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There isn't much new to report since the BOD meeting in Abbotsford this spring. The West Coast program continues to be enjoying a fair amount of success in clubs where it has been employed. I've been told that at least one club in Victoria plans to give it a go this fall which will give the program a presence in four of the six regions in BC with active clubs. Still, there are folks who are afraid that they would have to "give up" something were they to implement the program in their club or region. We had to make adjustments in our region but I doubt you'd find very many dancers out here who feel they've given up anything to make it work. All we've done is add an intermediate layer of dance to the mix in which dancers with minimal training can share an enjoyable dance experience with seasoned veterans at regular intervals. Meanwhile, they continue to pursue the Mainstream Dream. And if Mainstream isn't their dream, they're free to attend West Coast dances which are provided on a year round basis throughout the region. Your club is too isolated? You don't want to "give up" your regular dance night? Try adding dances, perhaps on class nights even, if that's the only time you can get people out and a hall to dance in. You'll know when your newcomers are ready to move on; what's the rush? No two regions or clubs are exactly the same; we all have our own targets and objectives for our new dancers. Let's make sure we meet their needs as well as our own.

Check the Federation web page for the new application for a time share in the "mobile" Library. There are minor changes to the application process since last year and a maximum period that one region may keep the library before it is returned to the Federation Librarian for updating and inventory. I will have the library with me at the AGM. If a region is interested in signing it out, that would be a good time to make the transfer. Please note however, that whoever signs out the library will need to provide the librarian with minutes from a meeting held by your regional association designating you as their representative in this regard.

I'd like it to be known that although my position is up for renewal at the AGM, I'd be happy to step aside if anyone else would like to take it over. It's always good to get fresh faces and ideas on the executive, and most of what I've been involved with can be just as easily accomplished as a delegate for my regional association as in my current position as a member

of the executive. Should someone take me up on this offer, I'd like to thank you all in advance for allowing me the opportunity to be part of the executive since mid 2007.

This concludes my report,

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