

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

OCTOBER 10-12, 2013

BAKERSFIELD MARRIOTT AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

801 TRUXTUN AVENUE

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF
BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA, INC.

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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

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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 2013 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 11, 2013. 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

Schedule

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT 2013 FALL BARBERSHOP CONVENTION & CONTEST

Schedule of Events
Oct 10-13, 2013

Rabobank Arena
Theater and Convention Center
1001 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, Ca

Thursday (Oct 10)

2 pm	FWD Board Meeting (2pm to 10pm)	Marriott Board Room
2 pm	Harmony Platoon (2pm to 10pm)	Rabobank Truxtun Room
6 pm	Registration Open	Rabobank Lobby

Friday (Oct 11)

9 am	FWD Past District President Meeting	Marriott TBD
8am	Registration (8am to 9 pm)	Rabobank Lobby
9 am	Harmony Platoon (9am to 4 pm)	Rabobank Truxtun
9am	AHSOW (all day)	Rabobank Carrot
11am	Hall of Fame Lunch	Marriott TBD
11am	Harmony for Lunch Bunch (11am to 1 pm)	TBD
1 pm	Classes (1 pm to 4 pm)	Rabobank
Caleinte/Oleander/Potato		
1:30 pm	House of Delegates	Marriott Ballroom
4 pm	Judges Meeting	Marriott Judges Suite
5 pm	Doors Open (Quartet Prelims Semifinals)	Rabobank Arena
5:30 pm	Quartet Prelims Semifinals	Rabobank Arena
10 pm	Evaluations (Quartets not Advancing)	Marriott Judges Rooms
10 pm	AFWDC Late Show	Marriott Ballroom

Saturday (Oct 12)

8 am	Registration Opens (8 am to 9 pm)	Rabobank Lobby
8:30 am	Doors Open (Chorus Contest)	Rabobank Arena
9:00 am	Chorus Contest	Rabobank Arena
2:15 pm	Chorus Evaluations (2:15 pm to 4:15 pm)	Rabobank Arena
6 pm	Doors Open (Quartet Prelims Finals)	Rabobank Arena
6:45 pm	Quartet Prelims Finals	Rabobank Arena
8:45 pm	Show of Champions & Awards	Rabobank Arena
10 pm	Afterglow	Marriott Hotel
10 pm	Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	Marriott Hotel

Sunday (Oct 13)

Minutes of the Spring HOD Meeting



**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
SPRING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
HUTCHINS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
THOMAS THEATER - LODI, CALIFORNIA
1:30 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013**

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

Past Presidents (4 voting)

Lynn Brittan, 1970-1971

Sam Barger, 1984-1985

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

Craig Hughes DVP Div. 2—Southeast Division

Chuck Leavitt, DVP Div 3—Northwest Division

Allan Webb, Executive Vice President

Bernard Priceman, Immediate Past President

Bill Rosica, DVP Div. 1—Southwest Division

Richard Lund, DVP Div. 4—Northeast Division

John Bloomquist, DVP Div. 5—Arizona. Division

Distinguished Guest (Non-voting):

John Miller

Society Board Member

K.J. McAleesejergins

Harmony Foundation, Inc. Director of
Development

Jim Clark

Harmony Foundation, Inc. Director of
Development

¹ Current Board Member

² Current Board Member

Chapter Delegates

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. D002 Greater Phoenix | 13. D057 Central California |
| 2. D008 Santa Rosa | 14. D058 Santa Monica |
| 3. D021 Sacramento | 15. D075 Las Vegas |
| 4. D022 Palo Alto – Mountain View | 16. D087 Coachella Valley |
| 5. D023 San Diego | 17. D092 San Mateo |
| 6. D024 San Francisco | 18. D098 Folsom |
| 7. D026 Bay Area | 19. D101 Sun Cities |
| 8. D028 Central Coast | 20. D102 Fremont-Hayward |
| 9. D029 Visalia | 21. D110 White Mountains |
| 10. D040 Nevada Placer | 22. D123 California Delta |
| 11. D046 Santa Fe Springs | 23. D009 Placerville |
| 12. D051 Reno | 24. D042 Stockton |

Delegates Eligible to Vote: 38

Total HOD Membership: 96

Quorum: 30% (28 Delegates)

Opening Remarks:

In his opening remarks President Russ Young introduced Ted Sayle as the new Chairman of Events, replacing John Jones. Russ thanked John for his service and congratulated Ted and wished him much success. President Young also commented on the success of the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando. He thanked the chapters for their support of the Festival. The District made a \$10,000 donation given by chapters to the Harmony Foundation.

Keynote:

President Young introduced Society Board Member John Miller. John brought greetings from the Society Board and Society President Shannon Elswick. John commented on the HOD Bulletin jointly published by the Society President and Society CEO Marty Monson. A copy was posted on the FWD website together with the HOD Brochure.

John announced that the Ringmasters Quartet will appear on the Today Show on April 11, 2013, the 75th anniversary of the Society. John indicated that plans to celebrate the anniversary are progressing very well.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous House of Delegates meeting (October 2012 in Mesa, AZ). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion to receive the 2013 Spring Brochure Reports. Motion carried..

Board Highlights:

Russ Young commented on the appointment of Greg Lyne as the new chairman of Chorus Director Development wishing Dr. Lyne much success in his new position. Russ called the Harmony College West to be held in August at Cal State East Bay to everyone's attention.

The board renewed the District's commitment to sponsor the Youth Harmony Festival (\$10,000).

Russ discussed the District planning process and indicated that the District is currently reviewing goals and strategies in the following areas: Membership, Conventions, Leadership, Music and Youth in Harmony.

The Far Western District will sponsor a banner that will be displayed in Toronto at the 75th Anniversary celebration.

President Young reported that the Society is always looking for qualified men to serve on the Society Board. Suggestion for nominees may be submitted through President Young.

Awards:

Chairman Cale acknowledged the honoree of the Spring Convention, Bruce Sellnow
Ron Hays is the honoree for the Fall Convention (Bakersfield, CA).

The Chapter of the Year (2012) is Santa Rosa.

Harmony Foundation Update

Russ introduced Jim Clark as the new Director of Development serving the Far Western District. Russ then introduced K.J. McAleesejergins who distributed contribution awards. He then presented a short video about the Orlando Youth Festival and thanked the District.

The next meeting of the HOD will at 1:30 pm in Bakersfield, CA on October 11, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Feeney
FWD Secretary

HOD Order of Business
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
1:30 PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Call To Order | Russ Young |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | John Bloomquist |
| 3. "The Star Spangled Banner" | TBD |
| 4. "The Old Songs" | Allan Webb |
| 5. Invocation | Bill Rosica |
| 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. Approval of the Agenda | Russ Young |
| 12. Approval of previous minutes | Russ Young |
| 13. Receipt of HOD Reports | Russ Young |
| 14. Additional Officer/Committee reports | |
| 15. Unfinished Business | |
| 16. New Business | |
| a. Changes to the SOP | Peter Feeney |
| b. Approval of the 2014 Budget | Max Bates |
| 17. BOD Highlights | Russ Young |
| 18. Society Board Update | John Miller |
| 19. Society HQ Update | Marty Monson |
| 20. Harmony Foundation Update | Clarke Caldwell |
| 21. Nominating Committee Report | Chuck Hunter |
| a. Election of Officers | Russ Young |
| b. Installation of Officers | John Miller |
| 22. Awards | Bill Cale |
| 23. Future Convention Approvals | Ted Sayle |
| 24. Next Meeting time/Location | Russ Young |
| 25. Keep the Whole World Singing" | Russ Young |
| 26. Adjourn | Russ Young |

Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Lodi, California March 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by President Russ Young. All board members present.

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

President Young opened the meeting with some brief remarks and then introduced Society Board Member John Miller. John discussed the HOD Bulletin at some length. He informed the board that Ringmasters, our current quartet champion, is scheduled to appear on the Today Show (NBC) on April 11, 2013 in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Society.

President Young called for the approval of the Agenda. It was approved without objection.

President Young asked Secretary Feeney for the reading of the minutes from the Mesa, Arizona meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended and distributed. Motion carried. The minutes were not read but are included in the Spring Brochure.

A motion was made and seconded to receive the reports included in the Spring Brochure. Motion carried. Craig Hughes distributed a written report which was incorporated in the brochure. The Treasurer's financial report, received in the Brochure with the other reports, was discussed at some length. Suggestions were made to include more information in the report (B. Priceman) and the Treasurer agreed to do so in future reports.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale proposed that the honoree at the Fall Convention in Bakersfield be Ron Hays from Tucson, Arizona for his exceptional work with youth in harmony. Motion was made, seconded and the Motion carried. President Young, on behalf of the board, extended his congratulations on the record.

Event committee reported on future conventions. During the discussion it was noted that attendance remains an issue of some concern to the District. President Young asked Bill Rosica to chair a committee to look at ways to increase attendance. Keith Eckhardt was asked to serve as well.

Chorus Director Development Chairman Dr. Greg Lyne reported on the event held in Pleasanton, California in February to help develop front line directors. Dr. Lyne spoke about his favorable review of the event and expressed enthusiastic support for future training, including Harmony College West in August.

After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to continue the sponsorship of the Youth Chorus Festival (Long Beach, California in 2014) in the same manner as was done in 2012. Motion carried.

Harmony Foundation video was shown by K.J. McAleesejergins and K.J. introduced Jim Clark, new Director of Development for the Foundation.

President Young then discussed budget considerations. All vouchers for payment of expenses or

invoices for goods and services must henceforth be approved in writing by President Young. DMT's Travel expenses to District meetings require approval of the EVP.

District goals need to be updated regarding due dates. They need to be returned to Russ by April 30 for re-distribution to the Board and DMT for implementation. Updates and modifications will be discussed at the Summer Board Meeting.

Nick Papageorge and Russ Young discussed Harmony College West in detail. Four gold medal directors will serve as faculty. They are Dr. Greg Lyne, Royce Ferguson, Justin Miller and Mark Hale.

Discussion regarding Westunes was conducted by the board. Improvements in the display of Westunes on the new website are expected.

Motion by Bob Heron, seconded by Richard Lund. Move the board go into executive session to discuss the AFWDC audit and that the EVP preside and that the president be excused. Motion Failed

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the AFWDC Audit. B. Priceman sec. by Bob Heron. Motion carried.

Motion to have the EVP preside at the executive session and that the president be excused. Motion failed.

Motion: Delay action on the AFWDC audit response until the Summer meeting. Motion discussed.

Motion withdrawn by Bob Heron.

Motion: To exit executive session. Motion carried

Harmony Marketplace Discussion of the procedures. Russ requested John Jones put the proper procedures in the Convention Manual

YIH/Harmony Foundation Funding, changes in policy at the Society now require an application process for Harmony Camp. Apparently this change is causing some discomfort to camp directors. John Miller will include comments about the Youth Camps funding to Nashville in his report regarding the convention..

The board moved to authorize the DP to spend up to \$750 for a banner to be displayed at the Toronto 75th

Anniversary convention. Motion carried.

The District Secretary was instructed to include in the minutes the names of individuals in addition to board members who are entrusted with handling District funds. The purpose is to have our bonding company include them as covered members. The list:

John Jones

Ted Sayles

Bill Kane

Keith Eckhardt

Nick Papageorge

Earl Walker

Jim Sherman

Motion that the Board request that the AFWDC Board deliver to the Far Western District Treasurer on or before April 20, 2013 all of the documents and materials requested by him that are necessary to conduct a financial review of 2012, pursuant to Section 4.4 of the BHS Treasurer's Manual. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney, District Secretary

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Fullerton, California June 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by President Russ Young.

President Young provided brief opening remarks, thanking the Board and DMT for their continued contributions.

Roll Call

✓	Hughes	✓	Young
✓	Leavitt	✓	Heron
✓	Rosica	✓	Priceman
✓	Lund		Absent- Feeney
✓	Bloomquist		

Approval of agenda - President Young requested to amend Society Board Nominations to the first order of new business due to the submission deadline.

MSP (Leavitt/Hughes)

10.9 Society Board Nominations

Reviewed previously distributed resumes and submitted ranked preferences for Society BOD.
Recommended to submit candidates Deters, Powell, Galloway.

MSP (Priceman/Lund)

DVP Reports - See reports submitted to Peter

Southwest

Southeast

Northwest

Northeast

Arizona

Discussion ensued regarding the consistency of senior awards across the Divisions. Ron Black to investigate standard practice at the

Division level and report at the fall meeting.

9. Old Business

9.1 Membership Numbers vs. Budget - Discussion of real number vs. projections from 2008. Priceman's 2008 projections were fairly accurate for 2008-2013 when dues increase was taken into account. We will review again at the fall meeting.

9.2 HCW Update - 4 quartets registered plus 7 individuals. Marketing of the event will continue, with several ads coming out in Evergreen and SAI publications to try and drive attendance. Papageorge to continue investigating the process and pricing of bringing a small chorus for coaching.

9.3 Membership Programs - No report

9.4 AFWDC Final Audit Report – Bernard Priceman reviewed his report of the financial audit of 2010-11. After some discussion, the findings were found to be acceptable and President Young requested a motion to accept the AFWDC as submitted. Treasurer Heron abstained from this vote by way of exiting the meeting for the remainder of the session.

9.5 Goals Review and distribution - President Young requested EVP Webb to work with the DMT and have an updated summary of the 2013 goals with details for implementation outlined by August 1, 2013.

9.6 Youth Chorus Sponsorship – Discussion ensued regarding a contract that was requested by Jim Clark on behalf of the Harmony Foundation that committed the FWD to its \$10k pledge for 2013. It was determined that there was no need to sign a contract and that the minutes from our Spring meeting would suffice as a commitment to Harmony Foundation.

9.7 Website update – President Young highlighted Webmaster David Melville's webmaster report and update. There has been a favorable opinion about the new site, although some of the content is still in development. One request from Melville was to extend the time we support the old server in order to pull the old data and functions into the new system. President Young requested a motion to fund the old host through October 31, 2013.

MSP (Hughes/Rosica)

10. New Business

10.1 Convention Manual Changes – President Young restated the concern that the convention manual needed updating and alignment with the SOP. Ted Sayle to establish a committee to review and recommend changes by Fall meeting.

10.2 Convention Schedules – There were discussions regarding the number of activities in a typical Division Convention day, with the recent combined SE/SW Division contest being cited. Ron Black to work with DVP's to investigate and make recommendations for combined Division Contest logistics.

10.3 Comp Registrations – Richard Lund discussed his findings on whether comp registrations made a significant difference in participation at Conventions. It was found to have no impact. Lund moved to eliminate the one time free convention registration to new members. Second Hughes

Following discussions the motion was amended to eliminate the one time free convention registration to new members after the fall 2013 convention.

MSP (Lund/Hughes)

10.4 DMT Summary – EVP Webb discussed highlights of the DMT meeting held the evening prior. Since most of the board members were present for that meeting, there was little to discuss.

10.5 Draw for Fall Contests

Quartets

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Voices Of Excellence | 6. Constellation |
| 2. Heat Wave | 7. Vocal Edition |
| 3. Speakeasy | 8. Joint Venture |
| 4. Wildcard #2 | 9. Preferred Blend |
| 5. Octaves | 10. Silver Knights |

11. Don't Tell Mom
12. The Newfangled Four
13. SBPC
14. Wildcard #1
15. First Strike
16. The Front Line
17. The Outliers
18. Velvet Frogs
19. Behind The Barn

20. Unanimous
21. Classic Edition
22. Four Fifteen
23. American Pastime
24. Sound Encounter
25. Frequency
26. Pipes
27. Silver And Gold

Choruses

1. La Jolla
2. Santa Rosa
3. South Bay
4. Palo Alto
5. Riverside
6. Tucson
7. San Diego
8. South Orange County
9. Pasadena
10. Sacramento
11. California Delta
12. Santa Barbara

13. Central California
14. Rincon Beach
15. Santa Fe Springs
16. Reno
17. Fullerton
18. Santa Monica
19. Bay Area
20. Marin
21. Brea
22. Fresno
23. Las Vegas
24. Greater Phoenix
25. Davis-Vacaville

Ron Black proposed the qualifying scores, as required by the SOP, for the 2014 District Contest, providing justification for his reasoning. Motion to raise the chorus qualifying score for the Fall District Contest to 62 (average).

MSP (Hughes/Lund)

Motion to raise the quartet qualifying score for the Fall District Contest to 68 (average).

MSP (Leavitt/Bloomquist)

10.6 Collegiate Quartet Assistance – President Young stated that the FWD has three Collegiate Quartets competing in Toronto. There was discussion regarding the FWD providing some financial assistance. Motion to provide \$150 per quartet for 2013.

MSP (Leavitt/Rosica)

10.7 SOP Changes

10.7.a Motion to change SOP 8.3.2.2.4.a add "with back rails" and 8.3.2.2.4.b add "with back rails"

MSP (Bloomquist/Rosica)

10.7.b High School Quartet Contest - It was agreed that the High School Quartet contest changes can be made in the Convention Manual and it is not necessary to make changes in the SOP.

10.7.c AFWDC status & operating requirements – Motion to change all occurrences in the SOP which refer to an “Affiliate” to “Subsidiary”. This is not specific to any group, but to all currently identified as affiliates.

MSP (Webb/Bloomquist)

Motion to change SOP 15.2.1 "All subsidiaries will conduct their financial reporting activities (to the FWD) according to generally accepted accounting principles (GAP)"

MSP (Priceman/Hughes)

Motion to add to SOP that all Subsidiaries will operate according to their approved bylaws.

MSP (Leavitt/Rosica)

10.8 2013 Leadership Academy - Bergthold/Hughes to investigate three leadership academies with potential of combined CDD in the November to February time frame. Complete by August 1, 2013.

10.10 2014 FWD Budget

Tabled for future meeting TBD

10.11 Nominating Committee

Proposed slate for 2014

IPP: Young

- President: Webb
- EVP: Bergthold
- Treasurer: Max Bates
- Secretary: TBD
- DVP NE: Lund
- DVP NW: Leavitt
- DVP SE: Hughes
- DVP SW: Neil Pennywitt
- DVP AZ: Bloomquist

MSP (Leavitt/Lund)

11. Information/Discussion Only Items

11.1 Chapter concern – President Young expressed concern regarding Associate members and their perception that there is little to no benefit to being an Associate. He will address those concerns with the individuals involved.

11.2 Toronto District Sponsorship – The banner project that had been previously approved to display in Toronto has been dropped due to lack of interest.

11.3 DMT Positions for 2014 – President Young requested that all FWD leaders actively seek potential members for the DMT positions being vacated in 2014. These include: Membership, CSLT, Events (mid-year), Finance Development and L & R. There are other positions that have been open for some time including LRP and Audit.

14. Adjourn – 5:06pm

MSP (Leavitt/Bloomquist)

Respectfully submitted

Allan Webb, Executive VP

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday October 10, 2013

Bakersfield, California – 2:00pm

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| 1. Call to order | Russ Young |
| 2. The Old Songs | TBD |
| 3. Invocation | TBD |
| 4. Roll Call | Peter Feeney |
| 6. Opening Remarks | Russ Young |
| 7. Society Board Member Remarks | John Miller |
| 8. Approval of agenda | Russ Young |
| 9. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting | Russ Young |
| 10. 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 |
| 11. Old Business: | |
| a. 2014 Budget Review/Approval | Max Bates |
| b. Harmony College West | Nick Papageorge |
| c. San Fernando Valley update | Gordon Bergthold |
| d. Membership Income Projections (dues) | Bernard Priceman |
| e. Goals Update | Allan Webb |
| f. Convention Manual Update | Ted Sayle |
| g. Website/Website Functions Update | Jerry McElfresh |
| h. Division Convention Schedules | Ron Black |
| i. SOP Review | Peter Feeney |
| j. SOP Review for HOD | Peter Feeney |
| 12. New Business: | |
| a. Spring 2014 Convention Honoree | Bill Cale |
| b. Leadership Academies | Gordon Bergthold, Craig Hughes |
| c. Added Board Positions | Russ Young |
| 13. Information only Items | |
| a. DMT Positions for 2014 | Russ Young |
| b. Leadership Forum | Allan Webb |
| c. DMT Positions for 2014 | Young |
| 13. For the Good of the Fraternity | All |
| 14. Keep the Whole World Singing | TBD |
| 15. Adjourn | Russ Young |

Board of Directors' Reports



Russ Young, President



It is with great pleasure that I welcome each and every one of you to the Far Western District 2013 Fall Convention. As always, a team of movers and shakers under the leadership of Convention Chairman Bud Case has worked tirelessly to bring our members yet another great convention. Please help me extend a hearty thanks to Bud and his team for their efforts. And of course, the competitors have been polishing their contest material so as to provide audiences with outstanding performances that the FWD is known for.

Your District leaders continue working to provide our members with quality musical and administrative programs, all in an effort to make singers and chapters even better. Although attendance was not quite as expected, Harmony University was a huge success in August. We have received positive feedback from some members that classes were the “best yet”. But with such a great staff, and gold medal directors Justin Miller and Dr. Greg Lyne in front of students, it couldn’t be anything less. I’d like to encourage every chapter to send your musical leadership team to these events in the future. You won’t regret it!

The Fall Leadership Academies are in their final planning stages. This year we will offer three Academies to accommodate our large geographical area. Dates are:

November 9	Mesa, AZ
November 16	Pico Rivera, CA
November 23	Sacramento, CA

Full details as well as online registration can be found at farwesterndistrict.org.

You have probably noticed that the website has undergone a dramatic change. While it is still not 100%, functionality is being added almost daily so that members will have access to everything at their fingertips. We all know that change sometimes brings complications so I want to thank everyone for their patience as we work through this process. I’m aware of concerns about *Westunes* and we are examining other options in the electronic delivery of the online version.

This convention marks my last as President of the FWD. In some ways time has passed quickly. There are so many things I hoped to accomplish during this time and I’m proud to say many ideas have come to fruition. Some have asked why we need to change anything. It’s because nothing that remains stagnant can grow and I’d like to encourage each of you chapter leaders to always be looking for ways to grow your chapters, choruses, quartets, the District and ultimately the Society. We are the only resources available that will allow our hobby...our art form to flourish. Without each of our efforts, barbershop harmony risks being just another part of our history rather than part of our lives. Every generation should have the opportunities we had. Therefore we must be proactive. After all, it IS all about the music.

Thank YOU for supporting my vision and me as your President. And always remember that together we can change the world...One Song At A Time!

In Harmony Forever,

Russ Young, FWD President



Peter Feeney, Secretary

Proposed SOP Changes

SOP 8.3.2.2.4.a add "with back rails" and 8.3.2.2.4.b add "with back rails"

This convention will be my last as Secretary of the Far Western District. Thank you to all the hardworking Chapter Secretaries who have worked with me since I assumed this position after the untimely death of our dear friend and mentor Dick Girvin in April 2010. I have enjoyed being a member of the board and look forward to attending board meetings in the future as an interested member of the FWD.

I wish my successor, Bob Gray from the Phoenix Chapter, much success and I will do all I can to assist him as he assumes this new responsibility.

Max Bates, Treasurer

Far Western District Proposed Budget							
						Budget	Proposed
		Jan - Dec 10	Jan - Dec 11	Jan - Dec 12	Jan - Apr 13	2013	2014
Income							
500.00 - DUES		53,066.50	50,293.89	47,441.50	18,360.50	50,000.00	48,000.00
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS							0.00
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS - Other		1,317.25	0.00	546.44	4,075.19	3,000.00	4,000.00
Total 501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS		1,317.25	0.00	546.44	4,075.19	3,000.00	4,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION							
502.30 Last Year		0.00	0.00	0.00	384.95		0.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION - Other		7,871.30	18,106.19	15,477.67	0.00	15,700.00	17,500.00
Total 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION		7,871.30	18,106.19	15,477.67	384.95	15,700.00	17,500.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV							
503.10 - AZ-NV		2,124.87	2,560.29	1,377.61	0.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
503.20 - SO CAL EAST		949.52	1,018.17	0.00	0.00		
Total 503.20 - SO CAL EAST		949.52	1,018.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST		1,741.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
503.40 - NOR CAL WEST		436.56	0.00	1,673.64	0.00		1,300.00
503.50 - NOR CAL EAST		0.00	1,438.99	1,333.43	0.00		1,300.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV		5,251.95	5,017.45	4,384.68	0.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
504.00 - WESTUNES							
504.01 - ADS		695.00	820.00	780.00	80.00	500.00	0.00
504.02 - SUBS		45.00	45.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES		740.00	865.00	780.00	80.00	500.00	0.00
506.00 - OTHER							
506.00 - OTHER - Other		661.14	0.00	284.59	0.00		
Total 506.00 - OTHER		661.14	0.00	284.59	0.00		
506.02 - INTEREST		267.33	194.91	175.17	53.63	175.00	100.00
506.03 - WEBCAST		444.60	1,655.00	1,623.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
510 - Donations							
510.01 Donations Awards		0.00	40.00	45.00	40.00	45.00	45.00
510.02 Donations Youth Educatio		0.00	766.50	246.00	0.00	1,500.00	500.00
510.03 Donations NoCal Youth Ca		0.00	13,500.00	10,535.00	1,925.00	9,700.00	9,700.00
510.04 Donors Choice		0.00	4,822.60	3,576.25	2,326.07	4,000.00	4,500.00
510.05 Donations-HarmonyFound		0.00	0.00	8,175.50	528.70	0.00	10,000.00
510 - Donations - Other		0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total 510 - Donations		0.00	21,129.10	22,577.75	6,819.77	16,245.00	26,745.00
520.00 - Fees							
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp		0.00	5,606.00	5,640.00	0.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
520.02 - HCW		0.00	18,645.00	10,705.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy		0.00	3,215.00	3,600.00	1,440.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
520.05 Director Developoment		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,570.00		1,500.00
Total 520.00 - Fees		0.00	27,466.00	19,945.00	3,010.00	26,750.00	28,250.00
Total Income		69,620.07	124,727.54	113,235.80	32,784.04	118,270.00	130,995.00

		607.12 - MKTG & PR	2010		2011		2012		YTD April 2013	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
		607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	0.00		0.00		695.00		0.00		300.00
		607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	1,110.30		1,156.96		1,280.32		0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
		607.127 - Travel	0.00		398.86		463.35		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
		708.00 - WESTUNES									
		708.01 - TELEPHONE	743.52		576.28		583.86		162.64	750.00	750.00
		708.02 - POSTAGE	5,272.53		3,500.00		2,250.00		0.00		
		708.03 - TRAVEL	901.15		958.62		1,522.98		439.08	1,100.00	1,100.00
		708.05 - SUPPLIES	0.00		0.00		97.00		0.00		
		708.06 - PRINTING	4,564.48		4,516.48		3,459.36		0.00		
		708.07 - MAILING LIST	0.00		1,536.51		950.49		0.00		
		708.00 - WESTUNES - Other	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		Total 708.00 - WESTUNES	11,481.68		11,087.89		8,863.69		601.72	3,350.00	3,350.00
		607.12 - MKTG & PR - Other	769.16		0.00		0.00		0.00		
		Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	15,371.14		14,654.71		11,302.36		601.72	6,750.00	7,050.00
		607.18 - MEMBERSHIP									
		607.17 - SUNSHINE	161.60		0.00		0.00		0.00	100.00	100.00
		607.181 - SUPPLIES	0.00		0.00		36.59		46.01		200.00
		607.184 - TRAVEL	0.00		0.00		1,260.19		651.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
		607.185 - Learn to Sing	0.00		142.54		0.00		0.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
		607.18 - MEMBERSHIP - Other	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		
		Total 607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	161.60		142.54		1,296.78		697.59	3,100.00	2,800.00
		607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	4,225.98		3,202.13		4,500.00		-57.24	3,500.00	5,000.00
		607.99 - MISC COMMITTEES	0.00		0.00		11.00		0.00		
		608.00 - Donations									
		608.01 Harmony Foundation	0.00		0.00		8,300.00		0.00		10,000.00
		Total 608.00 - Donations	0.00		0.00		8,300.00		0.00	0.00	10,000.00
		609.00 - MISC EXP	60.80		270.00		0.00		0.00		
		609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	2,116.66		2,011.76		1,897.66		734.42	2,500.00	2,500.00
		610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,763.15		2,761.85		2,433.60		1,027.65	2,800.00	2,800.00
		611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	6,376.50		6,373.50		5,616.00		2,371.50	6,400.00	6,400.00
		617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	1,390.15		1,239.29		668.82		445.68	1,500.00	1,500.00
		622.00 - Gov't Fees	0.00		285.00		60.00		20.00	100.00	100.00
		700.00 - PRESIDENT									
		600.00 - AWARDS									
		607.02 - COMMITTEE	579.38		924.42		1,298.48		239.04	1,000.00	750.00
		600.00 - AWARDS - Other	1,060.05		343.10		555.94		171.58	400.00	500.00
		Total 600.00 - AWARDS	1,639.43		1,267.52		1,854.42		410.62	1,400.00	1,250.00
		607.03 - NOMINATING	564.99		0.00		148.25		0.00		
		607.07 - LONG RANGE PLANNING	0.00		136.88		0.00		0.00	200.00	0.00
		607.16 - HALL OF FAME	433.18		41.41		27.71		0.00	45.00	45.00
		700.03 - TRAVEL	753.68		612.72		547.12		0.00	1,000.00	750.00
		700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP	2,246.72		1,491.42		2,525.44		510.70	3,000.00	3,000.00
		700.00 - PRESIDENT - Other	888.78		0.00		0.00		0.00		
		Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	6,526.78		3,549.95		5,102.94		921.32	5,645.00	5,045.00
		703.00 - EVP									
		703.03-Tri & Meals	352.82		1,941.44		2,714.96		1,577.60	3,000.00	1,000.00
		703.00 - EVP - Other	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		
		Total 703.00 - EVP	352.82		1,941.44		2,714.96		1,577.60	3,000.00	1,000.00
		704.00 - DVP									
		704.10 - DVP AZ									
		704.12-POSTAGE	0.00		2.75		0.00		0.00		
		704.13-TRAVEL	326.86		593.70		327.04		79.80		
		704.10 - DVP AZ - Other	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	500.00	500.00
		Total 704.10 - DVP AZ	326.86		596.45		327.04		79.80	500.00	500.00

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Bill Rosica, Division 1 Vice President

First of all, Congratulations to all the competitors from the FWD who crossed the stage in Toronto. And special congratulations to “Masterpiece”, International Quartet Gold Medalists “New Fangled Four”, International College Quartet Gold Medalists, and “Westminster” International Chorus Silver Medalists for your accomplishments.

As this is my last article for the Convention Brochure as Vice-President of the Southwest Division, I have to say that I have enjoyed serving for the past three Presidents, Bob Lally, Bernard Priceman and Russ Young, over the last six years. I have a new respect for membership and budgets and will long remember all the HOD meetings as well as those famous albeit stunning Board Meetings.

Membership during my time has been the eternal thorn in all of our sides. Some chapters have figured it out while others still struggle. I don’t believe there is one answer to this dilemma. We’ve tried many programs, but maybe; just maybe, it is recruitment by our members on an individual basis. Here are a few accomplishments over the past 6 months:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>New members</u>	<u>Current Membership</u>
Conejo Valley	2	29
San Luis Obispo	3	33
South Bay	3	56
Aloha	5	72
Santa Maria	3	28
Santa Monica	3	49

As some of you may already know, I will be retiring and moving to the Evergreen District sometime next spring. My wife, Mary and I are looking forward to the far reaches of Idaho, somewhere near Sandpoint. There are many projects I’d like to pursue, but have not had the time. That doesn’t mean I’ll be leaving Barbershop, just that I’ll be in the workshop working on cabinets instead of listening to learning tracks for the upcoming contest or show. I have visited the Chapter in Coeur D’Alene, Idaho and found quite a few FWD transplants. Certainly different than the high-powered chapter I belong to now, but a great bunch of guys looking to enjoy their hobby.

Thanks again for your support over the years and I look forward to an enjoyable contest and convention.



Craig Hughes, Division 2 Vice President

It's been a wonderful Barbershop Summer in the South East Division.

Summer started early with the SE/SW Convention in Ontario. A great event hosted by the Riverside Chapter. We had 7 SE Choruses compete and all qualified for the District Contest. La Jolla is the SE Division and Plateau AAA Champion, Brea is the Plateau AA Champion, the new Las Vegas Chapter is the Plateau A Champion, and San Diego was most improved. 5 SE Quartets qualified for District Contest. The Newfangled Four (an exciting collegiate quartet) are the new SE Division Champions, Preferred Blend are the Senior Champions, and These Guys are the Novice Champions. A big thank you to Chairman Fritz Grunenwald and his team!

Speaking of Contests. The SE/SW was the envy of the Society at International in Toronto with Westminster bringing home the Chorus Silver Medal and Masterpiece the Quartet Gold. Our current Division Champion Quartet, The Newfangled Four, won the College Quartet Gold. It was a week to remember in Toronto and demonstrated the quality and character of our Divisions. Plan now to attend Midwinter in Long Beach and International in Las Vegas. A Far Western Double Play.

Now for the numbers: Our Division is down 10 members this year BUT we have 54 members that are behind on their dues. If we recover 20% we will be flat and if we recover more we will show growth. Secretaries, please reach out to the past due members and let's all tell the world about the joy of Barbershop Singing.

Planning for the 2014 Spring Convention in Southern California is well underway. Mark your calendars for March 20-23 in 2014 for the best Spring District Convention in the Society as evidenced by Lodi 2013.

In Harmony,

Craig Hughes, SE Div VP
Chughes2@cox.net



Chuck Leavitt, Division 3 Vice President

The 2013 FWD Chorus contest on Saturday will be remarkable. La Jolla, MOH, Phoenix, VIH, and VoCal have all represented the FWD at International in the last few years. Only one chorus can be the official FWD representative, but all could qualify for next year's International contest in Las Vegas. Wouldn't that be exciting?

Sixty-five NW Division members have not renewed in 2013 and the number of new members is well below last year's pace. Most chapters in the division are experiencing this trend (see below), as are the district and the society. FWD leadership believes that good singing and fun meetings are great ways to retain and gain members. Are you having fun in your chapter meetings? Does your chapter sing well enough to attract and keep new members? Could you do it better? What more can you do?

Summary of DIV 3 Chapter Membership Totals

	07/31 2012	12/31 2012	07/31 2013	New 2012	New 2013	*2013 duals	2013 NR	2013 death
D006 Walnut Creek	34	37	32	4	2	1	(8)	0
D008 Santa Rosa	59	63	55	15	3	2	(13)	0
D022 Palo Alto-Mountain View	64	60	54	6	1	0	(6)	(1)
D024 San Francisco	21	22	18	5	0	0	(4)	0
D026 Bay Area (CA)	101	96	86	3	0	1	(11)	0
D039 Marin	28	30	26	6	0	0	(4)	0
D049 Monterey Peninsula	38	32	29	5	5	0	(7)	(1)
D076 Napa Valley	19	19	14	1	0	0	(5)	0
D081 Eureka	39	40	40	4	1	0	(1)	0
D092 San Mateo County	24	23	19	3	0	0	(4)	0
D099 Santa Cruz	21	20	22	3	1	1	0	0
D102 Fremont-Hayward	25	25	26	4	2	0	(1)	0
D106 San Francisco Bay Cities	16	16	14	0	0	0	(1)	(1)
	489	483	435	59	15	5	-65	-3

*dual members joining shown separately vs "new" members

The FWD Harmony College West and Directors school held on August 9 & 10 at CSU East Bay in Hayward was very rewarding and successful for those attending, but there were less than half the students we had planned for. We all need to do a better job getting the word out for members to attend this type of training and very fun fellowship opportunity.

The 2013 Chapter Leadership Academy for Northern California will be November 23 at McGeorge Law School in Sacramento. Music leadership classes will likely be added to the curriculum. Make sure your chapter takes advantage of this opportunity to improve your depth and develop valuable skills. It's a great place to share lessons learned with men from across Northern California.

Looking ahead, the 2014 Northwest Division Contest will be combined with Northeast Division at the Hutchins Street Square in Lodi on May 17, 2014. Save the Date!



Richard Lund, Division 4 Vice President

	Division 4 Northeast	07/31 2011	07/31 2012	07/31 2013	New 2011	New 2012	New 2013	OD 0- 30	2013 duals	2013 Deaths
D123	Calif Delta	95	102	111	3	8	3		8	0
D051	Reno	58	66	55	8	6	0	2	1	0
D021	Sacramento	53	51	43	4	3	1		0	0
D020	Davis-Vacaville	45	43	42	5	2	0		1	0
D059	Fresno	40	41	35	3	2	0	1	0	0
D057	Central Calif	38	37	34	2	1	0		0	0
D042	Stockton	41	35	33	6	3	2	1	0	0
D098	Folsom	32	32	31	1	1	1		1	(1)
D040	Nevada-Placer	35	33	29	4	2	1		0	(1)
D009	Placerville	29	28	25	3	1	2		0	0
D029	Visalia	37	29	25	4	1	0	1	0	0
D033	Carson City	35	25	16	4	1	0		0	0
D052	Chico	12	11	13	0	2	0		0	0
D064	Redding	10	3	1	0	0	0		0	0
D124	Elko									
Division 4		560	536	493	47	33	10	5	11	(2)

	Division 4 Northeast	2011 NR	2012 NR	2013 NR	12/31 2011	12/31 2012	Visited	Phone	Div Score
D123	Calif Delta	(18)	(9)	(10)	100	110	Yes		80.3
D051	Reno	(8)	(5)	(9)	61	63	Yes		74.4
D021	Sacramento	(10)	(11)	(7)	54	49	Yes		62.2
D020	Davis-Vacaville	(16)	(5)	(2)	45	43	Yes		63.6
D059	Fresno	(10)	(12)	(5)	37	40		Yes	66.8
D057	Central Calif	(2)	(3)	(3)	38	37	Yes		57.4
D042	Stockton	(3)	(5)	(4)	41	35	Yes		
D098	Folsom	(4)	(1)	(2)	31	32	Yes		52.4
D040	Nevada-Placer	(10)	(6)	(2)	34	31	Yes		58.0
D009	Placerville	(11)	(1)	(5)	26	28	Yes		61.1
D029	Visalia	(5)	(7)	(4)	36	29		Yes	
D033	Carson City	(13)	(12)	(5)	33	21		Yes	
D052	Chico	(1)	0	0	11	13	Yes		
D064	Redding	(4)	(6)	(2)	9	3	N		
D124	Elko						N	Yes	
Division 4		(115)	(83)	(60)	556	534			

Accomplishments	<p>Strong Division participation in Spring Contest. 245 men on stage. California Delta debuted on stage at International in Toronto with a very good showing. Visalia has taken on the Fall District Convention and is doing well. Stockton has taken on the Spring Combined NE/NW Divisional Convention May 17, 2014 at Hutchins Street Square. Planning for Youth Harmony Camp is progressing well. Numerous visits with chapters and chapter shows.</p> <p>Problems with Elko charter may be getting cleared up after personal meeting with Marty Monson. Davis-Vacaville has taken on the "northern leadership academy" for 2013 and is progressing well. Working with Craig Hughes on program content and staffing.</p>
Immediate Plans	<p>Continue working with Visalia and Stockton on Convention planning and execution. Sacramento is in the process of acquiring a new director</p>
Recommendations	<p>Working with Craig Hughes on expanding the content of Leadership Academy to include "Introduction of Barbershop" to new(er) members with the long range goal of passing along barbershop "lore" to new members and introducing them to the leadership path.</p> <p>High Sierra Harmony Brigade was held Aug 23-25 in Reno. Very Successful! This is another "path" for guys to take within the barbershop "fold" that allows them to maintain a highly active barbershop membership without singing in a chorus.</p>
Concerns	<p>Fresno is going through some difficult times with vision and forward concerns. Carson City has a new director, Ken Lacy, and is attempting to regain the high ground of stability.</p>



John Bloomquist, Arizona Division

The Far Western District rises to the top again!!!

AZ Division Quartet Champions our friends **Vocal Edition** did an outstanding job at their first International contest in Toronto. They not only improved their placement, but also improved upon their qualifying score!! We couldn't be more proud! Way to go guys!

Speaking of Toronto, we offer a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to our own FWD International Championship Quartet **MASTERPIECE!!** Congrats also to **The Crush, Artistic License**, and **95 North** for carrying the FWD banner very high. Additionally a masterful job was done by our brothers the **Westminster Chorus!** Your grace and class carries you higher than your awesome 2nd place finish. A terrific first time showing at the Big Show by **VoCAL** cannot go unnoticed! Remember it always men. And how about **The Newfangled Four**, our new 2013 International Collegiate Quartet Champions from the Far Western District. We are all very proud of everyone!

The AZ Division qualified 2 Choruses and 6 quartets for the District contest in Bakersfield! Everyone is busy in preparation for this contest weekend and hope to make a huge impact at the District level.

On July 20th, I had the distinct pleasure to again install the Officers of the Tucson Chapter. This year's installation was held in conjunction with the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at a local minor league baseball game which was a fantastic event. Afterwards a small picnic was planned at the park. Thanks for letting me sing along guys. Congratulations to the new BOD headed up by President Jim Rapp!

As we wind down the summer months, August brings the Fred Koch Memorial AZ DIV BASH on the 16th and 17th! By the time this article hits the press this great weekend of barbershop harmony will have come and gone. With the "luck of the draw quartet contest", a parade of quartets and the always popular VLQ contest, much singing will have been done! Additionally the annual BASH Golf outing provided another opportunity for fun and fellowship. I hope you will all put this wonderful event on your calendars for 2014 and join in on the fun. Aside from a generally great weekend, the event helps to provide funds for our Youth In Harmony efforts. So, Come on out!!

I hope everyone takes advantage of Executive Director Monson's initiative to help to increase our Society membership by taking the survey if it comes your way. Get out and promote Barbershop singing to your local music educators at every opportunity.

As I said before, it is GREAT to be part of this awesome Division!!!

John Bloomquist

AZ Div VP

District Management Team



Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold, CSLT Chairman

The FWD has continuously offered help to the district chapters and its members through the Chapter Counselor, or more recently the Chapter Service Representatives that will soon be listed on the FWD website. Recently several chapters have taken advantage of this service, but it still remains an untapped resource for chapters who desire expertise in the various areas of administrative or musical leadership.

As I wrap up my tenure as the Chapter Support and Leadership Training chair for the district I would encourage each chapter leader to consult with their Division Vice President to learn more about the opportunities afforded each chapter through the district leadership support team. It doesn't matter what the team is named, we have men available to help where needed; all you need do is ask!

Most of the district chapters, if not all of them, have a need for some help in choral directing, singing techniques, membership and retention, administrative guidance, show production, and other disciplines necessary for a successful organization. We have some of the very best people in the Barbershop Harmony Society available right here in the Far Western District. Why not take advantage of this district benefit and help your chapter rise to new heights.

Having spoken with most of the chapter representatives over the past four years in my position, I find that many just don't realize how much expertise we have available....and most of the help is offered free of charge. In some cases the chapter may need to house or feed a coach or advisor, but in most situations the person offering the help is located in your own division, close to your chapter meeting place.

The key to success in any organization is *COMMUNICATION* and we have some of the best vehicles in the society with our district website, chapter newsletters and the ability to spread our news and information rapidly through the various social media avenues. Let's try to improve on our communication skills and take advantage of the FWD's expertise. We are leaders in the society and the recent Toronto Convention proved that we are doing something right with gold medals in the quartet and collegiate quartet contest and a silver medal in the chorus contest.

I'm very proud of our FWD leadership and its chapters and members. Let's continue on the path to excellence in the future by utilizing all of the available resources. Just call or write to me at (928) 830-0877 or glbergie@cableone.net. I'll make sure that your needs are attended to in a reasonable timeframe.

In Harmony,

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold

CSLT CHAIR



Ron Black, Contest & Judging District Representative

It is again interesting to note that participation has held solid in the Spring Contests, unlike most of the other Districts. For the Fall District contest – 26 quartets and 25 choruses have qualified.

	Total Choruses	Total Ch Men	Avg Pts	Total Qt Men	Total Quartets	Avg Pts	Intl. Qualifiers	Senior	Super Senior	College
SPRING TOTALS										
2013	31	931	65.1	224	56	67.3	4	12	2	5
2012	35	985	63.9	252	63	64.1	4	19	4	
2011	30	705	64.7	248	62	63.9	4	22	6	
2010	29	897	66.6	240	60	66.0	4	14	4	
2009	25	687	62.9	248	62	65.9	6	n/a	n/a	
2008	27	813	61.0	228	57	65.5	4	n/a	n/a	
FALL TOTALS										
2012	20	659	69.1	72	18	70.6	2	1	n/ap	3
2011	19	632	68.3	80	20	67.1	2	6	n/ap	
2010	20	739	68.0	80	20	68.2	3	6	n/ap	

n/a = not available yet

n/ap = not
applicable

We have 15.1% of all Certified Judges here in the FWD, 23 of the 158 total

5 Contest Administrators

7 Music Judges

3 Presentation Judges

8 Singing Judges

From now until December 31, 2013 is the "Judge Application" window (although we would REALLY like to see these applications come in ASAP!) for the 2016 Judge Certification School. Please beat the bushes to have men you would love to have as your chapter/quartet judge and evaluator in a contest contact me!

Respectfully submitted

Ron Black, FWD Director of Contest and Judging



Ted Sayle, Events Chairman

The following convention bids are submitted to the House of Delegates for approval at the Fall 2013 meeting.

2014

March 20/23 2014 SW/SE & Prelims by Brea, CA chapter, to be held in Riverside CA

May 2/3, 2014 AZ Division by Mesa, AZ to be held in Mesa, AZ

May 17, 2014 NW/NE Division by Stockton CA, to be held in Lodi, CA


October 9/12, 2014 Fall District Convention by Fresno, CA, in Fresno, CA

2015

October 15/18, 2015 Fall District Convention by Phoenix, in Mesa, AZ

Please Remove and Present to the DVP

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

House of Delegates Far Western District Fall 2013 Meeting	
This will certify that the Delegate of the _____	
_____ Chapter [# D-_____]	
is _____	
Signatures:	
_____/_____	
Delegate	Chapter President