

**Folkdance Federation of California, South, Council Meeting  
April 18, 2021**

**Zoom meeting** called to order by President Diane Baker at 9:33 a.m.  
Diane named clubs that are eligible to vote.

**Minutes from January 17, 2021 meeting amended as follows:** Participant list for January 17, 2021 incorrectly labeled as 'Participants for October 18, 2020.' Also, Mindy Belli did send current Treasurer's report. Shana Winokur moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Pauline Klak seconded. Approved.

**Elected officer reports**

**President:** Membership forms were revised and membership packet was sent to all Federation clubs.

Scholarship Application is posted on website with correct address & due date of Aug.1, 2021.

Scholarship committee includes Carol Wall, Jody Stern and chairperson, Shana Winokur.

With Dick Oakes' leadership and prodding, a provisional document "Standard Operating Procedures" is ready for council vote. Many officers and chairpersons contributed revisions. I personally thank Dick for being so attentive and responsive to requests for updates on the website!

Virtual Folk Dancing events continue to unite dancers around the world.

World Spring Fest had 1700 registered participants. They zoomed in from 36 different countries. NFO had 1800 registered participants with 125 volunteers. 700 folks registered for Laguna/San Antonio Spring Fest.

**Please note:** the pin for past president for Pauline not yet been done.

--Diane Baker, President

**Vice President:** Nothing to report on status of festivals since there are no festivals planned for 2021 except for Fall Camp. Lots of festivals for 2022 are in the planning stage. Diane noted that Leslie is currently serving as publicity chairman and Facebook representative as well as vice president and we need to fill those other positions.

--Leslie Halberg, Vice President

**Treasurer's Report:** Paid out \$1000 for insurance and \$33 for new checks. Received \$17 income from Amazon-related purchases. Outstanding checks to old insurance company need to be cancelled because they are a year old and have not been cashed.

The running balance matches the bank balance. There is \$63,000 in the savings account and \$13,000 in the checking account. Related documents are attached.

--Mindy Belli, Treasurer

**Secretary:** Requested that copies of reports be sent to her for inclusion in the minutes.

Email address: [camilledull@gmail.com](mailto:camilledull@gmail.com).

-- Camille Dull, Secretary

### **Appointed Officers' Reports**

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** We have a quorum.

### **Standing Committee Chair Reports**

**Fall Camp:** This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on Jan. 17, 2021.

We are delighted to report that master teachers Sonia Dion & Cristian Florescu will teach Romanian dances at Fall Camp Nov. 12-14, 2021.

We are working with Brandeis-Bardin to clarify their new prices and their potential COVID-19-related constraints. When that is complete, we will be able to finalize Fall Camp costs, registration prices, attendance limits, and more.

- Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman, Fall Camp co-chairs

**Finance:** No report

**Scene:** No report

**Scholarship:** Updated deadline, a link is posted next to Fall Camp. No scholarship requests yet. – Shana Winokur, Scholarship Chairman

**Insurance:** I have submitted insurance certificate requests for the clubs that indicated they wanted to continue operating. I used club venues from last year, so that when things open up there should be no waiting. I realize that some clubs may have different venues when we come back to life so we will deal with that at the time. I am still working on West Valley Folk Dancers and Westwood Coop because their venues required using a middle-man type thing called Qwik Comply, so I need to see if we can get the insurance company on board. There are a couple of clubs that require an Endorsement for their “additional insureds” and those are moving a little slower. I have received insurance certificates for 15 of our 20 clubs and forwarded them on to their club contacts.

--Julith Neff, Insurance Chairman

## Old Business

**Unfilled offices:** publicity, membership

**Camp Hess Kramer** references have been changed to “Fall Camp” in Federation Standard Operating Procedures, page 22. This has been done, per Diane, in Standard Operating procedures but not in By laws

## New Business

**Possible Sept 10 event:** Carol Smith, with Ventura International Folkdancers, could not get into the zoom meeting. Diane gave her report: Carol is trying for an in-person, in-door dancing event on Sept 10, 2021, in Ojai that she wants sponsored (if health guide lines allow.) The facility has a large patio. Carol could inquire if dancing could take place on the patio. If not, refreshments will be served on patio. This would give us a fall event. It will be discussed again at next meeting; something to think about now. This is informational only.

### **Adoption of provisional Standard Operating Procedures:**

(Dick Oakes was not present to explain a possible option to eliminate standing rules) Diane sent an email prior to the meeting asking everyone to take a look at the SOP for necessary changes and corrections. The section on insurance has not been revised because 2021 is a trial year for insuring clubs through the NFO. If we decide in October to return to insurance through the United Folk Dances Association then the insurance section can remain as written. If not, the document can be amended in October. Leslie moved to adopt SOP with the noted changes. Mindy seconded; Motion passed.

**How should Directory be made available?** It is currently posted on website with permission of listees. Steve Himel warned against contact information being harvested and misused.

Mindy made a motion to remove FDF South Directory from the website and instead, email it yearly to all who have emails listed. Shana seconded. Motion passed.

**Resumption of in-person dancing questions were discussed:** When? What requirements? (vaccinations, masks, social distance, local rate of infection low, only outside, air circulation) Who determines when Federation clubs can re-open?

**Diane:** Check the Dept of Public Health publications and postings for the State, County and local guidelines and rules to be sure we are in compliance with the law. Current recommendation is to meet outside.

**Steve Himel** said he listened to a panel of lawyers and insurance folk, and they recommend following the most restrictive rules or you could be liable.

**Shana Winokur:** Veselo might resume July 24 in same location with limit of dancers; rsvp required

**Mari Werner:** Pasadena is discussing in-person dancing with vaccinated folks only, per county guidelines.

**Greg Soloway:** Laguna International is trying zoom and in-person

**Rita Sklar:** Westwood facilities remain closed; waiting for them to open

**Formation of Ad Hoc committee to revise By-Laws:**

Diane asked for 3 volunteers to work on the revision with her. Pauline Klak and Julith Neff volunteered. Marshall Cates will be asked to also serve on the By-Law committee. Shana will proofread. The revision will be subject to formal review and a formal vote.

**Meeting adjourned** 11:42 a.m.

**Next meeting:** June 27 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Dull, Secretary

**Attendees:**

**OFFICERS**

President: Diane Baker  
Vice-President: Leslie Halberg  
Secretary: Camille Dull  
Treasurer: Mindy Belli  
Historian: Wen-Li Chiang

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Insurance: Julith Neff  
Fall Camp: Jan and Marc Rayman  
Scholarship: Shana Winokur

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Pauline Klak  
Julith Neff  
Sylvia Stachura

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Steve Himel

Carl Pilsecker

**GUEST**

Ed Klak

**CLUB DELEGATES**

Cabrillo: Jody Stern

Cerritos: Sue Chen

Laguna International: Greg Solloway

Narodni: Julith Neff

Pasadena Co-op: Mari Werner

Veselo Selo: Shana Winokur

Vintage Israel: Jim Rothman

West Valley: Monica Zoldich

Westwood: Rita Sklar

**Clubs eligible to vote at next Council Meeting**

Cabrillo

Cerritos

Laguna International

Laguna Woods

Narodni

Pasadena

Veselo

Vintage Israel

West Valley

Westwood

Attachment: Documents related to Treasurer's Report