

2011 IAGADC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Atlanta, Georgia

July 1, 2011

11-01 Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair, Bob Hazen, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Roll call was taken by Michael Spayd, 38 Full Member Clubs, 2 Associate Clubs and 4 Affiliate Member Organizations were present.

11-02 Welcome to Atlanta and Gone With The Windmill

Ken Tolleson welcomed us to the 2011 convention of the IAGSDC. Ken reported that his committee has a great convention in store for us.

11-03 Approval of Minutes for the 2010 IAGSDC Meetings

In section 5, there was a correction to reflect the newly admitted club names as Lavender Country & Folk Dancers and Rainbow Rainbows. The Minutes of the 2010 IAGSDC Executive Board meeting was approved unanimously with changes and the Minutes of the 2010 IAGSDC General Meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

11-04 Treasurer's Report

Michael Pemberton presented an detailed report of the financial condition of the IAGSDC. For 2011, the IAGSDC is in better financial condition than previously estimated due to the meeting expenses being much lower than budgeted as well as the trademark licensing fee income being much larger than anticipated. The 2012 proposed budget was approved unanimously as submitted.

Michael P. also presented that the IAGSDC's current status with the IRS. He pointed out that we are in the process of filing our 501c4 status with the IRS. We have filed with the incorporated state but not with the IRS.

11-05 Membership Report/Applications and Club Development

Phil Davis announced that our association consists of: 49 Full Member Clubs, 2 Associate Member Clubs ! and 9 Affiliate Member Organizations. The IAGSDC is proud to welcome a new Associate Member Club into the IAGSDC. Rainbow Squares of Boise is a caller run club in Boise, Idaho with 18 members. Since it is a caller run club, it is being admitted as an Associate Member Club. This was voted on and approved unanimously

The IAGSDC is sad to announce the folding of 6 clubs. Those clubs are: Ocean Squares, Show-Me Squares, Cadillac Squares, MadCap Squares, Raleighwood Squares and Cotton Pickin Squares.

Currently there is a couple of new programs to help member clubs recruit. The IAGSDC is entering into internet networking by using Facebook, Twitter, etc. The IAGSDC is also working on a new retractable banner to replace the current traveling displays.

11-06 "Chicago Shakedown" Financial Report

John Glover reported that had a very successful convention. They were able to donate to the following conventions: \$1,000 to Vancouver, \$1,000 to San Francisco and \$2,000 to Salt Lake City. It was reported that due to the great convention there were able to give the IAGSDC \$2,744 and \$500 to the Wiki project.

11-07 Future Convention Information Sharing Sessions

John reported that this year he is leading this session which is the former convention advisory committee. The purpose of these sessions this year is to: help organize convention committees, list hot spot topics to consider and give a high level overview of items for convention committees to consider at the beginning of its planning.

11-08 Future Conventions

In 2012, Vancouver is hosting "Dance Up A Storm". Currently, they have 421 people registered. The rate will be \$165 until July 5 and then will be \$185 until the end of the year. Their target registration is 900. They have contracted all their callers. Hotel reservations are now available to be made online for the block goes from June 23 to July 7. The room rate is \$169/Canadian.

In 2013, San Francisco is hosting "Weave Your Heart in San Francisco". It is being hosted at the Marriott Marquis with a 2008 room rate of \$139 per night. The hotel is being renovated next year and has 18 elevators. The ballroom space has just been renovated. All the primary dancing space will be on one level and online registration is available. The early bird registration is \$135 and after the first 100 are sold, it goes up to \$165 until July 5. They have already achieved 60% of their fundraising goal of \$2,500. The convention is July 4-7. The delegates meeting will be held at 1:00 on July 4. Opening Ceremonies will be at 4:00 on July 5. They have scheduled 13 international callers and the Redwood Rainbows have now been added as part of their organization.

In 2014, Salt Lake City will be hosting the IAGSDC convention. They are incorporated and are working on their 501c3 status. The Corporation name is Follow The Yellow Brick Road, Inc. The room rate is \$159 for single/double and no roll away beds are available. It will be a \$20 per person charge for more than two people per room. The Hotel is the Grand America which is in the downtown area. The room reservations are already open. There is a light rail being built to take people from the airport to the downtown area.

Times Squares has submitted a bid for the 2015 convention. It was announced that New York is a labor intensive city and labor rates are double time for hotels on the weekend. The convention has a 500 room block with a 85% guarantee for key room nights. Negotiations are on-going in an attempt to control costs for food and hotel. The option of using New Jersey hotels were explored but ballroom space was not adequate. They have an 800 person break even. Although there was much concern about the costs involved in attending, the bid was approved by a 26-7 margin.

Bids were closed for the 2016 convention. St. Louis will be presenting their bid proposal in Vancouver. There is interest by Toronto to host the 2017 convention.

11-9 Status Report on Rainbow Trust

Keith Gehrig did report that the Rainbow Trust has closed out. Over the 14 years of the trust, \$163,000 have been given out.

11-10 Report from Petersen Fund Committee

This past year there was \$11,345.38 granted to 11 clubs. Of this, \$9,949.74 has been paid with a current year balance of \$1,395.64. The balance in the account is \$23,069.93. Those funds have an anticipated life of 2 years. The request forms are online on the IAGSDC website.

The terms for Chaz Taylor and Randy Clark have expired this year. Nominations were received and John Oldfield and Ken Sale have been voted in unanimously as Petersen Fund Committee members.

11-11 Report from All Join Hands, Ltd.

Gordon Macaw reported that the activity report for the last year is in the convention registration packages. It was noted that AJH achieved the \$5,000 challenge. Chicago donated \$2,015 to reimburse AJH for the new dancer program and proceeds from the country western dance. AJH is currently working on setting up a program to carry on the Petersen Fund initiatives.

All Join Hands has installed Mary Jane Wood as an officer of AJH which opened up one vacancy for an adviser. Nominations were taken and Scott Phillips was voted in unanimously as an All Join Hands advisor.

11-12 Report from 2011 Callerlab Convention

Kris Jensen reported that this year Callerlab was hosted in Las Vegas and had a large GCA representation. This year Bill Eyler and Darren Galina received their 25 year certificate. It was reported that CallerLabs lists are not changing this year. It was noted that there has been a great deal of discussion about the call Half Breed Thru. The advanced committee is currently looking at it and Kris felt will most likely result in a name change.

11-13 Report from GCA

Currently there are 77 members. At this year's caller school there were 12 students (including 2 newbies). This year leaving their present office is John Oldfield, Michael Maltenfort, Ron Letgers and Brian Jarvis. Allan Hurst has left his post as Newsletter Editor which he refers to Professional Journal Editor. Elections will be held during the GCA meeting July 1 from 5 – 6pm.

11-14 Report from ARTS Committee

Scott Phillips reported that this year's attendance at the National's held in Detroit was 3,737. Scott also gave an update on the "You 2 Can Dance" project. Roy Gotta has been working on the gay dance page which will have a link on the main page. There are ARTS brochures available at this convention and more can be obtained if clubs need them.

This year new officers were elected and three of the four are IAGSDC members. The officers are: Gordon Macaw (President), Betsy Gotta (Vice President), Scott Phillips (Secretary) and Edith Weber (Treasurer). This is a huge step in trying to bridge the gap between straight square dancing and gay square dancing.

Chuck Novak reported on the 60th National Square Dance Convention (straight) that took place in Detroit Michigan. DC Diamond Circulate donated \$500 for the Rainbow Room which included a 1/4 page ad in the program book. The Rainbow Room ran for five days, 2 sessions each day and saw around 40 callers. The room had some spillover effects with dancers dancing in non-traditional roles throughout the convention. The IAGSDC dancers were very welcomed. In addition, at this year's convention, formal dress was only required in the evening sessions from 6-10 pm.

11-15 IAGSDC Archives and Wiki

Allan Hurst reported that the Wiki is an archival and oral history project. He announced that lack of content has become an issue as well as having to deal with some legal issues. Allan has asked for one person per club to work with him for their club's information.

11-16 Club Outreach Survey Program

Clubs have been asked to fill out a survey for outreach purposes. So far, only 5 clubs have filled it out. Project needs to be finished up soon so that the data can be compiled, given to the IAGSDC and than methodology can be worked on.

11-17 New Business

Bi-monthly mailings continue to be a work in progress. The emailed information is continuing to not get to the right person in the clubs. One reason is that club and delegate information is not getting updated in a timely manner on the website. Another potential reason for this might be that emails may be getting stuck in the spam folders and there also could be server issues with some email servers. The Officers will continue to look at this issue and will look for potential solutions. The message that the delegates should take back to their clubs is to submit club and delegate information and keep it updated on a regular basis.

Proposed By-law Change Article IV, Section 2, Delegate Body was discussed. The proposed change was to change the new language to read " Each Delegate or Alternate Delegate may represent only one member club. Each club receives a single vote on any matter brought to a vote. This will be cast by the delegate, or in their absence, the alternate delegate". This by-law changed was voted on and passed unanimously.

Proposed By-law Change Article V, Section 7, Delegate Body was discussed. The proposed change was to clarify the role of a delegate. The new language would read as follows: Delegate-Represents their club at the Association level and attend Executive Board Meetings. Alternative Delegate-Serve as Delegate at the Association level when a primary Delegate cannot fulfill their role. This by-law changed was voted on and passed unanimously.

Proposed By-law Change Article VI, Section 2, Bids to Host Annual Convention was discussed. This section clarified the process to bid to host an annual convention, how bids would be heard, what information should be included in a bid, how voting will take place and what would happen if no a convention contract is defaulted upon. This by-law changed was voted on and passed unanimously.

There was also a few sections where wording was clarified and formatting was corrected. These changes were voted on and passed unanimously.

Bob Hazen briefly talked about some of the information currently housed on the IAGSDC website will be migrating off the website over to the Wiki. He also announced that a project is underway to redesign the IAGSDC website. Bob talked about the problem of multiple profiles on the website. Delegates should encourage members to update the correct one. Currently there is no way for website users to delete their own duplicate profiles so the officers will manually be updating the database manually.

Bob Hazen let everyone know that Nichole Faina, a member of Iron City Squares, is working on a graduate manuscript for University of Pittsburgh and may be doing random interviews during the convention.

Andy Shore brought up a topic for thought of a future by-law change. In the by-laws, it states that our purpose is to "enhance the image of gay people". It is being suggested that our organization should use some other title since our organization has grown to include more than just gay people (transgender,etc.)

Bob Hazen was congratulated on his first meeting as President.

Ett McAtee announced that Michael Deets, past officer of the IAGSDC board had passed away this past year. There would be a pinning ceremony in the Memorial Room after the Chesapeake Squares club photo on Sunday at 1:30.

11-18 Election of IAGSDC Officers for 2011-2013

Nominations were received for the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary and Club Liaison Officer. A vote was taken and unanimously elected Keith Gehrig for Vice Chair, Michael Spayd for Secretary and Phil Davis for Club Liaison Officer.

11-19 Adjournment

Chair, Bob Hazen, adjourned the meeting at 4:50.