

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Mesa, Arizona
October 11, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by President Russ Young.

All board members present.

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| 1. President, Russ Young | 6. VP, Richard Lund |
| 2. EVP, Allan Webb | 7. VP, Bill Rosica |
| 3. Secretary, Peter Feeney (late arrival) | 8. VP, Craig Hughes |
| 4. Treasurer, Bob Heron | 9. VP, John Bloomquist |
| 5. VP, Chuck Leavitt | 10. IPP, Bernard Priceman |

Motion to enter executive session. Motion carried.

The meeting went into executive session to discuss issues regarding the new FWD website and issues regarding the AFWDC. The meeting emerged from executive session at approximately 3:35 pm.

Motion to end executive session. Motion carried.

Motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in Fullerton. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

President Young introduced Society board member John Miller.

John provided the board with an update of recent events at headquarters in Nashville. The Society has a new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Marty Monson. Marty assumed his position in mid-August after attending Harmony University. John also reported on the membership numbers for the Society and expressed the hope that Operation Harold Hill can help spur growth. Retention of new members remains an issue. John shared with the board some research that was conducted regarding the visibility of the Society. While many people have no real knowledge of our Society there remains a significant number of men who do know of us and would be interested in singing with us.

Preparations continue for the Society's 75th anniversary to be celebrated in Toronto in July 2013. The actual anniversary is April 11, 2013. Governors and mayors are being asked to acknowledge this special day with a proclamation. The Far Western District is comprised of the states of Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii and part of Utah.

Finally, John reported that the Portland convention had 5,700 attendees and was profitable.

President Young recognized K.J. McAleesejergins, Director of Development for the Harmony Foundation.

K.J. reported that Rich Knight, lead of the Gashouse Gang, has issued a challenge. Rich will donate \$100,000 to the Foundation when the Foundation gains 100 new President Council members. He also spoke of the need for sponsors for the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, FL. The minimum amount to sponsor the Festival is \$10,000. K.J. asked the board to consider a plan to be a sponsor of the Festival.

Motion to sponsor (\$10,000) Youth Chorus Festival through donations by the chapters or by the district through an amended budget should chapter donations fall short. Motion carried

DVP reports. The reports are included in the Fall Brochure. District Vice Presidents add to their written reports at the meeting.

Division 1. Bill Rosica.

Division 2. Craig Hughes. .

Division 3. Chuck Leavitt.

Division 4. Richard Lund.

Division 5. John Bloomquist

President Young recessed the meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm and he called the meeting back to order at 7:00 pm.

President Young recognized John Jones, District Events Chairman who provided his report:

Upcoming District Conventions

Fall District Conventions

2013 – Oct. 10-13 – Bakersfield, Visalia Host

2014 – Oct. 9-12 – Fresno, Fresno Host

Spring District Conventions

2013 – Mar. 21–24 – Lodi, CA – California Delta Host

2014 – Mar. 20–23 – open for bid

2013 Division Conventions

March 21–24, 2013 – Northwest/Northeast Division – joint at Lodi

April 20, 2013 - Arizona Division – open for bid

May 11, 2013 - Southwest/Southeast Division – Riverside Host

2014 Division Conventions (All Open for Bid) Subject to change for joining divisions

April 11-12, 2014 Northwest Division

May 23-24, 2014 Northeast Division

May 9-10, 2014 Southwest Division

May 16-17, 2014 Southeast Division

May 2-3, 2014 Arizona Division

Harmony College West

Aug. 16-18, 2013 – Cal State Hayward

Russ addressed the new webpage (www.barbershopfwd.org). President Young introduced David Melville, co-webmaster with Keith Eckhardt. David explained the plans for the new website which should be operational soon. Since the server currently used by the FWD is also used for a variety of Society programs the Society will require some time to migrate their programs to alternative facilities.

Motion to inform the Society that we are shifting off our current website and we are requesting no later than July 1, 2013 they pay for the cost of maintaining the server. Motion carried.

President Young announced some changes effective immediately to the District Management Team – Jerry McElfrish (Marketing and PR), and Dr. Greg Lyne (Chorus Director Development). He commented, “Both of these men will be outstanding additions to the best leadership team in the Society. I’m thrilled about what’s to come for the FWD!” He also announced that John Minsker is the new District Historian.

District Treasurer Bob Heron and President Young spoke at length regarding budget changes since the budget was presented in June. The budget to be presented for approval by the House of Delegates on Friday October 12, 2013:

Income: \$118,270
Expense: \$116,295
Net Surplus: \$ 1,975

The complete budget can be found in the 2012 Fall Brochure.

President Young cautioned the board to follow proper procedures regarding approval of bills. All committee chairs will send their bills to the EVP for approval and all board members will send their bills to the District President.

President Young distributed the goals to the board that were developed in Fullerton in June. He requested they be reviewed and reformatted as needed and returned to him no later than November 1, 2012.

Gordon Bergthold spoke at length regarding the postponement of Leadership Academy in Arizona. It appears that January 2013 is the preferred new date.

Russ discussed the wording of the SOP changes that will be presented to the House of Delegates on Friday October 12, 2012..

Allen Webb discussed the status of Operation Harold Hill and John Miller discussed the Society's view of Operation Harold Hill. Generally, OHH is not as effective as it was envisioned.

Gordon spoke about another approach to OHH, concentrating on a smaller number of chapters but using the DMTs as counselors. Bob Lally spoke about the Operation Harold Hill problems and opportunities.

Bill Cale (awards) reports that the honoree at the Spring convention is recommended to be Bruce Selnow.

Motion to approve Bruce Sellnow as the honoree at the Spring convention. Motion carried.

Merger of the Las Vegas D-075 and the Las Vegas Metro D-080 chapters.

Motion to approve the merger with the surviving charter being Las Vegas D-075. Motion carried.

Russ Young addressed the issue of the Harmony College West and a discussion with Nick Papageorge ensued. In total HCW was very helpful to all attendees. Issues regarding attendance remain and will continue to be addressed by the Music and Performance Committee.

President Young also stated that the Chorus Directors Guild will be re-instituted. The Guild formerly met in the north and south of California alternating with HCW. Future scheduling is an open issue.

Meeting Adjourned

9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney, District Secretary