

SCDS Board Member Recruitment

The board of the Sacramento Country Dance Society governs the organization to meet the mission: *The SCDS is a nonprofit educational organization which is dedicated to the preservation, study, teaching, enjoyment, and continuing evolution of traditional and historical dance, music and song, primarily American and English.*

Board members are elected by the members at the annual meeting in April, serve for one year, and may be elected for up to five consecutive years. The current board develops a slate of candidates who have expressed an interest and seem ready for board service, however, any organization member may self-nominate themselves.

We seek age diversity and cultural diversity in board candidates in order to widen our perspectives and decision making ability.

The board meets four times per year (May 2, August 1, November 7, and February 6 for 2016-2017). Members must attend at least 75% of the meetings. The board may also schedule strategic planning retreats from time to time.

The board elects from among its members several officers: President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and often Vice President. These officers are usually people who have already served at least one year on the board.

Each board member serves on at least one committee. Full time committees are contra dance, English Country Dance, and Echo Summit Dance Camp; part-time committees are Big Day of Giving and Nominating. Other committees may be established from time to time. The operation of the organization is delegated to these committees, while the board focuses on governance and coordinating the committees.

Board members sign a conflict of interest statement after election. Conflicts do not prohibit participation, but must be identified. The board does not have a personal contribution requirement at this time but will be considering one this year.

Board members receive an orientation to board service at the May meeting, and throughout the year.

Characteristics of a successful board members include:

1. Desire to advance the mission of the organization to support dance and its benefits to the community.
2. Availability to attend board meetings and committee meetings, and prepare ahead of time for these meetings by reading materials or researching practices and solutions.
3. Desire to grow leadership skills.
4. People skills, especially in difficult situations.
5. Specific professional skills such as design, publicity, financial management, legal perspectives, technology, fundraising, and others.

If you are not yet ready for board service, the organization also needs a wide variety of volunteers to serve on board committees, host dances, and in particular, to plan and host the annual Echo Summit Dance Camp. Any interested person may serve on the various board committees. If you are interested in these other opportunities, check the box at left, fill out the contact information below, and a board member or committee liaison will contact you. You may still answer the questions, as it will help us determine a volunteer role that fits your talents and interests.

If you want more information about board service before making a decision, please contact board President John Seto, 916-595-2498, jhsseto@gmail.com, or any other board member.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

If you need more space, feel free to submit an additional sheet.

1. What experience do you have with Sacramento Country Dance Society or other dance organizations?

2. Describe in a few sentences why you want to be a board member.

3. What activities of governance or committees most interest you?

4. Do you have professional skills and/or passions valuable to our dance community?

