

Membership report to July 28th, 2016 AGM

Newfoundland & Labrador Federation 0 Association 0 Clubs 0 Dancers 1 Total members 1	Prince Edward Island Federation 0 Association 0 Clubs 2 Dancers 68 Total Members 70	Quebec Federation 0 Associations 2 Clubs 11 Dancers 319 (?? Teens incl.) Total members 332 (printed their own cards)
New Brunswick Federation 1 Associations 4 Clubs 16 Dancers 371 (12 Teens incl.) Total members 392	Nova Scotia Federation 1 Associations 4 Clubs 22 Dancers 401 Total members 428 (<u>cards provided</u>)	Saskatchewan Federation 1 Zones 8 (incl Festival 2016) Clubs 31 Dancers 569 Total members 608
Manitoba Federation 1 Associations 3 Clubs 26 Dancers 622 (6 Teens incl.) Total members 653 (<u>cards provided</u>)	Alberta Federation 1 Associations 6 zones, + 4 other Clubs 62 Dancers 1,643 (11 Teens incl.) Total members 1,716	British Columbia Federation 1 Associations 10 Clubs 72 Dancers 2,109 (52 Teens included) Total members 2,196 (<u>printed their own cards</u>)
Ontario Federation 1 Associations 9 (incl Festival 2018) Clubs 92 Dancers 2,657 (10 Teens incl.) Total members 2,759	Canadian Square & Round Dance Society: Society 1 Federations 7 Associations/Zones 49,(including Festival 2016, Festival 2018) Clubs 334, Dancers/Leaders 8,670 Teens, (included) 91 Total membership as of July 28, 2016 = 9,066	

General

CSRDS Membership has declined continually over the past 15 years. We have dropped below the 10,000 dancer mark and are at a critical point in our survival. The Society has re-mounted a Marketing Committee in an effort to turn things around. Their ideas will become part of this AGM. Many provinces have also begun working in earnest to increase recruitment and retention of dancers. Congratulations and well wishes to all.

Fee avoidance

It has been brought to my attention that a number of clubs are trying to save the \$3.00 membership registration fees for new dancers by not obtaining membership for their new dancers until the free enrolment in September. (please see "Who doesn't pay Membership Fees". This is not a safe or

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productive measure. Clubs, Associations, and Federations need to know that if a claimable incident occurs for which the unregistered person is liable, they are not covered under the CSRDS Liability Insurance. The insurance is for Registered Members of the Society only.

PLEASE NOTE: *Names cannot be added to the list of registered members after an incident.*

Who doesn't pay Membership Fees

There remains some confusion on who is eligible for free membership in the CSRDS. There are two instances where membership and insurance coverage in CSRDS are free of charge:

1) Any person up to, and including, the age of 19 years receives free membership. If they reach the age of 20 during that year, they remain covered until December 31st of that same year.

2) New dancers who register on, or after, September 1st of each year receive free membership for the remainder of the current year only (until December 31st). This includes returning dancers who have not been registered within the past five years. This regulation does not extend to dancers who are registered between January 1st and August 31st, and does not carry on into the next calendar year.

There are no other provisions for free membership in the CSRDS to this date.

Membership Fees

CSRDS has now reached a point where expenses are occasionally outstripping income. It is a fact of life that everything costs more than it did last year. Where does our money go? On a year-to-year basis, our major expenses include, but are not limited to: The provision of insurance for all members, which is unique in the square dancing world; Bursaries for square/round dance leaders throughout Canada; Teleconference and face-to-face Directors' meetings; recognition Certificates; CSRDS Awards; Society website; marketing.

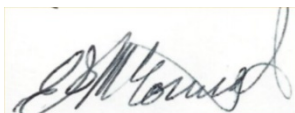
However, with due diligence, we have been able to keep a number of those expenses to a minimum.

Because of this, I estimate that we can operate at the same fee structure for the next two years.

Therefore,

I recommend that we maintain the cost of membership at \$3.00 per annum for dancers, callers, and leaders and at \$5.00 per annum for Clubs, Associations, and Federations for 2017 and 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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Membership Chair