

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

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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



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Gordon Bergthold, FWD President

As we proceed into the 2017 year the House of Delegates meeting is an opportunity for the Far Western District's chapter officers and members to learn from the district leadership the upcoming year's plans and goals. The HOD meeting provides an environment and opportunity for the chapters of the district to glean tidbits of knowledge from each other as well as from those you've elected to lead.

The past year has been a blur for me as I spent the first three months recovering from major back surgery and I relied on my EVP, Craig Hughes to run the first board meeting of the year in Las Vegas in March. He did a fine job and things have gone smoothly since with our five district vice-presidents and our other board members moving forward with plans for improving communications with the district chapters and learning first-hand their needs and desires for the future.

Our goal for the FWD leaders is to inventory each chapter to determine their missions and goals as an organization with the primary emphasis on singing. Not just competitive singing but community outreach with performances appealing to all segments of the audience, young and old alike. Community performances are gratifying for the performer as well as the listener and we've found that those types of endeavors are often more rewarding than a score at a division, district or international competition. After all, we have a maximum of three potential competition opportunities per year and an abundant opportunity to perform for the public in our local communities.

We tend to gain much more notoriety from the public appearances because most often the audiences don't know much about our passion of singing, while the competitive arena is full of knowledgeable barbershoppers very familiar with our hobby. Therefore, we encourage a maximum of community performances whether or not you care for competition. We'll always have competitive choruses who represent us well throughout the world and that will provide the necessary opportunity for those who thrive on the competition stage.

Reaching out into your local community and exposing a barbershop quartet or chorus and a cappella singing to the world will not only improve relations with your chapter but could also offer a man an opportunity to join your ranks and participate in one of the greatest pastimes known to man....well at least our community of men!

Give it a try and let us know how it works out.

In Harmony,
Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold
President FWD



Craig Hughes, FWD EVP

As we move through the second half of 2016 I reflect on all the positive experiences our hobby has given me. I am honored to serve as your District Executive Vice President and to work with the men of the Far Western District. We have the best team and the best singers in the Society. Competition aside, the respect and appreciation our District gets from the rest of the Barbershop World is a direct reflection on our members, Chapters, and District Management and for the outstanding standards they have set over the years.

2016 International in Nashville was a transformative experience for me. Representing the District at the leadership events, competing in the Chorus Competition and seeing so many friends was like a fantasy camp. To contradict an old idiom: *"Barbershop supplies new tricks to dogs of all ages"*. You are never too young or too old to experience a new harmony and to serve our hobby in new ways. Look around and find your next Barbershop adventure. There is plenty to see and do.

We are celebrating our 70th year as a District. This weekend's (October 13-15) convention in Riverside celebrates our ***Sapphire Jubilee***. This is much more than a competition. It is an event for all. The fellowship, entertainment and fun are incomparable. A once in 70 year experience!

We have a very talented and hardworking District Management Team. **David Melville** continues to improve and enhance our District Website: farwesterndistrict.org. One very important task is to facilitate events. **Bryan Forbes**, Events Chairman, and David have been working hard over the past year to keep the long term calendar updated and accurate. We now have most events scheduled for the next three years and listed on our on-line [calendar](#). Here are some important dates.

- November 5th [SoCal Leadership Academy](#)
- November 19th [NorCal Leadership Academy](#)
- January 14th [Arizona Leadership Academy](#)
- January 17th-22nd: [BHS Midwinter Convention – San Antonio](#)
- March 9th-12th: [FWD Spring Convention & NE/NW Division Contest](#)
- April 21st-22nd: [AZ Division Contest](#)
- May 12th-13th: [SE/SW Division Contest](#)
- July 2nd-8th: [BHS International Convention – Las Vegas](#)
- July 23rd-30th: [Harmony University - Nashville](#)

The District Board and Management Team are here to serve and support the Chapters. Please keep the lines of communication open and use them often. We have resources to share and stand by to help in any way possible. One example is the support our Marketing and Public Relations Team (*Jerry McElfresh*, *David Melville*, and *Ray Rhymer*) provides by publishing and maintaining a timely source of information and entertainment via the internet.

- FWD Website: Farwesterndistrict.org/
- FWD Facebook: Facebook.com/farwesterndistrict/
- Westunes (Official eMagazine): westunes.farwesterndistrict.org/
- Westags (Monthly Email update): Delivered directly to your email inbox monthly

Contact information for the District Team can be found on the Website. Just click our names on the “about” tab under District Officers and we will get right back to you.

Thank you for everything you do for your Chapter and the District.

In Harmony,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig B Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" and last name "Hughes" clearly legible, and a middle initial "B" in the center.

Craig Hughes, EVP
Chughes2@cox.net

Convention Schedule

Thursday, October 13, 2016

<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
2:00 PM	6:00 PM	4:00	FWD Board of Directors Meeting	Hyatt Place - Meeting Room
9:00 AM	9:00 PM	12:00	Harmony Platoon	Marriott - Orange Crest Room
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	3:00	Convention Registration	Marriott Lobby

Friday, October 14, 2016

<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
9:00 AM	3:00 PM	6:00	Convention Registration	Marriott Lobby
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00	FWD Past President's Meeting	Marriott - Private Dining Room
8:30 AM	12:30 PM	4:00	Harmony Platoon	Fox Theater - Encore Room (2nd
9:00 AM	6:00 PM	9:00	AHSOW	[Tentative. Time & location to
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	6:00	Ladies Hospitality	Suite (TBD)
11:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00	Harmony for Lunch	Off-site (TBD)
11:30 AM	1:30 PM	2:00	Hall of Fame Lunch & Meeting	Marriott - Private Dining Room
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1:00	Harmony Platoon Quartet Contest	Fox Theater - Encore Room (2nd
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	2:00	FWD House of Delegates Meeting	Fox Theater - Encore Room (2nd
4:00 PM	10:00 PM	6:00	Convention Registration	Fox Theater Lobby
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	1:00	Judge's Meeting	Fox Theater - Men's Dressing
4:00 PM			Doors Open	
4:30 PM	9:30 PM	5:00	Quartet Semi-Finals	Fox Theater
10:00 PM	11:30 PM	1:30	Evaluations (Quartets not advancing)	Marriott - Judges Suites
10:00 PM	12:00 AM		AFWDC Late Show	Fox Theater - Encore Room (2nd Floor)

Saturday, October 15, 2016

<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:00 AM	7:00 PM	11:00	Convention Registration	Fox Theater Lobby
8:45 AM			Doors Open	Fox Theater
9:15 AM	1:30 PM	4:15	Chorus Contest	Fox Theater
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:30	Chorus Evaluations	Fox Theater
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	2:00	Judge's Dinner	TBD
4:30 PM	5:00 PM		70 th Anniversary Public Sing	TBD
6:00 PM			Doors Open	Fox Theater
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	2:30	Quartet Finals	Fox Theater
8:30 PM	10:00 PM	1:30	Show of Champions	Fox Theater
10:30 PM			Hospitality Rooms/Afterglow	Marriott Suites/TBD
10:30 PM			Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	Marriott - Judges Suites

Minutes of the Spring HOD Meeting

House of Delegates Minutes



Far Western District

House of Delegates Meeting

Las Vegas, NV

2:00 PM Friday March 18, 2016

EVP Craig Hughes called the Spring House of Delegates meeting to order at 2:06 PM. FWD President Gordon Bergthold was unable to attend due to recuperating from back surgery.

John Bloomquist led "The Pledge of Allegiance"

Allen Webb led "The Star Spangled Banner"

Ron Black led "The Old Songs"

Richard Lund gave the Invocation

EVP Craig Hughes gave his opening remarks and introduced the Past Presidents that were in attendance.

Chuck Hunter	1988 – 1999
Peter Feeney	2004 – 2005
Bill Cale	2006 – 2007
Russ Young	2012 - 2013
Allen Webb	2014 – 2015

Craig also introduced John Donehower, member of the Barbershop Harmony Society Board.

Secretary Bob Gray did the roll call for Board Members. All are in attendance except Gordon Bergthold.

Secretary Bob Gray conducted a roll call of Chapter Delegates in attendance:

D-002	Greater Phoenix	D-005	Bakersfield
D-008	Santa Rosa	D-013	Long Beach
D-018	Pasadena	D-019	Inland Empire
D-021	Sacramento	D-023	San Diego
D-028	Santa Maria	D-040	Nevada-Placer
D-042	Stockton	D-046	Santa Fe Springs
D-055	Orange Quartet	D-056	Fullerton
D-057	Central California	D-058	Santa Monica
D-066	San Fernando Val.	D-069	Mesa
D-074	Westminster	D-075	Las Vegas
D-086	El Cajon	D-101	Sun Cities
D-111	St. George	D-116	Brea
D-117	La Jolla	D-123	California Delta

Five Past Presidents, Eleven Board Members, and Twenty-Six Chapter Delegates were in attendance. Quorum requirements for the meeting were satisfied.

EVP Craig Hughes read a letter to the Delegates from President Gordon Bergthold.

Although recent back surgery prohibits my attendance at this Spring Convention, I want to welcome all of you delegates and guests to this House of Delegates meeting. For those of you attending the House of Delegates Meeting for the first time, welcome and don't make it your last. This meeting is your opportunity to learn what is going on in your Far Western District and to participate in relevant discussions as they come forth in the agenda.

I'd like to express my appreciation to all of the FWD leaders who are taking an active role in chapter activities and guiding your organization forward. Please take advantage of the opportunity to talk with the district and society leaders present and don't hesitate to visit among yourselves and learn what your neighboring chapters are doing to propel themselves forward in the world of harmony.

I'll be back in October at the next HOD meeting in Riverside but in the meantime if you have questions or suggestions for the FWD leadership please don't hesitate to let us know. We're here to serve you, the members of the Far Western District.

Thank you for attending this meeting, we'll see you again at the Fall District Convention.

In Harmony

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold

FWD President

EVP Craig Hughes presented the Agenda.

2016 Spring House of Delegates Agenda was received

EVP Craig Hughes asked for the approval of the Minutes from the Fall House of Delegates meeting in Mesa, AZ.

Motion & Second to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2015 HOD Meeting in Mesa, AZ. **Approved**

EVP Craig Hughes presented the HOD Reports.

HOD Reports received as presented.

EVP Craig Hughes discussed an additional report from Jerry McElfresh, Marketing & Public Relations about "Press Release" Templates which he developed for use by the chapters in the District. They are available on the web site.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

EVP Craig Hughes presented the highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting:

- Welcomed new FWD Historian Joe Samora
- Two new chapters hope to compete at Contest. San Francisco's Fog City Singers, and Salt River Valley Chapter A Capello Syndicate from Phoenix.
- The District will return to three Leadership Academy sessions
- Discussion of the Enhanced Auditory requirements for Conventions
- Director College Scholarship of \$750 awarded to Austen Snow from Chico, with travel expenses not to exceed \$700. Travel expenses not to exceed \$700 also awarded to Carl Buntin from Inland Empire.
- 2017 Youth Festival will be made up of 10 Boys Choruses, 5 Mixed Choruses, and 5 Girls Choruses.
- Richard Lund discussed the Youth Harmony Camp and the Lloyd Steinkamp fund. Richard has a donor who will double match small donations up to \$300, with a cap of \$25,000.

Society Board Member John Donehower: Presented the Society Board Update. Society will be electing two new board members this summer. John also talked about the Youth Chorus Festival, Grants, a rule change to start introducing women in the Judging program. Also discussed, "Healthy Chapter Initiative", and a Seniors Chorus Contest. It is a test with four districts. FWD is opting out for the first year.

EVP Craig Hughes read a letter to the District from Clarke Caldwell:

March 1, 2016

*Far Western District
c/o Max Bates*

Dear Max,

I am honored to write to say Thank You for your generosity. Your recent commitment to sponsor the Youth Chorus Festival in 2017 means so much to not only us here at Harmony Hall, but to the youth who hope to make the trip to San Antonio.

At the 2016 Midwinter Convention, a chorus from Illinois called "Some Assembly Required" graced us with a spectacular performance that brought smiles to our faces and, purely stated, awe at their talent. Shortly after our return to Nashville, we received a thank you letter from these young men and their director. Their final sentence captures perfectly the sentiment that we would like to pass along to you:

"....it would not have been possible without friends like you."

Exactly. If you were not able to see their performance, or missed any of the others in Reno, I invite you to watch the Videos at the Barbershop Harmony Society's YouTube Channel. Just visit www.youtube.com and search for Barbershop Harmony Society.

We are so grateful for your partnership, and we look forward to see you in San Antonio in January, and hopefully before.

Sincerely,

Clarke

*Clarke Caldwell
President & CEO*

Jim Clark, Harmony Foundation: Jim attended via SKYPE due to illness. He gave an update on the Harmony Foundation, and also discussed Mid-Winter and the Youth Festival and the Seniors Chorus Contest.

Bill Cale, Awards Chairman: Bill Introduced Steve Sammonds as this year's convention honoree. Bill reported that Bob Lally had stepped down from the selection committee and that Nick Papageorge and Russ Young had joined the Committee.

Bill announced that Bill Rosica will be the Honoree at the Fall Convention.

Allen Webb, Immediate Past President Presented the “Chapter of the Year” award to Westminster Chorus. James Halvorson accepted the award.

EVP Craig Hughes presented the “President’s Award to Bryan Forbes.

CSLT Steve Salmon: discussed the 2017 International Contest in Las Vegas, and the need for 250 volunteers to help.

Events Chairman Bryan Forbes presented a report on “Future Convention Updates”, and the changes in the Convention books.

Allen Webb, Immediate Past President discussed the IRS 990 form, and what you Actually Do appears in Guidestar, which provides information about Non-profits.

The next House of Delegates meeting will be 2:00 PM on October 14, 2016 in Riverside California.

Allen Webb, Immediate Past President led those in attendance with the closing song, “Keep the Whole World Singing”.

EVP Craig Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Gray
FWD Secretary

Minutes of the Summer BOD Meeting
Far Western District
Board of Directors
June 7, 2016
Fullerton, California

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Bergthold at 9:06 AM

IPP Allan Webb directed "The Old Songs."

Div. 4 VP Richard Lund gave the Invocation.

Roll Call was taken by Acting Secretary Jerry McElfresh who reported that two members, Charles Feltman and Bob Gray, were absent. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Gordon Bergthold, Craig Hughes, Allan Webb, Max Bates, Brent Anderson, Nick Papageorge, Richard Lund, John Bloomquist, Ron Black and Craig Ewing.

Also in attendance DMT Members Steve Salmon, Royce Ferguson, Bryan Forbes, Jerry McElfresh, Bill Rosica and Ryan Collins.

President Gordon Bergthold

In his opening remarks President Bergthold welcomed all in attendance, including DMT members. He thanked all who supported him during his recent surgery and recovery, especially EVP Hughes, who filled in for him at the Spring Board Meeting.

President Bergthold entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion Approved.**

President Bergthold entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2016, District Board meeting. **Motion Approved.**

Division Vice Presidents reported on recent activities in their areas including comments on chapters that were basically inactive and others in need of assistance. Most of the reports were made verbally although **Northeast DVP Richard Lund** had presented his in writing. He also verbally added comments about absent DVP Feltman's Division. **Southwest DVP Brent Anderson** said the Ventura and Conejo chapters may merge. **Arizona DVP John Bloomquist** said there is a new chorus that may join the Society, Sounds of the Mouth, a youth group that scored highly in the Midwinter competition.

C&J Vice President Ron Black presented a detailed 12-step proposal for revision of the District Conventions SOP to provide a more consistent and manageable environment and eliminating pitfalls of managing all conventions.

Under the proposal a District Convention Management team would run conventions and would solicit convention-area chapters to staff conventions for a dollar amount negotiated for their participation. Semi-permanent convention sites would be selected for each Division and contracts for venue and other needs would be negotiated far in advance.

Ron Black, Bryan Forbes, Nick Papageorge and Russ Young, with information from others, will prepare a report for a proposed motion to the Board on amendments or edits to the FWD SOP document by Aug. 15. The convention manual is being revised, which will be reflected in the SOP.

IPP Allan Webb said he is reviewing the District SOP for needed updates and revisions.

Ron also said some contest participants have complained about the scheduling of after-contest evaluations on Saturday nights. Some Districts are trying different methods that we might try in the future.

Past President Russ Young discussed requests from some choruses that a choral shell be available for FWD contests but he said the cost for rental would vary to a great degree across the district and the cost to purchase and transport a shell from contest to contest would be prohibitive. This issue will be addressed in the revised convention manual.

Music and Performance Vice President Craig Ewing said he and **CSLT Chairman Steve Salmon** are working on curricula and locations and timing for the three combined Harmony College West/Leadership Academy programs to be held this fall and early in 2017.

The Northeast/Northwest school will be on Nov. 19, DVP Lund advised, and the Southeast/Southwest school will likely be in November and the one in Arizona in January. President Bergthold asked DVPs to obtain dates and locations for each event as soon as possible.

DMT Meeting

Most Board members attended the previous evening's District Management Team meeting and are aware of their various accomplishments and goals.

New DMT member **Ryan Collins, Youth in Harmony Chairman**, was introduced and welcomed by the DMT and Board. Because Ryan is considerably younger than our average membership it's expected that he will be able to communicate well with singers in the youth age group.

CSLT Steve Salmon asked for more interaction with Chapters in the District through the DVPs. He and **M&P VP Craig Ewing** are working on setting up the three LA/HCW Programs later this year.

Chapter Director Development- Royce Ferguson is working on new programs for director development and exploring opportunities for new directors in the district.

Events Chairman Bryan Forbes recommended that two permanent sites be found for that would alternate from year to year in each of the combined Division contests in Northeast/Northwest and Southeast/Southwest Divisions and that two or three permanent locations be found for Spring and Fall contests. That discussion is to be part of the overall Convention Manual revision under study.

Bryan said he and **Webmaster David Melville** are working on the ability for members to register for convention hotel rooms in addition to the new program now in use that allows registrants to select their auditorium seating for contests.

Membership- Bill Rosica has come up with a slogan that will motivated chapter members; it's EACH ONE, BRING ONE, WE WON! This will be on a pin/button available to everyone. Bill said he plans to be involved in chapter growth throughout the FWD.

Marketing & Public Relations- Jerry McElfresh said Westags is now published monthly and sent to all of our members. It is a good way for District leadership to get messages of interest to all. Jerry also said that sample press releases for use by our chapters to publicize the good things they are doing have been posted to the District website under Media > Leadership Academy > VP Marketing.

Old Business

The District has been asked to report to BHS about failing chapters in FWD. President Bergthold said he would do so within the week. They include Elko, Crescenta Valley, Lompoc, Los Angeles and Redding.

New Business

Russ Young reported for the Nomination Committee. The nominees and several prospective nominees for election to the 2017 Board of Directors include President, **Gordon Bergthold**; Executive Vice President, **Craig Hughes**; Immediate Past President, **Allan Webb**; Secretary, **Bob Gray** Treasurer, **Bernie Esberner**; VP Div.1, **Brent Anderson**; VP Div. 2, **Nick Papageorge**; VP Div.3, **David Haedtler**; VP Div. 4, **pending**; VP Div. 5, **John Bloomquist**; VP Contest and Judging, **Ron Black**; and VP Music & Performance, **Craig Ewing**. A motion to accept the report **was approved**.

President Bergthold said that **Steve Kirch** and **Randy Finger** will represent the District in the BHS leadership facilitation program and **Steve Salmon** and **Bill Rosica** will attend the BHS Leadership Forum in Nashville this July.

Russ Young, Nick Papageorge and **Ron Black** will be the Production Team for all District and some Division contests, where they are willing to help.

C&J Chairman Black conducted a drawing for performance order in the Fall District contest for 29 quartets and another drawing for performance order for 22 choruses.

Div. 5 DVP John Bloomquist suggested that the Arizona Division host the Fall District convention in 2019 rather than 2021. The proposal may be considered as part of the overall revision of the Convention Manual.

Treasurer Max Bates asked for a review of the 2016 District Budget to look for areas that could be reduced to help offset a \$27,370 deficit incurred in the Spring Prelims contest and other expected deficits. Board members responsible for various areas of the budget found items that could be reduced in cost for a savings of \$31,000, reducing the expected overall deficit to \$7,356.

A suggestion was made earlier by **Events Chairman Forbes** that commemorative polo and T-shirts embroidered with the district's 70th Anniversary logo be sold in connection with this fall's District Convention with half the proceeds going to the District. The Board endorsed the plan and a number of members ordered shirts.

For the good of the Order

Div. 1 VP Anderson reported on a study that he made for attracting members of Generation Y - age 18 to 36 – that by 2025 will represent 75% of people who are working. He said there are 80 million of them, more than Baby Boomers, and they are 43 percent non-white, nontraditional and that family and community mean different things for them.

He said these are the people we all need to attract to our chapters. Most all the problems our chapters now have can be solved with these new, energetic, younger members. VP Anderson made his detailed report available to Board and DMT members and others who may be interested.

Past President Russ Young led the group in singing "Keep the Whole World Singing"

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Jerry McElfresh, Acting Secretary
Far Western District

Minutes of Electronic Vote

Minutes of Electronic Vote September 6, 2016

A request was received by FWD President Gordon Bergthold from the Board of Directors of D-030 Whittier Chapter for a name change and completion of the move from Whittier to San Francisco. The name change was presented to the Far Western District Board of Directors and an Electronic Vote was scheduled.

Motion: I move that the Board Approve the name change for Chapter D-030 from “Whittier, CA” to “Barbary Coast, CA”.

Following discussion, the vote was taken **Yes 9 No 0** . Three Board Members did not vote.

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Gray, Secretary

HOD Order of Business

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING AGENDA
Fox Theater Riverside, CA
1:30 PM FRIDAY -- OCTOBER 14, 2016**

Call To Order

Gordon Bergthold

- Pledge of Allegiance
- “The Star Spangled Banner”
- “The Old Songs”
- Invocation
- Welcome
- Introduction
 - Past Presidents
 - Other Dignitaries
 - District Officers

Craig Hughes
Nick Papageorge
Ron Black
Bill Rosica
Gordon Bergthold
Gordon Bergthold

- Roll Call
- District President’s Remarks
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of previous minutes
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Officers
- Installation of Officers
- Memorial to Departed Members
- Receipt of HOD Reports
- Additional Officer/Committee reports
- **Old Business**

Bob Gray
Gordon Bergthold
Gordon Bergthold
Gordon Bergthold
Russ Young
Gordon Bergthold
John Donehower
Bob Gray (American Pastime)
Gordon Bergthold
Gordon Bergthold
Gordon Bergthold

• **New Business**

- Changes to the SOP re: District Conventions
- Approval of the 2017 Budget
- BOD Highlights
- Society Board Update
- Harmony Foundation Update
- Awards
- Future Convention Update
- Next Meeting time/Location
- Keep the Whole World Singing

Gordon Bergthold
Ron Black
Max Bates
Gordon Bergthold
John Donehower
Robert Rund
Bill Cale
Bryan Forbes
Gordon Bergthold
Allan Webb
Gordon Bergthold

Adjourn

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
Board Meeting Agenda
Hyatt Place – Meeting Room
3500 Market Street, Riverside, CA
October 13, 2016 -- 2:00 PM**

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|----|--|---------------------------|
| 1 | Call to Order | Gordon Bergthold |
| 2 | The Old Songs | Allan Webb |
| 3 | Invocation | Richard Lund |
| 4 | Roll Call | Bob Gray |
| 5 | Opening Remarks | Gordon Bergthold |
| 6 | Approval of Agenda | Gordon Bergthold |
| 7 | Approval of Minutes June 11, 2016 (Summer) | Gordon Bergthold |
| 8 | Vice Presidents Reports | |
| | a. VP Division 1 Southwest | Brent Anderson |
| | b. VP Division 2 Southeast | Nick Papageorge |
| | c. VP Division 3 Northwest | Charles Feltman |
| | d. VP Division 4 Northeast | Richard Lund |
| | e. VP Division 5 Arizona | John Bloomquist |
| | f. VP Contest & Judging | Ron Black |
| | g. VP Music & Performance | Craig Ewing |
| 9 | District Management Team | Craig Hughes |
| | a. Chapter Support & Leadership | Steve Salmon |
| | b. Chorus Director Development | Royce Ferguson |
| | c. Events | Bryan Forbes |
| | d. Marketing & Public Relations | Jerry McElfresh |
| | e. Membership | Bill Rosica |
| | f. Youth in Harmony | Ryan Collins |
| 10 | New Business | |
| | a. Nominating Committee | Russ Young |
| | b. Finance Review | Max Bates |
| | c. LA/Harmony College W. | Craig Hughes/Steve Salmon |
| | d. Various Miscellaneous Issues | Gordon Bergthold |
| 11 | Budget Planning | Max Bates & Board Members |
| 12 | For the Good of the Order | ALL |
| 13 | Keep the Whole World Singing | Russ Young |
| 14 | Adjourn | Gordon Bergthold |

Board of Directors Reports



Bob Gray, Secretary

We are approaching the end of another year, and again time to make sure all of the “Legal” portions of our great hobby have been completed.

Treasurer Max Bates recently spent days checking with the State of California and the IRS to see the Incorporation status and IRS Tax Status of every Chapter. You will see his complete report a little later in the Brochure.

The Chapters this year are doing a better job of reporting than last year, however more work is needed, and again in 2017 we will be monitoring Chapters to insure compliance with state and IRS Requirements. As you will see in the Report from Max, there have been several Chapters in the District that have had their Non-Profit Status Revoked by the IRS for not filing their 990-N Tax return for three years.

Part of the process for filing with the IRS and State is to report your completion on EBIZ. Thirty-two (32) of the Seventy-Six (76) Chapters in the District did not complete this step. The other requirement is the Chapter Financial Review which also needs to be reported on EBIZ.

From the EBIZ Home Page there are two links. One is ***“For Treasurers how to file 990 in Ebiz”***. This one gives you step by step instructions on how to do all of your required Ebiz postings. The other link is ***“2015 Form 990-N Procedure”***. Again you will find step by step instructions.

Another area of reporting that is not being completed is Chapter ASCAP Reports. Society Headquarters pulled a report for me showing which Chapters filed ASCAP reports in 2015. Thirty-one filed in 2015. Thanks to the following Chapters:

Greater Phoenix	Walnut Creek	South Bay	Pasadena
Inland Empire	Davis-Vacaville	Sacramento	Palo Alto-Mountain View
Bay Area	Santa Maria	South Orange County	Marin
Nevada-Placer	Stockton	Prescott	Santa Fe Springs
Reno	Orange (Quartet)	Central California	Santa Monica
Fresno	San Fernando Valley	Mesa	Westminster
Las Vegas	Napa Valley	San Mateo County	Sun Cities
Fremont-Hayward	Rincon Beach	Sedona	

EVERY Chapter in the District is required to complete the 2016 ASCAP report this year to comply with the agreement between the Barbershop Harmony Society and ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers). The form is very easy to complete by either the Chapter Secretary or Treasurer, but every Chapter is required to file regardless if you produced a show or not. ASCAP forms, and BMI Show Clearance Forms need to be mailed to my address, which is on the bottom of the FWD Website.

We enjoy a great hobby, but the Chapter Leadership also have legal obligations which they must complete. It sounds like a lot of work, but it is not bad with training. Your Chapter leaders can receive training on all of these items and more at the **Three Leadership Academy/Harmony College West** presentations scheduled in the District. November 5th in Anaheim, CA, November 19th in Sacramento, CA. and January 14, 2017 in Mesa, AZ. Complete location details are posted on the FWD Calendar. These will be great weekends, with lots of FUN, SINGING, & LEARNING. Plan to attend, you will be glad you did!

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Gray – FWD Secretary
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Max Bates, Treasurer

Far Western District – Barbershop Harmony Society

Financial Report as of August 31, 2016

Financial reports for the FWD Board of Directors and the FWD House of Delegates

The following reports are included:

- 2016 August YTD Operating Results vs Budget (with notes)
- 2016 Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2016
- 2016 Operating Results by Class (activity) August 31, 2016 YTD
- 2015 Filing Status Report for Form 990-N, Financial Review and BHS notices

After the challenge of cash flow in 2015 funding the Harmony Foundation donations and the establishing the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund for FWD youth harmony camps, the first quarter of 2016 the FWD took a significant financial hit from the operating results of the spring prelim contest in Las Vegas. The projected registrations were not met, it is believed as a result of the location, and there were several costs that were greater than projected. As a result, the district suffered a loss of about \$27,400. Budgets and expenditures for the remainder of 2016 have been adjusted to soften the blow. The Fall Convention at Riverside is expected to make a significant contribution towards financial recovery.

Although some important strides have been made towards the financial reporting requirements of each chapter there is still much that needs to be accomplished.

The Society is very concerned with the reporting of annual financial reports to the IRS and to each chapter's respective state agencies. **Since failure to file a Form 990-N, 990-EZ or Form 990 (full) in three consecutive years results in automatic revocation of the chapter's non-profit status.** Completing a Form 990-N takes three minutes after establishing your representative as an IRS filer for your chapter. (Complete instructions are available at the ebiz.barbershop.org site. Look for "2015 Form 990-N Procedure".)

The State of California requires three reports from non-profit corporations in order to remain in good standing. The Secretary of State requires a bi-annual Form SI-100, statement of officers. The Department of Justice, Registry of Charitable Trusts, require an annual report and fee on Form RRF-1 and the Franchise Tax Board requires an annual reporting on Form 199. Several chapters have experienced significant effort to recover the “active status”. Those not in California have similar requirements, if not as extensive as California, please make certain you are in good standing in your state.

You will note that the chapter status schedule shows “N” in the Form 990-N column. If you have filed other than a 990-N report because of revenue thresholds, please advise us of your filing.

In all cases, you must advise the BHS, again in Ebiz, that you have filed both federal and state reports and have completed a financial review of the year’s records.

As of this date, I have checked the IRS search for Form 990-N filings by EIN and have posted the results on the status sheet. **There is at least one chapter whose non-profit status has been revoked by the IRS and a couple of others who are on the door step.**

There are also a couple of chapters that have reported to have filed the 990-N with the BHS when interrogation of the IRS “E O Select Check” shows NO filing for 2015 exists.

Again if you have questions on filings with the IRS or BHS notifications required, please contact me. I will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your attention to these matters,

Respectfully submitted,

Max Bates – 916-719-8347 (maxbates@juno.com)

FWD Treasurer

FWD
Net Operating Results vs. Budget
January through August 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2				Jan - Aug 16		Budget		\$ Over Budget		
3			Income							
4			500.00 - DUES	29,374.28		40,000.00		(10,625.72)		A
5			501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	25,867.50		26,000.00		(132.50)		H
6			502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	27,550.00		70,000.00		(42,450.00)		B
7			503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	32,421.75		37,500.00		(5,078.25)		
8			504.00 - WESTUNES	150.00						
9			506.02 - INTEREST	5.16		100.00		(94.84)		
10			506.03 - WEBCAST	-		2,400.00		(2,400.00)		
11			510 - Donations	12,978.69		12,000.00		978.69		
12			520.00 - Fees	570.00		22,500.00		(21,930.00)		C
13			520.02 - HCW / LA	6,885.00		-		6,885.00		C
14			Total Income	135,802.38		210,500.00		(74,697.62)		
15			Expense							
16			601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	10,435.66		15,000.00		(4,564.34)		D
17			601.01 - Divisional FWD Split	-		3,700.00		(3,700.00)		
18			601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	53,302.86		34,500.00		18,802.86		H
19			601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	10,301.88		6,500.00		3,801.88		
20			601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	-		-		-		
21			601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp	17,989.96		20,500.00		(2,510.04)		
22			602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	23,015.00		54,500.00		(31,485.00)		E
23			603.00 - Webcast	-		2,400.00		(2,400.00)		
24			604.00 - BD MEETING	13,224.36		20,000.00		(6,775.64)		
25			607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	1,145.20		2,000.00		(854.80)		
26			607.08 - C&J	9,084.36		10,125.00		(1,040.64)		F
27			607.09 - YMIH	8,885.20		9,700.00		(814.80)		G
28			607.10 - EVENTS	-		500.00		(500.00)		
29			607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	147.30		1,800.00		(1,652.70)		
30			607.12 - MKTG & PR	1,833.54		4,450.00		(2,616.46)		
31			607.18 - MEMBERSHIP	-		-		-		
32			607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	1,978.42		3,000.00		(1,021.58)		
33			608.00 - Donations	-		-		-		
34			609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	1,172.97		2,000.00		(827.03)		
35			609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	2,867.48		3,000.00		(132.52)		
36			610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	1,598.35		3,000.00		(1,401.65)		
37			611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	3,688.50		6,700.00		(3,011.50)		
38			612.00 - COLLEGE	-		1,200.00		(1,200.00)		
39			617.01 - CONV ACT CHAIRMAN	-		-		-		
40			622.00 - GOV'T FEES	75.00		100.00		(25.00)		
41			700.00 - PRESIDENT	2,572.39		5,400.00		(2,827.61)		
42			701.00 - IMMED PAST PRES.	-		-		-		
43			703.00 - EVP	3,512.07		3,000.00		512.07		
44			704.00 - DVP	343.02		1,000.00		(656.98)		
45			705.00 - SECRETARY	-		200.00		(200.00)		
46			706.00 - TREASURER	173.38		275.00		(101.62)		
47			709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	2,910.67		250.00		2,660.67		D
48			Total Expense	170,257.57		214,800.00		(44,542.43)		
49			Net Operating Revenue/(Loss)	(34,455.19)		(4,300.00)		(30,155.19)		

FWD
Net Operating Results vs. Budget
January through August 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2				Jan - Aug 16		Budget		\$ Over Budget		
51			See Notes on page 2.							
52										
53			Notes to Net Operating Results August 31, 2016 YTD							
54										
55	A		Dues have been received from BHS for January to July 2016							
56	B		Fall Convention Revenue to date (will increase with registrations)							
57	C		Fees include HCW / LA, and NorCal YHC - event in mid September 2016							
58	D		HCW / LA expenses for both staffs - total cost to district over fees \$6386							
59	E		Additional Advance to Fall Host Chapter of \$24,435 to be paid in September 2016							
60	F		Bi-Annual Category School was not fully budgeted for 2016							
61	G		The FWD did not commit to a \$10,000 donation to HF for the 2016 mid-winter							
62			harmony festival as it had done in several previous years.							
63	H		The Spring Pre-Lim Convention suffered from fewer registrations, attributed to the location							
64			and the unanticipated costs associated with the location.							
65			The convention showed a loss to the district of \$27,400.							

FWD
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2016

	<u>Aug 31, 16</u>	<u>Notes</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
FWD-CD-9 MO.	12,151.10	
FWD-CHECKING	<u>59,518.59</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	<u>71,669.69</u>	
Total Current Assets	71,669.69	
Other Assets		
111.10 - Prepaid	<u>3,973.44</u>	(1)
Total Other Assets	<u>3,973.44</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,643.13</u>	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
449.00 - Quartet travel	1,240.20	(2)
450.00 - Chorus travel	<u>1,524.00</u>	
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2,764.20</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,764.20</u>	
Total Liabilities	2,764.20	
Equity		
446.00 - Youth Ed	2,471.25	
447.00 - NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP	13,999.92	
451.00 - Surplus 12/31/2010	66,518.88	
Retained Earnings	24,344.07	
Net Income	<u>-34,455.19</u>	
Total Equity	<u>72,878.93</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>75,643.13</u>	

Notes

1 Venue Deposit for 2017 District Spring Convention - Sacramento

2 Includes accrual for FWD Senior Quartet at 2017 Mid-Winter Convention

Operating Results by Class
January through August 2016

	AZ - Arizona Div	DF - Fall	DS-Spring	HCW	Ltship Academy	NC Division	NoCal Youth Camp	Unclassified	TOTAL
Income									
500.00 - DUES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,374.28	29,374.28
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	0.00	0.00	25,867.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,867.50
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	0.00	27,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,550.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	11,132.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,289.25	0.00	0.00	32,421.75
504.00 - WESTUNES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
506.02 - INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.16	5.16
510 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,172.00	2,806.69	12,978.69
520.00 - Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	570.00	0.00	570.00
520.02 - HCW / LA	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,885.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,885.00
Total Income	11,132.50	27,550.00	25,867.50	6,885.00	0.00	21,289.25	10,742.00	32,336.13	135,802.38
Expense									
601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,435.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,435.66
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	0.00	0.00	53,302.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,302.86
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	10,301.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,301.88
601.30 - SC15 - Social Div Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,989.96	0.00	0.00	17,989.96
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	0.00	23,015.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,015.00
604.00 - BD MEETING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,224.36	13,224.36
607.01 - DIR DEVELOP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,145.20	1,145.20
607.08 - C&J	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,084.36	9,084.36
607.09 - YMIH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,913.64	1,971.56	8,885.20
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.30	147.30
607.12 - MKTG & PR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,833.54	1,833.54
607.20 - LEADERSHIP FORUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,978.42	1,978.42
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,172.97	1,172.97
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	0.00	954.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.73	0.00	1,876.68	2,867.48
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,598.35	1,598.35
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,688.50	3,688.50
622.00 - GOVT FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,572.39	2,572.39
703.00 - EVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,512.07	3,512.07
704.00 - DVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	343.02	343.02
706.00 - TREASURER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	173.38	173.38
709.00 - CHAPTER SUPPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,835.67	0.00	0.00	75.00	2,910.67
Total Expense	10,301.88	23,969.07	53,302.86	10,435.66	2,835.67	18,026.69	6,913.64	44,472.10	170,257.57
Net Operating Results - YTD	830.62	3,580.93	-27,435.36	-3,550.66	-2,835.67	3,262.56	3,828.36	-12,135.97	-34,455.19

District Number
Fed EIN
CA State Corp number

FWD Chapters
Status for 2015 Filings

FWD #	EIN	State	CA Corp #	CA Char Trust Reg #	Char Trust Status Form RRF-1	Name	IRS 990-N Filing	BHS Status Ebiz			Notes
								990 BHS Status	Fin Rew	State Filing	
D001	77-0061593	CA				Lompoc	N	N	N	NN	IRS non-Profit revoked 5/15/2010
D002	86-0210384	AZ	na	na		Phoenix	N	N	Y	Y	Which 990 Form Filed?
D003	86-6051067	AZ	na	na		Tucson	N	Y	Y	Y	Which 990 Form Filed?
D005	95-6047716	CA		NO		Bakersfield	Y	Y	N	Y	
D006	23-7292972	CA	0732893	016698	Y	Walnut Creek	Y	N	N	N	PLEASE REPORT TO BHS
D008	94-6129049	CA	0493129	0192316	Y	Santa Rosa	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D009	94-2891720	CA	1129635	050490	D	The Placerville	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D012	95-6195066	CA	0422381	0219283	Y	South Bay	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D013	95-6118790	CA	0234814	NO	NO	Long Beach	N	N	Y	Y	IRS non-Profit revoked 5/15/2010
D014	95-2572089	CA	0529901	0205673	D	Conejo Valley	Y	N	Y	N	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D015	33-0494659	CA	1818945	085378	D	Hemet	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D018	95-6134607	CA	0256956	NO	NO	Pasadena	Y	N	N	N	Not Reg at DOJ Registry Charitable
D019	33-0179736	CA	0284210	0179230	Y	Inland Empire	Y	N	N	N	PLEASE REPORT TO BHS
D020	94-1692060	CA	0562170	0223553	Y	Davis-Vacaville	Y	N	N	Y	PLEASE REPORT TO BHS
D021	94-3096683	CA	0242573	0158161	Y	Sacramento	Y	Y	Y	N	
D022	94-6126374	CA	0243884	0188679	D	Palo Alto	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D023	95-2572836	CA	0231895	0205324	D	San Diego	Y	Y	N	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D024	94-6126375	CA	?	036794	D	San Francisco	N	N	N	N	IRS non profit at risk/No State reg
D026	94-1719915	CA	0267979	111792	Y	Bay Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D028	23-7165345	CA	0750957	017474	D	Santa Maria	N	N	N	N	IRS & State forms not filed
D029	94-2891502	CA	1251375	055732	D	Visalia	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D030	95-6096583	CA	0295038	0224131	D	Whittier	N	N	N	Y	IRS & State forms not filed
D031	39-1675002	HI	na			Aloha	Y	Y	N	Y	
D033	88-6006813	NV	na			Carson City	N	N	N	N	Last 990 - 2012 BHS
D036	23-7066986	CA	0305319	0305319	NO	Ventura	N	N	N	N	IRS & State forms not filed
D037	23-7453321	CA	0730322	018228	Y	South Orange Co	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D039	94-6104402	CA	0304537	0218856	Y	Marin	Y	Y	N	Y	
D040	68-0003674	CA	1237974	054282	Y	The Nevada-Placer	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D041	31-1135487	CA	0405092	0212407	D	PalomarPacific	Y	N	N	N	File State & Report to BHS
D042	94-1718991	CA	0306141	NO	NO	Stockton	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D043	95-4079519	CA	0724593	NO	NO	Santa Clarita	Y	N	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D044	23-7362966	AZ	na			Prescott	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D046	36-3398473	CA	1295262	062999	D	Santa Fe Springs	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent

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CA State Corp number

FWD #	EIN	State	CA Corp #	CA Char Trust Reg #	Char Trust Status Form RRF-1	Name	IRS 990-N Filing	990 BHS Status	Fin Revw	State Filing	Notes
D049	94-6104441	CA	0363385	NO	NO	Monterey Peninsula	N	N	N	Y	FILE WITH IRS/STATE/BHS FOR 2015
D050	95-6093745	CA	0344852	0205400	D	Crescent Valley	Y	N	N	N	CA form RRF-1 delinquent/Rpt BHS
D051	23-7442899	NV	na			Reno	Y	Y	N	Y	
D052	68-0027122	CA	1276623	060342	D	Chico	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D054	95-6095440	CA	0357009	NO	NO	Santa Barbara	N	N	N	Y	Last 990-N 2014 / No DOJ Registry
D055	33-0510918	CA	1821521	085864	D	Orange	Y	Y	Y	N	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D056	95-6118754	CA	0473217	NO	NO	Fullerton	N	Y	Y	N	Which IRS Form Filed/No DOJ Registry
D057	77-0444440	CA	3225925	NO	NO	Central California	Y	Y	Y	?	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D058	95-3269500	CA	0767958	020883	Y	Santa Monica	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D059	94-6104440	CA	0437911	129067	Y	Fresno	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D063	86-0754539	AZ	na			Yuma	N	N	N	N	IRS Revoked Exempt Status 5/15/2011
D064	68-0316767	CA		NO	NO	Redding	N	N	N	N	IRS Revoked Exempt Status 5/15/2014
D066	95-6096617	CA	?	0168860	D	San Fernando Valley	N	N	N	N	Last 990-N 2014 /State not current
D069	86-0727506	AZ	na			Mesa	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D072	23-7216560	AZ	na			Central AZ Quartet	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D074	95-6196396	CA	0514976	0222842	D	Westminster	Y	Y	N	Y	CA form RRF-1 Delinquent
D075	23-7038273	NV	na			Las Vegas	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D076	94-6104442	CA	0418949	0195276	Y	Napa Valley	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D081	94-6107883	CA	0482169	NO	NO	Eureka	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not Reg at DOJ Registry Charitable
D085	95-6138399	CA	?	NO	NO	San Luis Obispo	Y	N	N	N	Report to BHS/RRF-1 delinquent
D086	95-6135739	CA	0495546	NO	NO	El Cajon	Y	Y	N	N	Report to BHS/RRF-1 delinquent
D087	95-3468294	CA	0909908	038818	D	Coachella Valley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Last State Filing 2/28/2011
D092	94-2417975	CA	?	021085	D	San Mateo Co.	Y	N	N	Y	PLEASE REPORT TO BHS
D093	95-4157671	CA	1624867	069711	Y	The Los Angeles	Y	Y	Y	N	
D095	33-0337457	CA	1682896	081321	D	The Apple Valley	N	N	N	Y	No IRS Filing / State filing delinquent
D098	68-0284492	CA	3212284	0152109	D	Folsom	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D099	77-0298189	CA	1863269	090937	D	Santa Cruz	Y	Y	Y	Y	CA form RRF-1 delinquent
D101	86-0835174	AZ	na			Sun Cities	Y	Y	Y	Y	
D102	68-0390560	CA	2564404	0187871	D	Fremont/Hayward	N	Y	Y	Y	No IRS filing of 990-N / RRF-1 Delinquent
D103	93-1218344	CA	2677842	NO	NO	Rincon Beach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not Reg at DOJ Registry Charitable
D106	91-2027835	CA	?	NO	NO	San Francisco	N	N	N	N	Last 990-N filed for 2014/State Filing
D107	26-1267440	AZ	na			Canada Del Oro	Y	N	N	N	PLEASE REPORT TO BHS
D110	86-1024132	AZ	na			White Mountains	N	N	Y	Y	IRS Non-Profit Revoked 15 May 2016
D111	36-3399682	UT	na			St. George	N	Y	Y	Y	IRS shows NO 990-N filed

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Brent Anderson, Division 1 Vice President (Southwest)

I'm just recently back from Nashville where I saw so many FWD friends among the 7000 or so people who attended the International Convention and Contest and who all had a terrific time. I never forget the purpose of *convention* is to get a large group of people with the same "likes" together to mutually enjoy their shared common interest. I enjoy seeing the, literally, hundreds of people I have come to know over the 40 years I have been attending conventions.

The bonus of conventions is *contest*, and in Nashville we saw the best of the best. The competitions were very exciting and amazing performances were turned in by so many excellent competitors. My congrats to the incredible **Masters of Harmony** with a fantastic score of 94 points per judge and a third place bronze medal in a very tight contest. **Artistic License** broke into the top 10 and really gave the audience a sample of the new "Performance" judging category. Their contest sets were more like watching a Broadway play...very involved actors on stage... If this is what we're looking for in a visual performance, I'm going to enjoy this new category.

The **Newfangled Four** moved up to 11th in the quartet contest, and their mic-testing set was brilliant. They demonstrated their personality as well as excellent singing talent and not only did they develop 7000 new fans, but I'm sure they will get show bids... **Flightline** was second in the Young Men's Quartet contest and **American Pastime** was solid in the quartet semi-finals

Although a new quartet champion was crowned, the "buzz" of the convention was the 2012 quartet champs, **Ringmasters**, from Sweden. As past champs, they sang at many functions including the AIC shows and universally, everyone agreed they are singing better today than even when they ran away with the quartet competition in 2012. I facilitated bringing **Ringmasters** to CA and they were the feature quartet on **Sept 10th in Fresno**, and on **Sept 17th in Santa Barbara**. By the time this is read they will have performed and I'm sure both shows were fantastic.

The BHS did something unique at the International convention. They invited residents of Middle Tennessee to come to the Saturday evening show of champions and then to stay for the quartet finals...for free! It was a brilliant move and although I don't have solid numbers, the arena was exceptionally full. They also invited **Deke Sharon**, vocal jazz star, honorary lifetime member of the Society and the father of the modern a cappella movement, to speak to the crowd and entertain a bit. He said to all the non-singers in the audience, that they should sing... He didn't promise they would be great at it to start but he made the analogy that no one can shoot a basket well at the start, either. There are muscles that need to be trained but if you get started, you'll get better and he's convinced that virtually everyone can sing. He wants to get all of America singing again, and has launched a national campaign. Just sing...join a community choir, or a church choir, certainly a barbershop group or a Gospel group, a Doo Wop group... Take voice lessons...just get singing, and he believes the world will be a better place.

Speaking for **Rincon Beach** chapter, we're going to start promoting that at all our shows. We're going to do community singing, and we're going to publish a list of all the community choirs and places to sing in our area. We're also going to publish a list of all the local voice teachers to make it easy for people to sing. I think it's a great idea. You can learn more about this "movement" from the BHS website.

I've contacted my chapters to be thinking about a slate of officers to run the chapter for 2017. The election of new officers is to be in October and in SW/SE Divisions we're going to have our Leadership Academy (combined with Harmony College West) in Anaheim on November 5th. I have encouraged every chapter to be sending their officers to get up-to-date training. Even if they've already done this job in the past, there are new success guidelines and fresh excitement to be delivered.

In our SW Division the **Ventura Channel Island Clippers** and **Conejo Valley Oaks** chapters have been rehearsing together and are moving forward with the idea of merging, under the direction of **Jim Browne**. Also **Mike McGee** has moved back to CA from FL and will be attempting to start a new chorus in Santa Barbara. He's a very energetic and talented director and I am very excited at this prospect.

Rincon Beach, South Bay, Santa Monica, and Bakersfield will be representing our Division in the chorus contest. October will be a beautiful time to be in Riverside, the theater is fantastic, and the convention hotels are nice and reasonably priced.

Brent Anderson

Southwestern District VP



Nick Papageorge, Division 2 Vice President (Southeast)

One of the most outstanding and memorable moments of my Barbershop career happened this past summer. About 4 days after an incredible show put on by the **Apple Valley** and **Inland Sound Chapters** (see below), all of Southern California heard the news that a major fire had erupted in the mountains near Apple Valley and Wrightwood. Knowing we have many barbershoppers living in the vicinity of this huge fire, I put out a memo to all members of the Southeast Division asking that, if they could, would they open their homes to any barbershop families who might be vacated from their homes, or might have lost their home. While most of Southern California was physically unable to help because the I-15 had been shut down both ways, our barbershop friends to the northeast offered. I got emails from the **St. George, Utah Chapter** and **Las Vegas Chapter**, asking me to let them know of anyone in trouble, and that they would take in whoever needed help! And, even though Apple Valley was in danger, people who were vacated from their Wrightwood homes, stayed with Apple Valley members. I am always amazed with the compassion of our fellow Barbershoppers in times of trouble. Thanks to all who helped out, as well as to those who offered to help. Once again, I am so proud to be Vice President of this amazing Division!

INLAND SOUND CHAPTER and APPLE VALLEY CHAPTER: COMBINED SHOW

In an effort to reach out to the Apple Valley community and attract new members, the two choruses successfully produced a show featuring the **Apple Valley Chapter** and quartets in the first half, and the **Inland Sound Chorus** the second half. Also, helping out was guest quartet **American Pastime**, fresh off their appearance in Nashville! And of course, at the end, both Choruses combined for a few numbers! Both choruses sang well, and entertained a packed house. In fact, they were expecting about 100 people, but had to set up more chairs because about 230 or so showed up. Hopefully, Apple Valley will see some new faces at their rehearsals in the near future.

SO CAL EAST CHAPTERS SIZZLE in the SUMMER!

The **Brea Chapter** put on a very successful show in late August. The show was held at the very nice Brea Theater in the Brea Civic Center. The chorus sang a variety of songs, all extremely well as they entertained the audience in the Beautiful Cutis Theater in Brea.

CHAPTER OFFICERS VOTING

By the time this article gets published all of our Chapters will have nominated and voted for their 2017 Chapter officers. Congratulations for those barbershoppers who have been chosen to guide their Chapter in the next year!

SoCal EAST and SoCal WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

And with new Chapter Officers comes the school where they learn how to do their jobs. The combined SoCal East/SoCal West Leadership Academy will be held on Saturday November 9, 2016 at Connelly High School in Anaheim. I encourage every chapter in our great Division to send their new Chapter Officers to the School. Even if you have been to the school before, there is plenty more to learn. Remember, if you learn just one new thing, it is worth the time and expense. After all, you are doing this for your Chapter members more than you are doing for yourself!

The next few months will see many of our Chapters producing a Holiday Show, or Caroling at many public places. I hope to get to a few of those performances!

Have a great Holiday Season!

Nick



Charles Feltman, Division 3 Vice President (Northwest)

(No Report Received)



Richard Lund, Division 4 Vice President (Northeast)

Prelims / Division 2017 – Contracts have been signed and deposits made to host Prelims in Sacramento March 9-11, 2017. This is a date change. A good portion of the summer was spent visiting /talking with approximately 25 potential venues in Northern California with the result being that the only venue that met our needs and was available March 16-18 was the Nugget in Sparks, NV. We received a very good proposal from the Nugget but in the end felt that traveling over the mountains in March was problematic with respect to attendance.

With the District running the conventions, we have the opportunity of working with smaller chapters who will provide our “boots on the ground” support for the convention. I plan to work with two chapters in providing this support with the result that two chapters will benefit financially and as a District we will train and develop future leaders to assume Chapter and District leadership roles. Following Harmony Camp I will be putting together the jobs needed and going to chapters to solicit their interest and support. I am excited by this new format and believe it will be a positive for the District.

Leadership Academy / Harmony College West Northern CA & NV – Our current and preliminary classes include President, Treasurer, Secretary, Music and Performance, Show Production, Membership, PR, and Board Member at Large (BML). As an aside, my thinking on BML is that all chapters have this position however it sort of stops there. This is an area where we can develop future chapter leaders and encourage new members to take on a chapter role. Let’s work with chapters to put some “meat” into the role. We have been asked to provide quartet coaching and plan to do so. I am still brainstorming what the smaller chapters in Northern CA – NV want with respect to HCW.

The plan is to offer shorter classes but to offer a variety. My hope is this will attract more chapter members. I have had many calls from current chapter leaders saying they are pushing for many of their members to attend.

We do have a commitment from Cory Hunt to join us for a keynote address – possibly similar to the one he gave at Midwinter.

Harmony Camp 2016 – When you read this Harmony Camp 2016 will be in the books. I am somewhat overwhelmed with scheduling details right now but very excited with the interest we are receiving from the boys and new music educators. Sometimes we lose sight of the length of time it takes to develop these relationships.

Our woodshedding class taught by Jim Halvorson last year was a big success (as gauged by both the boys and the volunteers) and will be repeated this year. In addition we are attempting to add two new classes (Bow Tie, and either sight reading for high school boys or 3 Steps to Staying in Tune). By adding another class, the morning classes will be shortened (at the suggestion of our volunteers last year). As you can imagine, adding a class is a monumental scheduling task.

At this time we have three music educators committed to joining us this year and there is a very good chance this could increase. The MEs attend as guests of the District. At this point it also looks like we have a group of young men coming up from Las Vegas.

I would be remiss without relating a story (I have lots and Patsy keeps suggesting I write book). A group of boys from one of the local high schools put together a quartet and went to their high school to promote Harmony Camp. They did this on their own – talk about developing leaders. We volunteer to go to the schools and talk with classes about Harmony Camp and this is one of the activities I am heavily involved in as school starts in August.

BHS has changed the date that grant proposals are due to September 30th for next year's Harmony Camp. It's going to be a BUSY time following camp to get the proposal for 2017 completed. And, by the way, our teaching quartet for 2017 is Instant Classic. I think they will relate well with the boys.

The assistance, suggestions and hard work of our many volunteers make this camp possible.

VoCal – This chapter continues to innovate and has added a growing number of young members, many of whom are providing leadership in smaller chapters to which they belong as duals. It is my observation that the young members not only value the challenge of singing with VoCal but they are also taking many ideas back to smaller chapters. As a member of VoCal, I can attest that rehearsals are exciting and diverse. The majority of the members arrive at rehearsal 45 minutes early to interact, sing, and socialize. It is a very friendly and warm environment. September 1st the chapter is moving its rehearsal location to the Raley Studios for Performing Arts, 2420 N St, a relatively new facility in downtown Sacramento. This facility will allow more collaboration with community arts organizations.

Placerville – The president and secretary of the chapter resigned the first of August. And an active member of the chapter passed away quite suddenly. The result of both those events has created a minor crisis within the chapter. The past president has stepped up as interim president and a number of members are also stepping up to assume additional responsibilities within the chapter. They also decided that despite their “problems”, they will participate in District. They need a few former members to come back and join them onstage in Riverside. And the response from former members has been positive. The biggest challenge at this point is having a member step up to assume the position of show chairman for their scheduled November 5th show. Their long time member and relatively new director, Kent Miller, attended HU in 2016.

Folsom – This chapter continues under the able directorship of Kent Borrowdale. Their show (actually they call it a recital) is scheduled for October 28th and they have a very loyal following at their recitals.

Sacramento – The chapter has made a decision to cancel their fall show and to focus on member recruitment. The Capitolairens have a committed membership and continue to move forward in spite of a number of challenges over the past two years.

Nevada Placer – The members continue to sponsor the “Somewhat Serious Quartet Contest and Annual Bean Feed” an event that is attended and loved by a great many barbershoppers in Northern California. The 2016 Bean Feed experienced a real up-tick in attendance. It was a positive experience and the quality of the pick-up quartets was much higher than previous years. This is a chapter of older members and it astounding what they are able to accomplish. Their fall show is scheduled for November 6th with a comedy theme. Their president is recovering from extensive heart surgery and the chapter has picked up the slack until he is able to return. The challenge for this chapter is to develop a new member recruitment program.

Golden Valley Chorus – GVC continues to collaborate with community groups in their area. They have a robust youth program and organize a one day YIH program each year. Their annual shows continue to gain momentum and they have added an ice cream social which is well attended. On a sad note, their long time member and treasurer, Bob Clark, passed away this year. Bruce Sellnow provides very positive musical leadership and it is my belief this chapter could be on the verge of “taking off”.

Fresno – Fresno stepped up and is hosting Ringmasters at a show to benefit Honor Flight on September 10th. Although this has been a challenge for chapter members they are pulling in the same direction to make this happen. Fresno is also a chapter that will benefit from member recruitment. They are singing well (12 on stage at Division) however have decided not to compete in District. They have a good relationship with the Visalia chapter and the chapters support each other in their respective activities.

Reno – Long-time director, Bill Weiser, has resigned and Reno is in the process of assessing their priorities prior to initiating a new director search. Although they made the decision not to participate in District contest this year, they are moving forward with their annual show which they do in partnership with the Reno Kiwanis group.

Stockton – The Portsmen continue to be very active in the community participating in more community activities than any other chapter in the Northeast Division. They are recruiting new members. Their annual picnic on September 28th to benefit their Youth In Harmony program was very well attended, with numerous new members.

Spirit West (in formation) – This chapter is a break off from the Sacramento Capitolaire. They are meeting weekly under the directorship of Dan Warschauer and have an active recruitment program in place.

Chico – I am so impressed with the activities in the Chico area. They are a young group with young leaders (and Mongo, Gordon Bergthold, District President, as an advisor). Their director, Austin Snow, attended HU in 2016 sponsored by the FWD. I must also say at this time that the relationship and involvement of a couple of older barbershop members in the Chico area with the local schools is commendable. This bodes well for the future of barbershop in the Chico area.

Davis Vacaville – This chapter is having their struggles at the present time and it is my belief that one of the challenges they face is determining their identity. They have reached out and asked for assistance and Steve Kirch, BHS Certified Leadership Facilitator has made contact with them to begin working on their challenges.

Visalia – This chapter has a new director, Kevin O'Dell, who attended Harmony University in 2016. Kevin is a former barbershopper and a teacher in the local schools. Visalia has members who also sing with Fresno in contest in addition to participating in the Visalia chapter. The chapter continues to produce shows and their annual spaghetti feed.



John Bloomquist, Division 5 Vice President (Arizona)

Now that the Division Contest and Quartet Prelims cycles have finished, it's time to recognize the remarkable job that the men of the Arizona Division have done.

This year the FWD was again represented well at the BHS International Convention and Contest. Congrats to **Artistic License** for their top 10 performance. Also, **The Newfangled Four** was spectacular as the finals contest Mic Testers and **American Pastime** for their memorable performance. In the Youth Quartet Contest, **Flightline** did a fine job garnering a Silver Medal. In the Chorus contest, **The Masters of Harmony** did a wonderful job finishing 3rd in a very competitive contest and they were joined on the risers by AZ Div. members R.J. Esquivias, Jeromy McMahon, and Justin Klemballa. Congrats on your commitment and making memories for life. **The Westminster Chorus** was also spectacular in their outgoing champs performance. Congratulations to all!

As we move forward to Fall and the FWD Convention and Contests, please ensure that each chapter is represented at the House Of Delegates meeting on Friday.

The **AZ Fred Koch Memorial BASH** was held Aug 19-20. What a great time was had by all in addition to some fine singing. This event is the kickoff to Fall and as an AZ Division event, it was fun to see many new and old faces and make some new friends. Thanks to Sheryl McKinney and her staff for continuing to make this an annual success and enjoy the brotherhood of barbershop!

The season for Chapter elections of officers is fast approaching. Now is the time to get your nominating committee in place. We will be having our Leadership Academy on Jan 14th in Mesa, more info to follow. Please have all of your officers attend this important learning event, as there is always something new to learn.

As always, membership is consistently on the front burner. How many **Man of Note** awards will YOU get for the year? Do it because you love singing and really just want to share the joy with as many men as possible! Simply ask, "where do you do your singing"? You will be surprised.

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

John Bloomquist
AZ Div. VP



Ron Black, VP Contest & Judging

As in previous Fall reports, added here are the "stats" from the 2016 Spring Divisions, as well as the 2015 Fall information.

Fall 2015 had a drop in number of Choruses, but that is typical for the Arizona (Mesa) venue. Interesting that the average score for both choruses and quartets went up!

Spring 2016 does show a drop off in both quartet and chorus participation. The Spring Prelims and SW/SE Divisions in Las Vegas had a reduced attendance due to the location, plus neither Westminster nor Santa Fe Springs were competing. The NW/NE Divisions were down a bit, but AZ Division was up.

Now we might see a trend that overall FWD membership loss is having on the contest participation. FWD has been little affected by this so far, until this year, but I believe it is a single year effect for the 2016 Spring numbers below. The contestant participation in the upcoming Fall Convention by competitors will be high, and the contest venue locations for next Spring Divisions will encourage higher attendance.

In the column Intl. Qualifiers, for the Spring Totals this indicates the number of quartets qualifying for the International Contest in the summer, and for the Fall Totals this indicates the number of Senior Quartets qualifying for the next Senior International.

	Total Choruses	Total CH Members	Avg. Pts.	Total QT Men	Total Quartets	Avg. Pts.	Intl. Qualifier (Fall Sr.)	Senior	Super Senior	College
Spring	Totals									
2016	28	670	67.5	184	46	68.3	3	7	2	1
2015	32	866	67.3	212	53	67.2	7	12	3	3
2014	33	896	65.1	228	57	66.7	7	10	2	2
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	4	14	4	2
FALL	TOTALS									
2015	16	548	72.2	92	23	68.7	3	6	N/A	N/A
2014	20	597	69.9	96	24	67.9	2	7	N/A	N/A
2013	24	804	67.8	84	21	64.8	1	7	N/A	N/A
2012	20	659	69.1	72	18	70.6	2	1	N/A	N/A
2011	19	632	68.3	80	20	67.1	2	6	N/A	N/A
2010	20	739	68	80	20	68.2	3	6	N/A	N/A

At the 2016 Judging Category School in July, the following FWD men are now Certified (plus some information on the status of others!)

Contest Administrator

Jim Haggerty

Chuck Leavitt

Randy Meyer

Kent Richardson

Charlie Hill (retired 2016)

Music Category

John Brockman

Cary Burns

Rob Campbell

Brent Graham (moved back to FWD)

Phil Ordaz

Nick Papageorge

Ken Potter (moved to Evergreen District)

John Miller (retired 2016)

Performance Category

Mike Cating

Joe Connelly (moved to FWD)

Martin Fredstrom

Sam Papageorge

Gary Steinkamp

Mike Louque (moved back to CSD)

Singing Category

Craig Ewing

Alan Gordon

Chris Hebert

Brett Littlefield

Chris Peterson

Dave Tautkus

Warren Hettinga (retired 2016)

*Ron Black (retired 2016)

*Yes, folks, I've retired from judging, having just completed my 30th year. But I still get to hang around as your FWD VP for C&J for a bit longer! And still around to be an avid 46 year barbershopper!



Craig Ewing, VP Music & Performance

(No Report Received)



Bryan Forbes, Events Chairman

(No Report Required)



Bill Rosica, Membership Chairman

After many years of seeing Membership Programs come and go, I decided to take a closer look using my years on the District Board and my experiences with my SW Division Chapters. It seems that the Programs coming out of Kenosha and later Nashville required many steps, reports and effort to make them produce. This in itself, isn't bad, but for small chapters who are struggling, it is very frustrating. It seems that the required program elements were geared more for larger chapters with plenty of men to help. Smaller chapters don't have that luxury.

So as I planned last year's Membership class in Las Vegas, I decided to ask the attending chapter members to help out by designing a new program that would be easy to run yet effective. I asked them to keep it simple with the idea of each man in the chapter having a key role.

We came up with "Each One Bring One" as our motto. This could be used by chapters small and large with each man being challenged to bring in one new member during the next year. Chapters could roll out the program anytime during the year. Prizes or incentives could be added for additional motivation. One suggestion was for the Chapter to buy the member with the most new recruits a registration to the Spring or Fall Convention.

At the wrap up meeting in Las Vegas, the Tucson Chapter had a change for our motto which was gladly incorporated. Our motto became, "Each One, Bring One, WE WON". That logo, along with a short explanation is now on the District Website.

Bringing in new members is certainly a lofty goal, but once they have their certificates we must make sure our retention program is well oiled. So many time new members are overwhelmed with information. Contests alone can be very confusing. We tend to figure once they're in, they're in, but that's the time when we really need to work on our membership skills. I make it a priority to stay close to new members in my chapter by making time for them each week at break. I try to find out what they like and dislike about being a new member and how I can help them find their way through the maze of activities we seem to have. I assume they know nothing about the Society, District and Chapter activities. Believe me, it really helps to tear yourself away from singing tags or talking to your friends to keep the new member connected.

I was scheduled to bring a lot of this information to the Leadership Forum in Nashville in July, but Southwest Airlines had a computer glitch which canceled my flight and ultimately my trip. So maybe next year we'll try again. In the meantime, if you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to call me at (661) 703-9000, and let's discuss your Chapter needs.



Jerry McElfresh, Marketing & Public Relations

Seat selection

We have been able to **register online** for conventions for more than a year now but a feature has been added that makes it even better. As you know from registering for this convention, you can select your seating from among seats available as you register.

Webcast

We again have a **Webcast of the Fall convention** The idea is to let those who cannot attend the convention to see the fine performances of our quartets and choruses and, through archiving, allow those in the contests to view their own performances and those of other competitors after they've returned home.

Historian

The newest member of the District Marketing Team, Historian **Joe Samora**, has jumped into it with enthusiasm and has great plans for the job. See his report elsewhere in this HOD document.

Public Sing

The Fall Convention committee is renewing the tradition of holding a **Public Sing** during the convention. Check your convention schedule, but it is planned for Saturday evening on the nearby Pedestrian Mall. We can all enjoy it and it will give Riverside a close up look at Barbershop harmony.

Press release templates

A tutorial on **how to prepare press releases** and several samples has been posted on the FWD Website to help chapters and quartets to get the word out on the good things they are doing in their communities.

The outline and the examples can be adapted for a number of purposes such as contest results, upcoming shows, chapter or individual awards or accomplishment and other events of interest to the public. On the Website go to Media > Documents and Forms > Leadership Academy Presentations > VP Marketing.

Website upgrades

There have been some major upgrades to the **FWD Website** to bring it up to the latest technology and to make it adaptable for tablets and smart phones, and Webmaster David Melville says to watch for more changes and new features in the works.

Westags

A little over a year ago the Marketing Team began publishing the monthly District eNewsletter **Westags** to keep our members up to date on important events within the District. We hope it has become your habit to read it each month. If for some reason you haven't been receiving it around the first of each month contact webmaster@farwesterndistrict.com

-- Jerry McElfresh, Chairman, FWD Marketing/PR



Steve Salmon, CSLT

The Local BHS Chapter is the beginning and often the end of the Barbershop experience. The members of the society see their chapter as the single most significant contact and Association with the society. With 746 current chartered chapters there is large variety and makeup in chapters.

Large Competitive Choruses, Smaller Hobby-Focused Choruses, Community Choruses with modest competitive aims but strong community and fraternal approaches, everything in between.

We live and die by our chapters. We use to be a society of QT's. We are now a society of Chapters.

We need to focus on the good of the chapter not individual members

We need to consider ourselves Artists (Musical Society) not Members like a social club.

As we develop our chapter Identity we need to Start with WHY. Know your outcomes. If you start with what the first question will be Why. Ha-ha

What we do should impact all the lives of our whole community.

The success of the society rests in large part on the health of our many diverse chapters. It is not the Society's or District's intent to say what a "Good" chapter is, but to identify a healthy chapter.

A Healthy Chapter Initiative will roll out in 2017. This will be a great resource for our chapters and leaders.

Steve Salmon

District CSLT



Bill Cale, Awards Chairman

The Awards Committee has the responsibility for all awards presented by the Far Western District. The awards can be separated into two categories; honorary and those achieved through competition. The Events Committee has the responsibility of obtaining the competition awards that are determined by C&J. This has been ably handled for many years by Sam Barger.

The members of the Awards Committee are Chuck Hunter, Russ Young, Nick Papageorge, Carl Truman, Lynn Brittan and Bill Cale. We represent each division in the district, which assists us in evaluating the contributions made by members being considered as convention dedicatees. We select a member from a list of men whose services to the FWD make him worthy of our dedicating a convention to him. This list is open-ended, and we urge you to consider adding additional names for consideration. The name of the individuals selected for recognition at the Spring and Fall contests is forward to the FWD BOD for approval. Once we receive confirmation from the Board we begin working on the honoree's biography and obtaining a remembrance plaque.

Our committee works with the District President to prepare and obtain other awards which include the Chapter of the Year and annual President's Award. In addition, we provide plaques for any music educators recommended by the Chairman of Youth Activities.

At one time the FWD had a Bachelor of Harmony program, but when our new district web site was created the program disappeared. Our present webmaster has advised he has a new program on his list of future projects

Please help us select members to whom we dedicate future conventions. Meanwhile, on this weekend, look for Bill Rosica and thank him for his service to all of us.

For the Awards Committee
Bill Cale, Chairman



Royce Ferguson, Director Development

(No Report Required)



Joe Samora, Historian

My accomplishments and plans, since the last Board meeting.

I have written three Westunes historical articles: "Time for Cake and Candles," "Seventy Years and Counting," and "Keep America Singing."

I am planning to write one more article which will appear in the winter issue of Westunes.

I surveyed the other districts to determine how many historians there are. The two district historians I contacted did not reply.

I completed two interviews of past Hall of Fame (HF) recipients: Joe Salz (March 19) and Lynn Brittan (May 4). I reviewed their Hall of Fame background to develop their questionnaires. All interview transcriptions will be retained until I have completed the interviews. I plan to interview two more (HF) recipients this year.

I drafted a letter for President Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold to send to BHS President Don Fuson requesting a certificate recognizing Far Western District 70-year anniversary. It was received and is expected to be included in the District Fall Convention Program in Riverside.

My goals and budget were submitted on February 25, 2016. There are no travel costs as I interviewed Joe Salz during 2016 Spring Convention in Las Vegas. I interviewed Lynn Brittan on the telephone. Both interviews were recorded and transcribed.

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Posted on [September 17, 2016](#) by [Brian Lynch](#)

You can make a better barbershop experience. You can build A Better World. Singing.

Even a passing glance at what's happened in the Barbershop Harmony Society over the past few months tells you that something transformative is taking place. A course we've been travelling the past few years with the guidance of the Society Board and the active participation of staff, District leadership, and thousands of committed Barbershoppers, is infusing an attitude of success and creativity that empowers everyone to do more, more effectively — and even *more joyfully*.

It's up to each of us as chapter leaders, as district leaders, as key influencers, to take advantage of the opportunities we create together. **You can do all these things**, to make your chapter program more relevant to your members, to make your chapter more relevant to your communities. **It's where we find our joy**: in singing, in friendships, in joining together and making a difference in people's lives.

Show more people more barbershop

What we're doing: The old refrain “No one knows what barbershop is!” doesn't hold much credibility anymore. The Barbershop Harmony Society YouTube channel now boasts more than 1500 videos (more than 300 from 2016 International!) and has already racked up more than 4.2 million views in the first eight months of 2016 — more than double the traffic in the same time last year.

Can you use this? You bet!

Your social media presence, your chapter website, and your personal ambassadorship of barbershop to friends, family, and professional circles can now feature the finest examples possible. Like the old songs? [Like barber-pop](#)? [Like seniors](#)? [Like youth choruses](#)? Share them all! Enhanced visibility and credibility is a YouTube link away. If you are inspired by growth use these videos along with your own videos to inform your community about your growth intentions. You have permission. Get some must-see barbershop today — bit.ly/mustseebarbershop or www.youtube.com/BarbershopHarmony38. And while you're at it, also peek at the [great Society membership video](#), or [highlights of the 2016 AIC show](#). A YouTube clip is a also great program enhancer for a chapter meeting!

Expand the reach of your events: give away the best parts!

What we're doing: The Society brought thousands of local guests to our convention in Nashville — more than 1800 people who **previously had never heard barbershop** came to hear it, see it, and take part in it. How? **A Better World Singing Day** included classes, free concerts, a massive sing along, and free local admission to the Saturday Night Spectacular and Quartet Finals. It was a “No Strings Attached” approach to introducing barbershop and the joy of singing together to the community, and it leveraged the things we do best — being a supportive community of participants, not passive listeners — in a form that was easier for general audiences to absorb..

Welcome your community!

Offer FREE TICKETS to one of the events in your package. Make sure the FREE event is truly meaningful — a chance for folks to have fun singing with their families, to see a show that is aimed at them. Integrate these ideas into your own chapter shows. How often do you ask your audience to sing along with you? You might be surprised by the results. If you have spare inventory get a local sponsor to fund some of those empty seats and give away to a senior center, a youth program, the homeless shelter, the foster families association. Your local sponsor will love it! *Bring joy to folks who need it most and have least access to it.*

Make the most of your education opportunities

What we're doing: Harmony University 2016 in Nashville offered dozens of new activities, new outreach to the community, and more access for music educators. As a leading adult education organization, a wealth of personal growth and development tools await you and your communities.

Can you do it? YOU BET!

- Send your director, music team or engaged rookies to Harmony U with tuition paid by the chapter. (Some directors scholarships are also available from BHS; email harmonyu@barbershop.org for details.) It's a tremendous investment in energizing chapter growth, enthusiasm and connection to the broad resources of the Barbershop Harmony Society.
- Offer scholarships to music educators or music students to next year's HU. (harmonyu@barbershop.org for scholarship information.) The payoffs: potential music directors for BHS chapters, enthusiastic classroom advocates, and future teachers already aware of the value bbshop brings to the classroom
- Invite high school and college age quartets to participate in Top Gun and other music schools. A few hours of coaching can make a huge difference in their enthusiasm for the Youth Barbershop Quartet Contest
- Attend your district Leadership Academies to share best practices with other chapters and gain new perspectives on your innate leadership potential.
- Include a service component in your district school offerings.
- Make the culminating event something that looks outside yourselves
- Use [Harmony University online resources](#) for chapter secretaries, music directors, and chapter leaders to extend your learning beyond single events

Become leaders in addition to managers

What we're doing: The Healthy Chapter Initiative extends resources to chapters and district in both operational best practices (management) and strategic planning and mentorship (leadership) to improve the weekly barbershop experience. Under the guidance of the Leadership Operations Project Team (LOPT), a cadre of ten new Leadership Facilitators were trained and certified this summer. These trained experts are equipped to deliver specific leadership training, serve as a support conduit between all of our chapters, and further progress and promote the Healthy Chapter Initiative.

Can you use this? You bet!

- Certified Leadership Facilitators are available for District Leadership Academies to deliver our new curriculum to multiple chapters and provide consultation to enhance chapter health. Districts who are interested, should reach out to Antonio Lombardi, BHS Manager of Chapter Leadership and Education at leadershipopt@barbershop.org
- BHS Leadership Facilitators are also available for single-chapter consultations. For details, contact leadershipopt@barbershop.org
- *The BHS Business Guide: The Business of Barbershop*, serves as an “at-a-glance” overview of the major tasks and responsibilities of Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. This document can be found by visiting our [BHS Document Center](#).
- *Chapter Secretary Training Modules* are now available on the BHS website for current and future Chapter Secretaries. Each training module is available for viewing to assist secretaries with their day-to-day work as well as to share simple best practices. These can be found by visiting our “Harmony University Online” site, along with other valuable tools.
- Lead by doing: model the behaviors you hope to see emulated. Add a service activity to your next planning weekend, education event, or convention, such as the performance and [gift of piano that transpired at this summer’s Leadership Forum](#).

Organize yourself for success

What we’re doing: Chapters now have the greater flexibility to design a board structure best suited to meet the chapter’s individual needs. A chapter board can now have up to two at-large board members who are not members of the Barbershop Harmony Society! The [Flexible Board Option](#) is now included in the Standard Chapter Bylaws.

How you can use this

Review the [Flexible Board Option](#) and reflect on ways you can most effectively engage community members in your chapter success. If you have questions or need further information, email chapters@barbershop.org

Use your knowledge of the past and present to mold the future

What we’re doing: *Serious listening!* Last spring, nearly 3,000 members took part in our Membership Satisfaction Survey, which identified key elements of the barbershop experience bringing you joy. A subsequent Future Directions Survey concluding in September, gives you a voice in choosing the paths we follow into our future. *Serious reporting, too!* Full results of these surveys will be published on the web site, and feedback and discussion on these will feed the next phases of the 18-month strategic planning cycle.

Can you use this? You bet!

- Members of the Strategic Planning Committee are presenting the results of the two membership surveys. Many of the districts will also be offering a membership listening session as well to continue our data capture and pulse of our membership. Speak up and listen– it matters!

- The BHS Annual Report appears in the July/August *Harmonizer* and will be mailed to all chapters this fall. This great-looking piece tells external audiences the story of who we are, what we do, and the breadth of our influence — great for placing your own achievements in context for funders, community partners and advocates. Do you want to make the annual report next year like Port City Sound and Paradise Coastmen chapter did? Keep sending in your stories at storytellers@barbershop.org

Make a better barbershop experience

Everything happening in our Society today makes it possible for you to get more from the barbershop lifestyle. If you did only ONE new thing this year — one thing you hadn't tackled before, one thing that stretched you beyond the tried and true, one thing that further aimed you chapter, quartet or district toward *more joy* — what impact could you make? How could you share more joy with more people?

How can you make a better world, singing?

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(Please Remove and Present to your Division Vice President)

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Chapter # D-_____ is

(Delegate Name)

Signatures:

Delegate
(Signature)

Chapter President
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