

Report to BC Square & Round Dance Federation Annual General Meeting 2019 from your Delegates to the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society:

As we write this, plans are being finalized for the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS or the Society) Annual General Meeting in September. All members of the Society are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting – and you are all members of the Society if you are members in good standing of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation! The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Kennedy Community Hall, 8870 – 120 Street (88<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Scott Road), Surrey, BC. During the weekend, there will be two dances celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Valley Circle (the official publication of the FVS&RDA). These will be held at the Kennedy Community Hall as well – the first one on Saturday, Rounds at 7:00 pm, Mainstream Dance with Plus Tips from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm; the second one on Sunday starting at 1:30 pm with Rounds and continuing to 4:00 pm. In addition, you are all welcome to attend a proposed discussion on Sunday regarding Promotions, to be held on Sunday after the dance, also at the Kennedy Community Hall.

At the last teleconference meeting of the Society Directors, we were asked to clarify to all of the provincial members that membership in the Society is more than just insurance, and to emphasize that the dues that are paid annually to the Society are CSRDS **Membership Dues and Insurance**. So what do your membership dues go towards?

- National Conventions (or Festivals) such as the one scheduled to be held in Surrey in 2020 -
- Recognition Certificates – CSRDS Award of Excellence and CSRDS Long Service Award, as well as Certificates of Recognition that may be requested from your provincial representative for special recognition and presentation to Clubs, Associations, Federations, Callers, Leaders and Instructors on 20<sup>th</sup> anniversaries and at five year intervals, as well as wedding anniversaries every 10 years starting with the 50<sup>th</sup>
- Bursaries for those who wish to become an instructor in the different dance categories sponsored by the CSRDS, or for current instructors who wish to upgrade their skills
- Leadership Training Grants to provide financial assistance for Federations / Associations / Instructors groups affiliated with the Society to sponsor leadership training for new dancers or upgrade established callers / cuers / dance instructors

In addition, we are currently keeping a close watch on “entandem” – the company that has combined SOCAN and RE:SOUND, and its implications for our activity.

If you want to know more about the CSRDS, or for application forms or the names of who to contact for specific grants, please check out their website: <https://csrds.ca/>.

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