

*REPORTS OF THE
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM &
OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO
THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE FAR WESTERN DISTRICT*

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Welcome to the Delegates



Russ Young, FWD President

This report has been compiled in order to streamline the mechanics of the FWD House of Delegates meeting so that all delegates are well informed regarding district affairs. It includes minutes of previous HOD and BOD meetings, reports of the FWD Board of Directors, the District Management Team and committee chairmen and a schedule of events for the Fall 2012 Convention and Contest.

Voting members of the Far Western District HOD are the following: Chapter Delegates, District Board Members and Past District Presidents. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the delegates or alternates, no proxy votes accepted.

Chapter Delegates:

Please download, print, cut out and sign the Credential Card provided on the last page of this report. The chapter president is the HOD Delegate; however he may designate a chapter member as Chapter Delegate. In that case, both the president and the delegate should sign the card. Bring the card with you to the HOD meeting at 1:30 pm on Friday, October 12, 2012. Please don't mail it.

We recommend that delegates read this report prior to attending the meeting and obtain any chapter input on issues provided. Upon arrival at the HOD meeting, proceed to the table reserved for your division and present your credentials card to your District Vice President seated there. Delegates may not vote without presenting valid credential cards.

After the meeting, we recommend that delegates file reports with their chapter secretaries as part of a permanent record of the House of Delegate Proceedings.

District Board Members and Past District Presidents:

No Credential Card is required for your participation in the HOD. Please be seated at your respective locations as follows:

- District Vice Presidents: with your respective divisions
- Past FWD Presidents: with your chapters or wherever convenient.
- A quorum will be determined from the credential cards presented to the district secretary by the respective District Vice Presidents.

These procedures for seating delegates and establishing the quorum at the spring and fall meetings were approved previously by the FWD Board of Directors and incorporated into the FWD Statement of Policy and the FWD Convention Regulations. Your observance of these procedures will facilitate the conduct and enhance the integrity of the meeting

Thank you,

Russ Young, President
Far Western District



Alan Lamson, Society President



September 1, 2012

To: Barbershop Harmony Society Leadership
From: Alan Lamson, Society President

Greetings to my brother Barbershoppers,

For those of you serving your second year, and maybe even your first year, as a chapter or district president or officer, I am sure you will agree with me when I say how fast the past 20 months have flown by. It is hard to believe that this will be my last greeting to you as Society President at your House of Delegates meeting. It seems like only yesterday when I wrote the first one for the spring of 2011. But it has been a busy time and it has been a wonderful opportunity for me to serve each of you as the Society Board deliberated policy, setting aims for the Society, and making decisions that could affect each one of you in the same way that we, also really just members of a local chapter, will be affected. But the good news is that I will have two more years to serve you and work under the guidance of our next Society President, Shannon Elswick of the Sunshine District. I know that we are in good hands for those years.

Looking back it is interesting to see what we have accomplished and what we have initiated. Clearly, one of the most important tasks of any Board of Directors is the selection, election, and support of the Chief Executive Officer of the organization. We have been doing that since the end of March 2011 when Ed Watson informed us that he would be retiring in July of 2011. It was an opportunity for us as policy makers to rethink where we wanted this great organization to go in the next decade and decide what type of professional leader we wanted to take us there. We were clear on that direction. We were unanimous on that direction. We also agreed that we would do whatever it took to get us to that person and not just be satisfied with settling for the best available person. It took two search efforts. It took receiving and reviewing nearly 90 professional resumes. It took two dozen telephone and face-to-face interviews. It took hundreds of hours of time from members on the two search committees who worked tirelessly to get us to the personality, experience, and leadership that we wanted. But we got there. And you have received your first House of Delegates message from that new Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, Marty Monson.

We kicked off Operation Harold Hill at the beginning of 2012 after seven months of planning in 2011. The effort was to have a Society-wide focus on membership recruitment – new members and getting some of our former members to return. Nearly 60% of our chapters have signed up to participate in Operation Harold Hill. We knew we would not get them all. There are many small chapters, probably those that need the help the most, who just can't or won't sign up. There are many chapters who are doing very well with membership, thank you very much, even before Operation Harold Hill and don't want to use up our resources needlessly. There are probably some, believe it or not, who don't even know about the program. But while we have been addressing the implementation and results to date of Operation Harold Hill, we knew this was not a one and done program – a program that would end upon the arrival of a new calendar year. That is what happened to other membership programs in previous years. Will it change? Will it morph and look different in another year? Probably, but the effort will still be there. It has already changed during 2012 at the hands of the Society Membership Committee. It became clear that membership recruitment was not the only issue to be solved. It was clearly identified that members were 'walking out the back door' as quickly (and more quickly) than we could bring them in the front door. So the Membership Committee developed the "Supercharging Your Chapter" program to provide a plan to help local chapters improve the retention of their existing members. We spend such great efforts to recruit new members, then ignore them and wonder why they leave before their first or second year of membership is over. Why would we not spend half the effort on retaining them that we do on recruiting them? So I urge each of you to adopt "Supercharging" or at least some program that specifically identifies ways to retain membership. And contrary to popular belief, the data indicates that the vast majority of those that leave are not doing so due to age. Seventy-five percent of the guys who leave are doing it because of something we have done, or not done, at our local chapters. Let's figure out quickly what we need to do in our chapters and for our chapters that is the right thing to do to improve retention and recruitment and make it a habit.

The Society Board has initiated some things that could be very exciting for our Society. They are all currently in the study phase with decisions to be made on many of them in the next three to six months. In summary, here is what we are studying and contemplating:

Global Strategy Task Force: We have ten affiliate organizations in other countries. Many of our members probably don't even know the extent of this global presence. Over the past several years there have been discussions about improving relationships with our affiliates and not just relying on meetings with them at our International Convention or occasional interface when a judge or staff member from the Society makes a trip to one of their conventions or a week of coaching. We feel that there are ways to get our organizations working closer together and that they can benefit from many things we do and we can certainly benefit from many things that they do. The Task Force will work to strengthen those relationships and educational opportunities.

Information Technology Policy Initiative: We have created a task force to develop a Society policy on the use of information technology. Our staff at headquarters is doing a great job with the limited resources that are provided to them. In many instances that places us on the backside of the wave of the future. And decisions regarding budgets and resources are not always made in a way that takes maximum advantage of the platform that a strong IT policy could provide. The results of this task force could change the way we conduct our business as a Society for years to come.

Mixed Harmony Affiliate: This task force is taking a hard look at what the Society can do to promote and encourage the formation, support and growth (including musical growth) of mixed harmony quartets. In the recent past there have been venues to allow such groups to perform – The Bolton Landing Festival and the Buckeye Invitational as two examples. But those opportunities have evaporated. And we have a lot of our members now singing in mixed harmony quartets. In many instances they are singing with their wives who may or may not be members of Sweet Adelines or Harmony Inc. There is little encouragement across the Society in providing coaching, educational opportunities and performance opportunities for these groups. If we want to create a larger umbrella that includes all people who love to sing barbershop, then certainly having an separate affiliate organization that would allow for these improvements would be beneficial to our own organization.

Foundations for a Lifetime of Harmony: Information has been provided to the board that indicates that there are nearly 2 ½ million home-schooled children in the United States and that curriculum for vocal music as part of their education is woefully limited and nearly non-existent. It was suggested that there is a great opportunity here for the Barbershop Harmony Society together with our sister organizations of Harmony, Inc. and Sweet Adelines International to step up and become the voice and source for vocal music education for these children and a major factor in the support of vocal music education in the United States. The Task Force was just recently formed and we anticipate some very exciting recommendations to come from the effort of this group. This is also a chance for the Society to do something that is external to our own members and our own organization and to have an impact in the lives of so many people in a selfless and altruistic action – in an area where I would daresay we have a huge amount of expertise.

These are exciting times for the Barbershop Harmony Society. The message is getting out loud and clear that membership is important. But the message is getting out also that we are an organization that can make a difference in people's lives, that can lift them up from their day to day worries, that can change our communities, and that can be the most relevant organization in our own community as a singing organization and as a community-minded organization.

We need to carry that message to every member of this Society. We need to carry that message back to our own chapters. We need to carry that message to everyone in our community with whom we come in contact. We need to believe that we are more than just a group of guys who enjoy singing and that we do matter.

Thanks for your efforts on behalf of all of us in the Barbershop Harmony Society.



...Music is Love is Music...

Don Hamm



Marty Monson, CEO and Executive Director



HOD REPORT

Fall 2012

Greetings Fellow Barbershoppers,

Following you will find a progress report regarding many (not all) of the programs from which _____ we drive our Mission of propagating and preserving our Barbershop Art form through ***“Enriching Lives Through Singing”***. Please review these updates with your teams/customers. All of the topics below are worthy of extra “color” but I would like to bring to your attention to a few observations.

Youth Harmony Workshops / Harmony Explosion Camps



Fundamentally, these outreach programs are critical to executing on our Mission. Incorporating such programs within our communities provides for long-term success of our Society. Keep the workshops and camps fresh with new and exciting ideas and schedules. If your district/chapter hasn't tried one of these programs, the reward is tremendous for everyone involved!

6th Annual International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival

Continue to get the word out! The benefits of the Festival are significant and can be life changing for everyone who attends. Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to participate (financially, in person, sponsorship, etc) in this exciting outreach program. Many schools like to plan a year or two in advance, promote our 2014 Festival in Long Beach, CA, January 28th - February 2nd, 2014. Create the demand for one of the best male chorus festivals in the world!



Harmony University



There are very few associations that actually produce a FUN, week long educational camp like HU. And this year was no exception. Seeing the generations of harmony displayed at the general sessions demonstrates the gift we have as a society. Having an entire chorus attend the camp substantiates the value of the University. George Davidson of Sound of the Rockies stated, "...this was a transformational event for our guys...thank you for accommodating our needs and finding the right coaching and right HU balance." Consider having your entire chapter attend HU, July 28th – August 4th, 2013!



International Convention

The Portland convention was fantastic with over 5700 people in attendance. Although a bit lower than last year's 5900 people (approx), several perennial larger choruses took the year off. Webcast subscriptions were also up this year by nearly 300 Gold Package (full-week subscribers), so if you watched at home, thank you for tuning in! All Society members and their families should make plans now to attend the 75th Anniversary Convention in Toronto next summer.

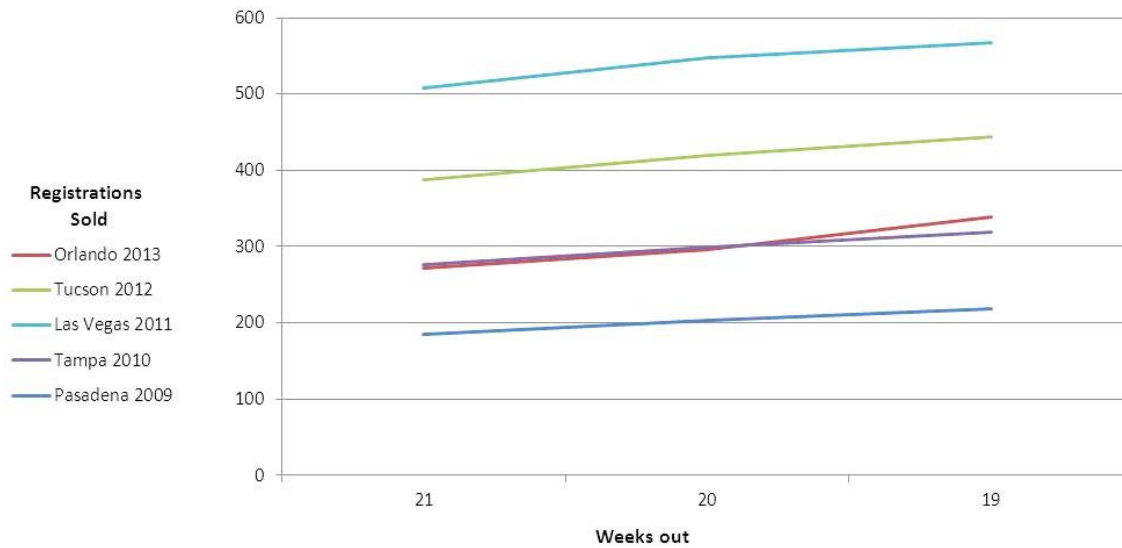
You can register online at www.barbershop.org/toronto. Registrations are ahead of Portland and Kansas City 45 weeks before the convention...so don't wait to confirm your seat!



Midwinter Convention - Orlando, FL

Plans are coming together nicely for the Midwinter Convention in January. The convention is two weeks earlier than past mid-winters, but registrations are progressing. All events will be held under one roof at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.

The schedule has been tweaked a little bit to accommodate what we believe to be the largest Youth Chorus Festival yet. Make plans to attend the convention from January 8-13, 2013 in Orlando, FL and register NOW to ensure you get the best seat possible. www.barbershop.org/orlando



Membership



Operation Harold Hill launched on 1/1/12. 452 chapters are currently signed up to participate. Congratulations to the Pioneer District for having 100% of their chapters signed up! It's not too late for your chapter and its members to commit to membership growth in 2012.

Total Members on August 1, 2012 was 23,468. This compares to 24,172 members a year ago on that same date.

Individual members can pledge to bring in new members and be entered to win special awards. Visit www.operationharoldhill.com for more details.

Many chapters have seen an upswing in membership recruitment this year as a result of OHH. However, most chapters are still struggling with retention.

Reach out and ask for help...the **Harold Hills** are a resource for you to voice your successes and get your voice heard! We all want to see all our chapters growing!

Harmony University



For HU 2012 - Total student registrations: 447.

- ❑ 217 students attended Harmony College - including over 80 men from the Sound of the Rockies Chorus. SOR attended a modified coaching track to receive a week's worth of intensive coaching as well as participate in many of the classes offered in the HC curriculum.
- ❑ 28 students registered as Next Generation students in which they were able to take courses from any discipline.
- ❑ Directors College had 140 students
- ❑ 10 Music Educators in attendance
- ❑ 13 quartets that participated in the Quartet College, including two International caliber quartets.
- ❑ All of these students were taught / coached by 47 faculty members.
- ❑ 85 students received Harmony Foundation scholarships.
- ❑ By comparison, in 2011 we had 446 total students (154 HC, 171 DC, 82 QC, 11ME, and 31 NG) along with 53 faculty.



Highlights for HU 2012 included a keynote speech delivered by Marty Monson (can still be found online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABFtRXrZmhl>), the introduction of our 75th anniversary theme song by Joe Liles, and countless hours of learning, singing, networking, socializing, and eating!

HU 2013 pre-registrations for 2012 attendees are already on sale (10 sold to date!). Early registration will open January 1st at the price of \$590. (Dates are July 28 – Aug 4, 2013)

Harmony Explosion Camps



For 2012, 11 Harmony Explosion camps have been reported thus far, and 707 students and 25 teachers attended. Not all camps have occurred yet, and final numbers for 2012 won't be available until mid-October. Districts who have held camps thus far are JAD, CAR, SUN, MAD, DIX, EVG (2), SLD, PIO, and RMD.

By comparison, in 2011, our *total* numbers for the year were 13 camps reported, with 1155 students, 50 music educators, and a total of \$69,100.00 was donated to these camps by the Harmony Foundation.

Youth Harmony Workshops



For 2012, we have had 27 total workshops with 3555 students and 139 teachers in attendance. Districts hosting these workshops are CAR (1), CSD (6), DIX (1), FWD (3), LOL (8), MAD (4), NSC (1), PIO (1), RMD (2), SWD (1). More workshops will continue to be reported now that the academic year has started up again.

In 2011, 51 workshops were reported, which reached 7109 students, and 315 music educators. A total of \$39,500 was donated to sponsoring chapters in support of these workshops..

Youth Chorus Festival



Registration for the 6th Annual International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival is now open. Youth Choruses who are planning on participating must complete their online registration and submit a \$300.00 (refundable) deposit by

October 1 to guarantee a spot in the Festival. By November 1, all additional registration info must be submitted to Headquarters, or the choruses will be responsible for paying their Midwinter Registration fee (normally covered by Harmony Foundation).

Chapter Achievement Program (CAP)

CAP is a program to recognize chapters (and encourage others to do so) for operating a healthy, balanced chapter life. Points are awarded based on several factors including chapter membership increase, membership programs delivered, chapter performances given, community involvement, fulfillment activities, etc.

Chapters had until June 1st, to fill out their survey. The 2011 version of the Chapter Achievement Program gathered 84 entries and the Top 10 are as follows in chart to the right.

By comparison, 2010 had 333 chapters participate / report and the top three were Asheville, NC, Mankato, MN, and Bloomington, IL.

Place	ChapterID	Chapter Name	Chorus Name	Total
1	F031	Louisville No 1 Chapter	Thoroughbreds	224
2	G069	Western Hills	Southern Gateway	220
3	H047	Mankato	Riverblenders	193
4	Q040	Wilmington	Cape Fear Chordsmen	173
5	I011	Grand Rapids	Great Lakes Chorus	155
6	B098	Atlanta Metro Chapter	Atlanta Vocal Project	154
7	A101	Papillion	Sarpy Serenaders	152
8	L026	Simcoe	Gentlemen of Harmony	152
9	E007	Bloomington	Sound of Illinois	150
10	D008	Santa Rosa	Redwood Chordsmen	149

Communication Opportunities



www.barbershop.org

The site changes on a daily basis with news, upcoming events, a show calendar, and more resources than you could ever imagine designed to grow your chapter, train your singers, train your leaders, or simply download free sheet music. Visit once a week.

A "**Membership Resources**" page can be found at www.barbershop.org/resources/membership-resources.html. There are great tools for your chapter to learn to grow its membership, raise money and much more.



www.barbershophq.com Two-

way communication between all barbershoppers and Society leadership – that's what this site is all about. Some topics are purely informational; some are intended to open a serious dialogue, some late-breaking news, and some just plain fun.



www.harmonymarketplace.com

Harmony Marketplace eNewsletter

Be the first to know about special monthly deals, new products and take advantage of coupon savings.



www.barbershop.org/livewire

LiveWire is the Society's weekly newsletter. Want to be in the know, sign up today!



www.facebook.com/barbershopharmonysociety

The Society's Facebook page has nearly 7,000 fans and continues to grow. This is a great forum for Facebook members to "hang out" and chat about barbershop, watch some videos and meet new friends.



www.twitter.com/barbershopnews

Twitter continues to be an incredibly popular way to stay informed on little tidbits of information.



www.youtube.com/user/BarbershopHarmony38

The Society's YouTube page continues to expand with new convention videos, instruction videos, etc. Be sure to check there often and feel free to share them with others so they see what barbershop is about.



www.barbershop.org/website-tools.html

The Society has worked out a deal to discount the use of this fantastic online chapter organization tool that helps chapters with everything from repertoire to attendance, to music learning tracks. Nearly 25% of all Society chapters use this resource.

Media Contacts for ALL Chapters: The web-based software, **Vocus** provides media contacts, outlets and a distribution service – and the Society’s subscription gives chapters direct contacts for all media in their local area. This is FREE to all Society chapters. Contact Melanie Chapman (mchapman@barbershop.org) and request a media list within a certain mile radius from your town or city. Use this list to distribute press releases about upcoming shows or events...give it a try!

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Timely Updates to: Chapter and District officer listings, Chapter or District dues changes, members’ personal records, death notices, due payments by Chapter Secretaries, IRS documents and state incorporation papers filed, ASCAP clearances obtained as needed.

Financial

Taxes & Financial Reviews

All US chapters should have filed a Form 990 (of some type depending on income) by May 15th. All chapters, both US and Canadian, should also have completed a financial review by that date. Updated filings with Secretaries of State are generally due from most corporations annually. While many chapters have complied with these requirements, some have not logged their compliance on the Financial Filings section of their chapter’s eBiz page. This is very important as lists of non-compliant chapters, such as the one below, are pulled from the eBiz data, so updating it will prevent your being contacted unnecessarily.

Percentages of Non-Compliant Chapters by District

As of 8/28/2012

District	% Forms 990 Not Filed (US ONLY)	% Financial Reviews Incomplete	% Secretary of State Filings Overdue
Cardinal	56%	52%	63%
Carolinas	27%	46%	46%
Central States	40%	47%	19%
Dixie	61%	65%	78%
Evergreen	39%	56%	74%
Far Western	42%	44%	59%
Illinois	53%	75%	63%
Johnny Appleseed	43%	47%	38%
Land O Lakes	18%	38%	36%
Mid-Atlantic	57%	59%	90%
Northeastern	27%	36%	42%
Ontario	N/A	67%	94%
Pioneer	35%	57%	64%
Rocky Mountain	36%	42%	52%
Seneca Land	52%	52%	33%
Southwestern	33%	50%	65%
Sunshine	11%	24%	14%

Beginning in 2012, accidental medical insurance is included with your chapter's policy for the required general liability insurance. It is no longer a separate, optional charge. All chapters are covered.

Insurance Certificates

Our general liability insurance certificates as well as the request form to get a third party listed as an additional insured are available on the Society's website: www.barbershop.org/document-center/category/68-insurance-documents.html. The completed request form can be faxed to the insurance agency or the requested information can simply be e-mailed to them. Their contact details are on the form. They will provide you with the certificate you need.

ASCAP

A chapter that performs in any show which is not exempt under U.S. Copyright law (see section 7.1 of 2012 Chapter Secretary Manual) must pay at least the minimum fee of \$230 for the year. A blanket agreement between ASCAP and the Society is in force. All Society chapters are covered by this agreement.

If at the end of a calendar year, a chapter has gross show revenue of less than \$51,111.11 they will pay the annual minimum ASCAP fee of \$230.

If the chapter's total annual gross show revenue is greater than \$51,111.11, see the 2012 Chapter Secretary Manual for details.

Chapters that do not perform in ANY show during a given year are not required to submit any payments. These chapters need to inform their District Secretary of this. The District Secretary should report this information to BHS at library@barbershop.org. Additional questions or clarification as to whether or not a chapter's performances would require payment should be directed to Janice Bane at library@barbershop.org.

We suggest that chapters send their yearly ASCAP payment to their District Secretary along with their first Show Clearance BMI/SESAC form (<http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/71-show-clearance-and-legal-ascap-etc.html>) and separate required payment, so that they may forward these payments to the Society upon receipt.

Chapters paying ASCAP fees should send a check payable to "Barbershop Harmony Society" along with the ASCAP Reporting Form, which can be found within the Chapter Secretary Manual or Chapter Secretary Manual Exhibits-2012(<http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/69-chapter-secretary-document.html> or by itself at <http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/71-show-clearance-and-legal-ascap-etc.html> BHS will collect all fees and make all payments to ASCAP. Chapters MUST NOT send any payment to ASCAP directly.

Aptify/eBiz



Our powerful membership database and members only “eBiz” was implemented to empower members in the field to take care of their barbershop business whether personal info, quartet, or chapter related. You’d be amazed at what you can do at your own computer. If you have questions regarding a member, chapter or the Society it is recommended that you go to www.barbershop.org or to <https://ebiz.barbershop.org/ebusiness>. You’ll be surprised how much information is at your fingertips.

Update to Record

When Joe Barbershopper has an update to his personal record, he can go onto e-Biz himself and update it, or his chapter secretary or other chapter officer can edit Joe’s record for him. In that way the Harmonizer, District Bulletin or other members will be able to locate Joe.

Dues Renewal via eBiz

Online renewal with a working credit card is the quick and easy way to complete the renewal process. If you’re worried about contest, the fastest way to renew is online.

Chapter Secretary Dues Payments

Chapter Secretaries have the authority to look at all overdue chapter members and pay their dues with a credit card via eBiz. For those members who procrastinate or forget their renewal, the secretary has a quick way to view, select and pay for any member in this category.

Chapter Dues Changes

When your chapter board votes to change chapter dues, the local chapter secretary can go onto the chapter e-Biz page and input the new dues records at least 60 days in advance of their effective date. It is quicker than calling or sending an email to HQ.

Chapter Officer Reporting for 2013

eBiz is the easy to use repository for creating a Chapter Role record for all elected and appointed positions. HQ, your district, and other Society members use these records to contact various leaders within your chapters to share information or seek chapter solutions to common circumstances. Following your elections this fall, please take the time to report your 2013 chapter officers.

Find Member Proximity Search

A great tool to identify BHS members who have moved to your area but have yet to visit eBiz. Do a search from Find Members>Proximity Search and UNCHECK the “current members” button. This list will contain both deceased and former members at their last known addresses. Mail a card to the former members and invite them back for an alumni night at your chapter.

Your feedback is very important to us. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs and communication methods. If you've read the entire document, please go to www.barbershop.org/hodfeedback to complete a quick survey and qualify for discounts to our conventions, marketplace, HU and more!

The survey will close on Nov 11th. We want your suggestions and solutions on making our Society better!

Next Step:

Please go to:
www.barbershop.org/hodfeedback
and complete the survey!

(Qualify for convention discounts,
Marketplace, HU, and more!)



Marty L. Monson, CEO / Executive Director
Barbershop Harmony Society

The following release was published by the Society on July 24, 2012. We in the FWD have included it in case you missed it:

The Barbershop Harmony Society is pleased to announce the appointment of its new CEO/Executive Director. Twenty-three-year member Martin “Marty” Monson was named to the post after an extensive search process conducted by the Barbershop Harmony Society’s Board of Directors and the search firm Genovese, Vanderhoof & Associates. Nearly 60 candidates, many with extensive musical and association management experience, were considered for the position.

Marty is currently president and owner of Visual Communication Advisors, a strategic planning consulting firm. Prior to that, he was vice president of business development for Glowpoint, a telecommunications and teleconferencing company.

“I am honored by the opportunity to serve the Barbershop Harmony Society in this capacity,” Marty said. “I’m eager to get started.” Society staff was informed of the decision on the morning of Friday, July 20. They will meet with the new CEO on Tuesday, July 24.

Marty has been president of the Hilltop, Minn. Chapter (LOL) of the Barbershop Harmony Society for the past five years. His leadership has helped to significantly grow membership and transform the Hilltop chapter (and its Great Northern Union chorus) into one of the Society’s most dynamic organizations. An article about this transformation appears in the [November/December 2009 issue](#) of The Harmonizer magazine.

“Marty brings unbridled passion and enthusiasm to this role,” said Alan Lamson, president of the Barbershop Harmony Society and interim CEO. “His ideas for the future, his successes with Great Northern Union, as well as his business successes, gave the Board the confidence that he was the right person at the

right time for the Barbershop Harmony Society. We are also excited by his ability to work with staff, committees, the Board and the membership to move us forward.”

“The search committee was looking for a strong blend of skills, experiences, energy and vision as demonstrated in business and barbershop,” added Shannon Elswick, Society executive vice president. “Marty’s success at the chapter level is undeniable, his energy is boundless, and he brings a vision that we believe will engage current members and attract new ones. We also believe Marty will use the great resources we have as an organization to broaden and enhance overall awareness of barbershop harmony.”

Marty, his wife, Amy, and their children, Stefany and Luke, will relocate to Nashville, Tenn. in the near future. The newly appointed CEO will meet with the Operations Team and deliver the keynote address at Harmony University on Sunday, July 29. He will officially begin his duties at the Society’s Nashville headquarters on August 13, 2012.



75th Anniversary Committee

To: House of Delegates, All Districts

From: 75th Anniversary Committee

Included in this mailing is a flyer about the Society's 75th Anniversary year – 2013!

A key element in the 75th Anniversary is the ***Celebrate Harmony*** show with original songs by Joe Liles and Steve Delehanty. You can download the script from either www.barbershop.org or www.operationHaroldHill.com. The script includes lots of great history about the Society, and all music in the show has learning tracks available. Many chapters plan to learn the show and then share their talents with other neighboring chapters.

We are asking all U.S. Governors and all Canadian Premiers for a proclamation declaring the week of April 7-13 Barbershop Harmony Week. Plan for a big celebration in your chapter that week, especially on

April 11, 2013, our 75th Birthday.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada is the site of our 75th Anniversary Convention, and we're planning for a big celebration! In the Westin Hotel, there will be a display of the uniforms of every International Champion Quartet – yes, all 74 of them! In the same room there is exhibit space for every district to have their own historical display.

In this package is a flyer about the 75th Anniversary – please print it, share it, send it to your members and friends, blow it up into a poster-- use your imagination. It's great publicity for your chapter and barbershop.

New merchandise for the 75th will be forthcoming – a collector's CD set with a song from all the International Champion quartets, a wonderful poster with a photo of every quartet; great apparel and collector items in the marketplace.

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Regards,

The 75th Anniversary Committee

Rob Arnold, Grady Kerr, Roger Lewis (Chairman), John Miller, Dusty Schleier, John Schneider

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Convention Program Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 11

2 – 10 PM	FWD Board Meeting	Ballroom B – Marriott Hotel
5 – 9 PM	Marketplace	Ballroom C - Marriott Hotel
3 – 10 PM	Harmony Platoon	Canyon Room
6 - 9 PM	Registration	Ballroom Lobby

Friday, Oct. 12

9 AM	FWD Past Presidents Meeting	Board Room H
9 – 3 PM	Registration	Ballroom Lobby
9 - 3 PM	Harmony Platoon	Canyon Room
9 – 6 PM	ASHOW	Cabana Room
10 – 4 PM	Ladies Hospitality	Sedona Room
10 – 4 PM	Marketplace	Ballroom E
11 AM	Harmony for Lunch	Queens Pizza
12 Noon	Hall of Fame Lunch	Board Room H
1 – 2 PM	Class (Want to be in Qtet)	Ballroom A
1 – 3 PM Class	(Sing w/Champs)	Ballroom C
1 – 3 PM	Class (Begin Directing)	Ballroom B
1:30 – 5 PM	House of Delegates	Ballroom F, G
2 – 3 PM	Class (Tag singing)	Ballroom A
3 PM	Platoon Qtet Contest	Ballroom A
3 PM	American Harmony	Ballroom C
4 PM	Judges Meeting	Judges Suite 301
4 – 9 PM	Registration	Ikeda Theater Lobby
5:30PM	Quartet Semi-finals	Ikeda Theater
9:30 PM	Quartet Evaluations	Marriott Hotel
10:00 PM	AFWDC Late Show	Ballroom A,B,C,D.

Saturday, Oct. 13

8 AM – 6 PM	Registration	Ikeda Theater Lobby
9:00 AM	Chorus Contest	Ikeda Theater
2:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	Ikeda Th. and Marriott Ballroom
5:00 PM	Sandwich Buffet	Ballroom D
6:45 PM	Quartet Finals	Ikeda Theater
8:45 PM	Show of Champions	Ikeda Theater
10:30 PM	Afterglow	Marriott Ballroom
10:30 PM	Platoon Tags	Canyon Room
10:30 PM	Hospitality Rooms	2 nd Floor Marriott
11:00 PM	Quartet Evaluations	Marriott Judges Rooms (3 rd Floor)

Sunday Oct. 14

9:00 AM	AFWDC Breakfast	TBD
9:00 AM	Platoon windup	TBD

HOD Order of Business
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
MESA, ARIZONA
 1:30 PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012

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| 1. Call To Order | Russ Young |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | TBD |
| 3. "The Star Spangled Banner" | TBD |
| 4. "The Old Songs" | TBD |
| 5. Invocation | TBD |
| 6. Welcome | Russ Young |
| 7. Introduction | Russ Young |
| a. Past Presidents | |
| b. Other Dignitaries | |
| c. District Officers | |
| 8. Roll Call | Peter Feeney |
| 9. District President's remarks | Russ Young |
| 10. Memorial to Departed Members | Peter Feeney |
| 11. Keynote Address | John Miller |
| 12. Approval of the Agenda | Russ Young |
| 13. Approval of previous minutes | Russ Young |
| 14. Receipt of HOD Reports | Russ Young |
| 15. Additional officer/Committee reports | |
| 16. Unfinished Business | |
| 17. New Business | |
| a. Changes to the SOP | Peter Feeney |
| b. Approval of the 2013 Budget | Robert Heron |
| 18. BOD Highlights | Russ Young |
| 19. Nominating Committee Report | Bob Lally |
| a. Election of Officers | Russ Young |
| b. Installation of Officers | TBD |
| 20. Awards | Bill Cale |
| 21. Future Convention Plans | John Jones |
| 22. Harmony Foundation Update | K.J. McAleesejergins |
| 23. Next Meeting time/Location | Russ Young |
| 24. Keep the Whole World Singing" | TBD |
| 25. Adjourn | Russ Young |



Minutes of the Spring HOD Meeting

Ontario, California

1:30p.m. Friday March 9, 2012

President Russ Young called the House of Delegates Meeting to order at 1:30 pm,

The following officers, directors, guests and delegates were present:

Past Presidents (8 voting)

Lynn Brittan, 1970-1971
 Sam Barger, 1984-1985
 Chuck Hunter, 1988-1989
 Carl Truman, 1998-1999
 Deane Scoville, 2000-2001
 John Krizek, 2002-03
 Peter Feeney, 2004-2005¹
 Bill Cale, 2006-2007
 Bob Lally, 2008-2009
 Bernard Priceman, 2010-2011²

Board Members (10 voting)

Russ Young, President
 Peter Feeney, Secretary
 Bob Heron, Treasurer
 Allan Webb, Executive Vice President
 Bernard Priceman, Immediate Past President
 Bill Rosica, DVP Div. 1—Southwest Division
 Craig Hughes DVP Div. 2—Southeast Division
 Chuck Leavitt, DVP Div 3—Northwest Division
 Richard Lund, DVP Div. 4—Northeast Division
 John Bloomquist, DVP Div. 5—Arizona. Division

Distinguished Guest (Non-voting):

Alan Lamson
 Clarke Caldwell

Society President
 Harmony Foundation, Inc. CEO

¹ Current Board Member

² Current Board Member

Chapter Delegates (33):

D002 Greater Phoenix

D008 Santa Rosa

D009 Placerville

D014 Conejo Valley

D018 Pasadena

D022 Palo Alto – Mtn.View

D023 San Diego

D026 Bay Area

D030 Whittier

D036 Ventura

D039 Marin

D041 Palomar Pacific

D046 Santa Fe Springs

D051 Reno

D055 Orange (Quartet)

D056 Fullerton

D057 Central California

D058 Santa Monica

D059 Fresno

D066 San Fernando Valley

D069 Mesa

D075 Las Vegas

D080 Las Vegas Metro

D085 San Luis Obispo

D087 Coachella Valley

D098 Folsom

D099 Santa Cruz

D101 Sun Cities

D103 Rincon Beach

D114 Riverside

D116 Brea

D117 La Jolla

D123 California Delta

Delegates Eligible to Vote: 51

Total HOD Membership:100

Quorum: 30% (30 Delegates)

After welcoming and opening ceremonies and introduction of dignitaries and guests the Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

President's remarks: President Young commented on the following items:

District planning (June in Fullerton, CA)

CPR (Chapter Preservation and Resuscitation)

Learn to Sing program

Operation Harold Hill

License kit for Elko, NV

Harmony College West (July 20-22, 2012 in Redlands, CA)

Leadership Academy (Nov. 3 and Nov. 17) Mesa, AZ and Pico Rivera, CA tentative locations.

Harmony Marketplace in Mesa for the Fall Convention.

Keynote address: Alan Lamson, BHS President

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve minutes of previous HOD Meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion to receive reports included in the HOD Brochure. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's comments by Bob Heron. John Krizek suggested that the District track donations made directly to schools by chapters.

No other reports were submitted by delegates.

New Business:

Motion to amend the SOP included in the brochure withdrawn by delegate Greg Titus.

President Young announced that he has formed a committee chaired by Bill Rosica to review the district policy on show clearances and conflicting dates among chapters. Report is due at Summer board meeting.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced that the board of directors has approved the selection of Mark Freedkin to be the honoree at the Fall convention in Mesa, AZ.

Immediate Past President Bernard Priceman announced that the chapter of the year is Bay Area (Voices in Harmon). Accepting the award was Greg Titus, chapter president.

Clarke Caldwell (Harmony Foundation CEO) presented certificates to chapters recognizing their contributions to Harmony Foundation. Clarke updated the meeting on the activities of the Foundation and introduced new Development Director K.J. McAleesejergins.

John Jones presented plans for future conventions:

Motion to hold the Fall 2013 convention in Bakersfield, CA Oct. 10-13, 2013. Motion Carried.

Motion to hold the Fall 2014 convention in Fresno, CA Oct. 9-12, 2014. Motion Carried.

The HOD will next meet in Mesa, AZ on October 12, 2012 at 1:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Feeney
FWD Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**Mesa, Arizona
October 12, 2012**

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| 1. Call to order | Russ Young |
| 2. The Old Songs” | TBD |
| 3. Invocation | TBD |
| 4. Roll Call | Peter Feeney |
| 5. Opening Remarks | Russ Young |
| 6. Society Board Member Remarks | John Miller |
| 7. Approval of agenda | Russ Young |
| 8. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting | Russ Young |
| 9. DVP Reports: | |
| a. Division 1, Southwest | Bill Rosica |
| b. Division 2, Southeast | Craig Hughes |
| c. Division 3, Northwest | Chuck Leavitt |
| d. Division 4, Northeast | Richard Lund |
| e. Division 5, Arizona | John Bloomquist |
| 10. Old Business: | |
| 11. New Business: | |
| 12. For the Good of the Fraternity | All |
| 13. Keep the Whole World Singing | TBD |
| 14. Adjourn | Russ Young |

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting Fullerton, California June 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am by President Russ Young.

All board members present.

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| 1. President, Russ Young | 6. VP, Richard Lund |
| 2. EVP, Allan Webb | 7. VP, Bill Rosica |
| 3. Secretary, Peter Feeney | 8. VP, Craig Hughes |
| 4. Treasurer, Bob Heron | 9. VP, John Bloomquist |
| 5. VP, Chuck Leavitt | 10. IPP, Bernard Priceman |

Motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in Ontario approved as corrected.

DVP reports. The reports are included in the Summer Brochure. District Vice Presidents add to their written reports at the meeting.

Division 1 Bill Rosica. Among other items contained in the brochure report Bill reported that the Fall 2013 contest has been arranged for the Rabo Bank Theater and the Marriott Hotel in Bakersfield and complimented John Jones on his hard work.

Division 2 Craig Hughes. Among other items contained in the brochure report Craig reported that Riverside will submit a bid for the 2013 Division Convention.

Division 3 Chuck Leavitt. Chuck added some information about other items not included in the brochure report. Crescent City is surrendering its charter. Congratulations to Santa Rosa for adding 15 new members since 1/1/12. Director's name is Phil DeBar. He has a good music team.

Division 4 Richard Lund. Richard added some information to the report included in the brochure. Prelims 2013 will probably be held in Lodi, CA. Richard reported on Elko, Nev. They are close to getting charter issues resolved with Nashville, Tenn.

Division 5 John Bloomquist. John added to his report. Arizona Music Educator Association was visited by BHS staffer Mike O'Neil and the Division had a table. Platinum level for the HF was reached by the Mesa chapter.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Report provided by chairman Bob Lally. The committee will propose a slate to the HOD consisting of all current members of the board. They are:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| President, Russ Young | VP, Richard Lund |
| EVP, Allan Webb | VP, Bill Rosica |
| Secretary, Peter Feeney | VP, Craig Hughes |
| Treasurer, Bob Heron | VP, John Bloomquist |
| VP, Chuck Leavitt | IPP, Bernard Priceman |

Although the nominating committee did not put forward any recommendations for candidates to fill openings on the Society board, the committee did submit two names from a list of six semi-finalists provided by the Society Nominating Committee. Those candidates are Larry Clemons and Dwain Chambers. Members of the committee are Bob Lally, Gene Clements, Chuck Hunter, Ivan Jensen, and Bernard Priceman.

Motion to accept the report. Motion carried.

Harold Hill update report is in brochure.

Fall Convention Update: report in the brochure. The issue of the very successful Quartet Harmony Platoon was discussed. The accounting for the Platoon will be included with all other convention expenses and proceeds in future conventions.

Conventions: Due to increased expenses at conventions the Events Committee recommends that Division and District Convention fees be increased: Proposed fee increases: Division: increase \$5.00, District conventions \$5.00.

Motion to accept the increases as presented.

The sense of the board was that the discussion of this increase be delayed until later in the meeting.

Motion tabled.

Leadership Academy: dates in Mesa will be changed to 9/15/2012 pending final negotiations.

Harmony College West report updated by Nick Papageorge.

Finance Review will be conducted in August.

Russ Young suggested that perhaps an independent auditor should be appointed and paid. Board agreed it was a good idea, but no action was taken.

The following items were discussed, but no action was taken:

Chapter Assistance Update.

Membership Programs

DMT Summary

Learn to Sing

New Business:

Contest Draw. The contest draw will be published after the International Convention.

Harmony Market Place at conventions: We will have a Barbershopper Shop in Mesa.

Motion to use Harmony Market Place profits for Youth Activities. Motion seconded.

Motion withdrawn.

Proceeds from the Harmony Market Place will be considered convention revenue and expense. Profits will be distributed in accordance with regular policy and procedure for handling convention finances.

College Quartet Funding: Russ Young. President Young expressed the opinion that the FWD should consider supporting the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, Florida as a sponsor of a chorus. The cost of a chorus sponsorship through the Harmony Foundation is \$10,000. The Foundation provides support to each participant in the Festival to pay for lodging and registration. Chorus sponsors will receive recognition at the convention in Orlando. No action taken.

SOP Changes:

Committee Report re: Show date conflicts. A lengthy discussion regarding the consequences of the current show clearance policy was held. The committee evaluated the possibility of changing the existing radius of conflict from 50 miles to a much shorter radius. None of the alternatives were seen to resolve the issue of chapter conflicts. The best alternative was thought to be the elimination of restrictions on conflicts with other chapters completely. The result of removing such restrictions would put the responsibility of avoiding conflicts at the chapter level. Sometimes conflicts exist which could hurt smaller chapters, and sometimes conflicts may appear to be possible based on the proximity of show venues, but in fact do not. The board believed that in the interest of harmonious relationships among all FWD chapters, the resolution of conflicts should be at the chapter level. The board voted to recommend the removal of the proximity restriction to the HOD for action in the fall of 2012.

Motion to eliminate Sections 9.2 Sections B&C to eliminate restrictions on show date conflicts with other chapters. Motions carried.

President Young raised the issue of mistakes made at previous High School contests. Contest Administrator Chuck Leavitt explained the reason for the errors. The DRCJ (Ron Black) was asked to review the procedures for conducting the contest. Ron Black worked with Jim Halvorson (YIH Chairmen) and reported to the board on scoring for the High School contest.

Motion to change the SOP regarding High School contests.

The changes will be included in the Fall Brochure for action by the HOD. Significant among them, “The High School Quartet Contest shall be administered under the auspices of the District Representative for Contest and Judging working with the District Chairman for Youth in Harmony. For this contest the procedures governing the operation, scoring, CA duties, evaluation and publication and announcement of results shall be identified in the District Spring Convention Regulations (document 2010-Spring Divisional Manual).

Motion carried.

President Young expressed concern that Society Judges at District and Division contest should be extended every courtesy and treated with sensitivity to their needs. The job of judges at contests requires long hours of travel and long hours of work at the contest and their efforts need to be appreciated.

Convention Manuals:

Russ asked for volunteers to review and revise the convention manual. Committee co chairs are Bill Rosica and Ron Black. Charge is to report back by the Fall board meeting.

Qualifying Scores:

At each fall board meeting the DRCJ recommends the qualifying score for quartets and choruses to earn a spot in the next year’s Fall Contest. DRCJ Black informed the board that his recommendation was ready at this time. These scores are used to partially complete the field, but choruses and quartets can still qualify with a lower score. The way it works: All competitors who make the qualifying score are invited to the contest and then the field is filled out to 25 from the remaining competitors. This ensures that there will not be a need for a quadruple judging panel and the attendant expense.

The current procedure was implemented about 12 years ago. Prior to that time the top five scoring competitors in each division earned a spot in the Fall contest. All remaining competitors were then ranked by score and the next ten were invited as “wild cards”. It was thought that this procedure unintentionally disparaged the accomplishment of those chapters who scored well enough to be invited but who had to wait until all division contests were complete.

Recommended scores are raised to:

Chorus: 63

Quartet: 68

Motion to approve recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion to increase fees removed from the table. Motion carried.

The discussion of the proposed fee increases for conventions and contest could now be continued. Division: increase \$5.00, District conventions \$5.00 (both early bird and late registrations.)

Motion to increase fees approved.

District Positions and Titles

President Young discussed the need to clarify district leadership roles and titles. The revised table of organization will be included in the District Directory currently listed on the FWD website.

President Young thanked Joe Liles for composing the song “One Song at a Time”. The song will be sung at District events and will have a public performance at the Go For The Gold Show tonight.

Presentation by Greg Titus regarding the new web page. The new web page is being developed by Greg using new software tools. The reliability and utility of the current web page will be enhanced by the “bells and whistles” now available to web page designers.

Russ assigned 5 teams of 2 to work on membership goals, objectives etc. and to provide the District President with a report by August 1, 2012.

Peter Feeney/John Bloomquist Chapter Leadership

Bernard Priceman/ Bill Rosica Conventions

Allan Webb/Richard Lund Youth

Chuck Leavitt/Russ Young Music

Bob Heron/Craig Hughes Membership

Due Date is August 1, 2012.

Budget Development:

Treasurer Bob Heron reviewed the proposed budget with the board. The budget will be included in the Fall Brochure to be distributed in September and will be presented to the HOD for its approval in October 2012. The preliminary budget:

Receipts: \$122,795

Expenses:\$117,095

Surplus: \$5,700

Harmony Foundation

K. J. McAleesejergins (Harmony Foundation) addressed the board. K.J. spoke to the need to receive sponsorship money for the International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival to be held in Orlando, Fla. in January 2013.

Approximately 30 choruses are expected to attended and funds requested by the Society from the Foundation to conduct the festival are projected to be \$270,000.

Meeting Adjourned

5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney

Board of Directors' Reports



Russ Young, President

As President of the Far Western District, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Fall Convention in my own hometown of Mesa. I know you are in for a real barnburner of a contest at one of the most beautiful facilities in Arizona. The convention team has worked meticulously to host a memorable event and I want to acknowledge their efforts. Thank you, team, for your hard work and for giving back to our hobby.

Your District leadership team has been working to continue programs for members. While attendance wasn't as high as usual, Harmony College West was a tremendous success. Attendees were thrilled at the opportunities available to them in the form of class offerings and the quality of instructors. I encourage members and associates to consider attending HCW next year, either as individuals, quartets, or bring your entire chorus. Either way, there's something for everyone.

Our District membership numbers continue to slide downward. Although not as critical as the Society as a whole, we have still lost about 3.5% since the beginning of the year. As of September 1st, we have welcomed 167 new members in 2012. However we have allowed 366 non-renewals to slip out our doors. Bringing in new members is always worth celebrating, but losing members is difficult. I encourage each chapter to look at new ways to keep them coming back through personal contact, chapter program development or any one of the many ways the District might help you. Our Membership Chairman, Jack Peters and CSLT Chairman, Gordon Berghold, are available to work with chapters and help slow down this trend.

Operation Harold Hill has become a bit stagnant in the past quarter. Summer always brings a lull in participation so I want to invite all chapters NOT currently enrolled in the program to strongly consider it. There are Society-wide "Harolds" ready and waiting to provide expert recommendations to your chapter that will bring in new members. This program has been (and continues to be) successful, but you can't benefit if you don't enroll. Best of all, it costs nothing!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention two of our esteemed and talented individuals - Mark Hale and Dr. Greg Lyne. Both of these gentlemen have recently stepped down from directing two of the top choruses in the Society. Both multiple gold medal directors, each has made significant musical contributions to countless singers throughout the world. Their drive for excellence has been inspirational to the music world. Thank you both for all you have done and will continue to do for the sake of barbershop harmony. We are proud to have you as part of our District and wish you the very best.

By the time this report is distributed, we will be close to completing one of two Leadership Academies in our District. The first in Mesa on September 22nd, and the second will be at El Rancho High School in Poco Rivera on November 17th. Coordinator Lou Benedict has put forth a lot of effort to ensure the best faculty and curriculum for these events. If you think you've "heard it all" and don't plan on attending, you should reconsider. Every chapter should set a goal to send every officer to these schools. There is so much to learn and so many ideas to share. Comments from previous academies have been highly favorable. Don't let such a great opportunity slip by.

The structure of our leadership team has changed a bit. We have so many dedicated and talented leaders in our District that we needed to re-focus chairman assignments in an effort to coordinate and align responsibilities to complete the numerous tasks at hand. Most of the chair positions now fall under DMT leadership. This helps with crossover of assignments so we can better serve our membership.

Look for a new FWD Website to be launched by the end of 2012. There has been a lot of discussion on this for a couple of years and I'm glad to announce the addition of a second Webmaster to help implement the new site. Let me introduce David Melville, an experienced computer programmer, web developer and graphics designer. David and Keith Eckhardt have been working on launching the new site since August. Keith has done a tremendous job with the website and collecting data for our District as well as for the Society. My desire to update our website would be even

more taxing on Keith, so bringing David on board is the perfect complement for what we need. As Co-Webmasters, I'm convinced they will create a product that stands out and helps make the FWD even greater.

We have so much to be proud of in our District. The programs, the people, the musical and administrative leadership found within our boundaries truly make the FWD the best in the Society. I encourage every member, every quartet, and every chapter, to take advantage of what is offered to you. It's right here and all you have to do is reach out and take it. I look forward to seeing each of you this weekend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Young
President, Far Western District



Peter Feeney, Secretary

The following sections of the SOP was changed by a vote of the FWD Board subject to approval of the HOD at its meeting on October 12, 2012.

9.2 Show Clearance Procedure

Granting of show clearance will be done only by the District Secretary, and the following rules will apply:

1. a) No show clearances are to be granted on District convention weekends, or Divisional Leadership Academy (see Art. XII para 12.3)Harmony Jubilee, Harmony College West or Chorus Director Seminar weekends.
2. b) A clearance may not be issued to a chapter within 50 miles of a chapter that has a previously cleared date.
3. c) Paragraph (b) may be waived with the consent of the chapter(s) that has received clearance.
4. d) Show clearance will not be granted on the same date as a chapter's own division quartet or chorus contest

Proposed change: Delete b) and c), and re-designate d) as b).

Allan Webb, on behalf of the Board:

Reason: Upon review by the Board, SOP Section 9.2 paragraphs b) and c) were judged to be bad legislation, due to the following factors:

1. They do not fundamentally solve the perceived problem they were intended to fix.
2. They can (and have) had an unintended consequence of being used punitively for emotional or political reasons.
3. Metropolitan geography, chapter distribution, and the limited number of weekends during the usual chapter show seasons make it effectively impossible to avoid show date conflicts.
4. Most chapters have their own perennial audiences who have ties to their chapter members, and another chapter having a show on the same date doesn't have an impact on their audience.
5. The remedy in the SOP (no advertising of a non-cleared show in District publications) has not been an effective deterrent.
6. The Board feels that the District shouldn't be in the business of arbitrating show dates between chapters, but only has an interest in show dates that conflict with District events, as outlined in a) and d).

During our discussion, the Board conducted exercises in changing the language of b) and c), such as using a smaller radius (as low as 15 miles) or using show venue as the location rather than chapter rehearsal venue. These experiments didn't fundamentally change the problems with this section, so we ultimately decided to recommend doing away with it altogether. Thus, it will be left to the Chapters to deal with each other (or not) on the subject of show date conflicts.

8.3.2.1.2. HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS

Proposed by Ron Black and Jim Halvorson:

The FWD High School Quartet Contest shall be held during the Spring International Preliminary Quartet Contest weekend. The members of the High School quartet shall each be a currently enrolled junior high or high school student from any combination of high schools located within the boundaries of the Far Western District.

Each competing high school quartet member plus one coach or chaperone for each quartet shall receive an all events registration for the Spring Prelims at no charge, to encourage their exposure to a high level of barbershop quartet

singing. Furthermore, admission to the high school quartet contest session shall be free and open to the general public, with open (non-assigned) seating.

ADD:

The High School Quartet Contest shall be administered under the auspices of the District Representative for Contest and Judging working with the District Chairman for Youth in Harmony. For this contest the procedures governing the operation, scoring, CA duties, evaluation and publication and announcement of results shall be identified in the District Spring Convention Regulations.

Section 1.2 of the FWD Statement of Policy is amended to clarify that certain documents may be amended by direct action of the board and would not require HOD approval See italicized wording:

1.2 Other Governance Documents

Other documents relating to the conduct of district affairs and referenced in this Statement of Policy include the Standard District Bylaws, Society Contest Rules, Society Statements of Policy, Society Operations Manual, WESTUNES Operations Manual and the FWD Directory. *In addition, the following documents, which may be amended from time to time by the BOD without ratification by the HOD, are referenced in this Statement of Policy:*

- **FWD Directory**
- **Score Based Plateau List (AAA, AA, A)**
- **District Youth Outreach Manual**
- **FWD Youth Medical/Parental Release Form**
- **Far Western District Youth Activity Code of Conduct for Adults,”**
- **FWD Convention Regulations.**

The following documents, which can be amended only by action of the Society Board of Directors or the Society Executive Director, are referenced in this Statement of Policy:

- Society Contest Rules
- Society Statements of Policy
- Society Operations Manual

These documents are available either through the district website and/or the District Secretary's files.

To the extent that the provisions of this District Statement of Policy conflict with the FWD Convention Regulations the rules set forth in this Statement of Policy shall prevail. All policy matters adopted by either the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates in the future will be incorporated herein. Amendments/revisions shall be made by additions to, or reprinting of, the affected page(s), and the reprinting of the table at the front of this document showing the following: date of the amendment, pages amended, reason for amendment, the authority for the change (HOD, FWD BOD etc.) and person responsible for making the change.

Society Governance and Bylaws Committee approval must be obtained for any amendment/revision to this Statement of Policy document. (See Section 17.03)



Robert Heron, Treasurer

3:36 PM
09/04/12
Cash Basis

FWD
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through August 2012

	Jan - Aug 12	Budget
Income		
500.00 - DUES	34,210.50	47,000.00
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS	546.44	2,500.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION	0.00	22,000.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	4,384.68	4,400.00
504.00 - WESTUNES	780.00	600.00
506.00 - OTHER	284.59	
506.02 - INTEREST	27.62	250.00
506.03 - WEBCAST	0.00	750.00
510.00 - Donations	3,855.25	7,000.00
520.01 - Fees: NorCalYouthCamp	320.00	
520.02 - Fees: Harmony College West	10,705.00	
Total Income	55,114.08	84,500.00
Expense		
603.00 - Webcast	250.00	
604.00 - BD MEETING	9,559.19	13,000.00
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	0.00	1,500.00
607.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR	0.00	500.00
607.08 - C&J	4,557.69	5,000.00
607.09 - YMIH	1,009.23	2,000.00
607.095 - YIH Awards (Paid from Reserve)	1,700.00	
607.096 - NorCalYouthCamp	1,847.40	
607.10 - EVENTS	189.40	3,000.00
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	317.61	4,000.00
607.117 - Harmony College West	16,129.51	2,500.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR	463.35	3,200.00
708.00 - Westunes	7,532.49	12,000.00
607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	1,296.78	6,000.00
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	0.00	4,500.00
607.99 - MISC COMMITTEES	11.00	200.00
609.01 - DUES COLLECTIONS	1,368.42	2,300.00
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	1,742.65	2,600.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	4,021.50	6,000.00
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	668.82	1,500.00
622.00 - Gov't Fees	50.00	50.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	3,949.06	5,100.00
703.00 - EVP	2,714.96	2,500.00
704.00 - DVP	286.92	2,500.00
705.00 - SECRETARY	84.77	500.00
706.00 - TREASURER	17.99	50.00
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	564.98	5,400.00
Total Expense	60,333.72	85,900.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-5,219.64	-1,400.00

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FWD Balance Sheet August 31, 2012

	Aug 31, 2012
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FWD-CD-9 MO.	51,812.41
FWD-CHECKING	12,837.89
FWD-SAVINGS	39,161.90
Total Checking/Savings	<u>103,812.20</u>
Total Current Assets	103,812.20
Other Assets	
111.10 - Prepaid	3,800.00
Total Other Assets	<u>3,800.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>107,612.20</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
449.00 - Quartet travel	1,363.72
450.00 - Chorus travel	1,767.99
452.00 - C&J reserve	3,750.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>6,881.71</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,881.71</u>
Total Liabilities	6,881.71
Equity	
451.00 - Surplus	
446.00-Youth Ed - 1/1/2012	7,042.55
447.00- NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP 1/1/2012	12,544.86
451.00 - Surplus - Balance 12/31/10	77,002.72
Total 451.00 - Surplus	<u>96,590.13</u>
Retained Earnings	9,360.00
Net Income (Loss) YTD 2012	-5,219.64
Total Equity	<u>100,730.49</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>107,612.20</u>

The budget for 2012 was prepared for the Summer Board Meeting in June of 2011. At that time I had very little experience as treasurer and we simply followed the outline used in previous years. As the year progressed I found ways to implement changes that I felt were appropriate to provide the Board with more complete information regarding the District's financial affairs. For example, I noticed that for activities like Harmony College West and Leadership Academy, the budget just showed the projected net cost to the district. Fees received and actual expenses were not tracked in the income statement so I began showing those items separately. Because of the changes in the way some of the income and expenses are now being tracked, there are cases where the numbers are not consistent with the budget. The budget for 2013 will allow us to see more of the details and that will be helpful for current reporting and future planning.

The following notes will provide further information about certain figures in the reports.

PROFIT & LOSS

Income:

500.00 – Based on the dues collected for the first 8 months of the year, it appears that our total dues collections for the year will be closer to \$50,000, which will be a significant increase over the budgeted amount.

506.00 – Other income - \$284.59

This is a reimbursement received from the BHS for ½ of our costs for Chapter Surveys

510.00 – Donations - \$1464.25 Harmony Foundation

\$2100.00 Northern California Youth Camp

\$ 246.00 Youth In Harmony Fund

We will be receiving more donations for the Youth Camp program

We receive checks twice a year from the Harmony Foundation under the Donor's

Choice program. Last year the first payment was \$3458.90. Our second check will be received in October.

Note: We have to find a way to encourage Harmony Foundation Donors to include the FWD in their Donor's choice allocations

We made grants totaling \$1200 to the High Schools of the participants in the High School Quartet Contests and \$500 to a chapter that hosted a Youth Harmony Festival. These grants are made from the YIH Fund (shown on the Balance Sheet) and we must increase the donations to this Fund so we can continue to make these grants.

520.02 Harmony College West. We budgeted an expense of \$2500 for HWC for this year but because of low attendance our net cost was about \$5400. This is included in the Music & Performance budget and because the expenses in that budget have been low this year, it appears that we will have enough money to cover this shortfall. The President was advised of this shortfall and pursuant to the SOP he approved the expenses before they were paid.

Expenses:

703.00 EVP – The expenses for the EVP to attend the Midwinter and Summer Conventions were higher than budgeted but the President was advised and approved the

payments before they were made as required by the SOP
709.00 Chapter Support – We budgeted a net cost for Leadership Academy of \$5000 and we believe that will be adequate to cover the net costs for the Arizona and Southern California sessions

BALANCE SHEET

111.10 – Prepaid Expenses – These are venue deposits of \$1800 for the Spring 2013 convention and \$2000 for the Fall 2013 convention.

452.00 – C&J reserve - \$3750 - This amount includes a 2012 contribution of \$1500 and the Fund will be used to send FWD judges to Category school in 2013.

451.00 – Surplus – Other \$77002.72. This is the General Fund equity balance as of 12/30/10
Retained Earnings – \$9360. This is the surplus for 2011

Net Income – -\$5219.64. This is the 2012 YTD loss

It appears that we are controlling our expenditures very well this year and that with our projected dues income and with a successful Fall Convention we should be able to end the year with another surplus.

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT - PROPOSED BUDGET - 2013

HOD - September 5, 2012

	<u>Budget 2013</u>
Receipts	
500.00 - DUES	50,000.00
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS	3,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION	15,700.00
503.10 - AZ-NV - Division	1,500.00
503.30 - SO CAL EAST/ WEST Division	2,000.00
504.00 - WESTUNES ads	500.00
506.01 - WEBCAST	2,400.00
506.02 - INTEREST	175.00
510 Donations - General	1,045.00
510.02 Donations Youth Educatio	1,500.00
510.03 Donations NoCal Youth Ca	9,700.00
510.04 Donors Choice	4,000.00
520.01 - Fees: NorCal Youth Camp	5,250.00
520.02 - Fees: HCW	14,000.00
520.04 - Fees: Leadership Academy	7,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	118,270.00

Disbursements	
602.10 - Webcast - Fall	2,500.00
604.00 - BD MEETINGS	14,850.00
607.01 - CHORUS DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT	1,500.00
607.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR	500.00
607.08 - C&J	3,500.00
607.085 - C&J CAT SCH	1,500.00
607.09 - YMIH - Committee expenses	1,050.00
607.095 - AWARDS	2,000.00
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	14,900.00
607.09 - YMIH - Youth Festivals	1,500.00
607.10 - EVENTS	3,550.00
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF - Committee expenses	1,000.00
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	1,500.00
607.117 - HARMONY COLLEGE WEST	18,000.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR - Committee expenses	1,000.00
607.124-WEB EXPENSES	2,400.00
708.00 - WESTUNES	708.05 - Supplies
	750.00
	708.01 - Internet
	1,100.00
	708.03 - Travel
607.18 - MEMBERSHIP - Committee Expenses	1,100.00
607.185 - Learn to Sing	2,000.00
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	3,500.00
609.01 - BHS DUES COLLECTION FEE	2,500.00
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,800.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	6,400.00
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	1,500.00
622.00 - Gov't Fees	100.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	
600.00 - AWARDS	1,445.00
607.07 - LONG RANGE PLANNING	200.00
700.03 - TRAVEL	1,000.00
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP	3,000.00
703.00 - EVP	3,000.00
704.00 - DVP (\$500 each)	2,500.00
705.00 - SECRETARY	100.00
706.00 - TREASURER	50.00
709/00 - CSLT Chairman	1,500.00
606.00 - Leadership Academy	9,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	116,295.00
SURPLUS/(LOSS)	1,975.00

Budget Details

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT - BUDGET WORKSHEET - 2013		
BOARD draft w/RDH rev- Sep 4, 2012	4-Sep-12	
	RDH revision	Convention
	Budget 2013	Budgets
Receipts		
500.00-DUES	50,000.00	
501.00-INTERN. PRELIMS	3,000.00	29,000.00
502.00-FALL CONVENTION	15,700.00	55,695.00
503.00-DIVISIONAL CONV		
503.10 - AZ-NV	1,500.00	11,000.00
503.20 - SO CAL EAST		
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	2,000.00	25,150.00
503.40 - NOR CAL WEST	0.00	
503.50 - NOR CAL EAST	0.00	
Total 503.00-DIVISIONAL CONV	3,500.00	
504.00 - WESTUNES		
504.01 - ADS	500	
504.02 - SUBS	0	
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES	500.00	
506.00 - OTHER		
506.01 WEBCAST	2,400.00	
506.02 - INTEREST	175.00	
510 Donations		
510.01 Donations Awards	45.00	
510.02 Donations Youth Educatio	1,500.00	
510.03 Donations NoCal Youth Ca	9,700.00	
510.04 Donors Choice	4,000.00	
510 Donations - Other	1,000.00	
Total 510 Donations	16,245.00	
520.00 Fees		
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	5,250.00	
520.02 HCW	14,000.00	
520.04 Leadership Academy	7,500.00	
Total 520.00 Fees	26,750.00	
TOTAL INCOME	118,270.00	120,845.00
Disbursements		
601.00 - Int'l Prelim Expense	0	23,130.00
601.01 Convention Exp.SoCalEast/West	0	20,666.00
601.02 Convention Exp.AZ		7,850.00
602.00 Fall Convention Exp		33,281.00
602.10 Webcast	2,500.00	
602.23 Supplies		
602.00 Fall Convention Exp - Other		
Total 602.00 Fall Convention Exp	2,500.00	
604.00 - BD MEETING		
604.01 - TRAVEL	5,500.00	
604.02 - MEALS	1,600.00	
604.03 - LODGING	6,500.00	
604.04 BD Meeting - Supplies	50.00	
604.00 - BD MEETING - Other	1,200.00	
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	14,850.00	

607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	1,500.00
607.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR	500.00
607.08 - C&J	
607.084 - TRAVEL	3,500.00
607.085 - C&J CAT SCH	1,500.00
Total 607.08 - C&J	5,000.00
607.09 - YMIH	
607.093 -TRAVEL	1,000.00
607.094 - POSTAGE	50.00
607.095 - AWARDS	2,000.00
607.096 NoCal Youth Camp	14,900.00
607.09 - YMIH - Other	1,500.00
Total 607.09 - YMIH	19,450.00
607.10 - EVENTS	
607.101 - SUPPLIES	250.00
607.102 - TRAVEL	3,000.00
607.105 - POSTAGE	50.00
607.10 - EVENTS - Other	250.00
Total 607.10 - EVENTS	3,550.00
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	1,500.00
607.113 - TRAVEL	1,000.00
607.114 - POSTAGE	
607.117 - HARMONY COLLEGE WES	18,000.00
Total 607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	20,500.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR	
607.124-WEB EXPENSES	2,400.00
607.127 Travel	1,000.00
708.00 - WESTUNES	1,500.00
708.01 - TELEPHONE	750.00
708.02 - POSTAGE	0.00
708.03 - TRAVEL	1,100.00
708.06 - PRINTING	0.00
708.07 - MAILING LIS	0.00
Total 708.00 - WESTUNES	3,350.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR - Other	0.00
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	6,750.00
607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	
607.17 - SUNSHINE	100.00
607.185 - Learn to Sing	2,000.00
607.184 - Travel	1,000.00
Total 607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	3,100.00
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	3,500.00
609.00 - MISC EXP	
609.01 - DUES COLLECTIONS	2,500.00
609.00 - MISC EXP - Other	0.00
Total 609.00 - MISC EXP	2,500.00
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,800.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	6,400.00
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	1,500.00
622.00 - Gov't Fees	100.00

700.00 - PRESIDENT		
600.00 - AWARDS		
607.02 - COMMITTEE	1,000.00	
600.00 - AWARDS - Other	400.00	
Total 600.00 - AWARDS	1,400.00	
607.03 - NOMINATING		
607.07 - LONG RANGE PLANNING	200.00	
607.16 - HALL OF FAME	45.00	
700.03 - TRAVEL	1,000.00	
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP	3,000.00	
700.00 - PRESIDENT - Other		
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	5,645.00	
703.00-EVP		
703.03-Tri & Meals	3,000.00	
Total 703.00-EVP	3,000.00	
704.00-DVP		
704.10-DVP AZ		
704.12-POSTAGE		
704.13-TRAVEL	500.00	
704.10-DVP AZ - Other		
Total 704.10-DVP AZ	500.00	
704.20-DVP So Cal East		
704.24-SUPPLIES		
704.20-DVP So Cal Ea	500.00	
Total 704.20-DVP So Cal East	500.00	
704.30-DVP SO CAL W		
704.33-TRAVEL	500.00	
704.30-DVP SO CAL V		
Total 704.30-DVP SO CAL W	500.00	
704.40-DVP NOR CAL W		
704.44-SUPPLIES	500.00	
Total 704.40-DVP NOR CAL W	500.00	
704.50-DVP NOR CAL EAST		
704.52-POSTAGE		
704.53-TRAVEL	500.00	
704.54-SUPPLIES		
Total 704.50-DVP NOR CAL EAST	500.00	
Total 704.00-DVP	2,500.00	
705.00 - SECRETARY		
705.01 - TELEPHONE		
705.02 - POSTAGE		
705.03 - SUPPLIES		
705.00 - SECRETARY - Other	100.00	
Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	100.00	
706.00 - TREASURER		
706.03 - SUPPLIES	50.00	
Total 706.00 - TREASURER	50.00	
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT		
606.00 - Leadership Academy	9,000.00	
709.4 - TRAVEL	1,500.00	
Total 709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	10,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	116,295.00	84,927.00
SURPLUS/(LOSS)	1,975.00	35,918.00

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Bill Rosica, Division 1 Vice President

Normally, I use this forum to discuss why we're not growing and how we need to attend conventions and such. Well I'd like to use this time to point out those chapters who have had some success this year. Here are the numbers of some of my heroes:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>New members</u>	<u>Current Memebership</u>
Conejo Valley	6	28
Pasadena	9	46
Aloha	5	72
Ventura	3	16
Santa Monica	5	47

Two Chapters, San Fernando and Santa Barbara added two new members and 8 other chapters added one new member. These chapters added new members despite the trend on losing members. What did they do? How did they bring in new guys? First of all, they all have a good time at their chapter meetings. The guys who came in the front door did not leave through the back. They stayed and are having a great time. The music program is challenging enough but not overwhelming to attract these singers and they are coming back week after week.

For those chapters who may not be doing as well, give the Program VP or the Music VP a call and pick his brain. I think you'll find that many of these chapters are either signed up for and/or are using the Harold Hill Method. If you have not tried this program, please get on the Society Website and take a look. Also, give Jack Peters a call. He can bring you all sorts of ideas to improve your chapter. The FWD has many men waiting to hear from you, if you just call. The rest is up to you and your Administrative and Musical Staff.

Thanks for your time and I hope to see you here in Mesa.



Craig Hughes, Division 2 Vice President

Summer 2012 was a great time for Barbershop in the Southeast Division. Fun at International, Harmony College and Harmony University. . . exciting chapter shows and sing outs . . . Division visits by Mike O'Neill, Society Music Educator / Lunch Break bass, and KJ McAleesejergins, Harmony Foundation Director of Development / Lunch Break bari, provided the opportunity for several joint Chapter Meetings. (Special thanks to Palomar – Pacific, Riverside, and South Orange County Chapters for hosting) . . . and a number of summer chapter events.

It's a great time to be a Barbershopper. Share the magic.

Speaking of magic, mark your calendar for the 2013 SE/SW Division Contest on May 10th and 11th. We are returning to Colony High School in Ontario with our Riverside Chapter hosting the event.

Membership recruitment is high on everyone's list and "Operation Harold Hill" is a valuable resource. The Southeast Division has 11 chapters enrolled. If your chapter isn't already involved in the process please consider doing so. I have had the privilege of visiting several Chapters and attending five shows this summer. Thank you to those who made my visits memorable. I look forward to many more in the Division. The fun and performance value can't be denied. We are doing a lot of things right but membership growth continues to be a challenge. We had a loss in July (15) dropping our number to 696. That's down 14 from prior year. We need to share the joy with everyone and encourage new singers.

I have held a number of positions in my local Chapter. Being the kind of guy that volunteers and then tries to figure out how to accomplish the task I often need guidance. I recently took on a marketing task and found a bunch of support documents on the Society web site. I go there often and am continually surprised by the amount of useful information. Regardless of your project, someone has probably already done it well and documented their success with templates and advice. In my case it was a flyer for an upcoming show. I found templates at: <http://www.barbershop.org/public-relations-get-the-word-out.html> and Eddie Holt (Society Website Developer / Lunch Break lead) helped deliver a professional image beyond what I could cobble together on my own. That is just one of many examples. Get out to www.barbershop.org and spend some time treasure hunting. It's a gold mine!

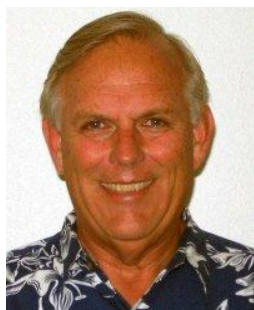
Lots of Lunch Break quartet members in this report. I wonder what their Tenor can do for the Division.

A bitter sweet aspect of our fraternity is the occasional loss of a brother. I attended several celebrations of life over the summer and always leave with a wonderful appreciation of the man. I learn things I didn't know like his interests and contributions to the community. I also find that, without exception, Barbershop was a key part of his life. The Barbershop Family provides something special that can't be found anywhere else. On one occasion we closed with a rousing rendition of "Keep the Whole World Singing". When his son stepped forward to join us with his baby daughter in his arms it completed the circle. This is too special to keep to ourselves. Please share your passion with others and help our Society grow. There is nothing else like it!

In Harmony,

Craig Hughes, SE Div VP

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Chuck Leavitt, Division 3 Vice President

In the Fall Westunes, I wrote about the Northwest Division statistics from the BHS mid-year membership data. As of July 1, the NW division had a 4.9% increase in membership year to date. The eight chapters that signed up for Operation Howard Hill collectively *increased* their membership by 30 members, but the five chapters that didn't sign up collectively *lost* 8 members.

So then I wondered what the membership statistics were for chapters participating in the division contest. Notice I didn't say compete because several chapters sang for evaluation only. This list is almost the same (see below) but those that participated *gained* 31 members while those that didn't *lost* 9.

Chapter	2011 Q4	2012 Q1	2012 Q2	CHG mid- year	% CHG	OHH	Div Contest
Bay Area (CA)	96	96	98	2	2.1%	N	Y
Eureka (CA)	39	38	36	-3	-7.7%	N	N
Fremont-Hayward (CA)	23	24	24	1	4.3%	Y	Y
Marin (CA)	23	24	29	6	26.1%	Y	Y
Monterey Peninsula (CA)	38	38	38	0	0.0%	Y	Y
Napa Valley (CA)	18	18	16	-2	-11.1%	N	N
Palo Alto-Mountain View (CA)	60	63	63	3	5.0%	Y	Y
San Francisco (CA)	20	19	21	1	5.0%	Y	N
San Francisco Bay Cities (CA)	14	16	15	1	7.1%	N	N
San Mateo County (CA)	28	27	22	-6	-21.4%	N	N
Santa Cruz (CA)	20	22	22	2	10.0%	Y	Y
Santa Rosa (CA)	41	45	56	15	36.6%	Y	Y
Walnut Creek (CA)	32	30	34	2	6.3%	Y	Y
Total OHH	257	265	287	30	11.7%		
Total no OHH	195	195	187	-8	-4.1%		
Grand Total	452	460	474	22	4.9%		
Total at Contest	333	342	364	31	9.3%		
Total no Contest	119	118	110	-9	-7.6%		
Grand Total	452	460	474	22	4.9%		

They say "all politics are local." It can also be said that "all membership is local." What you do in your chapter has the biggest impact on gaining and retaining members. But if you take advantage of the ideas, programs and resources that have been successful elsewhere, you have a big head start. I guarantee that if you participate in future contests, you will have fun and learn to perform better. Just ask Santa Rosa and Marin; they did both.

I congratulate all of you for being part of the finest men's singing organization on the planet. Let's make it better! And - oh yeah... support Harmony Foundation.



Richard Lund, Division 4 Vice President

Carson City and Chico are blazing the trail! I just want to highlight two chapters who have recently been “in trouble” and are now not just seeing the light at the end of the tunnel but actually coming out of the tunnel!!

Chico has been without a director for almost two years. They now have a director.

This is a chapter that has languished (I don’t think they mind that language) for years; but with their hot young director, Geoff Felver, they are “on fire”. What do you do when you are without a director for that long? Many guys would take that excuse to exercise their feet and simply walk out. Many guys would just “give up” and go home. Chico did not. They kept after it with a volunteer director, Bob Reidel, for a year; and just coming together and singing the old songs. That can be “fun” for a while; but I suspect it got pretty old and caused a lot of “issues” to come to the fore.

But the over riding fact is that the guys, and the chapter kept it together and made it through those hard times with no one “up front”.

I was privileged to join the chapter for Geoff’s third rehearsal with the chapter and it was a hoot. Geoff is a recent grad of Chico State in the music department, and has a lot of really good habits developed from that disciplined kind of learning. That isn’t barbershop though, as we all know (smile). So the real “fun” part of the process is getting the guys and Geoff gradually onto the same page with directing and song interpretation. It is going to be a huge opportunity for both Geoff and for the chapter; and I am optimistic that this will be a match that will work. I invited and Geoff accepted an invitation to join us at Youth Harmony Camp September 21 – 23 where he will have an opportunity to meet and interact with current directors (Caretto, Halverson, Drown & Keil).

Carson City is another chapter with director issues. BJ Hill, bass of Special Feature, has been directing Carson for a couple years now and the chapter has been doing well. Unfortunately, BJ has been transferred to Las Vegas for his work, and will be leaving approximately end of year. This had thrown the chapter into a turmoil of “what next” kind of questions. There was even talk of having to give up their charter if they didn’t have a director.

Over the course of several meetings and wonderful interactions with some very good barbershoppers whose hearts and souls are definitely in growing the chapter, I want to relay the beginning and ending outcome of the last meeting that I attended with pretty much the whole chapter. The leader of the meeting started out by saying “this meeting is to determine whether we continue as a chapter...” However, by the end of the meeting they had put together a brand new full board of directors and a show chairman!!

That is a group of guys coming together and stepping up to make things happen!

I am thrilled by the progress with these two chapters; and wish them the very best moving forward.

I would be remiss if I didn’t also relay the activities of the Sacramento Chapter following the merger discussions with ARC. Sacramento is moving forward. Randy Finger has assumed the role of full time director and the guys singing and having fun doing it! They are clearly improving and are planning a huge guest night coming up the first part of October.

Elko continues to work on their Charter process, a process that has been frustrating for them (and for me). The minutes of their last Board Meeting indicates they are planning a Holiday Show, either on their own or with another group in Elko and will be participating in shows of other Elko organizations. They are tentatively planning a charter show for April / May 2013. Their director, Josh Royce, attended Harmony University in August 2012. Josh will also participate as one of our clinicians at Youth Harmony Camp in September 2012.

Richard Lund, District VP, NE Division



John Bloomquist, Division 5 Vice President

It has been a great Summer in Arizona and we are all looking forward to the Fall and it's cooler weather.

This Fall, the AZ Division will be location of the FWD District Convention and Contest Oct 11-14, hosted by the Greater Phoenix Chapter with assistance from Sun Cities and Mesa Chapters. The Mesa Arts Center is a fantastic venue and I am sure the FWD will want to return again soon. Please take a moment and fill out the registration form located in this edition and mail it in by September 8th to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing.

Also, the weekend of August 17-18 brings the Annual Fred Koch Memorial BASH in Tempe AZ. This awesome barbershop weekend which begins with a golf outing on Friday morning, followed in the evening by a parade of quartets. Saturday brings the always fun Luck of the Draw pick up quartet contest as well as the Fifth Annual Division Novice Quartet Contest, the Fifth Annual Chapter VLQ (Very Large Quartet) Contest, Plus the woodshedding, pool time, etc. I encourage everyone to attend. These are the types of weekends that help keep the FUN in our lives.

I was honored to attend the Tucson Sunshine Chapters picnic and to install the new Board of Directors. They also have some news that I will let them tell you about in their article.

The District Leadership Academy will again be held in Arizona on Sept 22nd and I am sure Gordon Berghold will have more on this as well.

We are excited about all of the new things that are going on that you will read about and are excited about having the District come visit us again in Oct.!!!

District Management Team Reports



Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold, CSLT Chairman

As I mention in my last report, the CSLT program (chapter support and leadership training) is being utilized by some chapters, but there's still some unused expertise awaiting the opportunity to be called on by those who don't seem to understand the benefits being offered by the FWD.

The Leadership Academy has been completed in Mesa, Arizona and in southern California and many of the FWD chapters took advantage of the one day educational program that featured many instructors who are listed as Chapter Service Representatives on the district website.

Making the first move will enable your chapter to avail yourselves of the many experienced volunteers who have many years of barbershop behind them. It doesn't matter if it's about music, membership, marketing or any other administrative matter of importance to your chapter, we have people who can help.

Remember, the key learning for all of us: "breaking up" our large goals into smaller and more manageable pieces is usually the most effective way of accomplishing big things. Start by utilizing the FWD's team of Chapter Service Representatives, or as President Russ Young call it, "CPR", chapter preservation reps. If you haven't tried it, you're missing out.

Again, if you have questions please do not hesitate to give me a call (928) 830-0877, or email me at glbergie@cableone.net. You can also contact your division vice-president for advice or referrals.

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold

CSLT Chair FWD



John Minsker, Chorus Director Development Chairman

We've got a lot of talent in the Far Western District, perhaps more than any other district in the Society. We've also got a lack of music directors.

My attempts to create a directors "pool" from which chapters in need could draw upon for temporary or interim directors has met with a resounding "thud".

It seems that most current directors are plenty busy with their own choruses, and so, unable to offer themselves for inclusion into such a pool.

While pondering this dilemma, I realized that my job is Chorus Director DEVELOPMENT!!

Sooo, with the encouragement of Keith Eckhardt, I'll be presenting a FREE Beginning Director's class at the Marriott Hotel in Mesa, Arizona on Friday, October 12 at 1:00pm

This class will be for Assistant Directors, Section Leaders, really ANYONE who is interested in learning the basics of directing a barbershop chorus.

If this class is successful, we'll plan to present two more, one in Southern California, and another in Northern California.

It's my feeling that there are many who are interested, but can't afford the time or expense of Director's College or even Harmony College West, or North, or wherever, but might be able to afford a Saturday relatively nearby with plenty of marketing notice beforehand.

Hopefully, this pro-active plan will create more directors which could help the chapters needing direction.

This is NOT a job placement service, but the more assets we have available to us, the more help we might be able to provide, to help keep the FWD singing. (at least "One Song At A Time."

As always, I am open to suggestions and opinions.

Sincerely submitted,

John Minsker



Ron Black, Contest & Judging District Representative

It is interesting to note that participation has increased in the Spring Contests. More choruses and members participated in the Spring of 2012 than ever before, and this is a year that the Masters of Harmony are out of competition. Total Quartet participation is up slightly, and for Seniors, down slightly. For the Fall District contest – 22 quartets and 21 choruses have qualified.

	Total Choruses	Total Ch Men	Average Points	Total Qt Men	Total Quartets	Average Points	Intl. Qualifiers	Senior	Super Senior
2012	35	985	63.9	252	63	64.1	4 qt, 2ch	19	4
2011	30	705	64.7	248	62	63.9	4 qt. 3ch	22	6
2010	29	897	66.6	240	60	66.0	4 qt. 2ch	14	4

We still have 16.5% of all Certified Judges here in the FWD

5 Contest Administrators + 2 Candidates

10 Music Judges + 1 Candidate

4 Presentation Judges + 2 Candidates

9 Singing Judges

With only one exception, feedback from competitors regarding their contest evaluations is very positive.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Black, FWD Director of Contest and Judging



John Jones, Events Chairman

Upcoming District Conventions

Fall District Conventions

2013 – Oct. 10-13 – Bakersfield, Visalia Host

2014 – Oct. 9-12 – Fresno, Fresno Host

Spring District Conventions

2013 – Mar. 21-24 – Lodi, CA – California Delta Host

2014 – Mar. 20-23 – open for bid

2013 Division Conventions

March 21-24, 2013 – Northwest/Northeast Division – joint at Lodi

April 20, 2013 - Arizona Division – open for bid

May 11, 2013 - Southwest/Southeast Division – Riverside Host

2014 Division Conventions (All Open for Bid) Subject to change for joining divisions

April 11-12, 2014 Northwest Division

May 23-24, 2014 Northeast Division

May 9-10, 2014 Southwest Division

May 16-17, 2014 Southeast Division

May 2-3, 2014 Arizona Division

Harmony College West

Aug. 16-18, 2013 – Cal State Hayward

Events Committee

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| 1. Event Chairman – AZ | Ivan Jensen |
| 2. Event Chairman – Southeast | Paul Sandorf |
| 3. Event Chairman – Southwest | Jim Serdahely |
| 4. Event Chairman – Northeast | Sam Barger |
| 5. Event Chairman – Northwest | John Jones (interim) |
| 6. Registration Chairman | Bob Cathaway |
| 7. Production Director | Doug Maddox |
| 8. Convention Activities Chairman | Keith Eckhardt |

Welcome to Mesa and our 2012 FWD Fall Southern Getaway and Convention, hosted by Phoenix and a top-notch team of managers lead by Jack Mauney and Bob Sampson. Please thank all the Phoenix folks for providing an outstanding venue for our choruses including on one stage, Pacific Coast Harmony, Voices in Harmony, The American River Chorus, The Westminster Chorus, The Spirit of Phoenix and 16 other choruses from across the District.

Add to that... some 60 barbershoppers gathered in logical groups of 4 throughout Mesa, participating in that growing phenomenon known as "The Platoon". This blew my mind in Ontario and I can't wait to become again immersed in 'barbershop ubiquitous'. Check it out!

You will have a chance to dive into the Platoon experience again at the 2013 Spring Convention in Lodi, Ca where plans are in place to continue this new quarteting platform. The Hutchins Street Square Performing Arts Center provides a beautiful theater in which our District Registered Quartets will be seeking a place in the 2013 contest lineup in Toronto next summer. With ample additional rooms and spaces throughout the Center, our Northeast and Northwest Division choruses will be delighted to find they have had the opportunity to perform at their best before a great audience, followed by a working coaching session provided by some of the best barbershop minds.

Plans are evolving around Ontario, Cal. for a combined 2013 Southeast/Southwest Spring Convention located back in Colony High School. As reported last Spring we have secured the Bakersfield Robobank Center and the Marriott Hotel for our Fall 2013 Convention.

Looking ahead to 2014 the Fresno Chapter is hosting our Fall Convention and we are penciled in for a return to our venue and hotel we used last fall. All other Conventions for 2014 are open for your bidding pleasure. Review your options with your Division Vice Presidents and share your thoughts on preferred venues and formats. I'm inclined to continue the combined divisional format for Northern California and Southern California with the Spring Prelims returning to Southern California in 2014.

Do enjoy this weekend and thanks to everyone for being here.....John Jones



Bob Lally, Nominating Committee

After due deliberation and search, the Far Western District Nominating Committee has assembled a slate of candidates and suggest that they be nominated for election to the FWD Board for the year 2013. This slate has been approved by your Board of Directors at their June meeting and is hereby passed on for your approval.

The Slate:

President -	Russ Young
Exec VP -	Alan Webb
Secretary -	Peter Feeney
Treasurer -	Bob Heron
VP NW –	Chuck Leavitt
VP NE -	Richard Lund
VP SW -	Bill Rosica
VP SE -	Craig Hughes
VP Arizona –	John Bloomquist
IPP	Bernard Priceman

If elected we know that these gentlemen will continue to serve our District in an exemplary fashion.

Bob Lally, Chair
Gene Clements
Chuck Hunter
Ivan Jensen
Bernard Priceman



Nick Papageorge, Music & Performance Chairman

HARMONY COLLEGE WEST

Another Great Weekend

The University of Redlands in Redlands, CA. was HOT! But it wasn't just the steaming weather that was HOT; the campus was STEAMING with MUSIC during the weekend of July 20-22, 2012. BARBERSHOP MUSIC! The cafeteria tent was filled with Tags and Songs all weekend long. Students were taught the essence of our hobby during a fun-filled two days. The students gained knowledge that will help them become better singers and enjoy their hobby more. But more importantly, their chapters will be rewarded by the vast knowledge those students gained at the school and bring back to the chapter.

Put next year's Harmony College West on your Chapter Calendar NOW! The school is scheduled for August 16 – 18, 2013 at the Cal State University East Bay in Hayward, California.

SOCIETY MUSIC SPECIALIST VISIT

Mike O'Neil, one of the Society's music specialists visited our District during the week of September 10th, 2012. He had great multi-chapter meetings in Riverside, CA, and El Toro, CA, and then flew to Hawaii to help our Aloha Chapter friends. Everyone involved learned a great deal and fun doing it! Next year have your chapter get on the waiting list early!

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

This is a call to all Chapter Leaders! Send your Music and Performance VP to the District Leadership Academy in your area. This year there are two. By the time of this convention, the Mesa, Arizona Academy will be completed. However, the second will be the Southern California Leadership Academy on November 17th in Pico Rivera. It is very important to get all of our Music and Performance VP's educated in all of the various ways that the District can help your Chapter musically. I'll see you there!

IN ADDITION


Please take advantage of the District's Coaching Reimbursement Program, and Standing Ovation Program. Both of these will help your chapter immensely. Contact me soon if your chapter would like a Review for the holiday season or early next year.

Have a musically rewarding Holiday and we'll see you all at the Spring Convention!

Nick

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Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

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Delegate	Chapter President