

Lizotte to Discuss Vision for TIPPP in Keynote Address

Caller Ted Lizotte, CALLERLAB’s Chairman of the Board, will be providing an exciting Keynote Address at the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in the Waco Convention Center on Thursday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m. Lizotte will be discussing the Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy (TIPPP) currently underway and its potential impact on callers, clubs and dancers.



Ted Lizotte

Hailing from Manchester, NH, Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling that same year. He started teaching classes in 1990 and has taught beginner classes every year since. In 1997, Ted was asked to be the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT and is still teaching their 12-week Crash Course. He currently calls beginners through C1. In 2017, Ted started his own music label; he 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 his Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018, was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021, and as of April 2023 is CALLERLAB’s Chairman of the Board. Ted has been featured at numerous festivals and weekends, both nationally and internationally, and is well-known for his smooth flowing choreography and music usage.

Keynote Synopsis

As the National Square Dance Convention® celebrates its Diamond Jubilee (75 years), we invite you to look ahead to the future of our activity. This keynote sets the stage by exploring the motivations behind the Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy (TIPPP) currently in progress at CALLERLAB, and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs. Rather than focusing only on lists and terminology, we’ll highlight the larger vision: creating more opportunities for new callers, strengthening clubs, and ensuring a vibrant future for square dancing. This 30-minute session will inspire and energize you as we begin the journey into the next 75 years.

Date, Time, and Location

Thursday 9:30 – 10:00 AM	Mandatory for LCP	Keynote Address: It’s Been 75 Years – Why Change Now?	McLennan Hall in the Waco Convention Ctr
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Don’t Miss the 75th NSDC’s Organizational Roundtable: From Vision to Reality – Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change

Moderators Ted Lizotte and Theresa Berger will be the moderators for the 75th NSDC’s Organizational Roundtable. The event will be held Thursday, June 25, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Lizotte, CALLERLAB’s Chairman of the Board, and Berger, CALLERLAB’s Executive Director, will be joined by three Panelists: Callers Shawn Brown, Mike Seastrom and Jeremy Butler.

Organizational Roundtable Synopsis

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.

Date, Time, and Location

Thursday, 10:15 – 11:30 AM	Core for LCP	Organizational Roundtable: From Vision to Reality – Success Stories, Strategies for Implementing Change	McLennan Hall in the Waco Convention Ctr
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The 75th National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) will mark 75 years of the NSDC. Help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026. For information, go to <https://75nsdctx.com>.