

CSRDS AGM 2017 was held in Cornwall, Ontario in August at the Summer Magic dance weekend which drew 49 ½ squares of dancers which the Board hoped would be a good location to see participation at the meeting. It was not to be...we had no one attend other than the Board of Directors and Webmaster & his wife. Very disappointing.

Society realized a profit of just over \$13,000 for the fiscal ending June 30 largely as a result of the successful 2016 National held in Regina. For current fiscal year, we are projecting a loss of approx. \$10,500. 14 professional development bursaries for callers/cuers have been approved this year.

Past, Past President and NL director, Roy Church, retired from the Board. It can operate without a past president but needed someone to volunteer to chair the nominating committee for the 2018 AGM. Darcy volunteered to take on this task and his secretary (LOL) has been busy soliciting nominations from the provinces on his behalf.

National membership at Dec 31 for 2018 was 7,819 dancers. This is down about 8% from 2017 totals.

Biggest project this year has been the revamp of the national website. They've incorporated the graphics from the Dancing Across Canada provincial dangles which we were pleased to see as that initiative was one Beth took on with the awesome help and support of our very own Connie and Al Ritchie. Please take a look at the website (https://csrds.ca/) and send us any comments you have prior to the end of May so we can put them forward on our next teleconference.

Make the Scene in 2018 - the 20th National in London, ON has 645 currently registered. If you are going and haven't yet registered, please do so ASAP. Decisions need to be made.

Over this past year, Society certificates recognizing these milestone anniversaries were presented:

Wesburn Wranglers, 60 years Westsyde Squares, 60 years Steve Edlund, 35 years calling Peter Weel, 30 years calling Mariann Sanford, 20 years cueing

Congratulations again to the recipients. Please remind the clubs and leaders in your areas about the availability of these certificates.

<u>Festival 2020 Our Sights Are on You</u> - Surrey July 29 - August 1, 2020. Looking forward to this and we'll be watching for your registrations!!! Thanks again to Norm Cox and Steve Edlund and the rest of the committee for getting this going.

The time has come for us to "retire" as BC Delegates to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society when the current two year term is up in July. It seems a very long time ago that we were active in our local club executives, the Okanagan regional association, BC Federation and then CSRDS since 2010. We are proud to have served in many positions within these. We have learned lots over those years and have made many wonderful life time friends. While the numbers of dancers nationally continues to decline, it is still encouraging to see dedicated people committed to continuing the promotion of our activity. New delegates to CSRDS will be nominated at the BC Fed BOD in April. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for allowing us the honour to serve you all these years. We'd also like to pass on our thanks to those who have presented certificates on our behalf at many of the events when we weren't able to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone at future dances and festivals.

Respectfully submitted, **Darcy & Beth McGifford**