

# Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North) Board Meeting

Sunday, April 12, 2026, via Zoom

In attendance:

Board members:

Laura Richardson (President)

Clem Dickey (Vice President)

Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)

Betsy Moore (Secretary)

Loui Tucker (Editor)

Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)

Rick Henderson (Institute)

Adony Beniares (Nominations)

Kevin Greek (Archives)

Lisa Michael (Scholarship) - joined 3:06

Marija Hillis (Promotions) - joined 3:20


Laura R called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

## Approve Minutes from last meeting

 [FDFC Minutes 20260207.pdf](#)

On a motion by Rick, seconded by Marcia, the minutes were approved 8-0.

## Out-of-cycle email decision to Co-Sponsor the Blossom Festival

 [Minutes Addendum 20260325.pdf](#)

On a motion by Rick, seconded by Laura R, the minutes addendum was approved 9-0.

## Reports from Board Officers and Chairs

- President (Laura Richardson)  
Laura provided a written report [20260412\\_PresidentsReport.docx](#) .
- Vice President (Clem Dickey) - nothing to report
- Secretary (Betsy Moore) - nothing to report

- Treasurer (Sabine Zappe)
 

There are two reports in the folder:

  - ✕ Treasurer's Report - February 28, 2026.xlsx and
  - ✕ Treasurer's Report - March 31, 2026.xlsx

The first scholarship check has been written. There is about \$20,000 in the scholarship fund. There are 99 people (including 13 band members) registered for Statewide. The deadline for early registration is the end of April.
- Past President (Ulrike Narins) - Not present
- Membership (Marcia Rosenblatt)
 

Marcia provided a written report: ✕ FDF Membership Report April 12, 2026.xlsx . There are a few new members and the same number of dropped members.
- Editor (Loui Tucker)
 

Loui is finalizing the May/June *Let's Dance* issue. It's 32 pages and will probably be mailed next Monday. Loui completed the Editor SOP. Loui and Kevin are getting ready to launch an online index of the first 50 years of *Let's Dance*.
- Finance (Laura Douglass) - not present
- Institute (Rick Henderson)
 

Rick provided a written report: 📄 Institute Report Apr 2026 . There are six teachers signed up for Officers Ball. They've been asked what they'd like to teach.
- Scholarship (Lisa Michael)
 

Lisa provided a written report: 📄 Gmail - Board report - scholarship committee.pdf . There are 15 scholarship applications so far; 8 for Stockton and the rest for other camps. One scholarship has been awarded.
- Parliamentarian / By-Laws Ad-Hoc (Craig Blackstone) - not present
- Promotions (Marija Hillis) - not present (arrived later)
- Research (Lothar Narins) - not present
- Archives (Kevin Greek)
  - Kevin is preparing a batch of items for donation to Stockton
  - Web site: there are lots of updates coming in for events and changes for the group index.
  - Bay area dance week starts April 24 - groups can sign up to publicize themselves and offer a free class. Loui has already done so.
  - Indexing *Let's Dance*: Kudos to Loui – it's a big job (but she says it's fun). Kevin is implementing an online search tool.
- Insurance (Michael Giusto) - not present
- Publications/Communications (Susan Gregory) - not present
- Nominations (Adony Beniares) - see new business

# New Business

## Elections

Adony provided a written report [Election update - April 2026](#) including the important dates and officer slate.

Adony moved that we hold this year's vote electronically as we have done for the past few years. Laura R seconded, and the motion passed 10-0.

The officer candidates are Clem for President, Betsy for VP, Sabine for Treasurer, and Wendy Brown for Secretary.

## Officer's Ball

The Officer's Ball will be held on 3 October 2026.

The proposed theme is Dance Around the World (with flags as decorations). The board discussed encouraging attendees to wear ethnic costumes or T-shirts from other countries. The board approved the theme.

There was a discussion about the schedule for the day. There had been a proposal to start the festival later in the day but the board agreed to keep the same start time to make sure there is enough time for all 6 teachers and to allow some time for rest and review. The board agreed on this schedule:

Doors open at 1pm

Institute 1:30 to 5:30

Dinner 5:45 to 6:45

Party 7 to 10

The board agreed not to have Will Cope play during dinner but to instead use recorded background music.

Loui reported that there may be a performance by some members of Alex Shadle's youth group from Sacramento. The board decided it would be better to have them perform right after dinner rather than during dinner.

Loui reported that Susan is working on the registration form and it will be ready in time for the July/August issue of Let's Dance.

There was a discussion of how much to charge. Since the festival made about \$1700 last year, the board decided to keep the price the same.

## Old Business

### Kevin Greek's contract

The board agreed to re-approve Kevin Greek's contract to manage the website.

Board Meetings 2026 on the dates listed below, via zoom, at 3pm.

- 21 June
- 9 August - Laura R has a conflict and proposes moving this meeting to **16 August**. There was no disagreement during the meeting but Laura will also poll the board via email.
- 4 October
- 13 December

### Calendar

Loui proposed doing another calendar for next year. The consensus was that since Loui liked doing it and it made money, she can do it again. Board members expressed a preference for the standard wall calendar format with weeks going from Sunday to Saturday rather than Monday to Sunday.

On a motion by Rick, seconded by Kevin, approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.