

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
MINUTES

ASSEMBLY MEETING  
FIESTA DE SONOMA FESTIVAL  
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

President Greg Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.  
Frank Bacher welcomed everyone to the Fiesta de Sonoma.

Sergeant at Arms Jim Oxford reported a quorum present.

Elsa Bacher move the Blossom Festival Assembly minutes of April 21 be approved.  
Mel Mann seconded. Minutes were approved.

**ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** No report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Vice President Manuel Castenada reported Frank Bacher will chair the Nominating Committee.

**SECRETARY:** No report.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Page Masson reported for the period of June 1 to August 31.  
(Report enclosed.) She had not yet received a financial report for Statewide expenses from Bruce Mitchell, Chairperson of Statewide 2002.

**APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson Sidney Messer reported an increase of four Associate members. Dropped were three Associate and two complimentary members. As of August 11 there are 220 Associate members, 153 subscribers, 11 complimentary members and 64 member clubs.

Elsa Bacher reminded the group that the club approved at the Executive meeting needed to be approved. Mel moved the J. J. Folk Dancers of Santa Rosa be approved for membership. Frank seconded. Motion passed.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Absent. President Greg will request Chairperson Joel Bruxvoort to update the web site. Stela McCoy requested a couple issues of Let's Dance to promote interest in her groups. Sidney will see that she gets the copies.

**HISTORIAN:** Mel Mann had no report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Absent.

**EDITOR, LET'S DANCE:** Editor Nadine Mitchell reported the October issue was just finished. She is working on streamlining production and improving quality of pictures.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Absent

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Absent

**FINANCE:** Absent

**INSURANCE:** Co-chairperson Elsa Bacher reported that the new insurance year for clubs starts in October. The rate is \$3.75 per person, a \$0.30 increase. For groups of 12 or less the cost is \$45.00.

**STATEWIDE:** Absent.

**TEACHERS:** Absent.

**ROTATING COMMITTEES:**

**BYLAWS:** In abeyance.

**INSTITUTE:** Absent.

**NORTH/SOUTH:** Chairperson Irene Oxford announced the next North/South meeting will be held in Fresno at the Harvest Festival, on October 20, at noon. She encouraged everyone to attend as well as encourage others to attend and support the councils.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Treasurer Page reported she has opened a separate savings account, interest of which is to be applied for scholarships to Stockton Camp.

President Greg reported that Craig Blackstone has submitted the paper work for the d'Alvy donations but results have not yet been received.

**OLD BUSINESS;**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dave Thomas suggested a Letters to the Editor column be included in "Let's Dance" magazine.

President Greg asked Secretary Laila to read aloud, two E-mail messages: 1) an invitation from National Dance Week to help "further the cause and state of dance in the American scene" during National Dance Week, April 25 through May 4, 2003, and 2) information from Mr. P. Narsing rao, choreographer of Nrityanjali Academy, an Indian folk dance performing group wanting to meet "various people in U.S.A. and talk in any workshop or group gatherings in the U.S.A." His E-mail address is <http://www.nrityanjali.org>.

Greg announced a Teachers Training Workshop to be held in Las Vegas, March 22 and 23, 2003 sponsored by the Ethnic Express. It will be held at the Charleston Heights Art Center Ballroom. Contact Dick Killian at 702-732-4871 for further information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Drew Herzig will be in charge of a Friday night dance program October 18, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Center, Princeton and Glenn Streets, Fresno.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 19 & 20 Harvest Festival Fresno  
November 28, 29, 30 Kolo Festival Russian Center, San Francisco  
December 1 Treasurer's Ball Sonoma  
January 10 & 11, 2003 Heritage Festival San Carlos

Next Assembly Meeting will be held at the Harvest Festival in Fresno.

Jim Oxford moved and Frank Bacher seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary