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Our meeting promised to be an eventful one. We had three elected new board members. Holly Plotner was re-elected for a three year term. Sarah Wendlandt and David Laing were also elected with the on-line vote. Thank you, everyone, for taking part in that historic election. There had to be officer elections, and I always try to review our committees during this meeting before sending out requests for information to the committees themselves.

Every February we elect new officers. As president, I have tried to implement conclusive areas for the Board to work on while also giving board members a chance to speak up for our members not present and to make sure we take groups not represented into account. Of the accomplishments for 2016 our Board has initiated a standard form for committees to keep updated and have their budgets reviewed every year. Also, the nominations committee successfully implemented a new way to hold electronic board elections.

Sara Horn Talbot was elected to another term and will serve as the 2017 President of the Board

The Vice President, that bold Aussie, Garry Karner, re-ran for VP this year, and was elected as the 2017 VP.

The Secretary, Austin's amazing Rikki Nicolae*, re-ran for Secretary, and was elected as the 2017 Secretary.

The Treasurer's duties have been handled by our generous ex-officio, Georgia Horn for some years now. She was re-elected to continue this role as the 2017 Treasurer.

*Since the time of this election, Rikki has had to resign her position as Secretary and her position on the Board for personal reasons. If you would like to learn how to become a Secretary of the Board for 2018 by shadowing and assisting, please email Sara H Talbot at sahthalbot@gmail.com

For the rest of the meeting we had several conversations.

One conversation had been started online about our Board Elections held at Texas Camp during Saturday's General Meeting. Rosielee Salinas not only solved a lot of new problems that arose before the online election, but she was the main voice behind methods of prevention.

The next conversation we had during the board meeting was in regards to books, papers, LP's, and other, "TIFD," stuff that was building up in the homes of our members. My main concern was how to store these valuables without burdening our volunteer members. Although we didn't come to a conclusive decision, we are going to be trying a few ideas. Like donating books, converting LP's, and scanning the documents we want to keep. These aren't all new ideas. A few members are already scanning documents and trying to convert our history into digital formats. It's a large and ongoing, multi-sectioned project. Once we know where we need help and when, the membership will be notified in case they want to volunteer.

Other topics we discussed were the newsletter; the Storage Shed at Greene Family Camp; Chuck's official retirement as head of Member Services; Historical Special Committee projects; Texas Camp 2016 final budget results; and Kathleen Yoder presented information about the 2017 Texas Camp.

Our meeting concluded with setting up the next meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN GEORGETOWN, AT THE GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH @ 12PM. Any concerns may be e-mailed to board@tiffd.org.

Letter From Your 2017 Co-Chairs:

Hello fellow dancers! We are Lisa Horn Dielman and Kathleen Yoder, your co-chairs for TIFD's 2017 Texas Camp. We are both incredibly excited to be running the 70th Texas Camp, and we are working to make this milestone 70th camp fun, exciting and memorable for everyone.

This year's dance faculty are Sonia Dion and Christian Florescu for Romanian dances, and Richard Powers and partner Melissa Enge for vintage dances. We chose them for this special camp because they are favorites for our group - master teachers who engage warmly with our dancers in many aspects of camp life, and always deliver a wonderful experience. We are delighted to announce that our own, dear Don Weeda will be joining us again as well, leading the camp band and lending the unique touch we count on to make our music magical.

As co-chairs, our special goal is to ensure that every moment of our 2017 parties is upbeat, fast-paced, inclusive, energetic and fun. We chose party themes that put a fun focus on Texas Camp reaching that big number 7-0, and provide lots of easy inspiration for costumes, from the simple to the complex. We challenge you all to step

up your costume game and ramp up each evening's excitement with your creative outfits! Here are our party themes:

Enchantment Under the Seven Seas

At evening's high tide, we'll get along swimmingly as we join the rest of the school -- fish, that is -- on the dance, er, sea floor. If it's under the ocean, it's at the top of the list as a costume idea. Come out of your shell and shine. Fins and scales and sunken treasure tales, that's what this party is made of!

Seven Shades of Romania

Folk dancers are nothing if not colorful, right? Let's paint the town with the full spectrum of hues from the the brilliant Romanian rainbow. Don your embroidered ethnic best, dress head to toe in your favorite color, or heck -- wear them all. Roy G. Biv, baby!*

(*red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Lucky Seven Casino

Hey, all you vintage guys and dolls, the casino is open! Glamour and danger glitter in the air. Risk a game of chance, or ask your baby for a dance. Gangsters, movie stars, gold diggers, spies, rum runners and royalty all rub shoulders here, puttin' on the Ritz in their finest fancy duds from the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Roll up in your Rolls, roll down your stockings and roll the dice. It's swell!

To everyone -- whether you attend our camp regularly or whether (and especially!) you have not attended in a while - we hope to see you at the 70th Texas Camp, so we can celebrate this great achievement together and create more wonderful memories!

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