

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2021

VIA ZOOM

Called to order by President Bill Rosica at 6:15 PM

Secretary Jim Maass called to roll.

Board Members Present: President Bill Rosica; Secretary Jim Maass; Treasurer Rich Owen; DVP 1, SW Kathy Kileen; DVP 2 SE Kyle Williamson; DVP 3 NW Rich Postal; DVP 4 NE Chuck Roots; and DVP 5 AZ Adam Kaufman; Contest and Judging VP Brett Littlefield; The EVP position is vacant. Rob Menaker, Music and Performance VP and Craig Hughes, IPP were absent.

Management Team Members Present: David Melville and Kenny Rios.

Meeting topic for discussion: Status of the Far Western District Convention and Contest set for Gilbert Arizona in October.

Secretary Jim Maass read the motion from the July 10, 2021 Special Meeting to refresh everyone's memory as to what the current position of the FWD Board is regarding the status of the Fall convention and contest. That motion is a follow:

“The District would adopt the same protocol for gathering of large groups for indoor events as specified by the CDC and the State of Arizona at the time of our event”. (Motion approved, July 10, 2021)

President Bill gave a brief presentation regarding the current COVID-19 situation and what issues were involved in AZ regarding government rules, laws, etc. He emphasized his concern that the district priority is to keep people safe and healthy.

There was considerable discussion among the board of all aspects of the current situation looking at the pros and cons regarding the convention including rules for attendance such as requiring vaccination proof, or negative testing before the convention. Again, there was considerable discussion.

The board was in general agreement that health and safety was paramount in reaching a decision whether to proceed with the convention.

It was moved and seconded: In light of the current COVID Delta variant and in the interest of the health and safety of the membership of the FWD, the October convention and contest scheduled for Gilbert AZ is cancelled. All by Aye.

There was also discussion regarding chorus submission of video performance for qualification to participate in BHS International competition in 2022. Also senior quartets wishing to qualify for the BHS Midwinter in Pasadena in January 2021 was also discussed. Brett Littlefield is the contact person for this.

Regarding the HOD and BOD fall meeting...they will be placed on the calendar; BOD will be on Friday October 8th and the HOD will be on Saturday October 9th. Each meeting will be held via ZOOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary.