

**President's Report to the  
CSRDS Annual General Meeting,  
30 July, 2016**

I can easily say that, for me, one of the most rewarding positions on the CSRDS Board of Directors has been that of President. Not only have I had outstanding support from all the Directors, but also from all the new friends I have made within the provincial Federations, Associations, and Clubs. You have all done great work throughout the past two years and I offer my gratitude.

**Festival 2016**

Because of the continued decline in past National Conventions, it was agreed that the organizers of festival 2016 would aim for a more modest venue and a smaller 'break even' number of dancers. Today, we can see that Team Saskatchewan has been totally successful in exceeding their goal.

On behalf of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, I take great pleasure in congratulating Bill Treleaven and his whole team of extraordinary volunteers for their resounding success! Because of Festival 2016, a place where we can "Partner up Prairie Style", we have been given the opportunity to greet old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy the 'fun, fitness, and friendship' that is the backbone of our Society. KUDOS!

**Festival 2018**

As everyone is aware, the 20th National Convention, "Convention 2018", will be held at the London Convention Centre, 300 York St., London, Ontario. The dates are: July 19, 20, 21, 2018. The Chair couple, Dan & Rhetha Roy, are backed up by a powerful team of experienced festival organizers. There are plenty of opportunities to register while at this Convention, or on line at: <http://www.squaredance.ca/2018/>  
To help with planning, and to ensure that you do not miss out on the festivities, all dancers are strongly encouraged to register early.

**Work toward increasing CSRDS membership**

Over the past two years, I have become increasingly aware of the individual efforts made by provincial organizations to stop the seemingly inevitable decline in dancer numbers. Federations/Associations, your efforts have helped keep our Society viable and are very deeply appreciated. Thank you.

The Society Marketing Committee, with membership in most provinces is also involved in measures to stop the dancer attrition. They are hoping that upcoming activities will actually reverse that trend. One major step, planned for the very near future, is a complete revamp of the Society Website. This should make the site more visitor friendly and easily navigable. Other offerings will be revealed as plans progress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President,  
Canadian Square and Round Dance Society