

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
General Assembly and Board Meeting
Sunday, April 24, 2016
at San Francisco City College Wellness Center, San Francisco, California

In attendance:

Kevin Greek (President)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)
Loui Tucker (Treasurer)

Board members (in alphabetical order)

Craig Blackstone (Nominating)
Lucy Chang (Institutes)
Joe Croco (Archives)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Marija Hillis (Promotions, Statewide)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)

Federation members

Adony Beniares
Helen Cheng
Ann Kleiman
Louise Lidicker
Laila Messer
Linda Milhoan
Pam Wong
Luiselle Yakas

President Kevin Greek called the meeting to order at 10:42 am. A quorum of the Board was present.

- Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, held on February 21, 2016, were provided in advance. They included corrections submitted by several Board members before the meeting. The Minutes were not read. Board members received copies to review on February 28, which provided sufficient time to review them.

Craig made, and Lucy seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes with revisions. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Nominating Committee report and Election of Officers (Craig)

Craig Blackstone read the list of nominees from the nominating committee: for President: Kevin Greek, for Vice President: Cynthia Lambert, for Secretary: Clem Dickey, and for Treasurer: Loui Tucker. There were no nominations from the floor. Kevin closed the nominations. Kevin moved and Lucy seconded, a motion to approve the slate presented by the nominating committee. The motion passed unanimously, with 15 Federation members present and voting.

Craig will resign as chairman of the nominating committee. Vice President Cynthia Lambert will search for a new chairman.

- President's report (Kevin) – written report included

Book proposal

Kevin proposed a project to develop a folk dance book, in print and electronic form with supplemental online resources, pursuant to a proposal by publisher Human Kinetics. Kevin noted that Human Kinetics was impressed by the resources on our web site, including syllabi and videos. He noted five potential benefits to the Federation arising from a new book project: (1) dissemination of our mission and philosophy, (2) identification of Federation individuals as leaders, (3) expansion of Federation prominence through Human Kinetics book exhibits, (4) continuation of Federation prestige, and (5) provision of a share of publishing revenues to the Federation.

The proposal includes no financial outlay from the Federation, just work. The Federation would designate at most two people to work directly with the publisher; Kevin volunteered to be one of those liaisons. The Federation would assemble the book, with several contributors as co-authors.

Kevin passed around three books published by Human Kinetics: *Dance Psychology for Artistic and Performance Excellence*, and two folk dance booklets which had originally been distributed with DVDs. Marija noted that the books were very attractive.

Lucy noted that we will probably need to license our copyrighted material to the publisher to be utilized in the publication. She also wondered whether the publisher might also be interested in working with other prominent Folk Dance organizations, e.g. the Folk Dance Federation of California (South) or the National Folk Organization.

Laura noted that the publisher has a wide K-12 audience, including many people who lack a folk dance background. She also noted that while the Federation has many syllabi for older dances, the print edition of the book should have dances which are popular today, selected for geographic and stylistic diversity.

Joe asked whether we might have to contact teachers for permission to reprint dance notes. Laura replied that rights were a concern, and Lucy noted that in some cases the rights may have passed to the teachers' heirs. Loui suggested that the Federation start with its own material.

Laura made a motion, which Bill seconded, to form an ad hoc Book Publishing Committee to explore working with Human Kinetics. The motion passed on a voice vote. Laura offered to serve on the committee. Kevin will follow up with Laura, and with Cricket Raybern.

Venue and date for the 2016 Officers' Ball

Kevin reported that the Officers Ball will be held October 15 at First United Methodist Church in Palo Alto. A scheduling conflict with the Peninsula Council was resolved by moving the Peninsula Council dance to October 8. Several officers had tried hard to find a more central site, but Livermore prices have risen above our budget and other locations were unavailable.

- Treasurer (Loui) – written report included

Income has consisted mostly of memberships, Statewide sales, and item sales. Outlay has included *Let's Dance!* expenses and postage for membership items. We have \$625 of potential income in the form of T-shirts and tote bags. We are ahead of budgeted income by \$400.

- Finances (Laura) – written report included

The written report included a budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (starting June 1, 2016). Loui proposed adjustments: that donations income be decreased from \$3200 to \$1500, that Officers Ball room rental be decreased from \$1370 to \$850 to match the actual amount, that the Archives budget be decreased from \$3800 to \$2500 (including \$165/month storage rental), and that the budget project the entire current stock of T-shirts and tote bags (\$625) will be sold.

Loui noted that Statewide is difficult to include in the budget because expenses, as submitted, will span a fiscal year boundary. She noted that changing the fiscal year to match the calendar year would simplify Statewide budgeting.

Laura noted that the changes would result in a balance transfer item, as income and expenses would not match precisely. She will revise the budget and Kevin will conduct an email vote on the revised budget.

- Membership (Alicia La Fetra/absent) – written report included

Laura made, and Craig seconded, a motion to approve the membership report, which listed three new members. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Institutes (Lucy) – written report included

Susan and Claude Akana will resign from the Committee due to travel commitments, and will not assume chairmanship of the committee next year. Lucy has agreed to stay on as chairperson, and Angel Tam has agreed to serve on the Committee. The Committee could still use one more person.

- Scholarships (Gary Anderson/absent) – written report included
- Vice President (Cynthia Lambert/absent) – no report
- Archives (Joe)

David Vinokur is willing to allow us to publicize the availability of access Marcel Vinokur's collection. Access will be through Joe and Loui. Marcel's collection occupies one half of a two-car garage.

- Statewide (Marija and Bill)

Marija reported that Adony Beniares has offered to handle the recorded music. Sound for the live music, recommended by Chubritza, will be \$1300, higher than expected. The higher price may reflect more work items than originally planned. Berkeley Folk Dancers has paid a \$100 deposit to Chubritza, and a \$400 deposit to the sound person.

Bill reported that negotiations have gone well with the teachers, and a list of dances has been agreed upon. The syllabus has not yet been prepared. We may have performances by a Portuguese group or a German youth group. Loui Tucker and Ken Alcott have agreed to run Contra sessions. A separate group has arranged Friday and Saturday night After Parties (starting at 10:00 pm) at Ashkenaz in Berkeley. The cost of the After Parties is not included in the Statewide advertised prices.

- Parliamentarian & By-Laws (Bill) – no report
- Promotions (Marija) – no report

Kevin reported that Bay Area Dance Week (just started) had seen at least 12 new people at Stanford Folk Dancers, and four or five at Berkeley Folk Dancers Friday session.

- Research (Cricket Raybern/absent) – no report
- Secretary (Clem) – no report
- Communications and Publicity (Susan Gregory/absent) – no report
- Insurance (Ken Kaye/absent) – written report

- Next BOD meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Sunday, July 24, between the two weeks of the Stockton Folk Dance Camp, in Stockton. In the interim, Kevin will conduct an email vote to approve the budget.

- Adjournment

Lucy made, and Laura seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm. The Board thanked the Blossom Festival for providing our lunch.