

Summary for April 19, 2026 11:00 am ECR Board Meeting

Attendees

- Pete Levins
- Michael Golden
- Ed Wilson
- Oliver Vogel
- Ben Wild
- Mike Keeley
- Kurt Gollhardt
- Michael Levy
- Jenny Robertson

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- Call to order approximately 11:00
- March 2026 meeting minutes review & approval: DONE
- Financial update (Ed)
 - The club's net revenue for the year so far is \$912, with no income recorded in March due to delayed bank deposits and quarterly payment cycles for callers.
- Plus Class status: began January 27; Sat April 11 Plus Class Review (San Mateo church); graduation plans June 23
 - Saturday April 11 Plus Class Review (San Mateo church): It was noted that there was low attendance from current students despite the event being designed to help them
 - 2026 Plus Class Graduation: Tuesday, June 23
- Open action item review
 - **Ed:** Check with Kim/Bennet re: lodging for Vic Ceder
 - **Michael Golden:** Finalize and distribute advanced class interest survey.
 - **Mike:** Work with Jeff on merchandise for February through April (*update: Mike will distribute in April; announced on April 7 at Club night*)
 - Mike said he will collect orders through April and place the final order in May. He will inform attendees on Tuesday about ordering through both the website merchandise page and the merchandise email (merchandise@reelers.org). Mike will send an email to the ECR Talk distribution list with details about the ordering process and website links. The club logo can be used on personal merchandise, which can be accessed online.
 - **Oliver:** Revise Bylaws regarding Election proceedings

- Discuss changes and adoption process; secret ballot and must pass by $\frac{2}{3}$ approval. As a few board members missed the original email, Oliver will send it out again for future discussion.
- Calendar Review (April - July - see *below*)
- New Discussion Items
 - May Dance (discuss backup caller)
 - Andy has confirmed that he will be available to call the May dance.
 - Tie Dye event (Jenny) - before convention
 - The group discussed organizing a tie-dye event at a picnic on May 30th at Hoover Park. Jenny agreed to lead the tie-dye activity, which will start at 1 PM with dancing from 2-4 PM. Michael Levy will contact Dave Decot to see if he can call for the event.
 - Halloween Dance Discussion
 - The group also addressed the October dance date change from Halloween to October 17th due to caller Eric Henerlau's unavailability, though concerns were raised about potential conflicts with other local dance events. (Update: The dance will be held Saturday, October 31st 2026 with Ett McAtee calling at St. Andrews. No conflict with other clubs that we know of.)
 - Saturday Dance venue changes in 2027
 - The board discussed venue changes due to the church restricting Saturday events in the future. It was proposed to explore a new United Methodist church in Palo Alto that hosts contra dances regularly, and Ed has agreed to investigate availability for both Saturday and other days of the week.
 - September Mainstream Class
 - It was noted that we need to update references to "mainstream" for the September class.
 - Michael Golden relocation / Board participation beginning Fall 2026
 - Michael Golden is relocating to Kansas City, MO in Fall 2026. It was decided that he will remain on the board as secretary at least through the end of his term (March 2027). He will need to hand off the church keys before he leaves.
- Close

Calendar Review

April

- Order Badges for graduates, others
- Treasurer: File IRS 990-N Postcard due by 15th day of 5th month after close of tax year

- Treasurer: P.O.Box fees due April 30
- Zoom Subscription Renewal
- Notify IAGSDC to update Club Officer list (note: Ben has been added)
- Distribute Merchandise order info to Club
- Schedule Picnic(s)
- Board Meeting: April 19th, 11 AM

May

- Purchase Decorations / Give-aways for Pride events
- Determine IAGSDC delegates for Convention (if not sooner)
- Quarterly Dance: May 9 - Andy Allemao
- Tie Dye Picnic: May 30th, 1-4 PM. Hoover Park
- Decide on next SSD class and Intro nights
- Discuss Intra-club nights (from February Board meeting)
- Schedule Open House: Tuesday, July 14th
- Board meeting: May 17th, 11 AM

June

- Pride Event Participation (sign-up volunteers, demo dancers)
 - San Mateo County Pride (June 13 -- booth confirmed; no parade in 2026)
 - Mountain View Pride (June 20 -- booth request submitted; stage demo confirmed @ 12:45pm)
- Social Event: Theater on June 13 ("*Toxic Avenger*")
- 2026 Plus Class Graduation: Tuesday, June 23rd
- Dark Day (Due to convention: June 30)
- Board meeting: June 14th, 11:00 AM

July

- Convention: Montreal Mix July 1-5
- Dark Day (Due to convention: July 7)
- Picnic: Saturday, July 25th
- Advertise Open House, Tuesday, July 14th
- Board Meeting: July 19th, 11:00 AM

Next steps

- Michael Golden: Finalize and distribute the advanced class interest survey to Bay Area clubs, including adding questions to collect respondent contact information
- Mike: Announce merchandise ordering process at next Tuesday's meeting, confirm website and email instructions, and send out an email to ECR Talk with ordering details and catalog link
- Mike: Check access to merchandise@Reelers.org email and confirm receipt of any orders
- Oliver: Resend revised bylaws to board and relevant members for additional feedback
- Ben: Create a profile on the IAGSDC website so Michael Golden can update club officer information. Done
- Ed: Send out order for graduate badges this week
- Ed: Look into alternative venue (Palo Alto United Methodist Church) for Saturday dances and inquire about availability/pricing for Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
- Michael: Contact Dave Decot about calling for the May 30th picnic
- Mike: Include information about tie-dye event and t-shirt options in upcoming merchandise email
- Jenny: Review t-shirt catalog and suggest best options for tie-dye event
- Mike: Collect rough estimate of number of participants for tie-dye event from Jenny about a week before the picnic
- Pete: Clarify the "inter-/intra-club nights" calendar item from February board meeting and update the group if action is needed
- Kurt: Notify relevant groups about the change in ECR Halloween dance date.
- Michael Golden: Transfer physical keys to a local board member before relocating in November.
- Kurt: Provide calling and video for Mountain View Pride demo on June 20th
- Michael: Work with callers to schedule picnic callers (for both May 30 and July 25 events)
- Pete: Schedule July board meeting for July 19th
- Ed: Inquire about and report back on the possibility of moving regular Tuesday (and possibly Monday/other) dances to the new Palo Alto venue, if available
- Pete: Update summary and minutes to reflect that the advanced class survey is finalized and pending distribution
- Mike: Send merchandise/tie-dye email to club after confirming website/catalog details and consulting with Jenny
- Michael: Update IAGSDC with new club officers once Ben's profile is created. Done
- Ed: Monitor P.O. Box renewal and pay when notice arrives
- Pete: Buy Pride decorations (already in progress, but noted as upcoming in calendar review)
- Michael: Schedule SSD and mainstream class dates for May (as per calendar review)

Quick recap

The board meeting focused on reviewing club activities and planning upcoming events. The group discussed scheduling a tie-dye activity during the May 30th picnic at Hoover Park, with Jenny offering to lead the event using liquid dye on white t-shirts with the ECR logo. They reviewed the calendar, confirming Pride events, picnics, and board meetings through July, including moving the October dance from Halloween to October 17th due to caller availability. Ed reported that St.

Andrews United Methodist Church would no longer host their quarterly Saturday dances starting in 2027, though they would honor existing contracts for May, August, and October. The board also discussed merchandise sales, with Mike coordinating t-shirt orders, and confirmed that Michael Golden would continue serving on the board despite relocating to Missouri.