

***BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT***

**Spring 2021 Convention Cancelled
due to COVID-19**

**Spring District Board Meeting
Held via Zoom
March 12, 2021
7:00 PM**

**Spring District House of Delegates
Meeting Held via Zoom
March 13, 2021
7: PM**

**SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF
BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA, INC.**

D/B/A BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



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President's Message



Bill Rosica, FWD President

The State of the District

Hello to all the members and friends of the Far Western District (FWD). I hope everyone has stayed safe through this pandemic which has altered our hobby to its roots. For those who have gone through the Covid-19 illness, I pray for a full recovery and for those who have lost friends and loved ones, my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Who could have known that last March would be the last time we met to harmonize together? As for me, March 11, 2020 my chapter was being coached in preparation for International. The next week we were home waiting to see how long this virus would last. Here we are now still wondering the same thing.

During this time, your Board has been working on many fronts with the Society and Chapters throughout the District. Your Division Vice-Presidents (DVP) have been tasked to meet with their respective Chapters through ZOOM®. I have asked that each DVP set up quarterly meetings with their respective chapters to assist those chapters in planning their direction during this Pandemic. If you have not been contacted or have not participated in these meetings, please contact your DVP for additional information.

There have been quite a few programs which were cancelled over the past year which made it difficult to operate. Many chapters had their spring shows cancelled as well as Divisional and preliminary contests. Of course, International in Los Angeles fell victim to Covid-19 as well. Our Fall Contest at Sea was not cancelled, merely postponed until October 2021. Now that Convention has been cancelled. Those chapters who planned for Christmas Shows had to re-design their efforts and worse yet, some cancelled altogether.

Not all the news is bad, however. Your District had some major shortfalls because of low attendance at our two major Conventions and Contests prior to 2020. Because of the District not having these contests, we made up some of our lost revenue and are on our way to being solvent once again. We also saved money on the Board traveling to these conventions to hold our Board

Meetings and House of Delegates (HOD) Meetings. I am sure there are a few saying, “If they didn’t have those meetings, maybe we really don’t need them”. Well, we did have those meeting using ZOOM®. And yes, we still need to conduct District Business a couple of time per year. Actually, we had quite a few more participants than we normally do at face-to-face HOD meetings.

Scott Suwabe, District Chorus Development Manager has begun putting the Director’s Guild back together. This will allow budding new musicians to get the coaching they need to become a Front-Line Director. They will also train Section Leaders and Assistant Directors. This is a very important piece of our puzzle to get our membership back to your chorus. Please give Scott a call with any questions. Charles Carothers, District Community Outreach Manager with assistance from Rob Menaker, VP of Music and Performance are in the planning stages of introducing our hobby to some of the underserved communities. This project has been pushed out to February of 2022 but should be a real fruitful endeavor. Both Jeremy Loper, District Membership Manager and Kenny Rios, District Youth in Harmony Manager had plans for 2020 and 2021, but Covid-19 kept them from implementing anything concrete.

Since we were able to save money and decided not to change the dues schedule, look for some discounts on upcoming conventions and your Leadership Academy was held via ZOOM® at no charge. This year we elected two new Division Vice-Presidents, Rich Postal Northwest Division and Kathy Kileen, Southwest Division. We welcome both to the Board with Kathy being the first female on the Board.

At this time, the International Quartet Contest in Cleveland is still a “Go” and will be ready for competitors in July. The Preliminaries for quartets will be held with video submittals. Brett Littlefield is working to get that nailed down, so keep an eye out for more information.

Our Fall Convention and Contest at Sea, on the calendar for October 15-18, 2021 has been re-worked and will not be held at sea and Donna Hisey is working on a Non-FWD Sponsored barbershop theme cruise in its place. The Cruise line moved our Deposit deadline from February to March 13th which gives her an additional month to make plans. Carnival also gave each cabin that rolled over their reservation from 2020 a \$300.00 on-board credit and an upgrade to your cabin. Since the District Board decided that a contest is not feasible, we have had some discussions regarding a “Coming out of Covid Cruise” with those of us still interested in having a little fun. Please know that your safety is of ultimate concern to the Board. We are in contact with Carnival through Donna Hisey to make sure all the CDC Protocols will be followed. Hopefully, the vaccine will be a good start on being able to conduct this cruise safely.

In talking to the other District Presidents, I find that the FWD is in great shape. We have some plans for late this year as well as early 2022 which involves the AIC and some of our local chapters, so stay tuned. As a final thought, I want to barrow something Erin Howden said at The Masters Installation in January. She said, “You are exactly where you should be”, which is another way of saying There is a reason for everything. Make the best of what you’ve got. Look forward not backward. What can we do to make ourselves better when this Pandemic is over?

We’ve been given lemons, so make lemonade and open a stand. Better yet, make orange juice and become a magician. (Stolen from MOH Lead Ted Allen)

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA**

March 12, 2021 7 PM
Via ZOOM

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| 1. Call to Order | Bill Rosica |
| 2. Invocation | Chuck Roots |
| 3. Roll Call | Jim Maass |
| 4. Opening Remarks | Bill Rosica |
| 5. Approval of the Agenda | Bill Rosica |
| 6. Approval Minutes | Bill Rosica |
| October 9, 2020 Board meeting | |
| Special Meeting, January 9, 2021 | |
| Special Meeting February 19, 2021 | |
| 7. Vice Presidents Reports | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division 1 Southwest• Division 2 Southeast• Division 3 Northwest• Division 4 Northeast• Division 5 Arizona• Contest and Judging Fall District Contest/Convention | Kathy Kileen
Kyle Williamson
Rich Postal
Chuck Roots
Adam Kaufman
Brett Littlefield |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music and Performance | Rob Manaker |
| 8. District Management Team | Nick Papageorge |
| Membership | Jeremy Loper |
| Chorus Director Development Events | Scott Suwabe |
| Events-- | |
| Convention Manual | Bryan Forbes |
| Marketing and Public Relations | David Melville |
| Youth in Harmony | Kenny Rios |
| Financial Development | Roe Darnell |

Endowment Funds

Roe Darnell

Directors Guild

Scott Suwabe

9. Old Business

- Financial Review
- Leadership Academy/H C West
- Community Outreach
- Various Issues

Rich Owen

Jeremy Loper/Scott Suwabe
Charles Carothers

11. New Business

12. For the Good of the Order

13. Adjourn

Revised Feb 23, 2021

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

House of Delegates Agenda Spring 2021

Via Zoom
March 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM

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| 1. Call to Order | Bill Rosica |
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| 4. Opening Remarks | Bill Rosica |
| 5. Approval of Agenda | Bill Rosica |
| 6. Approval of HOD Minutes--October 10, 2020 | Bill Rosica |
| 7. Introduction of Guests | Bill Rosica |
| 8. Hall of Fame | Bill Rosica |
| 9. Vice President Reports | |
| • Division 1 Southwest | Kathy Kileen |
| • Division 2 Southeast | Kyle Williamson |
| • Division 3 Northwest | Rich Postel |
| • Division 4 Northeast | Chuck Roots |
| • Division 5 Arizona | Adam Kaufman |
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| ○ Convention Manual | |
| • Marketing & Public Relations | David Melville |
| • Youth in Harmony | Kenny Rios |
| High School Quartet Contest--2022 | |
| • Financial Development | Roe Darnell |
| ○ Endowment Funds | |
| ○ Donor's Choice Allocations | |

11. Finance Update Rich Owen

12. Society Staff Update

Society Rep

13. Harmony Foundation Update

HFI Rep

14. Old Business

- Status on Fremont/Hayward Chapter retention (New Paradise, NV. Chapter)
- Directors' Guild

Scott Suwabe

15. New Business

- Awards Management & Fall 2021 Dedicatee
- Leadership Academy
- Harmony College West
- Various issues

Nick Papageorge
Scott Suwabe/Rob Menaker

16. For the good of the order

17. Keep the Whole World Singing

18. Adjourn

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Board Member Reports



Nick Papageorge, FWD Executive Vice President

I hope that you are all well, and I hope that you are keeping your Barbershop activities going strong even though we are in a crazy time for choral music. President Bill and I have been keeping up to date with the Divisional and Chapter activities that have kept the District going, without “singing together!”. The Leadership Academies that taught our new chapter officers how to keep their chapters strong in the next year were very successful! I believe the SoCal East/West Academy was the last of our divisions to have their school a few weeks ago.

I would like to give my thanks to the So Cal East/West Leadership Academy faculty: President Bill Rosica (President class), Jim Maass (Secretary Class), Rich Owen (Treasurer Class), Rob Menaker (Music/Performance Class), Bryan Forbes (Program VP), Jeremy Loper (Membership), and David Melville (Marketing)!! These great leaders gave their time and knowledge to make this Academy a huge success.

I can't wait until we can all be together again at a Contest/Convention. Until then, stay safe and keep up the virtual singing!



Jim Maass, Secretary

Well, not much happening regarding chapter shows so my job of processing show clearances has been easy. Hopefully things will be changing soon as we begin to come out of the COVID pandemic. A reminder, show clearance forms and filing information is on the FWD website

under the Media tab.

Other reminders: It's that time of the year for chapters to file their IRS 990 forms. Get that done. Also each chapter should schedule and perform it's annual financial review (audit). Additionally, check to be sure your incorporation with the State is up to date and current with any additional officer changes.

Take Care and hopefully we will all be singing together in person and ZOOM will be left to Mighty Mouse as he flies to his next adventure.



Rich Owen, Treasurer

Last year, The HOD allowed funds that would normally be allocated to international contest travel to be reallocated back to our general funds. In view of the impact of COVID on District and BHS operations, I have not made any allocations of funds to international contest travel during 2020, and it appears likely that there will not be any international contest travel in 2021. I therefore request authorization to not resume such allocation until international contest travel resumes in 2022.

All tax returns for 2019 for the District were filed before the deadline of November 15, 2020.

Attached are the *preliminary* P & L Statement and Comparative Balance Sheet for 2020 which are located at the end of the HOD brochure. I have some adjustments to make for old outstanding checks and other year-end adjustments. Because the District had basically minimal expenses during 2020 due to the COVID shutdown of all conventions and contests, we had a financially successful year. Gross revenue was \$65,587; expenses and refunds were \$8,817; net income was \$56,769.90.



Kathy Kileen, Division 1 Vice President (Southwest)

Before I begin with my quarterly report on the “state of the division” I would be remiss if I failed to take this opportunity to thank those who were instrumental in putting me in this position. I am honored to be part of this great organization as a whole and feel particularly privileged to serve on the board of this renowned district, a district that has the reputation of being in the forefront of influence within the Barbershop Harmony Society.

In my new position, I will strive to be a positive role model, an advocate and support for both the chapters and the BOD. I hope that my experience and perspective born from many years as a Sweet Adeline, my years as an associate BHS member, and my years as a full-fledged BHS member, will serve to help me become an active and contributing member of this body.

I hope to do this without inadvertently offending anyone or stepping on too many toes while finding my way. I say this jokingly, but I realize there’s a real possibility it might happen. This is new territory and there are no examples to follow. There are no written rules. No one has gone before. We’re forging a new path.....together.

And speaking of forging new paths, this year’s Midwinter Virtual Convention paved a whole new highway. It was quite amazing! I’d like to hear of your experiences. I have to say it was a kick getting to visit with friends from the Evergreen District in real time. As avatars. Mind blowing!

I am accustomed to the convention keynote speakers to be moving, inciteful and heartwarming. I was not disappointed with three keynote speakers at this year’s event. All had poignant stories to tell, but Blair Brown, newly elected member-at-large of the BHS BOD, spoke about something that touched my heart.

She spoke eloquently about those things that make barbershop people so special. How it’s not just the music, although that’s what attracts us initially. It’s the people who become family. It’s all about the people who step up for you when things are not the best. It’s the people who check in with you if you’ve gone astray and stepped back from your barbershop circle. It’s the people who love you for who you are and what you contribute to their lives. It’s the huge heart of barbershop.

Here’s what barbershop is not. It’s not labels that define us. It’s not male or female, it’s not our skin color, it’s not what we do for a living. It’s none of the things that society deems successful or meaningful. It’s the heart that we bring to the gift of music we share. It the fact that we are present...that we are family. WE are here for each other!

Having said that, it really is about the music too. Sharing that sound and the feeling of ringing chords is our calling. Without music, we’d have never found the rest!

As to the state of the Southwest Division: Although I have been in contact with most of the chapters under my watch, I am having difficulty connecting with all of them. Those chapters who have not updated their incoming elected officials with BHS and FWD membership are unknown to me. Your chapter won't show in reports if there are no leadership names supplied. I can't be your liaison if I don't know you and can't reach you. Please help me do my job.

I am very encouraged by the number of chapters who have adapted to the limitations of our current unfortunate situation. Many are staying connected with zoom rehearsals and variations of the sort. I would love to hear what it is working for you, what you have found to be successful. And just as important, I want to hear what isn't working. I need to know how I, and the district, can be of assistance. How can we help?

One last thought. This pandemic could quite possibly present us with a silver lining. I know it has made me far more appreciative of those things being denied us by our Covid-19 restrictions. Once this is resolved, we are going to be in the unique position of being able to offer to all what so many of us have longed for. We have what people are going to want. Community, camaraderie, music, friendship are just the start of what we have and I think people yearn for just those things.

Let's put our heads together and be prepared to offer a joyful singing experience when we are once again able to rehearse together in person. Let's put together a plan to gather up our members and bring them back home to us. Let's put together a plan to reach out to our communities. How about we put together a plan to perform, in some safe manner, at the ceremonies to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9-11? I kind of like this idea. What say you?



Kyle Williamson, Division 2 Vice President (Southeast)

No Report Submitted



Rich Postal, Division 3 Vice President (Northwest)

No Report Submitted.



Chuck Roots, Division 4 Vice President (Northeast)

Well, my fellow four-part harmonizers, since last I wrote COVID-19 made its presence known in our household. Both my wife, Isaura, and I experienced the virus without realizing we had it.

It was sometime in December when Isaura came down with her annual sinus infection. One problem: After taking the prescribed medication from her doctor, it did not go away the way it normally does. After a couple of weeks like this, without experiencing any additional problems, her doctor suggested she have a test for C-19 (COVID-19). She did as she was instructed and was told it would take a few days for the results. Well, a few days turned into a nearly two weeks. And YUP! She tested positive.

During this time, I had a slight nose drip which is no big deal since we live in the heart of California's agricultural belt, the Central Valley. When we first moved to the Valley I was told, "If you don't have allergies, you will." They were right. The effects of allergies made preaching two services on Sunday morning very challenging. So, I chalked up my current nasal drip to that. But then I realized I couldn't smell anything, nor was I able to taste anything. I ran a test on myself by spooning out a big dollop of Skippy peanut butter. It just rolled around in my mouth producing no taste. Then I put a dab of chocolate syrup on my fingertip and licked it up. Nothing.

It was at this point that Isaura's test came back positive. I debated being tested since I was well past the quarantine stage, but I was encouraged to get tested anyway.

The medical assistants met me outside in the parking lot of my doctor's office and did the Q-tip nose swab. An uncomfortable five seconds or so, but no big deal. They told me I was no longer infectious, with confirmation coming a few days later that I had indeed, been infected with C-19.

I'm happy to report that both my sense of smell and taste have returned, and Isaura and I are doing very well. We are grateful to the Lord as we are aware that many friends have had serious bouts with this virus. Isaura was born with a weakened immune system, and I have eight stents in my heart from heart disease, plus prostate cancer.

Now, for this hobby of ours. It would seem that C-19 is going to have the last say for some time to come. As you are aware, most everything has been cancelled well into 2021. So, let me suggest that you take time to connect with your chapter on the weekly Zoom calls. It is an excellent way to stay in touch with the folks you've enjoyed singing with prior to this pandemic. It is nice to see those familiar faces and share some good-natured ribbing while singing a few songs. And, you're right! It's not the same, but until we can come back together, it's an alternative I can live with.

Another option: Meet together with some of your barbershop friends and, using social distancing and masking, join together singing the Old Songs. I get together every few weeks with anywhere from 8-12 guys to sing and it reminds me of how much I enjoy this hobby, and why I love ringing those chords.

Until we sing again!

Chuck Roots



Adam Kaufman, Division 5 Vice President (Arizona)

A year ago I was getting ready to compete in two different quartets at two division contests and the Spring prelims...

A year ago I had officiated at chapter installations...

A year ago I had never heard of Zoom...

This year I also officiated at a couple of chapter installations. This year those installations were done on Zoom, and I was completely comfortable on that platform as I shared my screen to show the virtual certificates for the incoming officers. Thank you to the **Sun Cities** and the **Phoenix** chapters for asking me to be there and install your boards. I applaud your chapters for their commitment to bring some normalcy to your members.

We are all more than a bit tired of what has become the “New Normal”, however we are resilient, we are creative, we are dedicated...we are Barbershoppers. We will continue to meet, we will continue to find ways to improve at our craft, and we will come back ready to sing! Never in my life did I ever think I would be looking forward to getting a shot...well two shots...unless they happened to be of tequila!

“It’s a new dawn, it’s a new day ... and I’m feeling good!” (Newley and Bricusse, 1964).

Please remember, I am always willing to bring any of your ideas and comments to the Board, so feel free to drop me an email, a.kaufman@yahoo.com, or give me a call on my cell, 516-770-3743.



Rob Menaker, Music and Performance

Hello, all and Happy 2021,

Wanted to let you know a few things that are happening in 2021 from the Far Western District VP of Music and Performance.

As you are aware, many if not all chapter meetings are happening virtually for now. While this isn't the same thing as meeting in person, they can be super fun, informative and give you time to see your riser mates and do some catching up. Many chapters are inviting guest speakers to attend their video chats adding some variety to teach barbershop craft, Society history, performance tips, etc. If you are one of the ones who are in charge of putting together the agendas for your meetings, we are creating a list of guest speakers that are available to come and join your chapter for an evening. Please feel free to contact me and let me know what type of guest you are looking for and I'll match you with someone who can help you out. Hopefully, we'll be together in person soon, but in place of that, please take advantage of this resource to enhance your virtual meetings.

We have another very exciting program that I mentioned previously but wanted to mention it again. At this time, the SCVA Close Harmony Festival is still on track for the Spring of 2022. The tentative plan to promote this festival is as follows:

- * April 2021 will open slots to high school music educators for appointments from AIC quartets in Sep/Oct 2021. This will give music educators plenty of time to schedule plans for these visits by quartets.

- * Sep/Oct... 5-6 AIC quartets will descend on LA-area high schools for in-person singing, training, etc. Thursday, Friday.... hoping to visit underserved communities where 50% of students are on free or reduced meals. The purpose of these visits is to promote the Feb 2022 SCVA Festival.

- * Sep/Oct... On Saturday, LA area chapters will produce a show featuring AIC quartets, and local choruses singing 2 songs each (presumably their contest set)

* Feb 2022... SCVA Festival and show with AIC quartets and possibly the entire AIC and all its members to reprise the LA, 2020 show with charts and plans already designed.

Obviously, there are LOTS of details to work out (and we are at the mercy of the status of the pandemic), but if you are in the Southern California area, please be on the lookout for this to roll out this spring.

This will be a major outreach event at no cost to the District, so it's a win-win!

That's it for now. Stay healthy and safe and we'll see you all soon!



Brett Littlefield, VP Contest and Judging

No Report Submitted



Craig Hughes, Immediate Past President

Virtual Barbershop has been going on for almost a year now. Who'd a thunk?

We left 2019 with so much promise after an incredible Fall Convention in Modesto. We fought off Heavy Metal in Sacramento, power outages in NorCal and wildfires in SoCal that weekend and

prevailed. The chords rang out!

We began 2020 focused on our Spring Convention in Ontario, then International in LA followed by the first ever District Contest at Sea. To quote John Lennon: “Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.” Lockdown, Quarantine, distance rehearsals with Zoom, in cars, with Jamulus, and JackTrip. Through it all we continue to sing and socialize.

As I write I am attending the virtual BHS Midwinter from my shed in Chula Vista and am thankful and amazed to have Barbershop in my life. I am also mourning the friends lost and the opportunities stolen by this disease. I am encouraged by the arrival of the vaccines and view Barbershop as a spiritual vaccine and path out of the darkness.

We are lucky to have this connection and positive influence in our lives. It is critical that we insure the survival of our unique enterprise long after this challenge passes. The best thing you can do for Barbershop and yourself is to reach out to your friends in whatever way possible to share your love and encouragement. We are the stewards of Barbershop and all that comes with the music. History has trusted us with this challenge. Let’s share this love with the world as we move into the light.

I look forward to seeing many of my brothers and sisters at our Spring House of Delegates. These are the interactions that keep me going during these challenging times.

It is truly “Great to be a Barbershopper!”

Be safe out there and “Keep the Whole World Singing”,



Craig Hughes

Management Team Reports



David Melville, Marketing and Public Relations

Over the past several months Don Shively and I have been working extensively in the Event Farm Virtual Campus used for the BHS Midwinter Convention. It was a wonderful experience, and FWD can be proud of the showcase that Don and I put together.

I also attended Part 1 of a seminar on “Pandemic Compliance & Safety at Live Events” in February which focused on mainly the health and safety issues, and will be attending Part 2 in March that will cover the legal and liability aspects.

As a result of uncertainty regarding the pandemic status by October, the need to make a Go/No-Go decision in March, and the question of when competitors can start meeting safely to rehearse, the FWD Board made the cautious decision to forego the Convention and Contest events that had been planned for the Fall Cruise, and we are presently looking at some alternative solutions. One proposal, a.k.a. “Plan B”, is under investigation, and that is to hold an in-person convention in Fresno. However, as wonderful as that sounds, that too is uncertain until we better understand the pandemic situation and the impact of vaccinations; the CDC and/or the State may still have regulations in force by October that would prevent such an event from happening.

That being said, I feel it is essential that we have SOME type of event this year, if for no other reason than to give our members something to look forward to, so I have been developing a “Plan C” unitizing the Event Farm for a “hybrid” fall event. The Event Farm has many advantages over a Zoom webinar in that it has an excellent way to offer social interaction, live performances in a safe environment, and yes, even has the potential to serve as a “venue” for contests wherein the competitors actually get to see the audience response.

Judy Galloway (EVG) and I have been meeting with Dusty Schleier (BHS) as well as with Tom Shima (Event Farm) to talk about possibilities and pricing for either A) “renting” the BHS event farm for one or more events, or B) contracting directly with Event Farm for our own virtual campus. Both BHS and Event Farm are very keen on the idea and willing to be flexible. I don’t want to publish any figures in this report because we are still going back and forth, but hopefully I will have something solid to report by the Spring meetings.

On another front, BHS has, as most of you know, dumped their home-grown member system and replaced it with a new and “improved” Member Center II. To say it has been a less-than-successful transition would be a gross understatement. I am preparing a detailed analysis of all of the flaws I have uncovered, but I think it is going to take a lot more than individuals hollering to get anything done, and so I encourage President Rosica to engage with other district presidents to form a united coalition to lobby BHS to make necessary changes.

Editor’s Note: There were no additional Management Team Reports submitted.

Editor's Note: The following message was sent directly to all FWD members who had signed up for the Fall Convention at Sea. This letter is being included in this HOD brochure for historical purposes.

Far Western District Family and Friends:

As you all know by now, your District Board decided to forego the "Contest at Sea" for October 2021 because of a couple of key points:

- The State of California, the Federal Government, the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization cannot assure us that this Carnival cruise will be able to sail during the weekend of October 15-18, 2021.
- The Last day to have your deposit refunded is fast approaching (March 13)
- Those of you who did sign up and paid your deposit, were for the most part, audience members with very few competitors. This would have made for a very short contest.

Please note that we did not cancel the cruise. The Far Western District had to decide what was best for the District. We were excited to bring this type of activity to our District, but Covid-19 was just too unreliable for planning purposes. As of today, Carnival is still planning on sailing October 15 and returning on October 18, 2021. Some folks may want to join Donna and her husband Greg for a great time of sailing, singing tags and meeting up with old friends. Your upgrades and \$300.00 on-board credits are still in effect.

For those of you who choose not to go on the Cruise, your Board is working on Plan B, which is to hold our Fall Convention and Contest in Fresno on October 14-17, 2021. Again, the people who enable us to meet in person need to tell us when we would be allowed to gather and under what protocols. We are working as if that will be decided in our favor in the near future. However, we realize that each competitor will need some lead time to prepare for such an event, so Plan B, like the cruise is in flux.

These are uncertain times, and your Board realizes that the Contest at Sea came at the worst time, due to Covid-19. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. I don't have all the answers, but I know the Division VP's along with the rest of your Board will assist you in your quest.

Bill Rosica
Far Western District President
(661) 703-9000

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2020
7 PM
VIA ZOOM**

Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Bill Rosica.

The Old Songs: A recording was played to start off the meeting. Everyone was encouraged to “mute” and sing along.

Invocation: Chuck Roots was not in attendance but joined the meeting later so this item was skipped.

Roll Call: Secretary Jim Maass called the Roll. Attendance as follows:

Board Members Present:

Bill Rosica, President
Nick Papageorge, EVP
Jim Maass, Secretary
Rich Owen, Treasurer
Brent Anderson, VP Div 1 SW
Kyle Williamson, VP Div 2 SE
Dick Whitten, VP Div 3 NW
Chuck Roots, VP Div 4 NE
Adam Kaufman, VP Div 5 AZ
Brett Littlefield, VP Contest and Judging
Rob Menaker, VP Music and Performance
Craig Hughes, Immediate Past President

Secretary Jim Maass reported a quorum was present.

Management Team members present:

Jeremy Loper, Membership
Scott Suwabe, Chorus Director Development
Bryan Forbes, Events
David Melville, Marketing and PR
Kenny Rios, Youth in Harmony
Charles Carothers, Community Outreach

Past Presidents present:

Bernard Priceman
Gordon “Mongo” Bergthold
Russ Young

Other Guests present:

Donna Hisey, Expedia Cruise consultant

Opening Remarks: Bill Rosica gave a brief summary of things which have been happening since the Board’s last meeting. He reported on some BHS / HFI issues. He also gave some thought of what will be happening “after COVID.” Some chapter have not met at all and the DVPs need to be active with all their chapters helping them as we restart meetings in the future—whenever that is. He reported that the chapters do appreciate hearing from the district officers and DVPs need to continue using ZOOM to conduct inter chapter meetings. The October 2021 Cruise is on track and will be outlined in more detail later in this meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: There were a few minor additions to the agenda. It was moved, seconded, and approved as amended.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting minutes:

June 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
July 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting
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It was moved and seconded to approve all three meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Vice Presidents Reports

Division 1, SW. Brent Anderson. Brent thanks everyone for his time on the board as this is his last year. There was nothing additional to add to his written report which is in the HOD Brochure.

Division 2, SE. Kyle Williamson. He is working on setting up ZOOM meetings with his chapters. President Bill suggested he and Brent set up a joint division ZOOM meeting before the end of the year.

Division 3, NW. Dick Whitten. There is not a lot going on to report other than a few chapter ZOOM meetings. He reported the Peninsula chapter is involved with other musical groups in the area.

Division 4, NE. Chuck Roots. Three choruses are not meeting. Some are still getting together with social distancing. He has had successful ZOOM meetings with other chapters.

Division 5, AZ. Adam Kaufman. He reports having several successes and positive chapter ZOOM meetings. There are a few chapters physically getting together with social distancing. He also mentioned that he put together a quartet to perform for Joe Salz who is recovering from a stroke. They were outside the window of his hospital room and sang to him over the phone. He is in good spirits.

Contest and Judging VP. Brett Littlefield. He reported that he had gotten a note from the BHS C & J Chairman that they are looking at ways for chapters to get evaluations from judges and to help the judges hone their judging skills by evaluating video performances. They are looking at ways to make this work. He will keep the DVPs informed. Also reported that BHS will make the decision whether or not to cancel the Cleveland International by first part of December due the fact that the cancellation deadline in the hotel contract for all the block hotel rooms needs to take place before 180 days from the convention dates.

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District Management Team Reports: Nick Papageorge

Executive VP Nick Papageorge introduced each of his team members to give their status updates.

Membership, Jeremy Loper. Jeremy shared membership numbers. All the districts are down in membership. FWD is down as expected with COVID. Current membership is 1548 down from 1996 a year ago. He is encouraging chapters to “mix things up” on ZOOM and give the guys an interest in showing up.

Chorus Director Development. Scott Suwabe. Not much to report. He is getting all director/assistant director contact info and will be setting up a ZOOM meeting. Also looking to get all of them back involved with a reestablished Directors Guild.

Convention Manual. Bryan Forbes. Bryan had left the meeting early. No report.

Convention Venue Rotation. Bryan Forbes. No Report.

Convention at Sea. Carnival Cruise Update. Bill Rosica/Donna Hisey. Bill mentioned that we are planning for the positive. Donna gave an update status. CDC requirements for cruise lines to submit sanitation plans before resuming operations. Cruise lines are working on regulations with health experts and the CDC. A 64-page plan has been submitted and they are waiting for approval of the new health protocols. She

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Marketing and Public Relations. David Melville. David asked if additional cruise advertisements should be prepared. He will let the board decide on that question. There was no direction given. He is working on new web calendar software. Also, a new version of the reservation software will be available in November. Regarding the convention venue schedule, David expressed hope that the schedule would be pushed out a year so Mesa AZ would not have to wait five years for the next contest in the cycle. Bryan Forbes was not in attendance to confirm the schedule. Bill Rosica indicated that the contest should be pushed out a year and will contact Bryan to check it out.

Youth in Harmony. Kenny Rios. Since there is no activity at the high schools with music programs, there is nothing to report. There will be no HS quartet contest until the divisional contests resume.

Financial Development, Endowment Funds. Roe Darnell. Roe was not in attendance. No Report.

Directors Guild. Scott Suwabe/Nick Papageorge. Nick has found the folder with the information on the early beginning of the Guild. Scott will be meeting with the directors to see where it goes from there. Looking to set up an initial meeting before Thanksgiving. President Bill asked that it occur before November 14th.

Old Business

Financial Review. Rich Owen. He reported that there have been very little expenses (\$8286) this past year due to inactivity of events and in person board meetings. The district is in the black -- \$45,352. He has also been busy with grant applications for his chapter and will be doing the tax filing information later this year. There was some discussion on how to address the extra funds the district has. No action was taken.

Leadership Academy/Harmony College West. Jeremy Loper/Scott Suwabe. Everything is on hold. There was discussion about doing the Leadership Academy “online” and making it free to participants. President Bill suggested that a plan be

developed by November 15th. He would join Jeremy and Scott in developing that plan. If there are any expenses, there are funds available.

Nominating Committee Report. Craig Hughes. Chairman Craig presented the slate of officers for 2021 which will be presented to the HOD for approval. Members of the committee are: Mongo Bergthold, Allan Webb, and Russ Young.

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President Bill introduced nominee Kathy Kileen who gave a brief bio of her barbershop background.

Various Issues.

BHS/HFI Issues. President Bill has put together a spread sheet with HFI projections of monies coming to the chapters. He has not heard anything from the BHS donations program and monies to be earmarked for chapters. This is still a work in progress.

Community Outreach. Charles Carothers is excited about his new management team position and what he will be doing for the district. However, like everything else with COVID, everything is “on hold.” He will be looking to work with Rob Menaker. He also has been making phone calls reaching out and touching base with a number of community groups. Everyone is looking forward to getting back together.

2021 Budget. Rich Owen presented the proposed budget for 2021 which will be on the HOD agenda tomorrow for approval. There was some discussion. No action was needed. The budget document are attached to these minutes.

New Business.

Bill appointed a committee to review and approve Chapter grants for projects. It is composed of the President, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and the requesting Chapter's Division Vice President. Further details to follow.

David Melville raised the issue that maybe an online event could be held in the spring much like the AIC show this summer. Also, he mentioned that a webinar or a panel of presenters might be developed and scheduled.

For the Good of the Order

There was some input from the group. A big "thank you" from Brent Anderson and Dick Whitten who are leaving the board at the end of the year. Bill also thanked them for their years of service to the district.

A recording of Keep the Whole World Singing was played ending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
FWD Secretary

Far Western District Special Meeting

January 9, 2021
7 PM via ZOOM

Meeting Called to order at 7:12 pm by President Bill Rosica

Members Present: Bill Rosica, Nick Papageorge, Jim Maass, Rich Owen, Kathy Kileen, Kyle Williamson, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufman, Brett Littlefield, Rob Menaker and Craig Hughes.

Management Team Present: Jeremy Loper, Scott Suwabe, David Melville, Kenny Rios, Roe Darnell

Others Present: Donna Hisey and Dan Shively

Agenda Item 1. President Bill welcomed new board members, Kathy Kileen and Rich Postal to the 2021 FWD Board.

Agenda Item 2. Midwinter—David Melville with assistance from Don Shively. This agenda item was moved to the end of the agenda. For details, see below.

Agenda Item 3. Spring Prelims Convention and Contest---Bret Littlefield

Brett reported that March Prelims would be moved to May but is now suggesting cancelling all spring contests and use contestant video submission instead. He proposed to make the October contest an open contest. So for Cleveland quartets can submit video qualification. It was moved and seconded to cancel in person spring and divisional contests and make International quartet qualification video submission only. Also the board reaffirm that the October contest would be an open convention as was approved for last year. Motion passed...all ayes.

Agenda Item 4. Divisional Contests—Brett--- this agenda item was discussed within Agenda Item 3 above.

Agenda Item 5. Progress on Directors Guild—Scott

Scott reported that he has been having meeting with various chorus directors. He is also working on getting the Directors Guild start up and had identified some directors to work with. President Bill suggested to get DVPs involved in helping getting directors involved.

Agenda Item 6. Progress on Leadership Academy -- Nick

He is looking at dates for the Academy. There was discussion on what needs to be done to get ready for the ZOOM Leadership Academy. David recommends that while free, guys should register for the class in order to get accurate class counts. It was decided to set February 6th for the Leadership Academy. There was some discussion regarding class lengths etc. and other elements regarding the LA program.

Agenda Item 7. Update on Fall Cruise -- Bill

Bill reported that deposit deadline move to March 3rd. from Feb. He indicated that if we do not know about the sailing status for October by March.... then we should “pull the plug”. There was some discussion regarding what is going on regarding COVID and the possibility of the contest not happening. It was decided that a decision be put over and be made by March. A special board meeting will be held in mid to late February to make the final go or no go on the contest/convention on the cruise.

Agenda Item 8. Summer Board Meeting: The summer BOD meeting was set for June 19, 2021 9 AM.

Also the Spring HOD Meeting will be on Saturday March, 13 at 7 and BOD on Friday, March 12 at 7. Secretary Jim Maass reminded all that HOD brochure reports need to be prepared and sent to him.

Agenda Item 9. Update on Community Outreach – Bill

Charles Carothers was not in attendance, so President Bill reported that Charles was not able to do much because of COVID. Nobody is having meetings of any kind. Charles is looking to 2022 when things return to normal.

Agenda Item 10. Other Items of Interest.

Rich Owen reported that the district is in good financial shape since money is still coming in from dues but expenses are very low. There was some discussion regarding the excess funds and how to deal with it. This will be an agenda topic for either the March or June board meeting.

Kenny Roos had nothing to report regarding Youth in Harmony as the high schools are having tough time for music. So basically, this is on hold and he will be making plans for the future.

Agenda Item 2. Midwinter. The BHS is hosting a virtual midwinter convention using special software. Three will be rooms for chapters to feature quartets and choruses.

David talked about online “rooms to sing tags,” chapter rooms, quartet rooms etc. and brought up some interesting things that can be done. Dan has been working with him on this project. David gave a Demo on the virtual software program and took questions and answers.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary
Far Western District

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Special Board Meeting

February 19, 2021

7 PM ZOOM

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Bill Rosica

Roll Call:

Board Members Present. Bill Rosica, Nick Papageorge, Jim Maass, Rich Owen, Kathy Kileen, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufmann, Brett Littlefield, Rob Menaker and Craig Hughes. Kyle Williamson was absent.

Management Team Present: Jeremy Loper, David Melville, Kenny Roos.

Guest Present: Donna Hisey of Expedia Cruise Travel. Judy Galloway from Evergreen District.

Agenda Topic for this special meeting: The Far Western District Contest and Convention at Sea in October....Carnival Cruise.

President Bill began the meeting by introducing David Melville and Judy Galloway for a presentation. The presentation addressed alternatives the FWD could do in the event the October Convention at Sea was called off. David presented options using virtual technologies. His approach was “Anything is better than nothing.” Looking to the BHS virtual model he suggested the FWD could do something similar. One option was to rent the BHS software used for the Midwinter convention. He indicated costs could range from \$3000-\$4000 plus \$10 per participant. A second options is being used by EVG District, Event Farm is the developer, and the title would be West Coast World. It would provide virtual meeting for lectures, group gatherings, virtual conventions etc. and the license would be for the full year. Cost \$27,000 to be shared with EVG. There was some discussion.

It was then suggested that maybe this discussion was the “cart before the horse” since the board had not yet discussed or taken any action on the agenda topic for the evening—The October FWD Convention at Sea. At this time discussion switched to the FWD October Convention and Contest to be held aboard the Carnival Cruise ship.

Donna Hisey, Expedia Cruise Consultant gave an update on the status of the ship that will be used and that it was ready and awaiting CDC approvals. There will be test cruises starting shortly to check out all the Covid related upgrades before the sailing public will be allowed on board.

She also reported that the deadline for passenger cancellation for a deposit refund has been extended by Carnival to March 13, 2021. This will be the last deadline extension.

There were quite a few questions and answers and discussion. This biggest issue: Should there be a contest on board? The discussion centered around those barbershoppers who have registered and that it appears that there is more spectator registered for the cruise and very few contestants—either chorus members or quartet members. President Bill expressed concern that if there is “no contest” many will cancel their booking. After some discussion, the following motion was made.

It was moved and seconded to cancel the contest portion of the convention at sea. Motion Passed, All Aye. There will be no FWD contest on the cruise. However, there was some further discussion that there might be alternate contest/convention plans made. Details to be determined.

After a very lengthy discussion regarding “should the FWD convention on the ship be held at all?”-- the following motion was made by Rich Owen and seconded by Craig Hughes.

The Far Western District will withdraw sponsorship of any contest or barbershop related events to be held on the October 2021 Carnival Cruise. Motion passed. 10 voting yes, and two absent.

General discussion continued regarding how to get the word to the members that there will be no FWD sponsored Contest and Convention aboard the Carnival Cruise ship in October. Donna also indicated a desire to organize a “barbershop event” aboard the ship independent from any official FWD participation. A survey will be developed and sent out within the next several days to see what interested there might be.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2020
7 PM
VIA ZOOM**

Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Bill Rosica. A recording of the National Anthem was played followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Nick Papageorge. A recording of The Old Songs was also played.

Invocation: Chuck Roots was not in attendance, so this agenda item was skipped.

Roll Call: Secretary Jim Maass called the roll.

Board Members Present:

Bill Rosica, President
Nice Papageorge, EVP
Jim Maass, Secretary
Rich Owen, Treasurer
Brent Anderson, VP Div 1 SW
Kyle Williamson, VP Div 2 SE
Dick Whitten, VP Div 3 NW
Adam Kaufman, VP Div 5 AZ
Rob Menaker, VP Music and Performance
Craig Hughes, Immediate Past President

Board Members Absent:

Chuck Roots, VP Div 4, NE
Brett Littlefield, VP Contest and Judging

Management Team Members Present (non-voting)

Jeremy Loper, Membership
Scott Suwabe, Chorus Director Development
David Melville, Marketing and PR
Kenny Rios, Youth in Harmony
Charles Carothers, Community Outreach

Past Presidents in attendance.

Craig Hughes
Gordon “Mongo” Bergthold
Russ Young
Bernard Priceman
Bob Lally
Terry Aramian
Sam Barger

Roll Call of the Chapters—The following chapters were present.

Bakersfield	Las Vegas	South Bay
Brea	Mesa	Stockton
California Delta	Prescott	Sun Cities
Central Arizona	Reno	Walnut Creek
Davis Vacaville	Rincon Beach	Westminster
Fremont Hayward	Salt River Valley	
Fullerton	San Diego	
Greater Los Angeles	San Fernando Valley	

Other Guests Present: (non-voting)

Donna Hisey, Expedia Cruise
Kathy Kileen, Incoming VP, Division 1 SW
Jim Clark, Harmony Foundation

Secretary Jim Maass announced that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks: President Bill went over some of the highlights from the board meeting the night before. He discussed COVID and what the chapters are or are not doing and talked about some of the issues which will need to be addressed as chapters start up again after we are over the virus. He also mentioned the membership issue facing the district. DVPs are holding ZOOM meetings with the chapters in their divisions. He also spoke about the AIC outreach program. (Secretary note: Rob Menaker in his remarks later in the meeting went into some detail). The Director’s Guild will be starting up again as well as continuing with virtual Leadership Academy under the leadership of Scott Suwabe. The Cruise is still on...more details later in the meeting. The FWD budget is in good shape because nothing is happening so no spending taking place. BHS and HFI issues were also discussed at the BOD meeting. Community Outreach is on hold and so is the Youth in Harmony.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion passes.

Approval of HOD minutes for March 28, 2020. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All Aye. Motion passes.

Recognition of Guests present: President Bill asked Secretary Jim Maass to introduce the guests from his attendance list which he did. Note: Those guests recognized at this time are listed above in the attendance section.

Chapter Eternal. Secretary Jim Maass read the names of those FWD members who passed away during the previous year. A recording of the Phoenix chapter performance of “It Is Well With My Soul” was played during the reading.

John Wright, Ventura, Conejo Valley and San Fernando Valley chapters
Randall Bingel, Greater Phoenix and Mesa chapters
Ron Tiche, Folsom and Hilton Head (SC) chapters
Ronald Brown, Bay Area chapter
Robert Howd, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Lee Perrault, Yuma chapter
Ed Sweatt, Greater Los Angeles chapter
Richard McClain, Reno and South Texas Alamo Regional chapters
Peter Sparaco, Fremont-Hayward chapter
David Briner, South Orange County, Brea, Greater Los Angeles, South Bay chapters
Sean Goodman, San Fernando Valley chapter
Richard Briel, Frank Thorne chapter
James Sherman, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Dwayne De Long, California Delta, Napa Valley and Canton OH Chapters
Greg LeBlanc, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Robert Gibson, Aloha chapter
Bill Reckas, Monterey Peninsula chapter
Karl Adams, III, Stockton chapter
Al Drouin, Nevada-Placer chapter
Frederick Garner, Sun Cities chapter
William Santee, Davis-Vacaville chapter
Walter Nicholas, Bakersfield chapter
Dennis Stohl, Folsom chapter
John Howell, Tucson and Savannah GA chapters
Douglas Anderson, South Bay and Barbary Coast chapters
Bill Young, Santa Maria chapter
Jeffrey Swart, California Delta, Las Vegas and Wasatch Front, UT chapters
David Fletcher, Bakersfield chapter

Paul Bush, Fullerton chapter
Marvin Bos, Crescenta Valley chapter
Robert M. Thompson, Greater Phoenix, Sun Cities and Central Arizona chapters
Les Rosenberger, Davis Vacaville chapter

President Bill introduced Jim Clark, HFI: Jim said “hi” to everyone and reported that the donor choice checks to the FWD and the FWD chapters are being distributed. He thanked everyone for their participation in the program.

Vice President Reports.

Division 1 Southwest, Brent Anderson. He gave some brief remarks augmenting his published report in the HOD brochure. He also thanked everyone for his past six years on the board and wished everyone well.

Division 2 Southeast, Kyle Williamson. He reported that he is setting up ZOOM meetings in another month or so. Stay tuned. He also reported that Westminster will be having a virtual Christmas show.

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Marketing and Public Relations. David Melville. He gave a brief report on what the cruise PR will be in the coming months. There was some discussion.

Youth in Harmony. Kenny Rios. He reported that the schools are not doing much in the way of music so everything is on hold. Not moving forward on any HS quartet contest planning at this time. He mentioned that a new chapter was forming in Las Vegas...mainly younger guys.

Chorus Directors Guild. Scott Suwabe. He discussed that he is getting the “Directors’ Guild back up and running and will be contacting chapter directors, assistant directors in the coming weeks with information. He is looking to have quarterly director ZOOM meetings.

Financial Development. Roe Darnell. Absent. No report.

Finance Update. Rich Owen. He presented the financial statements through September. The district is in good shape. The documents will be posted to the FWD website. Bottom Line: Income \$53,648. Expenses \$8,286. Net Balance. \$45,352.

Approval of the 2021 FWD Budget. Rich Owen presented the 2021 budget. There was discussion. A correction was noted and inserted. It was moved and seconded to approve the amended budget. Motion Passed. The Budget will be posted to the FWD website.

Old Business

No action items discussed.

New Business

Awards Management and Spring 2021. No report.

Leadership Academy. Jeremy Loper. Absent. President Bill reported that planning is in the works for an online seminar free of charge to the members. Jeremy, Scott and he will be working on this with details coming out soon.

Harmony College West. Scott Suwabe reported that he is working on putting this together. Details to come.

Various Issues. Society Board Member, Bernard Priceman gave a brief report on Society issues. He mentioned that the AIC show, Legacy quartet contest and that Harmony U online was a huge success. The big topic of the day is the issue between fund raising...BHS and HFI. They are still talking. He is also spending a lot of time with chapters and district boards on ZOOM and is enjoying the meetings.

Election of Officers for 2021. Craig Hughes presented the slate of officer to the HOD and thanked Dick Whitten and Brent Anderson for their time on the board as they are leaving at the end of this year. Members of the nominating committee are Craig Hughes, Gordon “Mingo” Bergthold, Allan Webb, and Russ Young.

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It was moved and seconded to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Installation of District Officers for 2021. Bernard Priceman, representing the Society, encouraged the district officers during these times of COVID as they represent the FWD. He duly installed the officers.

Community Outreach. Charles Carothers reported he is excited about heading up this new position but not much is going on. He hops to get some things going in January. Various singing groups are not active, but he will continue to communicate with them.

For the Good of the Order. Considering the lateness of the hour, President Bill skipped this item.

Keep the Whole World Singing. A recording of MOH in Bakersfield was played.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
FWD Secretary

2021 FWD Budget-Amended 10-10-2020

					2021 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
	Income				
		500.00 - DUES-Members			
			500.10 Dues Allocations-Events		\$0.00
			500.00 - DUES-Members - Other		\$53,122.50
		Total 500.00 - DUES-Members			\$53,122.50
		501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV			\$0.00
			501.06 Photos		\$0.00
			501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other		\$0.00
		Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV			\$0.00
		502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV			\$15,000.00
		503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV			\$0.00
			503.10 - AZ		\$0.00
			503.50 - NOR CAL WEST		\$0.00
		Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV			\$0.00
		504.00 - WESTUNES			\$0.00
			504.01 - ADS		\$400.00
		Total 504.00 - WESTUNES			\$400.00
		505-Educational Events			\$0.00
			505.01 AZ Leadership Summit		\$0.00
			505.02 NorCal Leadership Summit		\$0.00
			505.03 SoCal Leadership Summit		\$0.00
		Total 505-Educational Events			\$0.00
		506.00 - OTHER			\$0.00
			506.05 Contest Photos		\$0.00
			506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue		\$0.00
		Total 506.00 - OTHER			\$0.00
		510 - Donations			\$0.00
			510.01 - Donations Awards		\$0.00
			510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp		\$4,000.00
			510.04 - Donors Choice HF/BHS		\$2,500.00
		Total 510 - Donations			\$6,500.00
		520.00 - Fees			\$0.00
			520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp		\$2,000.00
			520.04 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
				520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	\$0.00
				520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCal	\$0.00
			Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
		Total 520.00 - Fees			\$2,000.00
Total Income					\$77,022.50
	Expense				\$0.00
		601.00 - HCW/LA Expense			\$0.00
			709.10 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
				709.11 - LA - AZ	\$0.00
				709.12 - LA - SoCal Exp	\$0.00
			Total 709.10 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
		Total 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense			\$0.00
		601.10 - DS15 - District Spring			\$0.00
			Judges-Meals		\$0.00
			Judges-Misc		\$0.00
			Judges Travel		\$0.00

			601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	\$0.00
			601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$0.00
			Judges-Meals	\$0.00
			Judges-Misc	\$0.00
			Judges Travel	\$0.00
			601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$0.00
			601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$0.00
			601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$0.00
			601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$0.00
			601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$0.00
			601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$0.00
			602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$0.00
			602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$0.00
			602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$5,500.00
			602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$550.00
			602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$550.00
			602.01 - DF15 - District Fall -	\$7,500.00
			Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$14,100.00
			602.23 Supplies	\$500.00
			Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$14,600.00
			604.00 - BD MEETING	\$0.00
			604.01 - TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
			604.02 - MEALS	\$500.00
			604.03 - LODGING	\$0.00
			604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	\$250.00
			Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	\$1,750.00
			607.08 - C&J	\$0.00
			607.085 - C&J CAT SCH	\$0.00
			Total 607.08 - C&J	\$0.00
			607.09 - YMIH	\$0.00
			607.095 - AWARDS	\$1,000.00
			607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	\$5,000.00
			607.097 Youth Festival Grants	\$500.00
			Total 607.09 - YMIH	\$6,500.00
			607.10 - EVENTS	\$0.00
			607.101 - SUPPLIES	\$600.00
			Total 607.10 - EVENTS	\$600.00
			607.12 - MKTG & PR	\$0.00
			607.122 - POSTAGE	\$34.20
			607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	\$3,249.00
			607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	\$2,704.98
			607.125 - Ads purchased/placed	\$1,950.00
			708.00 - WESTUNES	\$1,909.00
			Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	\$9,847.18
			609.00 - MISC EXP	\$0.00
			609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	\$2,200.00
			609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	\$600.00
			610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	\$3,500.00
			611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	\$8,000.00

		622.00 - GOV'T FEES		\$150.00
		700.00 - PRESIDENT		\$0.00
			600.00 - AWARDS	\$500.00
			607.13 - HISTORIAN	\$1,000.00
			607.17 - President Exp Other	\$500.00
			700.03 - TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
			700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXPENSE	\$2,000.00
			700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	\$0.00
		Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT		\$5,000.00
		703.00 - EVP		\$0.00
			703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	\$1,000.00
			703.04 - EVP Supplies	\$100.00
			703.05 - EVP International Exp	\$2,000.00
			703.06 - EVP Mid-Winter Exp	\$0.00
			703.08 - EVP Business Expenses	\$100.00
		Total 703.00 - EVP		\$3,200.00
		704.00 - DVP		\$0.00
			704.10 - DVP AZ	\$0.00
			704.13-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.10 - DVP AZ		\$500.00
			704.20 - DVP SoCal East	\$0.00
			704.23-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.20 - DVP SoCal East		\$500.00
			704.30 - DVP SoCal West	\$0.00
			704.33-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.30 - DVP SoCal West		\$500.00
			704.40 - DVP NorCal West	\$0.00
			704.43-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.40 - DVP NorCal West		\$500.00
			704.50 - DVP NorCal East	\$0.00
			704.53-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.50 - DVP NorCal East		\$500.00
		Total 704.00 - DVP		\$2,500.00
		705.00 - SECRETARY		\$0.00
			705.02 - Postage	\$100.00
			705.03 - Supplies	\$100.00
			603.00 - INSURANCE	\$180.00
		Total 705.00 - SECRETARY		\$380.00
		706.00 - TREASURER		\$0.00
			706.02 - POSTAGE	\$100.00
			706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$75.00
			706.04-Subscriptions	\$200.00
			706.05-Training	\$150.00
			706.06-Travel	\$0.00
		Total 706.00 - TREASURER		\$525.00
Total Expense				\$59,352.18
Net Ordinary Income				\$17,670.32
				\$17,670.32

Financial Documents Attached

Statement of Financial Position

**Statement of Financial
Income & Expenses**

FWD
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2020

	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
FWD-CHECKING	70,948.70	15,526.18	55,422.52	357.0%
Total Checking/Savings	70,948.70	15,526.18	55,422.52	357.0%
Total Current Assets	70,948.70	15,526.18	55,422.52	357.0%
Other Assets				
Security Deposits Asset	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Assets	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	72,198.70	16,776.18	55,422.52	330.4%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Credit Cards				
Mastercard-Bank of America	25.00	-0.15	25.15	16,766.7%
Total Credit Cards	25.00	-0.15	25.15	16,766.7%
Other Current Liabilities				
449.00 - Quartet travel	2,167.40	3,076.43	-909.03	-29.6%
450.00 - Chorus travel	6,636.00	7,099.50	-463.50	-6.5%
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,803.40	10,175.93	-1,372.53	-13.5%
Total Current Liabilities	8,828.40	10,175.78	-1,347.38	-13.2%
Total Liabilities	8,828.40	10,175.78	-1,347.38	-13.2%
Equity				
446.00 - Youth Ed	2,471.25	2,471.25	0.00	0.0%
447.00 - NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP	13,996.19	13,996.19	0.00	0.0%
451.00 - Surplus 12/31/2010	62,453.11	62,453.11	0.00	0.0%
Retained Earnings	-72,320.15	-29,572.76	-42,747.39	-144.6%
Net Income	56,769.90	-42,747.39	99,517.29	232.8%
Total Equity	63,370.30	6,600.40	56,769.90	860.1%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	72,198.70	16,776.18	55,422.52	330.4%

FWD
Statement of Financial Income and Expense

January through December 2020

	<u>AZ - Arizona Div</u>	<u>AZ Leadership Academy</u>	<u>DF - Fall</u>	<u>DS-Spring</u>	<u>FWD-Operations</u>	<u>NC Division</u>	<u>NoCal Youth</u>	<u>NorCal Leadership Acad</u>	<u>SC - So Cal Div</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
500.00 - DUES-Members	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,205.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,205.67
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,732.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,732.50
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	0.00	0.00	680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	680.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV										
503.10 - AZ	625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	625.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
503.40 - NOR CAL WEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	625.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,345.00
510 - Donations										
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,168.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,168.84
510.05 - BHS Donors Choice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
510.07 donations-Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Total 510 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,198.84	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	8,373.84
520.00 - Fees										
520.04 - Leadership Academy										
520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	0.00	-300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-450.00	0.00	-450.00
Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy	0.00	-300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-450.00	0.00	-750.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	0.00	-300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-450.00	0.00	-750.00
Total Income	625.00	-300.00	680.00	4,822.50	59,404.51	630.00	175.00	-450.00	0.00	65,587.01
Expense										
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,079.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,079.70
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp										
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	0.00	0.00	3,027.29	0.00	54.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,081.63
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp - Other	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	0.00	0.00	3,527.29	0.00	54.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,581.63
607.11 - MUSIC & PERF										
607.110 - CHAPT COACHING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.30
Total 607.11 - MUSIC & PERF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.30
608.00 - Donations										
608.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total 608.00 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,048.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,048.23
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	37.99	12.25	25.41	377.40	1.47	36.22	0.00	1.75	1.32	493.81
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.85
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-463.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-463.50
622.00 - GOV'T FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT										
600.00 - AWARDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.35
607.16 - HALL OF FAME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	267.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	267.39
700.03 - TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.75
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.35	367.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	601.49
704.00 - DVP										
704.10 - DVP AZ										
704.13-TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30
Total 704.10 - DVP AZ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30
Total 704.00 - DVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.30
705.00 - SECRETARY										
603.00 - INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00

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	January through December 2020									
	AZ - Arizona Div	AZ Leadership Academy	DF - Fall	DS-Spring	FWD-Operations	NC Division	NoCal Youth	NorCal Leadership Acad	SC - So Cal Div	TOTAL
Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
706.00 - TREASURER										
706.02 - POSTAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.00
706.04-Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Total 706.00 - TREASURER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.00
Total Expense	37.99	12.25	3,552.70	1,691.45	3,483.43	36.22	0.00	1.75	1.32	8,817.11
Net Ordinary Income	587.01	-312.25	-2,872.70	3,131.05	55,921.08	593.78	175.00	-451.75	-1.32	56,769.90
Net Income	587.01	-312.25	-2,872.70	3,131.05	55,921.08	593.78	175.00	-451.75	-1.32	56,769.90