



**Far Western District  
Board of Directors  
October 13, 2016  
Riverside, CA**

The meeting was called to order by Executive Vice President Craig Hughes at 2:03PM.

**Immediate Past President Allan Webb** led “The Old Songs”.

**Division 4 VP Richard Lund** presented the Invocation.

**Secretary Bob Gray** conducted the Roll Call. In attendance: Craig Hughes, Allan Webb, Bob Gray, Max Bates, Brent Anderson, Nick Papageorge, Richard Lund, Ron Black, and Craig Ewing. Absent: Gordon Bergthold, Charles Feltman, and John Bloomquist.

**EVP Craig Hughes** Introduced distinguished guests John Donehower from the Society Board, Sharon Miller CEO of Harmony Foundation, and Robert Rund from Harmony Foundation. He also acknowledged Past Presidents Bob Lally, and Russ Young.

**EVP Craig Hughes** gave his opening remarks, and gave an update on President Gordon Bergthold’s Medical Conditions. He also advised of changes in the Agenda, adding a report from Awards Committee Chairman Bill Cale. Also moving up the Events report, and moving the Harmony Foundation report and Society report to the end of the meeting.

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the June 7, 2016 Summer Board Meeting. Motion & Second. APPROVED by Acclamation.

**EVP Craig Hughes** advised that the Vice President’s reports were in the HOD Brochure. Each Division Vice President discussed Chapter related items in their Division.

**EVP Craig Hughes & Division 1 VP Brent Anderson** presented a request from Richard Little, Secretary of Conejo Valley Chapter for the FWD Board to approve the proposed merger of D-014 Conejo Valley with D-036 Ventura. Membership of both Chapters have voted to approve the merger. The new Chapter will operate as Conejo Valley and the Ventura Charter will be returned to BHS.

Motion and Second to Approve the Merger of Conejo Valley and Ventura contingent on all State, Federal, and Society requirements being completed. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** discussed the District Management Team for 2017. Steve Salmon will continue as CSLT, Bill Rosica Membership Chairman, Bryan Forbes as Event Chairman, Ryan Collins Youth in Harmony, Royce Ferguson Director Development. David Melville will be the new Marketing & PR Chairman.

Bill Rosica said the **“Each One Bring One”** buttons will be available at Leadership Academy. Bryan Forbes reported the Venues are done, on line seat selection is established, the contract for 2018 is signed, and he is working on 2017. Randy Bingel, Arizona Events chairman submitted the Mesa Chapter bid for the 2017 Arizona Division Contest.

**EVP Craig Hughes** called for a fifteen-minute break at 3:16PM.

**EVP Craig Hughes** called the meeting back to order at 3:30PM and introduced Society President Don Fuson.

**EVP Craig Hughes** Read the Slate of Officers for 2017. The slate will be presented to the House of Delegates on October 14, 2016. The Slate of Officers are:

- President: Gordon Bergthold
- Executive Vice-President: Craig Hughes
- Secretary: Bob Gray
- Treasurer: Rich Owen
- Division 1 Southwest: Brent Anderson
- Division 2 Southeast: Nick Papageorge
- Division 3 Northwest: Bill Rosica
- Division 4 Northeast: Richard Lund
- Division 5 Arizona: John Bloomquist
- Contest & Judging: Ron Black
- Music & Performance: Craig Ewing
- Immediate Past President: Allan Webb

**EVP Craig Hughes** read a letter from Peter Feeney regarding the Financial Review.

***On Oct 3, 2016, at 1:41 PM, Peter Feeney <[peterfeeney@embarqmail.com](mailto:peterfeeney@embarqmail.com)> wrote:***

***Mr. President,***

***I have completed the review of the financial records of the Far Western District for the period ending December 31, 2015 as maintained by treasurer Max L. Bates. The review revealed no irregularities in using generally accepted accounting principles as we understand them. Income, disbursements, checking account reconciliations, among other records, were each examined and no irregularities were discovered. The notes accompanying the financial statements provided by Mr. Bates were very helpful.***

*Notable this year was the completion and filing of the expanded Form 990 to the IRS. The amount of detail required by the IRS far exceeds the requirements of Form 990 EZ. Mr. Bates did a very competent job in completing the form and my review of the document revealed it to be consistent with the books and records of the District. I only mention this increased level of detail required by the IRS to alert you to the increased workload that Max has faced and future treasurers will as well.*

*Please let me know if you have questions, or if you believe I can be of more assistance. I will have the records with me in Riverside and will transfer them to the FWD Treasurer at that time.*

*Peter Feeney*

*Past Far Western District President*

*FWD Hall of Fame*

*Past Society Board Member*

*Past Chairman, Harmony Foundation International*

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**EVP Craig Hughes** reported that Leadership Academy/Harmony College West dates and times are set. Craig Ewing and Steve Salmon are heading up the project. Registration will be completed on line. SE/SW will be November 5, 2016 in Anaheim CA. Nick Papageorge will be the Dean. NE/NW Division is November 19, 2016 in Sacramento with Richard Lund as Dean. The Arizona Division will be Leadership Academy only because of venue size. It will be held in Mesa on January 14. Bob Shaffer will serve as Dean.

**Bill Cale, Awards Chairman** reported that he is stepping down from that position after seven years. Chuck Hunter will be taking over the job. Bill reported that the fall 2016 convention is dedicated to Bill Rosica. He requested approval from the Board that the 2017 Spring Convention Honoree should be Ray Rhymer. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED

**EVP Craig Hughes** introduced John Donehower, Society Board Member. Also introduced were Sharon Miller, Interim President & CEO of Harmony Foundation International, and Robert Rund from Harmony Foundation.

**EVP Craig Hughes** advised that the Board would be going into Executive Session and asked that all non-board members leave the room.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY**

The Board met in Executive Session October 13, 2016 at 4:15 PM and took the following actions:

Discussion about changing the requirements or allowing exceptions to the District Contest Cycle Policy.

Motion and Second. "Motion that no exceptions be granted to the Contest Cycle Policy"  
MOTION APPROVED.

Executive Session Adjourned and ten-minute break called.

**EVP Craig Hughes** called the meeting back to order at 4:45PM.

**Treasurer Max Bates** and board members discussed the 2017 Budget.

Max Bates advised that a board resolution was needed by Bank of America to add 2017 Treasurer Richard Owen as a signer on the checking account.

Motion and Second to Add Richard Owen to checking account. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** opened the meeting to general discussion. Many topics were discussed. John Donehower stressed again the need to find young guys with potential to start succession planning, and getting them involved in District Activities.

**EVP Craig Hughes** thanked everyone and thanked Gordon for his help and work behind the scenes while recovering from surgery.

**Russ Young** led "Keep the Whole World Singing"

Next Meeting will be in Sacramento, CA on March 9, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Gray  
Secretary