

**Subject:** 2nd VP's Report. - BC Federation

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As I mentioned in my report to the BOD in April, many hours and many drafts have gone into the proposed realignment to preserve, promote and perpetuate various forms of folk dancing within the BC Federation.

For any programs to be successful, it is necessary for member clubs and Callers/Cuers in the Federation to be involved in the planning and operation of these initiatives.

Since the meeting in April there hasn't been any great opportunity at the club level to speak to individual dancers regarding the importance of ensuring a welcoming atmosphere to new dancers to make them feel wanted and appreciated as members of the dancing community. It is wise to remember, we need them more than they need us while at the same time how we performed as new dancers and how we were treated.

Some of the bleeding that occurs after new dancers have completed the initial lessons in square dancing can be eased by having a club member(s) doing follow up and by having the new dancers included in all club activities. When novice dancers show a desire to go to other club dances it not advisable to dampen their enthusiasm by saying something such as, don't go to this or that dance because you're not good enough. It is much more caring to say something such as, this dance will probably have some moves you are not familiar with so don't be hard on yourself if you have a problem.

I complement Brian Elmer for the hard work that he has put into squaredance.bc and the great success with the facebook campaign.

In reference to the upgrading of the Federation web site, very little has been accomplished to date. This is due mainly to not just working full time hours but also to being on four other committees.

I have had some conversation with persons knowledgeable with web design and construction and am anticipating some result before the end of this year.

Respectfully, Bill Morey

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