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The Far Western District Summer Board Meeting
Oakland, June 9, 2007



Weekend Meeting Highlights

Your board of directors met in Oakland on Saturday, June 9, 2007 for the regular Summer Board Meeting. The meeting resulted in:

- The establishment of the proposed budget for 2008
- A series of status reports on the many activities of the District (including DMT, COTS Task Force, et al) resulting in appropriate motions and establishment of Action Items.
- The draw for Order of Appearance for the Fall contests.

These actions are summarized below:

Board Actions:

a. Motions

Motion 1. To approve the agenda as amended. (MSP)

Motion 2. To approve the minutes of the Spring 2007 Board Meeting (MSP)

Motion 3. To receive the report of the COTS Committee as amended. MSP

Motion 4. To recommend to the HOD that the entry date for both quartets and choruses be 30 days prior to the contest. MSP

Motion 5. To transfer \$500 to the NorCal Youth Camp; to allocate \$2400 for the 2008 High School Quartet Contest Awards; and to allocate a maximum of \$500 per Youth Festival as funds are available.(MSP)

Motion 6. To receive the Nominating Committees Report (MSP)

Motion 7. To set a maximum of \$20 (at the door—space available) for division single contest admissions—except where the divisional is coupled with a International Preliminary Contest. (MSP)

Motion 8. To provide the FWD chorus champions with 20% of the District Chorus travel fund. The remainder of the fund to be divided among all FWD choruses participating in the International contest on a pro-rata basis based on the number of men on the risers at the preceding Fall District Convention. (MSP)

Motion 9 To receive, with appreciation and thanks, the report of the Long Range Planning Committee. (MSP)

Motion 10. To suspend the print version of the WESTUNES effective immediately with the stipulation that the electronic version continue to be published in accordance with the SOP. (MS-Tabled)

Motion 11. To increase FWD District dues by \$2.00 (MSFailed)

Motion 12. To receive and submit to the HOD for approval the 2008 budget with a \$3009 deficit to be funded from the reserve. (MSP).

b. Action Items identified:

1. President Cale to contact Jim Crowley regarding the reestablishment of the Chorus Directors Guild.
2. DVP's were tasked to copy the Chairman of CSLT with information an action messages in their respective areas
3. In the matter of change of the SOP to include all choruses that previously participated in the preceding International Contest be permitted to qualify for the next District Contest without prequalification in the divisional contests.: FWD Chairman of C&J is requested to provide rationale and support for the measure for the HOD Delegates Brochure, and Peter Feeney to provide the opposing view.
4. COTS: The COTS preliminary website to be operational by June 23, 2007. .
5. Dave Updegraff to contact and advise Society people about FWD COTS
6. In the matter of changing the travel allocation to provide 20% to the champion chorus, with the remainder divided with all the others on a pro rata basis: Supporting view to be provided for the Delegates Brochure by DVP Gene Clements, the alternate view to be provided by DVP Bernard Priceman .
7. President Cale to form a Task Force to review WESTUNES and provide recommended actions to be included in the Fall Delegates' Brochure. The Task Force consists of: Kevin Smith, Chair, Peter Feeney, Ray Rhymer, Dick Girvin, and Keith Eckhardt.

c. The draw for the Fall Contests. The draw for order of appearance of the qualified contestants for the Fall Contests was conducted with 29 quartets and 25 choruses currently entered The results will be published in the next WESTUNES and will be carried on the FWD Website (www.spebsqsfwd.org) after the completion of the International Convention in Denver in July.

d. FWD 2008 Slate

The officer slate for 2008 was presented by Peter Feeney Chair of the Nominating Committee. It consists of:

President:	Bob Lally
Executive Vice President:	Ivan Jensen
Immediate Past President	Bill Cale
Secretary:	Dick Girvin*
Treasurer:	Jim Sherman*
DVP SCW	Bernard Priceman*
DVP SCE:	Gene Clements*
DVP NCW/H:	Steve Sammonds*
DVP NCE/NN:	Jim Turnmire
DVP ASNSU:	Gordon Bergthold

* Incumbent

e. COTS TASK FORCE Meeting Summary.

The COTS Task Force report, presented by COTS Coordinator, Chuck Hunter, identified the following objectives for the FWD 2007 COTS: predicated upon the 3 C's: **Cost, convenience and curriculum:**

- Four COTS Sessions (SoCal (1), NorCal (1), Arizona (2))
- To be held in public schools or church schools with chapter host (5 scholarships offered for hosting)
- Cost: \$30 per attendee
- 5 tracks:- President, Music Vice President, Program Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- DVPs to be the Deans of their respective COTS
- Instructors to be primarily from FWD
- Classes will begin at 9:00 am and continue to 5:00 pm
- No food to be provided.
- Class materials: to be downloaded from website. (to be available by Sept 1)
- Chapter Counselors to provide after COTS follow-up

f. DMT Summary:

The District Management Team (DMT) met prior to the FWD Board of Directors meeting. The DMT consists of the following members:

Bill Cale, FWD President, Chair DMT
Bob Lally, Executive Vice President, DMT Coordinator
Clark Abrahamson, Chair, Membership (ill, absent)
Russ Young, Chair, C&J Committee (absent, represented by Nick Papageorge)
Chuck Leavitt, Chair, Events Committee
Kevin Smith, Chair, Marketing and PR Committee
David Updegraff, Chair, Chapter Support and Leadership Training Committee
Jerry Fairchild, Chair Music and Performance Committee
John Krizek, Chair, Youth In Harmony Committee
Jim Crowley, Chair, Chorus Director Development Committee. (absent).

FWD Board Members were also in attendance as observers and participants.

A summary of the activities is shown below;

- YIH activities. are well organized and going well. With youth camps and festivals being planned.
- New YIH handout is in development.
- The Chapter Counselor program is undergoing reassessment with re-definition of the program and the participants expected by the Fall.
- Events reports that there are still some contest sites yet to be resolved.
- Contest and Judging has provided a number of changes recommended in the FWD SOP for contests
- Music and Performance reports on HCW status and recommends quartet workshops throughout the district.
- The "Standing Ovation Program" currently has had seven reviews this year as opposed to none last year.
- DVPs are solicited to help publicize Harmony College West.
- Marketing and PR anticipates a database to be developed for all chapters' use as well as establishing a public web site for the general public to obtain information about FWD BHS.

g. FWD Planning Meeting.

Interested and available FWD officers, chairmen and others met over the weekend to review (primarily) the recent report provided by the Long range Planning Committee. And other matters.

The LRP committee report had been forwarded to all members of the FWD management team and contained a wealth of new and nearly-new ideas for consideration.

President Bill Cale opened the session with a deep measure of appreciation for the effort and details the LRP provided and proceeded to open avenues for discussion that were triggered by the report.

Inasmuch as the planning group had no official status, the materials and discussion were subsequently reflected in the DMT meeting and finally in the FWD Board of Director meeting itself. The details of those meeting are shown earlier in this report.