

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2004
FIESTA DE SONOMA**

The meeting was called to order by President Laila Messer at 10:30 AM. President Laila said this meeting was called to deal with matters that required motions.

ATTENDANCE: President Laila Messer, Acting Secretary Nadine Mitchell, Treasurer Paul Nyberg, Past President Greg Mitchell, Gary Anderson, Sidney Messer, Joel Bruxvoort, Jim & Irene Oxford, Edith Cuthbert, Sharen Nyberg, Craig Blackstone. Clubs represented: Changs, Pairs & Spares, Balkan Dancers, Kolo Festival, First & Last Dancers.

The first objective on the agenda was to approve appointed officers. They are: Publicity: Donna Frankel, the new Publicity Chairperson who will be doing articles for Let's Dance Magazine; Let's Dance Editor: Gary Anderson; Director of Membership: Sidney Messer; Parliamentarian: Greg Mitchell; Director of Publications: Joel Bruxvoort; Sgt. At Arms: Jim Oxford.

Two people have been named to the Rotating Committees. Craig Blackstone is the new Chairperson of the Institute Committee, and Mel Mann is the new Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

Sharen Nyberg made the motion to accept the appointed officers and Greg Mitchell seconded it.

The second objective on the agenda was to hear the minutes of the Kenyon Rayner Bequest Committee. Chairperson Sharen Nyberg reported that the committee met on July 25, 2004. She read the minutes of the meeting. A brief summary follows. Sharon made a motion that the \$50,000 be invested so it would draw the maximum possible interest but this should be done in such a way that the principal is not jeopardized. Sharon said that steps should be taken to expand this fund with additional donations. A building committee should be appointed to further explore a building site to develop a folk dance center with regular reports to be presented to the Federation and if this is not feasible that the committee should be terminated. The interest from this fund should be used for making small grants and/or scholarships.

After a lengthy discussion the motion, a vote on whether to consider it was taken, and it was defeated by a vote of 5 to 4. It was decided to table the matter and it was recommended that the committee would rewrite the motion and present it at the next Executive Board Meeting.

The third objective on the agenda was a request to buy a bookcase for the Let's Dance Editor. Greg Mitchell stated that this should be considered as office expense and needed no vote and was agreed to by all present.

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The fourth objective was to introduce and present new Federation members. Sidney Messer, Membership Chairperson, reported that there were 12 new Associate Members.

The fifth objective was to name a Nominating Committee Chairperson. There were only two representatives of Federation councils present: Redwood and San Francisco. Therefore, no Chairperson could be appointed at this time. Laila did report that Vick Vickland had told her he would be willing to be President and that Marion Earl had said she would be willing to be Vice President.

At this time, Laila read a letter of resignation from Treasurer Paul Nyberg. Paul said he would continue as Treasurer until May 31 unless a replacement could be found sooner. Laila has asked Louise Lidicker to fill this position and she has agreed.

Joel Bruxvoort said that he wished to thank Paul for his work and also that he appreciates Louise Lidicker's help. It was moved and seconded that Paul's resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

New Business

Laila reported that she has had positive response regarding teaching folk dancing in schools but nothing has been done. Laila feels it is important to pursue this.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Mitchell, Acting Secretary

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