

CSRDS BC DIRECTORS' REPORT

BOD Meeting Victoria March 31, 2012

Most of our time these past few months has been dealing with insurance issues. The current CSRDS membership chair changed the way a couple of things have been handled in the past -

requests for membership after the December deadline, and the issuance of additional named insured certificates, and it's the latter which had taken a great deal of time and to which we do not have resolution on.

The BC Fed Treasurer can no longer accept applications for memberships after the December submission. Clubs/associations must apply directly to the CSRDS membership chair. I have received complaints about this process and have suggested some improvements to the form for collecting the information and have been told no changes will be considered until the CSRDS BOD has a chance to discuss this at their next meeting. This meeting will occur by teleconference April 22. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact us.

The bigger issue has been the requests for additional named insured certificates. The CSRDS membership chair, who works in the insurance business, reviewed the policy and the issue of cross liability and directed the insurance company to no longer add the cross liability clause to the certificates being issued as he believed it would put the entire CSRDS membership at much greater risk. We have requested that the CSRDS President look into this more deeply and we know this will be coming up on the next BOD meeting and at the AGM in July.

Recognition certificates on behalf of CSRDS were issued for 30th anniversaries to Century House Squares in April and Abbotsford Grand Squares in November, 50th for Mile Zero Grand Squares in February and the upcoming 60th to Mavericks. We will be on hand to present the Mavericks certificate and we'd like to thank Norm Cox and Peggy Jo Zettl for presenting the others on our behalf.

Our report to November was included in the BC Fed November newsletter from Norm Cox. It was as follows:

Darcy and I attended the CSRDS AGM in Montreal on October 22. Highlights/issues discussed at it and the post-AGM BOD meeting:

- BC's own Jan Mills of Westsyde Squares in West Kelowna is handling the national toll free line. It's really important for the provincial websites to be kept up-to-date so she's able to provide information to callers timely and accurately.

- Society's infoline (1-866-206-6696) and website address (<http://www.csrds.ca/>) should be on promotional material as much as possible
- Payment of outstanding approved bursaries and leadership grants was discussed as the Professional Development Committee is still waiting for required documentation to be submitted. Applicants are reminded that they must ensure they follow the procedures outlined on the application forms in order to be considered and receive payment.
- Criteria for the Award of Excellence and Long Service Awards is to be reviewed and clarified
- Ottawa is hosting the 2014 National and registration is currently at 265. Please register sooner than later if you know you're attending. Bids are being sought for the 2016 and 2018 conventions. Convention bid information is on the website.
- President Bob Ruohoniemi mentioned that he enjoys receiving and reading the Cross Trail News!
- The National membership is just under 13,000. December 15 is the final date for memberships to be submitted to Society so please have your memberships to provincial coordinator by their established deadline (Dec 9 for BC).
- Insurance – Due to the increased number of requests to the insurance provider for named certificates of insurance, a new format has been adopted. If you have internet access, you complete a form on the website which goes to the Membership Chair and they obtain the certificate. The Membership Chair can also be contacted by phone if you don't have internet access. Clubs/Associations are already provided a certificate of insurance on the club membership certificate and this is generally sufficient for proof of insurance. Please note that we should not be promoting/volunteering to provide a named certificate of insurance. A Named Certificate requires CSRDS to add (whatever the hall's name) to our insurance policy. Adding the hall to our policy does not protect CSRDS members against fault committed by the hall. It absolves the hall from action brought by CSRDS members. As matter of reciprocity, we should be asking for proof that the hall is insured not issuing a named insurance certificate that absolved the hall of their normal responsibilities.
- There is interest for a national badge with dangles to reflect a dancer having danced in the various provinces. Beth volunteered to work on this and report out options by April 2012.

- Nova Scotia has organized fundraising for dancers wishing to contribute directly to the Japanese square dancers effected by the devastating tsunami. The deadline for donations is December 31, 11 and details are on the website. It's been recognized that we need to be able to organize these efforts more timely in the future following a disaster.
- WANTED: Looking for 3 – 5 people with a keen interest and desire to be involved in a publicity committee. Contact Beth or Darcy if you are interested.
- Roy Church (Newfoundland) was presented with a fruit basket and a certificate to recognize his long service on the board and as treasurer. He will be finished as treasurer next year.
- Criteria for the Award of Excellence and Long Service Awards is to be reviewed and clarified
- National Arts Council is planning a Dance Mapping Study. A Nova Scotia rep was at a meeting where this was discussed and had reported that the Council is hiring consultants to develop an internet based survey to be completed by the end of March 31/12. More information will be communicated as it evolves.
- The Canadian Dance Assembly is undertaking a 5 year promotional plan. Stayed tuned for more information about National Dance Day in April 2012.
- In the past, the national webmaster could only act on requests for changes to the website from the Promotion Chair. The Directors can now make requests related to their province directly. Last year BC Federation submitted a list of dance festivals going on in the province for addition to the national website. Only a couple of other provinces did the same. This will be discontinued as it was felt that it was more important that provincial activities be listed on the provincial websites and kept updated, and links to the provincial websites be available on the national website.
- The Board is still exploring options to hold AGMs in the non-convention years via video conferencing but recognize that that face-to-face meetings are valuable as there are opportunities for discussion across the breakfast table, for instance, where little seeds of information are shared and ideas take shape.

Respectfully submitted

Darcy & Beth McGifford