

COLORADO STATE SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION (CSSDA)

The Association IS:

- An Association of Colorado Square Dance Councils to promote Square Dancing statewide.
- A communication conduit among and between the represented Councils, Round Dance Associations, and Callers and Cuers Associations to organize, promote and improve square dance activities in Colorado.
- A 501-C7 non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Colorado.

The Association Meetings ARE:

- A quarterly forum to exchange ideas and share concerns among the member Councils.
- A conduit to enable Networking among the Councils and their member clubs.
- To promote Council and club special dances/activities.
- A quarterly meeting of Council presidents; a forum to meet area leaders and exchange common ideas
- To provide educational presentations.
- To assist clubs with ideas to recruit new dancers, retain and regain current and past dancers.

The Association DOES:

- Sponsor an annual Colorado State Square Dance Festival in June with a member host Council.
 - Provide educational seminars at the Festival.
 - Split profits 50/50 with the host Council.
 - Maintain statistics of past Festivals for future planning.
- Arrange for Club insurance through the United Square Dancers of America (USDA).
- Assist new clubs to get established financially (up to \$500) during their first year.
- Leadership training programs for club leaders and dancers.
- 3R (Recruit, Retain, Regain) training and ideas for Councils and clubs to introduce square dancing across Colorado and help retain current dancers and regain dancers who are no longer active.
- Provide a Colorado State Square Dance information website.
 - A forum to advertise and promote square dancing in Colorado, including Council or Club special dances and events and National activities of interest to Colorado dancers.
 - To promote square dancing to non-dancers.
 - To provide a list of callers and cuers in Colorado.
 - As a distribution point for agendas, reports and minutes for meetings of the CSSDA.
 - To distribute current Bylaws and Policies of the State Association, including guidelines for hosting the Colorado State Square Dance Festival.
 - To disseminate forms and procedures for CSSDA grants and awards and USDA insurance for Clubs.
 - To post links to square dance related websites.



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The Association DOES (Continued)

- Publicity statewide to help introduce square dancing to non-dancers.
- Present Dance Promoter Awards to clubs and individuals who actively promote square dancing to the Colorado public.
- Promote Square Dancing as the Colorado State Folk Dance
 - Hosts an annual Proclamation Dance at the State Capitol in Denver.
- Provide "Promenading in the Rockies Handbook" for new dancers.
- Review grant applications and recommend awards for 53rd National Square Dance Convention funds.
- Build and maintain a fund to bid for a National Square Dance Convention or a USA West Convention in our state.
- Sell bumper stickers to promote square dancing statewide.
- Pay for and maintains membership representing Colorado in National organizations such as the United Square Dancers of America (USDA), and the ARTS.
- Provide information on National and Regional events such as the annual National Square Dance Convention and USA West Regional Convention.
- Maintain Minutes of Association reports and meetings - a historical record of square dance activities and a springboard for future ideas and activities.
- Maintain a list of past presidents of the Association.
- Have a harassment policy for use statewide.
- Appoint a Grievance Committee to help resolve issues
- Send get well, sympathy and congratulation cards

The Association Board of Directors IS

- Four representatives elected by each member Council to represent their Council, conduct association business and elect officers of the association.
- Advised by Past Presidents who serve on the Board without a vote.
- Available to all member Councils and Clubs where ideas or concerns can be presented or shared.
- Elected Reps from each Council serve you. Let them know what you want.

The Association Officers ARE:

Elected by the Board of Directors to conduct meetings, maintain records and coordinate all Association business and activities.

The State Association Is What You Make It...Get INVOLVED!

