

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society  
Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

1.0: Attendance:

The attendance is recorded on a separate sheet that went around to all of the attendees. There were 49 members that signed the Attendance Sheet.

2.0: President Laurie Illsley "Called the Meeting to Order" at 11:30 a.m. MDT. He welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for taking the time to be present.

3.0: Memorial: Pat Zeeman

Pat dedicated this message especially for Past President, Eric McCormack, who had just recently passed away.

The poem "Your Spirit" was written by Tram-Tiara T. Von Reichenbach in memory of her father.

I know that no matter what  
You will always be with me.  
When life separates us  
I'll know it is only your soul  
Saying goodbye to your body  
But your spirit will be with me always.  
When I see a bird chirping on a nearby branch  
I know it is you singing to me.  
When a butterfly brushes gently by me so care freely  
I know it is you assuring me you are free from pain.  
When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches my attention  
I will know it is you reminding me  
To appreciate the simple things in life.  
When the sun shining through my window awakens me  
I will feel the warmth of your love.  
When I hear the rain pitter patter against my window sill  
I will hear your words of wisdom  
And will remember what you taught me so well  
That without rain trees cannot grow  
Without rain flowers cannot bloom  
Without life's challenges I cannot grow strong.  
When I look out to the sea  
I will think of your endless love for your family.  
When I think of your courage for your country.  
No matter where I am  
Your spirit will be beside me  
For I know that no matter what  
You will always be with me.

4.0: Acceptance of the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CSRDS Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Dan Roy, Seconded by Lamaz Mason.

- That we accept the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Agenda as presented Carried.

5.0: Acceptance of the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 CSRDS Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Christine Belanger, Seconded by Lorne Smith

- That we accept the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Minutes as presented. Carried.

5.1: Business arising from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Minutes:

There was no business arising from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Minutes.

6.0: Treasurer's Report

Peter Piazza

A question arose regarding no line for Publicity/Marketing in the Financial Statement.

6.1: Motion: Moved by Peter Piazza Seconded by Wayne Stretch

- that the CSRDS Financial Report for 2024 be accepted. Carried.

6.2: Motion: Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Garry Dodds

- that the CSRDS 2024 – 2025 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

6.2: Reviewer for 2024 – 2026 is not being selected at this time as there will be a new Treasurer named at the Post AGM.

7.0: President's Report:

Laurie Illsley

- Great sadness at the loss of the CSRDS Past President, Eric McCormack
- Laurie gave a Eulogy at Eric's Celebration of Life
- Several new members coming on the Board of Directors
  - Let's WELCOME THEM
  - Laurie Illsley wants to have a smooth transition for the new members coming onto the Board of Directors.

8.0: Vice-President:

Garry Dodds

No report.

9.0: Past President:

## 10.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10.1: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

Requesting bids for 2026.

10.2: Convention/Festival for 2024: Lorne Smith

Festival photographer: \$1800.00 plus tax to be split 50/50 with CSRDS.

: featuring interviews with attendees and event organizers

: Web Address: <https://www.faithinc.ca/>

: YouTube Address: <https://www.youtube.com/@FaithIncMedia/videos>

Temperature problem in some of the dance halls. The Inn management is working to control this problem. The management is requesting that all the hall doors (where there is dancing going on) should remain closed to assist with the control within each hall.

10.3: By-Laws and Regulations: Dianne McCormack

Nothing to report because no changes are required at this time.

10.4: Membership and Membership Fees: Christine Belanger

The total membership for the 2023 – 2024 across Canada is 4,703. Still way down from our pre-Covid decline.

### **Membership Fees:**

Motion: Moved by Christine Belanger, Seconded by Garry Dodds

- That the 2025 CSRDS Membership Fee remain at \$5.00 per Federation, \$5.00 per Association, \$5.00 per Club and \$5.00 per dancer. Carried

10.5: Professional Development: Ron Hopkinson

There were six applicants that received their bursary requests this year.

10.6: Publicity and FaceBook page: Rachelle Cournoyer

Rachelle had included charts to identify the various locations that are following our CSRDS FaceBook page. See her report that was in the 2024 AGM booklet.

10.7: Web Site: Dan Roy

Dan reported that the CSRDS Web Site continues to function well. Regular program up-dates have been made so that there is no service interruption. See Dan's Report in the 2024 CSRDS AGM Booklet.

10.8: Honours and Awards: Laurie Illsley

Laurie reported that there was some interest in Awards to be presented. (At the Closing Ceremonies, Laurie presented the Award of Excellence to Festival Chair, Lorne and Barbara Smith. Laurie, also, presented a Long Service Award to Out-going Secretary, Lorraine Kozera.)

10.9: Outreach: Wilma Illsley

Wilma continues to send out cards as requested.

10.10: Historian: Pat Zeeman

No report at this time.

10.11: Nominations for 2024 – 2026: Laurie Illsley

Starting from the western province and going eastward, Laurie announced each nominee followed by asking the attendees the question three times: "Are there any further nominations from the floor?" The nominations were as follows:

B.C. Moved by Ron Hopkinson to accept Garry Dodd's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

B.C. Moved by Dan Roy to accept Pat Zeeman's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

A.B. Moved by Christine Belanger to accept Lorne Smith's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

A.B. Moved by Garry Smith to accept Barbara Smith's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

S.K. Moved by Barb Smith to accept Ron Hopkinson's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

S.K. Moved by Pat Zeeman to accept Margaret Hopkinson's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

M.B. Moved by Dan Roy to accept Edward Beamish's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

M.B. Moved by Pat Zeeman to accept Rosalie Beamish's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

O.N. Moved by Bev Piazza to accept Dan Roy's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

O.N. Moved by Pat Zeeman to accept Rhetha Roy's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

Q. C.. Moved by Dianne McCormack to accept Michael Robb's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

Q. C. Moved by Pat Zeeman to accept Lina DeNittis's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

N. B. Moved by Dan Roy to accept Terry Hebert's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

N. B. Moved by Christine Belanger to accept Melonie Hebert's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

P.E. Moved by Dan Roy to accept Martin Belanger's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

P. E. Moved by Pat Zeeman to accept Christine Belanger's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

N. S. Moved by Wendy Krueger to accept Laurie Illsley's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

N. S. Moved by Barb Smith to accept Wilma Illsley's nomination to the 2024 – 2026 CSRDS Board.

10.12: The Provincial Federations' reports were received. Each province was asked if they wished to add more to their written reports. See the 2024 AGM Booklet.

A BC member (Wendy Krueger) announced that they would be looking into possibly bidding for the 2026 Convention/Festival.

10.13: Motion to accept all the Committee Reports including the President's and the Vice President's Reports:

**Motion: Moved by Wayne Stretch, Seconded by Dan Roy**

- **That all the Committee Reports including the President's and Vice President's Reports be accepted as presented.** Carried.

11.0: New Business:

11.1: A concern was raised regarding the cost of Society Meeting expenses. An explanation was provided that the costs are incurred at the Annual General Meetings once a year. Travelling and Accommodations being the main expense.

Laurie explained that at a CSRDS AGM in a non-convention year the transportation and accommodations would be covered; and on a convention year only half of the transportation and accommodations would be covered.

12.0: A motion to Ratify all Acts, etc.

**Motion: Moved by Pat Zeeman                      Seconded by Peter Piazza**

- **That all acts, contracts, Rules and Regulations, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Board of Directors and Officers of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting of the Society to the date thereof, as the same are set out or referred to in the Minutes of the Board, or, in the financial statements and reports submitted to the Meeting, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved, sanctioned and confirmed.    Carried.**

13.0: Announcements:

13.1: The next Board of Director's Meeting: Date: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Time: 1:00 p.m. MDT and the Location of the Post AGM Board of Directors' Meeting (Incoming and Out-going Directors): in the Deerfoot Room at the Glenmore Inn.

13.2: Next CSRDS Annual General Meeting location is not known at this time.

14.0: President, Laurie Illsley, thanked the Festival Host Committee for the hard work that went into the preparations for this whole event. Laurie, also, thanked all the folks that took the time to attend our CSRDS Annual General Meeting.

Garry Dodds thanked Laurie and Wilma Illsley for all of their work on the CSRDS Board.

15.0: Adjournment: Bev Piazza adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. MDT.

These Minutes were prepared and distributed by Lorraine Kozera, Retiring CSRDS Secretary.