

Minutes of the Fall HOD Meeting



Far Western District Fall House of Delegates Meeting Bakersfield, California 1:30 pm Friday October 11, 2013

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

Past Presidents (6 voting)

Lyn Brittan, 1970-1971
Sam Barger, 1984-1985
Chuck Hunter, 1988-1989
John Krizek, 2002-2003
Peter Feeney, 2004-2005*
Bill Cale, 2006-2007
Bob Lally, 2008-2009
Bernard Priceman, 2010-2011*

Board Members (10 voting)

Russ Young
Bernard Priceman
Peter Feeney
Max Bates
Allan Webb
Craig Hughes
Bill Rosica
Richard Lund
John Bloomquist

Distinguished Guests (non-voting)

John Miller, Society Board
Marty Monson, Society CEO
Clarke Caldwell, Harmony Foundation CEO

Total Delegates: 43

Quorum: 28

Chapter Delegates (27)

1. D-002 Phoenix
2. D-003 Tucson
3. D-008 Santa Rosa
4. D-021 Sacramento
5. D-022 Palo Alto/Mountain View
6. D-023 San Diego
7. D-028 Santa Maria
8. D-029 Visalia
9. D-031 Aloha
10. D-039 Marin
11. D-040 Nevada Placer
12. D-042 Stockton
13. D-044 Prescott
14. D-046 Santa Fe Springs
15. D-051 Reno
16. D-055 Orange
17. D-056 Fullerton
18. D-058 Santa Monica
19. D-059 Fresno
20. D-069 Mesa
21. D-075 Las Vegas
22. D-101 Sun Cities
23. D-103 Rincon Beach
24. D-114 Riverside
25. D-116 Brea
26. D-117 La Jolla
27. D-123 California Delta

* Current Board Member

Opening Remarks

President Young welcomed delegates to the meeting recognized past district presidents, board members and distinguished guests, John Miller (Society Board Member), Marty Monson (Society CEO) and Clarke Caldwell (Harmony Foundation CEO).

The district secretary reported that a quorum was present.

The names of those members who have passed away since the fall 2012 HOD were read, accompanied by a song in their memory performed by current champs **95 North**.

The chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous HOD meeting. **Motion carried.**

The chair entertained a motion to receive the board reports included in the HOD brochure. **Motion Carried.**

The following changes to the SOP were proposed to the HOD, notice having been provided 30 days earlier as required by the SOP:

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

President Young explained the changes were proposed to improve safety. Motion to approve; **Motion Carried.**

President Young called for a motion to approve the 2014 Far Western District budget. **Motion Carried.** The budget is included in the Fall Brochure which is available on the Far Western District website: Farwesterndistrict.org.

Projected Revenue: \$130,995

Projected Expense: \$131,245

Projected Deficit \$250

President Young then commented on the district board meeting held the previous day. He thanked John Miller and Marty Monson for participating in the meeting and indicated that both would address the HOD at this meeting. President Young reported that the board voted to add two voting positions to the district board of directors, subject to the approval of the HOD. The two positions would be a vice president of Music and Performance and vice president of Contest and Judging. The positions would be proposed to the HOD for action in the spring. If the HOD approves the addition of the two positions in the spring, the district nominating committee would propose candidates to the board at its summer meeting in Fullerton. The new board would be elected in October at the Fresno HOD meeting.

President Young acknowledged the attendance of Harmony Foundation CEO Clarke Caldwell and reminded the HOD that the FWD is committed to sponsor a chorus at the Mid-Winter in Long Beach. The commitment is for \$10,000. Funds are being solicited from chapters. Any shortfall will be made up by the district.

President Young entertained a motion to clarify the SOP (section 10.7.1) to reflect the new allocation of travel funds to International bound quartets due to changes in the definition of Senior Member dues was made:

"Allocation of District Dues for the Chorus and Quartet International District representative--members paying less than full dues shall be allocated at \$1.50 per capita for chorus and \$.65 per capita for quartets." **Motion Carried Without Objection...**

President Young thanked board members who will leave the board at the end of 2013 and welcomed Max Bates to the board. Max was elected to the board to fill the unexpired term of district treasurer Robert Heron who resigned. The election took place at a special board meeting held via email July 20, 2013.

President Young introduced Society Board Member John Miller. . John spoke about the Society's aims for 2014 and indicated that they are different in form from past aims. Past aims were highly quantified and the new aims are more qualitative in nature. The aims focus on such issues as recruiting and retention of members, chapters' mission beyond competing, community service, visitation of other chapters, coaching, etc.

John Miller continued by recounting the experiences of the 75th anniversary both prior to and after the convention in Toronto. John summarized the results of a survey he commissioned a few years ago from which it could be concluded that the market for and interest in barbershop harmony could be more fully developed. Finally, John encouraged everyone to read the HOD Bulletin jointly prepared by Shannon Elswick and Marty Monson. The Bulletin is available for downloading from the website at Farwesterndistrict.org. He then concluded his comments by introducing Marty Monson, Society Executive Director.

Marty's comments were cordial and general in nature. He spoke about the reasons for the move of Harmony University to Belmont University in Nashville from St. Joseph, Missouri. Other topics included the need to promote the Society's brand locally, the publication of the HOD Bulletin, the Youth Chorus Festival in the Long Beach Mid-Winter which will be marketed to the community as well as attendees, and the Thursday night party on the Queen Mary in Long Beach harbor. He also spoke about the increase in the College Quartet Contest qualifying score to 73.

A short video shot at the International Convention in Toronto was shown to the HOD. The video included portions of the festivities preceding the quartet finals on Saturday night of the convention. It showed the impact that our hobby can have and was very moving.

Clarke Caldwell was next invited to address the HOD regarding the Harmony Foundation International. After his remarks he, with the assistance of the Chairman of the Foundation's board, distributed "Donor Choice" checks to those chapters present.

Chairman of the nominating committee, Chuck Hunter, was then recognized to present the committee's report:

2014 Board of Directors Nominees

Immediate Past President, Russ Young

President, Allan Webb

Executive VP, Gordon Bergthold

Secretary, Bob Gray

Treasurer, Max Bates

Members at Large, Richard Lund, Chuck Leavitt, Craig Hughes, Neal Pennywitt, John Bloomquist.

Motion was made to elect the slate by acclamation. **Motion Carried.**

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced the committee has selected Gene Clements to be the honoree at the spring convention in Riverside. The selection was approved by the FWD board at its meeting held the previous day.

Events Chairman Ted Sayle requested and was granted approval by the HOD for future scheduled conventions:

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 (previously approved by the HOD)

2015

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

President Young announced that the next meeting of the HOD would be in Riverside, California on March 21, 2014.

Motion to adjourn; **Motion Carried.** 3:45 pm.

Respectfully,

Peter Feeney
District Secretary