

Convention Coordinator Report
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS)
Annual General Meeting 4:00 PM Sunday September 6, 2015
South Centennial Hall Lacombe Memorial Centre, Lacombe, AB
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CSRDS Convention Guidelines have recently undergone a major revision in order to reflect the present day realities of staging a National Convention. The recommended minimum number of venues have been downscaled to approximately four to six venues. The responsibilities, duties and commitments of running and controlling a National Convention have been more closely defined. The Guidelines and their respective definitions are:

- Volume One. Revised 2014. Outlines the procedures to be followed on bidding for a Convention.
- Volume Two. Revised May 2015. Contains suggestions for the operation of a Convention.
- Basic Letter of Agreement. Revised May 2015. Sets forth the areas of responsibility among Society, Federation, Association and Committee signatories related to planning, organizing, directing, and controlling of a Convention. The Guidelines can be found at website www.csrds.ca

CSRDS Festival 2016 July 28 to 30, 2016 Regina, SK is progressing along very nicely with close to 300 registrations. Congratulations and thank you Festival 2016 Committee and Volunteers for your hard work and commitment in staging this Convention. We urge all Square Dancers to register early; your support is needed in order to achieve a successful event

A bid to host the 2018 CSRDS National Convention from South Western Ontario Square Dance Association has been unanimously accepted by CSRDS. The 2018 Convention will take place in London, ON July 19, 20 & 21, 2018. Dan & Rhetta Roy, Convention 2018 Chair Couple come highly recommended as they were the Chair Couple of the very successful London Convention 2008 held at the same location. The Basic Letter of Agreement for Convention 2018 should be finalized during the course of this combined Alberta Convention/CSRDS AGM weekend. A big thank you to SWOSDA, Ontario Federation, and Convention 2018 Committee for their quick bid submission and commitment in taking on the responsibility of staging Convention 2018.

Federations and Associations across Canada are asked to consider hosting a CSRDS National Convention in 2020 and beyond. Contact your provincial CSRDS Director for details. Remember, the first step in organizing is making the commitment.