



**Far Western District  
Fall House of Delegates  
October 14, 2016  
Riverside, CA**

The meeting was called to order by Executive Vice President Craig Hughes at 1:37PM.

**Richard Lund, Division 4 VP** led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Nick Papageorge Division 2 VP** led the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner”

**Ron Black, Contest & Judging VP** led the singing of “The Old Songs”

**Bill Rosica, Membership Chairman,** gave the Invocation.

**EVP Craig Hughes** welcomed the delegates to the 2016 Fall House of Delegates meeting and gave everyone an update on President Gordon Bergthold’s medical condition.

**EVP Craig Hughes** introduced the FWD Past Presidents in attendance. In attendance and Voting:

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| • Allan Webb       | 2014 - 2015 |
| • Russ Young       | 2012 - 2013 |
| • Bernard Priceman | 2010 – 2011 |
| • Bob Lally        | 2008 – 2009 |
| • Bill Cale        | 2006 – 2007 |
| • John Krizek      | 2002 – 2003 |
| • Chuck Hunter     | 1988 – 1989 |
| • Terry Aramian    | 1986 – 1987 |
| • Sam Barger       | 1984 – 1985 |

**Bill Rosica, Membership Chairman** read a Memorial to Past President Lynn “Britt” Brittan who passed away in early September, 2016. Lynn was President in 1970 & 1971. He was very active in the Far Western District.

**EVP Craig Hughes** introduced the District officers in attendance. He also introduced dignitaries attending the House of Delegates Meeting. John Donehower Society Board Member at Large, John Miller, this year’s National Hall of Fame inductee, Sharon Miller, Interim President and CEO of Harmony Foundation International, Robert Rund, Harmony Foundation Regional Director, and Bill Rosica, Fall Convention honoree.

**Secretary Bob Gray** did the roll call for District Board Members In attendance:

- Craig Hughes Executive Vice President
- Allan Webb Immediate Past President
- Bob Gray Secretary
- Max Bates Treasurer
- Brent Anderson Division 1 Vice President
- Nick Papageorge Division 2 Vice President
- Richard Lund Division 4 Vice President
- Ron Black Contest & Judging Vice President
- Craig Ewing Music & Performance Vice President

Absent: Gordon Bergthold, Charles Feltman, and John Bloomquist.

Non-Voting District Management Team Members in attendance:

- Bryan Forbes Events Chairman
- Jerry McElfresh Marketing & Public Relations
- Bill Rosica Membership Chairman

**Secretary Bob Gray** Completed the Roll Call for Chapters in attendance. Thirty Two Chapters presented their voting Credentials. Chapters in attendance and voting were:

D-002	Greater Phoenix	D-005	Bakersfield
D-006	Walnut Creek	D-008	Santa Rosa
D-014	Conejo Valley	D-021	Sacramento
D-022	Palo Alto - Mountain View	D-023	San Diego
D-026	Bay Area	D-028	Santa Maria
D-031	Aloha	D-039	Marin
D-040	Nevada – Placer	D-042	Stockton
D-044	Prescott	D-046	Santa Fe Springs
D-051	Reno	D-056	Fullerton
D-057	Central California	D-058	Santa Monica
D-066	San Fernando Valley	D-069	Mesa
D-072	Central Arizona	D-075	Las Vegas
D-101	Sun Cities	D-103	Rincon Beach
D-111	St. George	D-113	Sedona
D-116	Brea	D-117	La Jolla
D-123	California Delta	D-125	Salt River Valley

Two Chapters, D-009 Placerville and D-098 Folsom answered roll call, but no Delegate Credentials were presented.

**Secretary Bob Gray and “Flight Line Quartet 2015 District Champions** presented Far Western District Members who passed away during the past year. Those entering the “Chorus Eternal” were:

Name	Deceased	City	State
Donald Verhoef	10/13/15	Reno	NV
Gerald Stone	10/18/15	Scotts Valley	CA
Phil Crawford	11/6/15	Phelan	CA
Harry Metz	11/12/15	Irvine	CA
Len Steck	11/16/15	Banning	CA
Campbell Titchener	12/1/15	Sun City West	AZ
Bill Jackson	12/14/15	Sebastopol	CA
Clarence Stover	1/20/16	San Diego	CA
James Holder	1/28/16	Covina	CA
Emmett Bossing	2/4/16	Sun City	CA
Barrie Best	2/11/16	Longview	WA
William (Bill) Williams	2/15/16	Avondale	AZ
Bob Patterson	3/5/16	Alta Loma	CA
Ricardo Walker	3/27/16	Eu Claire	WI
Gary Moulin	4/4/16	San Mateo	CA
Frank Wilken	4/12/16	Canoga Park	CA
Marlin Niesley	4/13/16	Rancho Cucamonga	CA
John Johansen	5/19/16	Santa Monica	CA
Edward Graff	5/24/16	Fairfield	CA
Robert Clark	6/17/16	Hughson	CA
David Lyman	6/18/16	Phoenix	AZ
Russell Le Blanc	6/21/16	Minden	NV
Bill Henderson	7/4/16	San Antonio	TX
Gary Washburn	8/14/16	Shingle Springs	CA
Lynn “Britt” Brittan	9/3/16	Sebastopol	CA

**EVP Craig Hughes** Gave his opening remarks recognizing that Chapters were in attendance from all five states in the District. He also recognized two new chapters, Salt River Valley Chapter in Arizona, and Barbary Coast Chapter in California.

**EVP Craig Hughes** also thanked Ray Rhymer, Jerry McElfresh, and David Melville for the District electronic media. West Tunes, West Tags, Website, and e-publishing.

**EVP Craig Hughes** addressed changes in the Agenda and requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** Requested a motion to Approve the minutes from the Spring House of Delegates meeting. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** Advised the delegates in attendance that the Officer Reports were in the Hod Brochure. He requested a motion to Accept the Officer Reports. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**Awards Chairman, Bill Cale** reported to the Delegates that he has served as Awards Chairman for the past seven years, and that he is stepping down. Chuck Hunter will take over as Chairman. Bill announced that this year's honoree is Bill Rosica. Ray Rhymer will be the honoree at the Spring Convention.

**Events Chairman Bryan Forbes** presented the Convention Updates. Future convention dates are on the FWD Calendar Harmony College West/Leadership Academy dates are also set.

**EVP Craig Hughes** presented the 2017 Slate of Officers for the Far Western District.

The 2017 Slate of Officers are:

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| • Gordon Bergthold | President                          |
| • Craig Hughes     | Executive Vice President           |
| • Bob Gray         | Secretary                          |
| • Rich Owen        | Treasurer                          |
| • Brent Anderson   | Division 1 Vice President          |
| • Nick Papageorge  | Division 2 Vice President          |
| • Bill Rosica      | Division 3 Vice President          |
| • Richard Lund     | Division 4 Vice President          |
| • John Bloomquist  | Division 5 Vice President          |
| • Ron Black        | Contest & Judging Vice President   |
| • Craig Ewing      | Music & Performance Vice President |
| • Allan Webb       | Immediate Past President           |

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested a motion to accept the Slate of Officers. Motion and Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested a vote to approve the 2017 Slate of Officers. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED by Acclamation.

**Society Board Member at Large John Donehower** conducted the Installation of Officers for 2017.

**EVP Craig Hughes** thanked Treasurer Max Bates for his years of dedicated service as Treasurer. He also thanked Charles Feltman for his service as Division 3 Vice President.

**Treasurer Max Bates** explained the 2017 Budget.

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested a motion to approve the 2017 Budget. Motion & Second. MOTION APPROVED.

**HARMONY FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT RUND** gave an update on the status of Harmony Foundation. He advised everyone that he would be passing out 41 "Donors Choice" checks to the Chapters following the HOD Meeting.

**Harmony Foundation CEO & Interim President Sharon Miller** spoke about Harmony Foundation and the Youth Festival.

**Society Board Member at Large John Donehower** gave an update on the Society. He also told everyone the 2015 annual report is in the Harmonizer. Also that the Society HOD Report was in the HOD Brochure, and on line in Live-Wire.

**Brett Littlefield** led everyone in singing “Down Our Way”.

**Society Board Member at Large John Donehower** conducted a “Listening” session with the delegates in attendance. He talked about the two surveys that were taken this summer. Need for more youth in leadership. John asked three questions to those in attendance, followed by discussion.

**EVP Craig Hughes** Announced that the next meeting would be in Sacramento CA on March 10, 2017.

**Immediate Past President Allan Webb** led everyone in “Keep The Whole World Singing”

**EVP Craig Hughes** adjourned the meeting at 3:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Gray  
Secretary FWD