



**Far Western District  
Board of Directors  
June 7, 2014  
Fullerton, California**

**Meeting was called to order by President Allan Webb at 9:06AM**

**EVP Gordon Bergthold** directed "The Old Songs".

**Div. 4 VP Richard Lund** gave the Invocation.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Bob Gray who reported to President Webb that one member, Bob Lally, was absent. A quorum was present. Board members present: Allan Webb, Russ Young, Gordon Bergthold, Bob Gray, Max Bates, Craig Hughes, Chuck Leavitt, Richard Lund, and John Bloomquist. Also in attendance DMT Members Don Salz, Ron Black, Jerry McElfresh, and Nick Papageorge.

**President Allan Webb** In his opening remarks President Webb discussed the "Forum" and the new email system which were developed recently. Allan demonstrated to those in attendance the various areas of the Forum, and ways to improve communication within the district. He also demonstrated the new email system which has replaced "Constant Contact".

**President Webb** entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion by Chuck Leavitt, Second by Richard Lund. **Motion Approved**

**President Webb** entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2014 District Board meeting. Motion by Craig Hughes, Second by Richard Lund. **Motion Approved**

The Division Vice President reports were published in the Summer Brochure on the FWD website, as well as a copy of the brochure for all in attendance.

**Div. 1 Southwest VP Bob Lally (Absent)**. Report in Summer Brochure.

**Div. 2 Southeast VP Craig Hughes** discussed his report, and that he used the new email system to send his Division Westunes Article to all members in his Division. He also advised that Westminster recently held a successful multi-chapter event.

**Div. 3 Northwest VP Chuck Leavitt** discussed his report, and the problems finding an appropriate venue for the combined Division Contest. Options move to a different division, or investigate the use of hotel ballrooms.

**Div. 4 Northeast VP Richard Lund** discussed his report, Youth Camp, and the need for a larger difference between Early Bird, Regular, and On Site ticket prices. An incentive is needed to



purchase early bird tickets, rather than everyone waiting to purchase registrations at convention/contest.

**Division 5 Arizona VP John Bloomquist** discussed his report and added information on the White Mountain Chapter's membership decline. John also suggested Sun City would be a good candidate for coaching grant.

**Break at 10:05 AM** for ten minutes

**Old Business:**

In the absence of Bernard Priceman, Immediate Past President Russ Young presented the slate of officers for 2015.

FWD 2015 Proposed Slate of Officers

President - Allan Webb  
Exec VP - Gordon Bergthold  
IPP - Russ Young  
Secretary - Bob Gray  
Treasurer - Max Bates  
VP AZ - John Bloomquist  
NE VP - Richard Lund  
NW VP - TBD  
SE VP - Craig Hughes  
SW VP - TBD  
C & J - Ron Black  
M & P - Nick Papageorge

Motion to accept the proposed 2015 Slate of Officers. Motion by Chuck Leavitt, Second by Richard Lund. **Motion Approved.**

- There was also discussion about sending Westunes to all FWD members using the new email system. The email would be similar to "Livewire" from the Society. Also discussion of Harmony Camp and donations.

**Chapter Support and Leadership Chairman Don Salz** presented his report to the Board. He outlined how he will be connecting with Chapter Leaders in the District. Don also reported on status to find a venue in Las Vegas for a combined Leadership Academy and Harmony College West. The combined event for the District is planned for January 2015. Craig Hughes and Nick Papageorge will be assisting in the process.



**Gordon Bergthold Executive Vice President** discussed the District Management Team summary. Allan Webb talked to Royce Ferguson about assuming the position of Chorus Director Development Chairman with the assistance of Dr. Greg Lyne. Jim Halverson's YIH report was on the Forum.

### **Old Business**

The search for a District Membership Chairman is continuing following the resignation of Shelly Albaum. Brian Forbes will assume the "Events" committee chairman position from Ted Sayle. President Allan Webb discussed the list of District Priorities from the meeting three years ago. He pointed out that he sent the list to everyone in January. If the board feels that the items on the list are no longer important to the District, than Allan will scrap them. It was decided that the process will start with the YIH list of all music educators.

- Chapter Chartering and dissolution. The Whittier chapter is seeking voluntary dissolution. The Whittier Board is concerned about who will make the decision about the Earl Moon Scholarship to Harmony University. Russ Young presented an idea to have the FWD Board and District Management members become "Dual Members" of the Whittier Chapter. This would insure the required number of members on the Chapter roster. This would preserve the Chapter Charter and expedite the process of starting a new chapter.

Motion by Chuck Leavitt, Second by Richard Lund. *"That the Far Western District Board and District Management Team Members may become dual members with a failing Chapter. The District will fund the cost of maintaining the Chapter Charter for the purpose of expediting the start-up of a new Chapter"*

Eight "AYE" One "Nay" **Motion Approved.**

- Further discussion on Chapter Chartering and dissolution revealed that Crescenta Valley, Los Angeles, Casa Grande, Redding, and Lompoc are all in violation of the Statement of Policy. President Allan Webb will draft a communication to these chapters informing them that they all have been in violation of the SOP for over 90 days. If the membership requirements are not corrected at 180 days they will lose all insurance and society benefits.
- Chapter Coaching. Currently Chapters may apply for \$300 maximum for coaching travel reimbursement. Very few Chapters apply for this reimbursement. The District will be targeting chapters that compete in contests and sing in the 50 to 60 category. The selected Chapters, up to five, can receive four coaching sessions. They must agree to compete in the next 2015 Division contest, and if they score high enough to qualify for district, to compete in the 2015 district contest as well. Past President Russ Young suggested an application for the coaching grants. A questionnaire will be developed to prioritize from the 15 possible chorus candidates. Allan will provide more information on the Forum.

Convention Funding: Proposal for restructuring of Convention/Contest funding and accounting. Prior to the convention, the District would write a check to the host Chapter for the expense amount listed in their approved Convention Budget. The host chapter is responsible for paying all vendors out of their treasury. The District becomes the vendor of **Old Business (Cont.)**



### **Old Business (Cont.)**

- registrations for all events. All revenue will go directly to the District. The host chapter still must remain within their approved budget, or get approval from the Events Chair in advance of exceeding budget. Following the convention the host chapter will provide a complete accounting to the District after the event. Based on that accounting and assuming net income, the District will write a check to the host chapter for their portion of the income split. Max Bates will research any IRS issues. The information will be included in the Convention Manuals.

Motion by Max Bates, Second by Craig Hughes to move ahead with the proposal for the District to change the Convention Funding Process. The information will be placed in the Convention Manual after research by Max Bates. **Motion Approved.**

- Outreach endowment fund to all demographics, not just one area such as Youth in Harmony. Use District Cash to establish a \$20 Thousand dollar fund this year, and follow the same matrix as the Mid Atlantic District with Donor Choice and YIH. Information will be presented to the HOD in October for a vote.

### **New Business:**

- Contest and Judging Chairman Ron Black conducted the Chorus "Draw" for the fall District Convention. This was followed by the Quartet "Draw".
- Line Item discussion of the 2015 Budget was presented by Treasurer Max Bates with discussion by the Board for all categories.

Motion to the House of Delegates that the District Youth Chorus will fund the Youth Festival using the same process as last year. Motion by Chuck Leavitt, Second by Craig Hughes.

**Motion Approved.**

### **For the good of the Fraternity:**

- Discussion of the need to insure all Chapters in the District complete required filings of IRS 990's, Financial Reviews, and State required filings. When completed all need to be posted on E-Biz.

**Past President Russ Young** led the group in singing "Keep the Whole World Singing"

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Gray, Secretary  
Far Western District