



EOSARDA Board Meeting
Sunday 19 October 2025 – 1:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Shirley Brown Barb Englehart Dave Hutchinson Gerry Johnson
Lamar Mason Mary Thurston Dave Western

Regrets: Ron Gardner Michelle Gravelle Carole Lauzon Bob Pitruniak
Arlo Speer

Guests: Debbie Penney

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening Remarks Appendix A ~ Dave Western

2. Review of past meeting records and decisions

~ Dave Western

MOTION: Mason/Johnson that the record of the 21 September 2025 Board meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Treasurer Appendix B

Report deferred to the next meeting since the treasurer was not available for comment, and the reports had only been distributed to the President. These reports are attached to these Minutes as information items only.

3.2. Registrar Appendix C ~ Barb Englehart

The registration process is in mid-stream and has been slowed by the postal strike. Numbers will increase from those currently received. There was discussion on how we can determine retention rates of new members.

3.3. Dance Committee Appendix D ~ Dave Western

3.4. Publicity Committee Appendix E ~ Lamar Mason

Publicity and Club Liaison committees agreed to work together on usage of existing fridge magnets (include in information or graduate packages, on flyer tables etc.). There was a suggestion to compile a list of club recruitment methods. This is an on-going effort by Publicity Committee.

3.5. Club Liaison Appendix F ~ Shirley Brown

There was discussion on whether club recruitment bursaries should be based on club need rather than equal rights to equal dollars per club. It was generally agreed that determining “club need” would be very difficult however discussion on the criteria for subsidy eligibility may be continued at a future Board meeting.

3.6. **MOTION:** Englehart/Brown that the committee reports be accepted as presented with the exception of the financial reports. **CARRIED**

4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings and/or Reports

4.1. Bank discussion about making payments by Interac e-Transfer ~ Bob Pitruniak
Item 4.1, 21 September 2025
Item deferred

4.2. Decision about supplying Canadian Society Pins ~ Shirley Brown

Item 4.2, 21 September 2025

We have sufficient pins on hand to meet the end-of-calendar year demand. Additional pins will have to be purchased if we intend to give them out at future New Dancer celebrations.

After some discussion, it was agreed that we will explore what other associations do and return to this issue in a future meeting.

ACTION : Dave Western

4.3. Time & Location to present Trillium Award for the Gardners ~ Dave Western

Item 4.3, 21 September 2025

Long Service Awards

The awards for the Power's and the Mesman's are scheduled to be presented on December 15 in Kemptville. The presenters will be Dave Western for Federation and Lamar Mason for EOSARDA.

Merit Award

Ron and Charlene Gardner have asked that their award be presented at the All Day Sashay on Nov. 15. Arrangements for this have not yet been finalized.

4.4. Committee Work Plans Appendix G ~ Dave Western, Shirley Brown
Publicity Committee - not yet finalized

5. New Business

5.1. Preparation for Fall Council of Dancers Meeting ~ Dave Western

- up-dated Budget and financial statement
- board to meet earlier same day to approve financials
- possible discussion of CallerLab changes to lists and teaching for a future meeting, but too early to discuss this November -- defer to Wendy V
- ask clubs for topic suggestions

5.2. Swing into Spring 2026 Appendix H ~ Dave Western

- The two remaining members of the Swing into Spring Organizing Committee have advised that they intend to resign unless additional help with the planning and organizing of the 2026 dance weekend can be found. Should EOSARDA take over and continue the dance planning or discontinue the event? Three callers have been contracted. If we continue with the dance there will be additional costs for transportation, accommodations and for meals for the callers and for hall costs and refreshments. If we cancel the dance, there is a 90 day notice of cancellation clause that would entitle the callers to 50% of their contracted fees.
- Shirley suggested that we should honour that even if cancelling outside the 90 days. Should we disband SIS entirely, any remaining funds would go to EOSARDA. Much discussion followed.
- The board has referred the question of continuing Swing into Spring to Dance Committee; Dave Western will set up a meeting, and the committee will report back to the board.

5.3. Appointment of Additional Director

Debbie Penney agreed to accept an appointment as an EOSARDA Director

MOTION: Johnson/Mason that Debbie Penney be appointed as a director. **CARRIED**

Gerry will contact Bob Summers with information to update director information on website.

5.4. Name Tags

Shirley to arrange name tags for those members who do not currently have an EOSARDA badge (Brown, Lauzon, Hutchinson, Penney, and Thurston - the latter with a Treasurer's bar)

6. Next Meeting:

Board Meeting (to address financial report) – November 16, 2025, at 11:30 am
Council of Dancers Meeting – November 16, 2025, at 1:30 pm

Appendix A: Opening Remarks



Our primary task today is to finalize plans for next month's Council of Dancers. As always, the challenge is to make the meeting interesting and relevant for club executives.

I had hoped that this afternoon we would get our first look at registration numbers for Dance Year 2025/26. Unfortunately, the recent shut down of Canada Post has significantly slowed the registration process, with many club filings still outstanding. I have heard anecdotally that several clubs have had very successful Open Houses. As we all know, that does not necessarily translate into increased membership. Barbara will give us the registration results to date, but it may be several weeks before we know the full results.

I also have to advise the Board that the Swing into Spring Organizing Committee has tendered its resignation due primarily to the lack of sufficient volunteers to help with the planning, organizing and running of the weekend event. It is not certain at this time that Swing into Spring 2026 will go ahead as planned. More on this a little later.

Dave Western

Appendix B: Financial Reports.

(For Information, Provided after the meeting)

EOSARDA Year End 2024-25

Notes to Reviewer

1. Petty Cash

I generally did not use petty cash.

2. Accounts Payable

Listed through the dance year, A/P in the monthly report lists outstanding chqs at month end - this allows the report to show the reconciled bank balance at each month end. The June entry shows outstanding chqs at year end.

3. Payment to EOSARDA Directors

Some EOSARDA Directors directly pay expenses out of their personal accounts and I reimburse them as required.

4. E-transfers

This was the second full year we accepted etransfers. A number of clubs paid this way. Michelle (dance committee chair) used etransfers to get proceeds of dances to me. The only deposit slips I have are from the Registrar when she receives fee payments by cheques and deposits them herself.

5. Webmaster

We now have a special arrangement with the webmaster (Bob Summers). He predicts what he will spend for the year to pay web hosting and domain name registration fees. I issued him a chq for that amount early in the year and he drew against it for the year. At the end of the year, there was a balance of \$43.81 showing that I overpaid him by that amount. This shows up as APrepaid expenses@ in our report.

Bob Pitruniak
Treasurer

Report of person who conducted the review engagement of the corporation

October 6, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Audit EOSARDA FY 2024-2025

To the best of my ability, I have examined the receipts and payables as well as the revenue and expense summary spreadsheet prepared by the Treasurer of EOSARDA for the FY July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

The records I was able to review were accurate. However, for the revenue derived from various fundraising activities where money is collected and expenses paid out directly, the verification of these amounts was not possible. It is in good faith that the organization records the revenue as accurate.

One of my other observations is that while e-transfers were reflected on the bank statements, there was no other paper confirmation. It may not be possible with the way the bank account operates to print a confirmation when the account holder actions an e-transfer. If it can be done, then I would recommend it be done at time of transfer.

Financial management with a dispersed organization provides unique challenges and Bob has managed this successfully. Thank you to Bob for your services.

Mary Cruse, President
Grenville Gremlins

NOTE: Additional information has been omitted from the on-line version but is available upon request to secretary@eosarda.ca

Appendix C: Registrar's Report

					EOGARDA 2025-2026							
					REGISTRAR'S REPORT							
	As of Mar 21, 2025	As of Oct 18, 2024	As of Oct 18, 2025	Difference from Oct 2024 to Oct 2025	Total Members Registered by Club					New Dancers by Club (new to the activity)		
						SQ	RD	LINE/ CLOGGING		SQ	RD	LINE/ CLOGGING
NEW SQUARE DANCERS	149	76	79	3	Capital Carouselts			14				
new to activity 56					Glangary Tartans							
RETURNING SQUARE DANCERS	375	208	219	11	Grenville Gremlins							
NEW ROUND DANCERS	0	0	0	0								
RETURNING ROUND DANCERS	17	0	14	14	Limestone Dancers							
					Lockits		31					
					Meri Squares		66			7		SSD
					Mississippi Squares		85			16		
NEW LINE DANCERS/CLOGGERS	0	20	20	0	Napanee Pioneers		31			5		SSD
new to the activity 20					Ottawa Date Squares							
RETURNING LINE DANCERS/CLOGGERS	15	0	8	8	Quinte Twiflers		65			21		
TOTAL TO DATE	556	304	340	36	Swinging B's							
					Swinging Swallows							
					Square Dance Ottawa		8			7		SSD
CUERS, CALLERS, LEADERS AND PARTNERS	12	4	10	6	Crazy A's		2					
					Riverside Gypsy Squares		6					
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE	568	288	350	62	Russell Squares		12					SSD
					Rideau Canal Cloggers				30	20		
TOTAL CLUBS TO DATE	18	10	11	1	TOTAL	306	14	30		76		
TOTAL ASSOCIATIONS TO DATE	2	2	2	0								
Note: Numbers are based on registration information received as of the issuance date of this report. Any new members that join after the issuance date of this report will be added.												
Updated: October 18, 2025												
Issued: October 14, 2025												

Appendix D: Dance Committee Report

Building on the very successful Welcome Back Dance, Dance Committee has turned its attention to making the Christmas Dance Party a truly “*Can’t Miss*” affair for all our experienced dancers.

The Dance Party is scheduled to take place at the South Grenville District High School in Prescott on the afternoon of December 6. Callers will be John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen.

In addition to dancing at all levels from full Beginner/SSD to Advanced, the Dance Party will feature an ugly sweater contest and a variety of Reindeer Games, (see poster attached).

Our goal is to meet or exceed attendance at Welcome Back.

The committee has begun planning Frosty Fling 2026. As with our other two regional dances the hope is that we can put together an exciting and fun dance program that, in addition to giving our newest dancers their first Open Dance experience, will attract all levels of our experienced dancers.

The Committee has also been asked to consider taking on the planning, organizing and running of Swing into Spring 2026. No decision has yet been made in this regard.



2025 Christmas Dance Party



DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

Place: South Grenville District High School, Prescott, ON
1000 Edward St N, Prescott, ON K0E 1T0

Time - 1:00pm – 4:00pm (\$15.00 at the Door)

Callers - Wendy VanderMeulen and John Charman

Caller Showcase

Program - 2 halls, Graduate SSD/Basic/Mainstream/Plus/Advance

You won't want to MISS this Festive Dance Party

There will be Reindeer Games throughout the session

- Jingle Mingle Bingo (get to know your friends)
- Snowball Launch
- Ugly Sweater Contest – Trophy for Original, Tacky, Sparkle, Retro
- Share the Wealth

Refreshments will be Christmas Favorites

- Beverages, Christmas cookies and cake provided by EOSARDA

Santa is coming, are you?

It's December... In case of inclement weather, a notice will be posted on the EOSARDA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/eosarda>) and website (www.eodance.ca) by 11:00 AM that day.**



Appendix E: Publicity Committee Report

Update on new dancers recruited by Fair Squares clubs

Here are the confirmed registration numbers for new dancers from the clubs who participated in Fair Squares.

Cornwall: 12
Alexandria: 5
Russell: 5 (may be higher)
Ottawa Date Squares: 16
Meri Squares: 7
Limestone: 6
Quinte Twirlers: 21
Swinging Swallows: 2

In general, while the Fair Squares Project encouraged the clubs who participated to try some new venues for recruitment, most found that the promotional materials were not that helpful. The backpack was considered somewhat helpful in gathering names depending on the club. Two clubs said that some of their new dancers were the result of their Fair Squares efforts. Other clubs said it was not a factor.

The Publicity Committee will meet in the next couple of weeks to review the project and decide on next steps.

Lamar Mason
Chair

Appendix F: Club Liaison Report

VISITING DANGLES – Michelle Gravelle

A total of 26 forms received for 22 gold and 4 silver. Breakdown of clubs is as follows:

Meri Squares -	12	Limestone Dancers -	1
Ottawa Dates Squares -	5	Grenville Gremlins -	3
Mississippi Squares -	2	Napanee Pioneers –	1
Quinte Twirlers -	2		

We are changing suppliers this year to:

Mementos Signs•Awards•Promotions & Stittsville

Rubber Stamp 1027 Carp Rd. Stittsville Ontario

Anticipated costs are: \$12 for logo set up (one fee only); and then \$0.90 per dangle (drilled hole)

- no key ring; metal material. Anticipating cost of \$40. This is a substantial decrease from other years. I was referred to Mementos from Mississippi Squares.

Recipients.

	Dangles - 2024 - 2025	Club	Gold	Silver
1	Peter Mathews	Grenville Gremlins	1	
2	Geraldine Mathews	Grenville Gremlins	1	
3	Lynda Lesperance	Quinte Twirlers	1	
4	Al Lesperance	Quinte Twirlers	1	
5	Noreen Peters	Limestone Dancers	1	
6	Lyn Wilson	Meri Squares	1	
7	Diane Marsh	Mississippi Squares	1	
8	Howard Marsh	Mississippi Squares	1	
9	John Edmond	Meri Squares		1
10	Joy Edmond	Meri Squares		1
11	Karen Wilson	Napanee Pioneers	1	
12	Leo MacIntyre	Ottawa Date Squares	1	
13	Marc Gauthier	Ottawa Date Squares	1	
14	Marie Andree Auclair	Meri Squares	1	
15	Harold Tompkins	Grenville Gremlins	1	
16	Barbara Pearson	Meri Squares	1	
17	Gerry Lelieve	Meri Squares	1	
18	Colleen McEwan	Meri Squares	1	
19	Kathy Higgs	Meri Squares		1
20	Sarah Vandergeest	Ottawa Date Squares		1
21	Jean-Francois Martin	Ottawa Date Squares	1	
22	Harold Hedley	Meri Squares	1	
23	Wendy McCracken	Meri Squares	1	
24	Jean-Marc Robichaud	Ottawa Date Squares	1	
25	Michelle Gravelle	Meri Squares	1	
26	Sander Rosen	Meri Squares	1	
			22	4

I am awaiting artwork to sign off. Will have access to emails on vacation. Expect pick up after return (Oct. 23rd) and then will make arrangements to deliver to clubs.

RECRUITMENT REQUISITIONS – Shirley Brown

Two clubs have submitted documents with a request for reimbursement. There was an article published in Square Times detailing the programme and have had only one question “Can expenses for ‘open houses’ be claimed?” Before the end of October, I will be emailing each club president directly with the info and the application form and encouraging them to participate in this programme..

BURSARIES – CALLERS/CUERS AND LEADERS – Shirley Brown

In response to an email from EOSARDA that the BC Square & Round Dance Federation was considering hosting a Caller School and was gathering interest, an email was sent to Ron Gardner giving him the links to EOSARDA and OSRDF’S subsidy programmes. This emailed asked that it be forwarded to the members of OACA. This would be held I the week before the Canadian Nationals in Penticton July 10 – 14 2026

SOCIETY PINS – Michelle Gravel

There currently are only 50 pins in stock. There are enough pins for the December/ January wave of graduates but if the decision is to continue the practice of giving one to each graduate we will need to order more at a cost of approximately \$4.25 per pin. This decision can be deferred to January 2026.

SQUARE TIME – Gerry Johnson

The fall issue was compiled, printed and distributed via E-bulletins on October 8. Thank you to Gerry for a great job.

Submitted on behalf of the Club Liaison Committee
Shirley Brown, Chair

Appendix G: Committee Workplans

A. Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards Committee Work Plan 2025-26

Club Liaison is responsible for ensuring the timely and accurate flow of information between the Association and member clubs. Among other things, it does this by:

- reviewing applications for subsidies for club new dancer recruiting activities and Dance Leader training; making recommendations to the Treasurer re payment
- reviewing and processing requests for OSRDF Bursaries;
- organizing the Board's involvement in annual New Dancer Celebrations;
- administering the Club Visit Dangle Program;
- ensuring that significant club anniversaries and other significant occasions are identified in a timely manner and duly recognized by the Board by presentation of a suitable certificate or other memento at the time that the club marks that event or anniversary; and
- As part of its communications activities, Club Liaison is responsible for the quarterly publication of Square Time, therefore the Editor of Square Time is a member of Club Liaison.

Bursary and Subsidy Requests

Person responsible: Shirley Brown

- These funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis and applications are generally submitted in October as these expenses generally occur at the start of the dance season.
- Applications are usually received during the month of October, but can also be received at other times and applications must include copies of receipts are to be submitted via email to financialsupport@esoareda.ca
- Eligible expenses must be over and above the club's normal operating expenses – advertising, printing costs, caller, etc.
- all applications will be reviewed for completeness and will ensure that they meet all applicable criteria. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with an explanation and may be resubmitted later.
- Once approved, the treasurer is notified and authorized to proceed with payment. are to be submitted via email to financialsupport@esoareda.ca and will be reviewed by financialsupport@eosarda.ca

There are also funds available from Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation Recruitment Bursary. Although this program functions independently from EOSARDA's subsidy program, application for a Federation Recruitment Bursary is made via EOSARDA and may be made at the same time as an application for an EOSARDA subsidy.

Criteria for Approving Clubs for the Recruitment Bursary Program

- Caller Fees are not to be included.
- Must possess an outstanding, organized and well-planned member recruitment program;
- Must show evidence of going beyond the call of duty by utilizing unusual or creative ways of recruiting new members (For Example: by doing more than just handing out occasional flyers.);
- Must have a system for gathering contact information from potential new recruits for the purpose of doing follow up calls (For Example: draws for free instruction);

- Must complete and submit an evaluation of the Recruitment Program and determine what worked and what did not.
- Must provide Detailed Receipts for money spent. It is advantageous to include copies of Flyers, Local Newspaper Advertisements, social Media Promotions, etc.

CELEBRATING NEW DANCERS

Persons Responsible: Michelle Gravel & Shirley Brown

This recognition is available at the request of any Member Club regardless of dance type, provided that the dancers in question were registered with EOSARDA in the current dance year. It is up to the Club to determine who should receive the recognition and what kind of ceremony should take place. Some clubs prefer lengthy and complicated Graduation/Celebration events, while others prefer a more informal recognition of new dancer achievement.

Visiting Dangles

Person responsible: Michelle Gravel

The EOSARDA Club Visit Dangle is intended to encourage and recognize visits to other Dance Clubs and participation in any number of other dance events. The club visit program includes visits to clubs outside the area covered by EOSARDA and/or Canada. It is awarded, upon application, to any registered dancer who completes the specific number of visits during a single dance year. (September 1 through August 31)

For the purposes of qualifying for this dangle the term "visit" includes:

- Attendance at any club other than the club where the dancer pays the EOSARDA registration fee. This also includes dancers who may dance with a second or third club on a regular basis – limited to one visit per club.
- Attendance at any workshop, special event, summer dance and/or convention, including outside Canada.

To obtain a dance dangle the dancer must complete the required number of visits during a single dance year and submit a completed application form to dancedangles@eosarda.ca on or before September 30 of the next dance year. No signatures are required.

Achievement Levels

Silver Level: a dancer must, during a single dance year, undertake 5 "visits".

Gold Level: To earn a Gold Club Visit Dangle, a dancer must, during a single dance year, undertake 8 "visits"

The required number of dangles for 2023-24 dance season have been ordered by Michelle and will be delivered out when they become available.

Recognition of Major Anniversaries and Accomplishments

Person responsible: Carole Lauzon

Clubs will be contacted directly requesting input on identifying individuals who have a significant history of square dancing in EOSARDA and are to be recognized. Such recognition will be via an email and/or Square Time article. Also significant club anniversaries and other significant occasions will be identified in a timely manner and duly recognized by the Board by presentation of a suitable certificate or other memento at the time that the club marks that event or anniversary.

SQUARE TIME

Person responsible: Gerry Johnson

The committee will endeavour to increase Club awareness and distribution of Square Time. Each EOSARDA Dance will have copies of the latest edition available at the flyer table.

To mark the occasion, at the invitation of the Club Executive, a representative of the EOSARDA Board will:

- attend the Club's Graduation/Celebration as a guest;
- take part in the Graduation/Celebration event, the nature of which is determined by the club;
- congratulate the new dancers; and hand out a token of recognition. The Recognition package usually consists of: a "Canadian Square and Round Dance Society" pin;
- a letter of welcome from the EOSARDA President; and a Coupon entitling the new dancer to free entry to an up-coming EOSARDA dance.

B. Executive Committee Work Plan 2025-26

The Executive Committee consists of the Association's President, Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary. The committee is chaired by the President.

The Executive Committee is responsible for:

- overseeing the financial activities of the Association;
- administering the Association's club and dancer registration program;
- creating and maintaining a documentary record of the Association's deliberations, decisions and activities;
- scheduling Board and Council of Dancer meetings, and setting their agendas;
- ensuring the election of Officers and the appointment of Committee Chairs;
- proposing to the Board nominations for honours and awards from the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.

President

Persons responsible: Dave Western

- Manage the activities of the Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association and the Association's Board of Directors

Treasurer

Person responsible: Bob Pitruniak and Mary Thurston

- Work together to transfer the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer from Bob to Mary with the transition to be complete on or before the end of Fiscal Year 2025/26
- Prepare a Year-end Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for the Board's approval and presentation to the November 2025 Council of Dancers.
- Monitor progress against the Budget approved by Council for 2025/26; make regular reports to both the Board and Council on the state of the Association's finances; and make such suggestions for amendments to the budget as may be required during the course of the fiscal year.
- In February 2026 begin drafting a budget for 2026/2027 for approval by the Board in March

2026 and by the Council of Dancers in April 2026.

- Ensure that an independent review of the Association's books for Fiscal Year 2024/25 is conducted; and report the results of the audit to the Board and to the November 2025 meeting of the Council of Dancers.

Registrar

Person responsible: Barbara Englehart

- In August 2025 prepare and issue registration packages to all EOSARDA Member Clubs and Associations
- Review completed registration packages as received and ensure that any required revisions are made by the club
- Deposit all club payments in EOSARDA's bank account as they are received
- By October 31, 2025 submit a complete Registration report to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation along with payment of all appropriate fees
- Throughout the year, receive and process any additional dancer and club registrations as they are received
- Throughout the year, submit any additional dancer and club registrations to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federations with appropriate payments
- Make regular reports to the Board and to the Council of Dancers on club and dancer registrations

Secretary

Person responsible: Arlo Speer

- Prepare and circulate draft agenda of both Board and Council meetings in a timely manner prior to the meeting.
- Prepare and circulate draft Minutes of both Board and Council meetings in a timely manner following the meeting
- Ensure that copies of approved Minutes are posted on eodance.ca
- Assist the President in planning and organizing on-line Council meetings

Trillium Awards Program

Person responsible: Dave Western

- Late summer 2025: receive Federation decisions re nominations for 2025; ensure that nominators are aware of the outcome and congratulate recipients; make arrangements with nominators, recipients and Federation for presentation of Awards.
- At the November 2025 Council of Dancers remind Club Delegates to submit any Trillium Award Nominations to Dave Western on or before the deadline of March 1, 2026
- On or before January 15, 2026 issue an EOSARDA Bulletin reminding clubs of the Trillium Award Program, the criteria for each type of Award and the nomination deadline.
- January - February 2026: review nominations as they are received; as necessary discuss possible amendments with the nominators and ensure that nominations have been properly formatted; circulate completed nominations to the Board for review; seek a Board decision for each nomination and advise nominator(s) of the Board's decision in respect of each nomination
- Forward approved nominations to Federation for consideration and advise nominators; accordingly, respond to any request for additional information from Federation
- Late summer 2026: receive decisions on 2026 nominations from Federation; ensure that nominators are aware of the outcome and congratulate recipients; make arrangements with nominators, recipients, and Federation for presentation of Awards.

Submitted by Dave Western

Appendix H: Swing into Spring

In a telephone conversation last week, the two remaining members of the Swing into Spring Organizing Committee, faced with a steady decline in the number of people willing to serve on the committee, tendered their resignation, effectively closing down the Committee and placing the future of Swing into Spring 2026 in doubt.

It is up to this Board to decide where we go from here.

I believe that we have only two options. Either we:

- cancel the dance weekend or
- we put together an ad hoc organizing committee tasked with completing the planning, organizing and running of Swing into Spring 2026

With this in mind, I have approached Dance Committee to see if the committee members would be willing to step into the breach. The committee has had some preliminary discussions about this request but has not yet reached a decision. A meeting of Dance Committee will be convened as soon as possible, but it is far from certain that the committee will agree to take on the challenge, given its current workload.

If Dance Committee does not agree and if the Board wishes to proceed with Swing into Spring 2026, we will have to form an ad hoc organizing committee

Whether DC takes on the job or not, additional volunteers will be required if the event is to be held as scheduled.

Current status of Swing into Spring 2026

Cash in bank, \$3,259.16

Committed expenditures

Callers' compensation¹

Dan Shalstrom \$1,200 (USD)

Brent Mawdsley \$1,200 (CDN)

David Hutchinson \$1,200 (CDN)

Uncommitted expenses

Callers' Meals and accommodation - estimated at \$3,000 (CDN)

I believe that if we act expeditiously can cancel the event without incurring any costs, But we will lose an event that is, in my opinion, provides our dancers with a unique dancing experience.

¹The signed contracts stipulate that in the event that the event is cancelled with 90 days or less notice, the Callers will receive a cancellation fee of 50% of the contacted amount