



# Puttin' on the Dance Session Notes

## “Organizers Unite”

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### Generally

- The Southeast Leadership Conference has a web site with session descriptions, schedule, and an address list. There is no archive of conference materials or minutes.
- Make It Happen! Has supporting materials. It's on the CDSS web site.
- CDSS Starter Kits are on the CDSS web site.
- SharedWeight.Net hosts email lists and public list archives.
  - Callers list
  - Organizers list
  - Web Masters list

There exists an English Country Dance list that's moderated by Alan Winston. (I'd bet that Richard Sauvain subscribes.)

### Rochester, NY

- We may want to have a board or advisor committee retreat to nail down and come together on the vision.
- We should train in how to use the email list for discussions. Set a group norm.

### Michigan

- A new dance space has become available that provides an opportunity to do a new series. The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday series has 1 organizer. 5th Saturdays has another single organizer. They'd like to facilitate forming a committee to build a broader base of ownership. Get the starters to open up and get others to join.
  - People DON'T want to go meetings.
  - People DO want to work on problems.
  - ==> Problems are a resource!
  - Inventory your resources (problems, people, other resources in the region). Invite stakeholders to help solve the problems.

### MA - Lavender Country Dancers

- When a volunteer or an organizer gets burned out, recognize it.

### Ways we might stay connected

- Provide a discussion space, e.g., email list like Shared Weight
- Provide a library of artifacts, e.g., CDSS and/or Google Docs
  - May need to include a summary of the discussion that led up to creating the artifact.
  - What did we think about, and why we chose to set things this way and not that in a policy.
  - Consider Lonely Planet's Thorntree, which is a threaded Q&A space.

- CDSS has a forum set up but it's not used now. Perhaps it could be kick-started.
- Wiki - which is a way to get people to collaborate on authoring.

What role can CDSS play in solving common problems?

- What successes have you had in your community?
- Be a collection point and connect people.
- Partnership is a current CDSS priority.
- The CDSS forum admin could set up categories of discussions which would tie to artifacts in CDSS

Starter Kits and the Make It Happen! Section.

- Perhaps a smaller model could work for local dances.
- Could the HMO model be used to create a "Legal Maintenance Organization", whereby local dances could access professional assistance to handle questions around liability, insurance, etc.