

Dear AACTMAD Members,

This is communication from the AACTMAD Board of Directors for August 10, 2009.

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(1) New Facility Project Membership Vote:

The AACTMAD Board of Directors has made substantial progress on the renovation plans for a dedicated AACTMAD Dance Facility at 4531 Concourse Drive, and has now reached the critical decision point for the formal launch of the project.

The Board is in full support of the Dance Facility project. It perceives that this project is in the best interest of AACTMAD and, when completed, will be a great asset to the entire dance community. If the decision is to proceed, then the next step will be fundraising, and ultimately the project will only go forward if fundraising is successful.

Because this is such an important decision for the Board of Directors, we have decided to ask the members to each cast a vote to indicate if they do or do not support the Board proceeding with the new facility project.

Ballots for members to vote on the Board proceeding with the new dance facility project have now been sent out by regular mail. We have sent one ballot per person named in the membership list along with a self addressed stamped envelope for members to return the ballot to us. An electronic version of the ballot is attached to this email, and the ballot will be posted to the website as soon as possible. Members can also download the electronic version of the ballot and send it in. In either case, each ballot must be in an envelope with a member's signature and printed name on the envelope so that we can track who has voted while maintaining a secret ballot. More than one ballot may be returned in one envelope, but each voter must sign and print their name on the outside of the envelope.

The postmark date for returning ballots is August 21, and they will be counted at the Board Meeting on August 26, 2009 at 4531 Concourse Drive. Ballots may also be delivered in person to 4531 Concourse Drive before the Board Meeting.

Several documents are posted on the website explaining in detail the new facility project, and we encourage everyone to read them before they cast their vote. Links to these documents are:

The Brochure: http://aactmad.org/pdfs/fac_brochure.pdf

The Business Plan: http://aactmad.org/pdfs/FacilityBusinessPlan_1.pdf

Facility Project Q&A: http://aactmad.org/pdfs/fac_faq_090804.pdf

New Facility Newsletters can also be found at <http://aactmad.org/office.html> along with other supporting documents.

For more information or to ask questions about AACTMAD's Dance Facility project, visit AACTMAD's website at <http://aactmad.org/office.html> or write to: facilities@aactmad.org.

(2) New Facility Project Discussion Session:

August 15, Saturday 6 – 7 PM, Potluck dinner with some food provided by AACTMAD, at the Pittsfield Grange Hall, in conjunction with the Pittsfield Open Band Jam: (3 – 6 PM) and the Cobblestone Contra Dance: (7:30 PM Beginner session, Dance at 8 PM)

Sincerely yours,

The AACTMAD Board of Directors



AACTMAD BALLOT
Ann Arbor Council for
Traditional Music and Dance

By enclosing this ballot in the envelope provided and by printing and signing my name on the back of the envelope, I, as a member of the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, hereby cast my vote regarding support for the facility project at 4531 Concourse described in the materials posted on the AACTMAD website at www.aactmad.org/office.html.

Ballots are to be mailed to 4531 CONCOURSE DR, ANN ARBOR MI 48108 and postmarked by August 21, or hand delivered prior to the August 26 Board meeting and ballot tally.

All members in the same household are encouraged to vote and may place their ballots in the same envelope, as long as each member prints and signs their name as noted above.

Any additional comments may be enclosed in the ballot envelope on a separate paper.

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The Board believes that the property at 4531 Concourse is our best opportunity at this time to fulfill our long-term goal of having our own space. We are now seeking a membership vote of support for the project. This vote is binding if 50% of the membership votes; otherwise the Board will treat it as advisory. A positive vote alone does not mean the project will go forward, since the Board will proceed only if, after due diligence and successful fundraising, we are convinced that the agreements negotiated provide adequate protection for AACTMAD and that the money raised is sufficient.

- Yes, I am in favor of the Board's proceeding with the project to renovate 4531 Concourse as AACTMAD's headquarters and dance space

- No, I am not in favor of the project