

# IAGSDC

## Executive Board Meeting

### Toronto, ON, Canada

### July 1st, 2016

Phil Davis called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

Roll Call by Kent Tolleson

49 Full Member Clubs  
1 Associate  
12 Affiliates

Welcome from Maple Leafs regroup by Lee Godfrey. Lee Godfrey & John Bailey are Chairpersons Toronto Maple Leafs

Motion to approve the 2015 meeting minutes that were sent out. Motion to accept the 2015 Executive Board Meeting minutes was made by Rick Hawes and second by John Faulds. Approved by the delegates.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Financial report given out. 2015 actuals. Income of \$6,882 and expenses of \$3,630.80 gave us an excess of \$3,251.20. Approval of the 2016 budget was done last year. Proposed budget for 2017 for \$3,750 in income and expenses for 0 profit/loss in 2017. Balance as of 12-31-15 was \$48,788.36. Taxes...501C4 application. Still not finalized by IRS. (It has been 5 years). No one can tell him anything. Michael will do more follow-up with the IRS. Motion to accept the 2017 proposed budget was made by Rick Hawes and second by Michael Spayd (Cleveland Country Dancers). Approved by the Executive Board.

#### **Membership Report:**

Brad Bruner reported 62 member clubs: 49 full member clubs, and 12 affiliate member clubs, and 1 Associate club. Potential to have 63 clubs if

Cotton Pickin' Squares is voted in as a member. Club membership for 2015 was 1,936 members. Currently for 2016 our membership is 1,814 members. Down 100 members. Three clubs with 100+ members (Puddletown, Rocky Mountain Rainbeuas, and Chi-Town Squares). Six clubs grew 15% in memberships and six clubs decreased 15% in members. Brad encourage the delegates to do membership drives with their clubs. 5 Banner Dances were done during the year. Total raised was \$1,097. Thanks to those clubs for holding a Banner Dance (Chesapeake Squares, Independence Squares, Chi-Town Squares, Puddletown Squares, and Desert Valley Squares). Please request brochures. We want to re-design and order new brochures. Cotton Pickin' Squares requesting to be back as a full member of the IAGSDC. They have their by-laws and a caller (Justin Russell). Delegates approved their membership. Now we have 50 Full member clubs giving us a grand total of 63 (including associates & affiliates). Diane from Blooming Squares asked how we manage membership if someone is part of several different clubs. There isn't a way to monitor that so some members may be actually counted more than once. We have a photo bank. Please use it for marketing promotions.

### **Vice-Chair Report:**

Club development process. All Join Hands has given us \$10,000 for club development. Kent has the full program outline for distribution. Basically follows the old Peterson Fund requirements. Hopefully the application process will be online with the new website. We thank All Joins Hands for them funding this program.

Aaron reported on the St. Louis convention. He stated that there were 821 attendees at convention. He also reported a \$9,000 surplus but is being held up because of Missouri tax implications.

Convention planning meeting. Aaron reported that he is working to help future conventions plan their conventions.

### **A.R.T.S. Report:**

Danny Miller reporting on the ARTS. Meeting held in Des Moines, Iowa. Over \$13,000 in their Treasury. What does ARTS stand for? Alliance of Round Traditional Square Dance. Logo was discussed to have more

inclusive images of same-sex couples dancing logos. Discussion about advertising at the National Convention (IAGSDC) and them advertising with us? Danny to bring it up to the ARTS board. Allen Hurst suggested ad swaps with each other.

### **All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd.:**

Pam Clasper reported that donations were \$3,433.02 last year. Programs supported were: Convention, GCA Caller School, Club development program, and participation in lunch/learn program. This convention we are sponsoring the Trail-In dance and the Contra dance. Will have donation boxes at these dances.

### **All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:**

Gordon Macaw stated the report is in the packet and will not go over it. Last year they took in \$25,575. They funded last year's caller school and Hoedown dance at the St. Louis convention. Funded a couple of conventions. Club development fund wanted a partnership with IAGSDC. The IAGSDC had the Peterson Fund and know how to develop clubs. AJH will give it back to them to manage. Only 9 grants done in the past 3 years totaling \$11,000. IAGSDC can manage it better since they have had done it for many years. AJH will give \$10,000 increments to the IAGSDC for club development. Mentioned that the board is in-tact. Ed Zeigler board position is up now and was asked to stay on an extra year. He accepted.

### **Wiki/Archive:**

Allen Hurst reported on the wiki/archives. Will talk about Karl Jackel documents later.

### **Callerlab Convention:**

No report given

### **GCA Report:**

Kent Forrester reported that caller school had 24 students (12 beginners & 12 intermediate/advanced. All Join Hands and All Join Hands Canada assisted in offering a \$75 fee for the 3-day caller school. Thanks to Andy and Maple Leaf Regroup for allowing GCA callers spots throughout

convention. Important to give those callers some floor time. Monday at noon is the GCA meeting. Instruction for next year is Randy Dougherty.

### **New Business:**

New Website is now in demo mode. Beta version is up and running on the demo site. Information will be sent out when the transition will actually happen. Go live date sometime in September 2016.

### **By-Law Amendment:**

Rahn Anderson from Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus presented an amendment to our membership section of our by-laws. We have a copy of the actual proposal from him. Briefly, the amendment adjustment is to add “gender identity and gender expression” to our membership section of our by-laws. Rahn introduced Kelly Shortenqueer to the delegate. Rick Hawes motioned to accept the by-law change as written and John Faulds second. Now discussion presented. Motion is to move it forward to the general membership. Discussion was about the way it’s written why not and/or. Amend the language. Two pieces now needed to be approved. Moved by Rick Hawes. Was asked to read the by-law as written. “Membership open to anyone regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, age, gender, gender identity and/or expression, or sexual orientation.” Discussion about the wording and punctuation. Bill Anderson moved to modify the last motion. “Membership open to anyone regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.” Delegates approved to move forward with this amendment to the general membership. Will be presented at the annual meeting on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **History Project:**

Allen Hurst presented a quote from a company (Docu Tek, Inc.) about digitizing information collected over the last 33 years. Karl Jackel has approximately 40,000 pages/documents/etc. in his home. All scrapbooks/folders/etc. they want to digitize. Finding a place to house the collection would be phase II of the project. Looking at libraries (but down the road). Vendors were contacted, but only one sent in a proposal to us. Initial estimate is \$10,000. Not actual cost. Could be more or it could be

less. As an organization do we want to move this forward? Discussion. Scott Phillips stated that this is something that we absolutely must do and move forward with this project. How would this be funded? Archiving is very important to this organization. Michael Pemberton stated that after our meeting the balance in our IAGSDC account will be nearly \$49,000. So funding is available. Rick Hawes asked will there be an ongoing contract? No, there isn't an ongoing contract. Allen stated that this first phase needs to be done first. Mark Ambrose asked do we prioritize the stuff to digitize. Joy Gosswiller from Denver stated that she has worked with Karl to go through and not digitized duplicate items. So, there is a science of prioritizing the documents. Gordon Macaw asked if this proposal form what they saw in Karl's home. Yes, the proposal was based on all that they saw in his home. Bill Anderson asked are we looking for a motion to authorize funding or for the officers to look into the proposal. Seth Levine asked should it be done by a committee and/or officers. Matthew Lighthouse expressed concerns about the spending of this proposal and Dave Decot asked what happens to the future spending? Flyers, etc. from clubs is there someone they should send a copy to for archiving? First part is to digitize and then we need to see how we move forward. Rick Hawes moved to authorize the officers of this association to peruse this proposal subject to reauthorization next year. And perhaps continuing resolution year by year. Scott Phillips second that motion. Jeff Moore from Golden State Squares said we should amend the motion to give a range of funding of saying up to \$12,000. Arlene Kaspik from Chi-Town. She would like to add that the motion to be broaden to allow the officers to address the process and fund up to an amount of \$12,000 to fund this project. Broader language gives the officers the authority to pursue the process of the project and to fund the project (whether from grants, etc.). Phil Davis read the motion to the delegates "Authorizing the IAGSDC Officers of the Executive Board to form a committee to investigate the preservation of the IAGSDC data with an authorization of a \$15,000 limit with reauthorization for additional dollars for work each year." Matthew Lighthouse from Champlain Valley Squares expressed concern of additional work of the officers with everything else they have to do. Are they willing to takes this on? The officers agreed. Rick Hawes accepted the amendment to his original motion. Concerns were raised about help for Allen or have back-up for him. He does have help and asked Andy Shore and Pam Clasper if

they would be willing to back him up. They agreed. Judy Hornaday from Cuesta Squares presented concerns about the authorization limit amount. Once the contract signed it would be fine with the upper limit of \$15,000. Allen would send to the Officers the actual "quote" once received by moving forward from the delegates at this meeting. Allen stated we won't know actual dollar amounts until we start counting the folders/documents/etc. Rahn Anderson calls the question. Phil Davis read the motion again. "Authorizing the IAGSDC Officers of the Executive Board to form a committee to investigate the preservation of the IAGSDC data with an authorization of a \$15,000 limit with reauthorization for additional dollars for work each year." The delegates approved.

### **Future Conventions:**

2017 Palm Springs: Gary Dougan reported that their registration will be open during the weekend. 501c3 is up and running. Fun Badge Tour may consist of a morning and/or evening tour. Hotel reservations are now open (June 30<sup>th</sup> opened). Website is up and they will have tours and merchandise for sale in the fall.

2018 Seattle: Bill Anderson reported Seattle will host the Trail-In dance on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and convention will run Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Fun Badge Tour (FBT) will take place on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are hoping to have the FBT buses can drop anyone off at the airport after the FBT is over. 501c3 is in place. Callers are in place. Website is to go live this weekend. Monday morning (July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016) the first 100 early registrations will go on sale (first come first serve). After early bird the registration fee of \$195 is good through July 15, 2016. Credit cards accepted. The hotel is the Seattle Sheraton Downtown.

2019 Philadelphia: Dane Bragg reported that they do have a name. Belles Run is the name of the 2019 convention. Facebook is now live. They will have merchandise for sale. The dates of convention will be July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Core group of callers are contracted as well as the tour company. They have a contract with the Spirit of Philadelphia for a post cruise for dining and dancing and depending on the number of attendees they could have the whole ship. Tour Company is contracted. The hotel is the Sheraton Philadelphia.

2020 Denver: Kelly Shortenqueer and Rich Anels reported that they have two possible properties to host the 2020 convention. Two possible dates are Memorial Day weekend or 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend (depending on which property they choose). The two hotels are the Hyatt Regency (same hotel from 2007) and the new Gaylord Resort that is to be completed in Dec. 2018. As of now the room rate would be \$189 per night. A new light rail service from airport to either venue is expected. Gala festival is a possible conflict. They are working with them, but the thought is they would not return in 2020. The delegates approved going to Denver in 2020.

2021 Convention: No nominations given. Rick Hawes moved to leave the convention nominations open and Rahn Anderson second. The delegates approved to keep the bids open for 2021.

2022 and beyond for Convention: No nominations given.

### **Election of Officers for 2016-2017:**

Chair position is open (two year position). Chair. Aaron Wells nomination was sent in to the Secretary. John Faulds nominated Ed Zeigler for Chair and he accepted. Both nominees spoke to the delegates. The delegates voted Ed Zeigler in as Chair of IAGSDC.

Treasurer position is open (two year position). Nomination of Michael Pemberton was sent to the Secretary. Michael accepted the nomination. The delegates voted to have Michael Pemberton as the Treasurer.

New proposal will be needed from the Treasurer with the approval of the history project moving forward. It will have a negative impact on the numbers for the 2017 budget.

Memorial panels are on display this weekend. 698 badges are on display.

Brochures are available from Brad. We want to use these up so the new brochure will be up to date with our LGBTQ\* logo, etc.

Rick Hawes moved to adjourn the meeting and second by Danny Miller.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40pm.