# **2024 Federation Officer Nominees**

Here are the candidates running for office for the 2024-2025 year in the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. We will be having online voting this year. Your club secretary should get an email by March 1 with a link to the ballot.

The current President (Karyn Buchheit) automatically becomes the Past President. The current 1st Vice President (Patrick Cox) automatically becomes the President.

This year, three offices are up for election, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary, and Membership. Listed below are the candidates:

# **First Vice President**



1st VP -- Michael Kious Emerald Empire Area Council Capital Callers & Cuers Assoc Whirl-Aways (caller) Residence: Gresham, OR Occupation: In transition Dance experience: 30 years; caller, 19 years Club offices held: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP Area Council offices held: none State offices held: none Other leadership: Sound Chairman for Mid-Winter Festival Relevant Training:

Statement: I was raised in a Caller/Cuer family, and I started calling when I was 16 years old. Camille and I have a new son born this year. Square dancing is a big part of my life and I continue to enjoy the activity, finding ways to help it grow.



#### 1st VP – Joyce Welton Central Oregon Area Council High Desert Dancers

Residence: Bend, OR Occupation: General Manager, Arrowhead Lake Assoc. (Retired) Dance experience: 40 years Club offices held: President, Secretary, membership, Area Council offices held: President, State Delegate State offices held: none Relevant training: Other leadership: Chair, Central Oregon Roundup

Statement: none

## Secretary (two-year term)



Secretary -- Lorri McIntosh Rogue-Sis-Q Council Charlie Brown Squares Residence: Grants Pass, OR Occupation: Nurse Educator Dance experience: 21 years Club offices held: Vice President, Secretary Area Council offices held: President, Secretary, State Delegate State offices held: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Secretary Other leadership: Summer Festival Chair Medical Care for Diamond Lake Festival

Statement: none

## Membership (two-year term)



Membership – Cherie Cox South Coast Area Council Saints & Aint's (caller) Residence: Coos Bay, OR Occupation: registered Nurse Dance experience:20 years Club offices held: President, Secretary, Treasurer Council offices held: President State offices held: Membership Other leadership: none Relevant Training: MBA/ Research Coordinator

Statement: Cherie and her husband Pat started square dancing in 2009. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. She enjoys sewing, knitting socks, and traveling. She continues to work part time since retiring in 2022.



Membership – Sue Harrel Portland Area Council Chaps & Petticoats Residence: Molalla, OR Occupation: Buyer for Providence Health Care Dance experience: 6 years Club offices held: Treasurer Council offices held: none State offices held: none State offices held: Membership Other leadership: none Relevant Training: BA/ Accounting

Statement: none