

IAGSDC

Executive Board Meeting

Seattle, WA

July 4th, 2018

Ed Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:06pm

Roll Call by Kent Tolleson

48 Full Member Clubs
1 Associate
11 Affiliates

Welcome from Seattle, Circle Back to Seattle, Bob Moritz and Bill Anderson. They stated this year there would be no Gran March, no National Anthems, and open seating at the banquet and brunch.

Motion to approve the 2017 meeting minutes that were sent out. Motion to accept the 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes was made by Rick Hawes and second by Michael Coan. Approved by the delegates.

Treasurer Report:

Financial report given out. 2017 actuals. Proposed budget for 2019 was discussed. We are projecting income of \$7,750 and expenses of \$12,360. A projected loss of \$4,610 for 2019. \$4,000 of this projected loss is from the archive project. Some of these expenses may very well happen in the 2018 year (which, that budget, was already approved by the executive board last year). We are not proposing to increase dues this year. Will still be \$1 per member. Balance as of 12-31-17 was \$52,096. Question was asked about income line from Badge Works, Inc. Ed Zeigler spoke about Badge Works. They reported they never knew of contract stating IAGSDC was to receive income from sales (very small amount). They have sold the company and the new owner of the business doesn't allow him to travel to our convention anymore (has many customers now since expanding the

business). Ed worked with the Seattle committee and found someone from the west coast to do the badges at this convention. Ed believes that they would not come to the east coast for the Philadelphia convention. The income line for badges was so small and didn't make a difference in the budget so it has been removed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Rick Hawes and second by Rahn Anderson. Taxes...501C4 status. It was suggested to go for a 501(c)6. Michael has submitted this new request.

Membership Report:

Brad Bruner reported 60-member clubs: 48 full member clubs, and 11 affiliate member clubs, and 1 Associate club. We had two clubs to fold this year (Cotton Pickin' Squares and Knot So Squares). Total current membership stands at 1,936 members. Three largest member clubs are Redwood Rainbows at 111, Rocky Mountain Rainbaues at 107, and Boots and Squares at 95. Clubs showing most number of member increases are: Redwood Rainbows (26), Suncoast Squares (24), and The Wilde Bunch (10). The largest percent increases belonged to Desert Valley Squares at 40% (15 members increased to 21), Suncoast Squares at 38% (64 members increased to 88), and Redwood Rainbows at 31% (85 members increased to 111). Banners displays can be requested. Please use for Banner Dances that you may hold. New club development grants are available. We approved all grants that were asked. Capital Squares, Hotlanta Squares, and Redwood Rainbows. A general one approved for a consultant to help with club development. It's not for standard things (such as paying for club caller, etc.). Holding a series of sessions this convention to discuss ideas, problems, successes, etc. Open discussion session, recruiting session and a retention session. Since we have funding we are looking to get a consultant to help us. Also trying to create a set of resources. Will create a new Facebook group about this forum.

Committee Reports:

Palm Springs Report: Gary Dougan had a stats sheet that was given to the delegates. They reported 825 dancers/non-dancers in attendance. Profit of around \$12,900. \$1,935 for license to IAGSDC. Future conventions, Belle

Runs, Denver, and Houston 2021 were given donations as well. AJH was given a donation. The rest was given to local Palm Springs organizations.

Website:

Ed thanked Mark Stein for his service as club hosting person. We need a new person. No one volunteered. Fred Loher has stepped in to this role for us. Fred stated we are now live with the new website for about a year. Converted over 4,000 user accounts. Mobile friendly site. Security an issue but we have a good plan in place with drupel. Merchandise is a little difficult to have on the site. Fred thinks he has something that will work. That will come out later. Rick Hawes asked what information is collected from registrations? CSV download for events would give you the statistics. Is there something more? No, basically we have names, address, emails, etc. If you have a specific request Fred asked that you contact him and he will work with you.

All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd.:

Pam Clasper reported that donations were around \$1,200. Ottawa is back holding a fly-in. Paperwork in your packet.

All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd., Committee Members Report, and ARTS:

Gordon Macaw stated the report (in packet) is also located at the table if you would like one and take back to your club. Last year 2017 contributions were nearly \$20,000. Since its inception AJH supported \$170,000 in projects. Continued Convention Program was created last year. This year we have an anonymous donor matching up to \$5,000 in contributions that are made this year. Purpose of the fund is to provide support to dancers trying to attend convention that may not have the financial means to do so. New advisor selected. Sits on the AJH board. Fred Harke expressed interest. He will serve a 2-year term. After 4 years an advisor goes off (for at least one year). ARTS: Board met in Kansas City the day after the National Convention. 501c3 but basically 8 organizations (AJH & IAGSDC belong). They don't do a lot. They created "You Too Can Dance" website. Has a gay section but the site needs to be updated. Live Lively Square Dance was created by ARTS. No same-

gender specific logo presented and the person at ARTS basically said he wouldn't allow his logo to be changed. AJH will take up an initiative and we will find a graphic designer to help us create one. They took in \$3,200. Nothing much going on with them. Expenses were \$2,100 and \$1,200 is for the executive director of ARTS. Question was asked why we belong. They don't bring us any value. Good thing with us on the board. Straight conventions has relaxed dress codes. This came about with us being on the board. How much did us cost us. We have not paid a dime to them. IAGSDC and AJH have not paid anything. Board members pay their own way to the meeting. Since 501c3 so board members could right off travel on their taxes. No big issue if we don't attend meetings anymore. Gordon can vote via emails. Graphic designer not wanting to share his logo. Not against any laws.

Wiki/Archive:

Allen Hurst reported on the wiki/archives. Many updates and memorial panels put online. Finally digitized all of Karl's scrapbooks. Reported that \$3,685 was used for the project. Below the \$4,000 thought they needed. Next step is to put paper files and filing cabinets. Still estimating between \$3,500 and \$4,000. Will have to remove addresses, phone numbers, etc. that are in these files. Jorge Paris has been digitizing VHS tapes for us. Pam Clasper and Debbie Ceder have put in over 40% of content that is out there in the Wiki. Online backups with the new Go Daddy group.

CALLERLAB Convention:

Harlan Kerr reported convention was held in Albuquerque, NM this year. Basic and Mainstream were separated. Basic is now a stand alone program. This is a review year. Sep. 1, 2018 changes are Allemande Thar, Allemande Left to an Allemande Thar, Shoot the Star, Shoot the Star Full Around, and Slip the Clutch will be on the Mainstream program and not in the Basic program. The calls One Quarter Tag and Three Quarter Tag are now on the Mainstream List. The Tag the Line Family being created a.) Tag The Line-Directions b.) Fractional Tags ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ Tags) are also in the Mainstream program. Plus review happening now and will be finished Aug. 15, 2018. Advanced review will be done Aug.-Sep. 2018, and Challenge

review will be done Sep.-Oct. 2018. Harlan was elected to the Board of Governors and also elected to the Executive Committee. The 2019 convention will be in Richmond, VA. Mainstream committee oversees both the Basic and Mainstream programs.

GCA Report:

Kent Forrester reported that they have 124 members and Caller School had 19 students (two from Spokane, WA). Spokane, WA hoping to have a new gay club with IAGSDC. Thanks to Anne Uebelacker and Ross Howell for teaching this year. And thanks to our TA Arlene Kaspik. Next year our teacher will be Barry Clasper and Arlene will again be our TA with Betsy Gotta as a second teacher if we get a big group again next year for Caller School. All Join Hands and All Join Hands Canada were thanked for their financial assistance with Caller School. Thanks to Palm Springs committee for their efforts in helping the GCA have callers at their convention.

New Banners:

Dan reported that we have new banners for this year. We have six banners. Thanks to Andy Shore for his contributions in paying for the banners through AJH. Thanks to Chuck Novak from Grand Rapids in putting us in contact with the banner makers. We will have one in Canada, one on the east coast, one on the west coast, one for conventions, one available for traveling, and one extra in hiding.

Future Conventions:

2019 Philadelphia: Dane introduced his Board of Directors. Registrations are at 355 at the start of this convention. Come to the table to register for next year. Tours are open online as of June 1st. Cruise has enough folks to dance on the evening cruise. Meal deals are available and are now open. Online hotel registration is not available as of yet, but you can phone in and use code: IAGSDC. Rate \$149 for up to four individuals. Block is good for starting on June 27th. RV park is available. Outline of schedule posted on the website. Working on dining options for the week of 4th of July. Presentation will be made at the banquet. Working with New York dancers for the Stonewall celebration. Multi purpose raffle tickets will finish up this weekend. Drawing held at the banquet.

2020 Denver: Kelly Shortandqueer stated that they will open registration this weekend. Dates of convention will be July 2-5, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Downtown. Rates \$169, \$179 (3 people), and \$189 (4 people). Light rail train from airport to hotel. Lots of food options. Convention name announced at brunch along with callers. Committed to diversity for the 2020 convention. Best rate for registration is through July 15, 2018 at \$220. Eighty early bird winners (\$160 registration rate) will be announced.

2021 Houston: Heads to the Center presented for 2021 to go to Houston, TX. Secured confirmation from the three clubs in Texas that it was okay for Heads to the Center to pursue convention in Houston for 2021. July 1-4, 2021. Downtown Hyatt rate will be a \$129 rate 1-4 people. Registration cost not revealed as of yet. Motion to close nominations for 2021 was made by Michael Spayd and second by Scott Phillips. Delegates approved going to Houston, TX in 2021.

2022 Minneapolis: Heads to the Center presented for 2022 to go to Minneapolis, MN. Memorial Day weekend of 2022. Hotel rate would be \$139 rate for 1-4 people. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis will be the hotel. Motion made to close nominations for 2022 by Joan Klein, and second by Viona Lestage. Delegates approved going to Minneapolis, MN in 2022.

2023 Both Portland, OR and Durham, NC have expressed interest.

2024 or beyond: No expression of interest submitted.

Suggestion by Rick Hawes was made to the IAGSDC for them to form a permanent convention committee.

Election of Officers for 2018-2019:

Chair position is open (two-year position). Ed Zeigler was nominated for Chair. No other nominations. Motion to close nominations was made by Scott Phillips and second by Sam Sheperd. Delegates approved Ed to serve another two-year term.

Treasurer position is open (two-year position). Nomination of Treasurer. Michael Pemberton was nominated and accepted. Justin Crawshaw-Lopton was also nominated. Justin accepted the nomination. Motion to

close nomination was made by Chuck Novak and second by Rick Hawes. The Delegates voted Justin Crawshaw-Lopton to serve as Treasurer.

Miscellaneous:

Heritage of Pride (NYC) made a presentation. June 28, 2019. Participation of IAGSDC in World Pride for next year. First time World Pride held in the United States.

James Ozanich talked about the memorial panels. Last year twenty-eight new badges were added bringing the total to 744. James would like the date of birth and date of death updated for all badges if possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:36pm.