

What is "IAGLCWDC"?

"IAGLCWDC" stands for The "International Association of Gay/Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs", which is the name of our organization. Admittedly, it is a mouthful, yet it defines and describes exactly who we are. It may be a wordy title, but it is not apt to be confused or readily forgotten!

Our Association exists to promote country-western dance and related activities throughout the international gay and lesbian community. Through our hoedowns, we meet to exchange a variety of country western dance styles, moves, and interpretations of dances by member clubs. The IAGLCWDC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between member clubs, while constantly supporting and encouraging the growth of country western dance. The IAGLCWDC exerts no control or governing over its member clubs.

The IAGLCWDC Board of Directors is made up of the executive officers and one delegate from each member club. The Board convenes twice a year in various cities, hosted by member clubs.

Why Should Your Club Join?

- * **Energy.** The IAGLCWDC is a group that has many ideas, as well as the energy and drive to follow through on them.
- * **Opportunity.** With these ideas, there is the opportunity to create a vehicle that promotes the art of dance; is supportive while not being divisive; and is ethically and objectively run.
- * **Sharing.** IAGLCWDC meetings can be an arena for further sharing of ideas directly and indirectly related to country-western dancing.
- * **Involvement.** Now is a great time to become involved with this exhilarating and committed group of dancers!
- * **Networking.** Being part of a worldwide association means that by attending conferences you can learn what other clubs are doing, develop contacts, and make friends from around the world.

What are Hoedowns?

Hoedowns are the heart of entertainment, education, and exchange among participants. Almost every member club hosts its own local hoedown or dance event sometime during the year. In addition, each year, member clubs bid for the opportunity to host the IAGLCWDC Annual and Semiannual Convention Hoedowns. Each convention is a weekend of socializing, dancing, workshops, and entertainment. Members experience the energy, excitement, and commitment to the IAGLCWDC.

Host clubs go out of their way to make participants feel welcome, and individual participants can learn new dances to take home to their own clubs. Hoedowns are opportunities to make new friends, renew friendships, exchange ideas, and support the work of other clubs. The Annual and Semiannual Convention Hoedowns also afford the chance for various committees of the IAGLCWDC to meet and share information with the Board and general membership. Such committees include supporting and dealing with disk jockeys, instructors, the Internet, dance team and line dance choreography, costuming, dance competitions, and hosting hoedowns.

Membership

Any club may join the IAGLCWDC that

- * is a gay or lesbian oriented country western dance club.
- * is not for profit in structure and intent; that is, member clubs exist for social, recreational, and educational purposes.
- * is ethically run in a cooperative spirit.
- * has been in existence for at least one year.

Additionally

- * Associate membership is available to clubs which are not at least a year old.
- * No minimum size is required for club membership.
- * Member club dues are \$50.00 per year.



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...coordinating the activities of its member clubs...

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Type of Application:

- Full Membership
 Associate Membership (for clubs existing less than one year)
 Requesting Information Only

Date of Application: _____

Section A—Club Information

Club Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Club E-Mail _____ Website _____

Section B—Verification of Membership Qualifications

1. Is your club a gay or lesbian oriented country western dance club? ? yes ? no
2. Is your club not for profit in structure and intent (that is, your club exists for social, recreational, and educational purposes)? ? yes ? no
3. Is your club ethically run in a cooperative spirit? ? yes ? no
4. What is your club's date of establishment? _____

Section C—Contact Information and Signature

Name _____ Title _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
E-Mail _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Attachments:

1. Optionally, you may attach a copy of your club's bylaws or other organizing document as verification that all requirements for membership in the IAGLCWDC are met.
2. Clubs applying for membership should include a check or postal money order for \$50.00 annual dues, payable to IAGLCWDC