

**IAGSDC General Membership Meeting  
July 6, 2008 -- Cleveland, Ohio**

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS John McKinstry and I am chair of the IAGSDC. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual GENERAL Meeting of the IAGSDC and call this meeting to order.

First of all I would like to thank the members of the Cleveland City Country Dancers for another outstanding convention..

On Thursday afternoon the delegates meeting was held. At that meeting we elected new officers (or old one's).

John McKinstry Chair and Brian Smith Treasurer chose to run for reelection and were reelected. I would like to introduce the officers of the IAGSDC

Vice Chair: Keith Gehrig

Secretary: Scott Philips

Treasurer: Brian Smith

Club Liaison Officer: Phil Davis

I would also like to thank the following people who contribute of their time and energy to the smooth running of the IAGSDC and other associations relevant to our activities:

Bradley Bell and All Join Hands - Gordon Macaw

Medallion Projects - Rick Hawes

Mailing Services - Scott Philips

Petersen Fund - Keith Gehrig

Archives - Karl Jaeckel

Newsletter - Brian Smith

Allan Hurst - for your work you do

Convention Advisory Committee - Seth Levine...

Danny Lee for the web site

. The Petersen fund reported giving \$13,109.00 in grants this year. The Fund has only paid out \$6,509 of that money. This means that some clubs applied and were granted the money but never submitted receipts for it. The fund has paid out \$117,000.00. At this rate the fund will run out in approx. 4 years.. I would like to thank Keith Gehrig the chair and all those who serve on this committee for their work.

Red Rocks and Purple Mountains the 2007 Convention in Denver reported a profit of approx \$14,000.00 They gave \$2,900.00. to the IAGSDC and the remainder divided between All Join Hands. And Local Denver Charities. Thank You Denver.

We thank them for their dedication to their convention It is hard work and they did a great job.

We Lost Empire Squares this year and welcomed Lilac Squares from Rochester New York and Champlain Valley rainbow squares from Vermont to the IAGSDC this year. We hope that next year we will welcome more new clubs to this organization - there is interest coming from Redwood California and Salt Lake City Utah

We had 3 clubs hold Banner dances for the IAGSDC this year. Those clubs are:

Independence Squares

Chi Town Squares

Chesapeake Squares

We thank them for their contribution to the IAGSDC

This number is less than last year and the previous year. We thank all of you who attended these dances and we urge you to suggest to your clubs that they hold Banner Dances next year to support the IAGSDC. The money you raise helps us keep in the black and is very important to us. As our treasurer reported at the delegates meeting there is a very small profit for the 2008 fiscal year

Banner dances are a great way to help us We used to be given almost \$2000.00 per year in proceeds from banner dances.. Not any more. Having said that:

Our treasurer Brian Smith presented the budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009. The association is still in good financial shape with \$26,000 or so in the bank. But without money coming in that total will be gone in 15 years or so. Thank you Brian for your work on this.

It has been a real pleasure for me to work with the board of the IAGSDC over the past two years. They are all a joy to work with and they all Phil, Brian, Keith and Scott deserve your thanks as well. While it is not rocket science it still requires time and energy to move forward.

I would like to thank All Join Hands for their continued support of our Square dance activity. Thanks to them Convention committees are now offering early bird registration rates to all newly graduated basic dancers. This is a very positive step for our organization.

At the Delegates meeting we entertained expressions of interest from clubs in The San Francisco Bay Area and Phoenix Arizona for the 2013 Convention. Bids are now closed for 2013.

Our future conventions are:

2009 Washington DC

2010 Chicago Illinois

2011 Atlanta Georgia

Finally I am pleased to tell you that in 2012 we will be going to Vancouver Canada for our annual convention. It will be held in July of 2012

There were no Agenda items to change, alter, add on to or take away from this year so that being said I ask for a motion to adjourn this 25th annual General meeting of the IAGSDC - second - all in favour - so moved.

See you in Washington DC in July 2009