

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

MARCH 22, 2013
LODI, CALIFORNIA

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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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 Spring 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, March 22, 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

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Convention Program Schedule

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
SPRING BARBERSHOP CONVENTION & CONTEST
Schedule of Events
March 21- 24, 2013
Hutchins Street Square Performing Arts Center
125 S Hutchins St
Lodi, CA**

Thursday (March 21)

2 pm	FWD Board Meeting (2pm to 10pm)	Holiday Inn Breakfast Room
3 pm	Harmony Platoon (3pm to 10pm)	Hutchins Cottage
6 pm	Registration Open	Holiday Inn Lobby

Friday (March 22)

9 am	FWD Past District President Meeting	Holiday Inn Breakfast Room
9am-8 pm	Registration	Hutchins Lobby
9 am	Harmony Platoon (9am to 1 pm)	Hutchins Cottage
11am	Harmony for Lunch Bunch (11am to 1 pm)	TBD
12 pm	AHSOW (12 pm to 5 pm)	TBD
1 pm	Classes (1 pm to 4 pm)	Hutchins Pisano
1 pm	Classes (1 pm to 3 pm)	Hutchins Cottage
1:30 pm	House of Delegates	Hutchins Thomas Theater
3 pm	Harmony Platoon (3pm to 5 pm)	Hutchins Cottage
4 pm	Judges Meeting	Holiday Inn Suite
5:30 pm	Doors Open (Quartet Prelims Semifinals)	Hutchins Theater
6 pm	Quartet Prelims Semifinals	Hutchins Theater
10:15 pm	Evaluations (Quartets not Advancing)	Holiday Inn judges' rooms

Saturday (March 23)

8 am	Registration Opens	Hutchins Lobby
9 am	Doors Open (Chorus Contest)	Hutchins Theater
9 am	Mike Tester Chorus Assembly & Warm up	Hutchins Cottage
9:30 am	Northeast/Northwest Chorus Contest	Hutchins Theater
12:30 pm	High School Quartet Briefing	Hutchins Cottage
1:45 pm	Chorus Evaluations (1:45pm to 4:00pm)	Hutchins Various
2:00 pm	High School Quartet Contest	Hutchins Theater
6 pm	Doors Open (Quartet Prelims Finals)	Hutchins Theater
6:45 pm	Quartet Prelims Finals	Hutchins Theater
8:30 pm	Show of Champions & Awards	Hutchins Theater
9:30 pm	Afterglow	Holiday Inn Meeting Rooms
9:30 pm	High School Afterglow	Hutchins Cottage
TBD	Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	Holiday Inn judges' rooms

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

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| 1. Call To Order | Russ Young |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Bill Rosica |
| 3. "The Star Spangled Banner" | Greg Lyne |
| 4. "The Old Songs" | Nick Papageorge |
| 5. Invocation | Peter Feeney |
| 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. Keynote Address | John Miller |
| 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 2013 Budget Revisions | Bob Heron |
| 17. BOD Highlights | Russ Young |
| 18. Awards | Bill Cale |
| 19. Future Convention Plans | John Jones/Ted Sayle |
| 20. Harmony Foundation Update | KJ McAleesejergins |
| 21. Next Meeting time/Location | Russ Young |
| 22. Keep the Whole World Singing" | Allan Webb |
| 23. Adjourn | Russ Young |



Minutes of the Fall HOD Meeting

Mesa, Arizona

1:30p.m. Friday October 12, 2012

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

Past Presidents (7 voting)

Lynn Brittan, 1970-1971

Sam Barger, 1984-1985

Terry Aramian, 1986-1987

Carl Truman, 1998-1999

John Krizek, 2002-2003

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):

John Miller

Society Board Member

K.J. McAleesejergins

Harmony Foundation, Inc. Director
of Development

¹ Current Board Member

² Current Board Member

Chapter Delegates

D002 Greater Phoenix	D056 Fullerton
D005 Bakersfield	D058 Santa Monica
D003.Tucson	D-059 Fresno
D008 Santa Rosa	D066 San Fernando Valley
D013 Long Beach	D069 Mesa
D018 Pasadena	D075 Las Vegas
D019 Inland Empire	D080 Las Vegas Metro
D022 Palo Alto – Mountain View	D086 El Cajon
D023 San Diego	D101 Sun Cities
D026 Bay Area	D103 Rincon Beach
D029 Visalia	D110 White Mountains
D039 Marin	D114 Riverside
D044 Prescott	D116 Brea
D046 Santa Fe Springs	D117 La Jolla
D051 Reno	D123 California Delta
D055 Orange (Quartet)	

Delegates Eligible to Vote: 48

Total HOD Membership:97

Quorum: 30% (29 Delegates)

President Young introduced Society Board Member John Miller.

John addressed the House of Delegates and brought greetings from Society President Alan Lamson and the Society Board. Among other things, his comments included the following:

New CEO Marty Monson started work in August and is off to a running start. John commented that the search for a new CEO took longer than anticipated but that the Society Board is very pleased with Marty's selection and wish him every success.

John called everyone's attention to the report from Marty included in the Fall Brochure and to the letter regarding the 75th Anniversary of the Society to be celebrated in Toronto in July 2013. The actual anniversary is on April 11, 2013. The Society is encouraging Districts to request governors, mayors, etc. to declare our anniversary a special day.

John then commented on Operation Harold Hill. He discussed the need to engage younger members while retaining the older members. He reviewed actual research from NBC: 28% didn't like Barbershop Harmony and 28% didn't know what it was. The research did reveal, however, that while the overall percentage of men in the overall population who are interested in barbershop harmony is small the number of men in that cohort is quite large. It's a big country. His remarks were very encouraging.

President Young summarized the actions taken by the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting held the previous day.

Among other items, Russ commented on the following items:

Leadership Academy to be held in Pico Rivera, CA in November and in Mesa, AZ in January.

The merger of the Las Vegas and Las Vegas Metro Chapters has been approved effective Jan. 1, 2013

President Young recognized Brea and Santa Rosa Chapters for achievements in membership growth

Russ commented on Harmony College West and encouraged greater attendance at future Colleges.

Russ then turned the meeting over to Allen Webb, EVP, who reported on overall membership trends in the district.

At the completion of Allen's report Russ commented on the ongoing District planning process which will result in some long and short term goals and work plans.

He reminded the House that coaching is available from the AFWDC.

A new Far Western District website will go online shortly. We now have two co-webmasters: Keith Eckhardt and David Melville. Russ announced some other changes to the District Management Team: The new chairman of Chorus Director Development is Dr. Greg Lyne and the new Marketing and PR chairman is Jerry McElfrish. Russ also announced that the new District Historian is John Minsker.

Artistic License was then introduced. They beautifully accompanied the reading of the names of our departed brother during the past year.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous House of Delegates meeting (March 2012 in Ontario, CA). Motion carried.

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

Motion to receive the 2012 Fall Brochure Reports. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the changes proposed to the SOP:

9.2 Show Clearance Procedure

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

- 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.
- b) A clearance may not be issued to a chapter within 50 miles of a chapter that has a previously cleared date.
- c) Paragraph (b) may be waived with the consent of the chapter(s) that has received clearance.
- 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).

Motion to approve. Motion carried.

8.3.2.1.2. HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS

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.

Motion to approve.

Motion carried.

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)

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the 2013 District Budget.

Income: \$118,270

Expense: \$116,295

Net Surplus: \$ 1,975

The complete budget can be found in the 2012 Fall Brochure.

Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report by Chairman Bob Lally. The following men are nominated to serve in 2013 on the FWD Board:

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

There were no nominations from the floor.

President Young entertained a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation. Motion carried.

Society Board Member John Miller conducted the installation of officers.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced that the honoree at the Spring convention in Lodi will be Bruce Sellnow. Bill also distributed 50 year pins to those men who had reached 50 years of membership but who had not yet received their pin.

John Jones, Interim Events Chairman reviewed plans for future conventions. No new approvals by the House were required. A copy of John's report is included in the Fall brochure.

K.J. McAleesejergins, Director of Development for the Harmony Foundation was then given the floor. K.J. reported that Rich Knight, lead of the Gashouse Gang, has issued a challenge. Rich will donate \$100,000 to the Foundation when the Foundation gains 100 new President Council members. He also spoke of the need for sponsors for the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, FL. The minimum amount to sponsor the Festival is \$10,000. K.J. asked the board to consider a plan to be a sponsor of the Festival. In response to this request the board passed the following motion at the board meeting:

Motion to sponsor (\$10,000) Youth Chorus Festival through donations by the chapters or by the district through an amended budget should chapter donations fall short. Motion carried

Joe Salz from the Sun Cities chapter immediately announced that his chapter would donate \$1,000 for the sponsorship.

K.J. distributed donors choice checks to the chapters and thanked them for their support of the Foundation.

The next HOD meeting will be held in Lodi, CA on March 22, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Feeney

FWD Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Lodi, California
Thursday March 21, 2013

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| 1. Call to order | Russ Young |
| 2. The Old Songs | Allan Webb |
| 3. Invocation | Peter Feeney |
| 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. Financial Report | Bob Heron |
| 11. Events Report | John Jones/Ted Sayle |
| 12. Chorus Directors' Activities | Greg Lyne |
| 13. Harmony College West | Nick Papageorge/Greg Lyne |
| 14. CSLT* | Russ Young |
| 15. Harmony Foundation | KJ McAleesejergins |
| 16. Fall Convention Honoree | Bill Cale |
| 17. Old Business: | |
| a. Budget Considerations | Bob Heron |
| b. Expense Reimbursement Procedures* | Russ Young |
| c. 2013 Goals* | Russ Young |
| d. Website*/Westunes | Russ Young |
| f. AFWDC Audit* | Russ Young |
| g. Harmony Marketplace | Russ Young et al |
| 18. New Business | |
| a. YIH/Harmony Foundation Funding* | Russ Young et al |
| b. Bonding | Bob Heron |
| c. Leadership Academies | Russ Young |
| d. New Member Convention Registration | Richard Lund |
| e. Banner Purchase for Toronto International* | Russ Young |
| 19. Other Items for Information Only | Russ Young |
| a. Tri-W Schedule* | Russ Young |
| b. Chapter Concerns | Russ Young |
| c. 75 th Anniversary* | Russ Young |
| 20. Items to Consider for June 2013 Meeting | All |
| 21. For the Good of the Fraternity | All |
| 22. Keep The Whole World Singing | Allan Webb |
| 23. Adjourn | Russ Young |

Minutes of the Fall Board Meeting

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Mesa, Arizona

Thursday October 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by President Russ Young.

All board members present.

President, Russ Young

VP, Richard Lund

EVP, Allan Webb

VP, Bill Rosica

Secretary, Peter Feeney (late arrival)

VP, Craig Hughes

Treasurer, Bob Heron

VP, John Bloomquist

VP, Chuck Leavitt

IPP, Bernard Priceman

Motion to enter executive session. Motion carried.

The meeting went into executive session to discuss issues regarding the new FWD website and issues regarding the AFWDC. The meeting emerged from executive session at approximately 3:35 pm.

Motion to end executive session. Motion carried.

Motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in Fullerton. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

President Young introduced Society board member John Miller.

John provided the board with an update of recent events at headquarters in Nashville. The Society has a new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Marty Monson. Marty assumed his position in mid-August after attending Harmony University. John also reported on the membership numbers for the Society and expressed the hope that Operation Harold Hill can help spur growth. Retention of new members remains an issue. John shared with the board some research that was conducted regarding the visibility of the Society. While many people have no real knowledge of our Society there remains a significant number of men who do know of us and would be interested in singing with us.

Preparations continue for the Society's 75th anniversary to be celebrated in Toronto in July 2013. The actual anniversary is April 11, 2013. Governors and mayors are being asked to acknowledge this special day with a proclamation. The Far Western District is comprised of the states of Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii and part of Utah.

Finally, John reported that the Portland convention had 5,700 attendees and was profitable.

President Young recognized K.J. McAleesejergins, Director of Development for the Harmony Foundation.

K.J. reported that Rich Knight, lead of the Gashouse Gang, has issued a challenge. Rich will donate \$100,000 to the Foundation when the Foundation gains 100 new President Council members. He also spoke of the need for

sponsors for the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, FL. The minimum amount to sponsor the Festival is \$10,000. K.J. asked the board to consider a plan to be a sponsor of the Festival.

Motion to sponsor (\$10,000) Youth Chorus Festival through donations by the chapters or by the district through an amended budget should chapter donations fall short. Motion carried

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

Division 1. Bill Rosica.

Division 2. Craig Hughes. .

Division 3. Chuck Leavitt.

Division 4. Richard Lund.

Division 5. John Bloomquist

President Young recessed the meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm and he called the meeting back to order at 7:00 pm.

President Young recognized John Jones, District Events Chairman who provided his report:

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

Russ addressed the new webpage (www.barbershopfwd.org). President Young introduced David Melville, co-webmaster with Keith Eckhardt. David explained the plans for the new website which should be operational soon. Since the server currently used by the FWD is also used for a variety of Society programs the Society will require some time to migrate their programs to alternative facilities.

Motion to inform the Society that we are shifting off our current website and we are requesting no later than July 1, 2013 they pay for the cost of maintaining the server. Motion carried.

President Young announced some changes effective immediately to the District Management Team – Jerry McElfrish (Marketing and PR), and Dr. Greg Lyne (Chorus Director Development). He commented, “Both of these men will be outstanding additions to the best leadership team in the Society. I’m thrilled about what’s to come for the FWD!” He also announced that John Minsker is the new District Historian.

District Treasurer Bob Heron and President Young spoke at length regarding budget changes since the budget was presented in June. The budget to be presented for approval by the House of Delegates on Friday

October 12, 2013:

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President Young cautioned the board to follow proper procedures regarding approval of bills. All committee chairs will send their bills to the EVP for approval and all board members will send their bills to the District President.

President Young distributed the goals to the board that were developed in Fullerton in June. He requested they be reviewed and reformatted as needed and returned to him no later than November 1, 2012.

Gordon Berghold spoke at length regarding the postponement of Leadership Academy in Arizona. It appears that January 2013 is the preferred new date.

Russ discussed the wording of the SOP changes that will be presented to the House of Delegates on Friday October 12, 2012..

Allen Webb discussed the status of Operation Harold Hill and John Miller discussed the Society’s view of Operation Harold Hill. Generally, OHH is not as effective as it was envisioned.

Gordon spoke about another approach to OHH, concentrating on a smaller number of chapters but using the DMTs as counselors. Bob Lally spoke about the Operation Harold Hill problems and opportunities.

Bill Cale (awards) reports that the honoree at the Spring convention is recommended to be Bruce Selnow.

Motion to approve Bruce Sellnow as the honoree at the Spring convention. Motion carried.

Merger of the Las Vegas D-075 and the Las Vegas Metro D-080 chapters.

Motion to approve the merger with the surviving charter being Las Vegas D-075. Motion carried.

Russ Young addressed the issue of the Harmony College West and a discussion with Nick Papageorge ensued. In total HCW was very helpful to all attendees. Issues regarding attendance remain and will continue to be addressed by the Music and Performance Committee.

President Young also stated that the Chorus Directors Guild will be re-instituted. The Guild formerly met in the north and south of California alternating with HCW. Future scheduling is an open issue.

Meeting Adjourned

9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney, District Secretary

Board of Directors' Reports



Russ Young, President

Welcome to the Far Western District Spring Convention. As usual, the convention team and District Event Team has been working diligently to see that we have an eventful weekend.

The end of 2012 and beginning of 2013 has been a busy one for the District. With the appointment of some new DMT members and the District leadership working to accomplish set goals for this year, activities and opportunities are reaching new heights.

Educational Events

Two Leadership Academies have been held in Southern CA and Mesa AZ respectively since the last HOD meeting. Both schools received outstanding feedback from attendees. On average, about 30% of the potential Southern California chapter officers and 69% of those in Arizona attended their respective academy. While it would be optimal to have 100% attendance, I was encouraged at the high level of participation from those who were able to attend.

The Learn To Sing program continues to offer clinicians to chapters wishing to help potential members with singing instruction. Alan Gordon has developed a wonderful curriculum that has proved to be beneficial to participants in the past. There is no cost to chapters if they wish to take advantage of this fine program to enhance their membership growth plan.

A recent weekend in Pleasanton, CA proved to be a huge success for musical directors, assistant and aspiring directors. CDWI (Chorus Director Workshop Intensive), OiF (Outstanding in Front), and Intermediate Chorus Directing sessions were offered to an appreciative student body. They took advantage of both Society-trained faculty members as well as our own local talent to improve their own directing techniques. Special thanks go to Dr. Greg Lyne (FWD Chorus Director Development Chair) for his planning and to Keith Echhardt for handling the logistics to make this weekend possible.

Harmony College West plans are underway. The best-ever faculty is being secured at this time, to include four gold medal chorus directors to share their talents with students. The school will be open to FWD members (discounted price), Associates, members of neighboring districts and Sweet Adeline members. I'm convinced that this will go down as the best HCW to date. I encourage every chapter to send their music team to Hayward on August 16-18.

75th Anniversary

The Society celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year. Requests have gone to the Governors' offices of states within our District to declare the week of April 7-13 as Barbershop Harmony Week. Many chapters are using all or part of the 75th Anniversary celebration as a theme for their shows this year.

The FWD has joined other Districts and purchased a full-page ad in the Anniversary Edition of the Harmonizer as a show of support for the event.

Youth Festival Sponsorship

I'm happy to announce that the FWD reached its goal of donating \$10k to the Harmony Foundation in December. We had XX chapters and 2 quartets contribute on behalf of the District and received recognition at the Mid-Winter Convention in Orlando, FL. I have high hopes that the FWD will once again be a sponsor as the Mid-Winter comes to Long Beach next January.

The following made contributions in 2012:

Sonoran Sound Quartet	Mesa	Greater Phoenix
Santa Fe Springs	Visalia	Inland Empire
Santa Rosa	Aloha	Walnut Creek
El Cajon	Palo Alto Mountain View	San Diego
Palomar Pacific	Sedona	Santa Monica
Yuma	Tucson	Long Beach
Las Vegas	Brea	South Bay
Rincon Beach	White Mountain	Fremont
Central California	Davis-Vacaville	California Delta
Bay Area	Nevada/Placer	

New Website

Co-Webmasters Keith Eckhardt and David Melville continue to develop a new look and functionality to our website. With the vast amount of information on the current site, this task doesn't come easy. These men have made changes that are becoming more and more apparent each day. Once the new site is complete, there will be many options for members, not the least of which will include online payment for services and events within the District. This is an exciting change that should be fully functional by late spring.

DMT Appointment

After much consideration, I have appointed Ted Sayle as the FWD Events Chairman in 2013. Ted has considerable management, negotiation and people skills-all of which are necessary to meet the requirements of the position. He replaces John Jones who has done an outstanding job in recent years. Please help me in thanking John for his remarkable service while we give Ted a hearty welcome.

Society Board Considerations

The Society is always seeking potential candidates to serve on the Society Board. The process is not necessarily a once-a-year proposition, but ongoing as the best candidates are always considered. Each District is asked to make recommendations based on leadership ability, experience and overall demeanor. Should anyone have a recommendation, please let me know so I can pass it on to our nominations committee.

I look forward to seeing each of you this weekend and if I'm lucky, we can sing a song or two.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Young

FWD President



Robert Heron, Treasurer

Far Western District Financial Report			
	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
500.00 - DUES	47,441.50	47,000.00	441.50
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS	546.44	2,500.00	-1,953.56
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION	15,477.67	22,000.00	-6,522.33
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	4,384.68	4,400.00	-15.32
504.00 - WESTUNES	780.00	600.00	180.00
506.00 - OTHER	284.59	0.00	284.59
506.02 - INTEREST	174.51	250.00	-75.49
506.03 - WEBCAST	1,623.00	750.00	873.00
510 - Donations	22,477.75	7,000.00	15,477.75
520.00 - Fees	20,045.00	0.00	20,045.00
Total Income	113,235.14	84,500.00	28,735.14
Expense			
603.00 - Webcast	975.00	0.00	975.00
604.00 - BD MEETING	15,211.38	13,000.00	2,211.38
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
607.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR	0.00	500.00	-500.00
607.08 - C&J	4,803.89	5,000.00	-196.11
607.09 - YMIH	19,049.27	2,000.00	17,049.27
607.10 - EVENTS	697.53	3,000.00	-2,302.47
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	16,967.53	6,500.00	10,467.53
607.12 - MKTG & PR	11,302.36	15,200.00	-3,897.64
607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	1,296.78	6,000.00	-4,703.22
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
607.99 - MISC COMMITTEES	11.00	200.00	-189.00
608.00 - Donations	8,300.00	0.00	8,300.00
609.01 - DUES COLLECTIONS	1,897.66	2,300.00	-402.34
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,433.60	2,600.00	-166.40
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	5,616.00	6,000.00	-384.00
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	668.82	1,500.00	-831.18
622.00 - Gov't Fees	60.00	0.00	60.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	5,102.94	5,100.00	2.94
703.00 - EVP	2,714.96	2,500.00	214.96
704.00 - DVP	558.64	2,500.00	-1,941.36
705.00 - SECRETARY	151.73	500.00	-348.27
706.00 - TREASURER	122.99	100.00	22.99
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	3,772.07	5,400.00	-1,627.93
Total Expense	106,214.15	85,900.00	20,314.15
Net Income	7,020.99	-1,400.00	8,420.99

	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FWD-CD-9 MO.	51,955.73
FWD-CHECKING	31,767.08
FWD-SAVINGS	<u>39,165.47</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>122,888.28</u>
Total Current Assets	122,888.28
Other Assets	
Prepaid Deposits	<u>3,800.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>3,800.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>126,688.28</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	5,000.00
Quartet travel Fund	1,604.67
Chorus travel Fund	3,362.49
C&J reserve	<u>3,750.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>13,717.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,717.16</u>
Total Liabilities	13,717.16
Equity	
Youth Education Fund	6,088.55
NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP	12,334.82
Surplus Dec 31, 2010	77,002.72
Retained Earnings	9,360.00
Net Income 2012	<u>8,185.03</u>
Total Equity	<u>112,971.12</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>126,688.28</u>

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Barbershop Harmony Society

Far Western District –

Notes to 2012 Financial Reports

Profit & Loss – Budget vs. Actual

1. Dues collections were on budget but we have budgeted \$50,000 for 2013 and that number should probably be revised.
2. Our income from the Spring and Fall Conventions was disappointing.
3. The “Other” income item of 284.59 is the reimbursement we received from the BHS for the expenses incurred for the Chapter Visitations in 2011.
4. The Webcast income was \$1623 less expenses of \$975 for a net of \$648
5. Major donations received:
 - a. Youth Education Fund \$ 246.00
 - b. NorCal Youth Camp \$10,535.00
 - c. HF Donor’s Choice \$ 3,576.25
 - d. HF Youth Chorus Festival \$ 8,175.50
6. Fees received
 - a. Nor Cal Youth Camp \$ 5,640.00
 - b. Harmony College West \$10,705.00
 - c. Leadership Academy \$ 3,600.00

Note: In the past a lot of donations and fees were not tracked. The budget was prepared in June of 2011, before we had experience with recording all donations and fees, and that resulted in the discrepancies with the budget. During 2011 and 2012 donations to the Youth Education Fund have been substantially less than the amount paid out from that fund..

7. The Board meeting expenses exceeded budget. This is probably because of increases in hotel and airline fares. The Board should consider increasing the budget for 2013.
8. The YMIH expenses included \$16,340.04 for the Northern California Youth Camp, \$1,200 to support the Music Programs of the schools sponsoring High School Quartets, and one \$500 grant for a chapter that sponsored a Youth Festival.
9. The major Music & Performance expenses were \$16,129.51 for Harmony College West. With only \$10,705 in registration fees, our net cost for HCW was \$5,379.51 and the budget was \$3000.
10. The Marketing & PR expenses were under budget because we only printed and mailed three issues of Westunes.
11. The Chapter Support expenses include \$2890.02 for Leadership Academy and with the Registrations Fees of \$3600, we had a surplus of \$709.98 for the event.

Balance Sheet

1. The prepaid deposits include venue deposits for the Spring and Fall Conventions in 2013.
2. The accounts payable are for the BHS Leadership Forum and the rental of the school for the Leadership Academy. Final bills have not been received.
3. Net Income is calculated as follows:

General Fund	\$8,185.03
Youth Ed Fund loss 2012	(\$ 954.00)
Nor Cal Youth Camp Fund loss 2012	<u>(\$ 210.04)</u>
Net FWD Income 2012	\$7,020.99

Respectfully submitted

Robert D. Heron, Treasurer
February 12, 2013



Bill Rosica, Division 1 Vice President

So what is it that all chapters need the most? Members would be my guess. There are plenty of programs out there that the Society has put their stamp on. Some work, some don't, but they are out there for your use. That being said, the best "Program" out there is the one that brought me to the Bakersfield Chapter meeting back in 1984. That was one member being foolish enough to ask me why I had not been down to sing with the "Golden Empire Chorus"? My answer was simple! No one ever asked me. Just like my dad before me, no one ever asked him either, even though the gentleman in the office next to his had been a Barbershopper for over ten years, yet never said anything. After that first meeting I was hooked.

So the best program is for each member of each chapter to bring in just one new member this year. Does that sound so difficult? It doesn't to me. Every member should have at least one "Man-of-Note" pin. I have a few myself and would like to add to my collection. My challenge to each of you delegates is to go back to your chapter and set a goal of one new member for each existing member. If that seems a little daunting, maybe one new member for each performer on the risers at your spring show. That would mean that your chorus would double by Christmas. Can you imagine what that might do for the guys who have been hanging out in the weeds?

Here is a breakdown of how the Southwest Division has done over the past two years.

Chapter	Members 12/31/12	Members 12/31/11	Members 12/31/10	Died in 2012	Last Year Loss/Gain%
Lompoc	2	3	3	0	-33
Bakersfield	14	15	17	0	-6.6
South Bay	52	61	66	0	-14.7
Long Beach	11	14	14	0	-21.4
Conejo Valley	28	23	26	0	+21.7
Pasadena	48	44	45	1	+8.3
Santa Maria	29	32	36	0	-4.4
Whittier	17	21	30	0	-19
Aloha	70	77	83	0	-9
Ventura	18	18	20	1	0
Santa Clarita	13	15	17	0	-13.3
Santa Fe Springs	190	205	209	3	-7.3
Crescenta Valley	10	10	10	0	0
Santa Barbara	25	26	26	1	-3.8
Santa Monica	48	48	47	0	0

Chapter	Members 12/31/12	Members 12/31/11	Members 12/31/10	Died in 2012	Last Year Loss/Gain%
San Fernando Valley	39	42	42	0	-7.15
San Luis Obispo	34	39	47	0	-12.8
Los Angeles	7	8	10	0	-12.5
Rincon Beach	30	30	29	0	0
	685	731	779	7	-6.3

Congratulations to Conejo Valley and Pasadena for adding members in 2012 and Ventura, Crescenta Valley, Santa Monica and Rincon Beach for at least staying even for the year. The rest of us lost members, so we have our work cut out for ourselves.

My last item is Contest. Please consider taking your chorus to contest in Ontario this spring. You'll have a chance to see your buddies and maybe even sing a tag or two. The District relies on our convention and contest revenues to be able to bring the chapters programs and guests from other districts. Without these funds, the District would have to ask each chapter to contribute, so plan to attend.

One more item: Thanks to all the chapters who donated to the Youth Chorus Fund. We did manage to raise just under our goal of \$10,000 to help out Harmony Foundation at midwinter. (Your District made up the difference.) You guys are the best.



Craig Hughes, Division 2 Vice President

Happy 75th Anniversary. The Southeast Division closed out 2012 with high energy, joy and a commitment to make 2013 even better. I enjoyed Chapter Leadership Training and the Holiday Season with many of you.

Leadership Training is a key to Chapter success and a commitment of time and energy for those who attend. With great instructors and lots of shared ideas between students, the classes were excellent. I attended the Marketing Class and learned a bunch. Please consider sending your entire leadership team to the 2013 sessions. Your team is the foundation for a sound and growing Chapter. Taking care of the administrative details so the music gets the focus is an art honed at the Academy.

I attended several Holiday Shows and was thrilled to perform on a couple. What a heart-warming gift for our communities! You could feel the glow from the audience. It is one of the many special things we are able to do. The light in the kids' eyes after a performance is especially rewarding. As we continue to provide quality entertainment for our audiences we will grow and prosper. Public performances are one of the best ways to spread the Barbershop message. Our District Membership Chairman, Jack Peters (jjack1811@gmail.com), has a number of additional ideas to help with our quest for more members. Please contact Jack or me for more details.

Membership numbers dropped a little last year but the trend is leveling out and we are ready for a bounce in 2013.

Barbershop Harmony Society: - down 7.8%

Far Western District: - down 4.5%

South East Division: - down 2.1%

Special kudos to

Westminster Chapter + up 25.5%

Brea Chapter + up 24.3%

Coachella Valley Chapter + up 13.9%

Let's all turn the corner in 2013.

I was honored to install the Chapter Officers for Coachella Valley, El Cajon, and Riverside. I was also honored to be installed by Lou Benedict as Marking VP for San Diego. While certainly different, all four Chapters share the enthusiasm, love of music and fellowship we all seek. The awards given were richly deserved and demonstrate the intense commitment we have to this unique "hobby". We are truly a Chorus of Brothers with a unique fellowship to treasure.

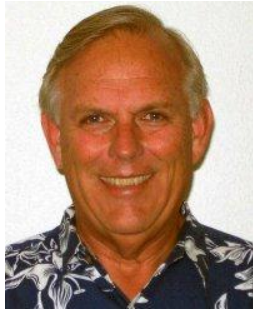
A quick reminder to mark your calendars: SE/SW Division Contest will be held in Ontario on May 11. The Riverside Chapter is hosting the event and has posted information on the District web site and the current edition of Westunes. Please consider attending. It will be a fun contest and a great way to celebrate Barbershop.

I look forward to meeting you over the next year.

In Harmony,

Craig Hughes, SE Div VP

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Chuck Leavitt, Division 3 Vice President

This is our Society's 75th year of spreading the joy of Barbershop and this month marks the end of my first year as Northwest Division VP. I am very impressed with the vigor and diversity of the NW Div chapters. Without exception, every chapter is actively working to have fun and meet the expectations of their members. Most are taking advantage of the education and membership resources available through the Society and the district. A couple of NW chapters like Santa Rosa and Walnut Creek are experiencing a resurgence that is building on itself. We all know that it is really the hard work and enthusiasm of the members that fuels this exciting outcome – but a spark plug is essential and these chapters have several. Congratulations to all.

One of the resources the chapters are taking advantage of is the first NorCal director school in quite a few years. It was held February 9th in Pleasanton with three levels of instruction: 1) The Chorus Director Workshop Intensive (CDWI) is for experienced front line directors - a prerequisite to become a Certified Director; 2) Intermediate Chorus Directing is for Assistant Directors or newer Front line directors who want to improve their skills; and 3) Outstanding In Front (OiF) is an introductory class to gain an understanding of what it takes to be a leader in front of your chorus. The school is the initial activity of Dr. Greg Lyne who was named the FWD Chorus Director Development Chairman by FWD President Russ Young last fall.

It is not too early for chapters and quartets to plan for Harmony College West. It is back in NorCal this year at CSU East Bay in Hayward, so mark August 16-18 on your calendars. Details will be coming soon.

We may have a new NW chapter in the near future. The first meeting of the Livermore Valley group was held on January 27. They believe they have sufficient potential members to begin the charter process. The director is John Hazen from Voices in Harmony. The group will meet Sundays at 6 PM in the Livermore Chamber of Commerce conference room located at 3575 Pacific Ave next to City Hall. Their primary goal is to have fun, sing well and perform as often as possible. Competition is a secondary goal. Email John Durden at jkdurden2008@yahoo.com for more info.

The last few months have been a time of significant changes for my home chapter- the Voices in Harmony – due to the resignation of our iconic director, Dr. Greg Lyne. Interim director Chris Hebert and the music team have done a wonderful job keeping the focus on singing and performing well. At this writing, the chapter is in the final audition phase of an extensive and thoughtful director search. We won't know until mid-February who the new director will be, but it is clear the chorus will stay true to its quest for musical excellence.



Richard Lund, Division 4 Vice President

With the advent of year 75 here in the Barbershop Harmony Society, we are in a conundrum of witnessing a resurgence of enthusiasm for barbershop singing in our youngest singers simultaneously with a continuation of membership loss. Not a new thing to talk about, but we may be at that turning “area” of confusion and consolidation (as folks in the stock market call a slow “turn”). The youth movement has grown into a major part of the demographics of the BHS, and more and more of our effort and resources are being focused on that area. The emphasis on the Youth Chorus Festival at Midwinter has resulted in BHS news reports all but ignoring the Senior Quartet contest results. And How Bout Those “Recruits!!”. For those who don’t know what I’m talking about, the top youth chorus is the Recruits from St. Louis; and you really should pull up a UTube video and see / hear them in action. Sure sounds a lot like another youth chorus of just a few years ago. Note that our own Dan Rohovit, from Manteca showed up in the second row along with Eric Dalby, lead of Vocal Spectrum. Dan is going to college in Iowa and is commuting many hours each week to make rehearsals.

Speaking of youth and youth programs, I just spent an incredible evening with one of the leading youth minded choruses, my old friends, the Placerville Gold Rush Chorus, for their 30th anniversary celebration. What an evening of song, tags and catching up with truly valued old friends who came back to share in this special evening.

I’m undoubtedly going to miss a few, but I feel it important to mention at least a few names of guys who attended: Neal Sisson, Gary Saich, Bob Roberts, Scott Rice, Bill Easley, Robert Lenoil and family, Stanley Price and wife. My sincere apologies for missing anyone. It was So good to see the guys and share some harmony! Thank You, Gold Rush Chorus for a great event.

I also had the privilege of doing a number of installations with various chapters. With the Society celebrating our 75th Anniversary, it was somewhat astonishing to have OC Cash show up, in all his glory, and help out with these installations. My brand new quartet, Sound Decision, even got in on the act with the Nevada-Placer guys. Barbershop evenings are Always the absolute best! Thank you once more, Roger Perkins for such a wonderful script.

It is also heartening that so many newer members are stepping up to be officers. It is truly amazing to see all these new guys taking on the jobs and really making something happen! Roe Darnell pres of GVC, Jim Dyer pres of Placerville, Larry Womac treas of Sacramento, and Steve Calapp treas of Davis-Vacaville; Congratulations and Go Get Em, guys!

And a Very Special thanks to the Visalia Chapter for stepping up to chair the District Convention in Bakersfield! What an awesome challenge to take on for a small chorus. However, knowing these guys, there isn’t anything they cannot handle. We were So impressed with their hosting of a very successful Youth Festival back in October. I was privileged to be on site and witness a rough group (singing wise) of young men and women morph into an incredible youth chorus performance!

A Big Thank You to The Voices of California, new name for the California Delta Chapter who are hosting this NE, NW and combined Prelims Spring Convention/Contest. The guys are working particularly hard to help with finances for our trip to Toronto this July!! And of course, we are also very proud of all of our NE Division choruses that are competing here in Lodi. Looks like we have nine and possibly ten, choruses. Awesome!!

In my visits with individual chapters I am finding a lack of knowledge regarding the FWD and District activities. Yes, I understand that information is “out there” however I want to continue to encourage the FWD to provide information in as many formats as financially possible. In this regard, I ask if we have any feedback on the number of members who have read Westunes on line I would encourage us as a Board to keep on top of this and respond as indicated with the feedback we receive.



JohnBloomquist, Division 5 Vice President

The ARIZONA DIVISION was again very active since the FWD District Contest in October.

As previously reported, the Division stepped up big for the Harmony Foundation by having over 15 members commit to the Presidents Council and an additional number pledging as Ambassadors of Harmony. Additionally, the Division accepted the responsibility charged by our BOD to our Chapters to participate in the Youth Chorus Festival sponsorship. As a Division, we raised almost \$3500 towards that pledge. It is GREAT to be part of this awesome Division. Thanks to all.

After having to postpone our Leadership Academy scheduled for September, the LA was held on January 26th in Mesa. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Mesa Chapter for stepping up as hosts, and particularly to Bob Shafer for accepting the important role as Registrar. Thanks Bob and Thanks to the Mesa Chapter for hosting this most important event. Also, a special thanks to Gordon Bergthold and Lou Benedict for their expertise and leadership to help make this a success. But MOST of all, thanks to those Chapter Leaders for attending.

Spring time means Division conventions and contests, and in the AZ Div that is true again. The Tucson Chapter will be hosting this event in April and it will be held in Phoenix. Thanks to Tucson for lending your expertise once again to what is sure to be a most successful event.

As a concern to all of us, Membership continues to be an issue. We will continue to try and find new and attractive means to find new members in addition to working with the Harold Hills out there.

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

John Bloomquist

District Management Team Reports



Jack Peters, Membership Chairman

Our great district has again lead the Society by welcoming 238 new members over the past year, January 31, 2012 through January 31, 2013. That is 10% more than last year. Congratulations to all who share our sport for others to enjoy.

The not so good, or maybe not so bad news is, our district lost 377 members, or 13.7 % in that same period. Our 8.7% growth (newbies) resulted in a 5% net loss of our membership to 2580. (The Barbershop Harmony Society had a net loss of 8.9% over this same period so we have a grip on the tiller, but it isn't smooth seas yet!)

Both district and BHS figures should not be in the red at all, but in the black, which shows we all have to make recruiting a constant effort. I'm convinced as we continually promote our fun to others and make certain our existing members are fulfilling their expectations, we will then see this downward trend reverse. It's fun to sing with others, why not share it with others?

The secret is to give what we know and encourage others to get involved, consistently.

Congratulation to the following chapters as their Divisions Net Growth Leaders this same year period.

- NW Division Santa Rosa 37%
- SE Division Brea 30%
- SW Division Conejo Valley 26%
- NE Division Chico 18%
- AZ Division Mesa 14%

Is your chapter having fun?

The only real job of your district officers is to see to it that your chapter is having fun. We stand at the ready to visit, offer ideas, help and link your chapter to successful programs. If you haven't called or e-mailed a district officer lately, you should. There isn't anything new under the sun, it's true, but something may be new to you, or you can share something with others who haven't heard of it yet, through your district officers. We're all in this together, and together, we succeed.



Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold, CSLT Chairman

The FWD chapters are beginning to utilize the expertise available to them through the Chapter Service Representative program outlined on the FWD website. White Mountains, Prescott, and Hawaii are the latest chapters to request assistance in challenges faced by the leadership teams, and from all indications it has helped.

The assistance comes in many different ways; a society or district representative making a visit and offering suggestions, or assisting in a way requested by the chapter leadership. A simple installation of officers often leads the chapter leaders in a direction that was not considered previously, or publication of an article by one of the district leaders often prompts the chapter to action.

There are so many different ways to effect positive change in a chapter/chorus you need only ask. The FWD Board has pledged to help wherever a need arises and I'm available to direct your leadership concerns to the right person, or team, whenever requested.

Let's make 2013 a year of retention and growth as well as improved singing for each chapter in the district. Singing well leads to "fun", the one word that comes up every time a chapter member is asked, "what would make your barbershop experience better on rehearsal nights?" Having more fun is the number one answer to that simple question. So, let's work on that challenge. Just make the call and let the FWD leadership team help solve that one issue.

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



Ted Sayle, Events Chairman And John Jones

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 – Brea considering

2013 Division Conventions

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

April 20, 2013 - Arizona Division – Tucson Host

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

2014 Division Conventions

All Open for Bid

Dates are subject to change for joining divisions

April 11-12, 2014 Northwest Division – Santa Rosa

May 23-24, 2014 Northeast Division

May 9-10, 2014 Southwest Division – joint prelims??

May 16-17, 2014 Southeast Division – joint prelims??

May 2-3, 2014 Arizona Division

Harmony College West

Aug 16-18, 2013 – Cal State Hayward

Events Committee

Event Chairman – AZ –

Randy Bingel

Event Chairman – Southeast –	Paul Sandorf
Event Chairman – Southwest –	Jim Serdahely
Event Chairman – Northeast –	Sam Barger
Event Chairman – Northwest –	Larry Wiess
Registration Chairman –	Bob Cathaway
Production Director –	Doug Maddox
Convention Activities Chairman –	Keith Eckhardt

As you participate in our first district event of 2013, please be sure to thank the folks of the California Delta Chapter and the VoCal chorus for their hospitality and hard work. As members of the House of Delegates, you are well aware of the time and effort it takes to host a convention. The Hutchins Street Square Performing Arts Center, which we occupy for this weekend, provides a beautiful theater 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.

Do enjoy the quartet contest, the high school quartet contest, our classes and the activities of the Harmony Platoon.

The Riverside Chapter is developing the structure for the combined 2013 Southeast/Southwest Spring Convention located back in Colony High School in Ontario.

As approved by the HOD we have secured the Bakersfield Robobank Center and the Marriott Hotel for our Fall 2013 Convention. See dates above and look for registration and information in Westunes and on our District website.

Looking ahead to 2014 the Fresno Chapter is hosting our Fall Convention and we have booked a return to our venue and hotel we used at the 2011 event. 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. Your Division Vice Presidents are currently review options within their Division. At this time Santa Rosa, has committed to hosting a Northwest Division Convention. In Southern California, the VPs and the Event team are working to identify a chapter to host the Spring Prelim along with a joint Southeast/Southwest Divisional.

As previously announced, Ted Sayle from the Arizona Division has assumed the leadership of the Events Committee. Look to chat with Ted over the weekend and pass along your thoughts and suggestions. Ted and I expect to work closely together this year to ensure a smooth transition.

Do enjoy this weekend and thanks to everyone for their support and, more importantly, for being here to share our barbershop experience.....John Jones & Ted Sayle



Nick Papageorge, Music & Performance Chairman and Dr. Greg Lyne

**Harmony College West &
Chorus Director's Guild Seminar**

**FWD's own 4 GOLD MEDALIST CHORUS DIRECTORS
Dr. Greg Lyne, Royce Ferguson, Mark Hale, Justin Miller**

Chorus Directors *will learn from the FWD's Gold Medalist Chorus Directors*

Individual students *Follow a course of study designed to make for better singers and better chapter members. Or pursue a new area of our hobby. Classes in: Vocal Techniques, Barbershop Potpourri, Directing Arranging, Chapter Leadership, Small Chorus Coaching*

Quartets *Receive a full weekend of coaching from our Society's top coaches*

All students *Participate in activities to build and grow our singing fraternity. Woodshed, tag-sing, and have a great time with other great barbershoppers in our District.*

Small Choruses *up to 4 small choruses can be coached for 4 hours**

**Saturday Night Show
Featuring FWD's Great Student Quartets,
and Guest Quartets**

Spend a weekend of work, harmony and fellowship at the beautiful

California State University East Bay campus

August 16 - 18, 2013

**California State University EAST BAY
Hayward, California**

**Quartet Registration \$800.00 (early bird: \$785 prior to June 4th)
Individual Registration \$175.00 (early bird: \$165 prior to June 4th)**

**Chorus members will register as Individuals for Harmony College West, but will enroll in "chorus coaching" with their chorus for one 4-hour class period-leaving 4 hours for individual class time*

You may be wondering why I have Re-Named HC West. Well wonder no more!

Dr. Greg Lyne and I have collaborated on a new vision for Harmony College West. For those of you who don't yet know, Greg has been named Far Western District's Chairman of Chorus Director Development. (Greg has already produced a very successful Chorus Director's one-day seminar in Northern California just this past February)

Greg and I are very proud to announce that this year's Harmony College West will feature all four of our own Far Western District Gold Medalist Chorus Directors teaching Seminars for our FWD Chorus Directors!!!

This year's Harmony College West will feature:

ROYCE FERGUSON, MARK HALE, JUSTIN MILLER

and, oh yes,

DR. GREG LYNE

Where else will you find 4 Gold Medal Chorus Directors in one place, teaching our chorus director's all of their secrets? We will also offer our usual HCWest classes (as well as any other class that you may want offered – just ask me!) and Quartet Coaching. All of this at one college!

BIG NEWS: Remember that our Chorus Director's are nothing if they don't have well educated chorus members; so when a Chorus Director from any chorus in our district brings *four* other of his chapter members with them to The University of California, East Bay for Harmony College West, *the tuition for all 5 members of the chorus will only be \$750*. That's a \$125 discount for the 5 of you!!

PLAN NOW to ATTEND HARMONY COLLEGE WEST

Remember that there will still be 8 hours of quartet coaching in the usual pod coaching arrangement. And there will be classes in vocal production, arranging, beginning directing, theory, coaching, and chapter leadership. Plus, lots and lots of singing! (if you don't find what you like, let me know and we'll see if we can find 5 other students who also want to take a class with you)

Even if you can't attend with your chorus director, you don't want to miss the excitement and learning that happens every year at Harmony College West. You and your Chorus will only thrive by your attendance! Look for the registration forms in the next Westunes, and/or at any of the Spring Divisional Contests.

We will also be continuing our "Small Chorus Coaching." This is a "class" that has a small chorus being coached for 4 hours, and then their members take classes for the remaining four hours.

ATTEND HARMONY COLLEGE WEST!

Keep Singing,

Nick Papageorge



Dr. Greg Lyne, Chairman of Chorus Director Development

The Barbershop Harmony Society has long provided outstanding educational opportunities for its members. I always find that barbershoppers are eager to learn and to develop their skills.

We recently completed a most successful event for our FWD chorus directors. Held in Pleasanton, CA on February 9, the Chorus Directors Workshop featured the following classes:

1. CDWI (Chorus Directors Workshop Intensive) - This class is designed for front line directors. Directors receive philosophical insights about directing and teaching and receive one-on-one coaching on their teaching and conducting skills.
2. Intermediate Chorus Directing - This class is focused on the assistant director and provides rehearsal and conducting techniques.
3. Outstanding in Front (OiF) - This class is geared toward encouraging those who wish to learn about directing and have interest in refining their abilities leading vocal warm-ups, teaching tags, etc. for their respective chapter/chorus.

We had an outstanding faculty teaching and inspiring our students. These faculty members came from both our Far Western District and from outside our District. These talented instructors were Royce Ferguson, David Leeder, Ron Black, Charles Metzger and Ollie Brillhante (assistant). A special thank you to each of these fine gentlemen. A big thank you also to Mike Cating and the Walnut Creek Chapter for assisting in hosting this event and serving as demonstration chorus for the CDWI class. Finally, a huge thank you to Keith Eckhardt for his incredible efforts in making this all come together!

Next, directors, do put the dates of August 16-18 in your calendars. That will be the date of our Far Western District Harmony College. It will be held in Hayward, CA. I know Nick Papageorge is working diligently to make this event the best ever. It appears that the directing/conducting faculty for that event may well contain four gold medal directors. You won't want to miss this one!

Finally, to all of the directors in FWD, do know your excellent efforts make a huge difference in the lives of your singers. Enjoy, have fun and bring all your enthusiasm and musical efforts to each and every rehearsal!



Bill Kane, Quartet Activity Chairman

Harmony Platoons in Full Swing

The new quartet activity called Harmony Platoons (invented in FWD in 2012) is in full swing at all three 2013 FWD Division spring conventions, including the Prelims in Lodi this month, AZ Division in April and SE/SW Divisions in May.

Each of the District-wide Platoons in 2012 drew 60+ men from around 30 different chapters. Besides enjoyment for the singers, the Platoon provided entertainment for those attending the convention, as their final contest/show was open to all.

In addition to quartet experience at the convention, many of the Platooners have formed quartets when they got “back home”, either with contacts they made through Platoon or using the newly learned Platoon songs, or both. A good example would be the 2013 Southern California Novice Quartet Contest, where the prior spring’s Platoon winner finished #3 at Novice and whose tenor sang in another quartet that won Novice. At least 8 men from Platoons sang in that contest. More than one Division contest last year included a newly formed quartet of Platoon guys with newly learned Platoon songs. At least one of these qualified and sang at District.

Each Platoon includes both returning singers, happy with the experience they’ve had before, as well as many new men trying it for the first time. . .many trying quartetting for the first time. Harmony Platoon is proving to be a useful new tool in quartet development for the District.

Bill Kane

FWD Quartet Activity Chairman



Jerry McElfresh, Marketing and Public Relations Chairman

We began working before the end of the year on a full-page advertisement for the 75th Anniversary Edition of The Harmonizer, congratulating the Barbershop Harmony Society on its anniversary and expressing pride in our membership in the international organization. The ad was developed with the cooperation of David Melville on graphic design and in consultation with President Russ Young. The ad, which you likely have seen by now, also expresses the Far Western District's pride in being the home of choruses and quartets that have won a total of 26 International Gold Medals over the years. It also notes that FWD will be the host district for the 2014 International Convention and Contest in Las Vegas.

At this point it appears that we will not be able to have a Webcast for the Spring Contest in Lodi because the contest venue's Internet source is not suitable for our needs. Work will begin soon to try to set up a Webcast for the fall District Contest in Bakersfield for our members and friends who cannot attend the contest.

In January I sent a Marketing Memo to FWD chapter Marketing and Public Relations officers with some ideas that should help them promote their chapters and quartets and asking for their best ideas that can be shared across the district. Response has been good and I plan to follow up periodically in addition to a quarterly column in Westunes. Along that line, if you have a marketing or public relations plan that has worked well for your chapter, please send it to the e-mail address below so that we can help each other do a better job.

Jerry McElfresh
FWD Marketing & Public Relations chairman
marketing@bhsfwd.org



Bill Cale, Awards Committee Chairman

Competitors in our Society are officially recognized according to their adjudicated success on stage. There are many individuals and chapters who deserve to be formally recognized for their achievements outside the competition arena as well.

Your Awards Committee maintains a list of men, suggested by many sources, who are potential District Convention Honorees. We know there are others who should be added to the list and we ask for any suggestions from you. Deciding on the man to whom the next convention will be dedicated is difficult, but only because it means a whole host of others must be by-passed. Our awardee for the Spring 2013 FWD Convention is Bruce Sellnow, mainly for his outstanding leadership in the high school quartet activities and his leadership in the development of three very important Northern California chapters. Bruce saw a need and stepped up to handle it. You will read his bio in the program and we will present him with a plaque of remembrance.

Other areas of our involvement:

Chapter of the Year At the direction of the FWD President, we secure the Owen Edwards Memorial Trophy and the traveling trophy for presentation in the Spring.

President's Award The committee secures this plaque for Spring presentation.

Music Educator Awards We obtain these for presentation at Spring Convention by the Chair of Youth in Harmony.

Bachelor of Harmony The Awards Committee has the responsibility of distributing the certificates and patches to those who have earned this honor.

All of these awards are a way for the FWD to say, "Thank you" to those men whose service to our District makes them deserving. It would be wonderful if you, as individuals would add your "Thank You" in person.

Bill Cale, Chairman

Lynn Brittan, Deane Scoville, Carl Truman




Lynn Brittan, Ethics Committee Chairman

As of this date, [Feb 4](#), 2013 there are no issues needing the attention of the FWD Ethics Committee.

Please Remove and Present to the DVP

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

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