

**BC Delegates to CSRDS
Report to BCSRDF Annual General Meeting
August 8, 2014 - Penticton**



Over the past year, the CSRDS board has been working on the following:

- Revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate the revised national “Not For Profit Act”. President Bob Ruohoniemi undertook the onerous task of compiling this and sending it out to the Directors and it went back and forth numerous times for comments and further revisions. We anticipate this being presented at the AGM in Ottawa.
- AB Director and Convention Chair, Norm Demeule, worked on revisions to Festival guidelines to reflect the current trends of national Festivals. These too bounced back and forth between him and the rest of the Board until agreement was reached. There's been a lot of reading this year!
- Attempts to establish a Public Relations Committee has been difficult. An invitation was sent to all the provinces to seek dancers with an interest in PR to step forward. There are plans for a Round Table discussion at Festival 2014.
- Final approval of the Dancing Across Canada badge and dangles was obtained at AGM 2013 in Regina and an initial order has been placed and Society directors will be wearing these at Festival 2014. Orders will be taken from dancers wishing to purchase these unique badges. Beth is very thankful for the support and badge expertise of BC's very own, Connie and Al Ritchie of Sandy's Badges, who have worked on this project with her over the past few years.

We're pleased to report that there were few, if any complaints, with the collection of the 2014 membership fees and the issuance of certificates of insurance. A new insurance provider was engaged and, as a result, we've had the ability to add new members throughout the year and obtain the required insurance certificates in very timely fashion. If there are any ongoing concerns, please feel free to speak to Beth about them. We are also pleased to report that the financials show an increase over 2013 in the national memberships. We won't have the exact numbers until the CSRDS AGM in Ottawa but this is definitely encouraging.

Society certificates recognizing milestone anniversaries were presented to 10 clubs/callers/cuers this year in BC. Thanks to Norm and Mary Cox for presenting a number of them on our behalf.

Darcy regrets to report that there were no nominations for Awards and Honours this year, and the number of requests for Professional Development bursaries into the coming year are down substantially from last. Please be sure to put forward nominations for any callers, cuers or dancers in your areas deserving of a Long Service Award or an Award of Excellence. Please remind the callers and cuers in your areas of the assistance available for Professional Development as well. Information on these can be found on the Society's website www.squaredance.ca or by contacting us.

Reminder to all clubs to ensure their information on the websites are kept current. The Society's website has links to the provincial federation websites and we all need to keep things updated for the benefit of all. Yes.... we are working on updates to Society's website as well....

At the time of the AGM in Penticton, we will have just returned from Festival 2014. We will report briefly on it at Penticton. It's now time to start promoting Festival 2016 to be held in Regina and encourage everyone to attend. ***Should BC consider hosting a Festival in 2018?***

Thank you for your trust and confirming us as your delegates to Society for another two years. It's an honour to serve on behalf of our wonderful BC dancing family.

Respectfully submitted
Darcy & Beth McGifford
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