

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc.
2010 Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 - 7:00 pm
Park Ave. Congregational Church, Arlington MA

Candidate Statements

Mies Boet-Whitaker - Board Director, 1st term, ending 2012

Through my children I learned about traditional and social dancing. My first contra dance was at the Revels cast party! Even though I have been dancing all my life - ballet, jazz, modern, ballroom - I discovered this was a really fun way to dance. After being on the sidelines watching my kids dancing, I wanted to learn Morris and Sword dancing and joined Muddy River and Still River Sword, teams I've been on for 5 and 1 years respectively. I still find time to join English and contra dances as well as go to ballet classes.

Currently I am a member of the organizing committee for the Dancing America Rapper Tournament. We are bringing this popular event from England to the US in October 22-24, 2010.

Mitch Diamond - Board Director, 2nd Term, ending in 2012, and Nominating Committee, first term, ending in 2013

My vision for CDS Boston Centre is recruiting more young people from the contra dances to do Morris, Sword and English dance. To most young folks, English has the reputation for being stuffy and staid. I remember my eldest dancing "Dublin Bay" at CDSS's Ogontz dance camp a few years ago and commenting "That can't be English, it's too much fun!" I think that we can change that notion and perception.

Daniel Friedman - Board Director, 1st term, ending 2012

I've been doing English Country and American contra and square dancing all of my life (since 1980). My parents were bringing me to dances and festivals since I was baby. I had no choice at the time, but it worked out well. I love this type of traditional music and dance, and the community that surrounds it. I also enjoy English ritual/display dancing. I was an original member of Charm

City Rapper and I currently dance with Newtowne Morris. One of my aspirations is to carry on the traditions I enjoy to the next generation. I'm a younger contra dance caller, with deep contra dance experience. Although I'm a beginning Morris dancer, in the last year I have attended a few of the younger generation Morris dancer weekends known as Maple Morris. I've also been on the board of the Boston Intergeneration Dance Advocates (BIDA), which promotes contra dancing and also supports musicians, callers, dancers and the dance community.

Diane Gonzales - President Elect (2010), becoming president (2011-2013)

I've been folk dancing regularly since college, when I thought Balkan dancing would be a good way to meet people while living in Paris. I've been hooked ever since, and currently do ECD, Hungarian couple dancing, waltz, international, as well as occasional contra, swing, vintage and whatever else strikes my fancy at the moment. I love the connection between the movement, the music, and the people and value the community aspects of the dance scene.

As CDS President I would like to continue the effort Judy Erickson has started to document and proceduralize the running of CDS, to help ensure our successful (and smooth!) operation into the future. I'm also interested in ways to enhance the cooperation and mutual support of the different dance organizations.

I've been on the CDS board since 2007 and have been active on the Grants and Endowments Committee (which also administers our youth scholarships). I'm Couple Dance Chair for NEFFA (yes, I'm the one who schedules all the non-contra couple dancing and ECD sessions) and have recently agreed to take over band scheduling for Mostly Waltz. I previously served as President of the FAC Board from 1994-2002, FAC Treasurer from 2002-2004, and coordinated the FAC week at Pinewoods in 1991-1992 and 2004-2005.

Professionally, I work in financial services at Interactive Data in Bedford, MA, a leading provider of mission-critical market data and financial information to the institutional investment community, where I scope out and manage new product development efforts.

Mark Jones - Board Director, partial term, ending

2011

Mark is a past president of CDS Boston, and co-chair of the New England Dance Committee. He is the President of the Concord Scout House.

Neil McMullen - Board Director, 1st term, ending 2012

I'm the son of dancing parents. It could be said that my first trip to Pinewoods was when my expectant parents ran the 1989 Scottish sessions. My two-year old brother was the complaint department ("If you have any complaints, consult our son Ian, who will give you a tantrum lesson.") From the time I was six months old I've been attending either First Weekend or Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods every year. Despite this, I did not begin dancing in earnest until the fall of 2008 -- although I've been hooked since, dancing American and Scottish regularly and dabbling in swing, blues, squares, waltz, and English. I try to come away from every dance a better dancer, no matter how marginal the improvement. In addition, I've worked at Pinewoods Camp, as a member of the crew. (There's a trend here.)

I'm very excited about being presented with such a great opportunity to contribute to the community. I've gotten so much out of it, and I'm looking forward to giving back to it.

Erika Roderick - Board Director, 2nd term, ending 2012

I was one of the founding members of Candyrapper, and much of my social life revolved around this wonderful young folk dancing community.

Currently I am a very active member in a variety of folk dancing worlds. I am a member of Orion Sword, Muddy River Morris, and Mladost folk dance ensemble. I am also very active in the Revels community. There is such a great variety of folk dancing in Boston, and I am glad to become a more active member of the young adults in our growing community.

Mark Ward - Treasurer, 1st term, ending 2012

Mark Ward is a CDS Boston's representative to Pinewoods Camp, and has been a board member

of CDS Boston for the last four years.

Hal Wagner - Vice President, 2d term, ending 2012

Hal has been a board member for six years, and as VP, chairs the grants committee.

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List of Board Members and Officers

Prior to the elections of the 2010 annual meeting

Term end is denoted by year

* denotes final term in that particular office

Board Members

- 1) 2011 Chris Weiler - Term #1
- 2) 2011 Jeff Kaufman - Term #1
- 3) 2011* Gonzales, Diane - Term #2
- 4) 2011 Maureen Carey - Term #1
- 5) 2011* Liz Reisberg - Term #2
- 6) 2010 Mitch Diamond - Term #1
- 7) 2010* Julian Cole - Term #2
- 8) 2010 Erika Roderick - Term #1
- 9) 2010 Katy Petersen - Term #1
- 10) 2010* Mark Ward - Term #2

Board Officers

- 11) 2011* President: Judy Erickson
- 12) 2010 Vice President: Wagner, Hal - Term #1
- 13) 2010 Treasurer: Jerry Callen - Term #1
- 14) 2011 Clerk: Jacqueline Barnard - Term #1
- 15) 2010* Past President: Mark Jones
-) 2009 President Elect: vacant

Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

Nominating Committee

- Member Elected (3 year terms) (Board Nominates)
 - 1) 2012 Judy Erickson - Term #1 (partial term)
 - 2) 2011 Jones, Mark - Term #1
 - 3) 2010 Mitch Diamond - Term #0 (partial term)
- Board Elected, from the Board (2 year terms)
 - 4) 2011 Vacant
 - 5) 2010 Vacant

Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

(CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects)

- 1) 2010 Ward, Mark: Term #1 (three-year term)