

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, PASADENA, CA

January 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:15

**President's Report:** First order of business is the formal acceptance of Diane Baker as V.P. by the council. Her nomination was put forward, and with no other candidates up for consideration, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pauline announced that the council wished to honor Beverly & Irwin for 33 years of service organizing and managing dance camps at Hess Kramer. A certificate of recognition was commissioned and will be presented at the end of the meeting.

We are already looking ahead to 2019 Statewide when FDFCS will again host the regional workshop and festival. Possible sites being considered are San Pedro, Claremont Colleges in Pomona, and the Oxnard site of previous years. The criteria for the optimal site are; parking, hotels or central location for commuting, traffic, and price. Statewide arrangements have been a responsibility of the vice president, so when Diane has been briefed on notes from previous years, she will be calling on people to form a committee.

**Vice President's Report:** Diane Baker has accepted the position. She was not able to attend.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last meeting were sent out and extensively revised. Final copies were sent by email. No further changes were made. Minutes of the last meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** presented to council and approved. Mindy Belli noted the membership report will need to be finalized before corrections can be made to exact totals by category. Final version is attached to these minutes.

**Membership Report:** Bob Altman was not present. He did send printed directories which have been handed out to about 16 board members and clubs. A second printing is in the works with corrections and additions. It has been a busy year.

**Insurance Report:** Julith reports all club renewals are complete. The insurance form used to collect vital information on the club's use of facilities expanded to three pages, but is essentially the same. The insurance certificate will be available before (date to be determined) to present to the facilities where dancing is held. Some require a Track IV L.A. system, but the cost is the same. Late fees were imposed on some clubs, but leniency was required since membership is dropping and some clubs were hesitant to renew because they might have to dissolve or merge with another group. It is important to receive each club's roster because membership determines the premium charged. Julith proposed moving the club renewal deadline to Oct. 15, to allow time to compile rosters after the insurance rate is announced by the USDA in mid September. Julith also suggested raising the insurance budget to \$100.00 for next June, since expenses are rising.

**Historian's Report:** Wen Li had no news to report. Cerritos is advertising the Chinese New Year workshop and Festival Feb. 11, 2018. His club invites the council to hold a meeting again at the June Festival (6/16/18). Photos from this meeting and presentation of the plaque to the Barrs will be available to download from the FD website.

**Finance Committee Report:**

The Fiscal Committee met and resolved to create & oversee a budget for Scholarships. The selection of scholarship recipients will still be done by the Scholarship committee.

The committee discussed a proposal that two Federation officers should be signators on Federation bank accounts and that the Federation Treasurer will have viewing privileges on all accounts such as Camp Hess Kramer, Statewide Festival, Folkdance Scene, and any auxiliary accounts. This was put to a vote and passed unanimously. The new provisions will be inserted in Standing Rules.

Changes to the STANDING RULES, page 14:

D. Auxiliary Checking accounts (e.g. Folkdance Scene, Camp Hess Kramer, Statewide Festival) shall have the following individuals authorized to sign checks:

1. Chair of the relevant committee
2. Chair of the Fiscal committee
3. Treasurer of the relevant committee (if any)

In addition the Federation Treasurer shall have viewing privileges on the auxiliary accounts.

Changes to the Finance committee: Gordon Wall is submitting his retirement: "I would like to retire from the Finance Committee due to health reasons. The committee is in good hands with Marshall Cates as the new chair."

**Visiting Master Teacher Program:** This committee shall have a chair and at least two other members. The purpose of the program is to make available to clubs, master teachers at a reduced cost. This program is funded from the special projects fund. The chairperson is appointed in June for a three year term.

1. A member club may be reimbursed up to an amount set by the fiscal committee for a master teacher workshop. Clubs are reimbursed who then will pay the teachers.
2. For the purpose of this program, the committee shall decide if a particular teacher is eligible.
3. Only teachers scheduled by this committee are eligible for club reimbursement.
4. The duties of the committee are:
  - a. Be a contact point for visiting master teachers who wish to provide workshops in our member club area.
  - b. Maintain a schedule of visiting teachers and the schedule of their workshops.
  - c. Advertise the availability of this program and of individual teachers to the member clubs, in Scene and in the Federation website.
  - d. Schedule workshops at clubs who respond positively to the announcement and provide the master teacher with a schedule.
  - e. Provide the treasurer with a list of clubs that have had a workshop and qualify for reimbursement.

Suggestions are welcome.

Establishment of a new committee is permitted in the by laws or standing rules, so this proposed program was put to a vote. It passed unanimously.

**Scholarship Report:** Kathy Molga has stepped down from the Scholarship Chair. Valery Daley will help Diane Baker take on Scholarship duties.

**Camp Hess Kramer Report:**

Gordon & Carol Wall would like to officially retire from the Camp Hess Kramer Committee due to health reasons. They submitted the following: "We have enjoyed attending CHK for about 20

Years and would like to compliment Beverly and Irwin for all of their hard work well done. It has been a pleasure working with them.

Gordon's job was to make CDs of the music before camp, video tape the dances on Sunday morning, and make a DVD of all of the dances taught after camp.

Carol's job, as a licensed RN, was to act as Camp Nurse to take care of emergencies, and some of the small stuff. She also helped with the silent auction, and collecting payments for the silent auction, and as needed."

Thank you Gordon & Carol Wall! Folk Dance Camp will find it hard to replace this couple.

**Equipment Report:** Gordon Wall: There are 2 speakers, 2 speaker stands, 1 remote mike kit, and an amplifier stored at our house. The amplifier is not working properly and needs to be replaced. It was decided to ask Bob Altman to look at the amplifier.

**Committee Chair Report:** Beverly Barr reported the recent dance camp at Hess Kramer hosted 70 people. The teachers were great. An excellent time was had by all. Many nice comments were forwarded to the organizers. She has put in a request for the next date and received an acknowledgement, but the camp office had not made a ruling in time for this report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Pauline Klak announced that the Camp Hess Kramer Folk Dance Camp would be renamed:

### **"Beverly and Irwin Barr Folk Dance Camp at Hess-Kramer"**

The Folk Dance Federation of California, South honors Beverly and Irwin Barr for their 33 years of leadership of the federation weekend which has taken place every October at Camp Hess-Kramer. We honor their vast energy and creativity in shaping and making the camp a friendly, educational, and exciting folk dance event which has drawn hundreds of folk dancers from all over California and Nevada.

Beverly served 11 consecutive terms as Chair of the Hess-Kramer Committee for the Federation, and Irwin was at her side for every one of those years. We recognize their achievement and want to rename the camp in their honor. The camp from 2018 onward will carry their names:

BEVERLY and IRWIN BARR Folk Dance CAMP at HESS-KRAMER

We present them this certificate in our appreciation of their excellent service to folk dancing. Furthermore, we bestow Chair Emeritus status to Beverly Barr entitling Beverly and Irwin to come back each year to enjoy all the events of camp—without the work—and free of charge.

Pauline Klak, President

Here is a little bit of Beverly's response : "Thank you, all of you. We do this because we love it. It is our baby, and became part of our family. People became very close through this, over a wonderful long time." She went on to relate some of the history, how they danced there before the camp was leveled by fire and the dance camps died along with it. "One day we were sitting at the dining table and I said, 'It's been five years since we had dance camp. Let's get it started again.' And so we did."

One more comment on workshops. We have tried to make camp affordable for the majority of dancers while maintaining the quality of the teaching. I hope this continues.

No further business was on the agenda. Pauline closed the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

471 S Roxbury Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Date is Sunday, April 15th, 11:00 am The Federation meeting will be prior to The Westwood Spring Festival followed by lunch.

**In attendance:**Officers

Pauline Klak, president  
 Leslie Halberg, secretary.  
 Mindy Belli, treasurer  
 Wen-Li Chiang, historian/recorder  
 Gordon Wall, finance chair  
 Sargent at arms, Eduard Klak

Standing Committees

Finance, Marshall Cates  
 Insurance, Julith Neff  
 Archive, Marshall Cates  
 Parliamentarian, Marshall Cates  
 Costumes, Betchen Barber

Past Presidents

Wally Aurich  
 Lila Aurich  
 Rick Bingle  
 Marshall Cates  
 Sylvia Stachura  
 Gordon Wall

Guests

Helen May  
 Ann Armstrong  
 Gerda Benzeev

Delegates

Cerritos Folk Dancers- Sue Chen  
 Laguna International Folk Dance Club - Mindy Belli  
 Mountain Dancers - Sylvia Stachura  
 Narodni International Folk Dancers - Julith Neff, Carol Wall  
 Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op - Lynn Bingle  
 West Valley Folkdancers - Wally Aurich

**Clubs eligible to vote in April 2018**Cerritos Folk DancersLaguna International Folk Dance ClubMountain DancersNarodni International Folk DancersPasadena Folk Dance Co-opWest LA FolkdancersWest Valley FolkdancersWestwood Co-op Folk Dancers