



*Connecting and Inspiring
Through Traditional Music and Dance*

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JOIN THE DANCEFLURRY ORGANIZATION BOARD!

Enjoy traditional music or dance? Want to support a community arts organization that is keeping multicultural traditions strong?

Bring your energy and enthusiasm to the table as a member of a great group of folks supporting and promoting a range of music and dance events in the Capital Region of NY.

The DanceFlurry Organization (DFO) invites you to join the Board of Directors for the upcoming term starting on June 1, 2021.

The Nominating Committee is looking for committed individuals to support two areas of DFO activities:

1. providing dance events around the Capital Region year-round; and
2. undertaking outreach activities and providing support to other organizations offering dance and music events so that we can build the next generation of DFO participants and supporters.

The DanceFlurry Board is an active one, and members are expected to serve on at least one committee in addition to attending board meetings. The initial term of service is three years. Board members have access to training. The following is a brief description of what your "job" as a board member would involve:

- Become a DFO member (memberships begin at the \$15 level)
- Invest in the DFO's mission to "present and promote live traditional music and dance and to expand participatory dancing opportunities in the Capital Region"
- Attend monthly Board meetings, usually held weeknight evenings in Albany and lasting about 2 hours; currently taking place virtually via Zoom
- Maintain email engagement for Board and committee business between meetings
- Serve on at least one DFO committee

A list of committees with descriptions follows, along with a list of current board members and contractual staff. Our events are run by volunteer organizers, under the supervision of the Board. The DFO-sponsored and DFO-affiliated events are listed below. The DFO has a bookkeeper who manages all fiscal tasks and a CPA who does our tax returns. The DFO's Administrator handles many of the day-to-day details and assists with publicity. For more information, and to review the DFO By-Laws, please check the website, www.danceflurry.org.

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So that we can share the information with the Board and our membership, please answer the following questions about your interests and skills (not more than 2-3 paragraphs).

1. Are you currently involved with any DanceFlurry Organization activities? If not, what interests you about serving on our Board?
2. Do you have any organizational or prior Board experience or professional skills you would bring to the DFO's operations? Do you have any interests related to DFO activities?
3. In what ways might you contribute to the DFO's program or organizational goals?
4. Can you commit to regular attendance and participation in Board/committee meetings, and ongoing engagement through email or other digital media?

Please assist us in this nomination process by sending your responses to these questions to nominations@danceflurry.org by April 4, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at president@danceflurry.org.

Elections will take place at our annual meeting of the membership in May, 2021. We are looking forward to the next year of work and successes. We appreciate your taking the time to assist us with the important work of building a strong board.

Shira Love, DanceFlurry Organization President

DANCEFLURRY COMMITTEES

Current committees include standing (or Board) committees and organization committees.

Standing committees –

Budget & Finance Committee, which reviews and recommends event budgets for Board approval, brings financial concerns or considerations to the Board, and tracks the organization's income and expenses;

Executive Committee, comprising the officers of the Board: the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary;

Nominating Committee, which develops a slate of new board members each year and conducts onboarding.

Organization Committees

Program Support -- works with groups outside the DFO who have proposed dance programs or events and need help with organization and/or funding. An annual budget provides Program grants for community events and DFYO! (Dance Flurry Youth Outreach) grants to support events for youth and the developmentally disabled.

Liaison – Each series or event has a board liaison, who provides support for event organizers and facilitates communication with the board.

Community Culture -- works to create an environment of comfort, safety and inclusivity at all DFO events by developing policy and guidelines for organizers and participants.

Membership – Seeks to build and engage with DFO membership; and recruits and maintains a volunteer pool for organizational needs.

Outreach – Builds broader public awareness of DFO activities by participating in events like farmers markets and health fairs, or hosting special music, dance or educational programs.

Media - Monitors and updates information and communications through our website, social media, and newsletters.

**DFO SPONSORED & AFFILIATED
DANCE SERIES & EVENTS**

Flurry Festival

Cajun/Zydeco & Swing Dances

Albany First Friday Capital Swing Dance

ALB (Albany Lindy & Blues Exchange)

Cajun and Zydeco Dance

Saratoga Savoy Diamond Dance

Contra, Community, & Family Dances

Adirondack Dance Weekend

Albany Contradances!

Albany Contra Fest

Albany Shindig

Buhrmaster Barn Contra Dance

Clifton Park Contra

Family Dance

Hubbard Hall Community Dance

English Country Dances

Adirondack Dance Weekend

Capital English Country Dance

Rensselaer English Country Dancers

Stockade Assembly

Music and Singing

Albany Sacred Harp Singing

DFO Megaband

DFO BOARD MEMBERS

Shira Love, President

Will Anderson, Vice President

Rich Pisarri, Treasurer

Marie Bruschi, Secretary

Barbara Bemis,

Karyn Dornemann

Ken Fisher

Rachel Glick

Cindee Herrick

Jordan Kammeyer

Lauren Keeley

Kristen Lilkas-Rain

Kevin Musick

Harry Pisila

Juliana Post-Good

Harvey Raufman

Peter Stix

Sandy Waxgiser

Board Members, Emeritus

Jen Brown, Past President

John Guay, Past President,

Bill Matthiesen, Past President

Pat Melita, Founding Member

Paul Rosenberg, Founding Member

STAFF (CONTRACTUAL)

Lisa Allendorph, DFO Bookkeeper

Blair Davenport, Marketing and Fundraising
Manager

Vonnie Estes, DFO Constant Contact PR

Jonathan Greene, Flurry Festival Program
Curator

Ian Hamelin, Flurry Festival Finance Manager

Jim Mead, Flurry Festival Webmaster

Sue Mead, Flurry Festival Administrative
Assistant

Josh Snitkoff, Flurry Festival Technical Manager

Lorraine Weiss, DFO Administrator