (Chattanooga)** dances 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contratooga.org>

**Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)** dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN, 8:00 PM. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

**NCD (Nashville)** dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at NEW LOCATION – Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont – on the corner of Graybar.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email:

[DanceFools@aol.com](mailto:DanceFools@aol.com) or <http://dancenashville.org/>

**Flat Creek** dances – 2 & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Flat Creek Community Center – seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN.

[http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra\\_dances.htm](http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra_dances.htm)



## NOVEMBER NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The November Steering Committee meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the home of Donna Deaton. We'll discuss NACDS business, plan future events, and enjoy a pot-luck meal together. Why not double your favorite Thanksgiving recipe and bring half to the meeting? We'd love to see you there. Contact me if you're interested, and I'll find out what time to arrive and provide driving directions.

### PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

Carol Mebane asked that this notice be sent to all of you:

NACDS members:

In order to qualify as a Tax Exempt organization under the umbrella of the Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS), we need to make a few adjustments to our by-laws as suggested by the society. Following Article 9, these changes have been presented to the elected officers and approved. Now we need for the membership to vote on them. As directed by the by-laws, the changes are published prior to the vote in the newsletter. There will also be copies of the changes at the dances. We will hold a brief meeting at the November 17th dance to vote.

In this article, I'll explain the changes then show what the revised wording will look like. You can get a copy of the by-laws on the web site [www.secontra.org/NACDS](http://www.secontra.org/NACDS).

First, we need to state that our purpose is the same as that of CDSS. That is in article 2 and is necessary. The other two changes are recommended, and I think are good. They concern the percentage of members (or number of members) required to remove someone from office or to constitute a quorum. Currently, our by-laws state that we require 20 members. CDSS suggested a percentage—10% is the most commonly used. The compromise is to have both a minimum number and the percentage, since right now 10% of our members is less than 10 people. Currently, we have 20 as the number of members required, but we propose to bring it to 15 since that would represent a membership of 150 and our current requirement is sufficient for a membership of 200. These changes are in Articles 5 and 8 respectively. Article 9, which I've reprinted here, provides the procedures for changing the by laws. The full text of the by-laws is on the web site.

Carol

#### PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Article 9. Amendments to the Bylaws: Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority vote of the Board, or by petition to the Board by ten or more Members. Proposed amendments will be voted upon at a meeting of the Members, as described in Article 8, with one month's written notice to Members; this notice must state the proposed changes. A two-thirds majority of those voting is required for adoption.

Article 2. Purpose:

a. The NACDS is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the preservation, study, teaching, enjoyment and continuing evolution of American traditions of dance, music, and song, and their cultural progenitors.

b. NACDS subscribes to the general purposes of the Country Dance and Song Society.

Article 5: Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as "Board"). The responsibility for all business matters rests with the Board, whose voting members shall consist of the Officers and the Chairpersons of standing committees.

j. Removal from Office: A member of the Board may be removed from office at a special meeting of the Membership (see Article 8-b), upon petition by at least 15 NACDS members or 10% of the membership whichever is larger, and after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

Article 8. Meetings of the Membership.

d. Except as otherwise noted in these bylaws, 10% of the paid membership or 15 members whichever is larger constitutes a quorum for the transaction of any business brought before the membership, including the election of officers.



## **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](mailto:nacds@pobox.com) if you'd like to be on either.

**Yahoo group:**

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



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**Please Join Us!  
Or Renew Your Membership!**

*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,  
2 guest passes, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to  
each regular dance!*