

Far Western District

Fall 2022 Convention

Double Tree Hotel

October 13-16, 2022

Fresno, California

BOD and HOD Brochure



President's Message



Bill Rosica, FWD President

When I was installed in October of 2019 by then Society Board Member Bernard Priceman, I had planned on a very busy schedule, beginning with the Contest-at-Sea. Even before our next meeting in the spring of 2020, things had changed with Covid-19 rearing its ugly head. At times, I felt like pushing the “Hold” Button and wait until Covid blew over to begin my term. Well, life doesn’t stop for anything. Covid eventually put a stop to the Contest-at-Sea and the spring Convention and eventually the International Convention in Los Angeles.

These cancellations were tough, but through it all Chapters found ways to keep singing. We all learned the term, “You’re Muted”, very quickly. Zoom® was a life saver for some chapters and for others, outdoor singing, masks and in my chapter, The Masters, with a grant from the LA Arts Commission, used a new system called JackTrip® allowing singing with little to no latency. I attended a few chapter meetings using Zoom® and found that those who didn’t sing still got together to watch former Quartet and Chorus Champs from old files and even told stories about “the good old days”. The Brotherhood was still alive and kicking.

We lost a few chapters because of Covid, but we gained some new members as well. I would encourage all chapters to provide an Open House night to all men and women if you have a mixed chorus to introduce them to our style of singing. I just visited to my brother in Oregon and his mixed chorus is singing better than ever. And like it or not “Everyone in Harmony” could be what saves some chapters.

I’d like to thank the District Board and the District Management Team for keeping a good attitude through the past three years. There was never a time when we accented the negative. Everyone looked for new and better ideas to “Keep the Whole World Singing”. Our Fall contest is shaping up to be a great Coming Out Party. We visited with the Fresno Convention Center and they are very excited about having us back in their town. We worked on getting some local TV Coverage during the event and especially at the Massed Sing in the Arrium of the Hotel.

I’d like to say a special thanks to my mentor and Immediate Past President, Craig Hughes. Not only did he help me through some difficult times, but he had his own two years as president and filled in for Mongo while he was on the mend from back surgery. Craig didn’t let any moss grow under his feet as he now is president of The Masters. Talk about going from the frying pan into the fire. Thanks Craig! Your advice was spot on in those areas where I need sage advice.

Your next president, provided he gets enough votes, (lol) will be Kenny Rios from Las Vegas. I know he is a high energy guy and has plans for the district to move forward in the next couple of years. In his shadows will be Executive VP, Adam Kaufman from the Phoenix area. Adam has done a great job of keeping tabs on the folks over in Arizona and has plans for the Fall Convention in 2023.

Finally, thanks to the many of you who had enough faith in me to put me into this office. I learned a lot about dealing with adversity. I never thought that when I joined the Society 40 years ago, I would have been in this position. I am humbled and joyful for the time I spent as your president. I will continue to do what I can to make, **no to keep** the Far Western District the best District in the Society.

Far Western District Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2022
Time 1:30 PM
Double Tree Hotel
Sequoia Romm

1. Call to Order with the singing of The Old Songs Bill Rosica
2. Roll Call Jim Maass
3. Opening Remarks and introduction of guests Bill Rosica
4. Approval of Agenda Bill Rosica
5. Approval of Minutes Bill Rosica
 - a. August 27, 2022 Summer Board Meeting
6. Treasurers Report Rich Owen
Financial Reports
7. BHS and HFI

Barbershop Harmony Society Representative Joe Ceruti
Harmony Foundation International Jim Clark
8. Special Business Rich Owen
2023 FWD Budget
9. Old Business
 - a. Nominating Committee Report Craig Hughes
 - b. Convention Venues Bill Rosica
 - c. Barbershop Cruse Bill Rosica
 - d. Expense Reports Rich Owen
 - e. Show Clearance Update Jim Maass
10. New Business
11. Vice Presidents Reports
 - a. Division 1 Southwest Kathy Kileen
 - b. Division 2 Southeast Cody Littlefield
 - c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
 - d. Division 4 Northwest Chuck Roots

- e. Division 5 Arizona
- f. Contest and Judging
- g. Music and Performance

Adam Kaufman
Randy Meyer
Position Vacant

12. District Management Team

- a. Membership
- b. Chorus Directors Development
- c. Events
- d. Marketing and Public Relations
- e. Youth in Harmony
- f. Financial Development
- g. Community Outreach

Bill Rosica
Jeremy Loper
Scott Suwabe
Bill Rosica
David Melville
Kenny Rios
Roe Darnell
Charles Carothers

13. Adjourn with the singing of Keep the Whole World Singing

Far Western District House of Delegates Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2022
Time of Meeting 11:00 AM
Double Tree Hotel
Sequoia Romm

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| 1. Call to Order | Bill Rosica |
| 2. Singing The Old Songs | Cody Littlefield |
| 3. Roll Call | Jim Maass |
| 4. Opening Remarks | Bill Rosica |
| 5. Introduction of Guests | Bill Rosica |
| 6. Special Guests | |
| Comments from Harmony Hall—BHS Representative | Joe Cerutti |
| Comments from Harmony Foundation Reps | Jim Clark/Donny Rose |
| 7. Additions to the Agenda | Bill Rosica |
| 8. Approval of Minutes
May 13, 2022 | Bill Rosica |
| 9. Reading of Chapter Eternal Names
District Champions Vocalcity | Jim Maass |
| 10. Treasurer's Report
Financial Update
Presentation of 2023 Budget | Rich Owen |
| 11. Special Business: Approval of the 2023 Budget | Rich Owen |
| 12. Old Business | |
| a. Nominating Committee—Presentation of Slate | Craig Hughes |
| b. Election of new Officers | |
| 13. Installation of new Officers | Joe Cerutti |
| 14. New Business | |
| 15. Vice Presidents Reports | |
| a. Division 1 Southwest | Kathy Kileen |
| b. Division 2 Southeast | Cody Littlefield |
| c. Division 3 Northwest | Rich Postal |

- d. Division 4 Northwest
 - e. Division 5 Arizona
 - f. Contest and Judging
 - g. Music and Performance
- Chuck Roots
Adam Kaufman
Randy Meyer
Position Vacant

16. District Management Team

- a. Membership
 - b. Chorus Directors Development
 - c. Events
 - i. Convention Manual
 - ii. Hawaii bid for Fall 2023 Convention
 - d. Marketing and Public Relations
 - e. Youth in Harmony
 - f. Financial Development
 - g. Endowment Funds
 - h. Donor's Choice Update
 - i. Directors Guild
- Bill Rosica

Jeremy Loper
Scott Suwabe
Bill Rosica
Bill Rosica/David Melville
Bill Rosica

David Melville
Kenny Rios
Roe Darnell
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Scott Suwabe

17. Keep the Whole World Singing

Jim Maass

18. Adjourn

Board Member Reports



Kenny Rios, Executive Vice President

Everything old is new again and everything new is, well...exciting!! But before I get into that, I'd like to introduce myself for those who are new to our District or still don't know me.

I currently hail from Sin City...The Entertainment Capital of the World...the Glitter Gulch...The Marriage/Divorce capital of the World...Lost Wages...all known as Las Vegas, Nevada.

I started my Barbershop career in Pasadena, California singing with the Crown City Chorus in 1984. Later that year, I left the Crown City Chorus and became a Founding Father of the Masters of Harmony along with 7 other men. I was the chapter's first Secretary and we chartered the chapter in 1985. Unfortunately for me, I was transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1987 just as we were picking up steam for our quest to be on an International stage. Upon moving to Las Vegas, I then sang with the Las Vegas Gamblaires and then with The City of Lights Chorus, also from Las Vegas. The two chapters eventually merged and became the present Las Vegas chapter, The Silver Statesmen Chorus. I, like most of you, have held several offices while singing Barbershop. The only office I haven't held is Treasurer.

I am married to my beautiful wife, Renee, who also sings Barbershop with Sweet Adeline, Inc. She will be with me in Fresno so please track us down to say "Hi!" We have 4 adult children and six grandkids, so far.

As we all are finally coming out of the pandemic, this Fall Convention will be the epitome of the saying, "Everything old is new again." Why? Well, as we gather for our first Fall Convention since 2019, what was a **past** experience for a lot of us will be almost like a **new** experience. Not only do we get to enjoy the Barbershop Convention as in days gone, but we also get to venture further into "All in Harmony." This year's Fall Convention will, once again, allow us to see and hear men's, women's and mixed quartets and choruses...and that's exciting!! Some chapters in our District are just now getting back on their feet while others have continued to meet through Zoom and even in person. Either way we look at it, it's time we come together in Fresno to do what we do best... gather as brothers and sisters through the magic of music. I'm looking forward to the applause, cheering and show of support of all who cross the Fresno stage. Now THAT is exciting!!

Even though our craft is “old” hat to a lot of us, everything old is new, **ONCE** again.

If you haven't registered for the Fall convention yet, do so today. Don't miss out on our return to barbershop harmony and brotherhood/sisterhood. Because...**WE. ARE. BACK!!!**

Please look for my wife and me and say hello to us!! We both are looking forward to not only seeing our old friends again but are also excited to welcome new faces into our family!



Jim Maass, Secretary

A reminder to all chapter secretaries on the procedure for filing for show clearance.

BMI/SESAC LICENSE and Show Clearance

File these for EACH performance:

1. Go to the FWD Website (farwesterndistrict.org).
2. Navigate to Media > Show Clearance Forms.
3. Download the file “*** **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION & MAILING*****”.
4. READ the detailed instructions in that file.
5. Download the latest Application for Show Clearance BMI & SESAC LICENSE Form (**NEW as of July 1, 2022**).
6. Complete the form per the instructions (you can fill out and then print the form using your computer).
7. Have your Treasurer issue a check, payable to either “BHS” or “SPEBSQSA” for the amount due (usually \$50.00 per performance).

8. **IMPORTANT: DO NOT MAIL THE FORM AND CHECK TO BHS!** This will only slow down the process. Instead, mail the check and form to your District Secretary, whose address you will find in the instructions downloaded in Step 3.

Following these procedures will get your show cleared and added to the district calendar in short order.

ASCAP Reporting Forms

File Annually

1. Go to the FWD Website (farwesterndistrict.org).
2. Navigate to Media > Show Clearance Forms.
3. Download the file “*** **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION & MAILING*****”.
4. **READ** the detailed instructions in that file.
5. Download the latest ASCAP Reporting Form.
6. Have your treasurer cut a check payable to "Barbershop Harmony Society".
7. Mail the form and check to BHS per the instructions.

NOTICE

Now that the House of Delegates will be meeting in person since the pandemic ZOOM meeting are hopefully a thing of the past, **DELEGATE CREDENTIALS** will be required to be submitted in person before the meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022. The Credential Document can be found at the end of this HOD Brochure. Fill it out and bring it with you.



Rich Owen, Treasurer

The 2023 proposed budget is attached in the appendix section of this report and ready for your review. It will be discussed and voted upon at the HOD meeting. Additional financial information will also be available during that meeting



Kathy Kileen, Division 1 Vice President (Southwest)

Well. I have good news and I have bad news. Bad news first. I have not one chorus, under my watch, registered to compete in Fresno this fall. I say “I”, and not we, because I take this personally. I have failed in my efforts to encourage my choruses to come back to barbershop. To come back to their roots, to recapture that which enticed them in the first place.

I know that things are not like they once were. I know that many of my choruses are struggling with membership and keeping a director. They are hanging on by their fingernails. Some have given up and are not singing at all anymore. How sad it that. All of this is heartbreaking for me. I so want them to take one more bit of effort to rebuild. Yes, it takes time. Yes, it’s not easy. Yes, it takes the risk of changing things to make others want to join and have what you offer.

It really does come down to change, doesn't it? Change is not necessarily a bad action. Things change, people change, life changes. Our society, both sociological and barbershopical, (I made up that word – thank you, Jeff Baker) is not now what it once was.

Like most things, there are good and bad changes. And sometimes we can't recognize the difference. Some of us are stuck in the changes and have forgotten what it means to just gather and sing.

And that brings me to the good news!

An idea came to fruition, and it seems to be garnering good results. The powers behind the scenes love it and have given their endorsement and encouragement.

I have introduced this idea in person to a few choruses and some have openly embraced the idea, while others have agreed to consider participating. I'm thrilled with those who are committed to playing with us, and hopeful others will just show up.

We're building a Southwest Division Chorus to take the stage in Fresno for evaluation only!! Think of what this means.

So far, we have around forty singers with varied contest experience. I hoping to have at least another forty singers who want to have the experience of standing on the risers and giving it their all. Heart and soul all. The whole enchilada...from dusting off their music to make sure they know it well, to rehearsing on Friday, to smiling their faces off for the audience, to taking in that thunderous applause from the audience.

And that's not all. There's the evaluation!

We get to gather with representatives from the judging panel who will critique our performance. They will coach and encourage us. They will remind us of good singing practices and techniques. They will help us fall in love with barbershop again if need be. It will be a good thing.

Hopefully, this experience will catapult some to go home and get busy rebuilding. And for those choruses who are successful and thriving, I hope this experience helps you to appreciate the effort of those who keep your choruses healthy and moving forward.

Go home and thank your director and management team for taking good care of you and your chorus. I'm not sure we do enough of that.



Cody Littlefield, Division 2 Vice President (Southeast)

The Southeast Division of the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society is proud to be represented by the following chapters at the 2022 FWD Fall Convention:

- Gaslight Chorus, Brea, CA
- Orange Empire Chorus, Fullerton, CA
- Pacific Coast Harmony, La Jolla, CA
- Silver Statesmen, Las Vegas, NV
- Sun Harbor Chorus, San Diego, CA

What an exciting time to be a part of the Far Western District! Part of my job as the Division Vice President of the Southeast Division is to encourage chapters to sing at division and district contests in their respective choruses and quartets. However, as you know, it's so much more than that. It's the people, the laughter, and the bonds we share that make this hobby worthwhile. Nothing brings me more joy than to experience Barbershop Harmony within OUR district. Nothing tops that Barbershop experience for me. Our people, our history...it's an untouchable experience.

If you see a fellow Barbershopper in Fresno, please take the time to extend a warm handshake and ring a few chords. One of the many beautiful experiences is to experience harmony with someone you may not know. This is what bonds us as humans. Additionally, if you see someone wearing a Board of Directors nametag, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to engaging you in personable conversation!

Lastly, remember this as you take the stage in Fresno: Whether it's your first time or 20th time at District, soak up every bit of butterflies you feel and ALL the energy you receive from the audience. Feelings like this don't come around very often. Have a blast! I'll be cheering you on!



Rich Postal, Division 3 Vice President (Northwest)

This has been a strange summer in that there are a number of significant Barbershop events that took place such as our International Convention in Charlotte and most recently Harmony University. During this period I have visited a number of Chapters in my Division and found spotty attendance at some and moderate attendance at others. Some of the folks blame it on the summer doldrums and others are hanging on to Covid. As we progress into the fall, I hope there will be a renewed interest in this hobby that we all love. I feel that those groups that have the best attendance have performance goals upcoming, be it the Fall Contest in Fresno or Chapter Show(s) or even Farmer's Market singouts. Every person needs to know how important they are to the overall sound of the chorus. It is especially true for small choruses who need all four parts at any given rehearsal. This job of letting others know they are missed is not exclusive to the officers of the Chapter, but to all the members. Following is an article that came from another organization's newsletter.

The Member Who Never Came Back

It amuses me to think that your group spends so much time looking for new members while I was there all the time.

Do you remember me? I am the person you asked to join, I paid my dues and was asked to be a loyal and faithful member?

I am the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and sit with.

I sat with different people several times but they did not pay much attention to me. I hoped that someone would ask me to join one of the committees or do something, but no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. When I came again no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter much whether I came or not. Next time I decided to stay home and watch a good TV show. When I came back again, no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say I'm a good person and fun loving and religious. You know what else I am?

I'm the member who never came back.



Chuck Roots, Division 4 Vice President (Northeast)

Congratulations to the new International Champion Quartet, Quorum, and to the new Champion Chorus, Music City!

Perhaps some of you had a chance to attend the fun in Charlotte, North Carolina. Or you watched it via some electronic trickery (I would never be mistaken for a “techie,” or “tekkie” if you prefer). In any event, it was obvious that everyone, singers, and others, were delighted to once again be back singing on the big stage.

From all that we are told, Covid will be with us for a long time. Undoubtedly, we have lost some of our fellow barbershoppers to this virus, and it has certainly had a major impact on our ability to sing together, causing some of us to hibernate from any outside the home activities. Obviously, there is a large percentage of us who are in the senior citizen category, a portion of our population that seems to be particularly at risk to this pandemic. Let me just point out that if you are making the choice to stay away from social contact, then we respect that decision. Several guys I know are medically at risk, or their spouse is at risk, so their decision to absent themselves is certainly the correct one.

But there is another category of our brothers and sisters that have yet to rejoin their chapter. The reason is they have grown comfortable not getting out on rehearsal night, choosing to stay home, or engage in something other than this great hobby we all love. If you know someone like this, do them, and your chapter a favor by sending them a card, or make the phone call inviting them to come back. If they do not hear from someone, they may feel they are not really wanted. As a former pastor, I can tell you that one of the biggest reasons people do not come back to church is that they never hear from anyone, the pastor, or a church member. The same is true for our hobby. So, make that call! Write that card!

No one could foresee this pandemic, and certainly not the length of time it would last. But we have pressed through. And we will continue to push back against this health issue. Our singing is vital to our very existence. It lifts the spirits and brings a stronger sense of belonging and unity within the human family.

To borrow from the Bible, Psalm 100 says, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord . . . with singing.” Whether you sing for joy to the Lord God, or just sing for personal pleasure, either way, it is good for the soul! And everybody said, “Amen!”



Adam Kaufman, Division 5 Vice President (Arizona)

Barbershop is Fun

I want to remind all of you about something.

Barbershop is fun.

Yes, we like competing.

Yes, we like doing shows.

However, the reason we do all of this is for fun!

This year we brought back the Arizona Summer Bash, and it was one heck of a party! Friday night there were over 100 people in attendance. They were wowed by 5 quartets and 2 choruses. Saturday afternoon Cary Burns held a very successful Tag Zone, and then Saturday night there were 9 Luck of The Draw quartets, a novice quartet, and a VLQ.

The Tuesday night after The Bash, The Phoenicians held an open house where 30 plus singers showed up! Barbershop fun was had!

Work is continuing behind the scenes to help bring this storied chapter back to prominence.

The AZ Division in conjunction with The Phoenicians has plans in the works for an Octoberfest on October 8th in Papago Park. Food, Beer, & Singing...FUN!

#barbershopisfun

On a personal note... this is going to be my last report as the DVP for Arizona, I was honored to be asked and accepted the nomination to be the next EVP of the FWD. It has been a privilege to serve the AZ division, I am not going anywhere, and I am leaving the division in the capable

hands of Aaron Burleson. Aaron is a long time barbershopper who is on multiple chapter boards here in Arizona, and will have my full cooperation and support. But enough of that!

I am encouraging anyone who is reading this to find more ways to have fun with our hobby. Have an afterglow...even if you don't have a show. Do some pick-up quarteting. Sing tags. Whatever is fun for you...do it! Invite friends, invite acquaintances, invite people you just met.

If you going to have a fun event... please invite me!

Remember...Barbershop is fun.

#barbershopisfun



Randy Meyer, Contest and Judging Vice President

- 1) Fall 2022 Contest – Fresno
 - a. 33 quartets – awards for District Qt Champ, Novice Champ, Senior Champ, Super Senior Champ, plus Senior quartet qualifying for 2023 Senior International (Daytona Beach)
 - b. 15 choruses – awards for District Chorus Champ, A/AA/AAA plateaus, and most improved
 - c. Top scoring chorus, plus all choruses scoring 80% or higher (1440 points) qualify for 2023 International Chorus contest
- 2) 2023 Spring contests
 - a. We will return to our normal divisional contests in 2023. International quartet prelims will be in conjunction with combined SoCal East/West. Divisional-only contests for combined NorCal East/West and Arizona. See FWD calendar for dates.
 - b. Qualification for fall contest will be by score in division contests
 - i. Quartets – 68% or higher
 - ii. Choruses – 62% or higher

- iii. Top FIVE scoring Senior quartets after all divisions are completed will be invited (per FWD SOP)
 - iv. Top scoring Super Senior quartet after all divisions are completed will be declared 2023 District Super Senior Champion (per FWD SOP)
 - v. Additional groups may be invited after all contests complete
- 3) 2023 Category School
- a. Currently certified and candidate judges will be invited to re-certify at Category School in July 2023
 - b. FWD currently has 15 certified judges, and 3 candidates
 - c. Applications to enter the judging program will open immediately following International 2023 and must be in by the end of 2023 to be considered. At least 3 FWD members have already expressed an interest in joining / re-joining the program.

Music and Performance Vice President Position is vacant



Craig Hughes, Immediate Past President

Our 2022 International Convention was historic.

I was in Charlotte, NC, three months ago with thousands enjoying the gift of close harmony. It was our first experience with a gender-neutral International Convention and Contest. It didn't matter who was singing as long as there were four parts in the Barbershop Style. The variety and simplicity were magical. No need to guess about qualifications, just relax and enjoy. I was happy to participate and not provide an official judgement.

While some of us had strong feelings about the changes and how they were implemented, the support for the competitors was incredible. Cut through the controversy and we had an arena full of wonderful people – **Barbershoppers**.

My short message is this: The changes to our Society were divisive, and the implementation was flawed but . . . if you are sitting out, please return and help with the healing. Your participation isn't a sign of approval but a sign of love. Love for the music and the people. Your Quartet, Chapter, District and Society need your voice and smile.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Fall Convention in Fresno. Barbershop is back and more fun than ever. Please help share our joy with the rest of the World.
It is truly "Great to be a Barbershopper!"
"Keep the Whole World Singing,"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig B Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Management Team Reports

(The following were the only reports submitted)



David Melville, Marketing and Public Relations

On-Line Store

The FWD Online Store went “LIVE” on October 3 and we have already begun receiving orders. It features men’s and women’s t-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts, kid and baby products, caps and hats, bags and backpacks, mugs and drink-wear, stickers, iPhone cases, and even face masks. All feature the FWD logo, and for a limited time we are also offering Fresno Convention logo items. Special thanks to Adam Kaufman, Cody Littlefield, and Jeremy Loper for making this happen.

We’ve also talked about having a Convention Logo Design Contest to drum up clever ideas as well as get more people involved. If chosen, the winner would get a pair of VIP tickets to the convention, a free t-shirt, and of course bragging rights.

Email List

Slowly getting though the re-write of the process to use the new BHS Member Center district report spreadsheet data as input. Data quality is still a challenge, and chapter/chorus information is missing the most basic information

Website update

Joomla 4 is out. This is a major release and will require a massive conversion. Still waiting for a few of our key software components to be J4 compatible.

Convention registration

Advanced registration opened August 10 with 21 people signing up the first day. Currently we are at 487 attendees of which 338 are competitors. Randy estimates there will be around 360 competing, so there are still more to come. Typically, there is a flurry at the tail end of registration, plus those who will register on-site, and I estimate our final count will be somewhere between 550 and 600.

This year we offered Late Show tickets as an add-on to the convention registration, and this has turned out exceptionally well, with roughly 100 more tickets sold than in recent years.

Westins

Cody Littlefield as agreed to act as Southeast Division Editor, at least until he can find someone in his division to take on the job. Chuck Roots doesn't know it yet, but I'm asking him to do the same for Northeast. It's really important that we get all our chapters engaged, and the division editors are key in making that happen.



Kenny Rios, Youth in Harmony

The past 12 months have been extremely successful for the FWD YIH program. Even though we had a set back last year with the cancellation of the Boy's Youth Camp in Northern California, we were able to put on a successful visit to 18 schools in Southern California by 5 Medalist Quartets reaching about 1500 kids. A follow up to that, in April, saw us attract about 200 kids for an all day seminar with clinician Donny Rose and the International Quartet, "Signature."

Our next focus will be on Southern Nevada in 2023. The plan is to bring in 3 International Quartets to the Las Vegas valley where we plan on visiting 15 schools in two days which will include the outlining City of Henderson, Nevada. The "follow up" to that January event will occur in April of 2023 where we bring in an International Quartet and a clinician to orchestrate a one day seminar with about 200 kids to teach them a couple of pieces of music to perform at an evening show along side our International Quartet. I will be reaching out to Southern Utah to include them in this venture.

Later in 2023, I'd like to expand our reach to Arizona, Reno and Northern California starting in October 2023 with a "follow up" undertaking in early 2024. By 2024, I'm looking at extending our Program to all area to also include Hawaii.

I have selected Antwun Puckett from Las Vegas, Nevada, and former Bass of FWD High School Champs, "Cross City Harmonizers" to spearhead the project in Nevada. He has enthusiastically accepted.

The need to expand our art form to high school and college students has never been more apparent as we continue to see our membership decline. Although we gladly accept membership from High School or College students, recruitment of these young people is NOT the focal of our endeavor...but planting the seed for the future is. Our youth IS our future.

Attachments

Board of Directors Minutes for August 27, 2022

House of Delegates Minutes for May 13, 2022

FWD 2023 Proposed Budget

FWD Nominating Committee Report

House of Delegates Credentials Form

**Far Western District Board
of Directors Meeting Via
Zoom
Minutes**

August 27, 2022

1. Call to Order Bill Rosica

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rosica at 5:05 PM

2. Roll Call Jim Maass

Secretary Jim Maass took the roll. The following board members were present. Bill Rosica, Rich Owen, Jim Maass, Kathy Kileen, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufman, Randy Meyer, Kenny Rios and Craig Hughes. The following board members were absent. Cody Littlefield and Rob Menaker.

The following Management Team members were present. David Melville, Jeremy Loper and Scott Suwabe.

The following guests were present. Greg Dreyer and Skip Farrar.

3. Opening Remarks and Introduction of guests Bill Rosica

President Bill thanked everyone for stepping up to the plate and is pleased with what the district has been doing. He brought up board jackets and patches for new board members.

4. Accepting the Agenda Bill Rosica

The Fremont-Hayward charter was added to the agenda under New Business. It was moved, seconded that the amended agenda be approved. All by aye. Motion passed

5. Approval of Minutes Jim Maass

- a. May 13, 2022, Board Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All by aye. Motion passed.

6. Treasurers Report Rich Owen

Rich gave a brief update on financials for the district through Aug. 22nd. District made \$55K this year and the balance of cash on hand is \$173,843. Because of Covid there hasn't been much spending, so the district is in good shape. However Rich cautioned that it can change once things return to normal.

7. Barbershop Harmony Society Representative: Katie McDonald was not in attendance but will be at the District Convention in Fresno in October.

8. Special Business.

2023 Far Western District Draft Budget

Rich Owen

Rich shared ZOOM screen shots of the proposed budget and discussed several of the line items. He went through the income section in detail and indicated the budget is in the “red” because of the difficulty in projecting next year’s income. There was discussion on the income portion of the budget and additions and correction were proposed and incorporated. Rich also went through the expense items. There was discussion and input.

It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as amended. Motion passed, all aye vote.

9. Old Business

a. Nominating Committee Report

Craig Hughes

Craig thanked Jim Maass and Rob Menaker for their service to the district, both of whom are leaving the board at the end of December. He presented the slate of officers. The AZ DVP position is not yet filled. He is waiting for the candidate to let him know if he will accept the nomination. The Board by all aye vote moved to accept the nomination slate as presented. The one vacant positron will be filled in for the October Board meeting and then presented to the HOD for their approval.

Board Position	2023
President	Kenny Rios
Executive Vice President	Adam Kaufman
Immediate Past President	Bill Rosica
Secretary	Greg Dreyer
Treasurer	Rich Owen
VP Div.1 SW	Kathy Kileen
VP Div. 2 SE	Cody Littlefield
VP Div.3 NW	Rich Postal
VP Div. 4 NE	Chuck Roots
VP Div. 5 AZ	TBD
VP Contest and Judging	Randy Meyer
VP Music & Performance	Chris Hebert

b. Convention Venues

Bill Rosica

Bill gave a report on the Fresno venue for October, and everything looks good. He also reported that Bakersfield for next years is on track as well. He is also working on the

Spring convention in SoCal for next year. Possibility of being in Burbank. 2023 Fall maybe in AZ or back to Bakersfield. That is TBD.

10. New Business

a. Barbershop Cruise

Bill Rosica

Bill suggested that the FWD look at a “barbershop cruise” in the near future. Not a contest but just a cruise with singing and entertainment sponsored by the FWD. This item to be put over for further consideration.

b. Expense Reports

Bill Rosica

Rich Owen reminded everyone about submitting expense reports in a timely manner. There are two types of expenses. Travel and “other” and to be sure to use the form for submitting reports.

c. Show Clearance Update

Jim Maass

Jim reported that as of July 1, 2022, there is a new BMI show clearance form and that the cost for a show clearance is now \$50 per performance. All the information is on the FWD website under the events tab, show clearance.

d. Fremont-Hayward Charter

Jeremy Loper

Jeremy reported that there is a new mixed chorus in the Orange County area which started right before Covid and are now back together again and interested in chartering. It was moved and seconded to approve the facilitation of transferring the charter to the new prospective Mixed Chorus. Rich Owen will assist. Motion passed.

11. Vice-Presidents Reports (Additional information is in the HOD Brochure posted online)

a. Division 1 Southwest

Kathy Kileen

Kathy updated her written report. The Santa Maria chapter will participate in Fresno in October. The Aloha chorus is going to the Pan Pacific convention next year. She also reported that the Aloha chapter continues to be interested in hosting a fall contest.

b. Division 2 Southeast

Cody Littlefield

Cody was not in attendance at the meeting.

c. Division 3 Northwest

Rich Postal

Rich has visited five chapter. Most have dropped in membership and attendance, and all are experiencing issues which his addicting making suggestions which might help them.

d. Division 4 Northeast

Chuck Roots

Chuck indicated that the larger chapters are coming back but the small ones are struggling. The Fresno chapter is very close to dissolving.

e. Division 5 Arizona

Adam Kaufman

Adam mentioned that August “Bash” in Phoenix was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. Also, the Phoenix chapter is coming back and growing again. Exciting times.

f. Contest and Judging Randy Meyer
Randy indicated the there will be at least 9 choruses in Fresno. Any additional ones, he needs to know ASAP. He reported that there are currently 18 quartets entered and he expect that number will rise to near 30...the cut off limit so he can maintain a triple judging panel. This is an expense issue.

g. Music and Performance Rob Menaker
Rob was not in attendance.

12. District Management Team Kenny Rios, EVP

a. Membership Jeremy Loper
Jeremy reported that FWD membership had increased by 64 from last year.

b. Chorus Director Development Scott Suwabe
Scott continues to assist directors as need and is working on director workshops and the director's Guild.

c. Events Bill Rosica
Bill reported that part one of the convention manual is in edit review and he is working on part two. He is also looking for someone to take the position of Events chair. Any takers?

d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville
David is looking to set up online shopping for FWD Merchandise. He also discussed the issue with VIP seating and that members who do not qualify and selecting those seats. Registration is progressing and he will be using wrist bands and not name tags as admission tickets.

e. Youth in Harmony Kenny Rios
Kenny had nothing to report.

f. Financial Development Roe Darnell
No report

g. Charles Carothers Community Outreach
No report

13. Adjourn. President Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary

**Far Western District
House of Delegates Meeting**

Minutes

Stockton CA

May 13, 2022

Hybrid Meeting in-person and via ZOOM®

1. Call to Order with the singing of The Old Songs Bill Rosica

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rosica at 4:22 PM with the singing of The Old Songs led by Kathy Kileen.

2. Roll Call Jim Maass

The following board members were in attendance:

Bill Rosica, Kenny Rios, Jim Maass, Rich Owen, Kathy Kileen, Cody Littlefield (ZOOM), Rich Postal, Chuck Root, Adam Kaufman, Rob Menaker (ZOOM), and Craig Hughes.

The following management team members were present:

Scott Suwabe, Kenny Rios, Roe Darnell and David Melville.

The following past FWD presidents were in attendance:

Craig Hughes, Chuck Hunter

The following chapters were present in the room:

Bakersfield, Central California, Stockton, Fremont-Heyward, Las Vegas, Greater Los Angeles, and Santa Rosa, and Greater Phoenix.

The following chapters were represented via ZOOM:

California Delta, Sacramento, Sun Cities, Aloha, South Bay, Southwest Vocal Alliance,

Barbary Coast, Crescenta Valley, Mesa, and Walnut Creek.

3. Opening Remarks and introduction of guests Bill Rosica

President Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting. He made reference to his president's message which was sent out to everyone and is posted on the FWD Website. He highlighted some of the points he made.

a. Remarks Society Representative Devin Anna Bradford

Bill introduced Devin Bradford, Society Rep. She said she is excited to be here today and is looking forward to the competition and festival today as well as the International Convention in July.

b. Harmony Foundation JJ Hawkins

Bill introduced JJ Hawkins who was in attendance representing Harmony Foundation. He shared some items with the board which included a review of how the district direct funding works. Up to 40% HFI donations goes back to the district and chapters as designated by the donor. The chapter maximum the donor can designate is 30% with the remaining 10% going to the district. If the donor does not designate, then the district gets the entire 40%. He mentioned the AIC, HFI, with SoCal Vocal Association hosting a Youth in Harmony workshop last October and that there is a second one taking place in So Cal today with Signature quartet the headliner. He also made reference to an Ohio program reaching out to incarcerated youth with music educators and performing quartet and choruses working with them.

4. Approval of Agenda Bill Rosica

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. All Aye.

5. Approval of Minutes Bill Rosica

a. October 8, 2021, Fall Board Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All Aye.

6. Vice-Presidents Reports (Oral)

- a. Division 1 Southwest Kathy Kileen
She brought up that there are chapters in her division struggling...no director, out of the habit of meeting during COVID, etc. There are choruses which are also doing well. She tried to contact all the chapters and is having difficulty having them call her back.
- b. Division 2 Southeast Cody Littlefield
Cody reported that the response to his mass mailing to all his choruses resulted in only two responses. He will continue to reach out and will be visiting them as well.
- c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
He has contacted six of his chapters and has visited four of them. Most are back up and meeting. Two chapters are in a director search now. Chapters are beginning to plan shows and other activities. Some have used the Next-Door social platform and have had some success in getting visitors. The president of the Santa Rosa chapter was introduced, and he mentioned that the chapter is planning Day Camp program. The Fog City director will be assisting as well as Deke Sharon. It will be held on November 19, 2022. Kenny Rios ask him to keep him in the loop as the FWD Youth in Harmony chairman.
- d. Division 4 Northeast Chuck Roots
He commented that even with the ups and downs the past two years, he sees things growing and that there is a desire to connect with people and enjoy singing barbershop harmony. He encourages all chapters to focus on the singing.
- e. Division 5 Arizona Adam Kaufman
Adam welcomed all the AZ delegates who logged into the meeting on ZOOM. He outlined some of the activities the chapters are doing and announced the August Bash will be restarted this year.
- f. Contest and Judging Randy Meyer
He mentioned that the weekend contest and festival will have 14 quartets and 5 choruses. One chorus cancelled due to a COVID outbreak among its members. Eight of the quartets are competing for qualifying International scores. The others are singing for evaluation only.
The October Convention in Fresno will be an open convention. However, there will be a limit set so he encourages everyone to sing up early. A triple judging panel can

handle 30 quartets and 20 choruses.

- g. Music and Performance Rob Menaker

He reported that things are returning to normal. He also reminded everyone that there is district support for quartet coaching and any quartet interested should contact him for details.

- 7. District Management Team Kenny Rios

Kenny Rios, Executive Vice President

- a. Membership Jeremy Loper

- b. Chorus Director Development and Directors Guild Scott Suwabe

Scott mentioned that a chapter in need of a director should reach out to him for assistance. Now that COVID restrictions are easing, there will be a move to getting back together for “in person” directors guild meetings.

- c. Events Bill Rosica

Bill reported that contacts for the hotel and venue for October FWD Convention in Fresno have been signed. Dates for next Spring 2023 have been set.

Bill also mentioned that he is looking for a permanent Events Chairman. Contact him if interested or know someone who can do the job.

Convention Manual Bill Rosica/David Melville

Work in progress. He has finished part one and has two more to go in combining all the manuals into one more concise comprehensive manual. Hopes to have it finished in the next few months.

- d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville

David reported he is continuing to update the FWD website. The email system is having problems working well with the interface with BHS data base. He mentioned

this to the Society Rep in attendance and begged...please fix it! He also requested chapters to send him director search information and he will publish it in Westunes and the website, no charge. He is also looking for division editors for Division 2 and Division 4.

- e. Youth in Harmony Kenny Rios

Kenny briefly mentioned the successful youth festival last October and that a second one was taking place today with AIC, HFI and SoCal Vocal Association as sponsors.

- f. Financial Development Roe Darnell

Roe thanked HFI for the donations the past few years.

- g. Endowment Funds Roe Darnell

He reported that the Harmony Camp and Harmony Foundations are both doing well.

There was some discussion on the issue.

8. Old Business

- a. Financial Review Rich Owen

Rich mentioned the detailed report which is attached to the BOD HOD brochure posted on the FWD website. Rich reported that there is \$180,355.80 in the FWD account.

Harmony Foundation donor program netted \$18,962. The Bay Area Chapter has been dissolved and their assets of \$10,000+ have been transferred to the FWD treasurer. He also reported that the Far Western District Outreach Fund fiscal year value is now \$56,137 and recommends its dividends be rolled over.

There was also some discussion of travel funds and Rich indicated that the BHS dues structure makes it more difficult to determine what's available. He will have a proposal to change how the district allocates the funds for the summer board meeting.

- b. Leadership Academy Jeremy Loper

No Report

- c. Community Outreach Charles Carothers

No Report

9. New Business

- a. Grants from the District Bill Rosica

President Bill said we need something in place to assist chapters struggling with their budgets due to COVID in requesting grants from the FWD. He announced that Rich Owen will head up a committee to put together guidelines and have a report back to the BOD at its next meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 with the singing of Keep the Whole World Singing led by JJ Hawkins.

Respectfully

submitted,

Jim Maass

Secretary

Far Western District

2023 Far Western District Budget

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
500.00 - DUES-Members	
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	\$0.00
500.00 - DUES-Members - Other	\$40,000.00
Total 500.00 - DUES-Members	\$40,000.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	
501.06 Photos	\$0.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other	\$10,000.00
Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	\$10,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	\$20,000.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	
503.10 - AZ	\$5,000.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	\$9,500.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	\$14,500.00
504.00 - WESTUNES	
504.01 - ADS	\$500.00
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES	\$500.00
505-Educational Events	
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	
506.05 Contest Photos	\$0.00
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$300.00
Total 506.00 - OTHER	\$300.00
510 - Donations	
510.01 - Donations Awards	\$550.00
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	\$6,000.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	\$20,000.00
Total 510 - Donations	\$26,550.00
520.00 - Fees	
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	\$9,000.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy	
520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	\$0.00
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCa	\$0.00
Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy	\$0.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	\$9,000.00
Total Income	\$120,850.00
Expense	
506.04 - Transfers Closed Chapt	\$0.00
601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	
709.10 - Leadership Academy	
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	
Judges-Meals	\$800.00
Judges-Misc	\$350.00
Judges Travel	\$7,000.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	\$10,000.00
Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	\$18,150.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	
Judges-Meals	\$400.00
Judges-Misc	\$250.00
Judges Travel	\$3,500.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	\$7,500.00
Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$11,650.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	
601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$5,000.00
601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$1,000.00
601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$100.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other	\$12,500.00
Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$18,600.00
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	
602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$10,000.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$1,500.00
602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$600.00
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall - Other	\$20,000.00
Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$32,100.00
602.23 Supplies	\$300.00
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$32,400.00
604.00 - BD MEETING	
604.01 - TRAVEL	\$3,500.00
604.02 - MEALS	\$1,000.00
604.03 - LODGING	\$5,000.00
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	\$100.00
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	\$9,600.00
607.08 - C&J	
607.085 - C&J CATAGORY SCHOOL	\$10,000.00
Total 607.08 - C&J	\$10,000.00
607.09 - YMIH	
607.095 - AWARDS	\$0.00
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	\$16,000.00
607.097 Youth Festival Grants	\$1,000.00
Total 607.09 - YMIH	\$19,500.00
607.10 - EVENTS	
607.101 - SUPPLIES	\$300.00

Total 607.10 - EVENTS	\$300.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR	
607.122 - POSTAGE	\$34.20
607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	\$250.00
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	\$5,000.00
607.125 - Ads purchased/placed	\$0.00
708.00 - WESTUNES	\$1,000.00
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	<u>\$6,284.20</u>
609.00 - MISC EXP	\$122.75
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	\$2,630.25
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	\$1,735.88
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	\$2,500.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	\$8,500.00
622.00 - GOV'T FEES	\$200.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	
600.00 - AWARDS	\$1,150.00
607.13 - HISTORIAN	\$500.00
607.17 - President Exp Other	\$500.00
700.03 - TRAVEL	\$1,250.00
700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	\$1,250.00
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	<u>\$4,650.00</u>
703.00 - EVP	
703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	\$1,250.00
703.04 - EVP Supplies	\$100.00
703.07 - EVP LODGING	\$1,250.00
703.08 - EVP Business Expenses	\$250.00
Total 703.00 - EVP	<u>\$2,850.00</u>
704.00 - DVP	
704.10 - DVP AZ	
704.13-TRAVEL	\$250.00
Total 704.10 - DVP AZ	<u>\$250.00</u>
704.20 - DVP - SO CAL East	
704.23-TRAVEL	
Total 704.20 - DVP SO CAL EAST	<u>\$250.00</u>
404.30 - DVP SO CAL WEST	
404.33 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.30 - DVP SO CSL WEST	<u>\$250.00</u>
404.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	
404.43 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	<u>\$250.00</u>
404.50 - DVP NOR CAL EAST	
404.53 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total 704.00 - DVP	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
705.00 - SECRETARY	
603.00 - INSURANCE	\$200.00

Total 705.00 - SECRETARY \$200.00

706.00 - TREASURER

706.02 - POSTAGE \$100.00

706.03 - SUPPLIES \$100.00

706.04-Subscriptions \$200.00

706.05-Training \$0.00

706.06-Travel \$250.00

Total 706.00 - TREASURER \$650.00

Total Expense \$151,765.08

Net Ordinary Income \$30,915.08

Net Income \$30,915.08

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT Nominating Committee Report

August 27, 2022

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for 2023.

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We thank Jim Maass and Rob Menaker for their service.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Hughes, Chair
Mongo Bergthold
Bernard Priceman

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

House of Delegates
Far Western District
Fall 2022 Meeting



October 14, 2022
Double Tree Hotel
Fresno, California

This will Certify that the Delegate of the:

(Chapter Name)

Chapter # D-_____ is

(Delegate Name)

Signatures:

Delegate
(Signature)

Chapter President
(Signature)

Completed credentials to be turned in upon arrival at the HOD Meeting