

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
General Assembly and Board Meeting  
Sunday, April 29, 2018  
at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, California

In attendance:

Joe Croco (President)  
Marian Snyder (Vice President)  
Laura Douglass (Treasurer)  
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)  
Marija Hillis (Promotions)  
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Sabine Zappe (Scholarship)

Members

Adony Beniares  
Becky Beniares  
Jeanne-Marie Hughes  
Louise Lidicker  
Linda Milhoan  
Marina Troost

President Joe Croco called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. A quorum was present.

- Nomination and election of officers (Craig)

Craig presented the Nominating Committee's slate: for President, Joe Croco; for Vice President, Marian Snyder; for Treasurer, Laura Douglass; and for Secretary, Clem Dickey. Craig then called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Bill noted that a quorum of the Board was present, as were 15 Federation members, and either number was sufficient to hold an election. Craig moved and Sabine seconded that the nominations be closed and the slate be elected. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill subsequently noted that the May/June 2018 Calendar of Events in the *Let's Dance!* did not list the General Assembly as a separate meeting. Laura noted that the proofreaders had all missed the omission, and Craig noted that the April issue had carried an ad which prominently mentioned the Assembly. Joe agreed that more publicity is better.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on February 11, 2018, were provided in advance. Craig made, and Laura seconded, a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- Online/publishing survey

Clem reported that Editor Loui Tucker had run the request for PDF interest in *Let's Dance!* for two issues of a planned three issues, and so far 11 members had responded with interest in PDF ranging from mildly favorable to enthusiastically favorable. The most detailed response came from Lon Radin, who asked that the PDF not be a "Web 3.0" format, but simply an image of the printed version. Joe replied that the version sent to the printer, formatted for 11×17 reproduction and stapling, necessarily differed from a series of 8½×11 PDF pages, and that the additional editorial effort to produce a PDF was not trivial. [Subsequent to the meeting, Loui Tucker wrote that she produces the magazine in 8½×11 form and that the printer reformats it to 11×17 for reproduction.] Marija noted that the Berkeley newsletter is laid out in an 8½×11 form with the small number of printed copies produced on an 8½×11 printer. Joe asked how many members would have to indicate interest

in PDF before we would consider the work. Laura noted that she belongs to an organization with over 1000 members which has been soliciting interest in PDF for at least a year, so far without a conclusion. Marija suggested that a different wording, e.g. "Would you be able to tolerate a PDF version?", and more background information on motivations, e.g. environmental impact, would produce a more useful set of responses. Laura noted that in any case we could not produce a PDF version without someone to produce it, and Joe added that in the past *Let's Dance!* had often had a larger staff. Craig moved and Laura seconded that the Board postpone further discussion until after the third request for PDF interest appears in *Let's Dance!* The motion passed unanimously.

- Officers Ball

Lon reported that he had received no responses from the two requests in *Let's Dance!* for teachers, and that he planned to start recruiting soon. In response, Laura, Craig, and Marija offered to teach.

Joe reported that Loui and Lucy have a contract in hand, which they have not yet signed, for the 2019 Officers Ball. The contract is for the Hayward Veterans Memorial Hall on October 19, 2019.

- President (Joe) - no report

- Membership (Alicia La Fetra) - absent, written report included

Clem moved, and Craig seconded, a motion to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.

- Editor (Loui) – absent

- Finance (Lucy Chang) – absent

Laura reported that the Treasury Report format no longer matches the Budget format due to changes in the Budget format, and asked whether she should revise the Treasury report to match. She clarified that the changes would affect only the report and not the underlying database or the interaction between the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. Joe noted that such a change would not require Board approval.

- Institute (Lon) – covered under Officers Ball, above

- Vice President (Marian) – no report

- Scholarship (Sabine) – written report included

The Committee proposed a revision of its Standard Operating Procedure. Sabine explained that current SOP restricts scholarship eligibility to Federation members, and the revision removes that restriction. Laura and Clem noted that the motivations were non-discrimination, and compliance with the intent of 501(c)(3) corporation law. Bill made, and Lon seconded, a motion to approve the revised SOP. The motion passed unanimously.

Sabine said that the written report showed that the Committee had used \$1425 of its \$2100 budget to award four scholarships to Bay Area Country Dance Society Family Camp and Stockton Folk Dance Camp. She requested an additional \$2000 to cover possible additional awards for Stockton and for other events later in the year. She noted that scholarship requests vary from year to year. Marija moved, and Craig seconded, a motion to add \$2000 to the Scholarship budget. The motion passed unanimously.

- Promotions (Marija)

The committee is expecting a bill for Bay Area Dance Week expenses. Craig and Bill asked about the procedure for reporting on the efficacy of the promotions. Clem noted that Kevin Greek usually produces a report; Joe said that he would ask Kevin for a report.

- Treasurer (Laura) – written report included

Most of the income is from memberships and most of the expense is for *Let's Dance!*, as usual. Laura will change the Treasurer's Report format to match the new Budget format.

- Research (Cricket Raybern) – absent

- Archives (Kevin Greek) – absent

- Insurance (Ken Kaye) - absent, written report

Laura reminded us that Insurance is maintained in a separate bank account and that insurance premiums pass through that account from member clubs to our insurer. Lon asked if we had a list of clubs which have renewed their insurance. Laura replied that she did not have such a list, but that of 74 clubs in the Federation 50 require insurance and of those 35 have responded to the request for renewal. Lon expressed surprise at the number of groups in the Federation, and asked for a list. Joe said that he would obtain the list from Alicia and forward it to the Board.

- Past President (Kevin Greek) – absent
- Secretary (Clem) – no report
- Publications (Susan Gregory) - absent
- Statewide 2018

Joe received a telephone inquiry from Federation (South) President regarding the Installation Luncheon. Joe is not in contact with Bruce Mitchell, but noted he was told at the last Board meeting that everything was taken care of.

- Next BOD meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2018 at University of the Pacific in conjunction with Stockton Folk Dance Camp.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Clem, the Board thanked Changs International Folk Dancers for providing lunch and adjourned the assembly at 11:52 a.m.