

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 1977

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Others present: Rich Galloway, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols.

Board members absent: Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Riki Schneyer.

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