

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2023, at Live Oak Park, Berkeley

In attendance:

Ulrike Narins (President)
Laura Richardson (Vice President)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Adony Beniares (Nominations)
Craig Blackstone (Parliamentarian)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Marija Hills (Promotions)
Betsy Moore (Scholarship)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marian Snyder (Past President)

Members:

Lesley Bone
David Hillis
Emily Stoper
Yachi Zhang

President Ulrike Narins called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on January 15, 2023, were provided in advance. Laura R moved to approve the minutes, with the date of Betsy Moore's appointment corrected to November 28, 2022. Betsy seconded. The motion passed 11-0.

- Vote on amended bylaws

Craig provided written copies of the bylaws amended to provide for electronic voting and to assign administration of electronic voting to the Nominating Committee. Laura R moved to approve the amendments; Cricket seconded. The motion passed 11-0.

- Statewide 2024

Ellie Wiener researched venues. The Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Hall is a possibility. Sabine Zappe has created a Google Docs folder for Statewide documents, including email from Ellie about Pleasanton. Ulrike would like to get Marina's work from 2023 into the folder.

Adony requested that people attending the 2023 Statewide in San Pedro note what they do and do not like about the sound and video, as he expects to work on A/V in 2024.

Marija wrote a solicitation for Statewide help to be published in Lets Dance! She used a "The Room Where it Happens" theme (from *Hamilton*). There is a list of things to do. Marija suggested that clubs could pick responsibilities.

- General Assembly

Craig noted that recent pre-COVID General Assemblies had been at the Blossom Festival, but participation seems to be better online. Changs has a room available this year. Cricket thinks that our Articles of Incorporation require an annual meeting. We may be able to conduct the meeting on Zoom. Today's meeting cannot count, as it must be announced in advance.

Ulrike moved that we not hold a General Assembly at the Blossom Festival. Marian seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Laura R suggested that we hold the General Assembly after the election this year, and use it to announce the election results.

- Research (Cricket)

The Federation Research Committee creates the syllabus for Stockton Folk Dance Camp, and is responsible for the index on the Stockton website. The index has been corrupt for some time: the data in the “year presented” column has been incorrect. Cricket has the original spreadsheets and has begun fixing the “year presented” column.

- Parliamentarian

Craig noted that last year’s electronic voting notice went out to regular and family members only, accidentally disenfranchising group members. We will not revisit that election as there was no practical competition for offices. Craig still has the proposal for two-year terms on his to-do list.

- Other items

Kevin reported that there will be a Bay Area Dance Week this year. Applications will be accepted starting March 1. Kevin did not know the application process.

Craig reported that the Blossom Festival will occur during Bay Area Dance Week. It will be held at San Francisco City College, and will probably be free to dancers.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 19, 2023 on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142239442?pwd=c3dEbHNDOFRQK1dGUmxYZEdQbmJTUT09> (Meeting ID: 821 4223 9442, Passcode: 147746).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Marija and passed 8-0, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.