

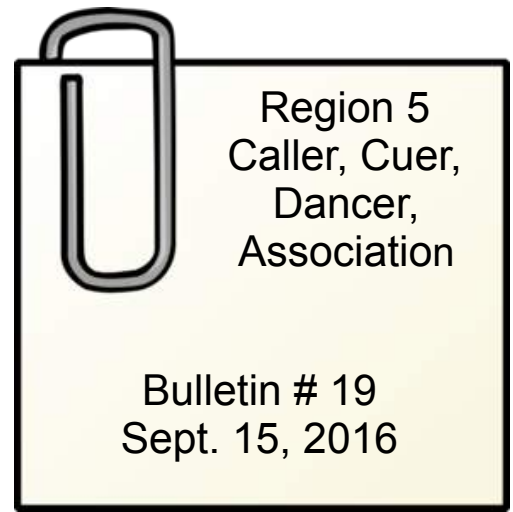
**R5CCDA Executive 2016/2017**

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**KEEPING YOU INFORMED - Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President**

(Sometimes I receive information that should not wait until the next Cariboo Connection to be passed on to you. In those cases, I send out bulletins. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from the Region 5 E-Mail list or if you know of anyone that should be added to the list.)

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**Sept. 2016 - Newsletter from Ken Crisp  
President of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation**

There have been some great Festivals, Campouts and summer dances this year and I hope that you have taken the opportunity to enjoy them. It is now time to direct our energies to the new dance season. Please support new dancer classes in your area and encourage your friends, family and acquaintances to try Square and Round dancing this year. Without new dancers our activity cannot continue and grow.

There will be advertising on Facebook again this year. Please advise Brian Elmer at SQUAREUP B.C. [brian@squaredance.bc.ca](mailto:brian@squaredance.bc.ca) 3 or 4 weeks prior to the first free or paid lesson so the ads can be targeted in areas where classes are being held. SQUAREUPB.C. has some funding to allow the Chairperson to present marketing workshops or seminars particularly to special sessions of regional dance associations. Contact [brian@squaredance.bc.ca](mailto:brian@squaredance.bc.ca)

**Annual General Meeting:** The BCS&RD Federation AGM was held in Penticton, B.C. on August 5, 2016. Election of officers was held and the Executive for a two year term will be:

- Norm Cox, Past President [marymcox@telus.net](mailto:marymcox@telus.net)
- Ken Crisp, President [kcrisp@telus.net](mailto:kcrisp@telus.net)

- Bill Wood, First Vice-President [wjllwood@gmail.com](mailto:wjllwood@gmail.com)
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- Carla Gyle, Secretary [cgyle@shaw.ca](mailto:cgyle@shaw.ca)

Thank you all for volunteering to serve on the Federation Executive and a big thank you as well to the past Executive including Gord Ruedig and Wendy Krueger who have decided to step down at this time.

There was a motion at the AGM to turn the financial control of the Moving and Grooving program over to its creators, Nick and Mary Anne Turner but the membership decided instead to keep the finances with the Federation.

The Treasurer presented a report and budget that recommends an increase in membership fees from \$5 to \$7 for 2017/2018 as expenditures continue to exceed income. Please note there is no increase in membership fees for 2016/2017 as some clubs are already collecting fees. Please be aware before you start collecting in 2017 for the 2017/2018 year that this item will be on the agenda at the AGM in Cloverdale next July. The Executive has been looking at a variety of fund raising ideas including Corporate Sponsorships and Lottery Funds. If you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising outside of member fees please discuss these with the First Vice-President, Bill Wood.

A good overview of the Federation and its initiatives can be learned by reading the reports submitted to the AGM and available at:

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/reports-minutes/bod-reports-minutes>

**Canadian Society:** A national square dance festival was held in Regina this summer. It was a smaller festival with attendance capped at 860 persons. This was a successful festival and paves the way for smaller communities to host a national. The festival in 2018 will be in London, Ontario but there have been no bids on 2020. It will have been 20 years since the Festival was in Vancouver and convention facilities and accommodation in downtown Vancouver are way too expensive. The Society would welcome a bid from B.C. There are a lot of communities with smaller convention centres that could easily host a smaller festival. Is anyone interested?

The B.C. Delegates to the Canadian Society, Darcy and Beth McGifford were honoured at the Festival in Regina with the “Award of Excellence”. Congratulations Darcy and Beth on a very well deserved honour and they wish to thank the dancers of B.C. for nominating them.

Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds were awarded the BCS&RD Federation’s Sillery Award in Penticton on August 5, 2016. Congratulations Pat and Garry on your well-deserved

awards.

**Square and Round Dance Awareness Week in B.C.** – The Province of B.C. has declared September 11 to 17, 2016 as Square and Round Dance Awareness week. We encourage all dancers and clubs to plan some activities that will be visible to the public and show our recreation in a positive light. Copies of the proclamation can be found at:

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/images/proclamation/proclamation2016.pdf> or on the B.C.Govt web site at:  
<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/proclamation/proclamations/SqRndDanceAwk2016>

The Province has made some major changes to the Society Act and Dennis Sutton is heading up a team to revise our Constitution and Bylaws so they will comply with the new Act. Please contact Dennis if you can assist him in this very important task.  
[dsutton9@telus.net](mailto:dsutton9@telus.net)

Wendy Krueger and David McVige are co-chairs for the Provincial Festival to be held in Cloverdale, Surrey on July 6-8, 2017. You can register online or print a registration form on the Federation website. We are interested in receiving bids for the 2019 Festival or a Mini-Festival. Contact a member of the Executive for more information.

Happy Dancing!

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Live Lively -



Square Dance .

*The purpose of the Federation shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing and other related forms of dance in the Province of British Columbia.*

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### **Now Back to Me - Some Important Reminders**

\* **Dance Fees for 2017** - Our Region 5 volunteer treasurer, Bill Cocker, has sent the forms for the 2017 membership registrations to your club contact. The fees are the same as they were last year but please read the BCS&RDF President's newsletter above and notice that an increase in fees is most likely for next year.

Once again I remind you that it is important that dancers and club treasurers submit their fees in a timely manner so that we will continue to be insured. Bill Cocker needs the registration forms and fees by **October 25, 2015** so that he will be able to complete the BC Federation forms in time. Also, please note that CSRDS, BCSRDF & R5CCDA do not charge fees for teen dancers (under 19); however, they must still be listed on the membership list".

**\*Website Stuff - Clubs - please ensure that the information listed on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> is up to date.**

Send an email to [nmturner@telus.net](mailto:nmturner@telus.net) and let us know what changes you want made. Is the location correct? Are the dates correct? Are the contact people correct?

Do you want any posters included? If so, send a pdf or a jpg to me. The posters can be in colour for the website but remember that they need to be grayscale for the Cariboo Connection newsletter.

#### **\*Cariboo Connection Newsletter**

I remind everyone that the deadline date for sending information or articles for the first issue of the Cariboo Connection this year is **October 20, 2015** and it will be delivered some time in early November. I know that some of your clubs will not have been dancing for long by Oct. 20 but there has not been a Cariboo Connection since last April so you will likely have some club news you can report on. Jamborees? Summer travels? Summer dance events? New dancers? Suggestions? Promotion successes?

Remember that the second edition of the newsletter will not be published until February so if you want to advertise any events that will occur between now and then, send us your posters in electronic form in time for this first edition. Black and white or grayscale is needed so it will photocopy well.

Hope you have a happy dancing season. I will talk to you again in the Cariboo Connection. Meantime, don't forget.....**your club treasurer needs to get the money and the forms to the Region 5 treasurer by October 25 so help out by paying your fees quickly. If you won't be dancing before then, contact your club treasurer and let him or her know your intentions for the season.** We need to work efficiently to make sure our dancers and our clubs continue to be insured. Without insurance, many of our halls will not let us dance there.

Mary Anne Turner  
President - Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association