Report for CSRDS AGM Meeting – July 17, 2026

Professional Development

This year, 2026, has been more active than 2025 with three applications for bursaries for callers and an application for a grant for the caller school which will precede the National Festival in Penticton. The value of the bursaries and grants has not changed in many years despite the significant increase in cost of hotels, meals and transportation. Also, there is a lot of paper work for a very modest financial support from the national level. Many callers and cuers receive far more generous support from their respective federations which perhaps explains why there are so few applications for either CSRDS bursaries or grants. The CSRDS Board is considering a recommendation to increase both the bursaries and grants by 50% effective immediately.

This is our last time representing Saskatchewan on the CSRDS Board and being responsible for professional development. We have very much enjoyed working with the Board and having the chance to support our dance activity across the country. Margaret's ability to dance has been severely limited this past year and a half so we will be resigning from the Board at the July AGM in Penticton. Carolyn and Eldon Neudorf will be our replacements going forward. Eldon is a well know Saskatchewan caller and he and Carolyn are the Past President couple on the Saskatchewan Federation Board.

Ron and Margaret Hopkinson