

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2020
7 PM
VIA ZOOM**

AGENDA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Bill Rosica. A recording of the National Anthem was played followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Nick Papageorge. A recording of The Old Songs was also played.

Invocation: Chuck Roots was not in attendance, so this agenda item was skipped.

Roll Call: Secretary Jim Maass called the roll.

Board Members Present:

Bill Rosica, President
Nice Papageorge, EVP
Jim Maass, Secretary
Rich Owen, Treasurer
Brent Anderson, VP Div 1 SW
Kyle Williamson, VP Div 2 SE
Dick Whitten, VP Div 3 NW
Adam Kaufman, VP Div 5 AZ
Rob Menaker, VP Music and Performance
Craig Hughes, Immediate Past President

Board Members Absent:

Chuck Roots, VP Div 4, NE
Brett Littlefield, VP Contest and Judging

Management Team Members Present (non-voting)

Jeremy Loper, Membership
Scott Suwabe, Chorus Director Development
David Melville, Marketing and PR
Kenny Rios, Youth in Harmony
Charles Carothers, Community Outreach

Past Presidents in attendance.

Craig Hughes
Gordon “Mongo” Bergthold
Russ Young
Bernard Priceman
Bob Lally
Terry Aramian
Sam Barger

Roll Call of the Chapters—The following chapters were present.

Bakersfield	Las Vegas	South Bay
Brea	Mesa	Stockton
California Delta	Prescott	Sun Cities
Central Arizona	Reno	Walnut Creek
Davis Vacaville	Rincon Beach	Westminster
Fremont Hayward	Salt River Valley	
Fullerton	San Diego	
Greater Los Angeles	San Fernando Valley	

Other Guests Present: (non-voting)

Donna Hisey, Expedia Cruise
Kathy Kileen, Incoming VP, Division 1 SW
Jim Clark, Harmony Foundation

Secretary Jim Maass announced that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks: President Bill went over some of the highlights from the board meeting the night before. He discussed COVID and what the chapters are or are not doing and talked about some of the issues which will need to be addressed as chapters start up again after we are over the virus. He also mentioned the membership issue facing the district. DVPs are holding ZOOM meetings with the chapters in their divisions. He also spoke about the AIC outreach program. (Secretary note: Rob Menaker in his remarks later in the meeting went into some detail). The Director’s Guild will be starting up again as well as continuing with virtual Leadership Academy under the leadership of Scott Suwabe. The Cruise is still on...more details later in the meeting. The FWD budget is in good shape because nothing is happening so no spending taking place. BHS and HFI issues were also discussed at the BOD meeting. Community Outreach is on hold and so is the Youth in Harmony.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion passes.

Approval of HOD minutes for March 28, 2020. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All Aye. Motion passes.

Recognition of Guests present: President Bill asked Secretary Jim Maass to introduce the guests from his attendance list which he did. Note: Those guests recognized at this time are listed above in the attendance section.

Chapter Eternal. Secretary Jim Maass read the names of those FWD members who passed away during the previous year. A recording of the Phoenix chapter performance of “It Is Well With My Soul” was played during the reading.

John Wright, Ventura, Conejo Valley and San Fernando Valley chapters
Randall Bingel, Greater Phoenix and Mesa chapters
Ron Tiche, Folsom and Hilton Head (SC) chapters
Ronald Brown, Bay Area chapter
Robert Howd, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Lee Perrault, Yuma chapter
Ed Sweatt, Greater Los Angeles chapter
Richard McClain, Reno and South Texas Alamo Regional chapters
Peter Sparaco, Fremont-Hayward chapter
David Briner, South Orange County, Brea, Greater Los Angeles, South Bay chapters
Sean Goodman, San Fernando Valley chapter
Richard Briel, Frank Thorne chapter
James Sherman, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Dwayne De Long, California Delta, Napa Valley and Canton OH Chapters
Greg LeBlanc, Palo Alto-Mountain View chapter
Robert Gibson, Aloha chapter
Bill Reckas, Monterey Peninsula chapter
Karl Adams, III, Stockton chapter
Al Drouin, Nevada-Placer chapter
Frederick Garner, Sun Cities chapter
William Santee, Davis-Vacaville chapter
Walter Nicholas, Bakersfield chapter
Dennis Stohl, Folsom chapter
John Howell, Tucson and Savannah GA chapters
Douglas Anderson, South Bay and Barbary Coast chapters
Bill Young, Santa Maria chapter
Jeffrey Swart, California Delta, Las Vegas and Wasatch Front, UT chapters
David Fletcher, Bakersfield chapter

Paul Bush, Fullerton chapter
Marvin Bos, Crescenta Valley chapter
Robert M. Thompson, Greater Phoenix, Sun Cities and Central Arizona chapters
Les Rosenberger, Davis Vacaville chapter

President Bill introduced Jim Clark, HFI: Jim said “hi” to everyone and reported that the donor choice checks to the FWD and the FWD chapters are being distributed. He thanked everyone for their participation in the program.

Vice President Reports.

Division 1 Southwest, Brent Anderson. He gave some brief remarks augmenting his published report in the HOD brochure. He also thanked everyone for his past six years on the board and wished everyone well.

Division 2 Southeast, Kyle Williamson. He reported that he is setting up ZOOM meetings in another month or so. Stay tuned. He also reported that Westminster will be having a virtual Christmas show.

Division 3 Northwest, Dick Whitten. He reported he has been in touch with most of the chapters and they are excited about the cruise. Generally, things are quiet due to COVID.

Division 4 Northeast, Chuck Roots. Chuck was absent from the meeting.

Division 5 Arizona, Adam Kaufman. He reported that most of the chapters are doing something on ZOOM and a few are physically meeting.

Contest and Judging, Brett Littlefield. Brett was absent from the meeting.

Music and Performance, Rob Menaker. Not much is going on but if any chapter is interested in a virtual coach, guest speaker, etc., to be sure to reach out to him and he will help make a ZOOM event happen. AIC with assistance from HFI (funding) will be doing an outreach to schools in the So. California area working with the Southern California Vocal Association. It was going to be in spring 2021 but is being postponed to 2022. Details below shared by Rob Menaker. (secretary note: this information also appears in the BOD minutes)

From: **George Davidson** <sagez@aol.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 11:31 AM
Subject: AIC - Close Harmony Festival - SCVA / AIC

Hi All...

Here's the plan developed by the group during the zoom call Sat Sep 19 .

* SCVA Festival is postponed until Feb, 2022...

* Committee will reconvene in Jan, 2021. Tim to send out invitation for meeting after first of the year.

* Promo video will be prepared for viewing during the time the 2021 Festival was scheduled to occur. The video will promote the option of having AIC quartets come to their high school in Sep/Oct 2021. Tim will get with production team to help Antone assemble the video. Will include in 2021 HFI budget for fundraising to help cover costs of the video production.

* April, 2021 will open slots to high school music educators for appointments from AIC quartets in Sep/Oct 2021. This will give music educators plenty of time to schedule plans for these visits by quartets.

* Sep/Oct... 5-6 AIC quartets (depending on the need - will budget for 5-6) will descend on LA area high schools for in person singing, training, etc. Thursday, Friday.... hoping to visit underserved communities where 50% of students are on free or reduced meals. The purpose of these visits is to promote the Feb, 2022 SCVA Festival.

* Sep/Oct... On Saturday, LA area chapters will produce a show featuring AIC quartets, and local choruses singing 2 songs each (presumably their contest set)

* Feb, 2022.... SCVA Festival and show. with AIC quartets and possibly the entire AIC and all its members to reprise the LA, 2020 show with charts and plans already designed.

Funding:

HFI will seek funds from donors to underwrite all aspects of the plan..... In this case this program touches on three (3) of AIC/HFI initiatives.... a) SCVA Close Harmony Festival.... b) Underserved Communities.... c) providing AIC quartets for shows with struggling chapters

President Bill mentioned that Midwinter will be in Pasadena in 2022.

District Management Team: Nick Papageorge introduced his team members for their reports.

Membership. Jeremy Loper. No report.

Events. Bryan Forbes. Absent. No report

Convention Manual. No Update

Cruise Update. Donna Hisey gave an update status. CDC requirements for cruise lines to submit sanitation plans before resuming operations. Cruise lines are working on regulations with health experts and the CDC. A 64-page plan has been submitted and they are waiting for approval of the new health protocols. She reported that the new ship the FWD will be on is being upgraded with CDC protocols for COVID safety (\$200M) and will be on the West Coast by April 2021. Also, there will be a \$300 on-board credit for each cabin as well as cabin upgrades at no additional cost for those who have had their reservations transferred over to the new ship. (Ex., an inside cabin upgraded to an outside cabin, an outside cabin upgraded to an outside balcony cabin, etc.) There are 345 cabins booked and there have been no additional cancellations. The ship will sail at ½ capacity, so she expects the ship to sell out by January 1st. The dates have changed (Oct. 15 to Oct. 18) -- a Friday afternoon departure returning 7 AM the following Monday

morning instead of the previous Thursday to Sunday schedule. This would allow locals to not miss work on Monday.

Marketing and Public Relations. David Melville. He gave a brief report on what the cruise PR will be in the coming months. There was some discussion.

Youth in Harmony. Kenny Rios. He reported that the schools are not doing much in the way of music so everything is on hold. Not moving forward on any HS quartet contest planning at this time. He mentioned that a new chapter was forming in Las Vegas...mainly younger guys.

Chorus Directors Guild. Scott Suwabe. He discussed that he is getting the "Directors' Guild back up and running and will be contacting chapter directors, assistant directors in the coming weeks with information. He is looking to have quarterly director ZOOM meetings.

Financial Development. Roe Darnell. Absent. No report.

Finance Update. Rich Owen. He presented the financial statements through September. The district is in good shape. The documents will be posted to the FWD website. Bottom Line: Income \$53,648. Expenses \$8,286. Net Balance. \$45,352.

Approval of the 2021 FWD Budget. Rich Owen presented the 2021 budget. There was discussion. A correction was noted and inserted. It was moved and seconded to approve the amended budget. Motion Passed. The Budget will be posted to the FWD website.

Old Business

No action items discussed.

New Business

Awards Management and Spring 2021. No report.

Leadership Academy. Jeremy Loper. Absent. President Bill reported that planning is in the works for an online seminar free of charge to the members. Jeremy, Scott and he will be working on this with details coming out soon.

Harmony College West. Scott Suwabe reported that he is working on putting this together. Details to come.

Various Issues. Society Board Member, Bernard Priceman gave a brief report on Society issues. He mentioned that the AIC show, Legacy quartet contest and that Harmony U online was a huge success. The big topic of the day is the issue between fund raising...BHS and HFI. They are still talking. He is also spending a lot of time with chapters and district boards on ZOOM and is enjoying the meetings.

Election of Officers for 2021. Craig Hughes presented the slate of officer to the HOD and thanked Dick Whitten and Brent Anderson for their time on the board as they are leaving at the end of this year. Members of the nominating committee are Craig Hughes, Gordon “Mongo: Bergthold, Allan Webb, and Russ Young.

Board Position	2021
President	Bill Rosica
Executive Vice President	Nick Papageorge
Immediate Past President	Craig Hughes
Secretary	Jim Maass
Treasurer	Rich Owen
VP Div.1 SW	Kathy Kileen
VP Div. 2 SE	Kyle Williamson
VP Div.3 NW	Rich Postal
VP Div. 4 NE	Chuck Roots
VP Div. 5 AZ	Adam Kaufman
VP Contest and Judging	Brett Littlefield
VP Music & Performance	Rob Menaker

It was moved and seconded to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Installation of District Officers for 2021. Bernard Priceman, representing the Society, encouraged the district officers during these times of COVID as they represent the FWD. He duly installed the officers.

Community Outreach. Charles Carothers reported he is excited about heading up this new position but not much is going on. He hops to get some things going in January. Various singing groups are not active, but he will continue to communicate with them.

For the Good of the Order. Considering the lateness of the hour, President Bill skipped this item.

Keep the Whole World Singing. A recording of MOH in Bakersfield was played.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
FWD Secretary

2021 FWD Budget-Amended 10-10-2020

				2021 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
	Income			
		500.00 - DUES-Members		
		500.10 Dues Allocations-Events		\$0.00
		500.00 - DUES-Members - Other		\$53,122.50
		Total 500.00 - DUES-Members		\$53,122.50
		501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV		\$0.00
		501.06 Photos		\$0.00
		501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other		\$0.00
		Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV		\$0.00
		502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV		\$15,000.00
		503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV		\$0.00
		503.10 - AZ		\$0.00
		503.50 - NOR CAL WEST		\$0.00
		Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV		\$0.00
		504.00 - WESTUNES		\$0.00
		504.01 - ADS		\$400.00
		Total 504.00 - WESTUNES		\$400.00
		505-Educational Events		\$0.00
		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		\$0.00
		506.05 Contest Photos		\$0.00
		506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue		\$0.00
		Total 506.00 - OTHER		\$0.00
		510 - Donations		\$0.00
		510.01 - Donations Awards		\$0.00
		510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp		\$4,000.00
		510.04 - Donors Choice HF/BHS		\$2,500.00
		Total 510 - Donations		\$6,500.00
		520.00 - Fees		\$0.00
		520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp		\$2,000.00
		520.04 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
		520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - A		\$0.00
		520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - Nc		\$0.00
		Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
		Total 520.00 - Fees		\$2,000.00
	Total Income			\$77,022.50
	Expense			\$0.00
		601.00 - HCW/LA Expense		\$0.00
		709.10 - Leadership Academy		\$0.00
		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		\$0.00
		Judges-Meals		\$0.00
		Judges-Misc		\$0.00
		Judges Travel		\$0.00

			601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	\$0.00
			601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$0.00
			Judges-Meals	\$0.00
			Judges-Misc	\$0.00
			Judges Travel	\$0.00
			601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$0.00
			601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$0.00
			601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$0.00
			601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$0.00
			601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$0.00
			601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other	\$0.00
			Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$0.00
			602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$0.00
			602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$0.00
			602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$5,500.00
			602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$550.00
			602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$550.00
			602.01 - DF15 - District Fall -	\$7,500.00
			Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$14,100.00
			602.23 Supplies	\$500.00
			Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$14,600.00
			604.00 - BD MEETING	\$0.00
			604.01 - TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
			604.02 - MEALS	\$500.00
			604.03 - LODGING	\$0.00
			604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	\$250.00
			Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	\$1,750.00
			607.08 - C&J	\$0.00
			607.085 - C&J CAT SCH	\$0.00
			Total 607.08 - C&J	\$0.00
			607.09 - YMIH	\$0.00
			607.095 - AWARDS	\$1,000.00
			607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	\$5,000.00
			607.097 Youth Festival Grants	\$500.00
			Total 607.09 - YMIH	\$6,500.00
			607.10 - EVENTS	\$0.00
			607.101 - SUPPLIES	\$600.00
			Total 607.10 - EVENTS	\$600.00
			607.12 - MKTG & PR	\$0.00
			607.122 - POSTAGE	\$34.20
			607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	\$3,249.00
			607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	\$2,704.98
			607.125 - Ads purchased/placed	\$1,950.00
			708.00 - WESTUNES	\$1,909.00
			Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	\$9,847.18
			609.00 - MISC EXP	\$0.00
			609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	\$2,200.00
			609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	\$600.00
			610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	\$3,500.00
			611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	\$8,000.00

		622.00 - GOV'T FEES		\$150.00
		700.00 - PRESIDENT		\$0.00
			600.00 - AWARDS	\$500.00
			607.13 - HISTORIAN	\$1,000.00
			607.17 - President Exp Other	\$500.00
			700.03 - TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
			700.04 - INTERNATIONAL EXPENSE	\$2,000.00
			700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	\$0.00
		Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT		\$5,000.00
		703.00 - EVP		\$0.00
			703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	\$1,000.00
			703.04 - EVP Supplies	\$100.00
			703.05 - EVP International Exp	\$2,000.00
			703.06 - EVP Mid-Winter Exp	\$0.00
			703.08 - EVP Business Expenses	\$100.00
		Total 703.00 - EVP		\$3,200.00
		704.00 - DVP		\$0.00
			704.10 - DVP AZ	\$0.00
			704.13-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.10 - DVP AZ		\$500.00
			704.20 - DVP SoCal East	\$0.00
			704.23-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.20 - DVP SoCal East		\$500.00
			704.30 - DVP SoCal West	\$0.00
			704.33-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.30 - DVP SoCal West		\$500.00
			704.40 - DVP NorCal West	\$0.00
			704.43-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.40 - DVP NorCal West		\$500.00
			704.50 - DVP NorCal East	\$0.00
			704.53-TRAVEL	\$500.00
		Total 704.50 - DVP NorCal East		\$500.00
		Total 704.00 - DVP		\$2,500.00
		705.00 - SECRETARY		\$0.00
			705.02 - Postage	\$100.00
			705.03 - Supplies	\$100.00
			603.00 - INSURANCE	\$180.00
		Total 705.00 - SECRETARY		\$380.00
		706.00 - TREASURER		\$0.00
			706.02 - POSTAGE	\$100.00
			706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$75.00
			706.04-Subscriptions	\$200.00
			706.05-Training	\$150.00
			706.06-Travel	\$0.00
		Total 706.00 - TREASURER		\$525.00
		Total Expense		\$59,352.18
		Net Ordinary Income		\$17,670.32
				\$17,670.32