

2014/15 has proven to be noteworthy on a number of fronts:

Since the 2014 AGM, the Board of Directors has been at a full 'provincial' compliment. Unfortunately, we still have no representatives from the Territories. Sadly, due to health concerns, Directors Roy and Joan Church of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Paul and Barbara Burleigh of Prince Edward Island will, for the time being, participate in meetings through electronic and postal means only.

The 'Round Table' discussions on membership, held after the 2014 AGM in Ottawa, resulted in a newly revitalized Publicity and Promotions Committee. The new committee, self titled "The National Marketing Team" operates under the Coordination of Cathy Langille of Nova Scotia. The Team will present a report at this AGM listing its members and the provinces they represent, and informing the dancers of the aims and accomplishments of the Team over the past year.

On May 15, 2015, CSRDS became an Auxiliary Member of the Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (ARTS). The CSRDS representative to ARTS is Claudia Littlefair of Strathmore, Alberta. Claudia, also a member of the Marketing Team, will present some info about ARTS at this AGM.

The Society Convention Coordinator, Norm Demeule, has completed a full revision to the Convention Guidelines: Bidding Vol.1; and the Basic Letter of Agreement (LOA), to reflect the current Society membership numbers and the available venue arrangements. Provincial/regional organizations are encouraged to review them, and consider hosting Festivals/Conventions in 2020 and onwards.

The South Western Ontario Square Dance Association (SWOSDA) has submitted a bid, through the Ontario Federation, to host the 20th National Convention in 2018, in London. This would mark the 10th anniversary of their successful 16th National Convention in 2008. The Convention Coordinator's report will discuss the outcome of the bid.

In compliance with the new Corporations Canada, Not for Profit (NFP) Act, By-Laws were re-written by Bob Ruohoniemi and approved at AGM2014. A number of additional changes to the Rules and Regulations resulting from the new Act have since been, or are currently being written. Information will be promulgated as available. Additionally, as a result of the above noted changes, the editor of Directors' Manual, Dianne McCormack, has taken it upon herself to reformat the Manual to a fully interactive, and printable, e-document with all changes incorporated.

Festival 2016 in Regina (28 -30 July 2016), is on track and on budget. All signs are that it will be a great Festival. 277 people registered as of this writing. It's time to get your registrations in!

There have been a number of changes and updates to the Society Website. Members are invited to visit for the latest information at: www.squaredance.ca. All suggestions for improving the look and feel of the web page can be forwarded to the Director responsible for the web page, Peter Piazza peterpiazza1948@gmail.com

Dianne & I are looking forward to meeting old friends and making as many new ones as possible at the Alberta 2015 Convention.

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