

Society Report to the BC Square and Round Dance Federation AGM

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Convention 2008, London, ON:

At last count there were 1085 dancers registered for 2008 The Delta Hotel is fully booked (at the preferred rate) and the Hilton has 40 rooms left. The CSRDS luncheon will probably be held in the Hilton. Registration forms could be printed from the Convention 2008 website.

Convention 2010, Halifax, NS:

There were 124 dancers registered from 8 provinces and the United States.

Convention 2012:

Conversations are being held with the Saskatchewan Federation to see if there would be some interest in holding the 2012 national convention in Saskatchewan.

Martin Mallard reported that there are approximately 400 dancers in Saskatoon and 200 dancers in Regina. He didn't think that neither city had the space to host a national convention.

Perfect Convention Attendance Certificate: These certificates will be presented at the convention in London, Ontario in July 2008.

Membership/Insurance:

Martin Mallard expressed his frustration at the incompleteness of some of the information that is required on the club information sheets. Federations are requested to submit their membership dues and complete information as early as possible each year.

There was a concern that many dancers are not taking out Society membership. If they have no membership number then they are not protected with our Liability Insurance Coverage. As to requests for Liability Lawsuits: there were four cases this past year, but nothing became of them, either due to the type of lawsuit or the individual suing were not a member of CSRDS.

Publicity/Promotion: Marion Knight reported on the various types of advertising that is being done, such as, Magazine Ads, DVD Production, TV Commercials, CSRDS pin sales, ABC Dance Program and the National Square Dance Directory (which is now on the web). Marion asked the Board's permission to hold several teleconferences throughout the year (in spite of the higher cost of teleconference calls).

DVD (Dancing Keeps You Young):

The Board of Directors' with the permission of the originator of this project, Lloyd Juhala, will be reformatting the DVD so that it can be used on Canadian provincial, association and club web sites. At this time, other countries will not be granted permission to use our DVD.

Professional Development:

Alan Clays reported that the Professional Development Committee paid thirteen applicants a total of \$6,240.21 for the 2005 dance season.

For the 2006 season there have been eight applications forwarded so far this year. Requests have come in from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Vancouver and District promotional idea:

A motion that permission be given for use of the Society's logo on their promotional items was carried.

The ARTS organization (a function of Callerlab) is not interested in having representation from Canada on their Board.