



46th CALLERLAB Convention Richmond, VA

“INNOVATE, INTEGRATE, MOTIVATE!”

APRIL 15-17, 2019



You are Invited to the 46th CALLERLAB Convention April 15-17, 2019

Make Your Room Reservations! Make reservations by dialing 1-800-THE-OMNI or by visiting our group's customized website: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/international-association-of-square-dance-callers-callerlab>.

Our group rate is \$119.00 per night.



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The CALLERLAB Executive Committee has chosen “**Innovate, Integrate, Motivate!**” as the theme for the 46th CALLERLAB Convention to be held at the beautiful Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Many interest sessions are planned for this Convention dealing with various topics and ideas. Plan to attend the 46th CALLERLAB Convention. Invite friends and remember that all dance leaders and dancers are also welcome to attend and share in ideas to improve the future of square dancing.

The CALLERLAB Convention provides tremendous amounts of educational training and materials, as well as great social time and networking with callers from around the world. Come be a part of an unbelievable experience of callers sharing and working together. Inject your thoughts and experiences. Visit with Members of the Board and spend time with some of the legends of the activity. This Convention has something for everyone in square dancing. Again, all callers, dancers, and dance leaders are invited to attend.

On Saturday before the Convention there will be a Community Dance Leader's Seminar hosted by **Bob Riggs**. On Sunday, April 14th, there

will be a special dance hosted by the Ways and Means Committee as a fund raising event for the CALLERLAB Foundation.

YOU Are Invited to Attend our Convention! After reviewing this invitation, we hope you will consider coming to Richmond, VA to enjoy a great event.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Home Office by phone [1-800-331-2577](tel:1-800-331-2577) or by e-mail at: callerlab@aol.com.

Checkout Visit Richmond at: <https://www.visitrichmondva.com>

Things to do in Richmond, VA

- If you're interested in architecture, check out [The Branch Museum](#).
- Or if you want to see art from all over the world, visit the [Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#).
- In Richmond, we also have years of history to learn about at museums including the [Virginia Historical Society](#) and [Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site](#).
- [For Things to do, click here:](#)
- [Restaurant Favorites, click here:](#)
- [Wineries and Bars](#)
- [Breweries](#)

Hotel Info:

Welcome to the Omni Hotel!

With a stay at Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond (Downtown Richmond), you'll be steps from Shockoe Slip and seven minutes by foot from the Virginia Governor's Mansion. This 4-star hotel is 0.5 mi (0.9 km) from the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial and 0.6 mi (0.9 km) from Virginia's Holocaust Museum.

Rooms

Make yourself at home in one of the 359 air-conditioned rooms featuring minibars and LCD televisions. Your room comes with a pillow top bed. Wireless Internet access (surcharge) keeps you connected, and digital programming is available for your entertainment. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers.

Amenities

Take advantage of recreation opportunities including a health club and an indoor pool. Additional amenities at this hotel include complimentary wireless Internet access, concierge services, and shopping on site. Getting to nearby attractions is a breeze with the complimentary area shuttle that operates within five miles.

Dining

Enjoy American cuisine at Trevis Restaurant, a restaurant which features a bar, or stay in and take advantage of the room service (during limited hours). Buffet breakfasts are served on weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and on weekends from 7:00 a.m. to noon for a fee.

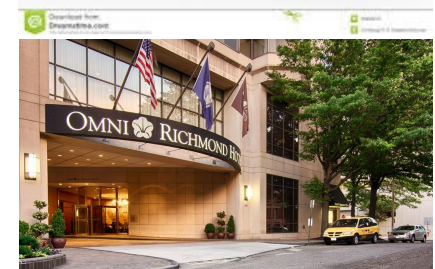
Business, Other Amenities

Featured amenities include a business center, complimentary newspapers in the lobby, and dry cleaning/laundry services. Event facilities at this hotel consist of a conference center and meeting rooms. Self parking (subject to charges) is available on-site.

There are plenty of area restaurants and sights to see.

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TENTATIVE PLANNED SESSIONS

Square View	Advanced	Teaching for Success
Sounding a Hall	Modules	Party Nights
On-Line Presence/Website	Specialty Squares	Visit with the Legends
CSDS	Sight Calling	Social Aspects of Square
Digital Music	Developing Singing Calls	Dancing
Programming a Festival or Convention	Sneak a Peek	Creating a Safe Dance Environment
Facebook	Calling Through Ferris Wheel	Teaching Methods
Online Resources	Music Licensing	Mentoring for the Future
Basic	Handicapable/Special Needs	Marketing Recommended Tactics
Mainstream	Harmonyand More!
Plus	Calling for Declining Ability	

CONVENTION ATTIRE

The following are merely suggestions:

GENTLEMEN

Casual attire is appropriate at all sessions. Some men prefer a coat and/or tie for the banquets, but it is not required. Square dance attire at evening dances is certainly appropriate but not required. **Please observe the courtesy of removing your hat during Convention meals.**

LADIES

Casual attire is appropriate at all sessions.

Most women wear casual clothing during the day and prefer business casual to formal wear for the Monday and Tuesday evening banquets. There will be a square dance on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings. Square dance attire is certainly appropriate but not required. A

light wrap or jacket is also suggested due to the changing temperature of the rooms.

For more information about the Convention, please contact the CALLERLAB Home Office by e-mail at: callerlab@aol.com or by phone at: **1-785-783-3665 or 1-800-331-2577.**

All Callers, Dance Leaders, and Dancers are Invited to Attend!

Have you ever wondered what goes on at a CALLERLAB Convention? Plenty!

During Monday and Tuesday there are: more than 35 educational interest sessions taking place; 20 committee meetings held; two banquets; two lunches; a session where attendees may meet with Members of the Board of Governors to express ideas and ask questions of the CALLERLAB Board. In addition, many opportunities to speak with legends of the square dance activities occur, as well as many visiting VIPs of other dance organizations such as ROUNDALAB, United Square Dancers of America, The ARTS, U.S.A. West, National Executive Committee, and many of the officers of upcoming National Square Dance Conventions. International representatives also attend and they're a joy to meet and visit with. Yes, several of the educational sessions are directed to callers; however, there are also many sessions that are of interests to dancers. On Sunday night, the Ways and Means Committee will host a fund raising dance for the Foundation. On Monday night they will conduct a fun live auction. Following the live auction, there will be a dance called by attending Members who have called three years or less. On Tuesday night there will be a Beautiful Basics Dance followed by a Zesty Contra dance.

General Details About Convention

WEEKEND REGISTRATION HOURS

Convention Registration will be open:

- Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONVENTION COSTS

The 2019 CALLERLAB Convention fees are:

If paid in full on or **before March 31, 2019:**

- • \$220 per caller
- • \$210 for all other attendees (Partners, Leaders and Dancers)

Fees must be paid in full **before March 31, 2019** to avoid a **\$30 per person "late charge"**. We encourage you to stay at the Omni Hotel and to make your reservation early.

CONVENTION FEE INCLUDES

The Convention fee includes: your Convention package; badge; program; handouts; four meals beginning with the noon meal on Monday; (two lunches, and two dinners); four beverage breaks; and the Welcome Reception on Sunday evening.

REFUNDS and CANCELLATIONS

A full refund will be paid for cancellations received prior to March 31, 2019. Cancellations **after March 31, 2019** will incur a **\$30 per person cancellation charge**. Cancellations on or after April 10, 2019 and any "no shows" will forfeit a \$100 deposit per person. Once meal counts are presented to the hotel, CALLERLAB must pay for all meals ordered. If you are registered for the Convention and find that you will be unable to attend, please notify the CALLERLAB Home Office as soon as possible for refund processing.

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CONVENTION ROOM SHARING

If you are interested in sharing a room with another attendee at the 2019 CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, Virginia, please contact the Home Office and ask that your name be added to our list of attendees who wish to share a room. The

Home Office offers this service only to help those who would like to share the expense of a room. All arrangements must be made between the individuals who will be sharing a room.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FUND RAISING EVENTS

Pin a Dollar on a Caller!
Sunday Night Dance (open to all area dancers!)
Monday Night, Live Auction!

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE SCAVENGER HUNT

The fun begins on Sunday April 14th for an afternoon scavenger hunt through Richmond. Please see the attached flyer. Build your team to join in on the fun!

CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thanks to our Executive Committee for planning a great Convention! Members include: **Patty Greene**, Chairman; **Ken Ritucci**, Vice Chair; **Mike Hogan**, **Bob Riggs**; **Dottie Welch**; **Dana Schirmer**, Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director, **Teresa Berger**.