



# Canadian Square and Round Dance Society

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## Society Membership and Insurance; 2021

Normally, Membership/Insurance dues are collected in late summer or early fall for the next year. However, the 2021 Membership/Insurance drive is experiencing a significantly different scenario. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been forced to cancel all CSRDS related activities for the foreseeable future. This has resulted in numerous questions concerning the collection of dues for 2021. It was suggested that Associations might register clubs and only a few dancers in each. This would prove untenable because in the event of an incident only those registered members would receive the benefit of CSRDS liability insurance. New members cannot be added to the list immediately following an incident. Additionally, the club executive members may be at risk as they may not be among those few registered members. The Society Treasurer, Peter Piazza, spoke with our insurance broker concerning this suggestion and a possible reduction in the number of members insured. This could result in some adjustment to our premiums, but probably an insignificant amount.

Our insurance policy runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Normally dues are received, along with the members names, before mid-November. A record of all the members is kept by the provincial rep responsible for insurance. New, or returning, members may be added to lists anytime from the beginning of September to the end of December, but not immediately following an incident. It is highly likely that the Covid-19 pandemic will prevent our 2020 dance season from resuming in time for the 2021 Membership/Insurance drive. Therefore, we would not have time to collect dues, and more importantly, names of registered members.

**Ontario Directors and Society Treasurer, Peter & Bev Piazza, proposed that: Should the Covid-19 Pandemic not be resolved before September of this year, the Society pay the insurance premium for the 2021 calendar year. The Society Board of Directors voted, unanimously, in support of this proposal.**

**The following provisions apply:** Insurance coverage will carry on for 2021. Membership lists, including club lists, of names collected for the 2020 calendar year will be carried forward. Certificates of Insurance for 2021 will be issued to clubs and or dance venues as required.

Federations, Associations, Clubs need to take no action unless dancing activities resume before the end of 2020, or during the normal 2021 dance season. With resumption of dance activities, clubs would be required to collect and remit fees as in previous years.

Yours in Dancing,

Eric McCormack,  
President,

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