

**BC Delegates to CSRDS  
Report to BCSRDF BOD Meeting  
April 5, 2014 - Abbotsford**



One of the main issues of concern a year ago had been the CSRDS membership and insurance and we reported that due to ongoing issues and concerns with the process, a committee had been struck to review the structure and make recommendations to the AGM in 2013. We're happy to report that recommendations were made and adopted at the AGM held in Regina on September 22 and the membership collection and issuance of certificates of insurance have gone much smoother for the 2014 year. Thank you to Norm and Mary Cox for participating in that committee. If there are any ongoing concerns, please feel free to speak to Beth about them. As of February, there were 10,318 CSRDS members which is approximately 6% lower than last year. (A smaller decline than the previous year!)

Festival 2014 - July 17 - 19 in Ottawa - The organizing committee is working really hard to deliver a great festival and we need dancers!!! As of February 16th there were 713 registrants which is quite a bit lower than hoped. If you plan to attend, **please register ASAP**. As time moves on, adjustments may have to be made to halls, etc. Please visit the Festival website at [www.festival2014.ca](http://www.festival2014.ca)

Darcy continues to chair the Awards & Honours portfolio and has received no nominations this year. There have also been no applications for Professional Development bursaries. Please, if there is someone in your square and round dance area deserving of a Long Service Award, an Award of Excellence, or is eligible for assistance in professional development, please get the nominations / applications in. All the information on these can be found on the Society's website.

The Dancing Across Canada badge and dangles is coming to fruition! An initial order has been made and Society directors will be wearing these at Festival 2014. Orders will be taken from dancers wishing to purchase these unique badges. Beth is pleased that our very own, Connie and Al Ritchie of Sandy's Badges, have worked on this project with her.

The CSRDS board is actively working on the following:

- Revising the guidelines for Conventions to better reflect the trend of declining participation in the Festivals
- Revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate the revised "Not For Profit Act"
- CSRDS Booth at Festival 2014 in the Vendors Village
- Attempting to establish a Public Relations Committee has been difficult. An invitation will be sent out to look for dancers who have an interest in PR to try to formulate a plan. There are plans for a Round Table style discussion at Festival 2014.

The "Events" page on the Society website will no longer have individual provincial events listed. Rather, the Provincial Federation website address will be shown and readers are directed to go to these sites for the most current and accurate listing of events in each Province. This arrangement means that provinces no longer need to send their "event" information to the Society webmaster. All provinces are encouraged to keep their own websites updated with the most current "event" information. The Society website "Events" page will now list only Society events such as National Conventions (F2014 for example) and International events of interest to Canadian dancers.

Festival 2016 is confirmed for Regina and we toured the venue in September prior to the AGM. Should BC consider hosting a Festival in 2018 ???

Respectfully submitted  
Darcy & Beth McGifford