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## President's Report – BC Square and Round Dance Federation

Sally and I have been pleased to represent the Federation at several club and caller anniversaries in Regions 1 and 2 since the AGM in Penticton last August. Although it is great to see many people continuing to enjoy square and round dancing around the Province, it is a concern to see some clubs struggling with low attendance, and problems attracting new dancers to the activity. I recommend that members read the various reports from Federation Executive, Committees and Regions to see how others are handling the situation in their areas.

I thank the Executive and Committee members for the work they are doing, and look forward to new initiatives in our Federation. It has been difficult in recent months with the website undergoing a major transformation to make it more up-to-date and accessible. Please take some time to browse the website. Some information may still be out of date or missing as the webmaster was unable to fully access the site during the reconstruction. Please let the webmaster know if you see something that may need to be tweaked. ([www.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca))

Dennis Sutton, head of the Revitalization Committee, advises that the Province has changed the Societies Act, and we will need to re-write our Constitution and Bylaws in order to comply with the new Act. The Revitalization Committee was a 2 year project scheduled to end this year. We need to consider if the Committee should have its mandate expanded, or should we revive the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President office that was not required a few years ago.

We will be requesting that the Province of BC declare Square and Round Dance Awareness Week be from September 11 to 18, 2016.

You might have noticed multiple “notices of motion” for the Board of Directors meeting on April 2, 2016. These are not actually NOMs. They were received too late to be made as NOM, but the persons proposing them plan to move their adoption at the BOD. Please read the proposed motions and advise your Regional delegates if you have opinions on them.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Penticton on the morning of August 5, 2016 in the Ken Wigness Room. There will be an election of executive at this meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in your Federation.

Ken Crisp, President

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