

# Minutes of the IAGSDC Delegates Meeting

Durham, NC  
2024-07-03

## 1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Ed Zeigler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm..

Jim Babcock noted 49 clubs in attendance. Six clubs were not represented:

- Alamo City Squares
- Cream City Squares
- Foggy City Dancers
- Golden State Squares
- Matrix Dance
- Spin Cycle Squaresoo

## 2. Approval of minutes from 2023 Executive Board Meeting

Ed Zeigler made a motion to approve the minutes from 2023. One correction noted: spelling of Wendy VanderMueller. Motion passed.

## 3. 2024 Durham - Carolina Twirl

Mark Ambrose, chair, reported there were 564 registrations. There was much flux.

Mike Rutkowski, treasurer, reported finances were in decent shape and the committee will be able to pass forward what was given to them.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Justin Crawshaw-Lopton reported there was less money than last year. He also presented the budget for 2025. There were no questions. Report approved.

## 5. Membership Report/Applications and Club Development

Joel Smith reported there are 41 full, 1 associate, and 3 affiliate members. There were two banner dances, raising \$230.

Recruitment and Retention Meetings are planned for 10/7, 1/27 and 4/26 on Zoom. To sign up, email [liaison@iagsdc.org](mailto:liaison@iagsdc.org)

Annual R&R Meeting is Saturday 1:00 pm at The Durham Hotel and will feature Ted Lizotte and Callerlab's "The Proposal".

The Virtual Dance Calendar will be phased out due to low need.

Four new clubs applied for membership and all were approved.

- Ettseteras (Baltimore, MD/Wash., DC area) - Associate
- Offsets (Baltimore, MD/Wash., DC area) - Associate
- Emerald Waves (Pensacola, FL) - Full member
- Alien 8s (Las Vegas, NV) - Full member

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 6. 2023 Ottawa - Follow Your Northern Neighbor

Pam Clasper released the final count of attendees at 695. She noted the convention began its work in 2019. Final bank account balance of \$0, after additional donations to Ottawa Date Squares and Triangle Squares.

## 7. IAGSDC Website/Club Hosting

Ed Zeigler noted that Google will not support the current version of Drupal (website software) beginning in September.

## 8. CALLERLAB Convention

Harlan Kerr reported on "The Proposal" which seeks to streamline entry programs. 2025 will see a big celebration of CALLERLAB's 50th convention. Reminder to consult an important resource [knowledge.callerlab.org](https://knowledge.callerlab.org).

## 9. GCA

Marge Coahran noted there are 144 members, congratulated the staff of the 2024 Caller School (Patty Green, Betsy Gotta, Allan Hurst, Arleene Kaspik). Officers up for election are VO, Treasurer, and IAGSDC Representative. Caller School 2025 will feature Sandie Bryant and Eric Henerlau

## 10. Wiki/History/Archive/Digitize Project

Allan Hurst highlighted the various tasks that the project members were performing:

- Creating Medallion profiles (Pam)
- Cross-referencing Medallion database and memorial panels (Pam, Kelly)
- Convention planning wiki (Pam, Jim) - more information needed
- Indexing RMR binders (Karl) - 280 page searchable index
- Updating photo identification file (Karl, James)
- Documenting Specialty tips (James)

AJK and AJH Canada were thanked for their support.

## 11. All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd

Pam Clasper praised the generosity that was found in Ottawa last year. (see report)

## 12. All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd

Gordon Macaw reported a new strategy for 2023; targeted donation for individual clubs can be sent to AJH. There were very few expenses.

Request for help to redesign website.

Reminder to look for donation boxes during convention.

## 13. Memorial Panels Project

James Ozanich presented his report about the Memorial Panels Project (serving his 12th year). Currently 1,234 entries (including duplicate badges) in our database. 84 badges are expected to be pinned in Durham.

## 14. Medallion Project

Kelly Shortandqueer lamented the passing of Keith Gehrig, who had already approached Kelly about taking on the Medallion Project, and thanked everyone for their support. Kelly reported there would be 9 10-year, 11 20-year, 18 25-year, 5 30-year. There are four attendees with perfect [39-year] convention attendance.

## 15. New Business

Jim Babcock requested a change to the corporate slogan, from: "An LGBTQ\* Organization" to: "An LGBTQ+ Organization". Request approved. New banners will be ordered.

## FUTURE CONVENTIONS

### 16. 2025 - San Francisco

Michael Levy reported 430 registration received to date' goal is 900. HOtel block open July 15. 13 callers hired. Fun Badge Tour tickets for sale in Durham. Tour will take place after brunch on Sunday. Bring a sweater - it is cold in San Francisco during summer.

### 17. 2026 - Montreal

Marge Coahran touted the historic flair that Montreal will offer. The committee has great running start: bylaws and bank accounts established; first newsletter sent out in June; banner, video, and merchandise for sale. Signature event will feature a Cirque du Soleil-type experience with emcee Marcus Gauthier.

### 18. 2027 - Albuquerque bid

James Ferguson presented a bid for the 2027 convention. Of note, it will be held at the same hotel from 1992. There will npo flooring; dancing on carpet. Bid accepted.

### 19. 2028 - Denver bid

Rick Schoenhals and Kelly Shortandqueer presented a bid for the 2028 convention. They are ready to jump back in, with same board from 2020 (which now has four Old Queens.) Negotiating with hotels is more challenging. Costs will determine the dates (weekend of Memorial Day or Independence Day were presented.) Bid accepted.

### 20. 2029 and beyond

Gary Dougan announced that 2029 convention in Palm Spring would be Memorial Day weekend, when the weather is a bit cooler.

### 21. Election of Officers for 2024-2026

Kelly Shortandqueer opened nominations for Chair (2 year term), Ed Zeigler was nominated and elected.

Ed Zeigler opened nominations for Treasurer (2 year term). Justin Crawshaw-Lopton was nominated and reelected.

## 22. Adjournment

Ed Zeigler adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Babcock, Secretary

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