



2024 Spring Brochure

House of Delegates, March 15 at 2:00 PM

Ohlone College, Building 1, Lecture Hall 1302

Fremont, California



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President's Message

Kenny Rios

Far Western District President

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Greetings Bothers and Sisters and welcome to the 2024 Spring Convention of the Far Western District!

I can't begin to tell you of how excited I am and of the great things happening in our District. The Board of Directors and District Management Team have been trying very hard to listen to what you want and how the District can better serve you. You have come up with some great ideas and we are proud to be implementing them.

So, what have we accomplished in the last year? Well, our Fall Convention in Gilbert, AZ, was exactly that...a convention, not just a competition. We were able to squeeze in a class on Vocal Production as well as resurrecting the Director's Education Program. We are planning on expanding both at the 2024 Fall Convention and I have recently appointed Laura Pallas to our Management Team to oversee those projects. I and the rest of the Board of Directors and Management Team took time to greet you at each event in the Fall and are planning on doing the same thing at this Convention. We resurrected the Leadership Academy (formerly COTS) by providing some classes at this Spring Convention. Those are just a few accomplishments from last year. As we move forward together, we will expand our Youth In Harmony Program, looking for more partnerships with HFI, BHS and a few other organizations. This year will hopefully see the return of the NorCal Barbershop Camp. High School Quartet Contests will be held at Divisional Conventions next year with the winner being invited to perform in at the Fall Convention. This will allow high schools kids to stay closer to home as they compete for a title in our District. If you haven't already heard, we are in the planning stages for a Fall District Convention in Hawaii in 2026 where we will celebrate the FWD's 80th birthday! This convention will be in conjunction with the Pan-Pacific barbershoppers with quartets and choruses coming from New Zealand (also known as Aotearoa), Australia, Far Western District, Japan and any other country whose shores touch the Pacific Ocean. We are trying to arrange several non-barbershop tours, etc., for before and after the convention itself to make it a true family vacation. We are still in the process of getting room rates, flight info, etc. We are also scheduling a Leadership Academy for early January, 2025. All members of our District will be eligible to attend, not just Chapter Officers. We are also planning a Harmony College West to take place in August, 2024 in Sparks, NV.

As you can see, we are quite busy we continuously look for better ways to serve you, the Far Western District. We still want to hear your ideas so please don't hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Board of Directors or Management Team. We are here to serve you.

I look forward to meeting all of you even it's just a quick hello!



In Harmony,

Kenny Rios

President, Far Western District

"Barbershop Music is not a hobby... It is a way of life!"



Far Western District 2024 Spring Convention

March 14-17 • Fremont, California
Hosted by the Palo Alto - Mountain View Chapter



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times marked are Pacific Daylight Time

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each event. Your convention badge is required for entry into all events.

THURSDAY 3/14

FWD Board of Directors meeting	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Marriott, Fremont Room
Registration (advance registrations only)	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	La Quinta Hotel, Meeting Room
President's Reception	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	La Quinta Hotel, Meeting Room

FRIDAY 3/15

Registration & Box Office.....	8:30 am - 2:00 pm.....	Jackson Theatre Lobby
FWD Past Presidents meeting.....	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Marriott, Restaurant

Leadership Training classes:

- President: *Kenny Rios*..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am..... Ohlone College, Bldg 3, Rm 3208
- Treasurer: *Rich Owen*..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am..... Ohlone College, Bldg 3, Rm 3209
- Secretary: *Bud Case*..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am..... Ohlone College, Bldg 3, Rm 3210

The Road to "A" Level Singing:

- Vocal Production: *Laura Pallas Singer*..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am..... Ohlone College, Bldg 3, Rm 3212

NorCal Harmony Collective rehearsal..... 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

FWD House of Delegates meeting..... 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Registration & Box Office..... 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Quartet Contest & Preliminary Semifinal..... 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Feedback sessions for quartets not advancing 9:45 pm - 11:45 pm

SATURDAY 3/16

Registration & Box Office..... 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Everyone in Harmony Chorus 9:30 am - 10:00 am

Chorus Session 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

High School Quartet performance 12:10 pm - 12:45 pm

Chorus Feedback 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Registration & Box Office..... 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Quartet Preliminary Final..... 4:30 pm - 6:15 pm.....

Encore Performances 6:15 pm - 7:20 pm

Feedback sessions for finalist quartets..... 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Afterglow..... 8:00 pm - 12:00 am

Locations

Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley (Headquarters), 46100 Landing Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fremont / Silicon Valley, 46200 Landing Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538

Ohlone College, Gary Soren Smith Center, Jackson Theatre, 43600 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539

The use of cell phones or any other device to record during shows and contest sessions is strictly prohibited.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**Far Western District
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda**



**March 14, 2024, 7:00 pm
Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley, Fremont Room
Fremont, California**

1. Call to order Kenny Rios
2. Pledge of Allegiance Kenny Rios
3. Sing – “The Old Songs” Cody Littlefield
4. Invocation Chuck Roots
5. Roll call Greg Dreyer
6. Opening remarks Kenny Rios
7. Introduction of guests incl. Past Presidents Kenny Rios
8. Accepting the Agenda Kenny Rios
9. Approval of Minutes from Fall BOD Meeting, October 12, 2023 Greg Dreyer
10. Treasurers Report Rich Owen (for Wally Smulson)
 - a. Financial Status/Update
11. Vice Presidents 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 Ben Porter
 - g. Music and Performance Chris Hebert
 - h. Executive Vice President Adam Kaufman
12. District Management Team:
 - a. Membership Recruitment and Education Cody Littlefield
 - b. Chorus Director Development Laura Pallas Singer
 - c. Events Adam Kaufman
 - d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville
 - e. Youth in Harmony Antwun Puckett
13. Old Business:
 - a. 55+ Chorus Competition Rich Postal
 - b. Update on Chorus of the Year process Adam Kaufman
 - c. Mic Tester Chorus Ben Porter
14. New Business:
 - a. Visalia requesting \$5000 for Youth program Antwun Puckett
 - b. Greater Phoenix requesting \$500 for Youth Program Antwun Puckett
 - c. Next Meeting Saturday 06-22-24, 11:00 am Kenny Rios
15. Sing – “Keep the Whole World Singing” Laura Pallas Singer
16. Adjournment Kenny Rios



**Far Western District
House of Delegates Meeting
Agenda**

**March 15, 2024, 2:00 pm
Ohlone College, Building 1, Lecture Hall 1302
Fremont, California**



1. Call to Order Kenny Rios
2. Pledge of Allegiance Kenny Rios
3. "The Old Songs" Kathy Kileen
4. Invocation Chuck Roots
5. Roll Call / Establish Quorum..... Greg Dreyer
6. Opening Remarks Kenny Rios
7. Introduction of Guests / Past Presidents..... Kenny Rios
8. Introduction and Remarks from Special Guests Kenny Rios
 - a. Jim Clark - HFI
9. Additions/Approval to the Agenda Kenny Rios
10. Secretary's Report Greg Dreyer
 - a. Approval of Minutes, October 13, 2023
11. Treasurer's Report / Financial UpdateRich Owen (for Wally Smulson)
 - a. Accept Treasurer's Report
12. SING A SONG!..... TBD
13. Vice Presidents Reports:
 - a. Division 1 Southwest..... Kathy Kileen
 - b. Division 2 SoutheastJeremy Loper
 - c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
 - d. Division 4 Northeast..... Chuck Roots
 - e. Division 5 Arizona Aaron Burleson
 - f. Contest and Judging Ben Porter
 - g. Music and Performance..... Chris Ebert
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Board Member Reports

Adam Kaufman

Executive Vice President

Events Manager

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“It’s great to be a Barbershopper!”

To many of us this is the phrase we say at the end of an event, after Keep The Whole World Singing. Do we think about what we are saying? Do we consider what it means? Or, do we just say it because “that’s what you say”?

In the Far Western District we are focused on the things that we feel make Barbershop great.

- Great Fun
- Great Friends
- Great Fellowship
- Great Future

We have a renewed commitment to community and education.

This past Fall convention in Arizona was a wonderful success, with amazing singing, classes in Singing and Directing, and a professional webcast for those who couldn’t be there in person.

Coming this spring we have our prelims and other division conventions where there will be new activities like the NorCal Harmony Collective under the direction of Dan Wessler!

Coming August 23rd-25th is the return of Harmony College West in Reno, NV. This will be a weekend of Barbershop Fun & Education with quartet coaching, vocal coaching, performance, and more from some of the greatest minds in Barbershop.

In the Fall we are planning for more fun and education with Person Vocal Instruction and Director Training.

And there is more...

Looking to the future we are going to have a truly international event. In 2026, the Far Western District is celebrating its 80th Birthday, and we are going to do it in a big way....in Hawaii! We are joining our Fall Convention with the Pan Pacific Convention where there will be Barbershoppers from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. The convention itself will be 5 days, and there will be vacation opportunities before and after to make it a complete holiday for the entire family.

Hopefully by now all of you have seen my “Barbershop is Fun” stickers. These are the things that we have been working on to make Barbershop fun. Do you have an idea that can make more fun for us? Please don’t keep it to yourself! Contact me or any member of your board.

I look forward to seeing and singing with all of you.

Adam Kaufman

FWD Executive Vice President, Events Manager



Board Member Reports

Greg Dreyer
District Secretary

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

BMI/SESAC LICENSE and Show Clearance

File these for EACH performance:

1. Go to the FWD Website (farwesterndistrict.org).
2. Navigate to Media > Show Clearance Forms.
3. Download the file ****** IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION & MAILING******.
4. READ the detailed instructions in that file.
5. Download the latest Application for Show Clearance BMI & SESAC LICENSE Form (**New 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).
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.



Far Western District
Fall 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 2023, 7:00 pm
Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix East Mesa, Meeting Room
Gilbert, Arizona



1. Call to order by President at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance Kenny Rios
2. Singing of "The Old Songs" Kathy Kileen
3. Invocation Chuck Roots
4. Roll call and establishment of a quorum by Secretary Greg Dreyer

Present:

- Kenny Rios
- Adam Kaufman
- Greg Dreyer
- Rich Owen
- Bill Rosica
- Kathy Kileen
- Jeremy Loper
- Rich Postal
- Chuck Roots
- Aaron Burleson
- Chris Hebert
- Randy Meyer
- Antwun Puckett
- David Melville

Absent:

- Charles Caruthers
- Cody Littlefield

5. Opening remarks, welcome guests Kenny Rios
 - Past Presidents: Chuck Hunter, Craig Hughes
 - Notable names on Chapter eternal: John Waugh, (Grandfather of YIH Manager Antwun Puckett), Terry Aramian and Peter Feeney (both Past Presidents of FWD), and Jim Kline

HFI Jim Clark

- Remarks from Jim Clark on status of HFI and need to encourage new and revitalized participation in donations.
- Revealed Lombard Family Challenge to match contributions. Announced new Trustee, Bill Rosica.
- Comments: We have survived the Pandemic. Donating in the name of someone who died from Covid a new possibility.
- There have been some new staff additions at HFI

6. Accepting the Agenda Kenny Rios
Motion: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Chris Ebert - carried.....
7. Approval of Minutes from July 22 and August 12, 2023 Greg Dreyer
Motion: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Chuck Roots - carried.....
8. Treasurer’s Report by Treasurer..... Rich Owen

- Income Statement, P & L Statement for 2023, and Balance Sheet all sent out
- Proposed budget 2024 to be approved at HOD meeting. See full report in HOD Brochure.
- Comments: as of today, we have received \$24,000 from registrations through Event Brite with more to come.

- Judges expenses to be around \$10,000. Visalia YIH was successful with 82 students

Motion to receive: Adam Kaufman 2nd Jeremy Loper- carried.....

9. VP Reports:
 - a. Division 1 Southwest..... Kathy Kileen
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - b. Division 2 SoutheastJeremy Loper
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - d. Division 4 Northeast Chuck Roots
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure with additional comments on startup chapter in Clovis- Sierra Gateway
 - e. Division 5 Arizona Aaron Burleson
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure with additional comments about older members not attending events
 - f. Contest and JudgingRandy Meyer
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure with update - Competing at Spring Convention -8 choruses and 23 quartets plus a Senior Chorus
 - g. Music and Performance Chris Hebert
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure - Looking at FWD opportunities at the conventions
 - h. Executive VP..... Adam Kaufman
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure - Will add a survey to assess this convention. Webcast- buzz is good. There will be a delayed viewing. We are taking donations
10. District Management Team
 - a. Member Recruitment/Education Manager Cody Littlefield
 - No report – not in attendance due to recent surgery
 - b. Chorus Director Development/Directors Guild Kathy Kileen
 - Name change to remove “Directors Guild”. Need directors to be developed internally and need more education.
 - c. Events Bill Rosica
 - Adam Kaufman will be taking over this position.
 - The change of an “Event Coordinator” caused some issues as there were no hotels in immediate vicinity of contest venue. We had to make adjustments for this convention.
 - Upcoming conventions:
 - ◇ Spring Convention – March 14-17, 2024 Fremont, CA with NE/NW Divisionals. Palo Alto - Mountain View Chapter will be hosting. Venue: Hotel - Mariott, Contest-Ohlone College
 - ◇ SE/SW Divisionals – May 11, 2024 Ontario, CA - Venue tbd
 - ◇ Fall Convention – October 17-20, 2024 Bakersfield, CA
 - ◇ Spring Convention 2025 – There is a conflict with the date
 - ◇ Fall Convention 2025 - Fresno - venue tbd
 - ◇ The Pan Pacific Convention may allow us to join with them with a FWD Convention in Hawaii in 2026
 - d. Marketing and Public RelationsDavid Melville
 - There have been over 600 registrations for this convention. There were 16 people displaced due to camera locations, but there were reassigned to VIP seating. Recommends staying with Event Brite.
 - Westunes Articles (David Melville) still looking for assistance
 - e. Youth in Harmony Antwun Puckett
 - as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - f. Community Outreach..... Charles Caruthers
 - no report – not in attendance due to work schedule

11. Old Business:..... Kenny Rios
- a. Nomination Committee Report – 2024 Slate of Officers
- President – Kenny Rios
 - Immediate Past President – Bill Rosica
 - Executive VP – Adam Kaufman
 - 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 Loper
 - VP Division 3 NW – Rich Postal
 - VP Division 4 NE – Chuck Roots (until replacement is found)
 - VP Division 5 AZ – Aaron Burleson
- b. 55+ chorus – Rich Postal
- Looking for a renowned director for this project to lead chorus @ District Conventions. Need to know how many will be competing in this event. There will be two songs selected. Looking at expenses of music, learning tracks and licensing of which performers will need to pay. Will be preparing for Midwinter in 2025.
- c. Status of merging of email accounts.....David Melville
- From “Title” accounts to “Name” accounts is in process using Gmail. Transition will occur only as people move in and out of positions.
- d. Update of Chapter of the Year – Adam Kaufman
- This will be selected at Spring Convention but will be changed to Fall Convention to be more inclusive
 - Contributing factors will be community involvement, shows, and membership
- e. Status of FWD Roster..... Greg Dreyer
- Still needs updating. A new version will be resent to all.
- f. Continued discussion of how to raise district revenue Kenny Rios
- Encouraging HFI Contributions with monies going back to chapters
12. New Business: Kenny Rios
- Next meeting will be at Spring Convention in Fremont, CA on March 14, 2024.
 - **Motion to adjourn David Melville and 2nd by Rich Owen**
13. Sing “Keep the Whole World Singing” Jim Clark
14. Adjournment at 8:35 pm..... Kenny Rios

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, Secretary
Far Western District





Far Western District
Fall 2023 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2023, 1:00 pm
Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix East Mesa, Meeting Room
Gilbert, Arizona



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:
 Chapters absent:
 Quorum was present
6. Opening Remarks Kenny Rios
7. Accepting of Agenda - **Moved and seconded – carried**..... Kenny Rios
8. Introduction of Guests
 - Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation
 - 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 125054 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. Installation of 2024 OfficersDusty 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 Lombard 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 had 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. - **Moved and seconded – carried**
 - b. Reading of Chapter Eternal with singing from Summertimers Harmony Band (listing is in HOD Brochure)
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. Financial conditions for members are a main concern. 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 made to approve increase and seconded. Carried with a 29-4 vote.**
 - c. Questions regarding 2024 Budget from HOD
 - d. Approval of the 2024 Budget by the HOD (Copy of Budget is in the HOD Brochure)
Motion and seconded to receive report – carried
13. Vice Presidents Reports (Reports are in HOD Brochure)
 - 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
 - a. Member Retention & Education Manager Cody Littlefield
 - b, Chorus Directors Development Kathy Kileen
 - c. Events Bill Rosica
 - 1) 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.
 - 2). 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
 - October 17-20, 2024 – Fall Convention Bakersfield
 - Date/location tbd – Spring Convention

- Date tbd 2025 - Fall Convention Fresno
- Harmony College West to be evaluated/planned possibly for Fall 2024.

- d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville
 - e. Youth in Harmony Antwun Puckett
 - f. Community Outreach..... Charles Carothers
15. Old Business
- a. Leeway in choruses serving as mic-testers Ben Porter
- Issue was tabled from Spring 2023 and tabled again until 2024**
16. New Business Kenny Rios
- a. Chapter of the Year Adam Kaufman
 - Award re-instated and Divisional VP's are soliciting nominees.
 - b. 55+ Chorus Competition Rich Postal
 - Introduced by BHS - chorus would compete and go on to MidWinter
 - c. Award given to Rich Owen in appreciation of service to FWD 2017-23 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" Rich Owen
18. Adjourn at 3:10 pm Kenny Rios

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, Secretary
Far Western District



	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				
	601.30.01Judges-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		

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 404.30 - DVP SO CSL WEST				\$300.00				
404.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST								
404.43 - TRAVEL				\$300.00				
Total 404.40 - 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		



Board Member Reports

Rich Owen

District Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report – 12/31/2023 plus

To BOD-DMT and HOD,

This is final report of the financial activity of the Far Western District for the calendar year 2023. The Attached spreadsheet reflects the profit and loss of the District for the year 2023. While we had budgeted for a \$30,915 loss coming out of Covid shutdown and the return some funds to members through reduced registration fee, we overshot that loss by an additional \$22,000! Most of that additional loss is attributable to the Spring 2023 contest where registrations were lower than expected. There was an additional small loss when the NorCal Youth Harmony Camp had to be canceled due to a Covid exposure of one of the local choral directors and her students. However, much of the expensed losses were for supplies/materials that can be used in 2024. The attached Balance Sheet reflects our end-of-year assets and liabilities as of 12/31/2023.

The “plus” with this report is that I plan on posting the current P & L statement for January-February 2024 and the Balance Sheet effective 2/29/2024 shortly after the end of the month. There was not time to get those reports generated and get this report to you before the upcoming meetings.

If you are surprised that you are getting this report from me and not your newly elected Treasurer Wally Smulson, so am I. When Wally agreed to serve as Treasurer, he had already booked a cruise that will be happening during the week when we are meeting this coming March, so I volunteered to stand in for him for this upcoming meeting. We also haven't formally transferred the books and files. We are anticipating doing that later in March after he returns. Sounds like a good excuse to have to travel to Las Vegas! 😊

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Owen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rich Owen, Acting-Treasurer

FWD Profit & Loss by Class, January through December 2023

	AZ - Arizona Div	DF - Fall	DS-Spring	FWD-Operations
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 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	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00	(\$38,000.00)
500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,333.28
Total 500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS)	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,333.28
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV (501.00 SPRING PRELIMS INT'L QUARTET)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,220.00	\$0.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.)				
502.09-FALL CONV MISC (502.09 Fall Conv Misc)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
502.11 - Contest Videos (Videos of Quartets and Choruses contest sets)	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.) - Other	\$0.00	\$36,332.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.)	\$0.00	\$38,382.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (503.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)				
503.10 - AZ (503.10 AZ)	\$6,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
503.40 - NOR CAL WEST (503.40 NOR CAL WEST)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (503.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)	\$6,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
506.00 - OTHER (506.00 OTHER INC)				
506.02 - WEBCAST (506.01 WEBCAST)	\$0.00	\$1,155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 506.00 - OTHER (506.00 OTHER INC)	\$0.00	\$1,155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510 - Donations				
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp (510.03 - Donations NorCal Youth Harmony Camp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF (510.04 - Donors Choice HF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,590.84
510.05 - BHS Donors Choice (New BHS donors program 2020)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,962.40
510.07 - Donations-Misc.	\$0.00	\$878.00	\$0.00	\$660.27
Total 510 - Donations	\$0.00	\$878.00	\$0.00	\$12,213.51
520.00 - Fees				
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp (520.01 - Nor Cal Youth Harmony Camp Fees)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$10,050.00	\$56,415.75	\$21,220.00	\$21,546.79
Gross Profit	\$10,050.00	\$56,415.75	\$21,220.00	\$21,546.79
Expense				
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)				
601.10.23 Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.64	\$0.00
Judges-Meals (Meal allowances per CJ-22s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$938.00	\$0.00
Judges Travel (Travel/related expenses of Judges attending District contests)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,317.07	\$0.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,499.80	\$0.00
Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,004.51	\$0.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)				
Judges-Meals	\$387.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Judges-Misc	\$434.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Judges Travel	\$3,885.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp) - Other	\$7,274.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)	\$11,982.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp)				
601.50.01Judges-Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
601.50.02Judges-Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
601.50.03Judges-Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.56
Total 601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.56
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp				
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - DF15 - District Fall Exp)				
602.01.01Judges-Travel (Travel/related	\$0.00	\$6,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals (Meal allowanc	\$0.00	\$1,822.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
602.01.03Judges-Misc (Misc Expenses	\$0.00	\$572.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - Di	\$0.00	\$47,323.45	\$0.00	\$519.00
Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - DF15 - District Fall Exp)	\$0.00	\$55,769.02	\$0.00	\$519.00
602.23 Supplies (Fall Convention Exp - Supplies)	\$0.00	\$1,647.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp - Other	\$0.00	\$58.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$0.00	\$57,474.50	\$0.00	\$519.00

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	AZ - Arizona Div	DF - Fall	DS-Spring	FWD-Operations
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
604.02 - MEALS (604.02 OFF MTG MEALS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
604.03 - LODGING (604.03 OFF MTG LODGING)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$514.05
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies (604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.80
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING (604.00 OFF. MEETING EXP.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,043.31
605.00 - Insurance (Insurance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
607.08 - C&J (607.08 C & J)				
607.084 - TRAVEL (607.084 C & J TRAVEL)	\$602.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
607.085 - C&J CAT SCH (607.085 CATEGORY SCH)	\$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
607.09 - YMIH (607.09 YOUTH ACTIVITY)				
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp (607.096 NorCal Harmony Youth Camp Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
607.097 Youth Festival Grants (607.097 Youth Festival Grants)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 607.09 - YMIH (607.09 YOUTH ACTIVITY)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
607.10 - EVENTS (607.10 EVENTS)				
607.101 - SUPPLIES (607.101 VP EVENTS SUPPL)	\$0.00	\$455.23	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 607.10 - EVENTS (607.10 EVENTS)	\$0.00	\$455.23	\$0.00	\$0.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR (607.12 MKTG/PR)				
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES (607.124 WEB EXPENSES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,231.46
607.127 - Travel (607.127 - Travel)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438.99
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR (607.12 MKTG/PR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,670.45
608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)				
608.11 Youth Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
609.00 - MISC EXP (609.00 MISC.EXP.)	\$26.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees (609.01 DUES COLLECTION)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,893.33
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees (609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees)	\$167.48	\$3,637.51	\$383.59	\$0.00
622.00 - GOV'T FEES (622.00 - GOV'T FEES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)				
600.00 - AWARDS (600.00 AWARDS)	\$354.00	\$458.00	\$59.95	\$0.00
607.16 - HALL OF FAME (607.16 HALL OF FAME)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.80
607.17 - President Exp Other (607.17 - President Exp Other)	\$0.00	\$216.80	\$0.00	\$219.55
700.03 - TRAVEL (700.03 PRES. TRVL & MEALS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,048.92
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP (700.04 PRES. INTERNIONAL)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,065.20
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)	\$354.00	\$674.80	\$59.95	\$4,494.47
701.00 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.)				
701.01 Travel & Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$196.80
Total 701.00 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.)	\$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
703.05 - EVP International Exp (703.05 - EVP International Exp)	\$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
Total 703.00 - EVP (703.00 EX VP EXPENSES)	\$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
705.03 - SUPPLIES (705.03 SEC. SUPPLIES)	\$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
Total 705.00 - SECRETARY (705.00 SEC. EXPENSES)	\$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
706.04-Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.95
706.05-Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.00
Total 706.00 - TREASURER (706.00 TREASURER EXP.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530.45
Total Expense	\$13,133.28	\$62,242.04	\$45,448.05	\$25,235.31
Net Ordinary Income	(\$3,083.28)	(\$5,826.29)	(\$24,228.05)	(\$3,688.52)
Net Income	(\$3,083.28)	(\$5,826.29)	(\$24,228.05)	(\$3,688.52)

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Ordinary Income/Expense	FWD BOD Meetings	NC Division	NoCal Youth	YIH	TOTAL
Income					
500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 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.)	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,333.28
Total 500.00 - DUES-Members (500.00 DUES & ASSESSMENTS)	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,333.28
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV (501.00 SPRING PRELIMS INT'L QUARTET)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,220.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.)					
502.09-FALL CONV MISC (502.09 Fall Conv Misc)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
502.11 - Contest Videos (Videos of Quartets and Choruses contest sets)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,332.75
Total 502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV (502.00 FWD FALL CONV.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,382.75
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (503.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)					
503.10 - AZ (503.10 AZ)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,050.00
503.40 - NOR CAL WEST (503.40 NOR CAL WEST)	\$0.00	\$8,205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,205.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV (503.00 DISTRICT PRELIMS)	\$0.00	\$8,205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,255.00
506.00 - OTHER (506.00 OTHER INC)					
506.02 - WEBCAST (506.01 WEBCAST)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,155.00
Total 506.00 - OTHER (506.00 OTHER INC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,155.00
510 - Donations					
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp (510.03 - Donations NorCal Youth Harmony Camp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$0.00	\$3,215.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF (510.04 - Donors Choice HF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,590.84
510.05 - BHS Donors Choice (New BHS donors program 2020)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,962.40
510.07 - Donations-Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,838.27
Total 510 - Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$300.00	\$16,606.51
520.00 - Fees					
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp (520.01 - Nor Cal Youth Harmony Camp Fees)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$16,205.00	\$3,215.00	\$300.00	\$128,952.54
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$16,205.00	\$3,215.00	\$300.00	\$128,952.54
Expense					
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)					
601.10.23 Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.64
Judges-Meals (Meal allowances per CJ-22s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$938.00
Judges Travel (Travel/related expenses of Judges attending District contests)	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,499.80
Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring (601.10 - DS15 - District Spring Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,004.51
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)					
Judges-Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$387.72
Judges-Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$434.43
Judges Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,885.60
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp) - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,274.88
Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp (601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Division Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,982.63
601.50 - NC15 - NoCal Div Exp (601.50 - NC15 - NorCal Div Exp)					
601.50.01Judges-Travel	\$0.00	\$8,869.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,869.84
601.50.02Judges-Meals	\$0.00	\$905.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$905.32
601.50.03Judges-Misc	\$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	\$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	\$14,991.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,392.41
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp					
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - DF15 - District Fall Exp)					
602.01.01Judges-Travel (Travel/related	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,050.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals (Meal allowanc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,822.60
602.01.03Judges-Misc (Misc Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$572.97
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - DI	\$193.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,035.52
Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall (601.40 - DF15 - District Fall Exp)	\$193.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,481.09
602.23 Supplies (Fall Convention Exp - Supplies)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,647.11
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.37
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$193.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,186.57

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	<u>FWD BOD Meetings</u>	<u>NC Division</u>	<u>NoCal Youth</u>	<u>YIH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
604.00 - BD MEETING (604.00 OFF. MEETING EXP.)					
604.01 - TRAVEL (604.01 OFF.MTG TRAVEL)	\$4,690.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,017.21
604.02 - MEALS (604.02 OFF MTG MEALS)	\$1,372.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,372.12
604.03 - LODGING (604.03 OFF MTG LODGING)	\$7,704.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,218.37
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies (604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies)	\$433.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$638.51
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING (604.00 OFF. MEETING EXP.)	\$14,200.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,244.21
605.00 - Insurance (Insurance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
607.08 - C&J (607.08 C & J)					
607.084 - TRAVEL (607.084 C & J TRAVEL)	\$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	\$0.00	\$6,326.97
Total 607.08 - C&J (607.08 C & J)	\$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 NorCal Harmony Youth Camp Exp)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,181.71	\$0.00	\$4,181.71
607.097 Youth Festival Grants (607.097 Youth Festival Grants)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Total 607.09 - YMIH (607.09 YOUTH ACTIVITY)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,181.71	\$1,250.00	\$5,431.71
607.10 - EVENTS (607.10 EVENTS)					
607.101 - SUPPLIES (607.101 VP EVENTS SUPPL)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.23
Total 607.10 - EVENTS (607.10 EVENTS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.23
607.12 - MKTG & PR (607.12 MKTG/PR)					
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES (607.124 WEB EXPENSES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,231.46
607.127 - Travel (607.127 - Travel)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438.99
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR (607.12 MKTG/PR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,670.45
608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)					
608.11 Youth Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
Total 608.00 - Donations (608.00 - DONATIONS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
609.00 - MISC EXP (609.00 MISC.EXP.)	\$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	\$0.00	\$1,893.33
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees (609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees)	\$0.00	\$270.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,459.41
622.00 - GOV'T FEES (622.00 - GOV'T FEES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)					
600.00 - AWARDS (600.00 AWARDS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$871.95
607.16 - HALL OF FAME (607.16 HALL OF FAME)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.80
607.17 - President Exp Other (607.17 - President Exp Other)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$436.35
700.03 - TRAVEL (700.03 PRES. TRVL & MEALS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,048.92
700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXP (700.04 PRES. INTERNTIONAL)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,065.20
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT (700.00 PRES. SUPPLIES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,583.22
701.00 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.)					
701.01 Travel & Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$196.80
Total 701.00 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRES. (701.00 IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.)	\$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	\$0.00	\$19.49
703.05 - EVP International Exp (703.05 - EVP International Exp)	\$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	\$0.00	\$1,787.80
Total 703.00 - EVP (703.00 EX VP EXPENSES)	\$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	\$0.00	\$31.19
705.03 - SUPPLIES (705.03 SEC. SUPPLIES)	\$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	\$0.00	\$299.99
Total 705.00 - SECRETARY (705.00 SEC. EXPENSES)	\$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	\$0.00	\$267.50
706.04-Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.95
706.05-Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.00
Total 706.00 - TREASURER (706.00 TREASURER EXP.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530.45
Total Expense	\$14,393.97	\$15,319.98	\$4,381.71	\$1,750.00	\$181,904.34
Net Ordinary Income	(\$14,393.97)	\$885.02	(\$1,166.71)	(\$1,450.00)	(\$52,951.80)
Net Income	(\$14,393.97)	\$885.02	(\$1,166.71)	(\$1,450.00)	(\$52,951.80)

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Cash Basis

FWD
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2023

	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FWD-CHECKING (CHECKING-B of A)	72,701.23
Total Checking/Savings	<u>72,701.23</u>
Total Current Assets	72,701.23
Other Assets	
Security Deposits Asset (Deposits and other returnable funds held by other entities)	10,900.00
Total Other Assets	<u>10,900.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>83,601.23</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
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	<u>1,178.25</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,178.25</u>
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)	13,222.98
451.00 - Surplus 12/31/2010 (451.00 RETAINED EARNI)	62,453.11
Retained Earnings (Undistributed earnings of the corporation)	57,227.44
Net Income	<u>-52,951.80</u>
Total Equity	<u>82,422.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>83,601.23</u>

FWD 2023 Budget

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
500.00 - DUES-Members	
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	\$0.00
500.00 - DUES-Members - Other	\$40,000.00
Total 500.00 - DUES-Members	\$40,000.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	
501.06 Photos	\$0.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other	\$10,000.00
Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	\$10,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	\$20,000.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	
503.10 - AZ	\$5,000.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	\$9,500.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	\$14,500.00
504.00 - WESTUNES	
504.01 - ADS	\$500.00
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES	\$500.00
505-Educational Events	
505.01 AZ Leadership Summit	\$0.00
505.02 NorCal Leadership Summit	\$0.00
505.03 SoCal Leadership Summit	\$0.00
Total 505-Educational Events	\$0.00
506.00 - OTHER	
506.05 Contest Photos	\$0.00
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$300.00
Total 506.00 - OTHER	\$300.00
510 - Donations	
510.01 - Donations Awards	\$550.00
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	\$6,000.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	\$20,000.00
Total 510 - Donations	\$26,550.00
520.00 - Fees	
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	\$9,000.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy	
520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	\$0.00
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCa	\$0.00
Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy	\$0.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	\$9,000.00
Total Income	\$120,850.00
Expense	
506.04 - Transfers Closed Chapt	\$0.00
601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	
709.10 - Leadership Academy	
709.11 - LA - AZ	\$0.00

709.12 - LA - SoCal Exp	\$0.00
Total 709.10 - Leadership Academy	\$0.00
Total 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	\$0.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	
Judges-Meals	\$800.00
Judges-Misc	\$350.00
Judges Travel	\$7,000.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	\$10,000.00
Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	\$18,150.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	
Judges-Meals	\$400.00
Judges-Misc	\$250.00
Judges Travel	\$3,500.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	\$7,500.00
Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$11,650.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	
601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$5,000.00
601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$1,000.00
601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$100.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other	\$12,500.00
Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$18,600.00
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	
602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$10,000.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$1,500.00
602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$600.00
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall - Other	\$20,000.00
Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$32,100.00
602.23 Supplies	\$300.00
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$32,400.00
604.00 - BD MEETING	
604.01 - TRAVEL	\$3,500.00
604.02 - MEALS	\$1,000.00
604.03 - LODGING	\$5,000.00
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	\$100.00
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	\$9,600.00
607.08 - C&J	
607.085 - C&J CATAGORY SCHOOL	\$10,000.00
Total 607.08 - C&J	\$10,000.00
607.09 - YMIH	
607.095 - AWARDS	\$0.00
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	\$16,000.00
607.097 Youth Festival Grants	\$1,000.00
Total 607.09 - YMIH	\$19,500.00
607.10 - EVENTS	
607.101 - SUPPLIES	\$300.00

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

Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	\$200.00
706.00 - TREASURER	
706.02 - POSTAGE	\$100.00
706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$100.00
706.04-Subscriptions	\$200.00
706.05-Training	\$0.00
706.06-Travel	\$250.00
Total 706.00 - TREASURER	\$650.00
Total Expense	\$151,765.08
Net Ordinary Income	\$30,915.08
Net Income	\$30,915.08



Board Member Reports

Aaron Burleson

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Many, if not most, of the Arizona chapters' members are retired or in predominately retirement communities. This is the time of the year when most of our chapter's "snowbirds" are present. This causes attendance to change, depending on the time of the year. Many members also find that at this time in their lives they feel free to travel. Despite this, most of the chapters have annual shows and "sing-outs" in their communities. The Christmas season is quite busy for some.

Tucson Barbershop Experience is still advertising for a director. They have 2 members who are splitting the director's responsibilities. They plan to have several performances this year. They usually are joined by the Saddleback and Green Valley chapters.

The **Phoenicians** are trying very hard to rebuild. There are strong plans in the works that, if successful, would integrate young men into the chapter with a well-qualified director. There are still details to be worked out. Things are looking promising and presently there is a great amount of excitement.

The **A Cappella Syndicate** is doing well and has several shows throughout the year.

The **Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus** is growing and quite busy. They had several Christmas/Holiday shows and are preparing for their annual show. They also plan several sing-outs throughout the year.

The **Southwest Vocal Alliance** is growing and all doing well. They are hard at work preparing for their BHS International competition.

The **East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers** has been looking for a director as their director is leaving. They have a strong possibility of a replacement but that has not been firmed up as of this report. They are down in their numbers right now and are not sure right now as to whether they will compete this Spring.

The **High Mountain Chordsmen** in Prescott is holding its own.

Harmony On The Rocks in Sedona is holding its own and they are planning sing-outs in the community. Their director has recently decided to be a "snowbird" so they are looking for help when he is away.

The **Platoon Chorus** meets monthly and continually has sing-outs throughout their area.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Burleson
AZ DVP



Board Member Reports

Chuck Roots

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1. California Delta - "Voices of California" (All Male)

Richard Lund - President

Voices of California (a.k.a., VoCal) is rebuilding their chorus much in the same way as many of our choruses have had to do following the devastation of Covid. But barbershop singers are a hearty bunch and will come out on top after all is said and done. A report from VoCal will be presented at the next reporting period.

2. Central California - "Golden Valley Chorus" (All Male)

Roe Darnell - President

The following is President Darnell's report:

The Golden Valley Chorus is on the move! We are pleased to welcome Philip Smallwood as our new director. Phil brings a strong background in choral music having directed choruses at the high school and college levels. He also brings experience in musical theater. After experiencing a "covid slump" membership is increasing with the addition of three members.

At our annual meeting we celebrated outstanding members and installed our 2024 board. Jim Toepfer received the Director's Award, Marc Jantzen received the President's Award, and Chuck Roots was named Barbershopper of the Year. Installed board members included Roe Darnell - President, Chuck Roots- Music and Performance VP, Marc Jantzen Youth in Harmony VP, Jim Toepfer- Chapter Development VP, Greg DeMers- Secretary, Stratt Riggs - Treasurer, and Sherm Verver - Member at Large.

3. Clovis - "Sierra Gateway Chorus" (All Male)

John Toepfer - President

John Toepfer is very upbeat about the way this newly formed chorus is responding to new leadership and opportunities. Technically they are still the "Gold Note Chorus." Once the minutes from the most recent board meeting are signed off, they will become, dba, "The Sierra Gateway Chorus." Currently they are seeing 14 singers in their weekly rehearsals. Several new members have come in, so this chorus is rising as Phoenix from the ashes in experiencing a rebirth. Watch for them in the near future!

4. Davis-Vacaville - "West Valley Chorus" (Mixed)

Steve Rollins - Past President

Steve Rollins says they are seeing between 16-18 singers at their rehearsals each week. They have a strong bass

section with 5 vibrant singers. They also have 4-5 ladies singing with them now, one of which is a very good bass! They are very pleased with what they have, especially their sound. Their director had to step down due to a bout with cancer. Bill Nichols is now directing, along with being the Music VP, and Programs to boot!. They are ready to sing 5-6 Valentines. They have also been singing at Senior Centers and Community Centers. Good sound. They had a great time singing a Christmas program in the capitol rotunda in Sacramento.

5. Folsom – “Folsom Harmony Express” (All Male)

Les Lorenzen – President

According to Les they are seeing 12-15 singers each week. Overall, things are going well. They will be out singing for a retirement community on Valentine’s Day.

6. Placerville – “Gold Rush Chorus” (Mixed)

Russ Toliver –

No report at this time.

7. Reno Nevada – “Reno Silver Dollar Chorus” (All Male)

Jeff Mennicucci –

No report at this time.

8. Sacramento – “Sacramento Capitolaires” (All Male)

Steve Allison – President

Steve’s first words to me were, “We are limping, but we’re walking!” I always enjoy talking to Steve. Great sense of humor. He says they have a really good sound for only having 10 singers. He refers to it as “VLQ” – Very Large Quartet. I’ve got to remember that one!

9. Stockton – “Stockton Portsmen” (Mixed)

Al Wolter – President

Al is very upbeat about the happenings with the Stockton Portsmen. Of their 38 members, routinely see 18 at rehearsal. The big news for the Portsmen is their upcoming trip to Normandy, France in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of DDay. Thirty-two are going on this trip in June. The Novice Quartet competition was held on Saturday, 10 February in Lodi. Al says it “Artistically successful.” Even though it only had four competing quartets it was quite successful with a variety of quartets. I can vouch for that primarily because the quartet I sing in with Al, Tune Struck, was the mic testers. We sang “Hello Mary Lou” and “Orange Colored Sky.” The all-girls quartet, “Fanny Pack,” from Barbary Coast, won the Novice, singing “I’ll Be Seeing You,” and “Never Let No One Man.” “Panning For Chords” a mixed quartet, came in second place, singing, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” and “Shenandoah.” Third place was held down by four young men calling themselves, “Lords of the Ring.” (Love that name!). And in fourth place was a mixed quartet from the Portmen, “Three Lads and Alas!” They sang, “Almost Like Being in Love,” and “Kentucky Babe.” Then “Royal Flush” sang for evals only, “What a Wonderful World,” and “Hello Mary Lou.”

10. Visalia – “Mighty Oak Chorus” (Mixed)

Don Laurson – President

Don says they have 3 quartets doing a bunch of Singing Valengrams this year. They are expecting to bring in as much money doing these as when they do a concert! Their upcoming Spring Show will be held on April 20, at 2:00pm. Location: Gateway Church. This is on the FWD web site as well. They are excited to be sharing the stage with a total of 9 performers:

Farmersville HS quartet (came from Youth Festival Day last year)

“Some Assembly Required” Quartet

Sierra Pacific HS choir

"The Frontline Quartet"

"New Fangled Four" Quartet

Sierra Gateway Chorus (Clovis)

Men's and Women's quartets coming from the local Junior College

Mighty Oak Chorus

Sounds like a terrific program! If you can, get on over to Visalia and enjoy the fun!

Youth Festival Day for high school students from Kings, and Tulare counties will be held in early September.

"Vocal Spectrum" will be the teaching quartet, and Eric Dalby of Vocal Spectrum will be the head clinician.

Last year they had 80 high schoolers. This year they are shooting for 120! I like their style! Youth Festival Day will be held at the College of the Sequoias theater. An application has been sent to the FWD for assistance in aiding the Youth Festival Day.

Well, this should bring you up to speed on the goings-on within the Northeast Division!

Blessings!

Chuck Roots

NE Div VP



Board Member Reports

Rich Postal

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After the successful Fall Contest and Convention in Gilbert Arizona, I checked in with some of the Choruses in my Division and they are holding their own and are feeling confident in the future. Such that attendance is up and holiday performances at senior facilities, shopping centers, and community tree lightings were taking place. I also provided the installation of officers at two Chapters and both groups had a good turnout of members and guests. A good number of groups are looking forward to the Spring Contest and Convention and some are even preparing for 1 or 2 chapter shows during the year.

With the idea of having a FWD District Senior Chorus compete and represent us in an upcoming BHS Midwinter Convention I took the opportunity to attend and compete in the BHS Dream Chorus at the Midwinter convention held in New York City. The primary goal was to see what was done right and what improvements could have resulted in greater participation by seniors throughout the Society.

My thoughts are that the musical director, Jordan Travis, was excellent in both his coaching style and his demeanor towards the participants...a mixed chorus of 17 singers. The rehearsal venue was ideal in that it was in a dedicated meeting room in the headquarters hotel. The performance auditorium was perfect in that it was a short walk from the rehearsal room to the stage. After the performance, departing the stage and returning to the auditorium was easy and enabled participants to return to their seats and not miss any of the upcoming singing groups.

What could have been done better: There could have been a decision earlier that a senior Dream Chorus would actually form and compete. I think a lot more singers would have participated. There was also a hiccup in letting Eventbrite handle the Senior Chorus registration and then the distribution of charts and tracks. I had to call the Senior chorus manager and request the tracks and charts and also I had to distribute this information to another participant. I had a feeling that the information loop might somehow be broken and this needs to be fully functional. The singers need to know where and when there are Zoom meetings, where and when on site rehearsals will take place and the senior chorus manager should use both email and text messages for up to date changes.

I am looking forward to a FWD Senior Chorus forming that would be able to sing at a high level and when they get together prior to the performance be 100% on notes and words. It makes a big difference in the confidence of the group when you go on stage and sound great.

Rich Postal



Board Member Reports

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No report



Board Member Reports

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I'm happy to report that the Southwest Division is looking up. When first in this position, I was concerned about the number of struggling choruses and declining membership. But that is changing in the SW Division!

I'm encouraged by the number of choruses who are experiencing membership growth. Join me in congratulating Sounds of Aloha Chorus, Channel Islands Harmony Chorus, LA South Towns Chorus, Crown City Chorus, Valley Harmony Singers, Harmony Hills Chorus, Central Coast Chordsmen, and The Oceanaires for successfully growing their ranks.

I've observed an increase in public performances as well. I understand that most active choruses schedule performances during the holiday season. Channel Islands Harmony Chorus takes that to another level. While they normally perform for the community often, they had 11 performances in December! That must be a record.

I'm really excited by the increase in the number of choruses competing in the divisional. We've gone from having no choruses participating from our division to 7 choruses that have indicated we will see them on the stage in Ontario! I'm thrilled by this participation. We may even have the Sounds of Aloha Chorus join us. This comes on the heels of their trip to New Zealand to compete in the Pan Pacific Convention last fall. They have not yet confirmed this, but it looks good.

Speaking of the Sounds of Aloha Chorus, they have great news! They have yet to host a district contest in Hawaii but that is soon to change. They are concurrently hosting the FWD Fall

Convention and Contest AND the Pan Pacific Convention in Honolulu in 2026! More specific details to follow soon. Just got confirmation. Sounds of Aloha will be here for District contest! That's a treat.

It makes me happy to see Masters of Harmony returning to the competition cycle. Kudos to them for arranging to send a chorus to the 80th Anniversary Ceremonies in Normandy, France in June. I'm honored to be a part of this illustrious group of singers and looking forward to this adventure.

I believe that at least half of the choruses in SW Division are planning a Singing Valentines program this month.

As I said earlier, SW Division is on the move!

Kathy Kileen



Board Member Reports

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1. Discussions with Adam Kaufman re: Harmony College West
 - Faculty
 - Logistics
 - Location
 - I will be on the faculty teaching classes
2. Multiple requests to review song selections for contestability
 - Directed them to the BHS site for song evaluation
 - <https://shop.barbershop.org/is-my-arrangement-contestable/>
3. Meeting with Amanda Pitts, Mus & Perf VP for NED
 - Traded ideas of possible programs
 - They are not as advanced as we in the FWD
 - No new ideas from her, but she got plenty from me, especially about them doing their own Harmony College



Board Member Reports

Ben Porter

Vice President Contests & Judging

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1. We are now starting the cycle again to certify a new class of judges. Five people from FWD have submitted applications and are now under review to be accepted as candidate judges. Once accepted as candidates, the next major step will be to attend Candidate School, which is held in conjunction with Harmony University in Denver in July. After Candidate School, these folks will have two years of practice judging to complete before certification. Can we provide any support for these folks for their expenses to attend Candidate School?
2. We need to have a standard process for acquiring contest awards. For the spring season, we need a total of 85 plaques, while in the fall, we need 17 plaques as well as championship pins. For the last couple of years, Kenny has been good enough to take over the work of ordering the plaques, but I'm not sure that he intends this to be part of the ongoing duties of the President. Also, we have 90 chorus champion pins right now, which will be enough for this year and maybe next, but we will need to get a new supply of those. What is the ongoing process for getting these items ordered?

Ben Porter (he/him/his)

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Board Member Reports

Bill Rosica

Immediate Past President

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As your Immediate Past President, I have a short report.

Chuck Roots and I have been looking for someone to fulfill the office of NE Division Vice-President, but have yet to come up with a candidate. We will continue to look.

William J. (Bill) Rosica
Immediate Past President-Far Western District
FWD HoF Inductee 2022
Trustee HFI



Management Team Reports

David Melville

Marketing & Public Relations Manager

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Website

I'm thrilled to announce that I finally got all our websites successfully updated Joomla 4—just in time for them to release Joomla 5. Talk about job security!! But I need to get caught up with other stuff before I can turn my attention to that project, hopefully later this year.

We also have an entirely new calendar system that offers many more features, including robust geolocation, a Zoom interface, social media interfaces, and the ability to collect calendar data from a variety of sources.

Email List

The email list is back in operation and I have now built segments for each division. I've used several cleansing tools to get our bounce rate to nearly zero, and our bulk mailing reputation appears to be in good shape.

Social Media

Ethan continues to do an excellent job with our Facebook presence, and has successfully launched our YouTube Channel. He has done a great job getting people engaged, and I am so fortunate to have him on my team.

Convention Registration

All three Spring events have been launched on Eventbrite. In case you're wondering why we are now also doing reserved seating for the division events, it's because the way Eventbrite is designed it is actually much easier and foolproof to do reserved seating than general admission. If you're really

interested in knowing why I'd be happy to explain it you over a beer.

Harmony College West

I designed a new logo for Harmony College West.



A little inside joke: nearly all universities have a motto, usually in Latin, so I thought HCW should have one too. My Latin is pretty rusty, so I bounced it off Chuck Hunter, Sr. His was a bit rusty too, but we both called this "close enough". It translates to "To Sing is to Live in Harmony". I welcome any scholar out there to provide a better translation!

We'll be resurrecting our old ticketing system for doing HCW registrations, since that software does a much better job of handling custom fields, of which there are many for this event. Fortunately, now that we are on Joomla 4, the software is working again.

Fall Convention

I have the Mechanics Bank Theater (formerly Rabobank) seating chart all plotted in Eventbrite and ready to go live for ticket sales on June 1.

I hired a caricature artist to develop a new logo for Bakersfield that celebrates the area's rich Basque heritage. It's a concept I've wanted to do for a long time but could never get the look I wanted. I really like how it turned out and hope you will too.



I've talked to the same artist about a new "Raisin Quartet" for Fresno next year.

The use of Reg Manning's "Cactus Quartet" for Arizona is a fixture that is here to stay. Period. The guy won a Pulitzer Prize for a reason!

With Fall 2026 being collocated with Pan-Pacific it's not clear to me who is doing what in terms of marketing, ticketing, etc. so that is something we need to identify very soon.

Westags

Westags resumed in January and will be sent out each month. The deadline for each issue is the 25th.

Westunes

In my spare time [*pause for laugh*] I hope to get some work done on a "yearbook" issue to catch up on 2023 and maybe then even try to get somewhat back on track. No promises yet, but if I do get some extra time, I'll make it happen.

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. There are some changes that need to be made, so this is as good a time as any. Shout-out to Greg Dreyer to send me that document!

The same applies for our Convention Manual, and I will get it done once I get the documents from Bill Rosica.

"I yield back the balance of my time".

David Melville

- Marketing & Public Relations Director
- Webmaster
- Events Registrar
- Westunes/Westags Editor
- *other duties as assigned*



Management Team Reports

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Current Far Western District Membership Numbers

We do not have current membership data due to a recent lockout of the BHS database. A follow-up of membership numbers will happen in-person at the FWD Spring Convention BOD and HOD meeting. An excel chart will be provided via email as well.

FWD Spring Convention 2024: Membership Class

I am pleased to inform you I will be teaching a Membership class at Prelims! It's slated to be scheduled for two hours. I will be following up with an outline of the meeting one week prior to our meeting(s). The goal of this course is to provide chapter, district, and international level membership initiatives. Providing hacks, tricks, and anything it takes to garner new membership! I can't wait to see you all soon! Please stop me for a tag. Let's have a GREAT weekend!



Management Team Reports

Antwun Puckett
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Hello everyone! I have a lot to update so I'll just do it in a list format:

1. We (Adam, Kenny, and myself) have decided it's best to not host a high school quartet contest (HSQC) at any of our division contest for this year and to have all of us BOD members do our best to promote not only the district, but the HSQC for next year and beyond. We came to the conclusion that it's too late of notice to expect any high school to have a quartet contest ready in time for the contest for this year. So I encourage all of us to make an effort to reach out to any/all schools that we can before the end of the year so we can have a great turn out for next year.
2. Westminster will be participating and performing at the SCVA Youth Festival on February 24th. We will do our best to represent the district the best we can and to engulf the youth with this wonderful artform that we all love.
3. Adam will (hopefully?) be going to the AZ ACDA Conference early this month to represent the district and to promote the HSQC and anything/everything barbershop related in AZ.
4. The ACDA West Conference will be in Pasadena, CA on March 6th, 2024. Kenny will be contacting Dr. Chris Peterson to see if we can have any district involvement. This is probably our biggest chance to make an impact and get the good word of barbershop out to a large number of choral directors.
5. Don Laursen of the Visalia Chapter - Mighty Oak Chorus has filed a grant application for their Youth Harmony Explosion set to be on September 14th, 2024. I have no power over how much we grant them (they have requested \$5,000), but I hope we can help them out as much as we can. They plan on having Vocal Spectrum there, with Eric Dalbey as their Head Clinician and Dr. Dan Wessler there to help expose our style of music to their local choral directors. Great event all in all.

That's all I have for now. I should have more to report when all meet in Fremont, CA. Can't wait to see you all there!

In Harmony,
Antwun Puckett

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

House of Delegates
Far Western District
Spring 2024 Meeting

March 15, 2024, 2:00 PM
Ohlone College,
Building 1, Lecture Hall 1302
Freemont, California



This will Certify that the Delegate of the:

(Chapter Name)

Chapter # D-_____ is

(Delegate Name)

Signatures:

Delegatate
(Signature)

Chapter President
(Signature)

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