

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SAN FRANCISCO, CA.  
APRIL 26, 1998

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

Elsa reported that a quorum was not present at the time.

While waiting for more attendees, Barbara reported that the Executive Board had completed its work on the proposed changes to the Bylaws and that it had made the decision to submit those changes, titled "Recommended Bylaws Changes", to the Assembly. She explained that it is important that Groups have time to study the proposed changes before meeting to discuss them.

An official presentation will be made at the September Assembly meeting to be held before the September 1998 Festival. Everyone will have an opportunity to discuss his/her support or opposition to the recommendations. Comments may be expressed verbally; however, it would be best that specific suggestions be submitted in writing. All those comments and suggestions will be included in the minutes of that meeting so that those who vote can form their decisions with as much information as possible. After the September Assembly meeting, the "Recommended Bylaws Changes", the September Assembly Meeting Minutes, and a Ballot and voting instructions will be mailed to all member clubs.

Copies of the "Recommended Bylaws Changes" were available at this meeting and will be available in the future. A decision needs to be made whether to mail copies of the "Recommended Bylaws Changes" to Associate members.

Page asked if there was a specified time for Groups to respond. Barbara explained they have thirty (30) days from the time of getting the voting packet which will be sent to Clubs. Mel pointed out that Associate members do not have a vote but do have a voice and have the right to enter comments. So that they can be informed, they need to know that copies of the proposed bylaws changes are available for them.

Enough people had arrived and Elsa was able to say a quorum was now present.

The above topic of discussion was continued: Ruth, anticipating more discussion than usual at Assembly meetings, suggested that the September meeting begin earlier than usual to allow enough time for comments. Barbara reminded everyone that only the clubs do the voting, that there would be no voting done at the September meeting but that it is important for everyone to have the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas because we will be creating the document that will advise the clubs on the pros and cons of the recommendations.

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Craig moved that the "Recommended Bylaws Changes" and the minutes of the September meeting be sent to the usual people who get these minutes. Nadine seconded. Motion passed.

Craig welcomed everyone to the Blossom Festival and said the program was a good one so everyone was sure to enjoy themselves.

Carlos moved that the minutes of the Assembly meeting at the Camellia Festival held in Sacramento be accepted as written. Mel seconded it and the motion was passed.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Page gave her report for the period March 30, 1998 to April 30, 1998:

Beginning Balance.....	\$25,617.61
Total Income.....	\$1,950.69
Total Expenses.....	1,205.32
Income vs Expenses.....	745.37
Ending Balance.....	\$26,362.98
Recap of Accounts	
Checking, General.....	\$3,367.13
Savings.....	5,730.68
Cert. Of Deposit., Trust.....	7,021.11
C.D. ....	10,244.06
Recap total.....	\$26,362.98
Insurance Balance.....	\$4,137.06

Recording Secretary: Laila reported she had finished typing all the Bylaws with the appropriate strike-out type and italics for the proposed changes. She thanked Page for helping with the proof-reading of content, Barbara for helping with the proof-reading of the punctuation and various details, Craig and Carlos for clarifying certain points, and Nadine for assistance in taking the minutes.

Director of Membership: Greg reported that he had sent out the revised membership applications to 81 member clubs during the past week and expects the completed applications to be coming in to the office shortly.

Historian: Craig reported that he will have an historical display at the upcoming Statewide Festival and invited anyone who has applicable material to bring it to him.

Director of Publications: Nadine said she thought the Federation Directory should be updated and volunteered to do that. Barbara said that contact could be made with Louise Lidicker regarding necessary information.

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**Dance Research:** Ruth reported that the Committee was doing ongoing research on the Pronunciation Guide, writing up dances for "Let's Dance", etc.

**Costume Research:** Absent

**Statewide:** Carlos presented the final Budget with the major change being that parking was not included on the preliminary budget. He had been able to arrange a good deal. Parking in the garage across from the Russian Center would cost \$4.00 per car per day for the three days of the Festival. The required garage attendant will be paid \$22.00 per hour. Elsa questioned the \$350.00 Miscellaneous under Publicity. Carlos explained it was there to cover any unforeseen expenses and probably would not be used. Frank asked about a Statewide Committee meeting. Carlos said one had not been scheduled but said he would recommend it be held for the next Statewide, that he felt it would be good to have such a meeting for purposes of unity. Max said he would need to know three to four days in advance who was planning to attend the Picnic.

Elsa moved and Mel seconded to accept the Statewide Budget. Motion passed.

Carlos showed the maps he had made for directions to the Statewide Festival and encouraged people to take flyers, maps and general Statewide information to their Groups. Mel said he had made a display for the Berkeley Folk Dancers. To avoid having flyers, etc. end up in messy piles on tables, he made a vertical display with the registration forms in a envelope attached to the display board.

Barbara acknowledged some of those non-folk dancers who help the Federation in various and sundry ways, people like Page's daughter who made the tickets for the Statewide Festival, the neighbor who often helps Genevieve, and a friend of Carlos's who was of help in making contact with parking personnel.

**Insurance:** Frank reported that 68 clubs had applied for insurance and one application was being processed. Many clubs from the previous year have not yet renewed.

**Calendar:** Barbara welcomed Ed Kremers to the meeting and reported that Louise Lidicker has been doing the calendar while Ed has been recovering his health.

**Teachers' Committee:** Absent

**Bylaws:** Barbara thanked Frank and the Bylaws Committee for their work and thanked Laila for the typing. Frank said he will make a report in September.

**Institute Committee:** Ruth said she will have the notes by the end of the month and is working on a cover sheet. She asked if the Federation has insurance coverage and Frank said the Federation is covered.

**Old Business:** None.

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**New Business:** Max welcomed Ed Kremers to the meeting and said that due to Ed's health problems, Ed will appear at meetings whenever he can. Max reminded everyone of Ed's record shop on Turk Street which has been a source for so very many people for a very long time. Ed said the shop has four rooms of "merchandise", records and tapes, dance write-ups, etc.. Some of this material can be sold; the rest has to be moved. Max suggested that a multi-cultural center be set up somewhere. Housed there and made available to certain groups and/or individuals would be music, write-ups of dances, costumes and other such items. Though there is storage in Stockton for this kind of material, Max encouraged everyone to explore the idea of a multi-cultural center for the Bay area, perhaps at a university. Max said he will stay in contact with Ed. He again encouraged people to think about the idea and come up with ideas for a "multi-cultural center.....or something."

Carlos moved the meeting be adjourned. Craig seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laila Messer". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

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\*denotes absent

**Elected Officers (8)**

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

**Federation Past Presidents**

Frank Bacher 1980 -1982  
 Carlos Ruling 1996-1998

**Appointed Officers (4)**

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

**Council Presidents**

Greater East Bay Max Horn  
 San Francisco Joel Bruxvoort  
 Redwood Frank Bacher  
 Peninsula \*  
 Fresno Michael Norris\*  
 Sacramento Irene Oxford

**Chairmen Standing Committees (7)**

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

**Member Club Delegates**

Santa Rosa FD Elsa Bacher  
 Petaluma FD Frank Bacher  
 CAFY Fran Ajoian \*  
 1st & Last Dancers Jim Oxford  
 Novato FD Page Masson  
 Berkeley FD Mel Mann  
 Palomanians Ruth Ruling  
 Changs Carlos Ruling  
 Fresno FD Michael Norris

**Chairmen Rotating Committee (4)**

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

Pairs & Spares Nadine Mitchell  
 Kolo Festival Edith L. Cuthbert  
 S. F. D. Circle Stela McCoy  
 Gateswingers Charles Crawford

**Associate Members**

Irene Oxford

**Guests**

George Pavelka  
 Philomena Pavelka