

## Report of Annual IAGSDC Meeting Friday, July 2, 2005

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

1. **The IAGSDC Treasury** is healthy with \$26,402 in the bank. The 2006 projected annual budget is about \$5050 income and \$5400 projected expenses. Convention profits to the IAGSDC are about \$1500 per year. The Fial badge company provided \$500 in income from IAGSDC badge sales. 9 Banner Dances were held in 2004, and 6 were held so far in 2005.
2. **Overall membership in the IAGSDC:** There are 56 clubs, 9 affiliate member clubs and 2 associate organizations.  
**There are 2 new clubs:**  
**Oaktown 8's:** Oakland, CA: 29 members, MS/+ classes finished; and **Anywhere Squares:** a virtual square dance club; via yahoo group: 14 members; used by people who have moved out of an area with a club, or other such situations.  
**Folded Clubs:** Minnesota Wild Roses: they've donated their remaining treasury to All Join Hands Foundation; Rainbow Wranglers (Eugene, OR)  
**Forming Clubs:** Austin, TX; Fort Collins, CO; Houston, TX; Richmond, VA; Louisville, KY
3. **Remake the Heatwave** in Phoenix had 952 attendees. They made a profit of over \$15K, especially \$2935 fun badge tour, \$4624 – pre-convention tours; \$3941 on merchandise; \$235 on program. They distributed to various groups including convention committees thru 2009, All Join Hands (\$1500), gave every attendee a membership in the Bradley Bell, and paid \$2300 to IAGSDC. They remarked that this was all done and still kept meal costs down.
4. **Convention Advisory Committee:** John McKinstry has stepped down from this post. Michael Bacchus (Toronto) will replace him.
5. **Future Conventions:**  
**2006: "When You Wish Upon a Thar"** in Anaheim (Paul Finley has stepped down). They have 214 registered so far, 75 FBT. Hotel available after 7/27/05 for registrations. Thursday 6/28 will be a reduced rate for Disneyland (\$48), with a behind-the-scenes tour, and ears and tee-shirt. We will actually dance on the Disneyland property. NEW: Saturday night will have a masked 'Fantasy Ball' with entertainment and costumes. Registration materials are available on their website: [wishuponathar.org](http://wishuponathar.org).  
**2007: "Red Rocks and Purple Mountains"** in Denver (Jorge Chavez / Rocky Mtn Rainbeaus): **MEMORIAL DAY weekend 5/25-27/07;** Hyatt Denver Convention Center Hotel (has broken ground and will be completed in 12/05); \$120 room rate (1or2), \$134 (3or4), 12 callers have been contracted. 501c3 non-profit status.  
**2008:** (Stan Kawecki & Michael Spayd) reported that "Silver Squares, Inc" is incorporated; hotel contract is done; calendar in development; rapid transit from airport directly to hotel. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver) anniversary of conventions. Cleveland Orchestra will perform a free concert in Public Square (across the street from the hotel) during the festivities.  
**2009:** Bids from Chi-Town, DC, Times Squares were reviewed. DC was chosen, to be held Memorial Day (5/21-24/09); \$135 early registration; Washington Hilton in Dupont Circle at \$119 (1 or 2), \$129 (3 or 4) room rate; hydraulic stage; discounts on Amtrak.

**NOTE: Both Chicago (Memorial Day) and NY (4<sup>th</sup> of July) were more expensive room rates.**

**2010:** Interest from Times Squares (NY), Chicago, Atlanta, Tucson

**2011:** Interest from Seattle, South Florida

**2012:** Toronto and San Antonio

6. **Rainbow Trust:** The Trust will last another 5-6 years more, and has given out over \$103K thru 2004 with \$13, 679 given in 2004. Balance of \$58K will be used up in 4-5 years.
7. **Petersen Fund:** Deadline each year is July 31<sup>st</sup> to use the funds. They received \$13K in 2004, 16 grants were applied, and will award about \$18K including Austin, TX club to get started.
  
8. **All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:** One year of operation as a 401-c-3 organization to receive other tax-deductible gifts. Had over \$29K in donations at end of 2004. Have funded \$7.3K in 2004, and have \$11K in projects budgeted for 2005. Projects funded or to be funded include caller's school at convention, IAGSDC traveling display(s), trail-in dances and others to be decided. Board of Directors are: Greg Wilson, Randy Clarke & Gordon Macaw. Advisory Board are Gary Dougan, John Faulds and Paul Asente. They can be contacted at [www.alljoinhands.org](http://www.alljoinhands.org) or at [info@alljoinhands.org](mailto:info@alljoinhands.org).
9. **Club Development Committee (Bob Hazen):** There are 6 reps [4 from US and 2 from Canada] to help clubs with problems. New website for IAGSDC has a lot of convention planning info and statistics available. New brochure for IAGSDC has been designed. Logo is not being used correctly in some situations. Banner Dance sign-ups are available.
10. **Callerlab:** [report tabled]
11. **GCA:** [report tabled]
12. **ARTS** – “Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance”. **Scott Philips discussed the problems with aging participants, recruitment, image of ‘rural hicks,’ etc. Only real perception is from PE teachers use of old 1950’s dance songs and materials. This leaves people with incorrect perceptions. Survey results show the combined straight and gay square dance community has 20% in the age 50’s; 45% in their 60’s; and 19% in their 70’s. At Nationals, 36% are in their 40’s; 34% are in their 50’s; 16% are in their 60’s; and only 1% are in their 70’s. Survey suggests that the gay square dance world is about 10 years behind the straight dance world in demographics. Survey also shows that 15% earn \$20-40K; 17% earn \$40-60K; 18% earn \$60-80. IAGSDC is continuing to survey each year at our conventions to further update this demographic information in the hopes of improving marketing to our future public.**
13. **Proposed Bylaws Changes:**
  - Proposal #1:** Clubs must have Bylaws BEFORE they can become an IAGSDC club – PASSED
  - Proposal #2:** Create a new “Affinity” membership designation – FAILED; this can now be handled with “Anywhere Squares” new virtual square dance club.
  - Item #3 (Informational only):** canvass opinions about having the Delegates meeting early – i.e. the afternoon that the Trail In Dance is held, to avoid missing so much dance time.

**Item #4 (Informational only):** New dancer convention registration rate should be the lowest published rate to encourage dancers to come to convention. Convention committees are advised of this opinion. – OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT

**Item #5 (informational only):** Convention Brunch presentation should be dictated by IAGSDC to let the convention planning committee know what to expect. – OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT

14. **Election of new Officers:** Vice-Chair -- Keith Gehrick (Seattle); Secretary – Scott Philips (Portland); Petersen Fund Representatives: Darrell Ertzberger (DC, has stepped down)(2 year term), Gordon Macaw; All Join Hands Representative: Justin ?.
15. **Continuing Officers:** Chair: John McKinstry (Vancouver ); Treasurer: Brian Smith (Vancouver); Peterson Fund Representatives: Randy Clarke (ECR)(1 year remaining); Bob Young (S. FL)(1 year remaining); All Join Hands Representatives: Paul Asente, Gary Dougan, John Faulds (all 1 year remaining).
16. **Announcements:**
  - a. Montreal 2006.org: July 2006, 3 days of square dancing in conjunction with the cultural festival. This is the gay sports celebration similar to Gay Games.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Dougan, Midnight Squares Delegate