

**Far Western District
House of Delegates Meeting
Fall Convention
Minutes
October 13, 2023
Gilbert Arizona**

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| 1. Call to Order at 1:00 pm | Kenny Rios |
| 2. Sing "The Star Spangled Banner" | Chris Hebert |
| 3. Sing "The Old Songs" | Dusty Schleier |
| 4. Invocation | Chuck Roots |
| 5. Roll Call to establish quorum | Greg Dreyer |

Chapters present:

La Jolla, Greater Los Angeles, California Delta (2), South Bay, Reno, Central California, Sedona, Barbary Coast (2), Maricopa Co., AZ Chapter, Redwood Chordsmen, Tucson Sunshine, Placerville (Gold Rush), Stockton, Las Vegas, Westminster, Bakersfield, San Diego, Fullerton, Sounds of Aloha, Sun Cities, AZ, Fremont, Central AZ QT, Greater Phoenix, San Mateo, Co. (online)

Chapters absent:

Apple Valley, Arcata, Brea, Coachella Valley, Conejo Valley, Crescenta Valley, Davis-Vacaville, El Cajon, Eureka, Folsom, Hemet, Inland Empire, LA South Towns, Lake Forest, Marin, Mesa, Monterey Peninsula, Napa, NV-Placer, Orange QT, Palo Alto-MT View, Palomar Pacific, Pasadena, Prescott, Rincon Beach, Sacramento, Saddle Brooke, Salt River, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco Bay Cities, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clarita, Santa Cruz, Santa Maria, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa, St. George, UT, Temecula, Visalia, Walnut Creek, White Mountains, Yuma.

Quorum was present

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| 6. Opening Remarks | Kenny Rios |
| 7. Accepting of Agenda | Kenny Rios |

– Motion Rich Owen and seconded by Rich Postal – carried

8. Introduction of Guests – Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation and Dusty Schleier from Barbershop Harmony Society

Comments from Dusty Schleier:

There has been a transition of leadership at BHS with Marty Monson stepping down. BHS is getting ready for Midwinter Convention in New York. Registrations are high. There are great expectations for International in Cleveland, OH. which will also include a Comedy Quartet Contest and Dream Chorus Experience. BHS Library is a great resource and is available to membership. Overall membership in BHS is low – (less than 12K) but starting to grow again. Currently there are 12504 male, 1565 female and there have been 5 new chapters formed.

9. Special Business- Nominating Committee

Bill Rosica

a. Presentation of State of Officers

Bill Rosica

President – Kenny Rios

Executive VP – Adam Kaufman

Immediate Past President – Bill Rosica

Secretary – Greg Dreyer

Treasurer – Wally Smulson

Contest/Judging VP – Ben Porter

Music/Performance VP – Chris Ebert

VP Division 1 SW – Kathy Kileen

VP Division 2 SE – Jeremy Roper

VP Division 3 NW – Rich Postal

VP Division 4 SW – Chuck Roots (until a replacement can be found)

VP Division 5 AZ – Aaron Burleson

b. Vote by HOD - Unanimous

c. Installation of 2024 Officers

Dusty Schleier

10. Comments from Jim Clark of HFI

HFI distributions with money going back to the chapters has lessened from 24% pre-pandemic to 11% but is starting to pick up. Grants are available. The incarceration program has been successful. The Annual Giving Programs are still available. The Lumbard Family has presented a \$150,000.00 match challenge. Staffing changes at HFI include Tyler Wiggington – National BHS Program, and Dixie Sevich – BHS Block of Business. The “Keep a Melody Ringing” program has been set for pre-pandemic but is not being started again.

11. Secretary’s Report –

Greg Dreyer

a. Approval of Minutes from Spring Convention March 24, 2023.

-Motion Bob from San Mateo and seconded by Art Miller of Las Vegas – carried

b. Reading of Chapter Eternal with singing from Summertimers Harmony Band

Chapter Eternal

Deceased Date	Name	Chapter(s)
3/18/2011	Norman Schwartz	SaddleBrooke & Tucson, AZ
2/22/2014	Bruce Schram	Tucson, AZ
9/15/2016	Charles Bauder	Tucson, AZ
10/2/2016	V. James Neal	Tucson, AZ
4/8/2018	Jim Robbins	Tucson, AZ
8/2/2018	Ronald Schrubbs	Tucson, AZ
8/13/2018	John Gigax	Tucson, AZ
4/2/2019	Richard Shuman	Tucson, AZ
9/1/2019	Donald Schell	Tucson, AZ
4/20/2020	Glen Marker	Tucson, AZ
6/23/2020	Richard Mueser	Central Arizona & Tucson, AZ
9/18/2020	James Sellers	Tucson, AZ
2/9/2021	Donald Nichols	San Mateo County, CA
1/30/2022	John Waugh	Las Vegas, NV
2/12/2022	James Stevenson	Tucson, AZ
2/28/2022	Gerald Swank, Jr.	Tucson, AZ
4/30/2022	William Cale	California Delta, Central California, Sacramento, & Stockton, CA
5/14/2022	John Minkler	Davis-Vacaville, CA
7/13/2022	Robert Wilke	Santa Barbara, CA
8/1/2022	Ronald Hayes	SaddleBrooke & Tucson, AZ
8/25/2022	Wayne Brumm	Tucson, AZ
9/13/2022	Dean Clark	Fresno, CA
10/1/2022	Jose Ochoa	Crescenta Valley & Pasadena, CA
10/1/2022	Charles E Thompson	Santa Rosa, CA
10/12/2022	Clark Abrahamson	Folsom, Placerville & Sacramento, CA
10/16/2022	Gloria Rosales	San Fernando Valley, CA
10/17/2022	Stephen Peacock	Greater Los Angeles, Barbary Coast & Pasadena, CA
10/18/2022	William Archambeau	Tucson, AZ

11/9/2022	Kenneth Koch	Barbary Coast, Palomar Pacific & Temecula, CA
11/21/2022	Bruce Campbell	Crescenta Valley, CA
12/16/2022	Joseph Teresi	Folsom, CA
12/24/2022	Robert Cossentine	Greater Los Angeles, Orange Quartet & South Orange County, CA
1/2/2023	Norman Smith	California Delta & Sacramento, CA
1/13/2023	Grady Williams	Central California
1/31/2023	Dwight Ellis	Greater Phoenix, AZ
2/1/2023	Marjorie Falcon	L.A. South Towns
2/11/2023	Buddy Seeberg	Las Vegas, NV
2/14/2023	Edmund Thompson	Yuma, AZ
2/22/2023	Frank Fliszar	Central Arizona, Fullerton, CA, Greater Phoenix, AZ & Orange Quartet
2/27/2023	Thomas Powers	Davis-Vacaville, CA
2/27/2023	Samuel Stimple	Prescott, AZ
3/5/2023	David Tompkins	Tucson, AZ
3/15/2023	Stefford Veltema	Coachella Valley & Walnut Creek, CA
4/1/2023	Kenneth Dewire	Sun Cities, AZ
4/6/2023	Terry Aramian	Greater Phoenix, AZ
4/17/2023	Kathie Edwards	San Fernando Valley, CA
4/27/2023	John Duval	Inland Empire, CA
5/13/2023	John Ernsberger	Greater Los Angeles & Inland Empire, CA
5/15/2023	Jimmye Boatright	Greater Phoenix, AZ
6/4/2023	Norman Monson	Inland Empire, CA
6/5/2023	Jack Statler	Tucson, AZ
6/6/2023	Mike Morey	Sun Cities, AZ
6/9/2023	Philip Rosen	Sedona, AZ
6/18/2023	Al Justice	El Cajon, Palomar Pacific & San Diego, CA
6/20/2023	Roy Yost	San Mateo County, CA
7/7/2023	Robert Saxe	Crescenta Valley, CA
7/8/2023	Jon Goerke	Marin, CA
8/2/2023	Phil Lockwood	San Fernando Valley, CA
8/15/2023	Garth Ratliff	Rincon Beach, & South Bay, CA
8/31/2023	Peter Feeney	Las Vegas, NV
9/14/2023	Charles Stahl	Greater Los Angeles

12. Treasurer's Report

Rich Owen

- a. Financial Update
- b. District Dues Increase (with discussion led by Adam Kaufman regarding \$45-\$60 increase). Three delegates stated their "no" votes and their reasoning: California Delta, Placerville, and Stockton, listing financial conditions for members are a main concern. Comments: There are two sides – Revenues and Expenses. The expense side of spending needs to be addressed. Adam responded that he will work with spending practices. Another question was stated asking what are chapters getting from FWD? Kenny responded explaining some of the benefits available. Communication is limited from FWD and BHS. Cody responded that info has been distributed via media sources. Kenny is tasking each Divisional VP to make contact with the chapters.

Another comment was in regard to Westunes being inconsistent. Kenny responded that the Westunes/Westags are available digitally. Another comment was that membership is unhappy with dues increase and poor communication from leadership. Senior membership increases hurt and would like increase to be postponed. There was also a comment to pass the increase to make up the deficit in the budget. Rich Owen commented that the pandemic allowed FWD to catch up, but there is a scheduled "loss" anticipated this year. Attendance has improved but inflation has also increased. Dues aren't enough to support the district. The welfare of the Far Western District needs analysis for the future especially in looking at the loss of membership due to the increases. There was also some appreciation to the leadership of the Far Western District in trying to achieve balance. Kenny commented how costs are increasing everywhere and that the BOD is trying to offer more opportunities at the convention free of charge.

Motion by Craig Hughes and seconded Rich Owen to approve increase. Carried with a 29-4 vote.

- c. Questions regarding 2024 Budget from HOD - None

- d. Approval of the 2024 Budget by the HOD –

Motion to approve budget by Craig Hughes and seconded by Adam Kaufman - carried

Proposed Budget for 2024 (see attachment)

13. Vice Presidents Reports (Reports are in HOD Brochure)

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| a. Division 1 SW | Kathy Kileen |
| b. Division 2 SE | Jeremy Roper |
| c. Division 3 NW | Rich Postal |
| d. Division 4 NE | Chuck Roots |
| Chuck also brought up the need for more directors for chapters | |
| e. Division 5 AZ | Aaron Burleson |

14. District Management Team (Reports are in HOD Brochure)

Adam Kaufman

Member Retention & Education Manager

Cody Littlefield

Chorus Directors Development

Kathy Kileen

Events/Venues

Bill Rosica

a. Fall Convention Update

Directors Training will be on Thursday.

There was a question on why this particular venue was chosen? A \$3000.00 deposit was given on Higley Theatre. In that, there were no hotels close by, created a problem and difficult decisions had to be made. There are lessons to be learned for future conventions in Arizona and there are better hotel/venue choices available.

b. 2023-25 conventions are set

March 14-17, 2024 – Spring Convention with NW and NE Divisionals Fremont, CA

May 11, 2024 – SE and SW Divisionals Ontario, CA (May 4 was the original date)

October 17-20, 2024 – Fall Convention Bakersfield

Date/location tbd – Spring Convention 2025

Date tbd - Fall Convention Fresno 2025

Harmony College West to be evaluated/planned possibly for Fall 2024.

Marketing and Public Relations

David Melville

Youth in Harmony

Antwun Puckett

Community Outreach

Charles Carothers

15. Old Business

- a. Leeway in choruses serving as mic-testers issue was tabled from Spring 2023 and tabled again until 2024

Ben Porter

16. New Business

- a. Chapter of the Year award re-instated and Divisional VP's are soliciting nominees. This award will be presented at the Fall Convention.

Kenny Rios

Adam Kaufman

- b. 55+ Chorus Competition This will be an AFDW Chorus. Rich Postal
Chorus would compete and go on to Mid-Winter 2025. Those participating will need to have dual membership if already with another chapter. The District will create a “District Chapter” possibly obtaining a charter from a Chapter wanting to fold.
- c. Award given to Rich Owen in appreciation of service to FWD 2017-2023 Kenny Rios
- d. Celebration of Life event for Jim Kline is in planning stages by South Bay Kenny Rios

17. Sing “Keep the Whole World Singing”

18. Adjourn at 3:10 pm Kenny Rios

Attachment:



06-2024 Proposed
Budget_7-22-2023 B

						Proposed Budget	Control	Notes		
					Ordinary Income/Expense	\$0.00				
					Income					
					500.00 - DUES-Members					
					500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	\$0.00				
					500.00 - DUES-Members - Other	\$63,540.00		at \$60		

			Total 500.00 - DUES-Members		\$63,540.00	\$63,540.00			
			501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV						
			501.06 Photos		\$0.00				
			501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other		\$20,435.00		\$100/\$75/\$60		
			Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV		\$20,435.00	\$20,435.00			
			502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV		\$37,865.00	\$37,865.00	\$100/\$75/\$60		
			503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV						
			503.10 - AZ		\$14,420.00		\$100/\$75/\$60		
			503.30 - SO CAL		\$19,445.00		\$100/\$75/\$60		
			Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV		\$33,865.00	\$33,865.00			
			504.00 - WESTUNES						
			504.01 - ADS		\$100.00				
			Total 504.00 - WESTUNES		\$100.00	\$100.00			
			505-Educational Events						
			505.01 AZ Leadership Summit		\$0.00				
			505.02 NorCal Leadership Summit		\$0.00				
			505.03 SoCal Leadership Summit		\$0.00				
			Total 505-Educational Events		\$0.00				

			506.00 - OTHER						
			506.05 Contest Photos		\$0.00				
			506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue		\$300.00				
			Total 506.00 - OTHER		\$300.00	\$300.00			
			510 - Donations						
			510.01 - Donations Awards		\$550.00				
			510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp		\$8,000.00				
			510.04 - Donors Choice HF		\$15,000.00				
			510.05 - BHS Donors Choice		\$4,000.00				
			510.07 - Donations-Misc.		\$1,000.00				

		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			
		Total Income		\$186,405.00	\$186,405.00			
		Expense						
		506.04 - Transfers Closed Chapt		\$0.00				
		601.00 - HCW/LA Expense						
		709.10 - Leadership Academy						
		709.11 - LA - AZ		\$0.00				
		709.12 - LA - SoCal Exp		\$0.00				
		Total 709.10 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00				
		Total 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense		\$0.00				
		601.10 - DS15 - District Spring						
		Judges-Meals		\$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				

			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			

			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				

			Total 404.50 - DVP NOR CAL EAST	\$300.00				
			Total 704.00 - DVP	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			
			705.00 - SECRETARY					
			705.02-Postage	\$100.00				
			705.03-Supplies	\$200.00				
			705.03-Equipment/repairs	\$200.00				
			705.05-Training	\$100.00				
			705.06-Travel	\$100.00				
			Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	\$700.00	\$700.00			
			706.00 - TREASURER					
			706.02 - POSTAGE	\$100.00				
			706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$100.00				
			706.04-Subscriptions	\$200.00				
			706.05-Training	\$100.00				
			706.06-Travel	\$100.00				
			Total 706.00 - TREASURER	\$600.00	\$600.00			
			Total Expense	\$188,264.00	\$188,264.00			
			Net Ordinary Income	\$1,859.00	\$1,859.00			
			Net Income	\$1,859.00	\$1,859.00			