

IAGSDC 28th Annual Convention Wrap-up

This is quite a long summary, but since the delegates meeting is 3 hrs long and the convention is 3 days long it does take a bit just to cover the highlights.

At the 2011 Annual IAGSDC Executive Board Meeting, we had 39 of the 50 voting member's delegates at the meeting, leaving a quarter of our member clubs with no representation. Please check your club's Fast Facts page on the IAGSDC website to confirm your club delegate information is correct. If not, contact the page owner also listed on that page, to update the information.

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Michael Pemberton. He informed the board that we have \$35,517 in funds and for 2010 we had income of \$3219 and expenses of \$4496

The board approved the 2012 budget with an operating deficit of \$500.

The club membership now stands at 49 Full member clubs, 2 Associate clubs, and 9 affiliates.

We have a total membership of 1942.

Banner Dances in 2010 were hosted by 3 clubs, Chesapeake Squares donated \$163, Independence Squares \$403, and Times Squares \$250. Thank you for your extra support of the IAGSDC.

We had 6 clubs that have folded and were dropped from our membership list.

Cadillac Squares (Detroit, MI)

Cotton Pickin' Squares (Memphis, TN) -(Since convention we have made contact with members and they are still dancing, hopefully they can be reinstated by next year)

MadCap Squares (Madison, WI)

Ocean Squares (Oceanside/Carlsbad, CA)

Raleighwood Squares (Raleigh, NC)

Sho-Me Squares (Kansas City, MO)

A few of these clubs have not been active in the IAGSDC for a few years, so it was a matter of housekeeping on our membership list.

We welcomed a new associate member from Boise, ID, the Rainbow Squares of Boise. They have 18 members and hope to have a graduating class in August of this year.

Future IAGSDC Conventions

The conventions for 2012 - Dance up a Storm, 2013 - Weave your Heart, and 2014 in Salt Lake City are on track. Vancouver left Atlanta with over 600 registrations, and San Francisco had enthusiastic registrations all weekend.

The delegates accepted the 2015 bid from Time Squares in New York for the 32rd Annual IAGSDC Convention – July 2nd -July 5th at the New York Hilton. We look forward to having a great time in the Big Apple. You can look for updated information to be released on the IAGSDC Events List.

A bid for the 2016 convention came from Gateway Squares of St. Louis, MO and delegates will look at their proposal at the next Executive Board Meeting. For 2017, Triangle Squares in Toronto have expressed an interest.

Peterson Fund

The Peterson Fund gave \$11,345 in grants in 2010 and have currently paid out \$9949 of that amount. Please make sure that your club has submitted any receipts for any outstanding grants.

For 2011, the committee is considering \$13,046 in new grants. The fund will eventually be depleted over the next couple years, but Keith Gehrig will be working with All Join Hands to make the grant process seamless when that time comes.

Elections were held for 2 positions on the committee and were filled by Ken Sale from the Oaktown 8's and John Oldfield from Chitown Squares.

GCA

The Gay Callers Association's current membership stands at 77 members. During their meeting Michael Levy was elected as President, Arlene Kaspik-Vice President, Alan Hirsch-Treasurer, Terri Sherrer-Secretary. Andy Shore will serve as their delegate and Arron Wells as alternate delegate. During callers school prior to convention, 12 callers took part, including 2 brand new students.

All Join Hands

Gordon Macaw reported that AJH received \$28,652 in donations in 2010. The Patricia Hatlen Trust challenge for 2010 was met with a \$5000 matching donation. Through the year, AJH has funded the New Dancer program for Gone with the Windmill, 2010 GCA Caller's School, 2010 Trail In Dance, the IAGSDC newsletter production and shipping costs for the IAGSDC Displays and Brochures. For more information on how to make a tax deductible donation visit www.alljoinhands.org

IAGSDC History Project

We are still in the process of uploading our history to the IAGSDC Wiki. Allan Hurst has requested each club to select one person to focus on supplying the wiki with your clubs history. For examples of what can be added to a club's page, take a look at Puddletown Squares. If you need help or have questions, visit www.iagsdchistory.org and email the specific page editor listed.

Bylaw Changes

A bylaw change was submitted for consideration to the delegates to clarify the language of accepting a convention bid and actions that the officers and Executive Board can take in extraordinary cases of a convention failing to meet its contractual obligations. This bylaw change was passed by the delegates, but was tabled in the General Membership Meeting. Over the next year, Bill Graefe, Kirk Hurley, and Rick Hawes will work on the language of the bylaw amendment and resubmit it to the Executive Board for consideration. Other bylaw changes to the grammar and formatting of the actual document was approved by the delegate and passed in the general assembly.

Communication

The board has had a time in the past year getting information out to the clubs and delegates, partly because of inaccurate information and also because of how servers treat bulk email. The officers of the IAGSDC will now be using specific emails with the ending @iagsdc.net If you add a filter to your email that directs any email coming from @iagsdc.net to your inbox we hope to clear up some of the problem.

Elections

This years officer elections made no changes to make up of the group, Keith Gehrig – Vice Chair, Michael Spayd – Secretary, and Phil Davis – Club Liaison will all stay on for another 2 years. Thank you gentlemen!

In Other News

The Honky Tonk Queen contest went on as "planned" and Ima Cornholer passed on her crown to the next queen. I'm not sure the crown is the only thing she passed on stage, but I wasn't that close. The new HTQ for 2011 is Lesley Goretex (Kevin Randall) from Chi-Town Squares. I'm sure he will represent us well in the coming year as we look forward to anointing him an 'old queen' in Vancouver.

The eggs were finally released from the elevator and are doing well!

I know that it has been mentioned before, but it's worth saying again, Atlanta put on a spectacular event for our community. Thank you to Ed, Kent, and Alan and the entire Hotlanta Squares for all the time and effort they put into hosting the convention. We all danced and cavorted in a beautiful city with

people that we love being able to see each year. There was far more that happened at convention but you really must attend to get the whole story. Convention is far more than what happened, it's the feeling of sharing in the experience of being with others and enjoying a pastime on our own terms. I hope to see you all next year.

Bob Hazen
IAGSDC Chair