

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 1998

Home of Page Masson  
Kenwood, CA

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Elsa reported a quorum was not present.

Max discussed the procedure of approving Bylaws. Frank questioned again the validity of the vote at the January 11 meeting on the motion that defines an assembly member. He still feels a two thirds vote is needed and read from a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to make his point. He said things have to be done in the right way, to follow Robert's Rules of Order and the Constitution of the United States and that he had researched it with a higher authority. He also said he has more things to bring up on the Bylaws than that one item but would not discuss them until a quorum was present.

Barbara agreed the point needs to be reconsidered and other Bylaws issues merit having further discussion and clarification at the next Executive Board meeting after which the Bylaws Committee shall meet. She thanked everyone for their work on the Bylaws and hopes this issue can be resolved so we can move on and have a strong organization.

Max asked if Laila could prepare a set of the Bylaws as they would look in printed form if all the changes were approved. She said she had already done so and produced the copy so members could look at it.

The possibility of having a brief Executive Board meeting before the Assembly meeting to be held at the Camellia Festival March 14 and 15 was explored but it became obvious that more time would be needed for the bylaws and other matters and that another meeting would be necessary.

The next item of discussion was how a Group's non-profit status, which is required by the Bylaws, is determined. Frank said he informs prospective members that they have to be a non-profit organization. Frank said there are various requirements for membership insurance, such as the organization must not be meeting in a place that serves liquor. Insurance is only for dancers.

Barbara noted that the application form does not include a question of non-profit status for prospective clubs. She asked Greg to check the different versions of membership forms.

It was decided that Elsa of the Insurance Committee would fax a current application form to Greg, Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Greg would then redo the form with

the inclusion of non-profit status. He also suggested a space for a phone number be included. He will fax the revision to the President for her approval and following that will provide copies for the Insurance Committee. Elsa suggested that the Insurance Committee could refer all applicants to the Membership Committee. Also clarified was that insurance applications and money would be sent to the Insurance Committee and membership applications and money would be sent to the Membership Committee. Mel asked if it was wrong to accept insurance checks and membership checks before being approved. Frank explained that applicants sometimes get their insurance before Assembly approval because there is no Assembly meeting scheduled in time to consider the application. At the next meeting the application is considered and if it is not approved, membership is denied and monies returned to the applicant.

Mel said he would like to see a way to involve, in Federation activities, the many groups who seem to be members of the Federation for insurance purposes only.

Max Horn gave a history of the Greater East Bay Council and the events leading to the current plan to dissolve it. Carol Wheeler and he are the only ones who have been keeping it going, but it is no longer possible to continue. Max said the Berkeley Folk Dancers and Duke and Lucia's class are the only active ones in the Council which would leave them not belonging to any council.

Barbara asked if the Greater East Bay Council is officially disbanded. Max said he and Carol Wheeler will attend to the details. It will have to be determined whether the monies of the group will go to the Federation or to Stockton.

Max also spoke of his work on the Legislative Committee which requires reading through stacks of legislative material in attempts to glean out information that might affect the Federation. He said there wasn't any real activity of any kind to report. He will also be leaving the position of Chairperson of the Legislative Committee.

The issue of Federation Assembly meetings and festivals and the areas in which to hold them was discussed. Barbara and others would like to continue having a festival in the East Bay. Frank said the Bylaws require that an Assembly meeting be held in February and in March and in certain other months. If there is to be no Festival of the Oaks, then there would not be an Assembly meeting. Leona suggested the Bylaws could be changed. Max suggested the Sweetheart Festival held in Napa could be the February festival. Various other ideas were explored and discussed. Barbara asked that Frank, Elsa, Page and others of the North Bay counties investigate possible facilities in Napa. It was also pointed out that the Federation does put on events that are not Council events. Oscar suggested the Federation put on the Festival of the Oaks.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barbara said she is working as interim Editor of Let's Dance with the help of Nadine Mitchell, Louise Lidiker, and Genevieve Pereira. She asked that everyone consider people who might like to take on the editorship. It does not involve doing page lay-out. She also asked everyone to keep an eye out for material for the

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magazine. She will continue to oversee the Let's Dance magazine responsibility for two more months after which time she hopes to have a permanent appointment. She is also looking for a Business Manager.

SECRETARY: No report.

TREASURER: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Greg reported he has mailed out the Past Due notices.

PUBLICATIONS: Nadine Mitchell said the "Federation Facts" has been printed. She will need to get more printed for distribution. She also reported that Janice Vandefort from San Diego called wanting to put an advertisement in our Directory for the 1999 Statewide to be held in San Diego. Nadine informed her that at present we do not advertise in the Directory but she could consider placing an ad in the monthly Let's Dance Magazine. Janice explained that the Federation/South has found ads in the Directory has generated revenue and we might want to consider doing the same thing. Barbara said we need a Business Manager to handle needs of this kind.

HISTORIAN: Absent

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent

DANCE RESEARCH: Absent

LEGISLATIVE: Max reported he has been attending the Arts Council Commission of the County of Contra Costa to see what he can learn and will report anything of interest.

INSURANCE: Frank reported there are now 67 clubs as members. He suggested that the minimum required number of activities a club must hold be included in the Bylaws.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Absent. Barbara reminded everyone to send Events items to Louise and Council Clips to Nadine.

TEACHER'S COMMITTEE; Absent

FINANCE: Oscar went over the budget briefly pointing out changes due mainly in changes in number of club membership or drop in subscriptions of Let's Dance. At present the Total Operating Expenses were \$16, 352.00 and Total Income was \$16, 025.00 which leaves a deficit of \$327.00. Changes will be made in the budget as we know better what is happening.

INSTITUTE: Absent

NORTH/SOUTH: Absent

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No New Business was brought up.

Greg suggested we appoint Max to a new position after June 1.

Barbara said Genevieve wants to host the next meeting. It was decided to make it a potluck meeting with the Executive Board furnishing everything. Tentative dates are March 29 or April 19. After Barbara confers with Genevieve she will notify everyone of the date selected.

Laila thanked Nadine for her help in taking minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

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ATTENDANCE

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\*denotes absent

Elected Officers (6)

President	Barbara Bruxvoort
Vice President	Mel Mann
Secretary	Laila Messer
Treasurer	Page Masson
Dir. of Membership	Greg Mitchell
Dir. of Publications	Nadine Mitchell
Dir. of Public Relations	Michael Norris *
Historian	Craig Blackstone *

Appointed Officers (2)

Parliamentarian	Carlos Ruling *
Let's Dance Editor	Genevieve Pereira *
Calendar of Events	Ed Kremers *
Sergeant at Arms	Elsa Bacher

Chairmen Standing Committees (3)

Dance Research	Ruth Ruling *
Costume Research	Eleanor Bacon *
Insurance	Frank and Elsa Bacher
Legislative	Max Horn
Festival Advisory	Millie von Kinsky *
Teachers Committee	Bruce Wyckoff *
Statewide	Carlos Ruling *

Chairmen Rotating Committees (2)

Bylaws	Frank Bacher
Beginners Festival	
Finance	Oscar Faoro
Institute	Fran Ajoian *
North/South	Dolly Barnes *

Others:

Leona Faoro