

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING, MARCH 30, 2019

*The purpose of the BCS&RDF shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the province of British Columbia.*

**Communication!** I feel that this is one of the greatest tools that any organization can use, learn, and grow from. Whether it's a club delegate, a regional director, the BCS&RDF executive and directors, or our representatives to the Canadian Society, we need to keep those lines of communication open; even if it's just so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing. This allows for continuity and support throughout BC. If your executive does not know what problems we, as a dance community, are facing we cannot address them. Send us your requests, suggestions and comments so that we may be more effective in our endeavors.

One of the biggest challenges we, as associations and clubs throughout BC, face is the decline of dancers and of callers, cuers and leaders. Why and what can we do to reverse this? I had asked for ideas and suggestions through my newsletters and, sadly, I only received one response. Are there no new ideas? How about old ideas that could be revamped to be more successful? It was suggested to me that we should reinstate workshops in which we could organize ourselves and work together on planning the recruitment and retention of new dancers, as well as the support of new callers and cuers, throughout the province. To this end, we will be having our first workshop immediately following the Board of Director's meeting in Victoria. Send your ideas with your delegates so that they may bring them to this meeting of minds.

Congratulations to all who have reached important milestones this past year! I had the pleasure of attending and presenting crests to two clubs celebrating 65<sup>th</sup> anniversaries; the Ripple Rockets in Campbell River and the Ocean Waves in Courtenay. I sincerely hope that they have another 65 years of successful dancing.

It's my intent to visit and introduce myself to clubs and dancers throughout BC. This may take a while as you are spread out over vast distances but I will do my best to get to your club as soon as I am able. I will especially try to make time to take a trip to clubs who are celebrating milestone occasions. Please email or phone me with the time, place and any other pertinent information. [jeanwood@telus.net](mailto:jeanwood@telus.net) or 250-833-9227.

I hope that you are aware of upcoming events; two of which are important to all dancers, callers and cuers in the province. The first is BC Festival 2019 ([bcfestival2019.com](http://bcfestival2019.com)) to be held in Salmon Arm, July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, with a trail-in dance on the 10<sup>th</sup> and a trail-out dance on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The second is the Canadian Festival ([squaredance.bc.ca/2020](http://squaredance.bc.ca/2020)) to be held in Surrey in July 2020. With almost 2000 dancers in BC, if just half of them registered for each of these events, it would mean a huge success for BCS&RDF fundraising.

This past year has seen the passing of members of our dance community. Please take a moment to remember and celebrate these wonderful people and offer heart-felt condolences to their friends and family.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. The experience and guidance of the executive, past and present, has greatly assisted me with any challenges I have faced.

Respectfully submitted,  
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