

Spring 2017 Far Western District BOD Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017, in Sacramento, CA

Call to Order - Gordon Bergthold

- President Gordon Bergthold called the meeting to order at 2pm,

The Old Songs - Ron Black

- Ron Black directed "The Old Songs"

Invocation - Richard Lund

- Richard Lund led the invocation.

Roll Call - Allan Webb

Allan Webb executed the Roll Call

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

11 BOD members reported "Present", constituting a valid quorum

Introduction of Special Guests - Gordon Bergthold

- Antonio Lombardi - BHS Staff
- Robert Rund - HFI

Past Presidents also in attendance

- Sam Barger
- Russ Young
- Bill Cale
- Chuck Hunter

Opening Remarks - Gordon Bergthold

Approval of Agenda - Gordon Bergthold

- Motion: Papageorge Second: Hughes Motion passed

Approval of Minute of Fall 2016 BOD Meeting - Gordon Bergthold

- Motion: Webb Second: Papageoe Motion passed

District Vice Presidents' Reports

- Division 1 Southwest - Brent Anderson
- See HOD Brochure
- Discussion of Chapters in danger of dissolution. Los Angeles, Lompoc, San Fernando Valley (18-20) may be able to absorb the other two.
- Santa Barbara tried reconstituting under Mike McGee, but the environment was not conducive to that effort. At this point the Chapter is below the threshold of membership required by the Society.

Long Beach has only 4 members on the books, but is meeting as a mixed group at Leisure Village with off books people.

Division 2 Southeast - Nick Papageorge

- • See HOD Brochure
- • Inland Cities Chapter sang on PBS due to being seen at a mall performance.
- • Laguna Hills is attempting to get the minimum number of officers. Apple Valley has no officers, no federal nor state paperwork up to date.

Division 3 Northwest - Bill Rosica

- • See HOD Brochure
- • Conducting surveys of Chapters asking about what kind of Chapter they are and what kind of Chapter they want to be. Don Shively will take on Westunes NW Division editor duties.

Division 4 Northeast - Richard Lund

- • See HOD Brochure
- • Carson City is working on dissolution of the Chapter, but Richard is meeting with them to discuss.
 - Visalia is very healthy with their new director.
- • Stockton is singing mixed barbershop at this point.
- • Reno's new director is doing good things with the Chapter. Central California doing well with Bruce
 - Sellnow.
- • Folsom Chapter knows who they are and what they want to do.
- • Leadership Academy mini-event did well, with some new faces there who had not attended that kind of event before.

Division 5 Arizona - John Bloomquist

- • See HOD Brochure
- • Casa Grande Chapter is dissolving. BHS is working with the one remaining member to ensure that communication to state and federal bureaucracies happens.
- • Phoenix and Tucson both lost their shared director, and are being directed by assistant directors during a director search.
- • Mesa doing well, with almost twice the men on stage year over year.

Contest & Judging - Ron Black

- • See HOD Brochure
- • More senior quartets should get involved.

Music & Performance - Craig Ewing

- • Lack of attendees at schools like HCW
- • Craig pursuing a zero cost venue option at Cal State Fullerton to put on an educational event with
 - low financial risk to the District. Waiting on date confirmation. Looking at material sent by Donny Rose to determine how we can implement various M&P engagement programs coming from Staff.
- • Looking to engage SAI in joint educational event efforts

District Management Team

Chapter Support & Leadership - Steve Salmon

- • See HOD Brochure

Chorus Director Development - Royce Ferguson

- See Westunes article

Events - Bryan Forbes

- See HOD Brochure
- 2016 Fall District Net Income (to the District): \$11365. This represents a shortfall vs. budget of about \$5000, and is attributable completely to lower revenue. Costs were right on budget.
- Looking for two long term rotating venue options for the Spring Convention, at a theater-driven venue at the right size and price. Similarly, Division conventions also need to be held to the same theater-driven standard.
- Calendar conflict fixes requested per document sent by Bryan: Get doc presented by Bryan for minutes.

Marketing & Public Relations - David Melville

- See HOD and addendum reports.

Membership - Bill Rosica

- See HOD Brochure
- Bill has 500 buttons with his membership tagline available for distribution: Each One Brings One, We Won. The drive is for every member to bring in one new member this year.

Youth In Harmony

- Chairman position is open.
- Push for more high school quartet participation. There is a lot of discussion, policy framework, and risk management to work through, but the potential of co-ed high school quartet participation is being discussed.

New Business

Financial Review & Budget - Rich Owen

- See documents sent out by Rich
- Motion: Rosica
- Second: Black
- Motion passed

LA/HCW Discussion - Steve Salmon

- SoCal: 11/4/17 Colony High School, Ontario, CA NorCal: 11/18/17 St. Mark's Methodist, Sacramento, CA
- Arizona: No date firm yet, but possibly 1/13/18 St. Mark's Episcopal, Mesa, AZ
- Int'l Healthy Chapter Initiative leadership facilitators will be invited in to participate.
- Chapters can initiate their own participation in the Healthy Chapter Initiative immediately by simply calling Antonio Lombardi at Society HQ
- Focus also on using the academy as a Division Council where experienced Chapter leaders also have a way to participate in a way which is valuable to both the experience leader as well as new participants

Five-Year Plan - Steve Salmon

- **Committee:** Steve Salmon, Craig Hughes, Russ Young, Bill Tieberg
- See initial business plan sent out by Steve on 3/8/17
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Senior Chorus - Craig Ewing

- See document distributed by Craig Ewing for details.
- Discussion ensued as to the relative benefits of forming a senior chorus for this purpose. Craig and DVPs will contact Chapters and gauge interest for fielding a chorus which would sing in October for a qualification score to MidWinter.

Succession Planning - Gordon Bergthold

- Reiterated that succession planning needs to be a priority for all District leaders.

Chapter Compliance and Status Reports - Gordon Bergthold

- Antonio Lombardi will be sending an update as of 3/1/17. Six Chapters are currently in danger of being suspended, one licensed Chapter (Citrus Valley) has asked to extend their license, and 7 Chapters are already suspended and potentially subject to dissolution.

SOP Review and Edit - Allan Webb

- Details on FWD BOD Forum
- Discussion and further fleshing out of proposed changes to be accomplished by the June 2017 BOD meeting, at which time BOD will adopt a recommendation on proposed SOP changes, to be presented to the HOD at the Fall 2017 HOD meeting.

Awards - Chuck Hunter

Committee Chuck Hunter Bill Cale Bill Tieberg

- Motion: Bloomquist: Approve recommendation by Awards Committee for the Gassman brothers to be Fall 2017 Convention Dedictees Second: Rosica
- Motion passed

Harmony Foundation Update - Robert Rund

- Perry White starting as HFI CEO 4/3/17
- Congratulations on fulfilling Youth Chorus Festival pledge for the 2017 MidWinter, and encouraged us to continue the pledge for 2018
- HFI provided a 2016 accounting of the performance of the Far Western District Outreach Endowment Fund, which has been turned over to Treasurer Rich Owen.

Exploratory committee to investigate an opt-in limited printing option for Westunes

Ray Rhymer, Bill Rosica, Ron Black

For the Good of the Order - Board Members

Keep The Whole World Singing - Allan Webb

- Allan Webb directed Keep The Whole World Singing

Adjourn - Gordon Bergthold

- Motion: Papageorge Second: Anderson Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted

Allan Webb

Immediate Past President