



# 2025 Spring Brochure

House of Delegates, April 27, 2025 at 3:00 pm

**ZOOM Online Meeting**



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## President's Message

**Adam Kaufman**

Far Western District President

president@farwesterndistrict.org



I'm thrilled to be writing my first report as President of the Far Western District, the best district in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

As President, my goal is to keep our district moving forward on the positive path that Kenny set us on.

While the journey back from the pandemic has been challenging, we're seeing a strong recovery, especially in the attendance at our conventions, which is a great sign for the future.

I see myself as a "servant leader", so I'm always open to discussing our future. Please feel free to reach out to me by phone at (516) 770-3743 or by email at [akaufman@farwesterndistrict.org](mailto:akaufman@farwesterndistrict.org).

My vision is to position us not just for the next few years or even the next decade, but for the next 50 or even 100 years.

There's always work to be done, and we need everyone's help. If you have skills or talents to offer, or if you simply want to let us know you're ready to pitch in, please don't hesitate to contact me.

And always remember—**"Barbershop is Fun!"** Let's keep spreading the word!

Barbershop  
is **FUN**   
#BarbershopIsFun

**Far Western District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda  
March 13, 2025  
6:00 pm  
Riverside, California**

1. Call to Order ..... Adam Kaufman
2. Pledge of Allegiance.....Adam Kaufman
3. Sing – The Old Songs.....
4. Roll call.....Greg Dreyer
5. Opening remarks..... Adam Kaufman
6. Introduction of guests incl. Past Presidents ..... Adam Kaufman
7. Accepting the Agenda ..... Adam Kaufman
8. Approval of Minutes from Fall BOD Meeting.....Greg Dreyer  
October 17, 2024 Riverside, CA
9. Treasurers Report.....Wally Smulson
  - a. Financial Status/Update
  - b. Receive report
10. Vice Presidents Reports:.....Adam Kaufman
  - a. Division 1 Southwest .....na
  - b. Division 2 Southeast.....Jeremy Loper
  - c. Division 3 Northwest .....Rich Postal
  - d. Division 4 Northeast..... Sue Atkins
  - e. Division 5 Arizona ..... Aaron Burleson

- f. Contest and Judging .....Ben Porter
- g. Music and Performance .....Chris Hebert
- h. Executive Vice President .....na
- 11. District Management Team .....Adam Kaufman
  - a. Membership Recruitment and Education .....Cody Littlefield
  - b. Chorus Director Development .....Laura Pallas Singer
  - c. Events/Venues .....Adam Kaufman
  - d. Marketing and Public Relations .....David Melville
  - e. Youth in Harmony .....Antwun Puckett
  - f. Community Outreach..... Cary Burns
- 12. Old Business: .....Adam Kaufman
  - a. 55+ Chorus Competition .....Rich Postal
  - b. Update on Chorus of the Year process .....Adam Kaufman
- 13. New Business:.....Adam Kaufman
  - a. Convention Dedicatee for Fall
  - b. Next Meeting Summer 2025 ZOOM
- 14. Sing – Keep the Whole World Singing .....
- 15. Adjournment ..... Adam Kaufman

**Far Western District**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**April 27, 2025, 3:00 pm** (note change of date and time)

**ZOOM Online Meeting**

1. Call to order..... Adam Kaufman
2. “The Old Songs” (please MUTE your Microphone)
3. “The National Anthem” (please MUTE your Microphone)
4. Roll call .....Greg Dreyer
5. Opening remarks and introduction of guests and Past Presidents ... Adam Kaufman
6. Accepting the Agenda.....Adam Kaufman
7. Approval of Minutes.....Greg Dreyer
  - a. Fall HOD Meeting
9. Treasurers Report ..... Wally Smulson
  - a. Financial Status/Update
  - c. Receive Report
10. Vice Presidents Reports (included in this brochure):
  - a. Division 1 Southwest.....na
  - b. Division 2 Southeast..... Jeremy Loper
  - c. Division 3 Northwest..... Rich Postal
  - d. Division 4 Northeast.....Sue Atkins
  - e. Division 5 Arizona.....Aaron Burleson
  - f. Contests and Judging.....Ben Porter
  - g. Music and Performance.....Chris Hébert
  - h. Executive Vice President..... na

11. District Management Team (included in this brochure):

- a. Membership Recruitment and Education.....Cody Littlefield
- b. Chorus Director Development.....Laura Pallas Singer
- c. Events .....Adam Kaufman
- d. Marketing and Public Relations .....David Melville
- e. Youth in Harmony.....Antwun Puckett
- f. Community Outreach..... Cary Burns
- g. Chorus Director Development.....Laura Pallus Singer

12. Old Business:

- a. None

13. New Business:

- a. Next Meeting Fall 2025 - ZOOM..... Adam Kaufman

14. “Keep the Whole World Singing” (please MUTE your Microphone)

15. Adjournment..... Adam Kaufman



## Board Member Reports

**Greg Dreyer**

*District Secretary*

[secretary@farwesterndistrict.org](mailto:secretary@farwesterndistrict.org)

A reminder to all chapter secretaries on the procedure for filing for show clearance.

**BMI/SESAC LICENSE and Show Clearance** File these for **EACH** performance:

1. Go to the FWD Website ([farwesterndistrict.org](http://farwesterndistrict.org)).
2. Navigate to Media > Show Clearance Forms.
3. Download the file “\*\*\* IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION & MAILING\*\*\*”. [BMI-SESAC Show Report Form fillable .pdf](#)
4. READ the detailed instructions in that file.
5. Download the latest Application for Show Clearance BMI & SESAC LICENSE Form (New Form).
6. Complete the form per the instructions (you can fill out and the print the form using your computer).
7. Have your Treasurer issue a check, payable to either “BHS” or “SPEBSQSA” for the amount due (usually \$60.00 per performance).
8. IMPORTANT: DO NOT MAIL THE FORM AND CHECK TO BHS! This will only slow down the process. Instead, mail the check and form to your District Secretary, whose address you will find in the instructions downloaded in Step 3.
9. **Please include your email address**

Following these procedures will get your show cleared and added to the district calendar in short order.

**ASCAP Reporting** Forms File Annually in December

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3. Download the file “\*\*\* IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION & MAILING\*\*\*”.
4. READ the detailed instructions in that file.
5. Download the latest ASCAP Reporting Form.
6. Have your treasurer cut a check payable to “Barbershop Harmony Society”.
7. Mail the form and check to BHS per the instructions.



**Far Western District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
October 17, 2024  
Hyatt Place Hotel  
Riverside, CA**

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Call to order by President at 6:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance  | Kenny Rios    |
| 2. Singing of “The Old Songs”   | Jeremy Loper  |
| 3. Invocation   | Chuck Roots   |
| 4. Roll call and establishment of a quorum by Secretary   | Greg Dreyer   |
| Present:  |               |
| Kenny Rios  |               |
| Adam Kaufman  |               |
| Greg Dreyer   |               |
| Wally Smulson   |               |
| Bill Rosica   |               |
| Jeremy Loper  |               |
| Rich Postal   |               |
| Chuck Roots   |               |
| Aaron Burleson  |               |
| Chris Hebert  |               |
| Antwun Puckett  |               |
| David Melville  |               |
| Cody Littlefield  |               |
| Ben Porter  |               |
| Laura Pallas Singer   |               |
| Absent:   |               |
| Kathy Kileen  |               |
| 5. Opening remarks, welcome guests<br>Past President: Craig Hughes  | Kenny Rios    |
| 6. Accepting the Agenda   | Kenny Rios    |
| 7. Approval of Minutes from Summer Meeting September 7, 2024<br><b>Motion: Ben Porter, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Loper - carried</b>  | Greg Dreyer   |
| 8. Treasurer’s Report by Treasurer<br>Financial Status/Update<br>Presentation of Proposed Budget<br>Proposed budget 2025 to be approved at HOD meeting.<br><b>Motion to receive: Jeremy Loper 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Roots- carried</b> | Wally Smulson |
| 9. VP Reports:  |               |

- a. Division 1 Southwest (Absent)  
as submitted Kathy Kileen
- b. Division 2 Southeast  
as submitted Jeremy Loper
- c. Division 3 Northwest  
as submitted Rich Postal
- d. Division 4 Northeast  
as submitted Chuck Roots
- e. Division 5 Arizona  
as submitted Aaron Burleson
- f. Contest and Judging  
as submitted Ben Porter
- g. Music and Performance  
as submitted Chris Hebert
- h. Executive VP –  
as submitted Adam Kaufman

10. District Management Team

- a. Member Recruitment/Education Manager  
as submitted with additional comments regarding “Top Gun” June 2025 Cody Littlefield
- b. Chorus Director Development  
Read report. Starting Chorus Round Table this convention Laura Pallas Singer
- c. Events/Venues Adam Kaufman

All conventions now on sale for 2025 on website

Upcoming conventions:

FWD Spring Convention March 13-16 2025 – Riverside, CA with SE and SW Divisionals

Northern Divisional Conventions – March 28-30 2025 - Davis, CA

Arizona Division Convention – May 2-4, 2025 - Phoenix, AZ

FWD Fall Convention October 9-12, 2025 - Fresno, CA

The Pan Pacific Convention will allow us to join with them with a FWD Fall Convention in Hawaii in October 2026

d. Marketing and Public Relations

David Melville

There have been over 700 registrations for this convention. Working with Adam on upcoming conventions. Currently setting up Zoom meeting for HOD November 2, 2024. Kudo's to Ethan for Media PR.

e. Youth in Harmony

Antwun Puckett

as submitted with additional comments regarding the HS Quartet Contest to be held at Spring Convention 2025 as part of the Divisional Contests.

f. Community Outreach

Cary Burns (Newly appointed)

no report

g. Graphic Arts and Design Manager

James Halvorson (absent)

new appointment of James Halvorson to position

no report

11. Old Business:

Kenny Rios

a. Nomination Committee Report – **2025 Slate of Officers**

President – Adam Kaufman  
Immediate Past President – Kenny Rios  
Executive VP – Kathy Kileen  
Secretary – Greg Dreyer  
Treasurer – Wally Smulson  
Contest/Judging VP – Ben Porter  
Music/Performance VP – Chris Ebert  
VP Division 1 SW – open  
VP Division 2 SE – Jeremy Loper  
VP Division 3 NW – Rich Postal  
VP Division 4 NE – Sue Atkins  
VP Division 5 AZ – Aaron Burleson

**Motion to approve slate made by Chuck Roots and seconded by Ben Porter. Carried.**

Sue Atkins introduced by Chuck Roots to be the new VP Division 4 NE.

b. 55+ chorus –

Rich Postal

There will be 25-30 people in this chorus

12. New Business:

Kenny Rios

a. Sponsorship Accelerator Program – Adam Kaufman presented this program but need other members to take on the responsibility. There is an opening fee of \$8500.00 No one volunteered, so program is in limbo for now.

b. SOP Updates (tabled)

Kenny Rios

c. Money for judging candidates (money is in the budget)

Ben Porter

d. Higher scored to qualify to District Fall Convention

Ben Porter

e. District Convention in Hawaii is still a “go” for Fall 2026

Kenny Rios

f. Next meeting will be at Spring Convention in Riverside, CA on March 13, 2025.

Motion to adjourn David Melville and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Roots

13. Sing “Keep the Whole World Singing”

Cary Burns

14. Adjournment at 7:15 pm

Kenny Rios

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Dreyer, Secretary  
Far Western District



**Far Western District  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Fall Convention  
Minutes  
November 2, 2024  
ZOOM**

1. Call to Order at 10:08 am Adam Kaufman
  
2. **Sing** “The Old Songs”
  
3. **Sing** “The Star Spangled Banner”
  
4. Roll Call to establish quorum Greg Dreyer  
Chapters present: 28  
Bakersfield, Barbary Coast, Brea, Coachella Valley, Davis-Vacaville, Fullerton, Greater Los Angeles, Greater Phoenix, LA South Towns, La Jolla, Lake Forest, Las Vegas, Marin, Maricopa Co., Orange QT, Palo Alto-MT View, Placerville (Gold Rush), Salt River, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Mateo, Santa Rosa, Sedona, Sounds of Aloha, South Bay, Sun Cities, AZ, Visalia, Westminster,  
  
Chapters absent:  
Apple Valley, California Delta, Central AZ QT, Central California, Conejo Valley, Crescenta Valley, El Cajon, Eureka, Folsom, Hemet, Inland Empire, Mesa, Monterey Peninsula, Napa, Palomar Pacific, Pasadena, Prescott, Redwood Chordsmen, Reno, Rincon Beach, Sacramento, Saddle Brooke, San Francisco Bay Cities, San Francisco, Santa Clarita, Santa Cruz, Santa Maria, Santa Monica, Stockton, Temecula, Tucson Sunshine, Walnut Creek, White Mountains, Yuma.  
  
Quorum was present
  
5. Opening Remarks Adam Kaufman  
Introduction of Guests – Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation and Doc Spilker from Barbershop Harmony Society  
Comments from Jim Clark: The SAI Convention is in progress and there is good representation from the FWD.  
Congratulations to the FWD in staying strong after covid. HFI continues to return money to the District and to chapters. Chapter visitations are being scheduled. There are continued generational connections within BHS and in SAI.  
Doc Spilker (BHS) will install BOD for 2025
  
6. Accepting of Agenda Adam Kaufman  
**– Motion Al Wolter and seconded by Robert Karlin – carried**
  
7. Secretary’s Report – Greg Dreyer
  - a. Approval of Minutes from Spring Convention March 24, 2024  
and from Special HOD meeting September 2024  
**–Motion Jeff Mech and seconded by Tom Addison – carried**

- b. Reading of Chapter Eternal with online singing of *The Irish Blessing* Greg Dreyer

*Willard Klaus*

*Gerald Alvarez*

*Rocque Pucci*

*Richard Coon*

*Wes White*

*Joe Payton*

*John Hurlbert*

*Herb Craig*

*Jack Hashimoto*

*Caryl Carstensen*

*Willard Kleen*

*Edward Wolfe*

*Patricia Bowen*

*Marvin Bertelson*

*Richard Morrison*

*Gene Butterfield*

*Bob Morgan*

*Jim Turnmire*

*Tom Raffety*

*Rich Allison*

*Gene Burns*

*Charlie Clark*

*Paul Girard*

*James Hart*

*Richard Burch*

*Leslie Cudworth*

*John McGill*

*Dale Hobein*

*Morris Schlesinger*

*Marlyn Byrd*

*Lloyd Daniels*

*Clayton Panlaqui*

*Richard Pruden*

*John Bloomquist*

*Robert Maurer*

*Don Pierce*

*David Updegraff*

*Bill Joor*

(Some members passed away before this last year but were not reported until now.

Chapter Secretaries are encouraged to verify listings from BHS to update member status.)

## 8. Treasurer Report

- a. Financial Status/Update –
- b. Presentation of 2025 Budget – a revised budget was distributed
- c. Approval of budget for 2025: **Motion made Art Miller and seconded by Robert Karlin – carried**

## 9. Vice Presidents Reports (Reports are in HOD Brochure)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| a. Division 1 SW | Kathy Kileen   |
| b. Division 2 SE | Jeremy Roper   |
| c. Division 3 NW | Rich Postal    |
| d. Division 4 NE | Chuck Roots    |
| e. Division 5 AZ | Aaron Burleson |

## 10. District Management Team (Reports are in HOD Brochure)

Adam Kaufman

Member Retention & Education Manager

Cody Littlefield

Chorus Directors Development

Laura Pallus Singer

Events/Venues

Adam Kaufman

- a. Harmony College West and Fall Convention very successful

- b. 2025 conventions are set and advertised on FWD Website

**FWD Spring Convention March 13-16 2025 – Riverside, CA with SE and SW Divisionals**

**Northern Divisional Conventions – March 28-30 2025 - Davis, CA**

**Arizona Division Convention – May 2-4, 2025 - Phoenix, AZ**

**FWD Fall Convention October 9-12, 2025 - Fresno, CA**

- c. The Pan Pacific Convention will allow us to join with them with a **FWD Fall Convention in Hawaii in October 2026**

Marketing and Public Relations  
Youth in Harmony

David Melville  
Antwun Puckett

- a. High School Quartet Competition will be held at Divisionals  
Community Outreach (newly appointed)  
Graphic Arts and Design Manager (newly appointed)

Cary Burns  
James Halvorson

11. Old Business  
none

12. New Business

- a. Next Meeting: **Saturday April 26, 2025 ZOOM**  
b. Special Business- Nominating Committee

Adam Kaufman  
Bill Rosica

Presentation of State of Officers

**President – Adam Kaufman**  
**Executive VP – Kathy Kileen**  
**Immediate Past President –Kenny Rios**  
**Secretary – Greg Dreyer**  
**Treasurer – Wally Smulson**  
**Contest/Judging VP – Ben Porter**  
**Music/Performance VP – Chris Ebert**  
**VP Division 1 SW –**  
**VP Division 2 SE – Jeremy Roper**  
**VP Division 3 NW – Rich Postal**  
**VP Division 4 SW – Sue Atkins**  
**VP Division 5 AZ – Aaron Burleson**

Vote by HOD: **Motion by Al Wolter and seconded by Tim Gedney. Carried Unanimously**

- c. Installation of 2024 Officers  
d. Comments from Attendees:

Doc Spilker

- \*Congratulations to Masters of Harmony – Chapter of the Year
- \*Reminder that Stockton also attended event in Normandy, France
- \*Suggestion for Convention in Hawaii, that there be a multi-chapter performance
- \*Reorganization of the Greater Phoenix Chapter has prompted an invitation to the International Convention in Denver as Mic-Testers. Kudo's to Phoenix
- \*Las Vegas Chapter has completed Director Search. Kyler Wilcock is new director.
- \*Kudo's to current BOD for a successful year
- \*Reminder-BMI application fees are now \$60.00 per event
- \*Jim Kline Foundation development in process
- \*Hallmark Channel had a barbershop quartet on program

13. **Sing** "Keep the Whole World Singing"

14. Adjourn at 11:07 am

Adam Kaufman



## **Board Member Reports**

**Wally Smulson**

*District Treasurer*

[treasurer@farwesterndistrict.org](mailto:treasurer@farwesterndistrict.org)

See attached

2024 Profit and Loss

2025 Budget



2024 Profit and Loss.

Far Western District Assoc of Chapters SPEBSQSA

January 1-December 31, 2024

Distribution Account	AZ - Arizona Div	DF - Fall	DS-Spring	FWD BOD Meetings	FWD- Operations	HCW
Income						
500.00 - DUES-Members					61,546.91	
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	4,000.00	16,000.00	10,000.00	--	-38,000.00	--
Total for 500.00 - DUES-Members	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00	0	\$23,546.91	0
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV			23,258.63			
501.11 Competitor Videos	--	--	630	--	--	--
Total for 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	0	0	\$23,888.63	0	0	0
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV		55,262.41				
502.08-Fall Conv Hotel	--	465	--	--	--	--
Total for 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	0	\$55,727.41	0	0	0	0
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV						
503.10 - AZ	12,066.96	--	--	--	--	--
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	\$12,066.96	0	0	0	0	0
506.00 - OTHER					300	
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	--	--	--	--	1,069.52	--
Total for 506.00 - OTHER	0	0	0	0	\$1,369.52	0
510 - Donations						
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	--	--	--	--	--	--
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	--	--	--	--	3,709.12	--
510.06 - Donations-Spring Conv.	--	--	123	--	--	--
510.07 - Donations-Misc.	--	--	250	--	--	--
510.08 - Donations-Fall Conv.	--	300	--	--	--	--
Total for 510 - Donations	0	\$300.00	\$373.00	0	\$3,709.12	0
520.00 - Fees						
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 520.00 - Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
520.02 - HCW / LA	--	--	--	--	--	1,410.40
Total for Income	\$16,066.96	\$72,027.41	\$34,261.63	0	\$28,625.55	\$1,410.40
Cost of Goods Sold	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gross Profit	\$16,066.96	\$72,027.41	\$34,261.63	0	\$28,625.55	\$1,410.40

Expenses

601.00 - HCW/LA Expense							
607.117 - HARMONY COLLEGE WEST	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,782.80
709.10 - Leadership Academy							
709.13 - LA - NorCal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 709.10 - Leadership Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,782.80
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring			20,847.62	702.65			
601.10.23 Supplies	--	--	201.16	11.77	--	--	--
Judges-Meals	--	--	1,479.42	--	--	--	--
Judges-Misc	--	--	5,383.78	--	--	--	--
Judges Travel	--	--	4,413.50	--	--	--	--
Total for 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	0	0	\$32,325.48	\$714.42	0	0	0
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	6,412.09						
Judges-Meals	293.08	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judges-Misc	100	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judges Travel	3,358.72	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$10,163.89	0	0	0	0	0	0
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp					951.78		
601.30.01Judges-Travel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
601.30.02 Judges-Meals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	--	--	309.82	--	--	--	--
Total for 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	0	0	\$309.82	0	\$951.78	0	0
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp							
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall		67,519.50					
602.01.01Judges-Travel	--	6,050.00	--	--	--	--	--
602.01.02Judges-Meals	--	2,380.36	--	--	--	--	--
602.01.03Judges-Misc	--	661.36	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	0	\$76,611.22	0	0	0	0	0
602.23 Supplies	--	46.95	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	0	\$76,658.17	0	0	0	0	0
604.00 - BD MEETING							
604.01 - TRAVEL	--	1,897.01	--	1,515.77	--	--	--
604.02 - MEALS	--	893.08	--	920.21	--	--	--
604.03 - LODGING	--	38.85	--	7,060.17	--	--	--
604.05 Meeting Rooms	--	--	--	1,400.18	--	--	--
Total for 604.00 - BD MEETING	0	\$2,828.94	0	\$10,896.33	0	0	0

605.00 - Insurance	--	--	--	--	190	--
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP						
607.011 - SUPPLIES	--	--	--	--	526.31	--
Total for 607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	0	0	0	0	\$526.31	0
607.08 - C&J						
607.081 - SUPPLIES	--	200	--	--	--	--
607.082 - TELEPHONE	--	--	--	--	--	--
607.084 - TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	--	--
607.085 - C&J CAT SCH	--	--	--	--	1,140.00	--
Total for 607.08 - C&J	0	\$200.00	0	0	\$1,140.00	0
607.09 - YMIH						
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	--	--	--	--	--	--
607.097 Youth Festival Grants	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total for 607.09 - YMIH	0	0	0	0	0	0
607.10 - EVENTS						
607.101 - SUPPLIES	--	--	--	--	3,631.81	497.94
607.102 - TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	847.2	--
Total for 607.10 - EVENTS	0	0	0	0	\$4,479.01	\$497.94
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF						
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	--	--	--	--	150	--
Total for 607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	0	0	0	0	\$150.00	0
609.00 - MISC EXP	--	140.87	--	--	161.62	--
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	--	--	--	--	2,467.06	--
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	1,163.11	8.31	1,993.84	--	--	38.6
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	1,401.56	--
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	6,646.50	--
612.00 - COLLEGE	--	--	--	--	--	6,568.38
622.00 - GOV'T FEES	--	--	--	--	183.25	--
700.00 - PRESIDENT						
600.00 - AWARDS	343	--	714.34	--	203	--
607.16 - HALL OF FAME	--	--	--	--	126.23	--
607.17 - President Exp Other	--	312.09	--	--	542.96	--
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP	--	--	--	--	3,309.18	--
700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	--	--	--	--	2,709.31	--
Total for 700.00 - PRESIDENT	\$343.00	\$312.09	\$714.34	0	\$6,890.68	0
703.00 - EVP						
703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	--	281.2	--	--	855.5	--

703.06 - EVP Mid Winter Exp	--	--	--	--	2,139.46	--
703.07 - EVP LODGING	--	132.17	--	--	841.32	--
Total for 703.00 - EVP	0	\$413.37	0	0	\$3,836.28	0
704.00 - DVP						
704.10 - DVP AZ						
704.13-TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	534.26	--
Total for 704.10 - DVP AZ	0	0	0	0	\$534.26	0
704.30-DVP SO CAL W						
704.33-TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	406.5	--
Total for 704.30-DVP SO CAL W	0	0	0	0	\$406.50	0
704.30-DVP SO CAL W 704.34 Lodging	--	--	--	--	356.82	--
Total for 704.00 - DVP	0	0	0	0	\$1,297.58	0
706.00 - TREASURER		100.3				
706.02 - POSTAGE	--	--	--	--	113.8	--
706.03 - SUPPLIES	--	--	--	--	26.22	--
706.04-Subscriptions	--	--	--	--	368.98	--
706.05-Training	--	--	--	--	148	--
Total for 706.00 - TREASURER	0	\$100.30	0	0	\$657.00	0
Total for Expenses	\$11,670.00	\$80,662.05	\$35,343.48	\$11,610.75	\$30,978.63	\$10,887.72
Net Operating Income	\$4,396.96	(\$8,634.64)	(\$1,081.85)	(\$11,610.75)	(\$2,353.08)	(\$9,477.32)
Other Income	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Expenses	--	--	--	--	--	--
Net Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	\$4,396.96	(\$8,634.64)	(\$1,081.85)	(\$11,610.75)	(\$2,353.08)	(\$9,477.32)

2024 Profit and Loss.

Far Western District Assoc of Chapters SPEBSQSA

January 1-December 31, 2024

Distribution Account	Ldrship Acad	NoCal Youth	NorCal Leadership Acad	SC - So Cal Div	YIH	Not specified	Total
Income							
500.00 - DUES-Members							61,546.91
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	--	--	--	8,000.00	--	--	--
Total for 500.00 - DUES-Members	0	0	0	\$8,000.00	0	0	\$61,546.91
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV							23,258.63
501.11 Competitor Videos	--	--	--	--	--	--	630
Total for 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$23,888.63
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV							55,262.41
502.08-Fall Conv Hotel	--	--	--	--	--	--	465
Total for 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$55,727.41
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV							0
503.10 - AZ	--	--	--	--	--	--	12,066.96
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	--	--	--	24,352.86	--	--	24,352.86
Total for 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	0	0	0	\$24,352.86	0	0	\$36,419.82
506.00 - OTHER							300
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,069.52
Total for 506.00 - OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,369.52
510 - Donations							0
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	--	300	--	--	--	--	300
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,709.12
510.06 - Donations-Spring Conv.	--	--	--	--	--	--	123
510.07 - Donations-Misc.	--	--	--	--	--	--	250
510.08 - Donations-Fall Conv.	--	--	--	--	--	--	300
Total for 510 - Donations	0	\$300.00	0	0	0	0	\$4,682.12
520.00 - Fees							0
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	--	725	--	--	--	--	725
Total for 520.00 - Fees	0	\$725.00	0	0	0	0	\$725.00
520.02 - HCW / LA	-254.37	--	--	--	--	6,506.40	7,662.43
Total for Income	(\$254.37)	\$1,025.00	0	\$32,352.86	0	\$6,506.40	\$192,021.84





703.00 - EVP							0
703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,136.70
703.06 - EVP Mid Winter Exp	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,139.46
703.07 - EVP LODGING	--	--	--	--	--	--	973.49
Total for 703.00 - EVP	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,249.65
704.00 - DVP							0
704.10 - DVP AZ							0
704.13-TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	534.26
Total for 704.10 - DVP AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$534.26
704.30-DVP SO CAL W							0
704.33-TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	406.5
Total for 704.30-DVP SO CAL W	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$406.50
704.30-DVP SO CAL W 704.34 Lodging	--	--	--	--	--	--	356.82
Total for 704.00 - DVP	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,297.58
706.00 - TREASURER							100.3
706.02 - POSTAGE	--	--	--	--	--	--	113.8
706.03 - SUPPLIES	--	--	--	--	--	--	26.22
706.04-Subscriptions	--	--	--	--	--	--	368.98
706.05-Training	--	--	--	--	--	--	148
Total for 706.00 - TREASURER	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$757.30
Total for Expenses	0	\$4,517.68	\$335.35	\$26,722.11	\$8,746.97	\$237.69	\$221,712.43
Net Operating Income	(\$254.37)	(\$3,492.68)	(\$335.35)	\$5,630.75	(\$8,746.97)	\$6,268.71	(\$29,690.59)
Other Income	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Expenses	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Net Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	(\$254.37)	(\$3,492.68)	(\$335.35)	\$5,630.75	(\$8,746.97)	\$6,268.71	(\$29,690.59)



**2025 BUDGET  
INCOME**

<b>500.00 - DUES-Members</b>	
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	
500.00 - DUES-Members - Other	\$64,000.00
<b>Total 500.00 - DUES-Members</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>
<b>501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV</b>	
501.06 Photos	
501.05 Program Ad Revenue Spring	\$200.00
501.11 Competitor Videos	\$600.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV-Registration, etc.	\$25,000.00
<b>Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV</b>	<b>\$25,800.00</b>
<b>502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV</b>	
502.06 Photos	
502.05 Program Ad Revenue Fall	\$300.00
502.09-FALL CONV MISC	
502.11-Contest Videos	\$1,000.00
502.00-FALL CONVENTION-Registration, etc.	\$37,000.00
<b>Total 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV</b>	<b>\$38,300.00</b>
<b>503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV</b>	
503.10 - AZ	\$13,500.00
503.105 - AZ Division Ads Revenue	\$50.00
503.30 - SE / SW Division	\$30,000.00
503.305 - SE / SW Division Ads Revenue	\$50.00
503.40 - NORTH WEST	\$8,500.00
503.405 NE / NW Division Ads Revenue	\$50.00
<b>Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV</b>	<b>\$52,150.00</b>
<b>504.00 - WESTUNES</b>	
504.01 - ADS	\$400.00
<b>Total 504.00 - WESTUNES</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>505-Educational Events</b>	
505.01 AZ Leadership Summit	

505.02 NE/NW Leadership Summit	
505.03 SE/SW Leadership Summit	
<b>Total 505-Educational Events</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>506.00 - OTHER</b>	
506.02-WEBCAST	\$1,000.00
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$500.00
<b>Total 506.00 - OTHER</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>510 - Donations</b>	
510.01 - Donations Awards	
510.03 - Donations NE/NW Camp	
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	\$13,000.00
510.05-BHS DONORS CHOICE	\$3,000.00
510.06 - Donations Spring Convention	
510.07 - Donations Misc.	
<b>Total 510 - Donations</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>520.00 - Fees</b>	
520.01 - NE/NW Youth Camp	
520.02 - HCW / LA Fees	\$7,500.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy	
520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NE/NW	
<b>Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total 520.00 - Fees</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
	<b>\$205,650.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>506.04 - Transfers Closed Chapt</b>	
<b>601.00 - HCW/LA Expense</b>	
607.117 - Harmony College West	\$4,000.00
709.10 - Leadership Academy	
709.11 - LA - AZ	\$500.00
709.12 - LA - SE/SW Exp	\$500.00
709.13 - LA NE/NW	\$500.00
709.14 - LA - Membership (general)	\$2,500.00
<b>Total 709.10 - Leadership Academy</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>Total 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

<b>601.10 - DS15 - District Spring</b>	
601.10.23 Supplies	
Judges-Meals	\$1,500.00
Judges-Misc	\$6,000.00
Judges Travel	\$5,000.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	\$25,000.00
<b>Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>
<b>601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp</b>	
Judges-Meals	\$400.00
Judges-Misc	\$400.00
Judges Travel	\$4,000.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	\$8,000.00
<b>Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp</b>	<b>\$12,800.00</b>
<b>601.30 - SC15 - SE/SW Div Exp</b>	
601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$10,000.00
601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$1,000.00
601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$800.00
601.30 - SC15 - SE/SW Div Exp - Other	\$18,000.00
<b>Total 601.30 - SC15 - SE/SW Div Exp</b>	<b>\$29,800.00</b>
<b>601.50 - NC15-NE/NW DIV EXP</b>	
601.50.01 JUDGES – TRAVEL	\$7,000.00
601.60.02 JUDGES – MEALS	\$900.00
601.50.03 JUDGES – MISC	\$800.00
601.50 - NC15 - NE/NW DIV EXP - OTHER	\$5,000.00
<b>Total 601.50 - NC15 NE/NW DIV EXP</b>	<b>\$13,700.00</b>
<b>602.00 - Fall Convention Exp</b>	
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	
602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$13,000.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$1,200.00
602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$400.00
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall - Other	\$14,000.00
<b>Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall</b>	<b>\$28,600.00</b>
602.23 Supplies	\$100.00
602.00 – OTHER	\$100.00
<b>Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp</b>	<b>\$28,800.00</b>

<b>604.00 - BD MEETING</b>	
604.01 - TRAVEL	\$4,000.00
604.02 - MEALS	\$1,500.00
604.03 - LODGING	\$14,000.00
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	\$600.00
604.05 - Meeting Rooms & refreshments	\$750.00
<b>Total 604.00 - BD MEETING</b>	<b>\$20,850.00</b>
<b>605.00 - INSURANCE</b>	
<b>607.01 - DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT</b>	
607.011 - SUPPLIES	\$200.00
<b>Total 607.01 - DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>607.08 - C&amp;J</b>	
607.082 - Telephone	
607.084 - Travel	
607.085 - C&J CATEGORY SCHOOL	\$1,500.00
<b>Total 607.08 - C&amp;J</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>607.09 - YMIH</b>	
607.095 - AWARDS	\$200.00
607.096 - NE/NW Youth Camp	\$3,000.00
607.097 Youth Festival Grants	\$2,000.00
<b>Total 607.09 - YMIH</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>
<b>607.10 - EVENTS</b>	
607.101 - SUPPLIES	\$3,000.00
607.102 - Travel	\$1,000.00
<b>Total 607.10 - EVENTS</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>607.11 - MUSIC &amp; PERFORMANCE</b>	
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	\$200.00
607.115 - TOP GUN	\$3,000.00
<b>Total 607.11 - MUSIC &amp; PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>
<b>607.12 - MKTG &amp; PR</b>	
607.12 - MKTG & PR - OTHER	\$275.00
607.122 - POSTAGE	\$50.00
607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	\$300.00
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	\$5,400.00
607.125 - Ads purchased/placed	

607.127 – TRAVEL	\$2,000.00
<b>Total 607.12 - MKTG &amp; PR</b>	<b>\$8,025.00</b>
708.00 – WESTUNES	
708.00 - WESTUNES - OTHER	\$575.00
708.03 - WESTUNES TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
708.06 - WESTTUNES - PRINTING	\$420.00
<b>Total 708.00 – WESTUNES</b>	<b>\$1,995.00</b>
<b>Total 607.12 - MKTG &amp; PR</b>	<b>\$10,020.00</b>

**608.00 – DONATIONS**

608.11 YOUTH SUPORT	
609.00 - MISC EXP	
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	\$1,800.00
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	\$5,000.00
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	\$2,000.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	\$5,000.00
612.00 - COLLEGE (612.00 COLLEGE TRAVEL)	\$0.00
622.00 - GOV'T FEES	\$200.00

700.00 - PRESIDENT	
600.00 - AWARDS	\$2,000.00
607.13 - HISTORIAN	\$1,700.00
607.16 - HALL OF FAME	\$200.00
607.17 - President Exp Other	\$500.00
700.03 - TRAVEL	\$200.00
700.04 - International Exp	\$2,500.00
700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	\$2,150.00

<b>Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT</b>	<b>\$9,250.00</b>
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701.00 - IMMED PAST PRES.	
701.01 - Travel & Meals	\$2,000.00

<b>Total 701.00 - IMMED PAST PRES</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
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703.00 - EVP	
703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	\$2,500.00
703.04 - EVP Supplies	\$100.00
703.06 - EVP Mid Winter Exp	\$2,200.00
703.07 - EVP LODGING	\$2,000.00
703.08 - EVP Business Expenses	\$250.00

<b>Total 703.00 - EVP</b>	<b>\$7,050.00</b>
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704.00 - DVP	
704.10 - DVP AZ	
704.13-TRAVEL	\$330.00
<b>Total 704.10 - DVP AZ</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
704.20 - DVP - SOUTH EAST	
704.23-TRAVEL	\$330.00
<b>Total 704.20 - DVP SOUTH EAST</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
404.30 - DVP SOUTH WEST	
404.33 - TRAVEL	\$330.00
<b>Total 704.30 - DVP SOUTH WEST</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
404.40 - DVP NORTH WEST	
404.43 - TRAVEL	\$330.00
<b>Total 704.40 - DVP NORTH WEST</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
404.50 - DVP NORTH EAST	
404.53 - TRAVEL	\$330.00
<b>Total 704.40 - DVP NORTH WEST</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>

<b>Total 704.00 - DVP</b>	<b>\$1,650.00</b>
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705.00 - SECRETARY	
705.02-POSTAGE	\$100.00
705.03-SUPPLIES	\$100.00
705.04-EQUIP REPAIR	\$100.00
705.05-Training	\$100.00
705.06-Travel	\$100.00

<b>Total 705.00 - SECRETARY</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
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706.00 - TREASURER	
706.02 - POSTAGE	\$150.00
706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$100.00
706.04-Subscriptions	\$300.00
706.05-Training	\$200.00
706.06-Travel	\$100.00

<b>Total 706.00 - TREASURER</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$211,060.00</b>
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-\$5,410.00</b>
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<b>(Loss)</b>	<b>-\$5,410.00</b>
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## Board Member Reports

### Aaron Burleson

*Arizona Division Vice President*

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Most of the desert chapters are always in a state of flux with snow-birders either leaving or returning. Most all of the chapters have shows and/or “sing-outs” in their communities.

**Tucson Barbershop Experience** They have a 22 member count. Jay Nelsestuen is their new director. They had a show in November but no show date has been published for 2025. They are planning Singing Valentines for February 14 and 15.

**Greater Phoenix** The chapter member total is 57, up from the 48 in the last report. It is unknown as to the number in the actual Phoenixians singing chorus. Several from other chapters have joined them as they prepare for singing as “mic testers” at the Society’s International Convention in Denver this coming Summer. They hosted a Youth Harmony Workshop on November 11 of which they reported a great success. They are planning to have a guest night February 8 and are planning a Singing Valentines fund raiser February 14 and 15.

**A Cappella Syndicate** They are doing well and have several shows scheduled throughout the year, both public and private. Their next show is set for April 5. This will be their 10th year anniversary. Their member count is 21.

**Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus** They were quite busy during the holiday season with 4 holiday events plus their every 5th Tuesday shows at Senior Centers as a community service. They represented the FWD in the Senior Chorus competition held at the Mid-Winter Convention in San Antonio and came in 7th place with only 13 men on stage.)Their chapter total member count is holding at 34. The Desert Aires annual show will be February 23.

**Southwest Vocal Alliance** This chorus is doing quite well although their membership has slipped from the last report of 50 to a present number of 45. They had a holiday show and performed at the AZ State Fair on October 4. They have had success with “guest nights” in the past and are planning another on February 10.

**East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers** The last report stated that they didn’t plan to compete in the Fall at Riverside but they had a change of heart and did compete. They had several performances in November and December. Membership is down from 31 of the last report to a present total of 24. They are planning a show for March 22 and they plan to use Singing Valentines as a fund raiser.

**The High Mountain Chordsmen** in Prescott is quite active for its size. They find many opportunities for sing-outs throughout the year. They did as many as 22 singing situations during the last half of the year. Their member count is 14.

**Harmony On The Rocks** in Sedona is holding its own and planning sing-outs in the community as available. They have moved their annual show from the Fall to Spring. Their member total is at 17, up from 9 at the last report. Their actual number of regulars is 18 -19. We are trying to get their permanent visitors to join the Society. They are a mixed chorus with a large number of younger people that have been taught in school by their director.

**Platoon Chorus** This quartet chapter meets monthly and their quartets continually have sing-outs throughout the area. Their membership is stable at 25.

**Saddlebrook** There are only 4 members in this chapter. They sometimes have as many as 8 come to rehearsals. They do have sing-outs throughout their community. They are close to Tucson and sometimes cooperate with them.

**Yuma** This chapter has 3 members and typically has 5 - 8 for rehearsals. John Barczynski is their director. This chapter is in an area that is very transitory and struggles to find men to sing.



## Board Member Reports

### Sue Atkins

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In my first month of DVP Northeast I was able to visit 6 of the 11 choruses. I attended 4 Installation Dinners and two chorus rehearsals. I also attended the Barbershop Youth Music Festival held on 2/1/2025 hosted by Voices of California – Richard Lund Coordinator. With each chorus I contacted & responded back, all of them are asking for help with fundraising, marketing and member recruitment. In addition, there was a request for help with establishing quartets. These chapters do not have the internal experience to do it on their own and there is a suggestion for a district-wide task force to address these concerns. In addition to my initial email & follow up emails to contact each chorus president, I also sent them an email that included a document from Chorus Connection “Chorus Management 101: The Ultimate Guide to Singer Recruitment (that I found online during my research). In that email I also provided links to the BHS website where they could access templates for flyers and brochures and a video of a panel discussion on recruiting and retaining members (also found on the BHS website).

**California Delta** (I attended Installation Dinner on 1/19/2025)  
“Voices of California” (All Male) / Merlyn Camp – President

Number of registered members 55 with 20 attending regular rehearsals. They are offering free Singing Valentines at senior living facilities this year as community service. They decided to do this after some members attended a fundraising seminar put on by Joe Cerruti at the contest in Riverside. Joe recommended doing this and that’s what his chorus (Alexandria Harmonizers) does. They’re also trying to arrange with Joe to give the same presentation to their members through a Zoom meeting. They are preparing to compete in the Northern Divisions Competition.

Chorus Accomplishments for 2024:

- They provided free singing lessons to the community in a program called Ready, Set, Sing. This was recommended by Keith Harris of Gotham Chorus as this is what his Westchester Chorus does and they usually get some new members from it. There is no recruiting allowed though during the program as it is marketed only as a community service. Attendees of the program can join of their own volition.
- Chorus competed at Northern Division Contest in March.
- They performed two annual shows on May 4th at El Camino High School in Sacramento.
- They performed for a large birthday party for a long time VoCal supporter at no charge and as community service.
- They had a coaching session and voice lessons from Keith Harris of Gotham Chorus in September.
- They had planned a fundraising Cabaret Dinner Show in September but had to cancel at the last minute due to low ticket sales.

- Competed at FWD Fall Convention.
- Performed at joint show with Rancho Cordova Concert Band on 12/8/24 as a community service event.
- They performed their holiday show (Home for the Holidays) on 12/14/24.
- They hosted the Barbershop Youth Musical Festival on 2/1/2025

**“Stay Tuned Chorus”** (Mixed) / Dwayne Smith – President (I attended chorus rehearsal on 1/26/2025)

Number of registered members 23 with 16-18 attending regular rehearsals. They are not offering Singing Valentines this year. They are currently focusing on their contest set for Northern Divisions Convention. Last year they had several sing-outs; 5 performances, 3 coaches worked with the chorus and they added 4 new members.

**Central California** - “Golden Valley Chorus” (All Male) - Roe Darnell – President

Number of registered members 19 with 13 attending regular rehearsals. They are offering Singing Valentines. They plan to participate in the Northern Divisions Convention; however, they may not have enough members to compete and will sing for evaluation if so. In 2024 they performed for 4 organizations and hosted their Annual Ice Cream Social.

**Davis-Vacaville** – “West Valley Chorus” (Mixed) Steve Rollins – Past President

I visited them on 1/27/25 at their rehearsal. Number of registered members 26 with 16-18 attending regular rehearsals. They are offering Singing Valentines this February including placing ads in the paper. They will not be participating in the Northern Divisions Convention.

**Folsom** – “Folsom Harmony Express” (All Male) - Les Lorenzen – President

No response – included sending to Kent Borrowdale, Director

This is what I know:

They hosted The Annual Been Feed A Somewhat Serious Quartet Contest on 6/12/2024

Annual Recital “Cruisin’ Down the River” 10/23/2024

10 Registered Members according to their District Board Roster as of 1/16/2025

**Fresno (Clovis)** – “Sierra Gateway Chorus” (All Male) / Timothy Gann - President

Number of registered members 15 with 12 attending regular rehearsals. They are offering Singing Valentines this February. They are currently focusing on their contest set for Northern Divisions Convention.

**Placerville** – “Gold Rush Chorus” (Mixed) – Howard Wolf

On 1/11/25 I attend their installation dinner and installed their officers (President – Howard Wolf Secretary and Membership VP – Bill Peterson, Treasurer – Debbie Rice, Music VP – Bill Faulkner, At large member – Jesi Eckhardt, At large member – Dave Ely)

24 Registered Members according to the District Rosters as of 1/16/2025

Chorus Accomplishments for 2024:

- FWD NE Division A champs and Most Improved Chorus
- Spring Concert and Fall Cabaret show
- 7 members attended Harmony University in Denver, CO
- Many singing performances around the western slope
- 20 Singing Valentines
- 3 active quartets (Panning for Chords, El Dorado Gold and Claim Jumpers)

**Reno Nevada** – “Reno Silver Dollar Chorus” (All Male) - Jeff Mennicucci

The Reno Silver Dollar Chorus has 11 registered members. They also have a couple more singers who are committed to membership but haven't been able to pay their chapter dues online yet. An average rehearsal has about 10 -12 singers. Of these about half are members. They also have some non-members who often show up at rehearsals. They have 2 quartets and will be participating in Singing Valentines. They will not be participating in the Northern Divisions Convention

Accomplishments in 2024

- They put on a show for ArtTown, a long-running summer program of concerts in the Reno area.
- They also had their annual Christmas show and performed at two other venues at Christmas time.
- They sang the national anthem at basketball, baseball and hockey games.
- They helped raise money for charity by singing at various events organized by downtown bars and restaurants.

**Sacramento** – “Sacramento Capitolaire” (All Male) – Steve Allison

I spoke with Steve Allison on 2/2/2025. They have 13 Registered Members and average 6 or 7 at regular rehearsal. In 2024 they had about 8 Sing Outs and around 6 Singing Valentines. They are planning to collaborate with Voices of California the upcoming Singing Valentines through Blair Reynolds. They will not be participating in the Northern Divisions Convention.

**Stockton** – “Stockton Portsmen” (Mixed) Nancy Hennefer – President

I am a regular member of the Stockton Portsmen and attended their Installation Dinner on 1/7/2025. They have 34 registered members and about 20 attend regular rehearsals. They are participating in Singing Valentines and will host a 2025 Novice Competition on 2/22/25. They also will be participating in the Northern Divisions Convention.

2024 Accomplishments

- Hosted the NorCal Novice Contest - Lodi, CA (2/10/24)



- Performed 25+ Singing Valentines in 2024 including leading the Macarena
- 2024 FWD Spring Convention, NorCal Divisions – Chorus Champion Northeast Division & Plateau AA Champion
- Presented the Portsmen 67th Annual Show – Hollywood ‘n Barbershop (4/27/24) including guest quartets
- Chorus Participated in Golden Valley Chorus “Ice Cream & Music” including 3 of Portsmen quartets (5/18/24)
- Performed at the 2024 Memorial Day at Cherokee Memorial Park & Funeral Home (Lodi, CA) (5/27/25)
- Invited and participated on D-Day 80th Commemoration Concert Tour – Normandy & Paris (6/4/24 – 6/12/24) (Note that the Stockton Portsmen received a Certificate of Recognition from the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors on 10/10/23 & Proclamation from the City of Lodi on 11/1/2023 for their continued dedication to the preservation and promotion of the art of Barbershop Harmony prior to this trip.) There were 29 people that went on the trip with 19 performers. This included 3 public concerts and a wreath laying that included a performance. Highlight of the trip was being stuck in the parking lot for 2 hours at the American Cemetery where a group decided to make the best of it and perform songs throughout the parking lot including singing with a high school group from the South of France and the Morgan State University Marching Band. (Side note if BHS hasn’t already tried to contact Morgan State University would highly recommend it. They enjoyed our singing as we enjoyed theirs.)
- Performed at Celebrate America in Lodi, CA (7/2/24)
- 2 Members attended 2024 FWD Harmony College West (8/23/24 – 8/25/2024)
- Stockton Portsmen Annual Picnic (9/7/2024)
- Performed at the 2024 FWD Fall Convention (Riverside, CA)
- Chorus Participated in the Folsom Show including 3 Portsmen quartets (10/23/24)
- Celebrated the Stockton Portsmen 70th Anniversary on 10/18/2024
- Performed patriotic songs for the at the Friends of the Fox – prior to Movie “PT 109” on 11/10/224
- Performed at the Fox Theatre – Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony (11/11/2024)
- Performed at the Festival of Trees (Micke Grove, Lodi, CA) both 12/7/24 & 12/8/2024
- Stockton Portsmen Holiday Show – Barbershoppin’ Around the Christmas Tree (12/14/24)
- Performed holiday carols for the at Friends of the Fox – Movie “Home Alone” (12/15/24)
- Remote Rehearsal/Performance – The Oaks at Ingelwood (12/17/2024)
- Sent out monthly newsletters including promoting other chapter shows in Northern CA
- Successful fundraising for trip to Normandy/Paris over \$10,000
- Pick up quartet collaborated with United of San Joaquin County performing carols at 4 offices which provided a donation of \$1,000.

· There were 3 active quartets (TuneStruck, Royal Flush & 3 Lads & ALAS) along with a couple of pickup quartets that also performed throughout the year within their community.

**Visalia** – “Mighty Oak Chorus” (Mixed) - Don Laursen – President

On 1/10/25 I attended their installation dinner and installed their officers (President - Ken McNutt, Secretary - Bud Case, Treasurer - Pat Harrison, VP-Membership & IPP - Dee Baughman, VP-Music - Don Laursen, VP-Operations - Ken Stake, VP-Public Relations - Lee Smith, Board Member at Large - Ed Grant, Board Member at Large - Freda McNutt & Board Member at Large - Luis Muro

Number of registered members 23 with 20 attending regular rehearsals. They are offering Singing Valentines this February. They will not be participating in the Northern Divisions Convention.

#### 2024 Accomplishments

- 2024 FWD Chapter of the Year
- Produced Youth Harmony Explosion with Vocal Spectrum, Dr Dan Wesler included 94 attendees
- Produced a Spring Concert
- Produced a Christmas Concert
- 30 Singing Valentines

If you have any questions, please let me know.



## **Board Member Reports**

### **Rich Postal**

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### **Spring/Winter 2025 Report**

Many of the choruses in the NW Division had Holiday Performances. A lot were at Community Christmas tree lightings. One was on a Holiday train stopping at various Cal Train stops between San Francisco and Mountain View, California. Shopping malls and Senior residences were also top spots for entertaining the public.

As we start the New Year, the choruses in the Northwest Division are experiencing growth in attendance. Many are looking forward to improving their sound and are already planning shows for the year. It is very different from past years when Covid was still on everyone's mind. As we approach spring the NE/NW Contest is coming up, I am looking forward to more choruses participating and experiencing the coaching and camaraderie of this event.



## **Board Member Reports**

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## **Board Member Reports**

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No report received



## Board Member Reports

### Chris Hébert

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#### 1. Recap of FWD District Fall 2024 Classes

##### a. Sight Reading 101

- i. 20-ish people attended, very well received
- ii. “First time I have ever sight-read anything!”
- iii. “Will you be doing this class gain?”

##### b. “Barber-Myth Busting”

- i. @15-ish people attended
- ii. Lots of audience participation, adding to more myth’s to discuss.

#### 2. Responded to various emails about:

a. Learning tracks – people still struggle with finding tracks or having track done for a reasonable price

##### b. Song assessment

##### i. “Can I do this song in contest?”

##### 1. Is My/This Arrangement Contestable?

The BHS Contest Judging program has a committee of Music & Performance category; judges that are happy to address any questions you may have concerning the contestability of an arrangement. All questions should be directed to the Committee Chairman, Joe Cerutti at [jcerutti@barbershop.org](mailto:jcerutti@barbershop.org)

Please note the following information in your email to Joe:

- a. All submissions must be in machine-readable form–e.g., an e-mail message requesting a review, and any supporting attachments.
- b. The requesting message should cover performer skills, time frame needed for reply, etc.
- c. Required attachment can be either a .mus FINALE file (greatly preferred) or a.pdf file.
- d. Optional supporting attachments might include: a copy of the original sheet music; a .mid or MP3 file of a rendition by the proposed performer; a .mid or .MP3 file of a rendition by another performer (Barbershop only)

2. You should expect a response to your inquiry within two weeks.

- ii. “Will it score well?” – If you sing it well, then sure!



## Board Member Reports

### Ben Porter

*Vice President Contests & Judging*

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Friends, welcome to the first District convention and contest of 2025! All three of our spring contests are open for entry for quartets and choruses and I'm excited to see what everyone brings to the stage this year. Each convention will close for contest entry four weeks prior to the event, so please make note of these dates and get your groups entered (additionally, this is also when the early-bird rate for buying tickets expires as well):

**SE/SW Divisions in Riverside - March 14-15 - Contest Entry closes February 14**

**NE/NW Divisions in Davis - March 19 - Contest Entry closes March 1**

**Arizona Division in Phoenix - May 3 - Contest Entry closes April 4**

This year we are holding two International Quartet Preliminary contests this one at the SE/SW convention and another at the NE/NW convention. This is because we have 19 (!!) quartets scoring at a level where they would be competitive to qualify for the International stage. If all those groups needed to come to a single convention to qualify, we would be overwhelmed by too much great Far Western barbershop! There are only so many hours in the day! That said, the SE/SW contest is the official, open FWD Quartet Qualifier available to any quartet that would like to qualify. The NE/NW event is limited in capacity (as it is a single-day event without a Friday evening session). So, if you are a quartet who would like to qualify for this summer's International Quartet Contest in Denver, please plan on doing so in Riverside. If you would like to qualify in Davis, please contact me to discuss.

Looking to our Far Western District contests, last fall we updated the rules to qualify for our District Quartet Contest and District Seniors Quartet Contest. A quick summary:

- Every eligible quartet that scores 71+ in a contest this spring will qualify for the District contest(s) this fall
- The five highest-scoring Senior quartets will qualify
- The Aloha chapter may send up to two quartets without a qualifying score
- If fewer than 25 quartets are qualified from the above, we will invite the next-highest-scoring groups to fill a field of 25
- A minimum score of 65 is required to be invited

The qualification for choruses remains unchanged: all groups scoring 62+ will be invited. If fewer than 25 choruses are qualified, we will invite more to fill a field of 25.

As you know by now, 2026 will be a special year for the Far Western District as we join our friends overseas at the PanPac Convention in Hawaii. I'm incredibly excited about this fantastic event. However, we need to discuss how it may impact our contests. Do we want to modify the qualifications for quartets or choruses to compete for Far Western District championships or awards in 2026? We could leave the qualification as-is and treat 2026 just like any other District contest. We could remove (or lower) the threshold for quartets to qualify with an eye to increasing participation and attendance.

## Board Member Reports



### **Kenny Rios**

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Nothing to report at this time.





## Management Team Reports

### Adam Kaufman

*Events Manager*

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Welcome to the 2025 Barbershop season!

I am so excited by how well our conventions have been going. More quartets, more choruses, more classes, just MORE.

My goal is to have something for everyone, and I want to hear from you.

If you have any ideas for the Spring or Fall, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always looking for ideas.

I am also looking for sponsors...so if you know anyone who has a business, or you have a business, maybe we can work together?

We are up and selling for all the 2025 conventions, and 2026 is in the works with us getting together with the Pan Pacific in Hawaii.

If you haven't been to a convention in a while, join us! We are having so much fun, and YOU should be a part of it!

Bring a friend!

**Remember, Barbershop is Fun!**





## Management Team Reports

### David Melville

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It seems there has been a decline in the number of shows appearing in the District Calendar. I think this has more to do with chapters forgetting to file for show clearance and BMI/SESAC license than it does with there being fewer shows being produced. A reminder to ALL chapters that the FWD will NOT publicize ANY show that has not been cleared with the District Secretary, and this policy applies to our website, Westunes, Westags, and social media assets.

#### Website

- Joomla 5 is out, and I'll be working on migrating there some time this year.

#### Email List

- We are promoting our Spring and Fall conventions as well as Hawai'i 2026.

#### Convention Registration

- All 2025 events have been set up on Eventbrite and are open for registration.
- Logos have been created for all 2025 events. The "Singing Raisins" theme these we've used for Fresno for quite some time has been completely redesigned for 2025.
- Spring HOD Zoom has been set up with registration on Eventbrite to get the link. We can accommodate up to 100 participants. The registration process is set up such that each CHAPTER is limited to one (1) delegate, although other members may attend as visitors. Also, a reminder that delegates are by CHAPTER, not by chorus, so chapters having more than one chorus still have one (1) delegate and one (1) vote on the HOD.

#### Westunes

- Propose making Westunes an annual "Year in Review" issue since it is essentially an historical record and not a "news" publication.



## Management Team Reports

### Cody Littlefield

*Membership Recruitment & Education Manager*

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#### Top Gun 2026: Elevating Our Quartets for International

I am thrilled to report that we are making significant strides with Top Gun 2026, in collaboration with the Association of Far Western District Champions (AFWDC). This initiative is designed to prepare and refine our quartets as they gear up for Prelims 2026, with the goal of qualifying as many quartets as possible for International in St. Louis. The excitement surrounding this program is palpable, and we are confident it will serve as a game-changer in elevating competition standards within the district.

#### Mesa, AZ Chapter Support

Membership retention and growth remain top priorities, and I have been actively working with the Mesa, AZ Chapter to explore strategies for strengthening their numbers and ensuring their continued success. We have identified key areas for improvement and are implementing solutions to enhance member engagement and stability. This chapter has a strong foundation, and with the right support, they will continue to thrive.

#### Reuniting St. George, UT with FWD & BHS

Another focus has been reconnecting with the St. George, UT Chapter and encouraging their return to both FWD and the Barbershop Harmony Society. I have been working closely with Kenny Rios to schedule a Zoom meeting with their leadership to discuss a path forward and provide the necessary resources to get them back on their feet. Our goal is clear: bring St. George back to the Far Western District!

#### The Excitement of Barbershop in FWD

There has never been a better time to be a part of Barbershop—and more importantly, to be active in the Far Western District. The energy, talent, and enthusiasm within our district are at an all-time high, and we are entering what I can only describe as our "Showtime Era."

To all the competitors heading to Riverside, know that you have the full support of the district behind you. We are proud of your dedication and artistry, go out there and make it happen!

Looking forward to an incredible year ahead.

Best, Cody Littlefield VP Membership – Far Western District



## Management Team Reports

### Antwun Puckett

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Hello Everybody!

I hope we are all having a great start to the new year. Here's a rundown of some of the things going on around the district involving youth:

- The Voices of California will be having their Youth Harmony Festival in Sacramento on February 1st, 2025. Their clinicians for that event will be GOTHAMS director, Keith Harris and the clinician quartet for that day will be Artistic License. From my understanding, they currently have about 70-80 kids signed up for the event.
- The Westminster Chorus will be having their own Youth Festival on April 5th, 2025 in conjunction with SoCal Mix. The director for that event will be Alan Gordon, with the guest quartet being The Seventh Variety.
- As of today (February 2, 2025) we currently have 6 (!!) quartets signed up for the High School Quartet Contest (HSQC) which includes the 7th place NextGen Junior Varsity quartet The Sopranotes. We currently have none from AZ and also none from Southern California. We do, however, have two quartets coming from Vegas going to Riverside. The other four quartets will be heading up north to Davis, CA. It might be a little late to get the word out to more quartets, but don't be afraid to get the word out there!

As you can see, we do have some traction going on in regard to youth in harmony for our district, we could, however, be doing better. By next year, I'm hoping to double the amount of quartets in the HSQC, and I hope to have 2-3 quartets/choruses represent our district at next year's Midwinter in Pasadena, CA. Speaking of Midwinter, it was great to see a lot of FWD representation. With Midwinter being in Pasadena next year and with it being the FWD 80th anniversary, I think we can make a lot of noise in all three of the contests. Lastly, I also hope to see more choruses doing more youth festivals in their surrounding areas.

Great start to the year. Let's keep up the momentum!



## Management Team Reports

### Cary Burns

*Community Outreach*

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I am thrilled to be in the Community Outreach position for the FWD.

I plan to use my experience as a 37-year *barbershopper* as well as my expertise in sociology (the scientific study of groups and their function within society) to support our chapters in retaining members and to build their chorus culture to support the members they wish to attract. I am dedicated to spending time and energy supporting all chapters with a concentration on struggling chapters.

Sociology can add perspective to our barbershop lifestyle. My focus will be to help chapters to create *a sense of belonging* where every member is valued for their personal contributions. When members are fully engaged, they want to participate and become excited about welcoming new members. In simplest terms, I will help to create a “People First” model in chapters where valuing people is even more important than the music.

*A sense of belonging* is the “what”. It is our main product. Our beloved music is the “how”. Creating safe spaces for musicians to explore new ideas, to experiment, and to hone their skills is of utmost importance if we are going to grow. Studies have shown, that when people feel seen and valued for who they are, they spend more time, energy, and resources supporting the group to which they belong. This speaks to retention specifically. When a person knows they will be enveloped in a wonderful atmosphere with friends, they want to attend rehearsals and events even if they’ve had a busy day or are feeling a bit low. Transversely, when people feel they are not needed or wanted, they disconnect. If rehearsals are drudgery because the emphasis is spending most of their time working on minute musical details, one can become disinterested.

It is my desire to assist chapters in creating the environment that feeds them and results in more enjoyment for the members. That is the primary step to becoming a thriving, healthy chapter.

Hopefully, I’ll get to visit many chapters. Using my expertise as a Musicality judge, I’ll also offer musical help for those chapters who desire it.

I look forward to getting to work and reporting back.



## Management Team Reports

### Laura Pallas Singer

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I was able to attend both the NE/NW and the SW/SE Division Contest/Conventions, and the District Contest in Riverside in October, and was fortunate to meet many of our FWD Directors. I had the opportunity, along with some other notable Barbershoppers, to teach some classes at the Division Conventions, and initiate the first **FWD Directors Round Table** in Riverside. Your District Management Team wants very much to provide an avenue for the Far Western District Directors to get to know, share with, and offer support to one another, and, to that end, has established a **FWD Directors Round Table**. We were very encouraged with the first one, and hope it will be the starting pitch for many productive future round tables.

To help ensure participation and success with the program, we have established the following criteria:

#### Roundtable Members:

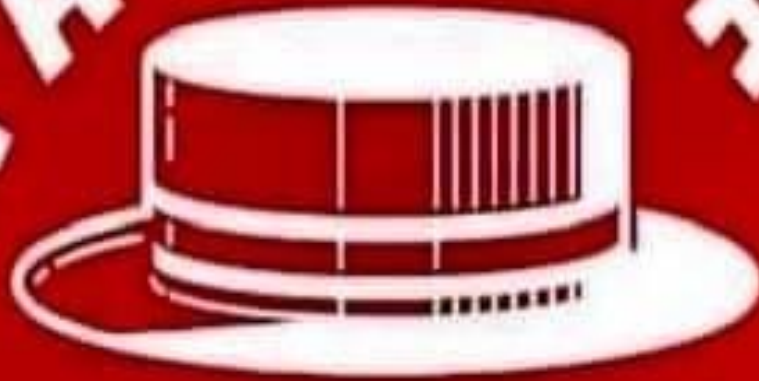
- Must be Frontline Directors
- Must complete their Director's Bio for the Director's Page of the FWD website
- Must have directed a Chorus in at least one BHS contest.
- Must commit to participate in a FWD Director Certification Program (to come).

The **Second Director's Round Table Meeting** will be held during the SE/SW Divisional Contest in Riverside, 3/14 - 3/16, 2025, time TBD. I'm also very pleased to announce that, at all 2025 Division and District Chorus Contests, competing Directors will receive the recognition they rightly deserve, with introductions on stage.

Laura Pallas Singer



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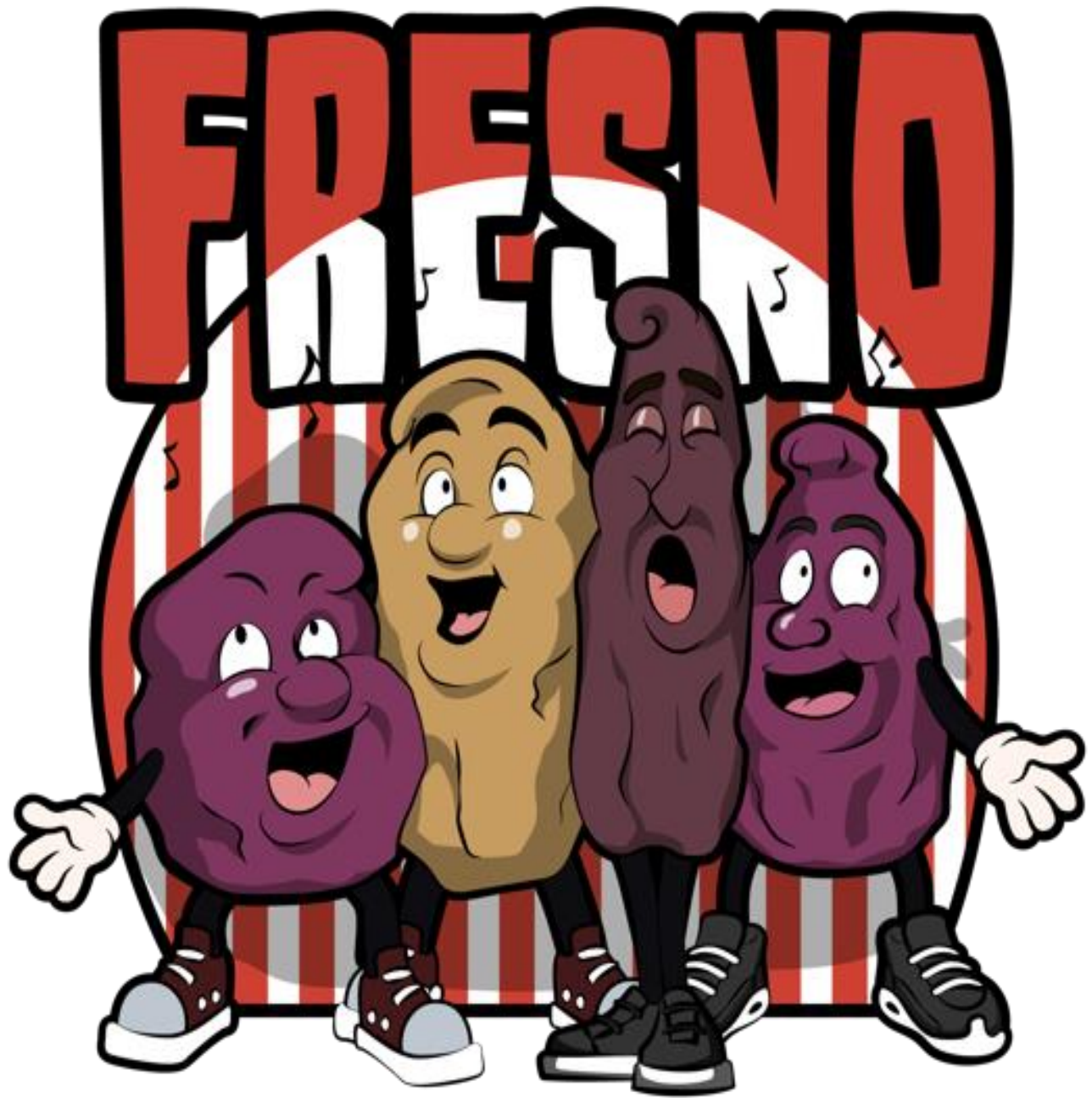


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