Newsletter for Members of CALLERLAB
The International Association of Square Dance Callers, Inc.

“Innovate Integrate Motivate!”

46th CALLERLAB Convention
April 15-17, 2019
Omni Hotel
Richmond, VA
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Purchase your MP3s at the CALLERLAB Registration Desk before the close of the Convention. The Home Office staff will be happy to help you!

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REMEMBER -
YOU ARE CALLERLAB!
WELCOME TO CONVENTION!
From the Chairman of the Board,
Patty Greene

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Home Office, welcome to this year's annual CALLERLAB Convention. This year we are in Richmond, VA. The Convention would not be possible without the efforts of Dana Schirmer, CALLERLAB’s Executive Director, and his staff. Please make sure you thank them for all the behind the scenes work they do to help make your Convention a success!

This year's theme is "Innovate, Integrate, Motivate!" We've got some great sessions planned, with a focus on providing attendees with fresh ideas and good information to take back to your home programs and add to your calling skillset. We hope that these sessions will be lively and full of good information, and we hope you will make as many of them as you can. Please remember that you can purchase recordings of all the Convention sessions on MP3s for only $25.00 for a complete set. Talk with the Home Office staff at the check-in location and they will tell you how. We will have evening dancing, lots of time to fellowship and socialize, good food, and lots of laughs.

Your Home Office staff and the BOG will be watching out for you and ready and willing to answer any questions you may have. Let us know how we can be of service to you to help you get the most from your Convention.

See you in VA!

From the Home Office Staff:
We hope you enjoy the Convention. If you have any questions or issues, please be sure to stop at the Convention Registration area in the Rappahannock Room and let the Home Office staff know. We want your Convention experience to be fantastic! If we don’t know your problem (s), we can’t fix it or even attempt to fix it. We are here to serve YOU!

VENDORS ARE HERE FOR YOU!
Vendors are open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Potomac E. Be sure to visit them. They have made a great commitment to be here for you, so let them know you appreciate their contributions to this Convention!
CONVENTION MEALS WILL BE SERVED TO THOSE WEARING A BADGE!

Your Convention badge not only identifies you as an official attendee, but it is also your meal ticket for Convention meals. The wait staff has been instructed *not* to serve a meal unless you are wearing your badge.

**NO BADGE, NO FOOD, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If you have requested a special diet, your Convention registration package includes cards with your name, day and meal, (Monday, Lunch, etc.). Please take the appropriate card to the dining room with you. Place the card on the table in front of you. The wait staff has been instructed to look for this card and to ask you which diet meal you ordered. They will also collect the card.

While the formal Opening Ceremony starts on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Community Dance Leader’s Seminar on Saturday and Sunday. Also on Sunday, there will be a dance sponsored by the Committee for Community and Traditional Dance at 3:00 p.m. A Welcome Reception starts at 5:00 p.m. The Orientation Session will be at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the Ways and Means Committee will host a fund raising dance for the CALLERLAB Foundation.

All interest sessions will be recorded. The audio of the interest sessions will be available in MP3 format. This year, CALLERLAB is offering a complete set to Members at a reduced cost of *only $25*. This a great value, and one that everyone should consider to help capitalize on the information provided at this Convention. An order form is included in your registration packet. Please see the Home Office staff at the Registration Desk for more information.

You are a major part of CALLERLAB. Make the most of your attendance at this Convention and become involved. Speak up if you have something to say, and ask questions if you’re not sure. We encourage you to participate. Your opinions count!

**PLEASE—NO SMOKING IN ANY MEETING ROOM, DINING, REGISTRATION, OR SALES AREA!**

(Please see your mini schedule for a map of the Conference Center.)

**Saturday – April 13, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Community Dance Leader’s Seminar  
*Magnolia*  
This session presents various ideas for conducting beginner dance parties. Enhance your abilities to present dance parties by attending. There is an additional cost to attend, so register with the Home Office staff.  
**Bob Riggs**, Chairman and **Mike Preskitt**, Vice Chairman of the Committee for Community and Traditional Dance, will host this event.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Registration  
*Rappahannock*  
Early birds may register until 5:00 p.m. **Royce Dent**, and **Donna Schirmer** from the Home Office staff will be manning the Registration Desk and Ways and Means tables. You may also be assisted by volunteers, **Tom** and **Cindy Hollinberger** and **Dennis** and **Judy Grossnickle**.

**Sunday – April 14, 2019**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Community Dance Leader’s Seminar  
*James River C&D*  
Continuation of Saturday Session (see above)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Registration  
*Rappahannock*  
Convention Registration Continues.
Exhibit Area – Please Support Our Vendors

Vendor hours: Sunday - April 14, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Monday - April 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - April 16, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - CCTD Dance
James River C&D
The Committee for Community and Traditional Dance (CCTD) will host a dance session highlighting Community Dancing. Mike Preskitt and Allynn Riggs will emcee this event. Sign up to present a dance or two for the enjoyment of our Convention attendees if you use Community Dance material. A variety of interesting subjects will be presented.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Welcome Reception
James River A&B
The Executive Committee will host the Reception. Look for them in the receiving line. This is also a good opportunity to chat with members of the Board of Governors (identified by a red ribbon on their badge), their partners, and various committee chairmen and vice chairmen (blue ribbons). The reception also provides a chance to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Make sure to greet those wearing the “First Timer” ribbon. A cash bar will be available. Snacks and non-alcoholic punch will be provided.

6:45 p.m. - Orientation Session
Roanoke
Moderator Pam Clasper, and Panelist, Teresa Berger, Assistant Executive Director. This session is designed to be an informative one, especially for the first-time attendee, but it is also a good review for attendees who have not been to a Convention for some time. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the formal session is over. We encourage you to ask any questions you may have about the Convention or about CALLERLAB.

7:30 p.m. – Square Dance
James River C&D
The Ways and Means Fund Raising Dance: Juli Burr, Chairman and Shauna Kaaria, Vice Chair, will host a dance starting at 7:30 p.m. The dance will be emceed by Shauna Kaaria and feature the calling talents of Wade Driver, Tony Oxendine, Mike Seastrom, and Special Guests Juli Burr, Scott Bennet, Vic Ceder and Jack Pladdys. The general public will be invited to attend. Pin-a-Dollar-on-a-Caller" competition will be held during this dance. Join the fun to compete for the title of "2019 Top Dollar Caller! Donations accepted at the door will go to the CALLERLAB Foundation.

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Registration
Rappahannock
The Registration Office will be open for late registrants and for attendees who have questions about the Convention or about their membership. Vendors and CALLERLAB sales will also be located in the Claremont Room.

9:00 a.m. - Opening Session
James River A&B
Patty Greene, Chairman of the Board, will be presiding along with Dana Schirmer, Executive Director, and Teresa Berger, Assistant Executive Director. The Board of Governors and representatives from various square dance organizations will be introduced. Newly elected members of the Board will be sworn in. Dana will present an overview of the Convention and announce any changes to the schedule. Tony Oxendine has been asked to present a keynote address to the assembly.

10:15 a.m. - Beverage Break
James River Foyer Area

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Breakout Sessions
Developing Singing Calls  
Moderator, Kris Jensen, and Panelist, Jon Jones. Got a favorite singing call but don’t like the figure? All is not lost! You are not restricted to the figure on the called side. Come learn how to adjust your singing call figures to fit your program.

E-Communications  
Moderator, Debbie Ceder and Panelist, Allan Hurst. Getting the word out to potential dancers these days requires knowledge of the internet. Many callers and clubs feel overwhelmed by the need to build new websites, create mailing lists, or conduct online surveys. This session will present the basics of creating websites, mailing lists, and online surveys as tools to help you recruit, Recruit, RECRUIT!

Calling for Handicapable  
Moderator, Dana Schirmer, and Panelist, Tom Miller. Working with handicapable dancers takes a special type of person. This session will provide a discussion of importance to those Members and partners who are interested in the challenges and rewards of working with the handicapable. This will be an excellent opportunity to share ideas and experiences. Come join the discussion; we need your input!

Time Management  
Moderator, Randy Page, and Panelists, Bill Boyd and Roy Gotta. This panel will discuss the business side of calling including how to manage your calendar, contracts with clubs, and also how to document your tax information.

Mainstream Committee Meeting (not recorded)  
Chairman, Harlan Kerr, and Vice Chairman, Jeff Palmer. All Mainstream Committee members, and other interested parties, are invited to attend the Mainstream Committee meeting. The meeting will include: Summary of the Triennial Review results, an update on the Definitions Rewrite Project; discussion of a focus on recruitment and growth of dancers for the next year; increasing sociability in Square Dancing, clarifying entry level dancing, and additional items submitted by Committee members.

Ways and Means (Not recorded)  
Chairman, Juli Burr, and Vice Chair, Shauna Kaaria. All attendees are invited to attend the Ways and Means Committee meeting. During the meeting we will review fundraising activities for the past year and brainstorm fundraising activities for the coming year. Please attend!

History Committee Meeting (Not recorded)  
Chairman, Pam Clasper, and Vice Chair, Jim Mayo. The History Committee will continue our discussion around storage of digital historical items related to square dancing. We need a permanent location to store valuable historical items such as audio interviews with noted callers, recordings of dances by many callers, etc. Please join us if you have any ideas.

11:45 a.m. - LUNCH FOR ALL ATTENDEES  
NO BADGE, NO FOOD, NO EXCEPTIONS!

1:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Sight Calling  
Moderator, Dottie Welch, and Panelist Ted Lizotte. An introduction to sight calling and basic resolution methods will be presented, including a sampling of the topics and methods discussed in the Sight and Module Resolution Systems document.
Digital Music Enhancement  Shenandoah J
Moderator, **Scott Bennett**, and Panelists, **Hal Barnes** and **Wade Driver**. This session is for the basics of handling digital music, including downloading music, file organization, and basic MP3 file clean-up. MP3 music file editing, including advanced cleaning, batch processing, music editing, pitch shifting and additional music tweaking will also be included.

Calling Through Ferris Wheel  Roanoke
Moderator, **Mike Seastrom**, and Panelists, **Randy Dougherty** and **Bob Riggs**. This panel will introduce fun and enjoyable ways to utilize the Basic Program at dances. Can we call creative and interesting choreography with fewer calls? The panel says, "YES!" The challenge is to use fewer calls in creative ways which will be entertaining and keep the dancers dancing. Is this easy and something we do all the time? Probably not. Will it take extra effort? Probably so. Can callers learn to use this type of choreography? Definitely, YES! Will the caller and the dancers benefit? Again, YES! Come listen, learn, and take home some new choreography tips.

Mentoring for the Future  Potomac G
Moderator, **Betsy Gotta**, and Panelist, **Tom Miller**. Part of the future success of the square dance activity will be the recruiting of new callers. Tips and techniques for current callers and club leaders to encourage development of new callers will be shared. This session will present ideas to help fan a spark to those interested in the art of calling.

Plus Committee Meeting  (Not recorded)  Magnolia
Chairman, **Eric Henerlau**, and Vice Chair, **Masaharu “Doc” Hiraga**. The Plus Committee will discuss any issues related to the Plus Program.

Caller Partners Committee  (Not recorded)  Shenandoah H
Chairman, **Erin Byars**, and Vice Chair, **Allynn Riggs**. We would like to invite all of the caller partners to our Committee meeting, along with any callers or guests who would like to attend. We will wrap up the discussion on the Emergency Fund project. We will also discuss how to better promote partners, educating callers and dancers about who we are and what we do. We will also begin to talk about ways partners can provide positive input and enhancements to their callers’ program and the square and round dance activity. If you have experience with social media, we are especially interested in hearing your suggestions. Please join us; **Everyone** is welcome!

Board of Governors Informal  (Not recorded)  Potomac F
Members of the Board of Governors (BOG), **Mike Hogan**, **Ed Foote**, and **Susan Morris** will be available for you to speak with on an informal basis. We would like to hear your thoughts and ideas about CALLERLAB or square dancing.

2:15 p.m. - Beverage Break

Break time is a great time to visit the vendors and Ways and Means. Also check out tables with flyers and handouts. We strongly encourage you to pre-register for the 47th CALLERLAB Convention to be held in Sparks (Reno), NV, April 6-8, 2020 at the Nugget Hotel and Casino.

**YOUR CRITIQUE SHEET MATTERS! PLEASE COMPLETE IT**
Monday April 15, 2019 (Continued)
2:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

**Modules**
Moderator, **Dave Eno**, and Panelists, **Jon Jones** and **Mike Preskitt**. Come learn how modules can be a chief choreographic management tool and also can add variety and spice to your dances. We will talk about different kinds of modules and how to effectively use them in your program.

**Square View**
Moderator, **Bob Riggs**, and Panelist, **Barry Johnson**. Callers and cuers using laptop computers for their music will need to use some piece of software to play their music. There is a wide variety of choices for this software, and generally any will be sufficient for simply playing music. However, most dance leaders prefer to use software specifically designed for square and round dance leaders. One particular software program, SqView (pronounced “Square View”) has been growing in popularity, and is used by an estimated 75% of callers using computers. This panel will discuss SqView – how to get it, how to use it, and how to fix some common problems you may encounter with the program.

**Harmony**
Moderator, **Paul Cote**, and Panelists, **Ted Lizotte** and **Tony Oxendine**. A presentation on the absolute basic of basics in music; Do – Re – Mi, and how harmonies are created using notes that sound good together. Then, they will involve all the attendees to blend everyone together in harmony. Learn how to work together with other callers on stage. Learn when to stand out and when to blend in. Start with the eight notes that form the foundation from which all other music comes, and grow from there.

**Caller Run vs. Club Run**
Moderator, **Paul Henze**, and Panelists, **Juli Burr** and **Al Stevens**. This panel will present options to the traditional officer run clubs. More and more clubs are closing primarily because no one wishes to commit to being the officers of the club. What can callers do to insure clubs continue to operate? Let our panel present some ideas on how some clubs operate as “caller run”.

**Organizational Welcome and Planning Meeting** (Not recorded)
Chairman of the Board, **Patty Greene**, will host this meeting with representatives of invited organizations. Discussions will include mutual interests in the square dance activity. Similar meetings in the past have resulted in better communications between these organizations.

**Public Relations** (Not recorded)
Chairman, **Wendy VanderMeulen**, and Vice Chair, **Tom Rainer**. The Public Relations Committee will be finalizing a document of "CALLERLAB; Benefits of Membership" and discussing the possible production of two follow-up documents on the benefits of Convention and the benefits of CALLERLAB itself. We will also discuss some items that came out of the discussion on the first draft of the Benefits document, with the focus on the internationality of CALLERLAB and how to harness the power of that idea. There will also be an initial discussion on the possibility/feasibility of a "MicroLAB" program. All Committee members are encouraged to come out to discuss these important issues. Anyone interested in becoming part of the PRC and have their say in these issues are also more than welcome to attend.

3:45 p.m. - Break (No Beverages)
4:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Two Couples Teaching for Better Dancers  
James River A&B
Moderator, Eric Henerlau, and Panelist, Jerry Junck. Effective teachers know that breaking down lessons into small pieces helps students learn more quickly. As each piece of a lesson is taught, it serves as a building-block to more complex lessons. This is true in square dancing as well. Two-couple dancing allows callers to teach and focus on the calls that take only two couples to execute. This is not a gimmick or occasional novelty; it can be used as a core component of any teaching plan. Come to this session to see how two-couple teaching and dancing can help your dancers increase their skills more quickly. Choreography for Basic, Mainstream, and Plus will be shown and distributed.

Ceder Square Dance System (CSDS)  
Shenandoah J
Moderator, Doren McBroom, and Panelists Kris Jensen and Vic Ceder. The panel will explain the CSDS program. Come find out what CSDS is and find answers to your questions as it relates to this software. CSDS will:
- Show pawns as you write square dance sequences and offer possible get-outs.
- Print lists of call sequences you have created.
- Display sequences for calling from a laptop.
- Organize and play MP3 files.

Music Licensing  
Roanoke
Moderator, Dana Schirmer, and Panelist, Casey Parker. The subject of a music license continues to baffle many callers and dancers. This panel will expound on what a music license is.

Sociability  
Potomac G
Moderator, Vernon Jones, and Panelists, Jim Mayo and Mike Seastrom. The past Chairmen feel that one of the greatest aspects of square dancing is sociability. In the broad spectrum of points involved that require attention, they feel that the sociability of square dancing has been overlooked and in many cases discarded completely. Come hear the opinions of these panelists as they speak about what they believe can help us all to better implement this long lost spoke in the wheel that makes up this activity we all love.

Challenge Committee Meeting  
Magnolia
Chairman, Bill Ackerman, and Vice Chair, Harlan Kerr. The Challenge Committee meeting will discuss the recently completed Triennial Review as well as other items related to the Challenge Committee.

Music Producers Committee Meeting  
Shenandoah H
Chairman, Shauna Kaaria, and Vice Chair, Ted Lizotte, Overview of where and how to find square dance music will be presented. Presentation will cover www.musicforcallers.com and www.ceder.net (the two main databases for music releases both current and past) as well as other music distribution sites. The floor will be opened to questions and comments regarding the square dance music industry.

Caller-Coach Informal  
Potomac F
Accredited Caller-Coaches, Tom Miller, Paul Henze, and Ken Ritucci will staff this session. You have a chance to discuss any aspect of the calling profession with Accredited Caller-Coaches. Information about accreditation and reaccreditation procedures will be available. This is the first of two sessions (you do not need to attend both). If you are interested in coaching callers, we invite you to attend one of the two sessions.
Monday - April 15, 2019 Continued

5:15 p.m. - Free Time and Birds of a Feather (BOF)
If you need a room for a special meeting or just to get together, please contact Dana or Donna Schirmer. Empty appearing rooms may be designated for other purposes.

5:15 p.m. - Birds of a Feather (BOF)
National Square Dance Convention (Not recorded) Roanoke
Please join the National Executive Committee (NEC) President Louise and Nancy Friedlander and other NEC members who are attending CALLERLAB for a casual discussion of National Conventions.

6:00 p.m. - Social Hour Begins James River Foyer Area

7:00 p.m. - Banquet, James River C&D
Matt Worley will be our MC for the evening, and the blessing will be given by Dan and Glinda Torvik, General Chairman of the 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi. Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman will be recognized from the audience. Twenty-Five Years of Calling Certificates, Small World Awards, BOG Service Awards and CALLERLAB Foundation Awards are presented at this banquet. All award recipients—please stay for photographs immediately following the banquet.

9:00 p.m. - Auction James River A&B
MC, Justin Russell. The Ways and Means Committee will host this year’s auction with proceeds going to the CALLERLAB Foundation. Jon Jones, Vernon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Kayla Jones will serve as the auctioneers and auction crew. This is always an entertaining event. Please attend and bid on all the great donated merchandise.

10:15 p.m. - Newer Caller Dance James River Foyer Area
MC, Ken Ritucci. This evening’s dance following the auction will be Mainstream, with callers who have called five years or less. Come join the fun.

VENDORS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Vendors are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Potomac E. Be sure to visit our vendors. They have made a great commitment to be here for you, so let them know you appreciate their contributions to this Convention.

Tuesday - April 16, 2019

YOUR CRITIQUE SHEET MATTERS! PLEASE COMPLETE IT!

From the Home Office Staff:
We hope you are enjoying your Convention. If you have any questions or issues, please be sure to stop at the Convention Registration area in the Rappahannock Room and let the Home Office staff know. We want your Convention experience to be fantastic! If we don’t know your problem(s), we can’t fix it or even attempt to fix it. We are here to serve YOU!

8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Registration Rappahannock
The Registration Office will be open for attendees to ask questions about the Convention or about their membership.
9:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions

Visit Basic James River A&B
Moderator, Wendy VanderMeulen, and Panelists Wade Driver and Norm Poisson. This panel will highlight three calls from the Basic Program and present teaching tips, creative ways to use the calls with both standard applications and "extended but not extreme", and take a fresh look at how you might discover new ways to use the uniqueness of these calls in a Basic program. The calls that will be explored are: 1. Half Sashay; 2. Bend the Line; 3. Run.

Online Presence Shenandoah J
Moderator, Patty Greene, and Panelist, Brian Freed. These days, everyone seems to go to the internet to find information, and our square dance world is no different. There are lots of clubs with websites and lots without sites. These days, it isn’t very difficult to get a website up and running with information about your particular group. We'll talk about getting started with an on-line presence, some website strategies, and will answer questions about having a website.

Teaching for Success Roanoke
Moderator, Shauna Kaaria and Panelist, Doren McBroom: There are things that we can teach our dancers to help them become better dancers and things we can do as callers to make dancing more successful. These things include action posture, hand touching, square breathing, general courtesy, call delivery, body flow, and more.

Creating a Safe Environment Potomac G
Moderator, Susan Morris, and Panelist, Harlan Kerr. We live in an ever changing world and with recent news report of harassment and personal attacks, we must learn to protect our dancers and callers from potential harm and embarrassing situations.

Definitions Committee Meeting Magnolia (Not recorded)
Chairman, Clark Baker, and Vice Chair, Michael Maltenfort. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the definitions of our square dance calls. Our two main projects are the Basic/Mainstream Definitions rewrite and maintenance of our existing definitions through all dance programs.

Caller-Coach Committee Meeting Shenandoah H (Not recorded)
Chairman, Paul Henze, and Vice Chair, Ken Ritucci. The Committee will do necessary housekeeping updates since our last yearly meeting. We will ask what has been done with Caller Training (Betsy Gotta), that would affect the Caller-Coaches for future caller schools. Finally, we want to have a, “round table” from each coach on trends that he/she sees needed for caller schools, suggestions to use for future schools, or other ideas they may have to present before we meet at the next CALLERLAB Convention.

Choreographic Applications Committee Potomac F (Not recorded)
Chairman, Dottie Welch. The Choreographic Applications Committee is working on updating the "Standard Basic and Mainstream Applications" document. We have agreed to create two documents in accordance with the separation of the two programs and decided to change to a teaching order presentation. The revisions to Basic Part 1 and are mostly complete and we are starting on Basic Part 2. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss some specific aspects of the revision such as:
1) A draft update to the Purpose. 2) Standard Applications for the new definition of Extend.3) Standard Applications for the new definition of Fractional Tags. 4) Standard Applications using the Rules in the General Section. 5) Any other applications in Basic or Mainstream that you believe should be removed from or added to the Standard Applications Documents.

10:15 a.m. - Beverage Break James River Foyer Area

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10:30 a.m. - Breakout Sessions

Visit Mainstream  
Moderator, Mike Hogan, and Panelists, Tony Oxendine and Buddy Weaver. This panel will highlight three calls from the Mainstream program and present teaching tips, creative ways to use the calls with both standard applications and "extended but not extreme", and take a fresh look at how you might discover new ways to use the uniqueness of these calls in your Mainstream program. The calls that will be looked at will be: 1. Spin Chain Thru; 2. Walk and Dodge 3. Tag the Line.

Facebook  
Moderator, Brian Jarvis, and Panelists, Teresa Berger and Joe Dehn. Getting the word out about club dances and to potential dancers these days requires knowledge of the internet. This session will present the basics of working with Facebook as a tool to help you better inform dancers and the public about your activity.

Party Nights  
Moderator, Jim Wass, and Panelist, Paul Henze. Many times the first exposure to the square dance activity is through a community dance night or a party night for a private group. Come learn how to program for an enjoyable dance experience and get ideas on how to keep things simple and fun.

Visit with the Legends  
Moderator, Johnny Wedge, and Panelists, Ed Foote, Betsy Gotta, and Jerry Junck. History, heritage, and tradition are very important aspects of our activity. This information is sometimes overlooked as we deal with the “puzzle solving” of modern day choreography. This panel is well qualified to provide information about our past and the rich heritage of square dancing and calling. This has been one of the most popular sessions during past Conventions. Come join us to learn more about how we got to where we are today.

Committee for Community & Traditional Dance Meeting (Not recorded)  
Chairman, Bob Riggs, and Vice Chair, Mike Preskitt. The Committee for Community and Traditional Dance will meet during the Convention to discuss the Community Dance Leader Seminar (CDLS), the CD Journal, the revised CDP List, and other activities of the Committee. Please bring your energy and ideas on continuing efforts to broaden the knowledge of and focus on party and community dancing enjoyed by thousands of people every year.

Caller Training Committee (Not recorded)  
Chairman, Betsy Gotta, and Vice Chair, John Marshall. The Caller Training Committee is for all callers who are interested in working in caller training for new or experienced callers. We will be meeting to discuss the ongoing and upcoming projects. Mike Seastron has completed the work of updating and reviving the Certified Caller Teacher Program, which can give credentials to those callers who want to work with school programs. Mike plans to present his ideas to the Committee for discussion at this meeting. The terminology updates to the “Curriculum Guidelines and Technical Supplement” have been completed, but there is still work to do on the Resources list and the chapter on Sound and Equipment. If you have suggestions for books, papers and other information that should be included in an updated Resources list, please bring the information in writing to the CALLERLAB Convention if you are attending. The Committee is also working on establishing a Mentor Certification Program for those callers who are mentoring new callers and want credentials, but do not want to become a CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach. Helping new callers to learn to call and up-grading the skills of existing callers is the way that the Caller Training Committee meets the CALLERLAB mission statement: “To foster the art of square dance calling and improve caller skills.” Come and share your expertise. Remember, you do not have to be a CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach to work with new callers and to be on this Committee! Come to the Caller Training Committee meeting.
International Advisory Committee (Not recorded)  Potomac F
Vice Chairmen, Jeannette Stauble, Hiroshi Nagkagawa, and Dottie Welch. Please join the International Members to discuss current projects and accomplishments. ALL callers are welcome to attend!

11:45 a.m. - Lunch for All Attendees  James River C&D

NO BADGE, NO FOOD, NO EXCEPTIONS!

1:00 p. m. - Breakout Sessions  James River A&B
Visit Plus
Moderator, Ed Foote, and Panelists, Ray Brendzy, and Randy Dougherty. This panel will highlight three calls from the Plus Program and present teaching tips, creative ways to use the calls with both standard applications, and "extended but not extreme", and take a fresh look at how you might discover new ways to use the uniqueness of these calls in your home Plus program. The calls that will be looked at will be: 1. Dixie Grand; 2. Track II; 3. Fan the Top.

Online Resources  Shenandoah J
Moderator, Barry Clasper, and Panelist, Dottie Welch. Come learn about various online resources that you can access to assist with your dance programs, including the CALLERLAB KnowledgeBase, Teaching Resource, and the Dance Resource websites.

Sneak a Peek  Roanoke
Moderator, Jeannette Stauble, and Panelists, Hal Barnes, and Matt Worley. It has been said that “Without music there is no dance.” Music is an integral part of showmanship at every program we call. Would you like some ideas for different patter and singing call music? Join this unique session to “Sneak-A-Peek” into the music libraries of our panel. They will give you examples of the music they use and explain where and why they use it.

Integrate Squares and Rounds  Potomac G
Moderator, Patty Greene, and Panelist, Sharon Parker. When both square and round dancing are on the same program, whether at a club dance or at a festival, callers and cuers should work as a team to create an enjoyable experience for the dancers. Cooperation and professional courtesy can do much to help in this process. Have you been in a situation where this was not the case? How did you (or DID you) resolve it? The panel will also provide personal experiences.

Program Committees (Not Recorded) (Closed meeting)  Magnolia
This is a closed meeting. Only Chairs and Vice Chairs of Program Committees may attend.

Marketing Committee Meeting (Not recorded)  Shenandoah H
Chairman, Mike Hogan, and Vice Chair, Jack Pladdys. The Marketing Committee will meet to discuss multiple projects underway including updates to the Marketing Manual, the CALLERLAB logo project, national website and video production proposals, NEC grants, and more. The committee meeting is open to everyone. Anyone with ideas, or requests for help from the Marketing Committee is encouraged to attend.

Youth Committee (Not recorded)  Potomac F
Chairman, Peggy Pingel, and Vice Chair, Donna Schirmer. Please join the Youth Committee in welcoming our youth members attending this year's Convention. We will also welcome Louis and Nancy Friedlander, Presidents of the NEC, who have been having conversations around the Country related to encouraging more youth to dance. They will share what they have been hearing and we will chat about possible next steps.
2:15 p.m. - Beverage Break  
James River Foyer Area

2:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Visit Advanced  
James River A&B
Moderator, Jeremy Butler, and Panelists, Eric Henerlau and Mike Sikorsky. This panel will highlight three calls from the Advanced program and present teaching tips, creative ways to use the calls with both standard applications and "extended but not extreme", and take a fresh look at how you might discover new ways to use the uniqueness of these calls in your home Advanced program. The calls that will be looked at will be: 1. Mix; 2. Spin the Windmill; 3. Cross Over Circulate.

Sounding a Hall  
Shenandoah J
Moderator, Paul Cote, and Panelists, Bob Asp and Scott Bennett. Having trouble sounding a hall? Let the experts explain why some halls are hard to sound. Understanding your equipment and how to connect and place it will help you get the best sound available for a particular situation.

Motivate and Become Innovative  
Roanoke
Moderator, Pam Clasper, and Panelists, Harlan Kerr and Allan Hurst. This session will offer suggestions on how to revitalize a club, a caller, dance leaders, and dancers. Everyone, including clubs, organizations and callers, tend to get in ruts from time to time. What can be done to rejuvenate and inspire new excitement? The panel will present several ideas.

Basic Entry, Mainstream Essential, Condensed Teach Method  
Potomac G
Moderator, Skip Cleland, and Panelists, Massaru “Doc Hiraga and Bill Harrison. The panel will present three experimental methods of accelerated entry into square dancing. It has been a CALLERLAB policy to encourage experimentation in methods to better teach and recruit new dancers to the square dance activity. These are three such experiments that may help your square dance clubs.

Women in Calling Committee Meeting (Not recorded)  
Shenandoah H
Chairman, Susan Morris, and Vice Chair, Kris Jensen. We hope all women callers in attendance at Convention make plans to attend the committee meeting for Women In Calling. We look forward to meeting you. If you have questions or issues that you would like addressed, come share at the Committee meeting. The Committee is here to support you. See you there!

4:00 P.M. - Breakout Sessions

CRaMS  
James River A&B
Moderator, Barry Johnson, and Panelist, Vernon Jones. Are you predominately a sight caller? Ever felt like you're "flying by the seat of your pants" or "you're flying blind" when your pilot squares crash? By adding certain mental-like techniques to both sight and modular methodology, CRaMS may be the most versatile "Combination" system currently available. A major advantage of CRaMS is that it is easy to learn. Callers learn to have much more cohesive control of their choreography. The CRaMS system takes in most modern forms of calling and wraps them into a complete and comprehensive art form.

Programming Festivals  
Shenandoah J
Moderator, Ken Ritucci, and Panelist, Jack Pladdys. This panel will discuss and give insight into methods of programming an effective dance program for festivals and conventions. Learn how to schedule callers fairly and equally while providing dancers a great dance program. The task of programming a major festival or convention provides all types of challenges which the panel will attempt to cover in this session.
(Tuesday - April 16, 2019 - Continued)

Mystery Session
Moderator, Clark Baker: Clark Baker read a book that he thinks will be of interest to many of us and will give a presentation based on ideas in that book (how we learn, retain, and process data) and how they relate to our activity. For reasons that will be explained at the talk, he needs to keep the title of the book and more details of what the talk is about under wraps until the actual talk. Jim Mayo (who has heard the presentation and highly recommends it) and Clark hope you will attend.

Marketing Recommended Tactics
Moderator, Justin Russell, and Panelist, Mike Hogan. The Marketing Committee presented a new marketing manual last year. This panel will present recommendations on marketing and new ideas to help in marketing square dancing in your area.

Music Producers (Closed Meeting) (2 of 2) (Not recorded)
Chairman, Shauna Kaaria, and Vice Chair, Ted Lizotte will lead the meeting to discuss committee business and the www.musicforcallers site. The floor will be opened to questions and comments, and any new business.

Items left with the vendors should be picked up before they close at 5:00 p.m.!

5:15 p.m. - Free Time and Birds of a Feather (BOF)

5:15 p.m. - Free Time/Standby Rooms
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BOF

1) Gay Callers Association (GCA) (Not recorded)
Please join the GCA Board and members who are attending CALLERLAB for a casual discussion of why every caller should consider being a part of our organization, and to get a clearer idea of what GCA is all about. Find out about our great newsletter, our callers school, the IAGSDC convention, our support system for newer and established callers, and ways we contribute to generating participation and enthusiasm about square dancing.

Tuesday - April 16, 2019 Evening Activities

6:00 p.m. - Social Hour Begins

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open for the Banquet

7:00 p.m. - Banquet
Jerry Reed will be our MC for the evening, and the blessing will be given by Del Reed. The Executive Committee and the Board of Governors will be recognized from the audience. Fifty Years of Calling Certificates, Recognition Awards and Milestone Awards (if any) are presented at this banquet. All award recipients—please stay for photographs immediately following the banquet.

9:00 p.m. – Beautiful Basic Dance
MC, Bob Riggs. Be sure to attend and enjoy an entertaining Basic dance following the banquet.
10:30 p.m. - Zesty Contra (Not recorded)  
Clark Baker will MC a fun, Zesty Contra dance. Come and enjoy dancing!

James River A&B

10:00 p.m. - Chairman’s Social  
Outgoing Chairman Patty Greene and partner Steve, will host a social in the James River Foyer as part of her final actions as Chairman of the Board. A cash bar will be available.

James River Foyer

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Wednesday – April 17, 2019
Rise and Shine for a New Day!

8:00 a.m. to Noon - Registration  
Rappahannock

The Registration Office will be open for attendees to ask questions about the Convention, about their membership, or to register for next year’s Convention.

9:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting (Closing Session)  
James River A&B

Patty Greene, Chairman of the Board, presiding. Executive Director, Dana Schirmer, Assistant Executive Director, Teresa Berger and Parliamentarian, Jerry Reed will be seated at the front table. Tom Miller, Vernon Jones, Bill Harrison, and Scott Bennett will serve as Sergeants-at-Arms. This is the Annual CALLERLAB Business Meeting as noted in the “Call to Convention”.

***REMEMBER YOUR VOTE CARD!***

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, and Home Office staff, we hope you have enjoyed this Convention. If you have comments that will help us plan better for future Conventions, please let us know by filling out your Critique Sheet or contacting the Home Office. Next year’s planning committee will review each Critique Sheet and consider your comments while planning for future Conventions. As you return home, have a safe trip. Once you are safely home, reflect on what you learned at this Convention. We hope you will be able to “Innovate, Integrate, Motivate” not only yourself as a caller, but also the dancers you are privileged to encounter.

Be sure to take a copy of this DIRECTION to dances and organizational meetings and let others know what happened at this Convention.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Executive Committee and Home Office Staff, thank you for your attendance and input at this Convention! Make plans to attend the 47th CALLERLAB in Sparks (Reno), Nevada.

THANK YOU!

Dana Schirmer, Executive Director
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Monday April 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. Social Hour - James River Foyer

6:30 p.m. Banquet Doors Open - James River C & D

7:00 p.m. Banquet Begins       MC - Matt Worley
Blessing - Dan and Glinda Torvik, General Chairman, 70th NSDC

Dinner
Introductions - MC
Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen

Special Appreciation Award, Foundation Award, BOG Service Awards, 25 Years of Calling Recognition, Small World Presentation,

Good Night - MC

9:00 p.m. - Auction   MC - Justin Russell
James River A & B

10:15 p.m. - Newer Caller Dance   MC-Ken Ritucci
James River Foyer

Banquet Menu

Honey Glazed Chicken
Herb Roasted Potatoes
Baby Spinach Salad
(Roasted Cauliflower
(Oil & Vinegar Dressing on Request)

New York Cheesecake
(With Seasonal Berry Coulis)
Rolls & Butter

Reg. & Decaf Coffee
Hot and Iced Tea
Tuesday April 16, 2019

6:00 p.m. Social Hour Begins - James River Foyer

6:30 p.m. Banquet Doors Open - James River C & D

7:00 p.m. Banquet Begins  MC - Jerry Reed
Blessing - Del Reed

Dinner

Introductions - MC
Executive Committee, Board of Governors
50 Years of Calling Certificates, Award of Excellence, Chairman’s Award

MC - Good Night

9:00 p.m. Beautiful Basic Dance  MC - Bob Riggs
James River A & B

10:30 Zesty Contra  (Following Basic Dance)  MC - Clark Baker
James River A & B

Banquet Menu

Grilled Flank Steak  Crème Brulee
House Salad  Rolls & Butter
(Oil & Vinegar Dressing on Request)
Yukon Gold Potatoes  Reg. & Decaf Coffee,
Broccolini  Hot and Iced Tea
**(All Sauces Gluten Free)