

## Report of Annual IAGSDC Meeting Friday, July 3, 2008

The highlights of this year's annual meeting of the IAGSDC are as follows:

1. **The IAGSDC Treasury** is healthy with \$29,812 in the bank. The 2008 income (so far) is \$2820, with \$2789 expenses. Cash on hand is enough for 10-12 of budget at the current run rate.
2. **Membership: 52 full member clubs, 66 total clubs (includes associate members clubs)**  
**New Clubs:** Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares (Burlington, VT), Redwood Rainbows (CA), Temple Squares (Salt Lake City, UT), Lilac Squares (Rochester, NY) is co-founded by Tom Ophardt, formerly of Western Star.  
**Folded Clubs:** Mermaid Squares (Copenhagen), Mission Squares (Santa Barbara, CA), Empire Squares (Riverside, CA), Neon Squares (Las Vegas)
3. **Club Development:** There are 3 IAGSDC displays in US available for clubs to use as recruiting tools, and 1 display in Canada. Displays have updated graphics paid for by All Join Hands. Caller Teaching tapes collection is available at no charge downloadable to MP3. Danny Lee, IAGSDC webmaster, has these available upon request. A collection of all convention pins is being put together.
4. **Denver Red Rocks and Purple Mountains report:** 1077 attendees; \$232080 revenue; \$16,432 profit; \$2899 was given to the IAGSDC for the required 'licensing fee', 81 "Green Horn" dancers subsidized by All Join Hands at the lower convention rate. Denver made enough profit that All Join Hands donations for the Trail In Dance and Green Horn program was returned to AJH as a donation back to AJH. Profit was distributed to several local Denver gay charities, and some to the Bradley Bell.
5. **Convention Advisory Committee:** Seth Levine leads this committee, and had a meeting on Sunday of convention to discuss convention planning issues.
6. **Future Conventions:**
  - 2009: Washington, DC:** Hotel has been contracted, tour buses arranged. They are 'on budget.' Currently negotiating meals, they have over 1/3 of their targeted registrations; ability to register using PayPal. Currently developing a tour brochure. Hotel: Marriott Woodley Park and is at a Metro stop.
  - 2010: "Chi-Town Shakedown" July 1-4** in Chicago (John Glover, Chair): 501(c)3 status achieved; website is up with online reg available as of 7/08; Fun Badge Tour, pre-convention tours, callers in place. They are doing fundraising to offer scholarships; are trying corporate sponsors. Hotel: Hilton Chicago has an extended room block rate includes 3 days before Gay Pride to 3 days after convention (16 days total).
  - 2011: Atlanta thru July 3:** (Keng Tollifson, Ed Lieberman, Allan Fiels): Hotel: Marriott Marquis \$149 room rate guaranteed; 6 callers booked; 501(c)3 established
  - 2012:** Vancouver Carol Van Camp) and Phoenix (Gordon Macaw, John Faulds and Seth Levine) gave their presentations. **Vancouver was selected.** Hotel is Hyatt Regency; accessible by train, air and cruise terminal; CD\$169 guaranteed; US\$125 registration.
  - 2013: Interest from Phoenix, rollover from their bid for 2012; and San Francisco Bay Area (consortium of MNS, WSD, FCD, Oaktown 8's, ECR and Diablo)**  
Hyatt Denver Convention Center Hotel (has broken ground and will be completed in 12/05); \$120 room rate (1r2), \$134 (3or4), 12 callers have been contracted. 501c3 non-profit status.
7. **Rainbow Trust:** \$13K disbursed in 2007, will most likely be depleted after the 2009 year.
8. **Petersen Fund:** Deadline each year is July 31<sup>st</sup> to use the funds. Will probably last about 2 years beyond the Rainbow Trust endpoint. 2 new IAGSDC representatives were elected (Michael Spayd and John Greely(?))
9. **All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:** Gordon reviewed statistics: \$24,614 donations received in 2007 (\$10K from Patricia Hatlen Trust – Midnight Squares member). Funded Club Development, seed money to conventions, GCA Callers School, Green Horn Dancers, IAGSDC Banners, Brochures, Newsletters. 2007-2008 Matching Grant: \$5000 from Patricia Hatlen Trust. Board of Directors are: Greg Wilson, Randy Clarke & Gordon Macaw.

IAGSDC Advisory Board are Gary Dougan and John Faulds. They can be contacted at [www.alljoinhands.org](http://www.alljoinhands.org) or at [info@alljoinhands.org](mailto:info@alljoinhands.org).

10. **Callerlab:** [report tabled]
11. **GCA:** Caller School had 36 students with Betsy Gotta, Sandie Bryant and Anne Uebelacker as coaches; and Ett McAttee and Barry Clasper as assistants; Bob Lambertson (?) vocal coach. GCA is proud to state that at the 2008 convention 6 out of 13 staff callers are GCA members, in DC 8 callers are GCA members. This is a good trend showing the talent in the GCA. Seven out of 25 Callerlab Board of Governors are members. GCA would like all clubs to consider supporting the GCA callers with guest caller slots. Mike Jacobs is current Pres of Callerlab and frequently mentions some of the IAGSDC and GCA methodologies to the Callerlab leaders for consideration. Gay square dancing is having an effect on the straight square dance community !!
12. **ARTS – “Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance”:** Scott Philips discussed 9 organizations making up this consortium: Callerlab, Contralab, IAGSDC, National (straight) association, Square Dance campers, Roundalab, Single Square Dancers USA, USA West, United Square Dancers of America. Issues taken up by this alliance are creating school PE courses curriculum, lesson plans, Square dance 101 seminars, Contra dance 101 seminars. Scott reported 6014 attendees at the straight square dance convention. Dress Code appears to be an issue there as well
13. **Election of new Officers:** Chair: John McKinstry (Vancouver); Treasurer: Brian Smith (Vancouver)
14. **Continuing Officers:** Vice-Chair -- Keith Gehrick (Seattle); Secretary – Scott Philips (Portland); Petersen Fund Representatives: Gordon Macaw; All Join Hands Representative: Gary Dougan and John Faulds
15. **Announcements:**
  - a. Club Delegates and clubs will be communicated with using the internet more; there will be announcements placed on the internet listserv stating that bids and agendas are ready for downloading. This will save some postage and stuffing.
  - b. Clubs are encouraged to use the IAGSDC mailing service for flyers, etc. .

Respectfully submitted by Gary Dougan, Midnight Squares Delegate