



**BC Directors to CSRDS
Report to BC Square & Round Dance Federation Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2016 - Abbotsford**

This past year has been much quieter than previous years largely in part to several directors snowbirding in the sunny south somewhere or serious illnesses.

At this meeting a year ago, we reported that the 2015 national membership was down just over 6% from the previous year. We're pleased to report that after further submissions throughout the year, the attrition was only 3.5% - the lowest in six years. As the membership chair is still out of the country, we don't have the current numbers for 2016 and think it's best reported on at the AGM in August.

We attended Society's AGM 2015 on Labour Day weekend in Lacombe, AB during the 47th Annual provincial convention. The Board appreciated the interest and attendance from many of the dancers and leaders attending the convention. The next AGM will be held at **Partner Up Prairie Style** Festival 2016 in Regina (July 28 - 30). If you plan to attend and haven't yet registered, please hurry up and do so as it helps the festival committee in finalizing dance halls, program, etc. www.saskfestival2016.ca

A CSRDS Marketing Committee was formed with Co-Chairs Rachelle Cournoyer, Quebec Director, and Claudia Littlefair, Editor of *Alberta Chatter*. They will work with Ontario Director Peter Piazza and Dan Roy, CSRDS Webmaster, to review and recommend upgrades to the national website. CSRDS joined ARTS-Dance (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance) as an auxiliary member. The Alliance has adopted a modified version of the logo originally created in BC and CSRDS has approved use of it.



Darcy continues as Chair of the Awards and Honours portfolio. One Award of Excellence and two Long Service Awards were presented this past year. We were pleased to present one of the Long Service Awards in October to BC's long serving webmaster, Phil and Ingrid Douziech. Further nominations have been received with outcomes to follow. We are working on revamping the nomination guidelines and forms to make it easier for submissions and hope to see these approved at this year's AGM. Information on these awards can be found on the Society's website www.squaredance.ca or by contacting us. Applications for Professional Development grants continue to be low. A grant has been approved for the New Caller Cuer school to be held in Chase in June!

We were busy in the fall preparing society certificates recognizing milestone anniversaries for the following:

- Amalgam-Eighters of Nanaimo, 50 years in September
- Sand Dollars of Parksville, 25 years in October
- Garry Dodds of Victoria, 50 years of calling in October
- Travelling Squares of Nanaimo, 55 years in November
- Town n' Country Swingers of Maple Ridge, 55 years in November
- Surrey Square Wheelers of Surrey, 55 years in November

Again, a very big thanks to Norm & Mary Cox and Ken & Sally Crisp who continue to present a number of these certificates on our behalf. Please remind the clubs and leaders in your areas about the availability of these certificates and to request them well in advance of presentation dates.

We have CSRDS logo lapel pins (\$2 each) and order forms for the Dancing Across Canada badge and dangles if anyone is interested.

Do you like to plan ahead? If so, plan to **Make the Scene in 2018** - the 20th National Convention to be held in London, ON July 19 - 21. We attended the convention held there in 2008 and the venue is excellent.

Respectfully submitted

Darcy & Beth McGifford