

BOARD ACTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
FUTURE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

FSGW Board Minutes - Nov. 3, 1982

The Board reconvened and took up the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

MEMBERSHIP: Fitterer moved that the Society take more active steps to introduce FSGW to its natural constituency (ie. those who already have an interest in folklore).

Woods 2nd. PASSED. Fitterer moved that the Board not consider amending the by-laws to address outreach. Nichols 2nd. PASSED.

NEWSLETTER: Fitterer moved that the Newsletter continue as it now is - both in size (not beyond 10 pages) and in format. Nichols 2nd. PASSED.

NEW AND EXPANDING ROLES: Winters moved that the Board appoint a committee to guide and develop educational programs for FSGW, and that among its responsibilities this committee should, as a high priority, make available interpretive materials to accompany major programs and concerts. In addition the committee should pursue as appropriate: 1) having workshops/demonstrations at FSGW events; 2) more master classes given by those who perform at our events; 3) one-shot introductory classes, eg. "this is what Appalachian music is about"; 4) be a clearing house for educational services in folk lore, arts, music, crafts, etc; 5) series classes eg. how to play the guitar; 6) interpretive and educational material to be handed out at concerts and programs (about that event). There is a need to get more information about what services people would like and what services are available from other sources. We should not duplicate services available elsewhere. Woods 2nd. PASSED. An amendment was made by McCracken to preclude FSGW educational programs from becoming directly involved in public schools. Fitterer 2nd. LOST.

LARGE SCALE EVENTS: Fitterer moved that it be FSGW policy that we have no prohibitions against programming large scale events such as major concerts. Woods 2nd. PASSED. Winters moved that the President appoint an individual to form a committee to explore the consideration, preparations, and consequences of doing large scale events. Woods 2nd. PASSED.

NEW PROGRAM AREAS: A number of suggestions were made including: 1) children's concert series; 2) family and/or children's dance; 3) educational tours; 4) festival tours (ie. arrangements for transportation to festivals); 5) more craft related functions such as quilting bee, barn raising, bread baking; 7) ethnic foods series; 8) co-sponsored events such as at nursing homes; 9) shopping center concerts; 10) social events such as parties, caroling, and pot-lucks.

ARCHIVES: Fitterer moved that the functions of the FSGW archive should include as its first priority the complete and accessible documentation of FSGW activities. Further, that its long term goal shall be an archival record of all folklore related activities in the greater Washington area; and that to implement these goals an archive committee should be formed to be chaired by Bill Day; and that this committee shall identify what materials we should be saving in the archive and then set up a general plan for collecting and filing that material. Woods 2nd. PASSED.

SUPPORT FOR PERFORMING MEMBERS: Winters moved that the Board form an ad hoc committee, with Claudia Kravets as its organizer to query performing members about their needs from the Society. Olive 2nd. PASSED.

FINANCE: Winters moved that the Board accept the findings of the Committee of the Whole that we a) establish an explicit policy regarding the appropriate level for cash reserves, and b) we actively explore new alternatives for sources of funds. Alternative sources of funds discussed included grants such as from NEA, T-shirts, cookbook, and recordings of local performers. In addition the Board should establish a finance committee whose task is to draw up a five-year plan based on the Finance section in the notice for this meeting. The finance committee should also recommend a reserve fund formula. Olive 2nd. PASSED.

NEW AND EXPANDING ROLES (continued): Publications: Fitterer moved and Woods 2nd that we publish a "folk services" directory. PASSED. Folklore: Hickerson moved that we contact our local folklorists to find out how we can better serve their needs and inquire how we can make better use of their capabilities. Winters 2nd. PASSED. Folk Club: The Board recognized that our budget does not allow consideration of a folk club at this time. Fitterer moved that the Board should pursue the possibility of running a 'Red Fox - like' stage. Woods 2nd. PASSED.

OPERATIONS: Winters moved that it be an explicit policy that FSGW has no prohibition on paying non-performing members for professional services to FSGW. Olive 2nd. PASSED. Winters moved that the finance committee be instructed to consider the financial impact of paying for membership services when they draw up the five-year financial plan. Olive 2nd. PASSED. Winters moved that the By-laws committee should be asked to provide job descriptions prior to formation of the Nominating committee. Olive 2nd. PASSED. Winters moved that the job description and check-lists should include volunteer needs. Olive 2nd. PASSED.

The Board tabled discussion of: 1) outreach policy; 2) support for performing members; 3) selling records of performing members at our concerts; 4) an additional publication separate from the Newsletter.

ACTIONS PASSED BY THE BOARD ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THAT NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

As of 3/2/83

Committee appointed to guide and develop educational programs.

President to appoint an individual to form a committee to explore the considerations, preparations, and consequences of doing large scale events. Cliff reported on some considerations in doing these on 1/1/82. No policy was adopted.

Archive committee under Bill Day to set up a general plan for collecting and filing material. *(Committee being formed)*

Ad Hoc committee with Claudia Kravets as chair to query performing members about their needs from the Society. *(Kravets is forming the committee to work on this)*

Finance committee to be appointed by the Board to draw up a 5-year plan based on the finance section in the notice for this meeting, and to recommend a reserve fund formula. They should also consider the impact of paying for membership services. *(Olive appointed chair; committee being organized.)*

Publication a "folk services" directory

Contact our local folklorists to find out how we can better serve their needs and make use of their capabilities. *(Hickerson will do it)*

TABLED: 1). Outreach policy

2) support for performing members;

Approved 12/1/82 with conditions 3) selling of records of performing members at our concerts;

4) an additional publication separate from the Newsletter.

OTHER ITEMS NEEDING ACTION:

12/1/82 Treasurer or designee should investigate a tax free exemption number for the Society. *(3/2/83 - Treasurer instructed to do it.)*

12/1/82 Fink will explore and report on our joining in the Medicine Show at the Smithsonian, and the Cowboys exhibit at the Archives with Glen Orland.

1/5/83 Foam-lined wooden case for Kroy type to be made. *(Winters will do it)*