



# Westags

The Far Western District Summer Board Meeting  
June 19, 2010



## Board Meeting Highlights

Your board of directors met in Fullerton, CA on Saturday June 19, 2010 for the regular Summer Board Meeting. The meeting resulted in the establishment of the proposed budget for 2011 and a series of status reports on the many activities of the District including the draw for Order of Appearance at the Fall contests.

The reports also included a summary of the review and discussion by the District Management Team (DMT) of activities within their purview, discussed the night before.

These actions are summarized below:

### Board Actions.

#### Motions

Motion 1: Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of March 18, 2010. Motion Carried.

Motion 2: To put on hold the production of the enhanced Marketing CD pending review of the content by committee approved by the board. Motion Carried (Bob Lally appointed Committee Chair).

Motion 3: Destroy all copies of the recently produced Marketing brochure because it contains inaccuracies.

Motion 4: to Receive Nominating Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### 2011 FWD BOD Nominations:

President:	Bernard Priceman
Executive VP:	Russ Young
I.P.P:	Bob Lally
Secretary:	Peter Feeney
Treasurer:	Bob Heron
Div 1 SW VP:	Bill Rosica
Div 2 SE VP:	Allan Webb
Div 3 NW VP:	Steve Sammonds
Div 4 NE VP:	Jim Turnmire
Div 5 AZ VP:	Ted Sayle

Motion 5: To recommend to the HOD that the SOP 4.3.2 be changed to read "These functional committees report to the Executive Vice President who presides at all their meetings." Motion Carried

Motion 6: : To recommend to the HOD that it accept changes to the wording of SOP 4.3.2.1 -4.3.2.9 describing the duties of the functional committees to add Executive Vice President

and delete all reference to Chapter Councilor. Motion Carried

Motion 7: To recommend to the HOD that it accept changes to the wording of SOP 9.5, 10.1.1 and 11.2.5 adding the following:

9.5 Clearance Request Form/Procedures.

*...Shows should not be produced without proper clearance from the District Secretary. Only shows properly cleared will be listed on the District Calendar and in Westunes. No advertising for uncleared shows will be permitted in Westunes (or any other District publications) or on the website and no promotion of the uncleared show will be permitted at District Conventions.*

10.1.1 District Per Capita Dues.

*...b. New Society members of new chapters, inducted during the one year period following licensing, shall pay no district dues for the first year of their membership.*

11.2.5 Drawing for Position

*...b. Fall District Chorus and Quartet Contests: The drawing is made by the FWD BOD at the Summer BOD meeting. Contestants will be notified of their order of appearance and the riser set to be used as soon as possible following the Society Summer International Convention/Contest. International Preliminary Quartet Contest: Drawing is made by the host 21 days prior to the event; contestants to be notified 14days prior to the event*

Motion Carried

Motion 8: recommend to the HOD that it accept changes to the wording of SOP 8.3.1.1.a by adding:

*A quartet man is a member of a Division based on the Chapter to which the member belongs, or for Frank Thorne members, the mailing address on record with the BHS.*

*Quartets will not be eligible for Division Quartet Championship unless at least two men are members of their selected Division.*

## Motion Carried

Motion 9: To recommend to the HOD that it accept changes to the wording of SOP 8.3.1.d, 8.3.2.2.1.e, and 8.3.2.2.3.c to add the DRCJ (District Representative for Contest and Judging) as authorized to make changes to the order of appearance of contestants as well as the Contest Administrator. Motion Carried

Motion 10: To recommend to the HOD approval of the 2011 budget as submitted. Motion Carried.

Revenues	\$84,850
Expenses	\$87,730
Net Loss	(\$2,880)

Motion 11: The FWD to provide a \$200 scholarship to an Arizona music teacher unable to attend Harmony College in St. Joseph, MO with a HF scholarship so she may attend Harmony College West . Motion Carried.

## General Discussion:

President Priceman invited discussion of the lack of functional Committee Chairmen on the board. Discussion ensued for some time.

- Russ Young has been asked to chair a committee to study the composition of the board and report back by the Fall Meeting.
- John Jones to form a committee to look at locations for future conventions and make recommendations regarding the contest policy to review in the fall.
- Chapter Sanctions: SOP will now contain sanctions for chapters who don't clear shows (pending approval by the HOD in the fall)
- Russ Young led a discussion of an idea to add a local show to Divisions contest weekends. No action taken.
- Nick Papageorge will communicate with Jim Turnmire and Steve Sammonds regarding visitation from HQ music educators/trainers.
- Action Item: Each DVP to hold a meeting with chapters in the division as a group each year.

## District Management Team Meeting Highlights

### Action Items

Action Item 1: Gordon Bergthold to contact Carl Dockendorf re: St. George Chapter.

Action Item 2: Ron will work with Keith Eckhardt to send email after each contest to competitors.

Action Item 3: Las Vegas Metro may submit a bid for the division contest next year (2011).

Action Item 4: John Jones to check on rooms for board members at the Fall Convention.

Action Item 5: Peter Feeney to send correct address to Dan for the District Secretary for the brochure.

Action Item 6: Dan to bring a merchandising plan (barbershop shop) to the board within a week.

Action Item 7: Send names for SOP to Nick for his processing.

Meeting called to order by Russ Young. Bernard Priceman made some opening remarks.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved by the DMT.

Russ mentioned that Gordon Bergthold was doing a fine job as CSLT Chair. Jim Sherman suggested that each DVP contact three chapters directly in support of the Chapter Service Reps.

Comments in addition to reports filed by each member and distributed prior to the meeting:

Chorus Director Development, Dave Tautkus:

Russ Young reported that Dave Tautkus, absent, is interested in the organizing documents for the Director's Guild. Russ will check with Judy Steinkamp and Paul Eastman to see if he can obtain them.

John Krizek reported that Prescott has hired a new director who has now started working with the chapter. She is an Associate from Northern California.

St. George, UT is looking for a new director as well as Visalia and San Francisco as well as North Valley.

Bernard Priceman suggested more inter action of DMT members with SKYPE meetings, such as those run by the BOD.

Keith Eckhardt reported that his chapter runs Student Intern Director Program with two completed.

C & J, Ron Black:

Spending on judges from contest: Spring contest (Reno) cost in excess of \$11,000 for Spring and all Divisions. Ron is serving the judges in his suite for Bakersfield Fall Convention to reduce costs.

Ron complained about the cost of the CAs for each contest. He intends to bring it up at the next Society C&J meeting. Ron intends to ask that CAs from long distances not be sent to the FWD.

Ron recommends Sharon Towner as a travel coordinator; Russ Young discussed some of the pros and cons of using Sharon Towner.

Discussion regarding judges continued for some time.

Category School will be held this summer at St. Joseph, MO.

Concerns in the SOP were reviewed by Ron: Catcher Block won Division trophy but were not eligible to compete in the division, so they will give up their trophy tomorrow night on the Go for the Gold show. Catcher Block will also not receive full payment from the FWD for trip to Philadelphia.

Ron will propose some changes to the SOP to correct problems he sees with Division competition. The board will vote on them tomorrow and the HOD in the Fall.

Bernard inquired about a competitor's manual for District quartet competitors. Russ and Ron will follow up.

Events Report John Jones

**Fall District Convention**

2010 – Oct 7-10 – Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo Host

**Spring District Convention**

2011 – Mar 17-20 – San Jose, Bay Area Host

**2011 Division Conventions**

Div – Az – April 16 – Phoenix will be bidding

Div – Southeast – May 14 – Accepting Bids

Div – Southwest – May 7 – Accepting Bids, San Fernando and Pasadena considering

Div – Northeast – May 21 – Accepting Bids, Central Cal considering

Div – Northwest – See Spring District

**Harmony College West**

2010 - July 16-18 – Redlands

2011 – Aug 12-14 or 19-21 – Hayward – TBD

**2010 Leadership Academy**

Az – Nov 6 - Mesa

Norcal – Nov 20 - Sacramento

Socal – Nov ? - TBD

Marketing and PR, Dan Jordan

Review of the enhanced CD that will be part of the new brochure for publicity. The brochure will be available in July.

Discussion of merchandising.

Membership Report. Clark Abrahamson absent, report submitted.

Music and Performance, Nick Papageorge:

Report on Harmony College West, with emphasis on getting front line directors to Harmony College.

Discussion of the Harmony College West budget and plans for next year followed.

Nick asked for candidates for the Standing Ovation Program.

Youth in Harmony Report: John Krizek

John emphasized that chapters need to report through the district for community service and donations to the HF.

John spoke about the mid-winter in Las Vegas and the need to have choruses there to compete.

HS quartet contest: John wants to maintain the contest regardless of poor participation in Reno.

John spoke about the new program “Four on the Road”.

Faculty for the camp in Northern California will be OC Times and Real Time.

Music Educator Appreciation.

Jim Sherman asked if the HS quartet would be better placed at the Division Contest. Jim Turnmire said he thought it would be better attended. Bernard indicated he thought a North, and South and a Arizona contest HS contest was under review.

Financial Development, John McDougald

John gave his perspective on the need to communicate ideas to the chapters who need assistance in improving their performance.

John has sent out many letters to the chapters and received only a few answers (23 out of 82).

Bob Lally added context to the HF Chapter Connect program.

Keith Eckhardt made some brief comments regarding improvements on the website.

Meeting Adjourned.