



# 2023 Fall Brochure

**Board of Directors, October 12 at 7:00 PM**  
**House of Delegates, October 13 at 1:00 PM**

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
**1825 N Higley Road**  
**Gilbert, Arizona**



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## President's Message

# Kenny Rios

*Far Western District President*

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### **Welcome to our Fall Convention 2023**

I am so excited that we are able to gather once again as Brothers and Sisters and celebrate our passion for Barbershop music! The Brotherhood/Sisterhood we share is just as important as the music we sing.

This Convention has been designed to be exactly that...a CONVENTION and not just a Competition. The opportunities to spend time together are invaluable as we accept this way of life. Take time to shake hands, hug each other and even sing a song or tag together. Take advantage of each other's company while you can!

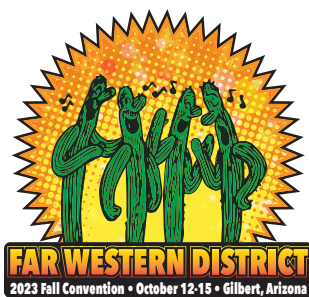
This year has been a new awakening for the Far Western District. This past summer, we had the FIRST non-all-male chorus represent us at the International Chorus Contest. We have seen the creation of new Choruses and the revival of a couple that had suffered severely due to Covid. We have seen our membership increase. We have seen some new appointments on our Management Team. We have increased our presence on Facebook. We are in constant contact with BHS who is now listening as to what needs the FWD has. I and Executive Vice President Adam Kaufman meet with the other District Presidents and District Executive Vice Presidents and BHS to discuss and implement how we can better the relationship with BHS and better listen to our membership. We have looked at (with the help from BHS) what type of insurance may better suit our Chapters. We have created events to make our gathering this Fall an actual Convention. We have taken some of your ideas and have put them into action. And we are continuing to seek how we, as a District, can better serve you, our membership. We are looking forward to reviving our Youth In Harmony Program and High School Quartet participation at Divisional Conventions. We are looking at having a District Senior Chorus (55+) represent us at the 2025 Winter International Convention. I have made sure that your Divisional VPs are there to answer your questions. We do all this for you! But it shouldn't stop there. I need to hear from you as to what programs YOU want to see in our District. I need to know how WE can better serve YOU. Need a new director? Let us know so we can help you find one. Could your Chorus Director benefit from additional training? We are implementing such a program starting at this Fall convention. Interested in having your Chapter Officers learn their position better? We are in the process of putting together an educational seminar (formerly called COTS - Chapter Officer's Training Program) to help you out. Do you have other ideas? Let me (or anyone on the BOD or Management Team) know!

This is a time for the Far Western District to shine and continue to be the District to which the Society looks. And with your help that legacy will continue.

Enjoy your time at this convention. Come meet me and the rest of the Board of Directors and the District Management Team at our "Meet and Greet" Thursday night. Take a look at what works and what doesn't and let me know. We value your input and I look forward to meeting with you soon!



Kenny Rios  
President  
Far Western District



# FAR WESTERN DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 12-15, 2023 • Gilbert, Arizona  
Hosted by the Salt River Valley Chapter

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### Thursday, October 12, 2023

| Event                                    | Start   | End      | Location       | Room         |
|--|---------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| FWD Board of Directors                   | 7:00 pm | 9:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room |
| Harmony Platoon                          | 9:00 pm | 11:00 pm | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room |
| Meet & Greet Reception with Pres & BOD   | 9:00 pm | 11:00 pm | Hampton Inn HQ | Lobby        |
| Convention Registration (pre-sales only) | 9:00 pm | 11:00 pm | Hampton Inn HQ | Lobby        |

### Friday, October 13, 2023

| Event                                    | Start    | End      | Location       | Room           |
|--|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| FWD Past President's Breakfast           | 7:00 am  | 9:00 am  | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room   |
| Singing Class with Chris Hebert          | 9:00 am  | 10:00 am | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room   |
| Harmony Platoon                          | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room   |
| FWD Hall of Fame Meeting & Lunch         | 10:00 am | 1:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ |                |
| Convention Registration (pre-sales only) | 10:30 am | 1:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ | Lobby          |
| Tag Zone                                 | 11:00 am | 3:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ | Lobby          |
| FWD House of Delegates                   | 1:00 pm  | 3:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room   |
| Director's Workshop                      | 1:00 pm  | 3:00 pm  | Higley Center  | Little Theater |
| Convention Registration & Box Office     | 3:30 pm  | 8:00 pm  | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Doors Open                               | 4:00 pm  |          | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Quartet Semifinal                        | 4:30 pm  | 8:30 pm  | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |
| Dedication, Awards, Announcements        | 8:30 pm  | 9:00 pm  | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |
| Evaluations (quartets not advancing)     | 9:30 pm  | 11:30 pm | Hampton Inn HQ | various suites |
| AFWDC Late Show                          | 10:30 pm | 12:30 am | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |

### Saturday, October 14, 2023

| Event                                | Start    | End       | Location       | Room           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Convention Registration & Box Office | 9:00 am  | 12:00 pm  | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Everyone Welcome Chorus              | 9:30 am  | 10:00 am  | Higley Center  | Ready Room     |
| Doors Open                           | 9:30 am  |           | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Chorus Contest                       | 10:00 am | 12:40 pm  | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |
| Chorus Evaluations                   | 1:30 pm  | 3:30 pm   | Higley Center  | Warmup Rooms   |
| Convention Registration & Box Office | 5:00 pm  | 6:00 pm   | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Doors Open                           | 5:30 pm  |           | Higley Center  | Lobby          |
| Quartet Final                        | 6:00 pm  | 7:45 pm   | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |
| Show of Champions                    | 7:45 pm  | 8:50 pm   | Higley Center  | Concert Hall   |
| Evaluations (finalist quartets)      | 9:40 pm  | 11:00 pm  | Hampton Inn HQ | various suites |
| President's Hospitality Room         | 10:00 pm | wee hours | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room   |
| Tag Zone                             | 10:00 pm | wee hours | Hampton Inn HQ | Lobby          |

### Sunday, October 15, 2021

| Event           | Start   | End      | Location       | Room         |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| AFWDC Breakfast | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | Hampton Inn HQ | Meeting Room |



**Far Western District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda  
October 12, 2023 7:00 pm  
Hampton Inn East Mesa  
Gilbert, Arizona**



1. Call to order..... Kenny Rios
2. Sing - "The Old Songs" ..... Kathy Kileen
3. Invocation ..... Chuck Roots
4. Roll call..... Greg Dreyer
5. Opening remarks ..... Kenny Rios
6. Introduction of Guests/Past Presidents ..... Kenny Rios
7. Introduction and remarks from special guest ..... Kenny Rios
  - a. Jim Clark, HFI
8. Approval/Additions to Agenda..... Kenny Rios
9. Secretary's Report..... Greg Dreyer
  - a. Approval of Minutes, July 22 and August 12, 2023
10. Treasurer's Report..... Rich Owen
  - a. Financial Status/Update
11. Vice President Reports:
  - a. Division 1 Southwest ..... Kathy Kileen
  - b. Division 2 Southeast ..... Jeremy Loper
  - c. Division 3 Northwest ..... Rich Postal
  - d. Division 4 Northeast ..... Chuck Roots
  - e. Division 5 Arizona ..... Aaron Burleson
  - f. Contest and Judging ..... Randy Meyer/Ben Porter
  - g. Music and Performance ..... Chris Hebert
  - h. Executive VP ..... Adam Kaufman
12. District Management Team:
  - a. Member Recruitment and Education..... Cody Littlefield
  - b. Chorus Director Development..... Kathy Kileen
  - c. Events/Venues ..... Bill Rosica
  - d. Marketing and Public Relations..... David Melville
  - e. Youth in Harmony ..... Antwun Puckett
  - f. Community Outreach..... Charles Carothers
13. Old Business:
  - a. Nominating Committee Report..... Bill Rosica
  - b. 55+ Chorus Competition ..... Rich Postal
  - c. Status of merging of email accounts ..... David Melville
  - d. Update on Chapter of the Year process..... Adam Kaufman
  - e. Status of the FWD Roster ..... Greg Dreyer
  - f. Continued discussion on how to raise district revenue..... Kenny Rios
14. New Business:
15. Sing - "Keep the Whole World Singing" ..... Rich Owen
16. Adjournment..... Kenny Rios

**Next Meeting March 14, 2024 (Spring Convention)**



**Far Western District  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Agenda  
October 13, 2023 1:00 pm  
Hampton Inn East Mesa  
Gilbert, Arizona**



|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Call to order.....   | Kenny Rios                                  |
| 2. Sing - "The Star Spangled Banner" .....  | Chris Hebert                                |
| 3. Sing - "The Old Songs" .....   | Kathy Kileen                                |
| 4. Invocation .....   | Chuck Roots                                 |
| 5. Roll call.....   | Greg Dreyer                                 |
| 6. Opening remarks .....  | Kenny Rios                                  |
| 7. Approval/Additions to Agenda.....  | Kenny Rios                                  |
| 8. Introduction of Guests/Past Presidents .....   | Kenny Rios                                  |
| 9. Introduction and Remarks from Special Guests .....   | Kenny Rios                                  |
| a. Dusty Schleier, BHS  |   |
| b. Jim Clark, HFI   |   |
| 10. Special Old Business: Nominating Committee.....   | Bill Rosica                                 |
| a. Presentation of Slate of Officers.....   | Bill Rosica                                 |
| b. Installation of 2024 Officers .....  | Dusty Schleier                              |
| 11. Secretary's Report.....   | Greg Dreyer                                 |
| a. Approval of HOD Minutes, March 24, 2023 .....  | Greg Dreyer                                 |
| b. Reading of Chapter Eternal Names.....  | Greg Dreyer & The Summertimers Harmony Band |
| 12. Treasurer's Report.....   | Rich Owen                                   |
| a. Financial Status/Update.....   | Rich Owen                                   |
| b. District Dues Increase .....   | Rich Owen                                   |
| c. Questions Re: 2024 Budget from HOD   |   |
| d. Approval of the 2024 Budget by the HOD   |   |
| 13. Vice President Reports:   |   |
| a. Division 1 Southwest .....   | Kathy Kileen                                |
| b. Division 2 Southeast .....   | Jeremy Loper                                |
| c. Division 3 Northwest .....   | Rich Postal                                 |
| d. Division 4 Northeast .....   | Chuck Roots                                 |
| e. Division 5 Arizona .....   | Aaron Burleson                              |
| f. Contest and Judging .....  | Randy Meyer/Ben Porter                      |
| g. Music and Performance .....  | Chris Hebert                                |
| h. Executive VP .....   | Adam Kaufman                                |
| 14. District Management Team:   |   |
| a. Member Recruitment and Education.....  | Cody Littlefield                            |
| b. Chorus Director Development.....   | Kathy Kileen                                |
| c. Events/Venues .....  | Bill Rosica                                 |
| d. Marketing and Public Relations.....  | David Melville                              |
| e. Youth in Harmony .....   | Antwun Puvkett                              |
| f. Community Outreach.....  | Charles Carothers                           |
| 15. Other Old Business:   |   |
| a. Allow leeway in choruses serving as mic-testers .....                                      | Ben Porter                                  |
| • Tabled from Spring HOD, continued discussion  |   |
| • Met with some resistance due to non-competing members wanting to be included as mic-testers |   |
| 16. New Business:   |   |
| a. Chapter of the Year Award re-instated.....   | Adam Kaufman                                |
| b. 55+ Chorus Competition .....   | Rich Postal                                 |
| 17. Sing - "Keep the Whole World Singing" .....   | Rich Owen                                   |
| 18. Adjournment.....  | Kenny Rios                                  |

**Next Meeting March 15, 2024 (Spring Convention)**



## Board Member Reports

**Adam Kaufman**  
*Executive Vice President*  
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I am excited to have all of you here in Arizona for our Fall convention!

The convention in Fresno last year was our first step in the return to some kind of normalcy where we were all able to be together in glorious harmony. This year we have had "all the things" - all our division qualifications, the spring prelims - all of it. So, this convention is the completion of a full cycle, and for me, it feels great!

I also look at this convention as the finish to my first round as Executive Vice President for our amazing district. I have attended the District Presidents' Council (DPC) meetings at the Midwinter in Daytona, International in Louisville, and many Zooms in between.

As mentioned before, the DPC has been working with Harmony Hall and the Society board on a program called the "Value Exchange". Following the work that has been done so far this year, we have been divided into smaller groups with our own assignments. Here is the approved summary for my group.

### Value Exchange Journey Summary

Over the past couple of years, we have dedicated significant effort to ensure the long-term sustainability of our barbershop hobby. In February, the Society Board of Directors, Harmony Hall Leaders, and the District Presidents Council convened for an intensive 4-hour workshop. Our goal was to gain a comprehensive understanding of the primary challenges within our organization, how we generate funds, and what we offer to our members. Following this meeting, we divided into six smaller groups, each tasked with specific goals aimed at enhancing various aspects of our hobby. These groups scrutinized the challenges we face and devised innovative solutions to address them. Subsequently, during the International Convention, we spent more than four hours engaged in workshops, during which we identified and committed to addressing four key priorities. One of these priorities is the exploration of new avenues for individuals to join our community and the revamping of our funding mechanisms. To test these ideas, we will collaborate with selected chapters in the form of pilot programs. Our aspiration is that these changes will not only simplify but also invigorate the process of joining and enjoying the barbershop experience for many years to come.

### Partial List of Programs/Services Offered by Harmony Hall/Districts

- Reduction in administrative costs (insurance, ASCAP, etc.)
- Judging Program to facilitate contests
- Harmony University
- District Conventions
- International Convention
- Quartet and Chorus coaching
- Access to sheet music and learning tracks
- Access to recordings (YouTube, CDs, Digital albums, etc.)
- Sharing of best practices across singing communities
- Leadership training
- Marketing of Barbershop Harmony
- Communication across BHS (Harmonizer, etc.)
- Administrative and leadership coaching and support
- Enhancement of director skills (musical and leadership)

If you have made it through the summary, then I can tell you that the next part of our plan is to find a couple of chapters from each District who would be interested in being part of one of the pilot programs. These should be chapters that are on a good trajectory, with good management, but who feel they could benefit from something other than the normal relationship with the Society. Please contact me, and we can discuss it.

If you see me around in Gilbert, please feel free to ask me all about it ... but know this ... I would much rather just sing a tag!

I can be reached by email at [EVP@Farwesterndistrict.org](mailto:EVP@Farwesterndistrict.org), or on my cell: (516)770-3743.



## Board Member Reports

**Greg Dreyer**  
*District Secretary*

secretary@farwesterndistrict.org

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](http://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 Form**).
6. Complete the form per the instructions (you can fill out and the 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.
9. Please include your email address

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](http://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.



| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Chapter(s)</b>  |
|--------------------|--|
| Norman Schwartz    | SaddleBrooke & Tucson, AZ  |
| Bruce Schram       | Tucson, AZ   |
| Charles Bauder     | Tucson, AZ   |
| V. James Neal      | Tucson, AZ   |
| Jim Robbins        | Tucson, AZ   |
| Ronald Schrubb     | Tucson, AZ   |
| John Gigax         | Tucson, AZ   |
| Richard Shuman     | Tucson, AZ   |
| Donald Schell      | Tucson, AZ   |
| Glen Marker        | Tucson, AZ   |
| Richard Mueser     | Central Arizona & Tucson, AZ                                     |
| James Sellers      | Tucson, AZ   |
| Donald Nichols     | San Mateo County, CA   |
| John Waugh         | Las Vegas, NV  |
| James Stevenson    | Tucson, AZ   |
| Gerald Swank, Jr.  | Tucson, AZ   |
| William Cale       | California Delta, Central California, Sacramento, & Stockton, CA |
| John Minkler       | Davis-Vacaville, CA  |
| Robert Wilke       | Santa Barbara, CA  |
| Ronald Hayes       | SaddleBrooke & Tucson, AZ  |
| Wayne Brumm        | Tucson, AZ   |
| Dean Clark         | Fresno, CA   |
| Jose Ochoa         | Crescenta Valley & Pasadena, CA                                  |
| Charles E Thompson | Santa Rosa, CA   |
| Clark Abrahamson   | Folsom, Placerville & Sacramento, CA                             |
| Gloria Rosales     | San Fernando Valley, CA  |
| Stephen Peacock    | Greater Los Angeles, Barbary Coast & Pasadena, CA                |
| William Archambeau | Tucson, AZ   |
| Kenneth Koch       | Barbary Coast, Palomar Pacific & Temecula, CA                    |
| Bruce Campbell     | Crescenta Valley, CA   |
| Joseph Teresi      | Folsom, CA   |
| Robert Cossentine  | Greater Los Angeles, Orange Quartet & South Orange County, CA    |
| Norman Smith       | California Delta & Sacramento, CA                                |
| Grady Williams     | Central California   |



# Chapter Eternal

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Chapter(s)</b>  |
|------------------|--|
| Dwight Ellis     | Greater Phoenix, AZ  |
| Marjorie Falcon  | L.A. South Towns   |
| Buddy Seeberg    | Las Vegas, NV  |
| Edmund Thompson  | Yuma, AZ   |
| Frank Fliszar    | Central Arizona, Fullerton, CA, Greater Phoenix, AZ & Orange Quartet |
| Thomas Powers    | Davis-Vacaville, CA  |
| Samuel Stimple   | Prescott, AZ   |
| David Tompkins   | Tucson, AZ   |
| Stefford Veltema | Coachella Valley & Walnut Creek, CA                                  |
| Kenneth Dewire   | Sun Cities, AZ   |
| Terry Aramian    | Greater Phoenix, AZ  |
| Kathie Edwards   | San Fernando Valley, CA  |
| John Duval       | Inland Empire, CA  |
| John Ernsberger  | Greater Los Angeles & Inland Empire, CA                              |
| Jimmy Boatright  | Greater Phoenix, AZ  |
| Norman Monson    | Inland Empire, CA  |
| Jack Statler     | Tucson, AZ   |
| Mike Morey       | Sun Cities, AZ   |
| Philip Rosen     | Sedona, AZ   |
| Al Justice       | El Cajon, Palomar Pacific & San Diego, CA                            |
| Roy Yost         | San Mateo County, CA   |
| Robert Saxe      | Crescenta Valley, CA   |
| Jon Goerke       | Marin, CA  |
| Reese Williams   | Long Beach, Orange Quartet, South Bay, CA                            |
| Phil Lockwood    | San Fernando Valley, CA  |
| Garth Ratliff    | Rincon Beach, & South Bay, CA  |
| Edward Reid      | Aloha, HI  |
| Peter Feeney     | Las Vegas, NV  |
| Charles Stahl    | Greater Los Angeles  |
| Bill Wilson      | Barbary Coast, Fullerton, South Bay, CA                              |
| Jim Kline        | Fullerton, Greater Los Angeles, Long Beach, South Bay, CA            |



## Board Member Reports

**Rich Owen**

*District Treasurer*

treasurer@farwesterndistrict.org



### Treasurer's Report - 9/25/2023

To BOD-DMT and HOD,

This is an interim report of the activity with the District to date in 2023. The Attached spreadsheet reflects the profit and loss of the District to date. While it shows significant loss to date, we have not received the balance of the registration funds from the coming Fall convention in Gilbert. Nor have we received the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter dues payment from BHS which should get deposited by the end of October. The attached Balance Sheet also reflects our new assets and liabilities as of 6/25/2023.

One project that was also completed this year was a total reconciliation of the NorCal Youth Harmony Account restricted fund (Account No. 447.00). Richard Lund provided me a history of the camp which I have attached to this report. We have spent considerable time making sure that the account is fully reconciled from the time I began as Treasurer in 2017 to date. That reconciliation is now complete, and the funds reflected in account 447.00 are correct as shown. That account reflects the net operating surplus or deficit from the camp operations each year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard O. Owen'.

Rich Owen, Treasurer

2:23 PM

09/25/23

Cash Basis

**FWD**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of September 25, 2023

|  | <u>Sep 25, 23</u>        |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                          |
| Current Assets   |                          |
| Checking/Savings   |                          |
| FWD-CHECKING (CHECKING-B of A)   | 94,583.11                |
| Total Checking/Savings   | 94,583.11                |
| Other Current Assets   |                          |
| 112 - Accts Rec  |                          |
| Eventbrite (Advanced Payouts Reserved)   | 6,569.32                 |
| Total 112 - Accts Rec  | 6,569.32                 |
| Total Other Current Assets   | 6,569.32                 |
| Total Current Assets   | 101,152.43               |
| Other Assets   |                          |
| Security Deposits Asset (Deposits and other returnable funds held by other entities) | 7,800.00                 |
| Total Other Assets   | 7,800.00                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b><u>108,952.43</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>  |                          |
| Liabilities  |                          |
| Current Liabilities  |                          |
| Other Current Liabilities  |                          |
| 449.00 - Quartet travel (449.00 TRVL QUARTET)  | 449.25                   |
| 450.00 - Chorus travel (450.00 TRVL CHORUS)  | 729.00                   |
| Total Other Current Liabilities  | 1,178.25                 |
| Total Current Liabilities  | 1,178.25                 |
| Total Liabilities  | 1,178.25                 |
| Equity   |                          |
| 446.00 - Youth Ed (446.00 - YOUTH EDUCATION FUND)                                    | 2,471.25                 |
| 447.00 - NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP (447.00 - NOR CAL YOUTH CAMP)                            | 14,356.69                |
| 451.00 - Surplus 12/31/2010 (451.00 RETAINED EARNI)                                  | 62,453.11                |
| Retained Earnings (Undistributed earnings of the corporation)                        | 56,093.73                |
| Net Income   | -27,600.60               |
| Total Equity   | 107,774.18               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>  | <b><u>108,952.43</u></b> |

# Far Western District Profit and Loss by Class January 1 through September 25, 2023

## FWD Profit & Loss by Class January 1 through September 25, 2023

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09/25/23  
Cash Basis

| Ordinary Income/Expense   | AZ - Arizona Div | DF - Fall   | DS-Spring   | FWD-Operations | FWD BOD Meetings | NC Division | NoCal Youth | YH       | TOTAL        |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Income  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 500.00 - DUES-Members (600.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS)   |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 500.10 Dues Allocations-Events (Allocations of dues income to conventions/events commencing 2019 from increased dues effective 1/1/2019, Allocations: Single: \$4,000; Double: \$8,000; Spring Prelims: \$10,000; Fall: \$16000.) | \$4,000.00       | \$0.00      | \$10,000.00 | (\$22,000.00)  | \$0.00           | \$8,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$0.00       |
| 500.00 - DUES-Members (600.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS) - Other   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$34,188.74    | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$34,188.74  |
| Total 500.00 - DUES-Members (600.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS)   | \$4,000.00       | \$0.00      | \$10,000.00 | \$12,188.74    | \$0.00           | \$8,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$34,188.74  |
| 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV (601.00 SPRING PRELIMS INT'L QUARTET)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$11,220.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$11,220.00  |
| 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (602.00 FWD FALL CONV.)  | \$0.00           | \$32,846.43 | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$32,846.43  |
| 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (603.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 503.10 - AZ (603.10 AZ)   | \$6,050.00       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$6,050.00   |
| 503.40 - NOR CAL WEST (603.40 NOR CAL WEST)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$8,205.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$8,205.00   |
| Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (603.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)  | \$6,050.00       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$8,205.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$14,255.00  |
| 510 - Donations   |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp (510.03 - Donations NorCal Youth Harmony Camp)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$500.00    | \$0.00   | \$500.00     |
| 510.04 - Donors Choice HF (510.04 - Donors Choice HF)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$6,562.64     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$6,562.64   |
| 510.07 - Donations-Misc.  | \$0.00           | \$1,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$860.27       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$300.00 | \$1,960.27   |
| Total 510 - Donations   | \$0.00           | \$1,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$9,422.91     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$500.00    | \$300.00 | \$10,985.31  |
| Total Income  | \$10,050.00      | \$33,846.43 | \$21,220.00 | \$21,374.05    | \$0.00           | \$16,205.00 | \$500.00    | \$300.00 | \$116,220.00 |
| Gross Profit  | \$10,050.00      | \$33,846.43 | \$21,220.00 | \$21,374.05    | \$0.00           | \$16,205.00 | \$500.00    | \$300.00 | \$116,220.00 |
| Expense   |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)   |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 601.10.23 Supplies  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$249.64    | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$249.64     |
| Judges-Meals (Meal allowances per CJ-22s)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$938.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$938.00     |
| Judges Travel (Travel/related expenses of Judges attending District contests)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$6,317.07  | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$6,317.07   |
| 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp) - Other   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$37,499.80 | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$37,499.80  |
| Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$44,004.51 | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$44,004.51  |
| 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| Judges-Meals  | \$387.72         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$387.72     |
| Judges-Misc   | \$434.43         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$434.43     |
| Judges Travel   | \$3,885.60       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$3,885.60   |
| 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp) - Other  | \$7,274.88       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$7,274.88   |
| Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)  | \$11,982.63      | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$11,982.63  |
| 601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp)  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 601.50.01 Judges-Travel   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$6,869.84  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$6,869.84   |
| 601.50.02 Judges-Meals  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$905.32    | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$905.32     |
| 601.50.03 Judges-Misc   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$801.12    | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$801.12     |
| 601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp) - Other  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$400.56       | \$0.00           | \$6,415.57  | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$6,816.13   |
| Total 601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$400.56       | \$0.00           | \$14,991.85 | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$15,392.41  |
| 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (602.01 - DF15 - District Fall Exp)   | \$0.00           | \$16,629.21 | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$16,629.21  |
| 602.23 Supplies (Fall Convention Exp - Supplies)  | \$0.00           | \$1,600.16  | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$1,600.16   |
| 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp - Other  | \$0.00           | \$58.37     | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$58.37      |
| Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp  | \$0.00           | \$18,287.74 | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$18,287.74  |
| 604.00 - BD MEETING (604.00 OFF. MEETING EXP.)  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |             |          |              |
| 604.01 - TRAVEL (604.01 OFF. MTG TRAVEL)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$326.46       | \$1,889.57       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$2,216.03   |
| 604.02 - MEALS (604.02 OFF. MTG MEALS)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$670.00         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$670.00     |
| 604.03 - LODGING (604.03 OFF. MTG LODGING)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$514.05       | \$7,704.32       | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$8,218.37   |
| 604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies (604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies)   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$202.80       | \$355.00         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$557.80     |
| Total 604.00 - BD MEETING (604.00 OFF. MEETING EXP.)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,043.31     | \$10,618.89      | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$11,662.20  |
| 605.00 - Insurance (Insurance)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$190.00       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$190.00     |

**FWD**  
**Profit & Loss by Class**  
**January 1 through September 25, 2023**

**Far Western District**  
**Profit and Loss by Class**  
**January 1 through September 25, 2023**

|  | AZ - Arizona Div | DF - Fall   | DS-Spring   | FWD-Operations | FWD BOD Meetings | NC Division | NoCal Youth  | YH           | TOTAL         |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 607.08 - C&J (607.08 C & J)  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 607.084 - TRAVEL (607.084 C & J TRAVEL)                              | \$602.90         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$57.30     | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$660.20      |
| 607.085 - C&J CAT SCH (607.085 CATEGORY SCH)                         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$6,326.97     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$6,326.97    |
| Total 607.08 - C&J (607.08 C & J)                                    | \$602.90         | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$6,326.97     | \$0.00           | \$57.30     | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$6,987.17    |
| 607.09 - YMIH (607.09 YOUTH ACTIVITY)                                |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp (607.096 NoCal Harmony Youth Camp Exp)    | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$2,153.80   | \$0.00       | \$2,153.80    |
| 607.097 Youth Festival Grants (607.097 Youth Festival Grants)        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$1,250.00   | \$1,250.00    |
| Total 607.09 - YMIH (607.09 YOUTH ACTIVITY)                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$2,153.80   | \$1,250.00   | \$3,403.80    |
| 607.12 - MKTG & PR (607.12 MKTG/PR)                                  |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 607.124 - WEB EXPENSES (607.124 WEB EXPENSES)                        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,900.13     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,900.13    |
| 608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)                              | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,900.13     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,900.13    |
| 608.11 Youth Support   | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$700.00     | \$700.00      |
| Total 608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)                        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$700.00     | \$700.00      |
| 609.00 - MISC EXP (609.00 MISC.EXP.)                                 | \$26.27          | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$26.27       |
| 609.01 - Dues Collection Fees (609.01 DUES COLLECTION)               | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,367.55     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,367.55    |
| 609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees (609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees)            | \$167.48         | \$3,173.86  | \$383.59    | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$270.83    | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$4,000.76    |
| 622.00 - GOVT FEES (622.00 - GOVT FEES)                              | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$175.00       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$175.00      |
| 700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)                           |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 600.00 - AWARDS (600.00 AWARDS)                                      | \$354.00         | \$0.00      | \$59.95     | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$413.95      |
| 607.16 - HALL OF FAME (607.16 HALL OF FAME)                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00        |
| 700.03 - TRAVEL (700.03 PRES. TRVL & MEALS)                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,048.92     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,048.92    |
| 700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP (700.04 PRES. INTERNATIONAL)              | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$3,065.20     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$3,065.20    |
| Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)                     | \$354.00         | \$0.00      | \$59.95     | \$4,204.69     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$4,618.64    |
| 701.00 - IMMEDIATE PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PRES.)                    |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 701.01 Travel & Meals  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$196.80       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$196.80      |
| Total 701.00 - IMMEDIATE PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PRES.)              | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$196.80       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$196.80      |
| 703.00 - EVP (703.00 EX VP EXPENSES)                                 |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 703.04 - EVP Supplies (703.04 EVP SUPPLIES)                          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$19.49        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$19.49       |
| 703.05 - EVP International Exp (703.05 - EVP International Exp)      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$2,483.82     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$2,483.82    |
| 703.06 - EVP Mid Winter Exp (703.06 - EVP Mid Winter Convention Exp) | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,787.80     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,787.80    |
| Total 703.00 - EVP (703.00 EX VP EXPENSES)                           | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$4,291.11     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$4,291.11    |
| 705.00 - SECRETARY (705.00 SEC. EXPENSES)                            |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 705.02 - POSTAGE (705.02 SEC. POSTAGE)                               | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$31.19        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$31.19       |
| 705.03 - SUPPLIES (705.03 SEC. SUPPLIES)                             | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$172.68       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$172.68      |
| 705.04 - EQUIP REPAIR (705.04 SEC. EQUIP. REPR)                      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$299.99       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$299.99      |
| Total 705.00 - SECRETARY (705.00 SEC. EXPENSES)                      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$503.86       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$503.86      |
| 706.00 - TREASURER (706.00 TREASURER EXP.)                           |                  |             |             |                |                  |             |              |              |               |
| 706.03 - SUPPLIES (706.03 TREAS. SUPPLIES / COPIES)                  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$267.50       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$267.50      |
| 706.05-Training  | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$138.00       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$138.00      |
| Total 706.00 - TREASURER (706.00 TREASURER EXP.)                     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$405.50       | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$405.50      |
| Total Expense  | \$13,133.28      | \$21,466.60 | \$45,448.05 | \$21,005.48    | \$10,618.89      | \$15,319.98 | \$2,153.80   | \$1,950.00   | #####         |
| Net Ordinary Income  | (\$3,083.28)     | \$12,379.83 | #####       | \$368.57       | (\$10,618.89)    | \$885.02    | (\$1,653.80) | (\$1,650.00) | (\$27,600.60) |
| Net Income   | (\$3,083.28)     | \$12,379.83 | #####       | \$368.57       | (\$10,618.89)    | \$885.02    | (\$1,653.80) | (\$1,650.00) | (\$27,600.60) |

## **Youth Harmony Camp Funding History**

Kenny,

Glad you asked!!

To answer your question directly, expenses for Harmony Camp have always been covered by Harmony Camp funds that have been donated down through the years for the specific purpose of funding Harmony Camp. The FWD has not ever provided funds for Harmony Camp with the exception of a one-time contribution of \$500 some years ago to get us through a cash flow crunch. And with the current financial condition of Harmony Camp and the Steinkamp Fund, the FWD will never have to fund Harmony Camp.

Here is a brief history of Harmony Camp since I took over.

My first Harmony Camp, HC, was 2002 in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I went as a simple volunteer at the urging of Ron Murray, who was Placerville's YIH guru at the time and Placerville was a significant "player" in the YIH world.

To make a long story short, the 2002 year was going to be the last year for HC. The FWD had a fund that Lloyd Steinkamp had created and had funded through his inimitable fund-raising prowess that had been funding HC for a number of years. That fund had run out of money. Thus, no more Harmony Camps were being planned for future years.

My wife and I had recently moved up to Placerville from Palo Alto where we had spent about fifteen years with the Palo Alto YMCA. We were both on the board and we had both spent lots of years involved with their annual fundraising campaigns. Patsy had even chaired the campaign one year. We had also spent about ten years running a weeklong water ski program for high school aged kids, coed.

Based on that experience, I got it in my head that I could take over Harmony Camp and raise the money needed to make it work.

In 2003, as the new head of the FWD Harmony Camp, Patsy and I put together a plan, got Metropolis to be our headliner quartet, got four clinicians Gabe Caretto, Connie Keil, Ron Black and Gary Bolles, and we ended up with 93 boys that year. It was amazingly successful. We also had a guy from Santa Cruz, Lawrence Stern, who convinced me that he could put together a film crew and make a video

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advertising the Camp. It turned out to be another tremendous success and we have used that video for school visitations ever since even though it is now quite outdated, and the kids readily recognize that when we show it these days.

I do have to admit that Patsy and I were both absolutely terrified up until the first day of that first Camp that it would not be successful. It turned out to be successful beyond our wildest dreams and has continued to be successful down through the years. And that gets me to the crux of your question – finances, how did we do that and what is the story there.

The model we used was simply to contact chapters around northern California and Nevada and ask them if they support and believe in the concept of Harmony Camp and if they can afford some three to five hundred dollars to help finance the Camp each year. Turned out that enough chapters did believe in the concept and contributed enough money to run the Camp and even have some left over. Our fundraising has also included grants from BHS until a few years ago and a grant from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation to provide scholarships for the boys.

Well, it also turned out that those leftover funds gradually grew to a significant amount of money which is what we have in our FWD Harmony Camp fund that the FWD holds. And in 2015, we also got the idea, in a challenge from Marty Monson, to start our own Endowment Fund which we named the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund for Harmony Camps, LSEF. We used some ten thousand dollars from the Harmony Camp Fund to start the LSEF.

We also put a couple of simple self-imposed rules on that fund 1) that we couldn't pull any funds from it until it reached 200K, and 2) that when the LSEF reaches 400K, control and administration of the fund would transfer from me to the FWD under the administration of the board of directors. The fund would remain as a source to be used only for youth activities.

The LSEF just this past year reached the 200K level and we may choose to withdraw as much as seven thousand dollars from the fund to help pay for HC-2023. We also may choose not to withdraw any funds and let the fund continue to grow.

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As further background for you, the LSEF is currently held by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, a 225-million-dollar Foundation. Back in 2015, we struggled with the question of where we wanted to house the LSEF, and eventually chose Sacramento Region Community Foundation because of its size, especially in comparison with the BHS Foundation which was 3 million at the time. I remain totally convinced that we made the right decision. The SRCF is also local, which is important to many of our donors. And the SRCF has rules within its own philosophy that prevent any long-term loss of capital. Thus, any Endowment Fund within the SRCF is perpetual.

The biggest point I need to make is that all the contributions that have been made to the LSEF through the SRCF and annual operations of the camp have been made specifically for Harmony Camp and activities like Harmony Camp. Because of that fact, none of that money can legally be spent on anything else. To do so would violate the intent of the donors and be a violation of the law.

But, just to reinforce one of the things I have already said, control/administration of the LSEF will transfer over to the FWD when the fund reaches 400k. That will probably happen within the next five or so years at the current growth rate of the fund.

That's it. It's a good story with a good ending. And at my age, I'll soon be turning over the reins of Harmony Camp to the next leader. Financing camp is always one of the biggest challenges to making this kind of thing happen but now that we have the LSEF, a really significant amount of funds will be available to continue to hold Harmony Camp. And whoever takes over Harmony Camp will have a great head start with funds available to run the Camp. Fund raising won't be a prerequisite for becoming that leader.

We have often thought of writing a book outlining the philosophy of the camp. Both Patsy and I believe this philosophy is a story that should be told and in our annual letter to our donors we touch upon this philosophy in various ways.

Anyway, this is a "not very short" answer to your question but does provide you with some background.

Richard Lund  
9-8-2023



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|--|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|  | Total 510 - Donations                   |  | \$28,550.00         | \$28,550.00         |  |
|  | 520.00 - Fees                           |  |                     |                     |  |
|  | 520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp              |  | \$1,750.00          |                     |  |
|  | 520.04 - Leadership Academy             |  | \$0.00              |                     |  |
|  | 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                     |  | \$1,750.00          | \$1,750.00          |  |
|  | <b>Total Income</b>                     |  | <b>\$186,405.00</b> | <b>\$186,405.00</b> |  |
|  | 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                            |  | \$1,000.00          |                     |  |
|  | Judges-Misc                             |  | \$500.00            |                     |  |
|  | Judges Travel                           |  | \$8,500.00          |                     | increased to \$10,000 total/double panel |
|  | 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other |  | \$25,000.00         |                     |  |
|  | Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring   |  | \$35,000.00         | \$35,000.00         |  |
|  | 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp              |  |                     |                     |  |
|  | Judges-Meals                            |  | \$500.00            |                     |  |
|  | Judges-Misc                             |  | \$250.00            |                     |  |
|  | Judges Travel                           |  | \$4,250.00          |                     | Increased to \$5000 total/single panel   |
|  | 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other      |  | \$9,000.00          |                     | Increased per Adam                       |
|  | Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp        |  | \$14,000.00         | \$14,000.00         |  |
|  | 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp           |  |                     |                     |  |
|  | 601.30.01 Judges-Travel                 |  | \$8,500.00          |                     |  |
|  | 601.30.02 Judges-Meals                  |  | \$1,000.00          |                     |  |
|  | 601.30.03 Judges-Misc.                  |  | \$500.00            |                     | increased to \$10,000 total/double panel |
|  | 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other   |  | \$12,500.00         |                     |  |

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|  | Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp   |  | \$22,500.00 | \$22,500.00 |  |
|  | 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp          |  |             |             |  |
|  | 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall         |  |             |             |  |
|  | 602.01.01Judges-Travel                |  | \$12,750.00 |             |  |
|  | 602.01.02Judges-Meals                 |  | \$1,500.00  |             |  |
|  | 602.01.03Judges-Misc                  |  | \$750.00    |             | increased to \$15,000 total/triple panel |
|  | 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall - Other |  | \$25,000.00 |             |  |
|  | Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall   |  | \$40,000.00 |             |  |
|  | 602.23 Supplies                       |  | \$300.00    |             |  |
|  | Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp    |  | \$40,300.00 | \$40,300.00 |  |
|  | 604.00 - BD MEETING                   |  |             |             |  |
|  | 604.01 - TRAVEL                       |  | \$4,000.00  |             |  |
|  | 604.02 - MEALS                        |  | \$1,500.00  |             |  |
|  | 604.03 - LODGING                      |  | \$12,000.00 |             |  |
|  | 604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies        |  | \$200.00    |             |  |
|  | Total 604.00 - BD MEETING             |  | \$17,700.00 | \$17,700.00 |  |
|  | 607.08 - C&J                          |  |             |             |  |
|  | 607.085 - C&J CATAGORY SCHOOL         |  | \$1,600.00  |             | per Meyer                                |
|  | Total 607.08 - C&J                    |  | \$1,600.00  | \$1,600.00  |  |
|  | 607.09 - YMIH                         |  |             |             |  |
|  | 607.095 - AWARDS                      |  | \$0.00      |             |  |
|  | 607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp            |  | \$15,000.00 |             |  |
|  | 607.097 Youth Festival Grants         |  | \$1,000.00  |             |  |
|  | Total 607.09 - YMIH                   |  | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 |  |
|  | 607.10 - EVENTS                       |  |             |             |  |
|  | 607.101 - SUPPLIES                    |  | \$300.00    |             |  |
|  | Total 607.10 - EVENTS                 |  | \$300.00    | \$300.00    |  |
|  | 607.12 - MKTG & PR                    |  |             |             | per Melville                             |
|  | 607.122 - POSTAGE                     |  | \$50.00     |             |  |
|  | 607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS             |  | \$2,535.00  |             | \$2,535.00                               |
|  | 607.124 - WEB EXPENSES                |  | \$3,754.00  |             | \$2,535.00                               |
|  | 607.125 - Ads purchased/placed        |  | \$0.00      |             |  |
|  | 708.00 - WESTUNES                     |  | \$475.00    |             | \$475.00                                 |
|  | Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR              |  | \$6,814.00  | \$6,814.00  |  |

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|  | 609.00 - MISC EXP               |  |  | \$150.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 609.01 - Dues Collection Fees   |  |  | \$3,000.00  |             |                                 |  |
|  | 609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees     |  |  | \$2,000.00  |             |                                 |  |
|  | 610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL      |  |  | \$3,000.00  |             |                                 |  |
|  | 611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL       |  |  | \$10,000.00 |             |                                 |  |
|  | 622.00 - GOV'T FEES             |  |  | \$200.00    | \$18,350.00 |                                 |  |
|  | 700.00 - PRESIDENT              |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 600.00 - AWARDS                 |  |  | \$500.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 607.13 - HISTORIAN              |  |  | \$1,000.00  |             | \$1,000.00                      |  |
|  | 607.17 - President Exp Other    |  |  | \$500.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 700.03 - TRAVEL                 |  |  | \$3,000.00  |             | BHS International based of 2023 |  |
|  | 700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp    |  |  | \$3,000.00  |             | BHS International based of 2023 |  |
|  | Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT        |  |  | \$8,000.00  | \$8,000.00  |                                 |  |
|  | 703.00 - EVP                    |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 703.03 - TRVL & MEALS           |  |  | \$2,500.00  |             | per Adam                        |  |
|  | 703.04 - EVP Supplies           |  |  | \$150.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 703.07 - EVP LODGING            |  |  | \$2,000.00  |             | per Adam                        |  |
|  | 703.08 - EVP Business Expenses  |  |  | \$250.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | Total 703.00 - EVP              |  |  | \$4,900.00  | \$4,900.00  |                                 |  |
|  | 704.00 - DVP                    |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 704.10 - DVP AZ                 |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 704.13-TRAVEL                   |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | Total 704.10 - DVP AZ           |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 704.20 - DVP - SO CAL East      |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 704.23-TRAVEL                   |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | Total 704.20 - DVP SO CAL EAST  |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.30 - DVP SO CAL WEST        |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.33 - TRAVEL                 |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | Total 704.30 - DVP SO CSL WEST  |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST       |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.43 - TRAVEL                 |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | Total 704.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.50 - DVP NOR CAL EAST       |  |  |             |             |                                 |  |
|  | 404.53 - TRAVEL                 |  |  | \$300.00    |             |                                 |  |





## Board Member Reports

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### Record Valley heat hasn't stopped Arizona Barbershoppers

Several barbershoppers living in the Valley also have places in the significantly cooler mountains of AZ, which helps out the smaller choruses in those areas – at least for a few months.

We are excited that the Fall Convention is in AZ this year. AZ will be well represented with 4 choruses and 6 quartets.

The Arizona Summer Bash was hosted this year by **A Cappella Syndicate** on August 5 in Tempe, AZ. Brent Graham taught tags and was followed by a Luck of the Draw quartet contest with 9 quartets crossing the stage. Next was a VLQ contest with 3 entries. The winners from **A Cappella Syndicate** were awarded the **Fraser Brown Memorial Trophy**, a traveling trophy introduced this year to honor Fraser Brown. The Bash concluded with a parade of 10 quartets and choruses from the **Tucson Barbershop eXperience**, **East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers**, **Southwest Vocal Alliance** and the **Arizona Division Chorus Champions, A Cappella Syndicate**. The crowd was also treated to a performance by **Yes, Dear**, the current Arizona Division Quartet Champions. The day ended with over 100 in attendance.

Typically, “snowbirds” schedules affect the ability of choruses to have adequate part representation to feel enough confidence for Fall competitions. This year the Sun City Desert Aires are competing in despite having a number of “snowbirds”. Their Summer attendance numbers are higher this year due to new members and more enthusiasm due to new singing skills leading to a better sound. Zoom is used to allow members that are not able to be in rehearsals to keep current. This is truly a “senior” chorus with only a few men under the age of 70. The meeting time is 12:30 until 3 pm which is a deterrent for attracting younger members. The director, Cary Burns, (a BHS sound judge), teaches vocal techniques that make older voices sound younger.

**Tucson** is still advertising for a director. They do have 2 men among their membership who are splitting responsibility in directing and they have about 18 men in their rehearsals. They are having fun. They sang at the AZ Bash in Tempe on August 5 and are planning several performances later this year. They will be joined by the Saddleback and Green Valley chapters.

The **Phoenicians** are in the position of trying to decide whether to keep trying to rebuild, “park” the chapter for a while, or just close the door completely. There hasn't been enough commitment with all the necessary singing parts to have successful rehearsals. They tried meeting every 3 weeks and then had to abandon that. They have not met for several months. The present thought is to check interest again this Fall with some type of event. To have any hope for success in rebuilding they would need to have a bare minimum of a quartet (or preferably an octet) at each rehearsal. Presently they do not have a director and have been searching for one. They just received a lead about a director possibility but he would need men to direct. It would be great if some neighboring chapters would help out to help get things going.

**A Cappella Syndicate, Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus, East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers, and Southwest Vocal Alliance** are all doing great and are the AZ choruses that are competing in Gilbert.

The **High Mountain Chordsmen** in Prescott is doing well and has around 15-18 at rehearsals. They would love to have another baritone. Recently they added a woman to sing baritone. They are planning some sing-outs in the community.

**Harmony On The Rocks** in Sedona is holding its own for such a small group. They have 10 on their roster with several more regularly joining in with them in their rehearsals. They are planning sing-outs in the community.

The **Platoon Chorus** meets monthly and continually tries to have sing-outs throughout their area.



## Board Member Reports

### Chuck Roots

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There are growing signs of our hobby slowly emerging from the fog and frustration of COVID. Now is the time to break out from this lethargy with a renewed sense of purpose and determination in which we stand together, both figuratively and physically, to show the world just what kind of hobby we enjoy and the kind of singers we are! Can I have a witness? Do I hear an AMEN?

Well, that's what you get when one of your FWD board members is an old school preacher!

#### **Voices of California (VoCal) - Sacramento**

On 30 September VoCal (mens) is participating with the Peninsulaires 75th Anniversary. Other choruses participating in this celebration are: Mission Valley, and Fog City.

"The Peninsulaires Chorus is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. We're planning a large concert on September 30, to be held at Cañada College theater in Redwood City at 2pm (doors open 1:30)."

"Stay Tuned" is an a cappella chorus embracing "Everyone in Harmony". This mixed chorus comes under the VoCal charter. Check them out on Face Book.

#### **Golden Valley Chorus (GVC) - Modesto**

As a (mens) chorus they are maintaining their numbers, but are in need of a director. Chapter President Roe Darnell is "beating the proverbial bushes" to find a new director. Otherwise, the men are having fun on Tuesday evenings singing the Old Songs, and enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of friends sharing the love of our hobby.

#### **West Valley Chorus (WVC) - Davis-Vacaville**

West Valley (mixed) says everything for them is positive. Good attendance at their rehearsals and looking forward to making strides in the coming months. Great attitude from their president.

#### **Folsom Harmony Express (FHE) - Folsom**

No report.

#### **Gold Rush Chorus (GRC) - Placerville**

This chorus (mixed) is cooking right along with a number of performances coming up in the next few months. As I write this report, my wife and I will be attending one of their performances tonight.

#### **Reno Silver Dollar Chorus (RSDC) - Reno**

The Silver Dollar Chorus (mens) often perform with High Desert Harmony (Sweet Adeline chorus). They are continuing to sing as opportunity provides.

#### **Sacramento Capitolaire (SC) - Sacramento**

No report.

#### **Sierra Gateway Chorus (SGC) - Clovis**

The Sierra Gateway Chorus (men) is a new chorus operating under the charter of the Fresno Goldnote Chorus. After the Gold Note Chorus disbanded, I was contacted about a year and a half ago by a barbershopper who was interested in starting a new chorus in the greater Fresno area. The Sierra Gateway Chorus (Clovis is regarded as the gateway to the Sierras) actively recruited singers and is now enjoying a lively weekly rehearsal. Be watching for them in the future!

#### **Stockton Portsmen (SP) - Stockton**

The Portsmen (mixed) has a number of performances scheduled. On Veterans Day, November 11, they will be singing at the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton. Their

annual Christmas Show will be December 9 at the Zion Church, also Stockton. They will also be hosting the Novice Competition in Lodi, Feb 10. Their Spring Show will be April 27 at Zion.

They are also preparing for a trip to France to participate in the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. At present they have 35 members going, but they are interested in having others join. If you're interested, contact chapter president, Al Wolter, 209-747-7499. The maximum number of singers is 49.

### **Mighty Oak Chorus (MOC) - Visalia**

This chorus (mixed) is doing very well and looking forward to 2024. They have a number of events lined up. And the chorus has a number of projects planned. A Christmas program is planned for 2023 and 2024. The director is going to attend the Harmony University next year, and they will also be hosting the Youth Harmony Explosion 2024, September 14. Vocal Spectrum will be the guest quartet! And they will be participating the Fall Convention of 2024.



## Board Member Reports

### **Rich Postal**

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Visited 4 chapters in the NW Division.

Singers are returning and one chapter is experiencing growth by conducting a performance in the community at a July 4 community event. Another chapter moved forward by inviting past members back and including invites to friends/relatives of those performers.

A third group put on a well organized "Learn to Sing" event for both men and women. This lasted for a period of 4 consecutive weeks culminating in a mini recital with the full chorus on the 5th week. Friends and relatives of the students were also invited to this mini recital. At the first meeting, 22 men and women attended these classes. At the end of the program, men were invited to join the host chapter and the women were directed to 2 nearby Sweet Adeline Chapters. Needless to say, both singing organizations benefited from holding this 5 week event and increased membership in the host chapter. An important factor in the success of this event was that one of the instructors was not only a Chapter musical director but also a professional musical educator in the public school system.

Those chapters that are meeting regularly are improving vocally. Those Chapters that meet sporadically (less than weekly) are not improving and are either just holding their own or are on the verge of a decline. For this second group a core of old members are holding the respective chapters together. In my opinion, good sing begets good singers. One of the chapters have been singing the same songs for many years and have not added anything new to their repertoire. Not sure if the director is aging and doesn't want to add anything new or feels the challenge might drive the existing singers away.

On a more uplifting note, I have polled a few chapters with regard to members who are over 55 wanting to sing in a senior chorus. There seems to be an opportunity to introduce this concept and hopefully increase attendance in our contests and conventions. The main goal, however, is to get more men involved in a high level singing experience sponsored by our District. Next week I have a telephone conference with Chris Hebert about this concept and hope to present more news at the BOD in October.



## Board Member Reports

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The Southeast Division of the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society is proud to be represented by the following chapters at the 2023 Fall District Convention:

### Choruses:

- Pacific Coast Harmony Silver Statesmen
- SoCal Mix
- The Westminster Chorus

### Quartets:

- Bardic Inspiration
- California Kings
- High Stakes
- Motley Q
- The Essentials
- 'Til Morning Comes

As your new DVP, I am very proud of the groups that we have representing us in the district this year. The Southeast continues to set a standard not only here at home, but for barbershop all over the world.

Barbershop is a team sport, one based in community and people. To that end, I would like to congratulate and thank the following chapters for increasing their membership this year.

- Brea, CA
- La Jolla, CA
- Lake Forest, CA
- Las Vegas, NV
- Palomar Pacific, CA
- South Orange County, CA
- Temecula, CA
- Westminster, CA

We would be nothing without our chapters and members. If you are at the district convention this fall, be sure to shake someone's hand, sing a polecat or a tag, and enjoy this wonderful gift we get to share. If your chapter would like to talk about membership or anything else, please reach out to Cody or myself, or come find me floating around the convention this fall.



## Board Member Reports

### Kathy Kileen

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#### **Aloha, HI - Sounds of Aloha Chorus**

This chorus is in great shape overall. BHS membership records show 65 members. They have an active youth program, schedule a minimum of two shows each year, are very active within the community, as well as a very successful Singing Valentines program.

They are not competing this fall as they are participating in the Pan Pacific Festival in Auckland, NZ,

Chorus director, Mark Conching, recently stepped back onto the risers due to professional commitments. Bryce Irwin has stepped in as the new Interim Director. Bryce has been a chorus member since the age of seventeen and served as lead section leader, assistant director, stage actor in their shows and is currently the Director of the Hearts Program (Hawaii Education of the arts).

#### **Bakersfield, CA - Golden Empire Chorus**

Current District membership reports reflect 12 members. Currently, they have one active quartet performing in the community.

While they are currently not meeting on a regular basis, they recently hosted a gathering of local singers. Some were former barbershoppers, others not, but an all-gender group. They have asked for input from attendees as to interest in continuing with this program. Specific results are not yet available, but things look promising. Additional rehearsals have been scheduled.

#### **Conejo Valley, CA - Channel Islands Harmony Chorus**

BHS membership reports reflect 12 members. Jim Brown is their current director but not listed in BHS member center. They perform often at community events and during the holidays.

#### **Crescenta Valley, CA – Highlanders**

BHS membership site reflects 3 members. These three members have transferred their membership to the Valley Harmony Singers. Chorus is currently inactive.

#### **Greater Los Angeles, CA - Masters of Harmony Chorus**

Records reflect 132 members. The number of active members is not known at this time. Masters routinely has multiple shows a year. This year alone has been busy for them with several additional performances as they prepare for their trip to France. They have been invited to participate at the 80th Anniversary of Normandy. They currently have a all-gender group of 66 singers in their Normandy Freedom Chorus. They are taking their successful Harmony Carnival Show on the road with appearances September 9, 2023 with the Sun Harbor Chorus, and March 3, 2024 in Bakersfield.

#### **LA South Towns – Redondo Beach, CA**

Join me in welcoming our newest chapter, The LA South Towns Chorus. They are an experienced former Sweet Adeline chorus who made the decision to join BHS and FWD. BHS records reflect 29 members. They report that they also have additional singers in the audition process.

They recently held their annual Stars and Strips Harmony Show with guest stars The Coastliners Chorus and Ready, Willing and Mabel.

While they were extended an invitation to sing for evaluation only at District Contest in October, they declined. They are in the middle of a “musical improvement” program. They are revisiting good basic singing skills in bringing those newer members up to speed.

Kenny and I planned on a welcome visit next Monday, but plans hit a glitch. They have cancelled rehearsal for tonight and will be moving outdoors with masks in order to curtail covid exposure.

### **Pasadena, CA - Crown City Chorus**

Membership records reflect 6 members. However, when speaking with their president, I learned that they have at least 4 more who are reactivating their membership with BHS and the FWD.

John Minsker is their director, and they are meeting regularly now. No performances to note at this time.

### **Rincon Beach - Pacific Sound Chorus**

BHS records reflect 11 members. They do not have a director and do not meet on a regular basis.

I met with president, Brent Anderson, and he stated that they are considering going to an all-gender chorus, but that has not yet been decided.

They did open their Christmas Chorus to women and had several successful performances. It looks promising.

### **San Fernando Valley - Valley Harmony Singers**

BHS records reflect 19 members. They currently have three guests who will be added to their roster soon. They are an all-gender chorus.

This chorus is doing many things right. They're currently holding two shows a year with huge success. This spring they held a Youth Outreach Program at Cleveland High School with 35 student singers. As a result, they have been invited to bring their program to the International Boys Preparatory School on August 14th. They are scheduled for back-to-back programs that day. They have planned to invite students from both schools to participate in their upcoming Christmas Show on December 2nd.

While they have chosen to not compete at District Contest in October, they have offered to assist with hosting a divisional or district event.

### **San Luis Obispo, CA - Gold Coast Chorus**

Inactive

### **Santa Clarita, CA - Harmony Hills Chorus – (formerly Men of Harmony Chorus)**

Harmony Hills Chorus has 8 members shown on it's records. They are now an all-gender group. New director, Kira Wagner, has told me that there are several others who are not reflected on their BHS records.

They show up regularly for rehearsals and performances but have not yet reactivated their membership.

### **Santa Maria, CA - Central Coast Chordsmen**

BHS membership records show 24 members. According to their chapter president they have about 17 active members who attend regularly. They have 3 new members coming on board soon.

They cancelled their fall show in favor of a six week "Learn to sing" program. They reported that they were able to convert three of those 10 participants to members. They do have a Christmas Show on the calendar for this December. Most years they do a Singing Valentines program.

### **Santa Monica, CA - The Oceanaires**

BHS membership records reflect 29 members. While they qualified for the District Contest, it has not yet been decided if they will attend or not. They should have an answer soon.

They plan on resuming their annual show this fall. Plus, they have three community performances on their calendar. One each for the months of August, September and October.

### **South Bay, CA - Coastliners Chorus**

BHS membership records show 36 members. Their latest performance was an appearance on a show with our new chorus, LA South Towns and Ready, Willing, and Mabel. This chorus performs regularly in the their community and looks forward to their annual chapter show.

## **SPECIAL REPORT: Sounds of Aloha Chorus - 2023 PAN PAC**

Please join me in congratulating the Sounds of Aloha Chorus for their participation in this year's Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention in Auckland, New Zealand!

Here is a report of that event.

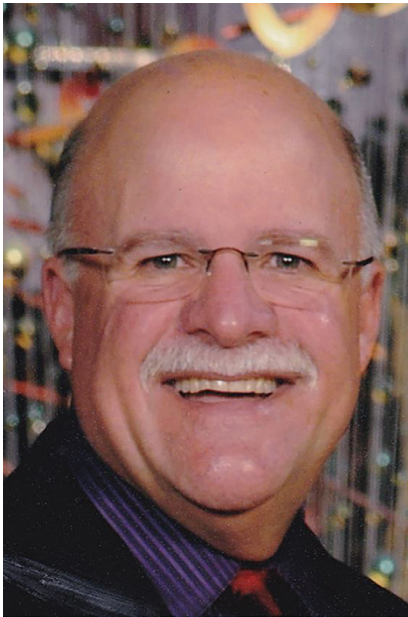
The Sounds of Aloha Chorus was thrilled to travel to New Zealand in September for the 2023 Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention, which was also the 2023 convention of Barbershop Harmony New Zealand.

We were so excited to be returning to New Zealand where we have many fond memories of previous visits. It's special for us because a 1972 visit from the Merry Macs, a Sounds of Aloha Chorus Quartet, helped nurture the seeds of barbershop harmony in New Zealand. In fact, tenor Bill Joor, along with his son and grandson competed with their quartet Funny Bones. Joining them on the contest stage were three additional chorus quartets - H4, 21 North, and 19th Avenue.

Our chorus was honored to host the second Pan Pacific in 1998 where 320 New Zealand barbershoppers were in attendance! We also hosted the 2008 Pan Pac as well.

This year, the ninth Pan Pacific was held where it all began - Tamaki Makaurau/ Auckland. Other convention locations have included Christchurch and Wellington, New Zealand, as well as Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sydney, Australia.

For the record, there were 54 quartets registered and 30 choruses. A fine representation of barbershop in the Pacific area!!



## Board Member Reports

# Chris Hebert

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### 1. Directors Guild at the Fall Convention

- a. Thanks to Kenny and Adam for setting this in motion
- b. Looking for a good turnout
- c. Who can report out on this as the time conflicts with the HOD meeting?

### 2. Fall Convention

- a. Educational Classes
  - i. Directors Classes in place
  - ii. Chris doing Vocal class
- b. Poll Convention Attendees
  - i. Worked with Adam
  - ii. Survey ready to go for this Fall

### 3. Future Conventions

- a. Have the judges come in a day early and teach curriculum of their choice?
  - i. Impact to budget:
    - 1) Judges will need an extra night's stay
    - 2) Need class rooms at the convention site
- b. Friday schedule of events needs to accommodate classes
- c. Poll Convention Attendees
  - i. See what outcomes we get from the Fall and adjust as needed

### 4. Poll Chorus Directors and MusVPs

- a. What do they need? What could they use? How can we make the better/help their chorus/etc.?
- b. Need email list of all these people

### 5. Top Gun School

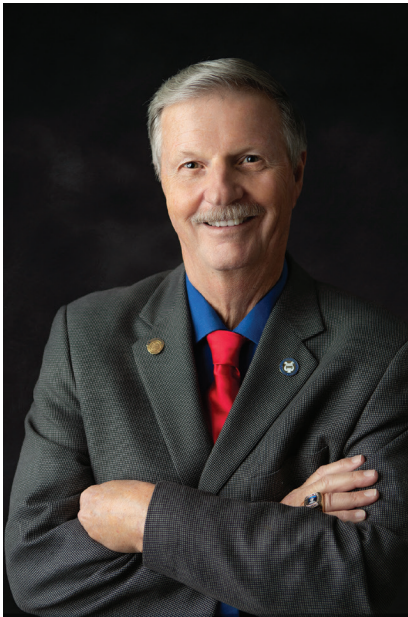
- a. Discussions held with Mike Bortz in SWD
- b. Will cost \$3500-4500
- c. District budget available with current concerns?



## Board Member Reports

**Randy Meyer**  
*Vice President Contests & Judging*  
drcj@farwesterndistrict.org

- 22 quartets and 12 choruses will be participating in the fall contest
  - 41 quartets and 20 choruses participated in the spring contests
- Recommended qualifying scores for 2024 fall contest:
  - Quartets: 68 (no change)
  - Choruses: 61 (no change)
- 13 judges recertified at category school, 1 additional recertification pending
- Applications for all categories are now open
  - All applications must be received by December 15
  - Anyone interested in applying should contact VP, C&J directly for application
- Projected panels for spring:
  - 2 NorCal / prelims (2-day contest)
  - 2 Socal (1-day contest)
  - 1 AZ (1-day contest)



Board Member Reports

**Bill Rosica**

*Immediate Past President*

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

Just a couple of things from the IPP.

- The slate of officers was forwarded to President Rios.
- The Past President’s breakfast is scheduled for 7:00 am – 9:00 am at the HQ Hotel.

# Slate of Officers for 2024

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| President .....                   | Kenny Rios                               |
| Executive Vice-President.....     | Adam Kaufman                             |
| Secretary .....                   | Greg Dreyer                              |
| Treasurer .....                   | Wally Smulson                            |
| Immediate Past President .....    | Bill Rosica                              |
| VP of Music and Performance ..... | Chris Hebert                             |
| VP of Contest and Judging .....   | Ben Porter                               |
| Division VP Arizona .....         | Aaron Burleson                           |
| Division VP Northeast .....       | Chuck Roots (until replacement is found) |
| Division VP Northwest.....        | Rich Postal                              |
| Division VP Southeast .....       | Jeremy Loper                             |
| Division VP Southwest .....       | Kathy Kileen                             |



## Management Team Reports

# David Melville

*Marketing & Public Relations Manager*

marketing@farwesterndistrict.org

### **Website**

Still trying to update to Joomla 4. Long, time consuming process. Lots of moving parts. I've put everything on hold until after the Fall Convention, as we can't afford any downtime until then.

### **Social Media**

Ethan has been doing a marvelous job with our Facebook presence, and is expanding in to YouTube and other media. He has done a great job getting people engaged.

### **Registration for Fall**

Due to the technical difficulties with the Joomla 4 upgrade, we are running the Fall 2023 convention registration using Eventbrite. I've resisted going that route for years because of the fees, but so far I haven't heard anyone complain, and I think nowadays people are used to online fees for services. While there was an initially steep learning curve involved, it has been working well for us, and quite honestly, I would prefer if we remained there going forward. There is also a Smartphone app, which is a huge Plus.

Expect to see some new, cool technology at registration this year!

We are resuming name badges, but are using a service to prepare them; they will arrive burst, sorted, and stuffed in sleeves—a huge job to do manually—and will have a schedule of the main events on the back side. I've ordered badge organizer trays which will make it much easier for our volunteers at the registration desk. Adam has ordered custom FWD lanyards.

### **Email List**

Thanks to help from Adam Kaufman, we got our email list working again and have been using it to Market the Fall Convention. The BHS data continues to be problematic, so this was a grunt manual effort. I also used an email list validation service to filter out the bad addresses. I rebuilt the list server from scratch, and it is running on Joomla 4, PHP 8.1, and the latest version of AcyMailer, so that should keep us in business for quite some time; If I can break through with an automation for getting clean data from BHS, we will be in good shape going forward.

### **Westags**

I'm getting a template set up on the new mailing server, and should be able to resume Westags after the convention.

### **Other Publications**

I have the professional desktop publishing tools necessary to handle large documents. We need to get the SOP migrated into this platform because it is too large for Word to handle and the document is becoming technically unstable. The same applies for our Convention Manual, and I will work with Bill to get it done.



## Management Team Reports

# Cody Littlefield

*Membership Recruitment & Education Manager*

membership@farwesterndistrict.org

1. FWD Membership Numbers To-Date - *see following page*
2. I have taken it upon myself to develop a closer relationship with the DVPs and broaden what we can work on together. We have already met via Zoom and will meet once more between District and the turn of the year to solidify our game plan. Beginning in 2024, we will work side by side in improving membership and offering membership tools to every Division within our District. More information to follow.
3. Far Western District: Memorial Day Weekend Bash - This is a follow up from our August 12th BOD Meeting:

I am pleased to inform you I have begun researching the possibility of the Far Western District hosting a Memorial Day Weekend Bash. For those who are familiar, the Sunshine District holds what's called Labor Day Jamboree every Labor Day weekend and hosts a plethora of quartets and choruses who showcase their stuff. Other than the two shows that happen on Saturday and Sunday night...everyone hangs out and sings tags in the pool all day and night. I'm highly convinced if the FWD hosted an event like this on our terms, we would garner support from our District members as it promotes goodwill, singing, and FUN! Additionally, we would treat one of the shows as an "open mic" by sign up. All District quartets or choruses are welcome to perform. My job as VP of Membership is to encourage exactly that...membership. For the FWD to hold two (semi) serious events per year for our District members to compete in is not enough to promote what we're all here to do in the first place: to have fun singing barbershop harmony. By us hosting this event, it promotes what we're all after. While there's no hard data on this, I can guarantee we will see an influx of people return to district participation. This is very early in the planning stages as I don't expect this to happen until May of 2025.

Additionally, after talking with FWD legends and HOF members, it has been recommended in the future that we host Go For The Gold and our summer BOD meeting at this event. Further discussion is requested at our BOD in Gilbert.

## FWD Membership Numbers To-Date

| 2022               | 1-Aug                  | 2023               | 1-Aug                  | Change             |                        |                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| District Status    | Current                | District Status    | Current                |                    |                        |                    |                        |
| Row Labels         | Count of Member Number | Row Labels         | Count of Member Number |                    | Since Aug Last Year    |                    |                        |
| <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>130</b>             | <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>122</b>             | <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>-8</b>              |                    |                        |
| Male               | 130                    | Male               | 122                    | Male               | -8                     |                    |                        |
| <b>N/A</b>         | <b>812</b>             | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>799</b>             | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>-13</b>             |                    |                        |
| Female             | 117                    | Female             | 148                    | Female             | 31                     |                    |                        |
| Male               | 694                    | Male               | 647                    | Male               | -47                    |                    |                        |
| Non-Binary         | 1                      | Non-Binary         | 1                      | Non-Binary         | 0                      |                    |                        |
| <b>Senior</b>      | <b>469</b>             | Prefer Not To Say  | 3                      | Prefer Not To Say  | 0                      |                    |                        |
| Female             | 26                     | <b>Senior</b>      | <b>409</b>             | <b>Senior</b>      | <b>-60</b>             |                    |                        |
| Male               | 442                    | Female             | 29                     | Female             | 3                      |                    |                        |
| (blank)            | 1                      | Male               | 379                    | Male               | -63                    |                    |                        |
| <b>Youth</b>       | <b>46</b>              | (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 0                      |                    |                        |
| Female             | 2                      | <b>Youth</b>       | <b>48</b>              | <b>Youth</b>       | <b>2</b>               |                    |                        |
| Male               | 43                     | Female             | 11                     | Female             | 9                      |                    |                        |
| (blank)            | 1                      | Male               | 36                     | Male               | -7                     |                    |                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1457</b>            | (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 0                      |                    |                        |
|                    |                        | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1378</b>            | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>-79</b>             |                    |                        |
|                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |
|                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |
| 2022               | 15-Sep                 | 2023               | 15-Sep                 |                    | Since Sept Last Year   |                    | Since last Report      |
| Row Labels         | Count of Member Number | Row Labels         | Count of Member Number | Row Labels         | Count of Member Number | Row Labels         | Count of Member Number |
| <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>125</b>             | <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>124</b>             | <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>-1</b>              | <b>50+ Member</b>  | <b>2</b>               |
| Male               | 125                    | Male               | 124                    | Male               | -1                     | Male               | 2                      |
| <b>N/A</b>         | <b>742</b>             | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>818</b>             | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>76</b>              | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>19</b>              |
| Female             | 115                    | Female             | 154                    | Female             | 39                     | Female             | 6                      |
| Male               | 624                    | Male               | 659                    | Male               | 35                     | Male               | 12                     |
| Non-Binary         | 2                      | Non-Binary         | 2                      | Non-Binary         | 0                      | Non-Binary         | 1                      |
| Prefer Not To Say  | 1                      | Prefer Not To Say  | 3                      | Prefer Not To Say  | 2                      | Prefer Not To Say  | 0                      |
| <b>Senior</b>      | <b>428</b>             | <b>Senior</b>      | <b>412</b>             | <b>Senior</b>      | <b>-16</b>             | <b>Senior</b>      | <b>3</b>               |
| Female             | 26                     | Female             | 31                     | Female             | 5                      | Female             | 2                      |
| Male               | 401                    | Male               | 380                    | Male               | -21                    | Male               | 1                      |
| (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 0                      | (blank)            | 0                      |
| <b>Youth</b>       | <b>45</b>              | <b>Youth</b>       | <b>53</b>              | <b>Youth</b>       | <b>8</b>               | <b>Youth</b>       | <b>5</b>               |
| Female             | 3                      | Female             | 10                     | Female             | 7                      | Female             | -1                     |
| Male               | 42                     | Male               | 41                     | Male               | -1                     | Male               | 5                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1340</b>            | Non-Binary         | 1                      | Non-Binary         | 1                      | Non-Binary         | 0                      |
|                    |                        | (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 1                      | (blank)            | 0                      |
|                    |                        | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1407</b>            | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>67</b>              | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>29</b>              |



## Management Team Reports

**Antwun Puckett**  
*Youth in Harmony Manager*  
yih@farwesterndistrict.org

Hello everyone,

A few developments have happened since our last BOD meeting:

- Adam Kaufman and I have been in touch recently in regards to Higley HS (their chamber choir will be singing for us right after the chorus contest). On the Friday of the convention weekend, I will be going to the high school along side Capitol Ring. They will be singing for their choir and will also promote the High School Quartet Contest. This will be happening from 12:15-1:15 P.M. I will head straight back to HQ as soon as we are done to join you all at the HOD meeting.
- Speaking of the High School Quartet Contest, I did mention at our last BOD meeting that I would be reaching out to each of our District VP's about that contest and about our youth outreach. Unfortunately, life has been really busy, but I will be reaching out to each of our District VP's very shortly after our district convention.
- I have also briefly talked to David Melville about the Youth in Harmony website and will continue to work on that throughout the remainder of the year.

I also just want to share my appreciation for Kenny, Adam, and whoever else may be involved in coordinating this year's Fall Convention. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!!



**Far Western District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
July 22, 2023  
ZOOM**



Call to order by Kenny Rios at 10:15 am Quorum established by Secretary Greg Dreyer

Present:

- Kenny Rios
- Adam Kaufman
- Greg Dreyer
- Rich Owen
- Bill Rosica
- Kathy Kileen
- Jeremy Loper
- Rich Postal
- Aaron Burleson
- David Melville

Absent:

- Randy Meyer
- Chuck Roots
- Ben Porter
- Chris Hebert
- Cody Littlefield
- Antwun Prescott
- Charles Carothers

Accepting the Agenda

Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2023 without corrections

**Motion Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Bill Rosica - carried**

Treasurer's Report and Budget review by Treasurer Rich Owen

Discussion of Grant Application from Visalia Chapter for Youth Harmony Festival

**Motion to approve \$1250.00 Adam Kaufman, 2nd-Bill Rosica-carried 9-1**

A Grant Program Committee will be established for future requests

Budget Workbook review:

**Income:**

**District dues increase from \$45 to \$60 in 2024 - motion by Adam Kaufman and 2nd by Jeremy Loper Carried unanimously. Will be taken to HOD Meeting in October for approval**

**Convention fees increase from \$35 to \$60 (early) starting with Fall Convention in Gilbert, AZ Regular registrations \$75. And at-the-door registrations will be \$100**

**Motion Adam Kaufman and 2nd by Jeremy Loper - carried 6-1**

Both increases are lower than most other districts. Increases will add approximately \$30,000 to budget

**Expenses** (currently approximately \$45,000 over budget):

Several items were identified and an update will be forthcoming by Treasurer Rich Owen

**Motion to adjourn Adam Kaufman and 2nd by Rich Postal . Carried.**

Adjournment at 12:19 by President Kenny Rios

**2nd Summer Meeting scheduled for August 12, 2023 at 10:00 am via ZOOM**

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, FWD Secretary

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**Far Western District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes Corrected Copy  
August 12, 2023  
ZOOM**



Call to order by Kenny Rios at 10:02 am

Quorum established by Secretary Greg Dreyer

Present:

- Kenny Rios
- Adam Kaufman
- Greg Dreyer
- Bill Rosica
- Kathy Kileen
- Jeremy Loper
- Rich Postal
- Aaron Burluson
- David Melville
- Randy Meyer
- Chris Hebert
- Cody Littlefield
- Antwun Prescott
- Charles Carothers

Absent:

- Ben Porter
- Rich Owen
- Chuck Roots

Welcoming by President to YIH Manager Antwun Puckett

Accepting the Agenda

**Motion: Bill Rosica, 2 nd Adam Kaufman - carried**

Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2023 without corrections

**Motion: Greg Dreyer, 2nd Cody Littlefield - Abstain - Randy Meyer - carried**

Reports: All reports were sent separately by email

Treasurer Rich Owen (absent) discussed at previous meeting. 2024 Budget going to HOD in October

Division 1 Southwest - Kathy Kileen - Visiting all chapters in SW

Division 2 Southeast - Jeremy Loper - planning to connect with all chapters in SE

Division 3 Northwest - Rich Postal - visiting all chapters in NW

Division 4 Northeast - Chuck Roots (absent) by report was distributed via email

Division 5 AZ - Aaron Burluson - Bash in AZ was successful.

Contest & Judging - Randy Meyer - need for more registrations from Quartets and Choruses. Those Quartets and Choruses not attending should also contact Randy. C&J program has openings and applicants can apply by deadline December 15. (not again for 3 years).

Music & Performance - Chris Ebert - No program reports due to inadequate funding. Still looking at "Top Gun" program. Need to streamline communication with other Districts.

EVP - Adam Kaufman - Fall Convention coming along. A District Presidents Council will be scheduled

District Management Team:

Membership - Cody Littlefield

Chorus Director Development - Kathy Kileen - one half of chapters are without directors. There needs to be more recognition for directors at conventions. Director training is necessary. Randy added that there needs to be a plan for the preparation for directors and a plan for implementation. Kathy to confer with Chris, Adam, Randy and Bill. No chapters in SW have committed to Fall Convention

Events - Bill Rosica - Fall Convention is moving along in Gilbert, AZ. Director Training to be implemented at convention. Better communication is necessary to encourage attendance. David Melville is working on cleansing email distribution and also resurrecting the Westags. Namebadges question - Kenny to work with Adam on this. Possible use of Event Brite system.

Marketing and PR - David Melville - There have been problems with the Website and David is trying to stay on top of it. He is also asking for some help for some of his responsibilities. Event Brite system will be used for registrations. There are some fees attached. Randy also suggested that Westunes be an annual edition. This would have to clear FWD SOP. Ethan has been doing a good job with the use of social media.

Youth in Harmony - Antwun Puckett - new membership is up. Funding will be necessary for continued work projects. Kudo's to Antwun and Kenny

Community Outreach - Charles Carothers - Having difficulty reaching out but conversations are continuing. Pursuing roots of Barbershop. Randy suggested looking at Jim Henry's dissertation on the Roots of Barbershop.

Financial Development – no report

Old Business:

**Budget for 2024 – Approved – Motion Adam Kaufman and 2 nd by Bill Rosica, carried**

To be presented at HOD meeting in October

New Business:

- FWD Roster – Secretary Greg Dreyer will forward updated roster to all asking for updates
- Discussions of having FWD Conventions once a year only in the Fall – There are reported problems going to a single convention for the district. There would be a feeling of being disenfranchised. There was discussion on the need to make improvements of what happens at the convention other than just competition. There was also discussion on where to hold “Prelims”. Cody suggested having “Top Gun” program at the Prelims. Rich Postal and Kathy suggested having more coaching opportunities at convention. Randy added that perhaps the Judges could come earlier to provide coaching prior to the competition.
- Discussion of registration costs for all District Events in 2024 – new fees will be implemented for the Fall with \$60 fee for Early reg. and then \$75. and then \$100 on-site, Non-singers would be \$35 for early, \$50. then \$75. on-site. Under 12 years of age would be \$0 for early or regular reg. but \$25 on-site. **The “single event” ticket will be \$40. In the Terrace with open seating.**
- Discussion of any ways that BOD-DMT members suggest we cut costs, but not services . . . and also how to find additional sources of revenue. Kathy suggested that Rich Owen serve as a Grant Writer after his term of Treasurer has been completed.
- Chapter of the Year Awards: Asking DVP’s to nominate chapters and submit to Kenny by 9/16 for him and Adam to make selection. A standardized list for criteria could be helpful. Adam will follow up. Could include, # of shows, # of community events, new chapter members, competition involvement, etc. Need to look into past recipients and see if there is a perpetual trophy or an individual award each year.
- Discussion of proposal for a 55+ Senior Chorus Competition to be added to FWD Conventions – Rich Postal will send out his proposal to the rest of the BOD and this will be on agenda for Fall.
- Communication with Chapters – Chapters need to update their 2023 list of officers to BHS. There is some confusion using BHS site and there is a problem getting a return response from BHS. There was a suggestion to contact Marty Monson at BHS. Aaron also suggested using “Chat” to get a more immediate response. David gets response sending emails to “Customer Service”.
- Memorial Day Bash – Cody offered the website for this [www.sunshinedistrict.org](http://www.sunshinedistrict.org)
- High School Quartet contest resurgence. Funnel all info to YIH Antwun. Spring Divisional Conventions is the only time of year this can be done as it keeps the travel expenses down for the youths and their families. Scores are compiled and the High School Quartet Champ is announced after the last Spring Divisional Convention and is invited to perform at the Fall Convention.
- Kathy suggested having existing members attending conventions to bring their teens.
- Email accounts – David will be converting everyone from [farwesterndistrict.org](http://farwesterndistrict.org) email accounts by title to [farwesterndistrict.org](http://farwesterndistrict.org) email accounts by name with an alias to the title, the alias being for publication.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Fall Convention -Hampton Inn, East Mesa, AZ**

Adjournment at 12:26 by President Kenny Rios

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, FWD Secretary

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**Far Western District  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Minutes  
March 24, 2023  
Marriott Hotel, Burbank, CA**



Call to Order by Executive VP Adam Kaufman at 3:15 and Singing "The Old Songs"

Invocation by Chuck Roots

Roll Call to establish quorum by Secretary Greg Dreyer

Following chapters noted as being defunct: Lompoc, Long Beach and Chico

Opening Remarks , Welcome new BOD Members ,Introduction of Guests by Adam Kaufman

- Greg Dreyer, Secretary
- Aaron Burleson, Div VP AZ
- Jeremy Loper, Div VP 2 SE
- Guest - Donny Rose from Harmony Foundation

Comments from Blair Brown, BHS Rep. "Very Excited to be here at Spring Convention"

**Accepting of Agenda - Moved and seconded - carried**

**Approval of Minutes from Fall Convention October 14, 2022 - Moved and seconded - carried**

It was noted that some members could not connect to meeting due to band width restrictions

Treasurer's Report /Financial Update by Rich Owen

**Motion and seconded to receive report - carried**

District Management Team

Member Retention & Education Manager (Jeremy Loper /Cody Littlefield)

- Jeremy went to CASA Festival. Looking at establishing a cooperative relationship with them
- Idea for membership is to use QR code and put into local publicity

Chorus Directors Development /Directors Guild (Scott Suwabe)

- No report - unable to attend

Events/Venues (Bill Rosica)

- Fall Convention Update by Bill Rosica/Adam Kaufman
- Higley Center (high school) (Bill Rosica)
- Directors Training will be on Thursday. 6 different hotels will be used in AZ Looking at a shuttle service to be provided by hotels or Convention Bureau
- Adam and Bill working on obtaining enough meeting and rehearsal space
- Updating Convention Manual - Bill and David
- 2023-25 conventions are set
  - 2024 - Fall Bakersfield
  - 2025 Fall Fresno
- Harmony College West to be evaluated/planned possibly for Fall 2024.

Marketing and Public Relations (David Melville)

- Westunes Articles - David still having difficulty getting timely reports
- Issues are March 1, June 1, Sept 1, and Dec 1 - Reports should be received 1 month prior
- Thanks to BHS for updating data base on member center

Old Business

- BMI Clearances - Secretary Greg Dreyer is asking assistance in getting BMI requests sent in on a timely manner

New Business

- Mileage and meal reimbursement rates amended - and made retro to Jan 2023

**Motion and Seconded - Carried**

- Changes to SOP:

Ben Porter (Assistant Contest/Judging) suggests the following:

1. Allow quartets to replace a member between Spring and Fall
2. Allow leeway in choruses serving as mic-testers  
Met with some resistance due to non-competing members wanting to be included as mic-testers
3. Clarify the process for quartets to qualify for the fall contest
4. Clarify the process for seniors quartets to qualify for the fall contest at the BOD meeting (and, if they find approval, at the subsequent HOD meeting)

Items 1, 3 and 4 Motion and seconded – carried

Item 2 tabled

Adjourn “Keep the Whole World Singing” at 4:10 pm by Adam Kaufman

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, FWD Secretary

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# Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

House of Delegates  
Far Western District  
Fall 2023 Meeting

October 13, 2023, 1:00 PM  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
1825 N Higley Road  
Gilbert, Arizona



**This will Certify that the Delegate of the:**

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*(Chapter Name)*

Chapter # D-\_\_\_\_\_ is

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*(Delegate Name)*

**Signatures:**

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Delegatate  
*(Signature)*

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Chapter President  
*(Signature)*

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