

IAGSDC

TO: Marilyn Martinyak

FROM: TOM TRIPP

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE  
IAGSDC**

**89-01 Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board Meeting of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. Meeting called to order 8:00 AM, July 1, 1989, Sheraton Centre Hotel and Tower, New York, N.Y.

Vice-Chairperson Marilyn Martinyak called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 AM, after the meeting room was moved to allow for unanticipated larger attendance. All current member clubs were represented with the exception of:

- Cleveland City Country Dancers
- Tucson T Squares

A list of those in attendance is attached

**89-02 Welcome to New York/Peel the Apple**

Marilyn introduced Skip Rognlien of the New York Convention Committee who welcomed the member clubs to the convention. He explained that the convention attendance was somewhat lower than the committee had originally anticipated, however the required room-night bookings for the hotel were looking better and they had high hopes that the dance space costs would be at a minimum. Skip gave special thanks to Marilyn Martinyak, Freeman Stamper, Harlan Kerr and Chris Phillips for their help in putting together last minute details to assist the committee. He also indicated that approximately \$30,000.00 in donations had been raised for the convention and that the financial outcome of the convention was favorable.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 1989 IAGSDC EXECUTIVE BOARD 2**89-03 Approval of the Minutes of the 1988 Executive Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting**

One change was noted in the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting to indicate that in section 88-15, Paragraph E, the 1992 convention bid was made by the Wilde Bunch in association with the Albuquerque '92 Convention Committee. Rick Hawes (Portland) then moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Terance Wilder (Albuquerque) and passed by unanimous approval of the Board.

**89-04 Treasurer's Report**

Marilyn presented the report which had been prepared and forwarded by Dick Filer prior to his resignation as Treasurer. The report indicated a healthy treasury for the Association with a balance of approximately \$1,810.00 in the bank. Marilyn urged all member clubs who had not already done so to pay their annual membership dues. The motion to accept the report was made by Ted Oakes (Phoenix) and seconded by Rick Hawes (Portland). Unanimous approval was made by the Board.

**89-05 Badge Sales/Cookbook Sales**

Marilyn reported that the Association would continue the sales of the IAGSDC badges and some discussion prevailed as to whether the sales of the badges would continue as they have in the past, marketed by the badgemakers who vend at the conventions. The consensus was that the current procedure should continue and the badge sales would be conducted by the vendors until such time that it might become a problem, in which case the Association would have to assume the responsibility of vending them.

Marilyn also reported that Bill Houghton (aka Wella Balsam -- Vancouver) had produced an IAGSDC cookbook, the proceeds of which would be donated to the Association. She urged purchase of the books for the benefit of the Association and commended Bill/Wella for his/her efforts.

**89-06 Banner Dances**

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Several clubs hosted banner dances during the year since the convention in Phoenix. Amongst those were the Wilde Bunch of Albuquerque, Squares Across the Border of Vancouver, D. C. Lambda Squares of Washington D.C., El Camino Reelers of San Jose, and the South Florida Mustangs. Thanks to all of the clubs listed here and any others which may have been omitted from this list.

**89-07 Approval of New Member Applications and Changes of Membership Categories**

Applications for Associate Membership:

Albuquerque '92 - Albuquerque, N.M. Thom Hotovec made application on behalf of the Albuquerque Convention Committee. Ted Oakes (Phoenix) questioned the validity of a convention committee making application for associate membership. Terence Wilder (Albuquerque) referenced Article III of the By-Laws which allows for a for-profit group meeting the criteria of Article II for the promotion of gay square dancing be allowed associate membership. Ted called the question and the application was accepted with two dissenting votes.

Grand River Squares - Grand Rapids, Michigan Chuck Novak made application on behalf of the group. Associate membership accepted unanimously.

Carnival Twirlers - Campbell, Ca. Marilyn Martinyak presented verbal application on behalf of Jill Marcey. The group has intent to be gay oriented and run for profit. Ken Braid (NY) moved that approval be made pending written receipt of formal application. Motion carried.

Gay Caller's Association Presented by Harlan Kerr, this was a re-application for associate membership, as the group had previously had such status. Accepted unanimously.

SEGAL Country Dance Series - Providence, R.I. Christopher Riceioth made application for this group which he indicated does not solely teach Callerlab square dancing, but also explores traditional New England dancing forms. Discussion followed

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regarding the intent of the application for membership. Tom Long (Doppler/Seattle) moved that the application for associate membership be tabled until next meeting of the Board pending a review of the qualifications for full and associate membership. Rick Hawes (Portland) offered a friendly amendment to table the motion to New Business, which was not accepted. Question was called and the motion to table was passed, 17 in favor, 10 against and 1 abstaining. Marilyn suggested that SEGAL Country Dance Series remain on the Association mailing list until further determination regarding membership and associate membership is clarified by committee.

Applications for Full Membership:

Independence Squares - Philadelphia, Pa. Allen Laufer presented application on behalf of Independence Squares and their application was accepted unanimously.

Sequoia Ocean Waves - Eureka, Ca. Lynn Platten presented the application for membership and it was accepted unanimously.

Sunburst Squares - Phoenix, Az. Dan Iverson of Sunburst Squares made application for full membership of the club. Sunburst Squares had previously been an associate member but now meets the criteria for full membership. Their application was accepted unanimously.

Finest City Dancers - San Diego, Ca. Application for membership was made by Dean Hoffman and Ralph Smith and was accepted unanimously.

**89-08 Convention Banner**

FLAG

A presentation to the Association Board was made by Keith Snowdon and Carol Roberts of a lovely banner fabricated by Myron Walter and intended by Squares Across the Border to travel from convention site to convention site. The banner bears interlocking squares incorporating a maple leaf and stars and stripes. Pennants indicating past convention sites adorn the edges

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and additional pennants will be added for each convention held. The banner was extremely well received by the Board and accepted by acclamation.

**89-09 Advertising**

Marilyn reported that the IAGSDC was advertised in the National Square Dance Directory and in the ZipCoder.

**89-10 Funding for Caller's Newsletter - Withdrawn from Agenda**

**89-11 Art Smith's Square Dance Book**

Doug Barnett (Baltimore) reported that he had reviewed and made revisions to the book and had re-submitted it to Art for approval. Scott Carey (Western Star -- San Francisco) indicated that the future of this publication might best be included in IGGY materials. The matter was referred to IGGY publishers for review.

**89-12 IGGY**

Scott Carey spoke briefly about IGGY, the resource handbook for the IAGSDC. He stated that the first section of the actual book (not the prototype) had been sent out in April, 1989 and consisted of the first 50-60 pages of material. He also made a call for payment to those clubs which had received IGGY materials but had not yet sent in their payment for publishing costs. He also made a call for participation by the clubs in helping with the IGGY materials, particularly by filling out and returning the census materials so that they can be shared with other clubs. Scott also said that all IGGY accounting information will be published to all participating clubs.

**89-13 Cross Trails thru the Desert**

Ted Oakes made a presentation to the Board regarding the financial disbursements from the last IAGSDC convention in Phoenix. He indicated that the Convention committee had taken in approximately \$54,000 and had paid out approximately \$48,000 for the convention itself. The remainder has thus far been disbursed as follows:

\$1,500 to Peel the Apple Committee  
 1,000 to Vancouver Convention Committee  
 500 to South Florida Convention Committee  
 250 to the IAGSDC

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400 to the Gay Caller's Association  
250 to Parents and Friends of Gays  
250 to the Hemophilia Society  
1,000 to the Gay Switchboard

There still remains approximately \$900.00 which has not as yet been distributed.

**89-14 Position of Association Administrator**

Freeman Stamper (Western Star Dancers -- San Francisco, Ca.) made a proposal that a position of Administrator of the Association be established to oversee the workings of the Association. A good deal of discussion was made regarding this matter. The question came to the floor as to who had what degree of responsibility to the Association. The question also arose as to whether the officers should have job descriptions. After review of the matter, Marilyn determined that this proposal might be in conflict with the IAGSDC by-laws with regard to the issue of oversight responsibility of the Executive Board. Section 6, Duties of the Executive Board, directs that Board "Oversee the administration" of the bylaws. A proposal was made that the Board encourage the new Chairperson to explore the concept of an Administrative Assistant. Marilyn suggested that the motion be entertained under "New Business".

**89-15 Committee Reports**

A. Incorporation -- A brief discussion of the concepts of Incorporation was held, however it was established that not enough information was available to make a decision. A motion was made by Ted Oakes (Phoenix) that the new Chairperson establish a committee on the matter and follow through to ensure an answer to the Executive Board by the next meeting regarding Incorporation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

B. By-Laws -- It was reported that no action had been made by the committee. Terence Wilder (Albuquerque) made a proposal that the Executive Board meetings be broken into two parts with committee meetings meeting on the first day and then reporting to the Executive Board on the second day. Discussion followed and some apprehension was voiced regarding the concept of a two day meeting schedule. An alternative proposal was made that the committees merely meet prior to the board meeting and then report to the Executive Board at the convention, holding

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the meeting to a one-day effort. This proposal met the approval of the Board.

**89-16 Establishing Convention Sites for the Future**

A. Ett McAtee (Baltimore) proposed that the bi-coastal conventions be encouraged by the clubs of the Association to their respective memberships. Attendance of annual conventions would be encouraged regardless of the geographical location of the convention site. This proposal was accepted unanimously by the Board.

B. Tadd Waggoner (Midnight Squares - San Francisco, Ca.) proposed that a reserve list for convention sites be established out of a pool of clubs or areas who would be willing to host a convention in the event of a default situation by a club or area holding a proposed convention berth. This "reserve list" would be a list of groups willing to host a convention on a short notice. Tadd also emphasized to the Board the importance of locking in prices of locations and callers and also the importance of early affirmation and confirmation of sites. The Board discussed the matter and asked for a motion. Tadd moved that "A reserve list be established, in order of precedence to be determined at a later date, of clubs or areas willing to host conventions in the event of default." The motion carried unanimously.

**89-17 Method to Replace an Officer Who Resigns**

Jesse Privett (Atlanta) presented the Board with changes in the wording to Article V, Section 5, Paragraph 2 of the IAGSDC By-laws. The proposal was intended to change the wording to: *"The term of office for officers shall be that period of time from election until the next election at the Annual Meeting. Any vacancies arising in any officer position of the Executive Board must be quickly filled by appointment of the remaining officers, at their discretion from one of the delegates from the previous year."* The motion was seconded by Ted Oakes (Phoenix) and passed unanimously. The motion was then carried to the General Membership meeting for ratification by the membership according to the direction of the By-laws.

**89-18 Communication**

David Anderson (Phoenix) announced that on Monday, July 3 at 10:00 am there would be a meeting in the Regency Room on modem networking to enhance communication within the Association.

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It was also announced that the IAGSDC Treasurer would be billing clubs for annual dues.

Also to enhance communications it was resolved that a mailing list would be made available to Executive board members of the phone numbers and addresses of the other Board members.

**89-19 Statement of Non-Intent Concerning Officers**

Freeman Stamper (Western Star -- San Francisco, Ca.) presented the Board with a proposal concerning the officer positions of the IAGSDC Board. After some discussion, Rick Hawes (Portland) moved to accept the proposal as presented. Motion was seconded by Ett McAtee (Baltimore) and carried unanimously. The resolution reads as follows:

*RESOLVED: It is not the intention of any Body of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs to elect or appoint individuals to any position with the concept of automatic progression from one position to another unless special circumstances are specifically authorized; such as the vice president succeeding the president should that term of office be unfulfilled. All elections and appoints are for a specific purpose and duration, and future elections and appointments will be made without assumption of judgements of individuals holding other positions*

**89-20 New Club Development**

Ted Oakes (Phoenix) addressed the matter of new club Development to the Board membership. Ted indicated that it should be a goal of the Association to encourage new club development. He offer that club participation in IGGY efforts coupled with Association support of IGGY would help to foster new club development .

**89-21 Discussion of Areas for Recommendation to Member Clubs**

A. Financial Help to Attend Conventions - Marilyn Martinyak discussed this concept briefly. She indicated that some clubs strive to help their members financially by hosting fundraising functions designed to raise money for the specific purpose of helping members attend the annual convention. She also mentioned that the club's 1/3 share of the banner dances could be used for this purpose if they so choose. She stressed that communication and education were important to the clubs and their members in this regard.

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B. Banner Stealing - This subject was addressed by Keith Snowden (Vancouver) and Ett McAtee (Baltimore). They wish to have member clubs discourage the stealing of banners within the Association. Banner stealing oftentimes creates a hardship situation for the clubs, particularly in the retrieval of the banners. When great distances are involved in the act, sometimes long periods of time pass before a club can have a member visit the other club to retrieve their banner. It was suggested that the clubs use a different form of interaction such as stealing a mascot.

### C. Educational and Social Purposes of Clubs

Ett McAtee (Baltimore) spoke to this issue. She discussed the importance of using our clubs as avenues to advance interaction with the straight world and as educational tools to advance the purposes of the IAGSDC.

D. Proliferation of Fly-ins - Freeman Stamper offered a paper to the Board for reading and discussion. It was prompted by the advent of innumerable fly-ins and offers a way of approaching the matter and perhaps applying some control to the situation.

### **89-22 Future Conventions**

1990 - Vancouver, B.C. - A brief presentation was made by Carol Roberts proposing the 1990 Convention to be held April 12 thru 15, 1990 in Vancouver. Ted Oakes (Phoenix) moved to accept the proposal, Tadd Waggoner (Midnight - San Francisco) seconded. The motion carried unanimously and was carried to the General Membership for approval in accordance with the provision of the by-laws.

1991 - South Florida - Ken DiGenova of the South Florida Mustangs invited the Association to re-confirm their bid to host the 1991 Convention to be held the weekend of June 14, 1991. Reconfirmation of the bid passed unanimously.

1992 - The previously submitted bid by Dogwood City Dancers to host the 1992 Convention was eloquently retracted by Jesse Privett, President of the club in a letter addressed to the Board of Directors.

- Terence Wilder of the Albuquerque '92 Convention Committee spoke to the Board to reconfirm their hope to host the 1992 Convention July 3-5, 1992. Motion carried unanimously to select Albuquerque as the proposed site.

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1993 - Jim Harrop of Puddletown Squares, Seattle indicated their intent to reaffirm Seattle as the site of the 1993 Convention. Motion to accept proposal of intent carried unanimously.

1994 - George Smith of D.C. Lambda Squares voiced their intent to host the 1994 IAGSDC Convention in Washington, D.C. Motion passed by the Board to affirm such intent.

**89-24 Election of Officers for 1989 - 1990**

Nominations were opened for the office of Chairperson. Karl Jaeckel of Denver was nominated by Ted Oakes (Phoenix) and Marilyn Martinyak of San Jose was nominated by Randy Clarke (San Jose). Marilyn was elected to the position of Chairperson.

As is custom of the Board, the position of Treasurer was nominated by the new Chairperson. Marilyn nominated Mary Rorabaugh of San Jose, Ca. Mary was voted to the position by acclamation.

Nominations were then opened for the position of Vice Chairperson. <sup>K</sup> Carl Jaeckel of Denver was nominated without opposition and was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for the position of Secretary were opened. Tom Tripp of San Francisco was nominated without opposition and was elected by acclamation.

**89-23 New Business****Amendment to the By-Laws**

It was proposed to change Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the IAGSDC By-laws to read: "*All bids will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Board three years in advance, and if they meet the following criteria, will be presented to the General Membership one year in advance for ratification*"

The proposal was passed by unanimous approval of the board and was carried to the General Membership for approval in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws.

Motion was brought to the floor that the By-laws committee be re-formed and appointed by the Chairperson. The committee is to take a proactive role in tightening the by-laws of the IAGSDC and publishing their findings, and recommendations quarterly to the Executive Board. This motion passed with unanimous approval of the Board.

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A motion was also made to instruct the Executive Board to send a letter to Sheraton Hotels commending them for their support of the IAGSDC convention efforts. This motion also passed with unanimous approval of the Board.

An announcement was made that the Women in Square Dancing group were hosting a fundraising event on Sunday at 9:00 am in the Regency Room called by Anne Ubelacker. Proceeds to go to the Peel the Apple Committee.

A suggestion was made from the floor that a slate of individuals interested in the officer positions of the Executive Board of Directors of the Association be made available to the Board at the onset of each convention. Marilyn acknowledged that this was a worthwhile suggestion and offered that the quarterly newsletter might be a good forum for interested parties to indicate their qualifications and interest in the positions.

Some discussion commenced regarding an IAGSDC T-shirt or at least perhaps an iron-on transfer.

Freeman Stamper mentioned his intent to honor those individuals who had attended 10 years of IAGSDC conventions beginning with the proposed convention in Seattle in 1993. He reminded everyone of his survey and encouraged everyone to sign a card for his files.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1:08 pm and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Tripp, Secretary