

**MDSDF Delegates Meeting
via Zoom
18 May 2025 at 7:00pm**

Pledge

Carol Eyre called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and led the Pledge.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Jackie Boggs motioned that the minutes be accepted; Margie Barber second. The motion passed.

Treasure Report

The treasurer's report was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Question regarding deposits; Susan Martin replied that a large deposit was made in the first week in May. However, receipts for festival are documented in the "Festival" report. Brandt Braunschweig motioned that the treasurer's report be accepted; Jackie Boggs second.

Susan Martin commented that we finished the year with a profit due to increased Festival registration fee.

Committee Reports

60th Festival, July 17-19, 2025 – Ellen Linsenbardt and Jackie Boggs.

Ellen Linsenbardt reported. Schedule in process; Ellen Linsenbart and John Blaisdell are working on this. Amy Shotting is working on the round dance program. All committees are working and in process. Clogging has also been added. Line dancing and hex squares are also on the program.

Fundraising is in process. T-shirt sales are going well. There is a fundraiser dance in April with \$15/person admission.

Registrations are at 233. Jackie would like to get 250 registrations with 50 walk-in registrations.

MDSDF, Inc. is sponsoring a festival fundraiser dance next week at Westowne Elementary School. There has been \$4741 raised so far for flooring. Dangles have been received. Festival information is on the MDSDF website.

Roll Call of Clubs

Jackie reported that there were 11 clubs of 14 in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Membership

No report

Ambassador Dances

John Blaisdell sent a report prior to the meeting. All Ambassador Dances have been held for this season.

Appreciation Dance

Dance is planned for June 8, 2025, at Westowne Elementary School. Frederick Promenaders will sponsor this year's dance.

Recruitment and Promotion of New Dancers

Helena Jester reported. Graduations coming.

Club Insurance from USDA

No clubs using this program. The Federation is the only "club" on this policy.

Google Group

Don Pahl was not in attendance.

Kathy reported that Chesapeake Squares recent graduates have been added to the group.

Website: www.marylandsquaredancing.com

Kathy Zottmann makes updates on the website for clubs as she receives them. New item is online festival registration on the website. Online payments are via PayPal, or credit card via PayPal.

John Blaisdell is still in charge of the calendar.

Facebook site is for posting club events, including flyers.

Reminder: All clubs should check and make sure that their club pages are current.

Sickness/Distress/Sunshine

Laura Vykol was not in attendance. Delegates provided the following:

Chuck Ruby and Joe Corson passed. Joe's funeral is May 23, 2025.

License Tags

Link to license plate info: <https://www.marylandsquaredancing.com/license-plates>

Two new people have requested plates.

MACA (Mid-Atlantic Challenge Association)

Kathy Zottmann reported that the MACA summer dance is on Georgia Ave on August 16th, 2025. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. John Marshall and Jenn Engimann are the callers. Dancing is A2 and C1 in the morning, C1 and C2 in the afternoon.

Caller Lab

The 50th Caller Lab Convention was held April 13 - 16, 2025 in Greenville, SC. Ellen Linsenbardt reported that there were approximately 280 in attendance. There were a lot of new callers, including new female callers, in attendance. There was a proposal to change the Mainstream and Plus level.

Nine of the callers in attendance received their 50-year recognition. Next year's convention is in Reno. Caller Lab starts on Palm Sunday.

VASARDA

Virginia State Convention is February 19-21, 2026.

WASCA

WASCA was held March 20 – 22, 2025 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. The festival sold out (hotel capacity). Festival made a profit. Everyone had a good time. There were 780 to 800 registrations: final reports in process.

WASCA 2026 will be in the same location as this year. Theme “staying alive.” There are 250 registrations so far, which is ahead of where they were last year.

They are starting to plan for WASCA 2027.

USDA

The annual United Square Dancers of America meeting is held on the Wednesday before the National Square Dance Convention. The meeting typically starts around 1:00pm. The Federation needs two volunteers to represent MDSDF at the meeting.

Visit the USDA website, USDA.org, to view previous webinars and learn more about square dancing.

NSDC (National Square Dance Convention)

74th NSDC – Shreveport, Louisiana – June 25 – 28, 2025

75th NSDC – Waco, TX - June 24 - 27, 2026

76th NSDC – Loveland, CO – June 23 – 26, 2027

Pat Marks stated that it was mentioned at the WASCA meeting today that attendance at National is declining.

Old Business

Carol Eyre announced that we received 501(3)6 status (Federally) The Federation is officially a charity and tax exempt. Now we need to complete the process for sales tax exemption in Maryland.

Ad Hoc committee to host class level dances monthly was raised at the last meeting. Kathy Zottmann recommended that clubs could have “new” dancer events. Brandt Braunschweig agreed. Helena Jester suggests that a formal report be presented at the next delegate meeting in September.

New Business

Elections: Derek Haber renewed for another term (3 years). Pat Marks is currently on the board, finishing Peggy Lea's term. She is running for a full 3-year term. Jackie Boggs motion, Margie Barber second for Derek Haber to remain on board. Motion passed, Derek Haber was elected. Margie Barber motioned, Jackie Boggs second for Pat Marks to remain on board. Motion carried, Pat Marks elected.

Both Derek Haber and Pat Marks are elected to the board for a 3-year term.

2026 Festival

This will be voted on by the Board at a Board Meeting. Jackie Boggs reported that 180 survey responses were received.

Club Announcements

Time for delegates to share special happenings about their club(s).

Four County Squares

Sunday, 5/25/25 with Dave Hartman with Amy Shouting Dance at Westowne Elementary School. 2-4:30. Student level \$7/person.

Amyable Rounders

5/31/25 Tea Dance

Tom Thumbs

Hosting outing to Toby's 6/19/25

The Chesapeake Squares

Pride events in June, including a parade. They are also holding lesson- open houses. Pass the Ocean 2026 information and registration is on website.

Swinging Squares

Next dance is on June 21

DC Lambda Squares

They advertised in the Washington Post and Metro Weekly attempting to reach new dancers for upcoming classes. The club's Anniversary Dance will be held on March 8, 2025, from 2:00-5:00pm at Francis Scott Key Middle School in Silver Spring. Ken Ritucci is calling. \$15/person at the door.

Sunday Dancers

Sunday Dancers has an average of 18 dancers per dance.

Next Delegates Meeting

July 20, 2025 – Virtual However, Jackie Boggs motioned to cancel the July 20th meeting, Darlene Kress second. Motion carried. No Delegate meeting on July 20th due to the SSBF.

September 21st Delegate Meeting - Virtual

Motion to move delegate meeting from third Sunday in September to the second Sunday. Bill Houston motioned Brandt Brauenschweig second. Motion carried to hold delegate meeting on September 14th 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Next Board Meeting

Virtual Sunday, June 8, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Bill had a question regarding insurance policy details. MDSDF uses USDA insurance.

Motion to Adjourn

Pat Marks motioned, Kathy Zottmann second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Mueller

Recording Secretary