



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.

Teacher Committee Meeting Notes May 2025, 2025 Draft A

1. Meeting

1a Time/Place

2:00 PM, Zoom

1b Attendees

Armin Busse, Chair
Tom Ward, Secretary
Kathy Allen
Don MacQueen
Juliet Davoren
Linda Henderson
Trina Merriman
Kristi Closser
Geoffrey Wood
Bruce Herbold
Laura Cooper
Sara Gratiot
Alan Twigg,
Kathy Jorgenson

1c Regrets

Sandra Schultz
Bradley Hobbs
Paula Jacobson
Fred DeMarse
Tim Wilson
Dwayne McQuilliams
Mary McQuilliams

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Armin Busse, Chair

3. Review and Adjust Agenda

No changes were made to the Agenda

4. Old Business

4a. Review and Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting

No modifications were noted to the Draft B document.

Motion, Bruce: That we approve the prior minutes.

Passed: Without objection

4b. Party Program Committee Reports

Programs thru June are complete and distributed. Bruce reported that the June program was a bit light on repertoire dances, and that this will be balanced as the October program is developed. Program committee for October-November will be assembling soon. Bruce requested recommendations for dances to be added to the party programs.

4c Party Programming Guidelines

Bruce & Sara worked diligently and effectively on the Guidelines and have it at “Complete Draft”. Sara walked through the reasoning on the Levels of Difficulty and invited any comments that might improve consistency and clarity. Her aim is to establish a system that is sustainably consistent and useful. Sara walked through the specification for the structure of Monthly Party programs. The Draft document will go out for *one last round* of comment with a hard deadline for submission of comments to Bruce of July 25th, 2025.

5. New Business

5a Liaison with Branch Committee

Don MacQueen reported that there were no questions or concerns from the BC. Tom reported that we have still not developed a viable solution for keeping the high stage cool. We looked at a lot of alternatives, none practical. Tom & Don were asked to advise Branch adjudication and performance teams of the issue, and recommend not wearing the lightest of light shoes on the high stage. There were no further questions for the BC.

Later in the meeting, Tom commented that our overall membership continues to decline, currently hovering around 250. He asked that Teachers work with their managers and class members to put as much energy as possible into recruiting at the Games and through networking. Bruce suggested that, at the Games, the Dance Party go before the Dance Class – Tom & Don will work on that with Sandy in scheduling low stage use.

Don has agreed to remain as liaison.

5b Liaison with Teachers Association of Canada

Trina Merriman reporting.

Getting ready for Summer School. Registrations are down and there will be some consolidation of classes. The site for the 2026 Summer School has not been set.

Management subgroups have been working hard on different strategic plan elements and are making progress.

5c *Future Teachers' Workshops*

Tom mentioned an editorial in the April SCD expressing some resistance to altering the gender-based terminology used in dance documentation and instruction. Other members of the TC had not received their printed SCD issues and Tom was asked to inquire as to when they might be received. Tom pointed out that the Society was moving rapidly to abandoning the printed edition to save (a lot) on printing and shipment.

6. Additional Items

6b *Zooming*

Armin is seeking a permanent standing Zoom link for the TC meetings, making it easier to administer scheduling and execution.

7. Wrap-up

7a *Next Meetings*

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

Subsequent meetings are scheduled for:

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Saturday, January 24, 2026.

Saturday, May 30, 2026 (weekend after Memorial Day)

7b *Call for Adjournment*

Motion, Bruce: That the meeting adjourn.

Seconded Alan:

Passed: Without objection

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.