



CANADIAN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE SOCIETY

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News from the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society(CSRDS)

The Nova Scotia Directors to the CSRDS, Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi, attended the Society's 1015 Annual General Meeting(AGM) in Lacombe, Alberta from 4 to 7 September. The meetings were hosted by the Alberta Federation at the Alberta Annual Convention.

The President, Eric McCormack, reported that the Society had received approval of the Transition and By-laws, approved at AGM14, to comply with the Corporations Canada Not for Profit(NPF) Act. CSRDS has become an Auxiliary Member of the Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance. The CSRDS Convention Guidelines and associated information have been revised to reflect current membership numbers and available venue arrangements. The South Western Ontario Square Dance Association submitted a bid to host the 20th National Convention in London, ON, in 2018. (Post meeting the Convention Letter of Agreement was signed).

The Past President, Bob Ruohoniemi, presented the revised Society Rules and Regulations to conform with the NPF Act to the meeting for approval. They were approved. He also reported that the letter requesting provincial nominations to the Society Board for 2016-2018, would be sent to the Provinces by 30 September. (Post meeting this has been done).

It was reported that the Society provided funding for One Square Dance Caller School and one Contra Caller School. Bursaries were provided to seven Callers.

The Society Award of Excellence was presented to Norm and Loretta Demeule, Alberta CSRDS Directors.

The Society website www.squaredance.ca has been updated and members are invited to visit it, for the latest Society information including the Minutes of AGM15. The Toll Free telephone line continues to be available at **866 206-6696**. Messages may be left on the answering machine.

It was reported that Society membership declined by 3.5% to 9,984; the smallest overall attrition in six years.

Festival 2016 in Regina, SK, July 28-30, 2016, is on track for a great success. Society members are encouraged to register NOW to "Partner Up Prairie Style". See: www.saskfestival2016.ca. For additional info: Chair, Bill Treleaven, 306 580 7141 tre-line@hotmail.com

The next Board meeting will be held by teleconference and AGM16 will be held during Festival 2016, in Regina, SK.

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