

Report to B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation Board of Directors Meeting
From Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association (Region 1)

We are pleased to report some progress in recruiting potential callers. In June 2015, an "Open House" was hosted for anyone interested in learning more about calling and/or cueing, and a number of people attended. From those who expressed interest in learning more as well as a few others, it was determined that there were sufficient numbers to hold a Callers School. Garry Dodds has been meeting with up to nine potential callers on the first Sunday of the month, and reports that great progress is being made. We have used the workshop portion of the January and March meetings to give them some mic time, and some area clubs have also been open to having them do a tip or two. As yet, none have joined the Association, although a couple have been attending meetings, and we are hopeful that when our Annual General Meeting comes along in April they may be ready to make that commitment.

On the "not so good news" front, most of you know that Dave Baird passed away in November – our Association was out in force to support Juanita at his Celebration of Life. Our Gold Card members, Marg Weber and Christina Willing, are both having some health challenges, but we are hoping they will be around to give us guidance for years to come. We have not been able to convince Denis Kirkpatrick to change his mind about retiring at the end of this dance season, even though we have told him that he can't quit until he trains his own replacement! We are hoping he stays with the Association to give us the benefit of his years of experience, but we also know that he and Sharon are looking forward to more freedom to travel.

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