

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

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## Allan Web FWD President

Welcome to 2014! With the New Year comes a new FWD President (yours truly), and I'm looking forward to executing on the important work we have in front of us this year.

If you have not already done so, be sure to read CEO Marty Monson's article in the January/February edition of the Harmonizer. There have been some substantial changes in the Society Aims for 2014 which align them with the results of the 2011 Chapter Visitation Surveys. The focus is on addressing the issues most often cited by our Chapters in that survey.

As of this writing, we also just completed the International Mid-Winter Convention in Long Beach, CA. What an amazing event! Major kudos to the South Bay Chapter and their volunteers for doing a huge job hosting this convention. The Youth Chorus Festival showcased a ton of talent (including 8 youth choruses from the Far Western District). From the opening party on the Queen Mary, to the Friday and Saturday shows featuring our Top 5 International Medalists as well as the Masters of Harmony and Westminster, to the Senior Quartet Contest (and our great new Senior Champions Faces For Radio), it was a weekend not to be forgotten. We even had a couple reunion performances by our 1998 International Champions Revival.

The District Presidents Council and Society Board held both separate and joint meetings at Mid-Winter, along with CEO Marty Monson, Harmony Foundation CEO Clarke Caldwell and HF Director of Development Ryan Killeen. A number of good ideas and future direction came from those discussions, some of which are short term and some longer term, but rest assured that Marty is a dynamic leader with a lot of vision for what the Society can be and concrete plans on how to get us there. The District board will be discussing how the Far Western District Association of Chapters can help advance the Society AIMS, and Marty's vision, at our board meeting in March, and will discuss some of these things with the HOD. There will be more recommendations forthcoming in the Fall.

The FWD Board put together a general convention survey on the District website which I'd like all FWD members to take at their earliest convenience. It's fairly short (probably less than 5 minutes), but represents an opportunity for the District leadership to get feedback, particularly from those who don't currently go to conventions. We want to find out the reasons why some Far Western District members choose not to attend, and try to make the convention experience a great value proposition. The survey is on the District website here:

<http://www.farwesterndistrict.org/news/convention-survey>

Please communicate this to your Chapter members so we can get a good statistical sampling.

**New Society Board Representative**

Our long time SBOD Representative, great friend, and all around good guy John Miller has finished his time on the Society Board, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. Our new Representative is Don Fuson, also an all around good guy, with whom I've had the pleasure of working over the last few years as an EVP on the DP Council.

Due to scheduling constraints, Don is unable to be with us at this Spring Convention, but he did not shirk his duty and found us a suitable replacement: Society President Shannon Elswick! Welcome to the Far Western District!

Shannon will be talking to us at the HOD meeting about the new 2014 Society Aims and the alignment with the Chapter priorities identified in the CVP.

### **House of Delegates Meeting**

We have several items for consideration by the HOD at this Spring meeting, some requiring immediate action, and some which are longer term or informational in nature which I'll bring up in my opening comments at the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing all the Delegates and having a productive meeting on Friday.

Have a great convention!

"Together, Making The Music That's Making A Difference"

Regards,

Allan

Allan Webb

2014 [Far Western District](#) President

[president@farwesterndistrict.org](mailto:president@farwesterndistrict.org)

## HOD VOTE ITEM:

Recommendation of the Far Western District Board to the Far Western District House of Delegates:

Add the positions of "Vice President of Contest and Judging" and "Vice President of Music and Performance" as elected Far Western District Board positions with full voting rights. This will bring the total number of voting Board members from 10 to 12. It is the consensus of the Board that this change will be of benefit to the governance of the Far Western District and to our Chapters.

Historically, District governance across the Barbershop Harmony Society has gone through several different models, ranging from governance by the DMT disciplines as voting Board members, to the geographical governance model we currently employ in the Far Western District. This change would create a hybrid whereby the two DMT positions which were deemed to be of most import in Board deliberations would now sit at the table as voting members and represent their disciplines in Board votes.

If this change is approved by the HOD, the Nominating Committee will add these two positions to their slate for consideration at the June BOD meeting. That slate would then go to the HOD in the Fall for a vote on the 2015 officers as per normal procedure.

The SOP changes proposed below would execute this change in our governing documents.

SOP changes:

Section 4.1 - Add "VP Music And Performance" and "VP Contest And Judging" to the list of elected offices. Per the Society International C&J Committee rules, the position of DRCJ is required to be filled by a Certified Judge.

For both the new BOD positions, change the meeting requirements to match the other BOD positions and remove the line about needing to be invited by the BOD:

Attends all FWD HOD and BOD meetings.

Move Section 4.3.2.3 to Section 4.1.11 and replace any occurrences of "Chairman of the Contest and Judging Committee" with "Vice-President of Contest and Judging"

Section 4.3.2 - remove "3. Contest and Judging" and "7. Music and Performance" from the list, and renumber remaining list items. This section also has a typo which refers to a non-existent section of the document: "Section11.6" should read "Section 11.2.6".

Move Section 4.3.2.7 to Section 4.1.12 and replace any occurrences of "Chairman of the Music and Performance Committee" with "Vice-President of Music and Performance"

Renumber remaining subsections of Section 4.3.2



## Schedule

### FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

### 2014 SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



#### Thursday, March 20, 2014

FWD Board Meeting	2:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Harmony Platoon	3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Registration Open (Hotel)	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

#### Friday, March 21, 2014

Registration	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FWD Past District President's Meeting	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
AHSOW	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Basic Music Reading Class	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
House of Delegates Meeting	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Membership VP Class	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Harmony Platoon	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Judges Meeting	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Quartet Contest & Prelim Semi-Finals	5:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Doors Open	5:00 PM
Mic Testers	5:30 PM
Evaluations (Quartets not advancing)	10:15 PM -

#### Saturday, March 22, 2014

Registration	8:00 AM -
Doors Open (Mic. Tester Chorus)	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Chorus Contest	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
HS Quartet Briefing	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
HS Quartet Contest	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Chorus Evaluations	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Doors Open (Mic Test)	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Quartet Prelim Finals	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Show of Champions	9:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Afterglow	10:00 PM
Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	10:30 PM

## Minutes of the Fall HOD Meeting



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

### **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

## 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](http://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 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**HOD Order of Business**  
**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT**  
**FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**  
1:30 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Call To Order  | Allan Webb       |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance                                       | Neil Pennywitt   |
| 3. "The Star Spangled Banner"                                 | Russ Young       |
| 4. "The Old Songs"  | Chuck Leavitt    |
| 5. Invocation   | Gordon Bergthold |
| 6. Welcome  | Allan Webb       |
| 7. Introduction   | Allan Webb       |
| a. Past Presidents  |                  |
| b. Other Dignitaries  |                  |
| c. District Officers  |                  |
| 8. Roll Call  | Bob Gray         |
| 9. District President's remarks                               | Allan Webb       |
| 10. Memorial to Departed Members                              | Allan Webb & TBD |
| 11. Keynote Address   | Shannon Elswick  |
| 12. Approval of the Agenda                                    | Allan Webb       |
| 13. Approval of previous minutes                              | Allan Webb       |
| 14. Receipt of HOD Reports                                    | Allan Webb       |
| 15. Additional Officer/Committee reports                      |                  |
| 16. HOD Vote Item VP Contest / Judging & VP Music/Performance |                  |
| 17. Unfinished Business                                       |                  |
| 18. New Business  |                  |
| a. Approval of the 2014 Budget                                | Max Bates        |
| 19. BOD Highlights  | Allan Webb       |
| 20. Awards  | Bill Cale        |
| 21. Future Convention Plans                                   | Ted Sayle        |
| 22. Harmony Foundation Update                                 | Jim Clark        |
| 23. Next Meeting time/Location                                | Allan Webb       |
| 24. Keep the Whole World Singing"                             | Shannon Elswick  |
| 25. Adjourn   | Allan Webb       |

## Minutes of the Fall Board Meeting

Far Western District Board of Directors Meeting October 10, 2013 Bakersfield, California

### Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Young at 2:05 pm EVP Allen Webb directed the Old Songs

Division VP Bill Rosica gave the invocation

Roll Call taken by Secretary Peter Feeney who reported to the president that one board member, Chuck Leavitt, was not present but that a quorum was in force. Board members present: Russ Young, Allen Webb, Bill Rosica, Peter Feeney, Max Bates, Bernard Priceman, John Bloomquist, Craig Hughes, and Richard Lund.

President Young welcomed all board members and other attendees to the board meeting and acknowledged Society Board Member John Miller, Society Executive Director Marty Monson and Harmony Foundation International CEO Clarke Caldwell. President Young also acknowledged each past president of the FWD in attendance.

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.

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President Young entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion Carried.

President Young entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Motion Carried.

President Young entertained a motion to receive the Division VP reports printed in the Brochure.

Motion Carried.

Additional comments from Division VPs concerning various issues were made. Most were general comments about chapter issues, but Richard Lund discussed problems he was having getting the Elko chapter chartered. Marty Monson will try to assist.

Old Business:

Motion to recommend the 2014 Budget included in the final brochure to the HOD. Motion Carried.

Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

Motion to amend the SOP 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.

Motion to recommend SOP changes in the final brochure to the HOD. Motion Carried.

John Miller took note of the FWD cash balance and suggested that the board may want to review the balance to determine if more money can be spent on programs since the balance (approximately \$120,000) appears high.

Nick Papageorge, Music and Performance, reported that there were problems with the venue (Cal State East Bay) that affected attendance. He reported that Harmony College West may be combined with Leadership Academy in the future.

Ted Sayle reported that there would be number of convention bids presented to the HOD on Friday: Spring Prelims and Southeast and Southwest Divisions. Bid by Brea

Arizona Division. Bid by Mesa chapter.

Northeast and Northwest Divisions. Bid by Stockton 2015 Fall Convention in Mesa. Bid by Greater Phoenix.

2014 Fall Convention in Fresno. The bid by Fresno was already approved. Without objection the board supported each of these bids.

Jerry McElfresh, Marketing and PR, reported that email for the FWD website is up and running using Constant Contact. Russ thanked both Jerry and David Melville for their hard work on the site.

President Russ requested that DRCJ Ron Black return to the board with a proposal to improve division contests. He made this request after Ron identified problems with the College Quartet Contests at divisions and problems with division contests in general.

The SOP changes included in the Brochure will be considered by the HOD on Friday. New Business:

Awards chairman Bill Cale announced the committee has selected Gene Clements to be the honoree at the spring convention in Riverside. Motion to approve the selection carried.

Gordon Berghold and Craig Hughes reported that the Leadership Academies are scheduled but not yet fully staffed.

President Young asked the board to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee for the election of Bob Gray as FWD Secretary. Motion Carried. Bob will stand for election on Friday by the HOD. After much discussion a motion to add two positions to the Board of Directors was made. The SOP would be amended to add the positions of Music and Performance VP and District Representative for Contest and Judging (DRCJ) to board positions. The change would be presented to the HOD in the spring of 2014 and if approved, candidates for these positions would stand for election at the Fall HOD and would take office January 1, 2015.

Information items:

Don Salz is the new CSLT Chairman

Shelley Albaum is the new Membership Chairman

There will be a mini---forum in Nashville in early November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm with the singing of "Keep the Whole World Singing".

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Feeney FWD 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 | 11. Don't Tell Mom      |
| 2. Heat Wave            | 12. The Newfangled Four |
| 3. Speakeasy            | 13. SBPC                |
| 4. Wildcard #2          | 14. Wildcard #1         |
| 5. Octaves              | 15. First Strike        |
| 6. Constellation        | 16. The Front Line      |
| 7. Vocal Edition        | 17. The Outliers        |
| 8. Joint Venture        | 18. Velvet Frogs        |
| 9. Preferred Blend      | 19. Behind The Barn     |
| 10. Silver Knights      | 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 March 20, 2014

Riverside, California – 2:00pm

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| 1. Call to order   | Allan Webb       |
| 2. The Old Songs   | Gordon Bergthold |
| 3. Invocation  | Richard Lund     |
| 4. Roll Call   | Bob Gray         |
| 6. Opening Remarks   | Allan Webb       |
| 7. Society Board Member Remarks  | Shannon Elswick  |
| 8. Approval of agenda  | Allan Webb       |
| 9. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting                             | Allan Webb       |
| 10. DVP Reports:   |                  |
| a. Division 1, Southwest   | Neil Pennywitt   |
| 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. Adoption of two new BOD Positions (Music Performance & Contest Judging) |                  |
| 12. New Business:  |                  |
| a. Harmony College West  |                  |
| b. Funding District YIH Events   |                  |
| c. Chapter Chartering  |                  |
| d. Chapter Coaching Supplemental Program                                   |                  |
| e. Restructuring of Convention/Contest Funding/accounting                  |                  |
| f. 2014 Leadership Academy   |                  |
| 13. For the Good of the Fraternity   | All              |
| 14. Keep the Whole World Singing   | Russ Young       |
| 15. Adjourn  | Allan Webb       |

## Board of Directors' Reports



### **Bob Gray, Secretary**

Please bear with me, as this is my first session as Secretary of the Far Western District. Thank you to Peter Feeney for your years of service as Far Western District Secretary. Peter has been very instrumental in helping me figure out what this job entails. My four years as Secretary of the Phoenix Chapter has helped me prepare for this job, but it is still a learning process. I look forward to working with this great Far Western District management team.



## **Max Bates, Treasurer**

Financial Reports for the FWD Board of Directors and House of Delegates as of December 31, 2013.

The Far Western District continues to be on a strong financial footing. Continued efforts in the areas of membership and the related chorus support will make that footing more sound.

Attached hereto are the following reports:

2013 Operating Results vs Budget - Total

2013 Operating Results by Class and Unclassified

2013 Balance Sheet

### **Operating Statement Notes:**

1. The decline in dues revenue over the last four years is continuing.
2. The online publishing of the Westunes has resulted in a reduction in Ad revenue, which has also been offset by the reduction in costs.
3. Total donations shows both the positive results of the NorCal Youth Harmony Camp success and support including \$4850 from the Harmony Foundation under the HEC program ( to be adjusted by HF in 2014) and the challenge to fulfill the district commitment to the HF towards the Harmony Foundation Youth Harmony Festival. The district funded the \$10,000 to the HF offset by current year donations of \$4236.
4. Board expenses continue trending higher and adjustments to the 2015 budget may need to be considered with the addition of two additional board members in 2015.
5. The reduction of the minimum number of participants required by the facility at HCW resulted in a saving against budget.
6. This donation fulfilled the DWD commitment in support of the HF Youth Harmony Festival at mid-winter 2014.

### **Balance Sheet Notes:**

- (a) Accounts Payable to El Rancho Unified Schools paid in January 2014 for the Leadership Academy facilities November 2013, billed in January 2014.
- (b) 2013 Net Profit for the district will be allocated to specific class (activity) reserves where applicable and the losses where no reserve exists will be charged to retained earnings as of 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Max L Bates

## 2013 OPERATING RESULTS VS. BUDGET

	Jan - Dec 13	2013 Budget	Notes	2014 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
500.00 - DUES	44,669.50	50,000.00	(1)	48,000.00
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS	4,075.19	3,000.00		4,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION				
502.30 Last Year	384.95			
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION - Other	17,865.83	15,700.00		17,500.00
Total 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION	18,250.78	15,700.00		17,500.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV				
503.10 - AZ-NV	1,297.86	1,500.00		1,400.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	4,068.59	2,000.00		
503.40 - NOR CAL EAST & WEST				2,600.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	5,366.45	3,500.00		4,000.00
504.00 - WESTUNES				
504.01 - ADS	310.00	500.00		-
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES	310.00	500.00	(2)	-
506.02 - INTEREST	125.36	175.00		100.00
506.03 - WEBCAST	1,290.00	2,400.00		2,400.00
510 - Donations				
510.01 Donations Awards	40.00	45.00		45.00
510.02 Donations Youth Educatio	0.00	1,500.00		500.00
510.03 Donations NoCal Youth Ca	14,208.00	9,700.00		9,700.00
510.04 Donors Choice	3,997.62	4,000.00		4,500.00
510.05 Donations-HF Youth Fest	4,235.70	0.00		10,000.00
510 - Donations - Other	2,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00
Total 510 - Donations	24,481.32	16,245.00	(3)	26,745.00
520.00 - Fees				
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	5,520.00	5,250.00		5,250.00
520.02 - HCW	13,000.00	14,000.00		14,000.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy				
520.041 Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	1,749.00			
520.042 - Fees Ldr Acad - SoCal	3,684.00			
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCa	2,136.00			
520.04 - Leadership Academy - Other	1,440.00	7,500.00		7,500.00
Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy	9,009.00	7,500.00		7,500.00
520.05 Director Development	1,570.00			1,500.00

<b>Total 520.00 - Fees</b>	<u>29,099.00</u>	<u>26,750.00</u>	<u>28,250.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>127,667.60</u>	<u>118,270.00</u>	<u>130,995.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	127,667.60	118,270.00	130,995.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>602.00 - Fall Convention Exp</b>	197.60		
<b>603.00 - Webcast</b>	1,115.10	2,500.00	<u>2,400.00</u>
<b>604.00 - BD MEETING</b>			
<b>604.01 - TRAVEL</b>	6,833.98	5,500.00	6,000.00
<b>604.02 - MEALS</b>	1,786.96	1,600.00	1,750.00
<b>604.03 - LODGING</b>	8,571.16	6,500.00	7,200.00
<b>604.04 BD Meeting - Supplies</b>	360.74	50.00	50.00
<b>604.00 - BD MEETING - Other</b>	<u>1,097.94</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total 604.00 - BD MEETING</b>	18,650.78	14,850.00	(4) 16,500.00
<b>607.01 - DIR DEVELOP</b>			
<b>607.012 - SEMINAR</b>	2,173.34		2,000.00
<b>607.01 - DIR DEVELOP - Other</b>	<u>1,062.68</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total 607.01 - DIR DEVELOP</b>	3,236.02	1,500.00	3,500.00
<b>607.04 - FINANCIAL DEVEL CHR</b>	0.00	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
<b>607.08 - C&amp;J</b>			
<b>607.084 - TRAVEL</b>	2,731.05	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>607.085 - C&amp;J CAT SCH</b>	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total 607.08 - C&amp;J</b>	5,881.05	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>607.09 - YMIH</b>			
<b>607.091 - SUPPLIES</b>	205.80		200.00
<b>607.093 - TRAVEL</b>	345.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>607.094 - POSTAGE</b>	0.00	50.00	50.00
<b>607.095 - AWARDS</b>	1,100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp</b>	16,105.50	14,900.00	14,950.00
<b>607.096 Youth Festival Grants</b>	1,000.00		1,500.00
<b>607.09 - YMIH - Other</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total 607.09 - YMIH</b>	18,756.60	19,450.00	19,700.00
<b>607.10 - EVENTS</b>			
<b>607.101 - SUPPLIES</b>	327.39	250.00	250.00
<b>607.102 - TRAVEL</b>	3,009.15	3,000.00	3,500.00
<b>607.105 - POSTAGE</b>	9.24	50.00	50.00
<b>607.10 - EVENTS - Other</b>	<u>84.62</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total 607.10 - EVENTS</b>	3,430.40	3,550.00	3,900.00

<b>607.11 - MUSIC &amp; PERF</b>			
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	435.65	1,500.00	1,000.00
607.113 - TRAVEL	351.40	1,000.00	1,000.00
607.117 - HARMONY COLLEGE WEST	<u>13,836.48</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	(5) <u>18,000.00</u>
Total 607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	14,623.53	20,500.00	20,000.00
<b>607.12 - MKTG &amp; PR</b>			
607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS			<u>300.00</u>
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	2,949.13	2,400.00	<u>2,400.00</u>
607.127 - Travel	394.70	1,000.00	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>708.00 - WESTUNES</b>			
708.01 - TELEPHONE	703.53	750.00	750.00
708.03 - TRAVEL	439.08	1,100.00	1,100.00
708.00 - WESTUNES - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 708.00 - WESTUNES	<u>1,142.61</u>	<u>3,350.00</u>	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	4,486.44	6,750.00	7,050.00
<b>607.18 - MEMBERSHIP</b>			
607.17 - SUNSHINE	0.00	100.00	100.00
607.181 - SUPPLIES	46.01		200.00
607.184 - TRAVEL	651.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
607.185 - Learn to Sing	<u>143.30</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	840.89	3,100.00	2,800.00
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	2,539.81	3,500.00	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>608.00 - Donations</b>			
608.01 Harmony Fndatn Youth Chorus	<u>10,000.00</u>		(6) <u>10,000.00</u>
Total 608.00 - Donations	10,000.00		10,000.00
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	1,786.78	2,500.00	2,500.00
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	517.04		
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	2,425.15	2,800.00	2,800.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	5,596.50	6,400.00	6,400.00
612.00 - COLLEGE	450.00		-
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	445.68	1,500.00	1,500.00
622.00 - Gov't Fees	80.00	100.00	100.00
<b>700.00 - PRESIDENT</b>			
<b>600.00 - AWARDS</b>			
607.02 - COMMITTEE	239.04	1,000.00	750.00
600.00 - AWARDS - Other	<u>761.88</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 600.00 - AWARDS	1,000.92	1,400.00	1,250.00



607.07 - LONG RANGE PLANNING	0.00	200.00	
607.16 - HALL OF FAME	0.00	45.00	45.00
700.03 - TRAVEL	385.50	1,000.00	750.00
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP	2,750.33	3,000.00	3,000.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT - Other	122.07		
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	4,258.82	5,645.00	5,045.00
703.00 - EVP			
703.03-Trvl & Meals	4,037.10	3,000.00	3,000.00
703.00 - EVP - Other	59.03		
Total 703.00 - EVP	4,096.13	3,000.00	3,000.00
704.00 - DVP			
704.10 - DVP AZ			
704.13-TRAVEL	79.80		
704.10 - DVP AZ - Other	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 704.10 - DVP AZ	79.80	500.00	500.00
704.20-DVP So Cal East			
704.23-TRAVEL	262.20		
704.24-SUPPLIES	44.79		
704.20-DVP So Cal East - Other	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 704.20-DVP So Cal East	306.99	500.00	500.00
704.30-DVP SO CAL W			
704.33-TRAVEL	83.40		
704.30-DVP SO CAL W - Other	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 704.30-DVP SO CAL W	83.40	500.00	500.00
704.40-DVP NOR CAL W	0.00	500.00	500.00
704.50-DVP NOR CAL EAST	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 704.00 - DVP	470.19	2,500.00	2,500.00
705.00 - SECRETARY			
705.03 - SUPPLIES	154.56		200.00
705.00 - SECRETARY - Other	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	154.56	100.00	300.00
706.00 - TREASURER			
706.03 - SUPPLIES	43.47		250.00
706.00 - TREASURER - Other	0.00	50.00	
Total 706.00 - TREASURER	43.47	50.00	250.00
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT			
606.00 - Leadership Academy	6,315.62	9,000.00	(5) 9,000.00
709.4 - TRAVEL	414.70	1,500.00	

			1,500.00
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT - Other	<u>640.54</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total 709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	<u>7,370.86</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>111,453.40</u>	<u>116,295.00</u>	<u>131,245.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>16,214.20</u>	<u>1,975.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
Net Income	<u><b>16,214.20</b></u>	<u><b>1,975.00</b></u>	<u><b>-250.00</b></u>

## 2013 OPERATING RESULTS – CLASS REPORT

	Dir Dev	HCW	HF Youth Chorus Festival	Leadershi p Aca	NoCal Youth	YIH	Unclassifi ed	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income Expense</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
500.00 - DUES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,669.50	44,669.50
501.00 - INTERN. PRELIMS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,075.19	4,075.19
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,250.78	18,250.78
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,366.45	5,366.45
504.00 - WESTUNES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	310.00
506.02 - INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.36	125.36
506.03 - WEBCAST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,290.00	1,290.00
510 - Donations	0.00	0.00	2,907.00	0.00	14,208.00	200.00	7,166.32	24,481.32
520.00 - Fees	1,570.00	13,000.00	0.00	9,009.00	5,520.00	0.00	0.00	29,099.00
	0	0	0.00	9,009.00	5,520.00	0.00	0.00	29,099.00
	1,570.00	13,000.00	0.00	9,009.00	5,520.00	0.00	0.00	29,099.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,907.00</b>	<b>9,009.00</b>	<b>19,728.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>81,253.60</b>	<b>127,667.60</b>
	0	0	2,907.00	9,009.00	19,728.00	200.00	81,253.60	127,667.60
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,570.00</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>2,907.00</b>	<b>9,009.00</b>	<b>19,728.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>81,253.60</b>	<b>127,667.60</b>
	0	0	2,907.00	9,009.00	19,728.00	200.00	81,253.60	127,667.60
<b>Expense</b>								
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.60	197.60
603.00 - Webcast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,115.10	1,115.10
604.00 - BD MEETING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.78	18,650.78
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	2,173.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,062.68	3,236.02
607.08 - C&J	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,881.05	5,881.05
607.09 - YMIH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,105.50	1,100.00	1,551.10	18,756.60
607.10 - EVENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,430.40	3,430.40
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	0.00	13,836.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	787.05	14,623.53
607.12 - MKTG & PR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,486.44	4,486.44
607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.89	840.89
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,539.81	2,539.81
608.00 - Donations	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,786.78	1,786.78
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	0.00	287.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	229.60	517.04
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,425.15	2,425.15
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,596.50	5,596.50
612.00 - COLLEGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	445.68	445.68
622.00 - Gov't Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	80.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,258.82	4,258.82
703.00 - EVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,096.13	4,096.13
704.00 - DVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	470.19	470.19
705.00 - SECRETARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.56	154.56
706.00 - TREASURER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.47	43.47
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,315.62	0.00	0.00	1,055.24	7,370.86

<b>Reconciliation</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Discrepancies</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Void</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	2,173.3	14,123.9	10,000.0		16,105.5	1,100.0		111,453.4
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,315.62</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61,635.02</u>	<u>0</u>
		-	-					
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-603.34</u>	<u>1,123.92</u>	<u>7,093.00</u>	<u>2,693.38</u>	<u>3,622.50</u>	<u>-900.00</u>	<u>19,618.58</u>	<u>16,214.20</u>
		-	-					
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-603.34</u></u>	<u><u>1,123.92</u></u>	<u><u>7,093.00</u></u>	<u><u>2,693.38</u></u>	<u><u>3,622.50</u></u>	<u><u>-900.00</u></u>	<u><u>19,618.58</u></u>	<u><u>16,214.20</u></u>

## 2013 BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>	Notes
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
FWD-CD-9 MO.	52,073.24	
FWD-CHECKING	43,207.49	
FWD-SAVINGS	<u>39,173.98</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	<u>134,454.71</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>134,454.71</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>134,454.71</u></b>	
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
410.00 - Accounts Payable	631.00	(a)
449.00 - Quartet travel	1,400.74	
450.00 - Chorus travel	<u>3,236.99</u>	
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,268.73</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,268.73</u>	
Total Liabilities	5,268.73	
Equity		
446.00-Youth Ed	6,088.55	
447.00- NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP	12,334.82	
451.00 - Surplus 12/31/2010	77,002.72	
Retained Earnings	17,545.69	
Net Income	<u>16,214.20</u>	(b)
Total Equity	<u>129,185.98</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>134,454.71</u></b>	



**Neil Pennywitt, Division 1 Vice President**

No Report



## Craig Hughes, Division 2 Vice President

I am pleased to start my third year as your Southeast Division Vice President. The job has its challenges and rewards. The biggest reward by far is meeting as many Division members as possible. I was honored to install several chapters' officers this year. We have great teams in place to prosper in 2014. The Southeast sets the standard in all areas of Barbershop Harmony. Our men and women are the best in the Society. Thank you for all you do.

Spring is the time for goal setting and review. I suggest three areas of focus are: to Improve, to Grow, and to Have Fun. There are many ways to address these and the methods are unique to every Chapter.

Let's review 2013.

### ❖ *Improve:*

- ◆ **Performance:** There is great singing in the Southeast. We are the home of Champions!
  - We had seven choruses qualify and compete at District. Three placed in the Top Ten (**La Jolla, Brea, and Las Vegas**). **Westminster** saved its 2013 competition for the International stage and won Silver. They were 2 points out of First – a 0.06% margin. Their performance and class is consistently tremendous.
  - Our Quartets are the best. **The Newfangled Four** (2013 SE Division Champion) won the International College Contest and **95 North** (2012 SE Division Champion) competed in its first International Contest.
- ◆ **Chapter Administration:** We had eleven chapters attend Leadership Academy. A good showing but we can do better. There is always something we can improve for the chapter.

- ❖ **Grow:** As of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 we are up 14 members over prior year to date. Most Chapters are holding steady. The “dark side” of the over prior year numbers is 65 past due members. These men are anywhere from 30 to 180 days past due. This is a huge number and impacts everything we do. Please reach out and renew these members. Encourage the auto-renewal option so your members have the convenience of singing without the hassle of remembering to renew.

	01/31 2013	1/31 2014	Chg to PYTD		Past Due	Net 1/31 2014
D015 Hemet	17	16	-1		0	16
D019 Inland Empire	40	41	1		8	33
D023 San Diego	35	35	0		1	34
D037 South Orange	48	51	3		1	50
D041 Palomar Pacific	49	44	-5		3	41
D055 Orange Quartet	44	44	0		2	42
D056 Fullerton	86	84	-2		6	78
D074 Westminster	67	75	8		20	55
D075 Las Vegas	80	82	2		8	74
D086 El Cajon	19	15	-4		0	15
D087 Coachella Valley	41	43	2		5	38
D095 Apple Valley	17	21	4		1	20
D111 St George	28	32	4		0	32
D114 Riverside	27	27	0		2	25
D116 Brea	48	44	-4		5	39
D117 LaJolla	36	39	3		1	38

D120 Laguna Hills	10	11	1		1	10
D122 Temecula	14	16	2		1	15
	706	720	14		65	655

Kudos to the **Brea Chapter** for recognition as a “**Harold Hill Diamond Plateau Winner**”. One of just seven awarded by the Society for growth and achievement during the Harold Hill campaign.

- ❖ **Have Fun:** I had a great time in 2013. How about you? Fun is a personal thing and our Chapters seem to have a handle on it. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gave us an opportunity to share the joy with the community and fellow Barbershoppers. There are many definitions of fun so please find yours and enjoy the harmony.

Let’s look at some ideas for 2014.

❖ **Improve:**

◆ **Performance:**

- We have great Directors and amazing coaches in the Far Western District. Take advantage of our coaching programs and consider competing this year. Sing for score or evaluation only. It is a valuable performance goal and way to measure your achievement. It is also a lot of fun.
- Quartet – Quartet – Quartet. It’s the cornerstone of our hobby and the best way to improve individually. One fun opportunity is to participate in a Harmony Platoon or Brigade event.
- Education: On line and at Harmony University and Harmony College. There is great stuff out there.

- ◆ **Chapter Administration:** Take advantage of the educational offerings given by the District and Society. On line and at events. Please send your team to the District Leadership Academy this year and use the District Leadership Team throughout the year.

- ❖ **Grow:** Better singing and more compelling chapter meetings that meet your goals are keys to growth and retention.

- ❖ **Have Fun:** 2014 is the year to enhance your experiences with amazing “local” events.

- ◆ **Brea** is hosting our Spring Convention at the historic Fox Theater in Riverside California. It will be an event to remember and include the International Quartet Prelims.
- ◆ Both International Conventions are in our neighborhood this year. Mid-Winter was in Long Beach, January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 2d, and International in Las Vegas, June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>. Don’t miss this opportunity to *drive* to International.
- ◆ Be sure to visit the Westunes’ Chapter Reports and see all the fun things they have been doing this fall and consider joining a quartet if you haven’t already. There is a special bond in a Quartet you seldom experience elsewhere.

Thank you for your support of the Division. We are the best of the best.

In Harmony,

Craig Hughes, SE Div VP

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## Chuck Leavitt, Division 3 Vice President

The 2013 Nor-Cal Leadership Academy held in November at McGeorge Law School in Sacramento was very successful. We used a collaborative approach that emphasized class interaction. The Dean of the Leadership Academy, Craig Hughes, and associate dean for Nor-Cal, Richard Lund, put together a program and faculty that was a real step up in chapter leadership training. Every new chapter officer should attend in 2014. If you are an experienced chapter leader, plan on attending at least every couple of years to share your experience and get energized. We will all get better.

Eighty-Six NW Division members did not renew in 2013 and the number of new members was well below last year. To help your chapter overcome these trends, a FWD goal this year is to revitalize our chapter coaching program –especially musical coaching. In addition to reimbursing 50% of coach travel cost, we are in the process of updating and posting a list of available coaches. We want to create a web based tool that will help your chapter music team find and schedule the right coach for the right time to meet your needs. We are also seriously considering other significant music coaching options and opportunities for chapters.

### Summary of DIV 3 Chapter Membership Totals

	<b>12/31 2011</b>	<b>12/31 2012</b>	<b>12/31 2013</b>	<b>New 2012</b>	<b>New 2013</b>	<b>*2013 duals</b>	<b>2013 NR</b>	<b>2013 death</b>
<b>D006 Walnut Creek</b>	34	38	32	4	4	3	(12)	(1)
<b>D008 Santa Rosa</b>	44	63	59	15	8	3	(15)	0
<b>D022 Palo Alto-Mountain View</b>	63	60	54	6	5	1	(11)	(1)
<b>D024 San Francisco</b>	21	22	19	5	1	0	(4)	0
<b>D026 Bay Area (CA)</b>	101	96	86	3	0	3	(14)	0
<b>D039 Marin</b>	25	30	27	6	0	1	(4)	0
<b>D049 Monterey Peninsula</b>	39	32	24	5	5	0	(12)	(1)
<b>D076 Napa Valley</b>	19	19	16	1	0	0	(3)	0
<b>D081 Eureka</b>	40	40	39	4	1	0	(2)	0
<b>D092 San Mateo County</b>	29	24	24	3	3	0	(3)	0
<b>D099 Santa Cruz</b>	22	21	22	3	3	1	(1)	(1)
<b>D102 Fremont-Hayward</b>	25	25	24	4	3	0	(4)	0
<b>D106 San Francisco Bay Cities</b>	14	16	14	0	0	0	(1)	(1)
	<b>476</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>(5)</b>

I hope your chapter and quartet is planning to compete in the 2014 NE/NW Division Contests at the Hutchins Street Square in Lodi on May 17, 2014. The Stockton Chapter is hosting this year. We were at the Hutchins Street venue last year for Intl Prelims and the combined Nor-Cal division contests and it worked out very well. With a year to absorb all the lessons learned, I expect this convention to be outstanding.



## Richard Lund, District VP for the NE Division (Div. 4)

Leadership Academy (LA) for Northern California/Nevada was held in November and was very successful. A number of chapters brought many of their chapter leaders and a few other members for the first time in several years. It was a real eye opener for many of the guys; and they really appreciated the high level of instruction from very talented instructors. Craig Hughes is the Dean for Leadership Academy, and his associate dean, Richard Lund, along with Davis-Vacaville chapter put together a wonderful day of learning.

The emphasis for LA is collaborative interaction with the attendees rather than a strict \_\_\_\_\_. This approach seemed to resonate very well with the guys. A secondary emphasis that we want to pursue further in 2014 is to bring more guys to LA who are not officers. The information that is shared need not be reserved for just the officers; and the guys who came this time were amazed with the amount that they learned.

Back in September, Harmony Camp was another huge success. 82 boys were “hot-dipped” in barbershop harmony and culture and went back to their schools excited and enthused with their new found harmonies. In addition, please check out the Westunes article on Harmony Camp in the upcoming edition. There you will find a Financial Report on Camp and several ideas that we are tossing around for the future. Camp has become almost an “event” in Northern California, and it would be great if we could extend Camp beyond Richard’s tenure as director.

Membership numbers continue to suffer. The NE Division of fourteen chapters lost over a hundred members during 2013 and the Division total is now under 500 members. Please do not focus too heavily on the accounting of the numbers. It is only an approximation in this table.

Division 4 NE	12/31/ 2011	12/31/ 2012	12/31/ 2013	New 2012	New 2013	Duals* 2013	NonRenew 2013	Death 2013
California Delta	101	111	106	8	5	11	(21)	0
Carson City	33	21	13	1	0	0	(8)	0
Central California	38	37	37	1	0	2	(2)	0
Chico	11	13	10	2	0	0	(3)	0
Davis-Vacaville	45	43	41	2	4	1	(7)	0
Folsom	31	32	30	1	1	1	(3)	1
Fresno	37	41	30	2	0	0	(11)	0
Nevada-Placer	34	31	29	2	1	0	(2)	1
Placerville	26	28	24	1	4	0	(8)	0
Redding	9	3	1	0	0	0	(2)	0
Reno	61	63	54	6	0	1	(10)	0
Sacramento	54	49	47	3	5	1	(8)	0
Stockton	41	35	31	3	2	0	(6)	0
Visalia	36	29	26	1	1	0	(4)	0
Totals	667	638	479	33	23	17	(95)	2

\*dual members joining shown separately vs “new” members

One of the very big issues that we have across the Society is difficulty replacing or bringing on a new director when we need a new one. There is an example of a young man “stepping up” to become a director in Chico that is nothing short of amazing. Dom Finetti very likely got his introduction to barbershop at Harmony Camp a number of years ago. He, and his dad, caught the bug real bad and Dom went on to sing with several choruses including VIH, the Bay Area Chapter. One of Dom’s biggest assets is his boundless energy and enthusiasm for barbershop and life in general. And now, as a student at Chico State College, Dom has become the choral director of the Chico Barbershop Chapter!

The reason for making a big deal out of Dom's ascendancy to choral directing is that since Chico recently lost their former director, Dom, as a new student at Chico State, just stepped up and said "yes" to the call to become a director. This is a truly viable path for anyone to take to help solve the problem of finding new directors. At the District level, we are looking at possible ways to help mentor new directors like Dom.

The BHS Midwinter Convention in Long Beach was certainly spectacular. Twenty youth Choruses competed at a very high level along with some 28 Senior quartets. And the show on Saturday night was an event to remember! I urge you not to miss these Conventions. They are incredibly uplifting!!

We have a Convention coming up here in May with the combined NE/NW Divisional Contest again at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California. The Stockton Chapter is hosting this event and it will be spectacular as always. I trust you have your quartet frantically rehearsing, and your chorus is all ready to go. Hutchins is such a wonderful venue and the experience of singing in front of a warm welcoming barbershop audience is always memorable.

# Financial Report for Youth Harmony Camp - 2013

This year I want to start giving out detailed financial reports on Harmony Camp for your information. As strong supporters of Camp, this information should be readily available to you.

The following is a Summary of the financing of Harmony Camp.

<u>Cost of Camp</u>	<u>2013 Camp</u>	<u>10yr Avg</u>
Sly Park Educational Center @ \$100.50 per person	\$12,562	\$10,528
Travel expense (quartets and clinicians)	1,701	2,150
Other expense (music, ice cream, etc)	<u>1,566</u>	<u>1,562</u>
Total Expense	\$15,829	14,241
82 boys attended Camp - 2013	\$15,830/82 = \$193/boy	\$191/boy

## Revenue for Camp

There are currently three main sources of funding:

Funding for Harmony Camp - 2013

I. Chapters, Groups and Individuals	<u>2013 Camp</u>	<u>10yr Avg</u>
Ten chapters' contributions:	\$4,886	
Groups: High Sierra Harmony Brigade and a quartet	2,800	
Individuals	<u>1,172</u>	
	\$8,858	\$8,023 (48%)
II. Harmony Foundation		
\$750 plus \$50 per boy With 82 boys $750 + 82 \times 50 =$	\$4,850	\$3,919 (28%)
This formula no longer applies in 2014.		
III. Fees from the boys		
\$80 x 69 = \$5,520 (13 scholarships were awarded)	<u>\$5,520</u>	<u>\$4,717</u> (24%)
Total Revenue	\$19,228	\$15,590

This year's revenue for 2013 was pretty close to average. However, the Group contributions provided the extra "umph" that made the "contribution" category so successful. This also makes the point that contributions outside of Harmony Foundation are our major revenue source and determine our financial health each year. Harmony Foundation has provided 24% (ten year average) of our overall revenue.

As noted above, the funding from Harmony Foundation has changed for 2014. The old "formula" from the Harmony Foundation is gone; we now write a full-fledged grant for the amount that our camp requires to "make it work". Our grant application for 2014 requested \$6,550 in anticipation of a large (unknown) increase in cost from Sly Park. The Foundation awarded us \$4,000, likely because the Sly Park increase is currently unknown. The finances of our Camp are healthy, with a cumulative surplus buildup from over the years in excess of \$13,000. Therefore, if the anticipated increase in cost from Sly Park becomes a reality, this potential gap in funding can be met. Our surplus allows us to weather "impacts" like this. In the past we have had one or two.

Another very important point to make is that our real costs per boy range from about \$169 in 2005 to a high of \$214 in 2006 with an average of about \$191. This is calculated by simply dividing the total cost of each Camp by the number of boys attending.

It is therefore instructive to realize that the \$80 registration fee charged to each boy is intentionally held low for the benefit of the boys and their families.

In fact, the real work of getting boys to Camp is to get them to "see" the value of Camp through their payment of the \$80 fee.

A practice that has become all too common is for chapters to take on the role of sponsorship and pay all or part of the \$80 fee for boys coming to Camp. This defeats the purpose of holding the fee at a low level and it also decreases the overall chapter contributions. A fee of \$80 for a full weekend of Harmony Camp, including meals and lodging is very affordable (intentionally) and provides an incentive for the boys and their families to perceive “value” in the Camp experience. For chapters to pay this fee for the boys takes away the opportunity for the boys and their families to see the value of Camp on their own. It also decreases the overall pool of chapter contributions.

When I was at Harmony University last year, I had a sit down meeting with Marty Monson that lasted for easily an hour or more. An incredible man! One of the points that Marty made after hearing of the success of our FWD Camp was to suggest in somewhat forceful terms that we need to start thinking about building an Endowment for the Camp that will “live” past my tenure as Director. In effect, Marty challenged me to raise an Endowment Fund for Camp.

My ultimate goal is to have such an Endowment fund reside with the Harmony Foundation (HF) and be administered by HF. At this point it appears that the HF is willing to do this, and we are currently in the planning stages of how to carry out a fund raising campaign for this rather incredible goal.

My purpose for mentioning this idea at this early stage is not for you to jump in and start sending money, but to give me your feedback as to a) whether you think it’s a good idea, b) offer any suggestions as to policies that could help govern such a fund and c) provide feedback as to whether you think such a fund should be specific to the Camp or District wide Youth In Harmony funding.

One last note: it is anticipated that a portion of our surplus will be used to “kick off” the campaign to raise funds for the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully,

Richard Lund



## **John Bloomquist, Arizona Division**

The Arizona Division was very active so far this year!!!

AZ Division is ramping up for our Division Contest. Thanks to the events team headed by Randy Bingel for their efforts. As we approach summer the excitement will be building towards the Las Vegas Convention right here in the FWD (Las Vegas used to be part of the AZ Div)! I encourage everyone to attend the International Convention and Contest, and what a fantastic way to make this your FIRST one! The quartet and the chorus contests are certain to be barn burners.

I just returned from the Mid-Winter Convention in Long Beach and want to take a moment to congratulate Lori Lyford and her Chandler High School Men's Choir who competed in the Youth Harmony Festival! Great job representing our AZ Division so well, and I was proud to be able to address you on Friday morning. By the way, 3 of the members of the Chandler group are Spirit Of Phoenix members as well! Very Proud! On Saturday, our own Joint Venture competed in the Senior Contest and did a fantastic job! Congratulations on your first of many Senior Contest opportunities!! I am so proud of our Far Western District for committing to giving at the sponsor level for the Youth Chorus Festival!! What a great way to promote singing to the youth of today. Thanks to all of the chapters who supported this effort.

Obviously, membership continues to be an issue. I wish there was a way we could actually recruit at our high schools and colleges more to not only increase the local chapter memberships, but to also expose those young singers to this wonderful "hobby". As was made abundantly clear at the Society Board meeting, by providing a quality product on a regular basis, we would attract more and better singers.

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



**Don Salz CSLT**

It was interesting to realize that my new chapter, Las Vegas, one of the most isolated chapters in the FWD. The closest chapters are St. George, UT (2 hours east), and Apple Valley, CA (3 hours west). With a (new) full-time job, I will be able to attend few week-night chapter meetings other than my own. Therefore, I will be dependent on an active chapter counseling program.

1. Formulate a chapter counseling program consisting of past chapter presidents, tentatively named the Past President Council.

- Contact Secretaries of all chapters and request lists of their past chapter presidents.
- Contact each of these past presidents to inquire as to their availability to consult.
- Current presidents eligible to join once they have completed at least one year in office.

2. Goals for the Past President Council (PPC)

- Each PPC member will have a goal of attending a weekly meeting of, at least, 5 different chapters during the year (geography permitting). There does not need to be a specific agenda for the visit; though their expected attendance is to be announced to the chapter prior to the date.
- As specific issues or concerns arise: PPC may be asked to assist through 1:1 or conference phone calls. If possible, they may assist in person.
- PPC will be invited to attend a Leadership Academy to discuss issues and concerns as solicited from the area's chapters. Chapters to be solicited for topics. Other FWD Officers and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) may be invited as necessary and available. These topics may be integrated into the a related Academy class.
- Results are documented and shared with the PPC and FWD Officers; particularly with regard to referrals for specific expertise (such as, website, accounting, show production, coaching, or voice lessons).
- Travel expenses will be provided for PPC and SMEs as allowed by the CSLT budget. Chapters will be encouraged to reimburse their leaders' travel to the Leadership Academy.



## Shelly Albaum, Membership Chairman

Retention continues to be our primary challenge. Nearly half of all new members fail to renew after their first year. The Far Western District's Membership programs in 2014 will therefore focus not only on outreach, but especially on how chapters retain their members.

The BHS and the Far Western District have focused extensively on outreach, using the *Harold Hill*, *Supercharging*, and *Learn to Sing* programs. But outreach turns out to be the easiest part of our membership challenge. In the Information Age, we have more tools than ever before to locate and communicate with potential members, often without any financial cost, such as email and Craigslist.

However, what the Information Age gives to our Outreach efforts, it takes away from our Retention efforts, by providing an astonishing array of new entertainment technologies that compete for our members' time and attention. A singer will only attend a chapter meeting if the chapter consistently offers an experience that is more engaging and satisfying than any movie, video game, or other technological delight.

Barbershop has the potential to offer incomparable fellowship and personal artistic thrill. But for that potential to become a reality, each new member will need assistance to find their way within our vibrant and amazing community.

Everyone's path is different. There are quartet people and chorus people, singers and administrators. Some are primarily with us to perform, others to applaud. Some have spectacular talent, others will only ever be mediocre.

But our society will not grow if we do not welcome all types of members.

That means our chapters must sing well enough to engage the good singers, but still not intimidate the learners who are just discovering their voice. Our chapters must avoid imposing overwhelming demands on the one-day-a-week barbershopper, but still offer clear paths into the immersive world of contests and schools.

Here is something we don't talk about: Most barbershoppers have a friend that they do not invite to chapter meetings because they are worried that their friend won't like it.

Once your chapter meetings are consistently fun, and professionally run to honor people's time, and satisfying to a broad range of singers, the Outreach challenge lightens considerably, as current members' social networks become more available.

And the retention problem lightens, too, because we see fewer new members who imagined that there was something special for them in barbershopping, but then became discouraged when they could not easily find it.

Why expend great energy enticing potential members, only to let them leave discouraged?

That question defines our Membership Challenge in 2014 -- to create satisfying places for all kinds of barbershoppers. We must create places where they can have fun, learning something, and accomplish something, every single week, regardless of their skill level or particular interests. Our hobby is rich enough to offer such opportunities. Our chapters must be skilled enough to deliver those opportunities.

There are many proven programs that will lead to a healthy ecosystem of vibrant chapters that both keep their old members and attract new ones. We will begin implementing those programs this year.





## **Ron Black, Contest & Judging District Representative**

### ***Far Western District Director of Contest and Judging Report to 2014 Spring FWD Board-HOD March 21, 2014 - Riverside CA***

#### **1. Participation in FWD contests 2010 - 2013.**

It is interesting to note that chorus participation is still strong in the Spring Contests, and way up in the Fall contest. Total Quartet participation in the spring is down for both total quartets and Seniors (note that some quartets have disbanded that have usually been there in previous years). Also interesting is the drop in average score for the Fall Quartet Contest (again, due to disbanded quartets from the spring qualifications).

	Total Choruses	Total Ch Men	Avg Pts	Total Qt Men	Total Quartets	Avg Pts	Intl. Qualifiers (Fall Sr.)	Senior	Super Senior	College
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>										
2013	31	931	65.1	224	56	67.3	4	12	1	5
2012	35	985	63.9	256	64	64.1	6	19	4	4
2011	30	705	64.7	248	62	63.9	4	22	6	1
2010	29	897	66.6	240	60	66.0	4	14	4	2
<b>FALL TOTALS</b>										
2013	24	804	67.8	84	21	64.8	1	7	n/ap	n/ap
2012	20	659	69.1	72	18	70.6	2	1	n/ap	n/ap
2011	19	632	68.3	80	20	67.1	2	6	n/ap	n/ap
2010	20	739	68.0	80	20	68.2	3	6	n/ap	n/ap

#### **2. FWD/BHS Number of Judges (statistics ending winter 2014)**

FWD	Administrators	Music	Presentation	Singing	Total
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Certified	5	7	3	8	23
Applicants	1	0	2	1	4
BHS	Administrators	Music	Presentation	Singing	Total
Certified	40	40	37	33	150
Applicants	16	12	16	21	65

### **3. Other information**

We have 3 conventions this spring.

The International Quartet Preliminaries is combined with the Southwest and Southeast Division contests on March 21-22 in Riverside, CA. The venue for the contest is the recently renovated Fox Theater, 3801 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA, 92501. The HQ hotel is the Hyatt Place Riverside/Downtown, 3500 Market Street, Riverside, CA, 92507, (951) 321-3500. Also available is the Comfort Inn University Riverside, 1590 University Ave, Riverside, CA, 92507, (951) 683-6000.

**Deadline for contest entry is February 21.**

The Arizona Division is May 2-3. The contest venue is the Skyline High School Auditorium, 845 S Crismon Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208. The hotel is the Country Inn & Suites, 6650 E Superstition Springs Blvd, Mesa, AZ 85206, (480) 641-8000.

**Deadline for contest entry is April 5.**

The combined Northeast and Northwest Division contests are on May 17 at the same venue as last March, the Hutchins Street Square Performing Arts Center, 125 S. Hutchins St, Lodi, CA, 95240. The hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 1337 E. Kettleman Lane, Lodi, 95240, (209) 210-0150. **Deadline for contest entry is April 19.**

A few significant judge retirements happened this year:

Paul Engel	MUS	26 years
Phil Debar	SNG	20 years
Mark Hale	MUS	20 years
Chuck Hunter	CA	23 years
Connie Keil	PRS	35 years
Russ Young	SNG	18 years

After the above retirements and a few additions, we now have 15.4% of all Certified Judges here in the FWD, as shown above.

5 Contest Administrators (plus 1 Applicant, Richard Lund)

7 Music Judges

3 Presentation Judges (plus 2 Applicants, Mike Cating and Steve Katz)

8 Singing Judges (plus 1 Applicant, Dave Warkentin)

**Respectfully submitted – Ron Black, DRCJ**



## **Dr. Greg Lyne, Chorus Director Development**

We continue to seek educational opportunities for FWD directors based upon interest and demonstration of need.

Evidently, some topics for directors were provided and addressed at recent Leadership Academies. I will let Gordon Bergthold and Craig Hughes provide more information about that in their respective reports.

CDD continues the commitment to work closely with the chairman of M&P and others to find ways to assist our directors.

We surely still need discover ways to boost enrollment in our Harmony College West program. It's a fine program. It can be even better if more FWD members could be in attendance.

Thanks,  
Greg



## **Ted Sayle, Events Chairman**

How exciting that the FWD is sending 4 choruses to Las Vegas for International in July! What do you think will happen to attendance in Las Vegas? Maybe the biggest in recent memory? Be sure to book your hotel and travel early. This promises to be the event of the decade.

Our Fall District convention/contest in Bakersfield last October turned out very well. As an added bonus, both the FWD and the Visalia chapter (Bakersfield host chapter) made a profit. It is rewarding that every event held in the FWD during 2013 turned a profit..... (Losses do not benefit anyone).

As we look forward to a great experience in Riverside, Bryan Forbes and his great team from the Brea Gaslight chapter folks are working diligently to prepare for our arrival. The magnificent Hyatt Hotel will be excellent, and is just next door the fabulous recently remodeled Fox Theater, this is one of the great performance venues in all of California. Don't miss it.

The Tucson chapter has stepped up to host the Arizona Spring Division contest in 2015, which is good news because they always do a fine job

Likewise, the Stockton chapter under the capable leadership of president and convention chairman Al Wolter & his team, are preparing for Nor-Cal north and Nor-Cal east combined, back in Lodi California. After last year's sell out at the Hutchins Theater, this will be another "must attend" event..

Our convention manuals have been updated, but still not combined into one as hoped. Work on this project is ongoing.

Ted Sayle  
Events Chair



## **Bill Cale Awards Chairman**

### **Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee is involved in procuring the physical mementos of the honorary awards presented at the FWD conventions. The awards earned through competition are determined and obtained by an entirely different process, in connection with C & J.

We are directly involved with the following awards:

- Convention Honoree...Spring and Fall
- Bachelor of Harmony...all year
- Chapter of the Year, both annual and traveling...Spring
- President's Award...Spring
- Music Educator...Spring

The Convention Honoree is selected by this committee from a list of candidates suggested by members throughout the Far Western District. We encourage each of you to add names to our list. It is important that we choose someone who has served the District in a special way. We particularly like to honor a man who hasn't been basking in the spotlight but quietly going about doing work that is important and benefits all of us. Once we have made our selection, we present the name to the FWD Board of Directors for approval at their meeting prior to the convention where our choice is honored.

At the BOD meeting in Bakersfield, Gene Clements was approved and the Spring Convention in Riverside will be dedicated to him.

The Bachelor of Harmony program has been inactive since the changeover of operating systems for the FWD website but an effort is underway to reactivate this program.

Music Educator Awards are determined by our FWD Youth IN Harmony Chairman.

The President's Award and Chapter of the Year Award are both decided on by the District President who was in office during the time indicated on the award.

For the Awards Committee,

Bill Cale, Chairman

Committee members:

Deane Scoville

Lynn Brittan

Carl Truman

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### Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

**House of Delegates  
Far Western District  
Spring 2014 Meeting**



This will certify that the Delegate of the \_\_\_\_\_

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Signatures:

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Delegate Chapter President