



**Canadian Square and Round Dance Society  
Summary of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting**



Eight of the ten provinces were represented on our teleconference line.

The revised draft of the Honours and Awards Guidelines, Criteria, and Score Sheet were discussed. As the Board didn't have sufficient time to think about the revised version, it was decided to study the documents and provide the Honours and Awards Chair with comments by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the CSRDS expenses were \$3,744.79 more than the income for this period.

Our President expressed sincere appreciation for the work being done by the various committees on the Board. Our President, also, informed us that only one province will be changing their representatives to the Board of Directors for the 2016 – 2018 term.

Our President is deeply concerned about the declining membership. Hence, the need for our CSRDS Marketing Committee, with the help of all of us, putting forth ideas to assist in increasing our membership. Let's make the world know that our type of dancing exists.

The Past President revised the Terms of Reference for the Nominations Committee to conform to the new By-Laws that were approved last year. These revisions were accepted by the Board.

The Convention Co-ordinator informed us that Festival 2016 had over 730 registrations as of the date of this meeting. The Convention Letter of Agreement has been updated and signed by Festival 2018. Our Convention Co-ordinator is inviting a bid to come forth for 2020.

Festival 2016 Chair reported that Caller/Cuer scheduling target date is the end of May. Allotment of time was discussed for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. It was determined that the CSRDS President would declare the Convention OPEN at the Opening Ceremonies. Registration must be cut off at 800 registrants, due to hotel/convention center regulations. Various suggestions were provided to make dancers known of this cut off. Flooring, extra dance room selected, no shuttle bus service (too expensive), and parking available at the Delta, especially, for dancers staying at campsites or coming from other distant hotels.

Festival 2018 Committee Member reported that the flooring has been ordered, convention center is set up, 160 registrants thus far, and, the committee is hoping for 1200 dancers. A bus load of dancers is coming to Festival 2016 from Ontario. There will be a table set up by Festival 2016 with registration forms and information. Please, be sure to visit this table.

The Professional Development Chair informed the Board that there was one grant request for a caller/cuer school in Chase, BC; and, there were two bursary applications for callers' training session.

**The Honours and Awards Chair reported that there were three award presentations since the 2015 AGM. There will be two presentations made during Festival 2016.**

**The Director's Manual Chair reported on the very intensive task it was to re-format and cross-reference the documents in the Manual. Another Board Member volunteered to assist with this task.**

**Although, the Historian has documented some historical items, nothing brand new was reported at this time.**

**The Web Site Manager reported that he was updating the Ontario web site. When this gets completed, their regional web site would be worked on. By that time, some kinks would be ironed out and preparations would be made to update the CSRDS Web Site.**

**The CSRDS Marketing Committee Co-Chair informed the Board of members on the committee (only three provinces are not represented on this committee). The committee has a Closed Face Book Page which is not used very much. The committee is gleaning ideas from other web sites that are being re-designed. Once these have been studied, work will commence on the CSRDS Web Site.**

**Our Membership Chair reported the following statistics: 1 Society, 7 Federations, 49 Associations, 331 Clubs, 8,728 dancers and leaders, and 87 teens. This is the lowest decline in five years. The Chair was wanting to know the 'recipe for success' in some clubs across the country.**

**The Toll Free Line Chair reported that everything was going well. Our manager of this line will continue for the 2017 season.**

**The Nomination's Chair reported that Laurie and Wilma Illsley would be the NS Nominees for the CSRDS Directors.**

**A discussion arose in regard to the 'Cross Canada Badges and Dangles'. It was determined to have a \$1000.00 inventory of these badges and dangles for availability at Festival 2016. Please, check these out at Festival 2016.**

**A motion requesting the CSRDS consider waiving membership dues for Wheelchair Dancers was discussed. This motion was defeated.**

**To assist the Festival 2016 Chair, the Directors were asked to forward names and addresses of former convention/festival Chairs.**

**The Meeting was 'Called to Order' at 4:04 p.m. CDT and Adjourned at 6:38 p.m. CDT.**

**This summary was prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.**