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Dear CALLERLAB Members & Subscribers,

This is a CALLERLAB Electronic News Bulletin as of June 18, 2026.

75th National Square Dance Convention?

Are you attending the 75th National Square Dance Convention in Waco, TX?

1. Support CALLERLAB!
    - Stop by the CALLERLAB Vendor booth.
    - Volunteer to help staff the CALLERLAB booth in the vendor area.
    - Be sure to wear your CALLERLAB badge to show your support.
    - Friday, June 26 will be “CALLERLAB Blue Shirt Day”! This is optional, but if you do have a CALLERLAB blue shirt, please plan to wear it that day and join in on the fun!
2. The CALLERLAB Foundation is hosting an Advanced Trail End Dance on Wednesday, June 24 in the Texas Room Advanced Hall, Waco Convention Center with MCs **Eric Henerlau & Jack Pladdys**. Join us!
3. Attend the Keynote Address: *"It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now"* presented by **Ted Lizotte**.
4. Attend the Educational Roundtable Event, *"From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change"* with moderators, **Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger**.

Co-sponsored by the 75th National Square Dance Convention and

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SQUARE DANCING'S PROFESSIONAL
LEADERSHIP WORKING FOR THE FUTURE!

75th National Square Dance Convention®
Waco
June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Trail End Special
A2 Dance
June 24, 2026

MC 8:00 - 9:00
Eric Henalau

MC 9:00 - 10:00
Jack Pladdys

Texas Room Advanced Hall
Waco Convention Center

8:00 - 10:00 pm

Ray Brendzy * Jeremy Butler * Bryan Clark
Travis Cook * Tom Davis * Michael Kellogg
Ted Lizotte * Jet Roberts
Charlie Robertson * Dan Sahlstrom

The 75th National Square Dance Convention® Presents

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ted Lizotte

It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?

Ted will discuss the motivations behind the Transitionary Implementation Phase of the Program Policy (TIPPP) currently in progress at CALLERLAB and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs. Rather than just focusing on lists and terminology, he'll highlight the larger vision: creating more opportunities for new callers, strengthening clubs, and ensuring a vibrant future for square dancing.

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Thurs., June 25, 2026	9:30-10 a.m.	McLennan Hall #3 Waco Convention Center

Hailing from Manchester, NH, Ted is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions and festivals both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in 1990s and has taught beginner calling classes every year since. He became the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT in 1997 and still teaches their 12-week Crash Course. Known for his smooth-flowing choreography and music usage, he calls Beginners through C1.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. He was named CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board in April 2023.

Register online at https://75nsdctx.com/register/ or scan QR Code

Please Join the 75th National Square Dance Convention® for this Important Educational Roundtable Event

From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change

Change doesn't happen on paper — it happens in clubs, on the dance floor, and in the community. This roundtable brings together callers and leaders who are already putting the TIPPP Framework into action. Hear real-life success stories from clubs that have made change happen in their local areas and learn practical steps you can take to guide your own dancers and organizations. From navigating the simplified 50-call entry program to using the new teaching order and playbook, panelists will share strategies for building buy-in and helping your dancers thrive. Whether you're leading a small club or part of a large organization, this session offers tools and inspiration to help you carry the Diamond Jubilee spirit forward into a bright future.

Moderators: Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger, CALLERLAB

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TERESA BERGER

Teresa Berger grew up in the square dance activity and started calling in 2010. She calls and teaches square dancing through Plus, cues Rounds through Phase III, teaches Line Dances, and records for Rhythm Records.

Teresa is a member of CALLERLAB and a life member of the Indiana Dancers Association (IDA). Teresa currently serves as the Executive Director of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, and also as the Executive Secretary for the CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.

Attend the Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte at 9:30 a.m. entitled "It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?"
As the NSDC celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, be inspired and energized as we look ahead to the future of our activity. This keynote sets the stage by exploring the motivations behind the Transitionary Implementation Phase of the Program Policy currently in progress at CALLERLAB, and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs.

Thursday, June 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Waco Convention Center, TX

New Insurance Contact

For U.S. members who carry the CALLERLAB liability insurance, we have a new point of contact: Katherine Vidales at kvidales@acrisure.com.

To obtain a Certificate of Insurance when needed, please email Katherine with your name and the name and address of the facility where you call or conduct your dance. She will email the certificate directly to you.

BOG Nominations

Reminder, nominations are currently being accepted for Board of Governors (BOG) Members. Any Voting Member in good standing may nominate any eligible Voting Member, including himself/herself. To be valid, a completed nomination (including a bio and picture) must be in the hands of the Executive Director no later than July 1. The Petition is available on our website.

12 petitions have been received by the Home Office. They are:

Shawn Brown
Barry Clasper
Tom Davis
Shauna Kaaria
Hunter Keller
Ted Lizotte
Hiroshi Nakagawa
Tony Oxendine
Charlie Petrea
Charlie Robertson
Justin Russell
Dave Vieira

Convention Recordings

If you haven't had a chance to order a copy of the Convention recordings, these are still available for sale at https://callerlab.org/audio-mp3/.

CALLERLAB Videos

We want to remind you about the Members Only Section of the CALLERLAB website! If you haven't created your account yet, it's a great time to do so — especially because the videos from the 2026 Convention are now available at callerlab.org/videos! *(Please note: you must be logged in to view them.)*

To create your account:

1. Visit https://callerlab.org/account-login/
2. Click Register at the bottom of the login page.
3. Follow the prompts to create a username, enter your name and email, and choose a password.

4. After submitting the form, check your email for an activation link.
5. Once you verify your email, the Home Office will manually review your request and confirm your membership.

Thanks for your patience while we review new registrations. We'll notify you as soon as your access is approved — then you'll be able to explore all the Members Only content, including convention videos, resources, and more.

Let us know if you have any trouble logging in. We're here to help!

Home Office Hours During National Convention

The Home Office will have limited office hours while staff support the National Convention. Response times may be delayed during this period. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

June 22–23
Open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Eastern time)

June 24–28
Closed

June 29–July 1
Open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Eastern time)

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you in Waco!

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