



Election Fever

Western Star Dancers, Inc. is a non-profit, member-run voluntary organization. The Board is basically a group of members who've decided to take their turn helping us all enjoy square dancing for another year, and it wouldn't happen without them. The Board doesn't do everything, but it has responsibility for making sure it gets all done, everything from setting up before class to hiring our callers, scheduling events, booking the dance spaces, you name it.

The Board takes care of the day-to-day business of the club. The Dance Coordinator is responsible for booking callers for club nights and dances, as well as taking charge of the calendar and ensuring we have dance spaces reserved. The Class Coordinator/Archangel is responsible for the on going class. The Archangel should keep close contact with all the students by email and telephone, and be the liaison between the students and the board and the caller. The Newsletter Editor puts out The Western Star. The Membership Coordinator manages the membership database and sends renewal notices. The Badge Master orders badges and danglers. The Administrator (High Commander), Secretary, and Treasurer responsibilities are defined in the Bylaws.

The Board consists of at least five and up to seven members; any Club member is eligible to run. Years of experience is not a requirement; in fact, we like to mix experience with fresh perspectives, and we encourage newer members who have a little extra time and enthusiasm to consider throwing their hats in the ring—that includes everyone, whether gay, straight, man, woman, whatever—as you may have noticed, we're a very eclectic group. Three members of the current Board—Administrator Daryl Daniels, Treasurer Bob Brundage and Events Coordinator Kathy Tuccio—will be running for re-election, so the new members will have plenty of guidance and support.

Board members are also responsible for setting up and taking down equipment. Someone from the Board needs to be at EVRC before Class starts to set up, and someone needs to put everything away at the end; ditto for Club Nights. Board members generally attend one meeting of about one hour per month. Special events require extra effort, usually by Board members.

Primarily, Board members are the front line in promoting Western Star Dancers. No doubt, we all have our own motives, but I'm sure they all center on the idea that Western Star Dancers is a dynamic group and we want to spread the word and keep gay square dancing vibrant, exciting, and active.

From time to time, the Board needs to make decisions regarding scheduling, fees, callers, problems on the floor, etc., so again, regular attendance is important. While you're on the Board, you should be here frequently enough to form your own independent opinion about



whatever issues come up for discussion. Nuts and bolts issues will come up too—when there's a Club activity, the Board needs to figure out who will be in charge, how much help will be needed, who might be interested in volunteering, etc, etc. It's not glamorous, but it's what keeps us in business. Board meetings are held once a month, on whatever day and time works best for everyone.

Probably nobody really wants to be on the board when they are first asked. It seems like a lot of responsibility and work. However, we have a smooth running organization, and for the most part can repeat and build upon past performances, with some added flourishes if the fancy strikes us. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

This year, the Election Committee consists of former WSD Board Member and Administrator Steve Scott and former WSD Board Member Russ King. They will be glad to answer whatever additional questions you might have. You can nominate yourself or a friend, but please don't nominate anyone else without first getting their consent. Nominations must be received by August 15, 2008.

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Summer fun in The City

August 8 Circulate SF Dancing in some of the most beautiful site in SF

September 1 labor Day Picnic in McLaren Park Fun for families, friends

September 27 leather & lace 25 Years of Folsom Street Fair

**25 Years of IAGSDC –
25, 20 and 10 Years of Western Star Medallion Dancers**

WSD was well represented on the medallion podium in Cleveland as perennial attendees were awarded for their participation at the conventions over the past quarter century. 25-Year Medallions were presented to Michael Stokes and to one of our club night callers, Haran Kerr. A 20-Year Medallion was bestowed upon Marie Mohr; and a 10-Year Medallion was given to Mario Torrigino. That's a combined total of 80 years of Yellow-Rocking.



Michael



Harlan



Marie



Mario

Founder of the medallion program, Freeman Stamper, gave a speech to the assembled masses; and his alter ego, Steffany, having been pulled out of the audience onto the stage, was a reluctant contestant in the Honky Tonk Queen contest. Richard Leadbetter represented the newly graduated WSD Orange Class.



Steffany



Freeman Stamper



Not to be confused with the Cleveland FREE STAMP



Richard

Steve Miller (Red Class) was WSD's other first-time conventioneer. He seemed to enjoy rumored popularity beyond the dance floor. Richard Rockwell, celebrating his 82nd birthday, was delayed due to flight problems, and Steve Huggins missed out on the Niagara Falls excursion because of travel troubles. But they caught up and enjoyed the remainder of the week. Brandon, who was featured as a guest angel in the previous newsletter issue, was also attending his first convention. Michael Golden remarked, "I never thought I would ever see Brandon tired, but Cleveland managed to exhaust even him!"



August 9, 2008

Circulate SF 2008

Earn a Dangle!

Square dancing at some of San Francisco's most beautiful spots

Don't Stop!



Don't Slow Down!

10:30 am Start Here

Music Concourse

National AIDS Memorial Grove

Rich

Reel

caller



Carousel



Baker Beach



Inspiration Point Arguello Blvd

12 noon Lunch

1 pm



Please bring picnic items to share

2 pm

Palace of the Legion of Honor

\$5 Donation Requested

Teach a Quarter Century



Cleveland 2008







Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors meeting minutes are published in order to keep club members informed of the affairs of the club. Oral or written comments may be directed to any board member. Members are welcome to attend board meetings

Minutes of the Board May 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by High Commander Daryl Daniels. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. Daniels presented the Archangel definition formal proposal for addition to club policies for final approval. It was approved. Daniels brought up for discussion the following items: ASCAP licensing of callers, Orange Class Completion plans, Yellow Class 2009 Calendar. He announced that he will attend a meeting on May 29 of Bay Area club officials in preparing a proposal for the 2013 IAGSDC convention. The Treasurer's report was approved. Plans for Circulate San Francisco were discussed as were plans for a Labor Day picnic in McLaren Park. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Board June 18, 2008

The June meeting of the Board was called to order by High Commander Daryl Daniels at 6:20 p.m. Board members present were Daniels, Dewsnap, Brundage, and Tuccio. Daniels gave a 'well done' for the Orange Class Completion party, and the Board reviewed plans for the upcoming Pride dance. There will be no class on July 7. July Club Night (July 16) will have a Hawaiian theme. Gary Cohn is the man in charge. Tentative plans for August Club night are for a Homecoming Reunion. The 2009 Yellow Class schedule was discussed. Tentatively, the Mainstream Class will be completed before Convention (scheduled for April 9-12 in D.C.). This will mean a shortened MS schedule and will make possible a longer Plus schedule. WSD, Foggy City Dancers, Midnight Squares and Oaktown 8's are making a proposal for San Francisco to host the 2013 convention. A bid will be prepared by the end of the year. The decision will be made at the D.C. convention in 2009. Circulate San Francisco has been scheduled for Saturday, August 9.

Our annual picnic will be held in McLaren Park on Labor Day. Our General Meeting will be held at September Club Night (September 17) when a new Board will be elected. Both the Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports were accepted. The next Board meeting will be July 21. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Dewsnap, Secretary



 <p>DIABLO DANCERS www.diablo-dancers.org Class Night-Tuesdays 1700 Oak Park Boulevard Pleasant Hill</p>	 <p>FOGGY CITY DANCERS www.foggycity.org Class Night-Tuesdays Studio 204 3435 Cesar Chavez San Francisco</p>
 <p>El Camino Reelers www.reelers.org Class Night-Wednesday St. Andrew's Methodist 4111 Alma Street Palo Alto</p>	 <p>MIDNIGHT SQUARES www.iagsdc.org/midnightsquares/ A & C Programs See website for classes & locations San Francisco</p>
<p>Other Bay Area Square Dance Clubs</p>	 <p>Oaktown 8s www.oaktown8s.org Class Night-Wednesday Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club 1650 Mountain Boulevard Oakland</p>

Dance Calendar



August 2 5-10:30 PM	El Camino Reelers <i>Star Across Summer</i> Howard Richman caller. 5-7 PM Free Potluck & Intro 7:30-10:30 PM. P/A2 \$8/\$10. St. Andrews Methodist Church, 4111 Alma Street, Palo Alta
August 8 10:30 AM-3PM	Circulate SF 2008 <i>See elsewhere in this edition</i>
August 15-17	PACE Betsy Gotta caller. Friday 7:30 pm A2, Saturday 11 am & 2:30 pm C2 7:30 pm C4, Sunday 11 am C3A, 2:30 pm C3. Diablo Light Opera Co. 1948 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
August 20 7:30-9:30	Club Night! Harlan Kerr caller. EVRC
August 23 3-7 PM	Oaktown 8s <i>Picnic & Promenade</i> Rich Reel & Michael Levy callers. MS/P/A2* \$8/\$10. Skyline Community Church, 12540 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland
September 1 10 AM - 3 PM	Labor Day Picnic Rich Reel caller. McLaren Park <i>See announcement on previous page</i>
September 6 7-10 PM	Foggy City Dancers <i>Harvest Dance</i> Pat Carnathan caller. MS/P/A* \$8/\$10. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Drive, San Francisco
September 12-14	PACE Anne Uebelacker caller. Friday 7:30 pm A2, Saturday 11 am & 2:30 pm C2 7:30 pm C4, Sunday 11 am C3A, 2:30 pm C3. Diablo Light Opera Co. 1948 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
September 13 7:30-10:30 PM	Diablo Dancers <i>Spin Chain & Exchange the Seasons</i> Anne Uebelacker caller. MS/P/A \$8/\$10. Jewish Community Center, 2071 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek
September 17 7:30-9:30 PM	Annual Membership Meeting & Club Night!
September 19-21	Midnight Squares <i>19th Annual West Coast A/C Weekend</i> C. Baker, S. Bryant, V. Ceder, A. Uebelacker, R. French, H. Kerr, F. Tamanaha, R. Tuck callers. A2-C4 Embassy Suites Hotel, 250 Gateway Boulevard, South San Francisco
September 27 7:30-10:30 PM	Leather & Lace – Celebrating 25 Years of Folsom Street Fair Eric Hennerlau caller. MS/P/A* \$8/\$10. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Drive, San Francisco
September 29 7:30-9:30 PM	Orange Plus Class Completion EVRC

For the latest dance information, check NorCalDanceCalendar.org National & International events can be found at www.iagsdc.com Click on Events



Celebrating 25 Years of
Folsom Street Fair
 Leather & Lace 2002

Ernie Hennerlau
 caller

September 27, 2002
 7:30-10:30 PM

Ebenzer Lutheran Church
 672 Portola Drive
 San Francisco

\$2
 \$10

MS/PLUS/A*

Don't Stop! San Francisco
 WESTERN STAR DANCERS
 Don't Slow Down!



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