



FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

November 3, 1998

Dear Folk Dancer:

Enclosed with the Harvest Festival minutes are the "additional proposed changes" to the bylaws being submitted by the Executive Board to the Federation Assembly at the upcoming December 6 Treasurer's Ball.

These additional proposed changes are a response to the questions and discussion that arose at the Fiesta de Sonoma meeting. There the Assembly instructed the Executive Board to make the additional small changes necessary to make the Bylaws an excellent document.

What will happen at the Treasurer's Ball with regards to the bylaws is as follows:

- 1) These additional proposed changes will be submitted to the Assembly
- 2) WRITTEN Comments on the proposed changes to the bylaws will be accepted for inclusion in the minutes of the Treasurer's Ball meeting.
- 3) The assembly will vote whether or not to mail out the proposed changes to the Bylaws to Federation clubs for ratification.

Note that at the Fiesta de Sonoma, THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO REQUIRE THAT COMMENTS ABOUT THE BYLAWS BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. These comments will be sent along with the Treasurer's Ball minutes to inform clubs of the various views and issues pertaining to the proposed bylaws changes so that the clubs can make an informed decision. PLEASE HAVE YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS PREPARED.

Thank you for your patience with this long-running project. I look forward to dancing with you in Sonoma.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bruxvoort
President

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

The page numbers, the item and paragraph numbers and letters, refer to the copy of proposed bylaws changes titled:

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
RECOMMENDED BYLAWS CHANGES

APRIL 26, 1998

which was sent out with the 1998 Blossom Festival minutes.

Page 1, Item I. A. 2. a. Eliminate "...and groups."

Page 2. Item I. C. 2. Change "...which..." to "... whom..."

Page 5. II. C. 3 . c. Replace "...or Vice President...." with "....and Vice President....".

Page 6. Alphabetize the list of Appointed Officers under II. C. and E.

Page 6. II. C. 3. j. Because Robert's Rules of Order has a procedure for assuming the Treasurer's duties in the absence of the Treasurer, delete all but the last sentence: "The Finance Committee will act in an advisory capacity."

Page 6. II. C. 4. b. Reverse the order of items a. and b. and change "Shall assist..." to "Shall, at the request of the president, assist...."

Page 6. II. E. 1. Change Director of Membership to Membership Chairperson.

Page 7. II. E. 2. Change Director of Publicity to Publicity Chairperson.

Page 7. II. E. 3. a. Change chairman to chairperson.

Page 7. II. E. 3. b. Change "Shall coordinate..." to "Shall assist with...".

Page 7. II. E. 5. b. Add the word "written" in front of the word "....report...."

Page 7. II. E. 8. c. Change "contract and supplies" to "expenses"

Page 9. IV. A. 1. c. Change "...of a Group..." to "...of Groups..."

Page 9. IV. A. 1. b. Add the word, "active " before the word "....Council..."

ADDITIONAL BYLAWS CHANGES

Page 12. IV. E. Separate and rearrange into parts 1 and 2. Delete the last sentence because delegate voting has been established earlier in the bylaws.

It would read:

IV. E. VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Any vacancy in the appointed members of the Executive board shall be immediately filled by the President subject to approval of the Elected Officers of the Executive Board.
2. Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled by an election at the next Assembly meeting.

Page 13. VI. A. Alphabetize the list of Standing Committees.

Pages 14 though 18. Alphabetize the Standing Committee names on these pages.

Page 15. VI. F. 2. c. Change "Coordinate..." to "Assist with..."

Page 19 Alphabetize the list and sections of the Rotating Committees

Page 9. IV. A. 2. b. Add the phrase, "...no later than the December Festival;

Page 9. IV. A. 2. a. Delete the phrase "...Assume their duties and..."

It was moved, seconded and passed at the Executive board meeting on October 4, 1998, that these recommended changes be mailed to the Assembly members and that the amended recommendations for the bylaws be submitted to the Assembly at the Treasurer's Ball which will be held on December 6, 1998 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Sonoma.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL FRESNO, CA.
OCTOBER 18, 1998

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

Michael Norris welcomed everyone to the Fresno Autumn Harvest Festival.

Frank Bacher commented on the success of the Institute and expressed his delight that Mihai David stayed on to dance for the evening. Barbara asked everyone present to introduce themselves and tell where they dance so we could all get to know one another better.

While waiting for the quorum report, Barbara asked that members be thinking of what the Federation has to offer its members as well as the dance community as a whole, to define and develop a sense of its purpose so that the Federation will continue to be useful to dancers. Michael said he already has some ideas. Barbara encouraged all members to submit ideas for consideration and pointed out that ideas generate even more ideas.

She continued her report saying some board positions still need to be filled. They include Chairpersons for the Legislative and Statewide committees, an editor for LET'S DANCE, a Business Manager, and someone to take incoming Federation calls. She reported that:

1. Fresno has expressed interest in hosting the Year 2000 Statewide Festival,
2. Edith Cuthbert has agreed to chair the Costume Research Committee,
3. Rosa Savage will compile the dance popularity list. Dance popularity information is to be sent to her at 60 Corte Precita, Greenbrae, CA 94904.

Page Masson reported she has secured a post office box for the Federation. The new address is P. O. Box 789, Kenwood, CA 95452. Page will collect and disperse the mail.

Historian Mel Mann knows of a person who is interested in the LET'S DANCE editorial position but wants a salary.

Acting Sergeant at Arms Elsa Bacher announced a quorum was present. Frank moved the September 13 minutes be accepted. Mel seconded. Acceptance approved.

Vice President Craig Blackstone: Absent

Treasurer: Page Masson read the Treasurer's September 1 to October 4 report. (Report attached.) Fran Ajoian moved and Frank seconded the report be accepted as read. Motion passed. Page reported she has not had much success in the past in getting clubs to sell raffle tickets for the Treasurer's Ball but she will continue to try to get their support. She encouraged everyone to participate in making the December 6 Ball a success.

Secretary: Laila Messer reported she had been to Genevieve Pereira's to learn about mailing of minutes and to get supplies. She also went to the Alameda Post Office to inquire about the bulk mailing permit and how to transfer it to a post office close to her home in Sausalito. She will sort out all the necessary details.

Membership: Greg Mitchell reported the addition of one new club: The Classy Country Dancers, 8828 Davis Road, Sacramento, CA 95209. He has dropped the names of ninety three (93) people who have not paid their dues. Elsa moved that we accept the membership of the Classic Country Dancers. Fran seconded. Motion passed.

Publicity: Michael Norris spoke of the publicity he had done for the Fresno Festival.

Historian: Mel Mann said he continues to take pictures at the festivals.

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Publications: Nadine Mitchell reported the Directory information is now in the computer.

Dance Research: Absent.

Insurance: Frank reported there are now seventy one (71) clubs. The rates have gone up from \$42.00 to \$45.00 and a ten cent increase per individual.

The cost of mailing the minutes and LET'S DANCE Magazine were discussed. To be determined are the actual costs. Greg will get more information.

Teacher's Committee: Absent.

Finance: Absent.

Institute: Absent.

North/South: Barbara reported that it had been a good meeting with many topics discussed one of them being teacher training. For those who want them, copies of the minutes are available from Mary Wyckoff.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Upcoming festivals include two in February, the Festival of the Oaks in Berkeley and one in Laguna in southern California; the March Camellia Festival in Sacramento; the November Kolo Festival in San Francisco; and the May 1999 Statewide Festival in San Diego.

Mel reported that the Festival of the Oaks is planned for February 21 hopefully to be held in the Berkeley Veterans Memorial Hall. He said his committee is an eager one with lots of ideas to promote folk dancing for all kinds of groups. He said there is a possibility of an institute with fun dances of minority European groups.

Irene Oxford reported there is a lot of excitement about the March 7, 1999 Sacramento Camellia Festival which will be held in the Memorial Auditorium which has been brought up to earthquake code. There will be a pageant from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Auditorium followed by international folk dancing and an intermission time for the sake of the concessions which was a stipulation of the rental agreement. Greg pointed out that the rent for the auditorium is \$3500.00 so the Sacramento groups are grateful to get donations to help them meet the rent. Everyone is encouraged to support this festival. One of their fund raisers is the selling of pink pencils with the date and name of the festival printed on them. There will also be dancing in the Clunie clubhouse on Saturday.

Marilyn Pixler, from Southern California, spoke of all the excitement about the upcoming 1999 San Diego Statewide Festival to be held Memorial Day weekend. The location in Balboa Park has a wonderful floor and is air conditioned. She mentioned the newsletters, the book marks, the calling cards and the informational brochures being put out by the various committees and all the other work that goes into putting on such a big festival.

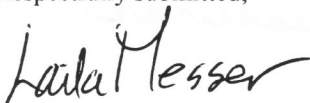
Barbara reiterated that it is never too early to put announcements in LET'S DANCE.

Lunch at \$2.50 was announced ready.

Frank moved the meeting be adjourned. Greg seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT Sept 1'98 to Oct 4'98

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$24,940.56

Total Income \$ 916.84

Total expenses 1,539.15

Income vs expenses - 622.31

Ending balance

\$ 24,318.25

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking \$ 4,289.01

Savings \$ 2,764.07

Cert. of Deposit \$ 10,244.06

C.D. TRUST 7,021.11
Act.

\$ 24,318.25

INSURANCE BALANCE

\$ 4,384.91

Page Masson
Treasurer -

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Location: Fresno

Date: 10-17-98

ASSOC.	MEMB.	PAST PRES	LOAN
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Elected Officers

[at least 2]

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| 1. President | Barbara Buxner | ✓ | |
| 2. Vice President | | | |
| 3. Secretary | Linda Messer | ✓ | |
| 4. Treasurer | Peggy Mason | ✓ | |
| 5. Dir. Membership | Jim Matchelo | ✓ | |
| 6. Dir. Publications | Nadine Mitchell | ✓ | |
| 7. Dir. Pub. Rel. | Michael Houn | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8. Historian | Melvin Mann | ✓ | |

CLUB DELEGATE
(one per club)

or Alternates [at least 10]

- | CLUB | Delegate | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Alta Mesa S.F.D. | Alta McCoy S.F.C.D. | ✓ | |
| 2. change | Mabel Doss | | |
| 3. Gate Swingers | Charles Crawford | | |
| 4. First & Last Dancers | Joan Oxford | ✓ | |
| 5. Pairs & Spares | Joene Oxford | ✓ | |
| 6. Fresno Danish Dancers | Wilma Andersen | | |
| 7. Berkley Folk Dancers | HELVIN HAN | ✓ | |
| 8. Central V. C.F.Y. | Tran Ayian | ✓ | ✓ |
| 9. Kolo Festival | Edith L. Kitcher | ✓ | |
| 10. Santa Rosa F.D. | Elon Backe | ✓ | |
| 11. Petaluma I.F.D. | Frank Backe | ✓ | ✓ |
| 12. Fresno International F.P. | Michael Houn | ✓ | |
| 13. Peggy Mason Novato | Novato Peggy Mason | | |
| 14. | | | |
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OTHERS

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| 1. Marilyn Pyle |
| 2. Jim Pyle |
| 3. Wilma Andersen |
| 4. |
| 5. Beckmann |
| 6. Mann |
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| 10. |