

*REPORTS OF THE
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM &
OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO
THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE FAR WESTERN DISTRICT*

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BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA, INC.

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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



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Welcome to the Delegates



Bernard Priceman, FWD President

This report has been compiled in order to streamline the mechanics of the FWD House of Delegates meeting so that all delegates are well informed regarding district affairs. It includes minutes of previous HOD and BOD meetings, reports of the FWD Board of Directors, the District Management Team and committee chairmen and a schedule of events for the Fall 2011 Convention and Contest.

Voting members of the Far Western District HOD are the following: Chapter Delegates, District Board Members and Past District Presidents. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the delegates or alternates, no proxy votes accepted.

Chapter Delegates:

Please download, print, cut out and sign the Credential Card provided on the last page of this report. The chapter president is the HOD Delegate, however he may designate a chapter member as Chapter Delegate. In that case, both the president and the delegate should sign the card. Bring the card with you to the HOD meeting at 1:30 pm on Friday, October 14, 2011. Please don't mail it.

We recommend that delegates read this report prior to attending the meeting and obtain any chapter input on issues provided. Upon arrival at the HOD meeting, proceed to the table reserved for your division and present your credentials card to your District Vice President seated there. Delegates may not vote without presenting valid credential cards.

After the meeting, we recommend that delegates file reports with their chapter secretaries as part of a permanent record of the House of Delegate Proceedings.

District Board Members and Past District Presidents:

No Credential Card is required for your participation in the HOD. Please be seated at your respective locations as follows:

- District Vice Presidents: with your respective divisions
- Past FWD Presidents: with your chapters or wherever convenient.
- A quorum will be determined from the credential cards presented to the district secretary by the respective District Vice Presidents.

These procedures for seating delegates and establishing the quorum at the spring and fall meetings were approved previously by the FWD Board of Directors and incorporated into the FWD Statement of Policy and the FWD Convention Regulations. Your observance of these procedures will facilitate the conduct and enhance the integrity of the meeting

Thank you,

Bernard Priceman, President
Far Western District
Barbershop Harmony Society



Alan Lamson, BHS President

Greetings,

As we continue to embark on the task of visiting every chapter in the Society in 2011, it is clear to me that one of the overriding concerns (at least among the chapters that I have visited) is the issue of membership. I have had guys in chapters comment that their small chapter's success hinges on whether their only tenor will be at a rehearsal or a performance, that they want to recruit new members but don't know how, that they want to attract 'singers' and not just warm bodies, and that they don't understand why more men are not singing barbershop. Our membership roster represents less than 2/100's of 1% of the male population of the United States and Canada. I am thinking that a larger percentage than that in every community enjoys singing.

What is keeping us from making every attempt to share this wonderful 'hobby' with every other man in our community? Are we too shy to ask? Not about a lot of things from what I have seen – but maybe about singing. We have a lot of excellent membership programs that have proven that they work. We have many chapters that have experienced success in both retaining their members and recruiting new members. And we have members eager to improve their chapter by welcoming new men who will bring new skills, new enthusiasm and new excitement. Now we need to share all of this information with all of the chapters that want to grow their membership. Enter Operation Harold Hill. During this fall you will hear more about this membership campaign that will seek to rally our resources to assist local chapters in creating success in building their efforts in membership recruitment.

And just so you know, there are lots of people in our Society that are getting excited about the possibilities of membership growth. Just these past few weeks I have received calls from members with thoughts about new sources of growing our Society, about new ways to include more men in our organization, and about new untapped possibilities of encouraging men already involved in music but who might be seeking vocal opportunities. It will take this kind of 'grass roots' enthusiasm, and willingness to become involved, to get our chapters and our Society growing again. And that enthusiasm and willingness is already there. It needs encouragement by our chapter and district leaders. It needs a new mindset that allows all of us to rally behind and with that person who is willing to take up the challenge with a new idea or with new enthusiasm. Rather than ask "Can we", let's start every membership conversation with "We can...!"

Our greatest assets are our musical directors. This year's Director's College at Harmony University was a huge success for more directors than have attended any University in the past. Our thanks go for that success go to the support provided by Harmony Foundation through the awarding of scholarships. Of the three colleges at the University, which had a total attendance of nearly 500, Director's College was the best attended. It was so exciting to sit in on many of their classes and watch as brand new musical directors discovered the thrill of learning new skills, as experienced directors found new tools to improve their choruses, and as our outstanding faculty clearly got excited by the eagerness of the students to absorb more information and skills. If you have not had your musical director attend Director's College, why not start making plans now to help him or her make it there in 2012? It is a major investment in your chapter's future and is one of the key elements to attracting new members – a healthy and vibrant musical product



...Music is Love is Music...



Larry E. Deters, Executive Director BHS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S HOD REPORT

FALL 2011

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Total attendance: 5,969 Thirty choruses and fifty quartets competed. Planned attendance was 6,250. Twenty-one collegiate quartets completed, each quartet received \$1,500 from Harmony Foundation toward their expenses. This was a smaller than hoped for convention attendance but the enthusiasm was great as evidenced by the lobby singing until the wee hours.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Society chapters (8/28/11): 797. Total Members (8/28/11): 24,326. Society Associates: 332. There are currently 25 license packets out to potential chapters. Two new charters (Germantown, TN and Everglades, FL) have been issued in 2011.

HARMONY UNIVERSITY

Total student registrations (7/15/11): 448. Number of quartets registered: 20. Number of faculty: 53. Staff: 3. The Chorus Director's college was the largest attendance ever. 89 students received Harmony Foundation scholarships. Judge candidate school preceded Harmony University for 3 days. 45 students attended; 43 graduated. There were 14 faculty members.

HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMPS

Harmony Explosion camps have been held in PIO, EVG (2), SUN, CAR, MAD, JAD, SLD and DIX to date. 640 students and 34 teachers have attended. Six more camps are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

YOUTH HARMONY WORKSHOPS

25 events have been held to date with 2098 students and 108 teachers in attendance: DIX, RMD (2), LOL (7), CSD (6), MAD (2), FWD (3), SUN, SWD, JAD, PIO. 11 YHW remain to be held this year. Harmony Foundation provides \$15/student up to a max of \$1,500 per workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registrations for the mid-winter convention in Tucson are currently at 347. Early registration is encouraged since the performance venue is smaller than in Las Vegas and based on 2011 registrations it may sell out. Early registrations for the Portland convention are at 1,266.

CHAPTER VISITATION PROGRAM (CVP)

Number of chapters visited (8/28/11): 323. Goals: A Society or District leader should visit every chapter in the Society to show that leadership cares about them and wants to know how to help them grow and

prosper. All chapters should be visited by the end of 2011. Answers to a number of standardized questions will be collected in order to assess the chapter's health and follow-up will occur.

SPANISH AFFILIATION

On July 5th the Society Board officially recognized and accepted the Spanish Association of Barbershop Singers (SABS) as an affiliate organization to the Society. SABS has approximately 250 men who are affiliated and at least that many women. Most are ex-patriots from the UK. However the top quartets are Spanish.

CEO SEARCH COMMITTEE

President Alan Lamson has appointed a CEO search committee to find a replacement for Ed Watson. Applications will begin being accepted on September 15. After that date, interested applicants can go to www.barbershop.org and click on CEO Search and be linked to the job description and information on how to apply. Larry Deters has been appointed as Acting Executive Director until the new CEO is selected.

COMMUNICATION OPPORTUNITIES

www.barbershop.org The site changes on a daily basis with news, upcoming events, a show calendar, and more resources than you could ever imagine designed to grow your chapter, train your singers, train your leaders, or simply download free sheet music. Visit once a week.

A "Membership Resources" page can be found at <http://www.barbershop.org/membershipresources.html>. There are great tools for your chapter to learn to grow its membership, raise money and much more.

www.barbershophq.com Two-way communication between all barbershoppers and Society leadership – that's what this site is all about. Some topics are purely informational; some are intended to open a serious dialogue, some late-breaking news, and some just plain fun.

Live Wire is the Society's weekly newsletter at www.barbershop.org/livewire. Want to be in the know, sign up today!

Harmony Marketplace eNewsletter Be the first to know about special monthly deals, new products and take advantage of coupon savings. Go to www.harmonymarketplace.com to sign up.

Facebook - The Society's Facebook page has more than 5,000 fans and continues to grow. This is a great forum for Facebook folks to "hang out" and chat about barbershop, watch some videos and meet new friends. Go to www.facebook.com/barbershopharmonysociety

Twitter Another way to stay informed on little tidbits of information. Visit www.twitter.com/barbershopnews3

Groupanizer - The Society has worked out a deal to discount the use of this fantastic online chapter organization tool that helps chapters with everything from repertoire to attendance, to music learning tracks. Nearly 25% of all Society chapters use this resource. Visit www.barbershop.org/resources/websitetools.html

MARKETING NEWS YOU CAN USE

Media Contacts for ALL Chapters: The web-based software, Vocus provides media contacts, outlets and a distribution service – and the Society's subscription gives chapters direct contacts for all media in their local area. This is FREE to all Society chapters. Contact Melanie Chapman (mchapman@barbershop.org) and request a media list within a certain mile radius from your town or city. Use this list to distribute press releases about upcoming shows or events.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Timely Updates to: Chapter and District Officers listings, Chapter or District dues changes, Members personal records, death notices, due payments by Chapter Secretaries, IRS documents and state incorporation papers filed, ASCAP clearances obtained as needed.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Insurance Certificates: Our general liability insurance certificates as well as the request form to get a third party listed as an additional insured are available on the Society's website under Documents: Business & Finance: Medical and Insurance Documents. The completed request form can be faxed to the insurance agency or the requested information can simply be e-mailed to them. Their contact details are on the form. They will provide you with the certificate you need.

ASCAP

A chapter that performs in any show which is not exempt under U.S. Copyright law (see section 7.1 of 2011 Chapter Secretary Manual) must pay at least the minimum fee of \$222 for the year. A blanket agreement between ASCAP and the Society is in force. All Society chapters are covered by this agreement.

If at the end of a calendar year a chapter has a gross show revenue of less than \$48,667 they will pay the annual minimum ASCAP fee of \$222.

If the chapter's total annual gross show revenue is greater than \$48,666, see the 2011 Chapter Secretary Manual for details.

Chapters that do not perform in ANY show during a given year are not required to submit any payments. These chapters need to inform their District Secretary of this. The District Secretary is asked to report this information to ASCAP. Additional questions or clarification as to whether or not a chapter's performances would require payment should be directed to Erin Elkins at library@barbershop.org.

We suggest that chapters send their yearly ASCAP payment to their District Secretary along with their first Show Clearance BMI/SESAC form (<http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/71-show-clearance-and-legal-ascap-etc.html>) and separate required payment, so that they may forward these payments to the Society upon receipt.

Chapters paying ASCAP fees should send a check payable to "Barbershop Harmony Society" along with the ASCAP Reporting Form, which can be found within the Chapter Secretary Manual or Chapter Secretary Manual Exhibits-2011 (<http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/69-chapter-secretary-document.html>) or by itself at <http://barbershop.org/document-center/category/71-show-clearance-and-legal-ascap-etc.html> BHS will collect all fees and make all payments to ASCAP. Chapters MUST NOT send any payment to ASCAP directly.

Aptify/eBiz: Our powerful membership database and members only "eBiz" was implemented to empower members in the field to take care of their barbershop business whether personal info, quartet, or chapter related. You'd be amazed at what you can do at your own computer. If you have questions regarding a member, chapter or the Society it is recommended that you go to www.barbershop.org or to <https://ebiz.barbershop.org/ebusiness>. You'll be surprised how much information is at your fingertips.

Update to Record: When Joe Barbershopper has an update to his personal record, he can go onto e-Biz himself and update it, or his chapter secretary or other chapter officer can edit Joe's record for him. In that way the Harmonizer, District Bulletin or other members will be able to locate Joe.

Dues Renewal via eBiz: On-line renewal with a working credit card is the quick and easy way to complete the renewal process. If you're worried about contest, the fastest way to renew is on-line.

Chapter Secretary Dues Payments: Chapter Secretaries have the authority to look at all overdue chapter members and pay their dues with a credit card via e-Biz. For those members who procrastinate or forget their renewal, the secretary has a quick way to view, select and pay for any member in this category.

Chapter Dues Changes: When your chapter board votes to change chapter dues, the local chapter secretary can go onto the chapter e-Biz page and input the new dues records at least 60 days in advance of their effective date. It is quicker than calling or sending an email to HQ.

Chapter Officer Reporting for 2012: eBiz is the easy to use repository for creating a Chapter Role record for all elected and appointed positions. HQ, your district and other Society members use these records to contact various leaders within your chapters to share information or seek chapter solutions to common circumstances. Following your elections this fall, please take the time to report your 2012 chapter officers.

Find Member Proximity Search: A great tool to identify BHS members who have moved to your area but have yet to visit eBiz. Do a search from Find Members>Proximity Search and UNCHECK the “current members” button. This list will contain both deceased and former members at their last known addresses. Mail a card to the former members and invite them back for an alumni night at your chapter.

NEW PROGRAMS

Comcast, parent of NBC, has rolled out the first set of barbershop programming for On-Demand on July 8th. Comcast customers are able to view a series of barbershop performances on their home TVs. The selections will be changed from time to time.

Operation Harold Hill is coming again. This highly successful membership program was used in the 1990's (over 700 new members). We will begin enrolling chapters, who wish to participate in January, 2012. There will be more information about this program shortly.

The Australian quartet Benchmark made it to the final round of “Australia’s Got Talent” television competition. They were coached by some of our judges via Youtube.com

The Gospel Music Channel (GMC) featured a number of our quartets and choruses on a show called “America Sings”. The program began on June 22nd and concluded by having the television audience select their favorite group. The winner received a cash prize. Some of the quartets that performed included Storm Front, Round Midnight, Vocal Majority, Wheel House, Max Q, O C Times, Senate Aires and Alexandria Harmonizers.

The Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) highest achiever was Ashville, NC, perhaps not coincidentally Chuck Green’s chapter. Chuck developed and teaches the Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meeting (CACM) workshops.

LARRY E. DETERS

Acting Executive Director
Barbershop Harmony Society

Program Schedule
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
FALL CONVENTION AND CONTEST
OCTOBER 13-16, 2011
FRESNO, CA
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOTE: The Conference Center is attached to the Radisson Hotel.

Thursday October 13

2:00 PM	FWD Board Meeting	Radisson Sequoia Ballroom
7:00 PM	Registration – open until 9:00 PM	Conference Center Foyer

Friday October 14

9:00 AM	Registration – open until 9:00 PM	Conference Center Foyer
9:00 AM	AHSOW – all day	Radisson Yosemite
11:00 AM	Harmony for Lunch Bunch	Silver Dollar Hofbrau FWY 41 and Shaw Ave
11:00 AM	Hall of Fame Luncheon	Radisson Sierra
12:00 Noon	Woodshed quartets choose a melody	Conference Center Foyer
1:30 PM	House of Delegates	Radisson Sequoia Ballroom
1:00 PM	Beginning Woodshedding (Mark Torrance)	Radisson Salon D1
1:00 PM	Sing With The FWD Champs (The Crush)	Radisson Salon D2
1:00 PM	Beginning Chorus Directing (Ray Rhymer)	Radisson Salon D3
2:00 PM	Barbershopper Shop	
2:00 PM	So You Want To Be In A Quartet (Paul Engel)	Radisson Salon D2
3:00 PM	Woodshed Quartet Contest (Keith Eckhardt)	Radisson Salon D1
3:00 PM	Tag Singing/Quartetting (Paul Engel)	Radisson Salon D2
4:00 PM	Quartets Sound Check	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
5:30 PM	Barbershopper Shop closes	
6:00 PM	Doors Open – Quartet Semi-finals	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
6:45 PM	Quartet Semi-Finals Contest	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
10:30 PM	Quartet Evaluations for non-finalists	Radisson Judges Rooms
10:45 PM	AFWDC Late Show	Radisson Sequoia Ballroom

Saturday October 15

9:00 AM	Registration – open until 7:00 PM	Conference Center Foyer
9:00 AM	AHSOW – all day	Radisson Yosemite
9:15 AM	Mic Testing Chorus vocal tune-up	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
9:30 AM	Doors open for Chorus Contest	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
9:45 AM	Mic testing chorus on stage	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
9:45 AM	Chorus Contest	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
2:00 PM	Barbershopper Shop	
3:30 PM	Mass Sing	Radisson Lobby
3:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	Saroyan Theater Various assigned
4:30 PM	Buffet Dinner	Radisson Lobby
5:30 PM	Barbershopper Shop closes	
6:00 PM	Doors Open – Quartet Finals	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
6:45 PM	Quartet Finals	Saroyan Theater Auditorium
9:00 PM	Quartet evaluations	Radisson Judges Rooms
10:30 PM	Afterglow	Conference Center Salon BC
10:30 PM	Hospitality Rooms	Radisson Various

Sunday October 16

8:00 AM	Chapter Presidents meet FWD board	Radisson Tioga
9:00 AM	AFWDC Breakfast	Radisson Sequoia

HOD Order of Business
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
FRESNO, CA
1:30 PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

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| 1. Call To Order | Bernard Priceman |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | TBA |
| 3. “The Star Spangled Banner” | TBA |
| 4. “The Old Songs” | TBA |
| 5. Invocation | TBA |
| 6. Welcome | Bernard Priceman |
| 7. Introduction | Bernard Priceman |
| a. Past Presidents | |
| b. Other Dignitaries | |
| c. District Officers | |
| 8. Roll Call | Peter Feeney |
| 9. District President’s remarks | Bernard Priceman |
| 10. Keynote Address | John Miller |
| 11. Memorial to Departed Members | Peter Feeney |
| 12. Approval of the Agenda | Bernard Priceman |
| 13. Approval of previous minutes | Bernard Priceman |
| 14. Receipt of HOD Reports | Bernard Priceman |
| 15. Additional officer/Committee reports | |
| 16. Unfinished Business | |
| 17. New Business | |
| a. Changes to the SOP | Peter Feeney |
| b. Approval of the 2012 Budget | Robert Heron |
| 18. BOD Highlights | Bernard Priceman |
| 19. Nominating Committee Report | Bob Lally |
| a. Election of Officers | Bernard Priceman |
| b. Installation of Officers | John Miller |
| 20. Awards | Bill Cale |
| 21. Future Convention Plans | John Jones |
| 22. Harmony Foundation Update | Sean Devine |
| 23. Next Meeting time/Location | Bernard Priceman |
| 24. Keep the Whole World Singing” | TBA |
| 25. Adjourn | Bernard Priceman |

House of Delegates Roster (101)

Past Presidents (12):

Barrie Best
 Bill Cale
 Bob House
 Bob Lally¹
 Carl Truman
 Chuck Hunter
 Deane Scoville
 Don Gubbins
 John Currin
 John Krizek
 Lynn Brittan
 Peter Feeney²
 Sam Barger
 Terry Aramian

Board Members (10):

Allan Webb
 Bernard Priceman
 Bill Rosica
 Bob Heron
 Bob Lally
 Ivan Jensen
 Jim Turnmire
 Peter Feeney
 Russ Young
 Steve Sammonds

Chapter Delegates (79):

Division 1

Aloha
 Bakersfield
 Conejo Valley
 Crescenta Valley
 Lompoc
 Long Beach
 Los Angeles
 Pasadena
 Rincon Beach
 San Fernando Valley
 San Luis Obispo

Santa Barbara
 Santa Clarita
 Santa Fe Springs
 Santa Maria
 Santa Monica
 South Bay
 Ventura
 Whittier

Division 2

Apple Valley
 Brea
 Coachella Valley
 El Cajon
 Fullerton
 Hemet
 Inland Empire
 La Jolla
 Laguna Hills
 Las Vegas
 Las Vegas Metro
 Orange (Quartet)
 Palomar Pacific
 Riverside
 San Diego
 South Orange County
 St George
 Temecula
 Westminster

Division 3

Bay Area
 Crescent City
 Eureka
 Fremont-Hayward
 Marin
 Monterey Peninsula
 Napa Valley
 Palo Alto - Mountain View
 Rohnert Park
 San Francisco
 San Francisco Bay Cities
 San Mateo County

Santa Cruz
 Santa Rosa
 Walnut Creek

Division 4

California Delta
 Carson City
 Central California
 Chico
 Davis-Vacaville
 Folsom
 Fresno
 Nevada-Placer
 Placerville
 Redding
 Reno
 Sacramento
 Stockton
 Visalia

Division 5

Canada Del Oro
 Casa Grande
 Central Arizona Quartet
 Greater Phoenix
 Mesa
 Prescott
 Sedona
 Sierra Vista
 Sun Cities
 Tucson
 White Mountains
 Yuma

Note:

Quorum = 30% (30)

¹ Current Board Member

² Current Board Member



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Fullerton, California

June 25, 2011

Call to order: President Bernard Priceman at 8:35 am.

Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Priceman, Young, Heron, Turnmire, Webb, Feeney, Rosica. Absent: Messrs. Sayle, Lally, Sammonds. Invited guest: Don Fuson, Society Board Member.

President Priceman acknowledged guests: Nick Papageorge, Ron Black, Keith Eckhardt, John Minsker, John Krizek, Bob Cathaway, Greg Titus, and John Jones.

John McDougald has resigned from the DMT. Ted Sayle has resigned from the board effective upon his replacement named or the end of the year, whichever occurs first.

Don Fuson remarks:

The Society board, led by Allen Lamson, is seeking more input from the DPs
Licensing initiative by headquarters explained by Don Fuson.

Don discussed the need to stay current on 990s.

Leadership succession and intellectual property issues were discussed.

The board wants more visibility for the Society.

Budgeting and Harmony Foundation relationship under review.

In response to a question, Don discussed membership decline.

Allan Webb, in response to a question, discussed the movie "American Harmony" at Don's request.

990s: lengthy discussion on 990 filing.

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

DVP Reports (Additions to Brochure Reports which were submitted):

Bill Rosica is updating the divisional convention manuals.

Bernard acknowledged the work done by Jim Turnmire in reviewing the SOP as well.

Allan Webb added to his report and focused on Temecula's problems.

Visitation reports (surveys) were discussed.

Jim Turnmire spoke about the Fall convention and encouraged room sharing. He reported that we have met our room guarantee. Jim circulated a form to confirm room assignments.

DMT Report by Russ Young. Minutes of the DMT are attached.

Leadership Academy to be held on only one weekend in Sacramento, CA; November 19, 2011 is the recommendation. The item will be discussed later in the agenda today.

Chorus Directors' Guild has been resurrected.

Director training was discussed using an isolated camera on the director during the contest performance.

Discussion of choruses singing for evaluation only ensued.

The board will vote on Ontario, CA Convention next Spring (2012) later in the meeting.

Harmony College West was discussed.

Youth in Harmony was discussed and John Krizek recommends we award scholarships to the top three HS quartet contests starting in 2012.

Help is needed in the Bay Areas, Las Vegas and in Arizona.

Learn to Sing program was discussed.

The FWD brand was discussed.

New website is being designed and it will be more interactive.

Domain name is www.bhsfwd.com

New Business

Draw for the fall contest by Ron Black, subject to change by the DRCJ. .

Nominating Committee Report:

Submitted by Gene Clements on behalf of the committee (Bob Lally, Gene Clements, Chuck Hunter and Ivan Jensen):

President: Russ Young

VP NW Steve Sammonds

Executive VP: Allan Webb

VP NE Richard Lund

Secretary: Peter Feeney

VP SW Bill Rosica

Treasurer: Bob Heron

VP SE Craig Hughes

Immediate Past DP: Bernard Priceman

VP Arizona: Open

Motion to recommend the slate to the HOD. Motion carried.

Bernard appointed Peter Feeney to chair a committee to review the wording of the Nominating Committee in the SOP (4.3.1.1) and report back to the board at its Fall meeting.

Keith Eckhardt presented a proposal to grant a scholarship to Candidate School for an individual. No action taken.

Bernard Priceman introduced the topic of expense guidelines. A committee appointed to review: Committee chairman is Bob Heron. Two other members will be selected.

Motion to accept the SOP changes for presentation to the Fall HOD.

8.4.2 Registration Fees

Add: Registration fees for others may be waived at the discretion of the Convention Chairman.

Add Registration fees for judges' guest (one) for out of district judges will be waived.

10.1.1 DISTRICT PER CAPITA DUES

Add: 5. Youth members who are under 26 years of age upon joining the Society pay no district dues for the first year only.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the following changes to the SOP.

3.2.2.2. FALL SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

The five top scoring senior quartets, plus any senior quartets from the Aloha Chapter, who have not previously held the title of "*FWD Senior Quartet Champion*" from the Far Western District divisional Contests will be entered in the Fall Senior Quartet Contest. The winner of the Fall Senior contest will be designated as the *Far Western District Senior Quartet Champion* for the coming year and may not compete again for that title in subsequent years. Quartets from the Aloha Chapter must notify their intent to compete to the District Director of Contest and Judging (DRCJ) prior to June 1 of the year they intend to compete.

Past FWD Senior Quartet Champions may opt to compete for score only in the FWD Fall Senior Contest without pre-qualification in the divisional contests by notifying the District C&J Chairman prior to June 1st of the year they intend to compete. The FWD Senior Quartet receiving the highest percentage score in the Fall Contest shall represent the Far Western District at the Society Senior Quartet Contest.

If the winning quartet is unable to represent the FWD, and as a result the FWD would not be represented in the Senior International Quartet contest, the FWD, District Representative for Contest and Judging (DRCJ) shall invite the second place finalist and, if they are unable to participate, the third place finalist will be invited.

11.2.4 CONTEST ENTRY

In order that the necessary documentation (including the contest program) may be prepared and printed in a timely manner, contest entries should be made in advance as shown:

- a) Division Chorus and Quartet Contest, including Performance Class: Received by the District Vice-President of Contest and Judging no later than 28 days before contest date. Late entries will be accepted, however, will not be shown on the program or entered in the "draw" for order of appearance. The order of appearance of late entries will be at the discretion of ~~the Contest Administrator~~ the Contest Administrator and the DRCJ.
- b) District Chorus Contest: Submitted to District Representative of Contest and Judging (DRCJ) 28 days before contest.
- c) District Quartet Contest: Submit to District Representative for Contest and Judging (DRCJ) 28 days before contest.
- d) High School/Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest: Submitted to District -Chairman of YIH up to and including the date of the contest.
- e) Senior and Super Senior Quartet Contest: Submitted to the District Representative for Contest and Judging 28 days before the date of the contest.
- f) International Preliminary Quartet Contest: submitted to the District Representative for Contest and Judging (DRCJ) 28 days before the date of the contest.

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8.3.1.6 DIVISIONAL CHORUS CONTESTS

4. d) If two riser configurations are used, the choruses shall be grouped so as to require only one configuration change. The order in which the small and large configurations appear will be established by the position the host chorus selects, if applicable [see 8.3(d)]. If the host chorus does not indicate a preference, then the five-riser configuration will appear ~~first in even years and the large chorus configuration will appear first in odd years.~~ last.

Motion carried.

Budget Development:

2012 Budget

Revenue:	\$84,500
Cost:	<u>\$85,900</u>
Net:	-\$1,400

Budget to be reviewed at subsequent board meeting via Skype and presented to the HOD in the fall.

**Motion to approve Ontario, CA as the venue for the Spring Prelims 2012 subject to budget review.
Motion carried.**

Motion to authorized up to \$3,000 for Learn to Sing in 2011, to be spent for 15 chapters for travel expenses for instructors.

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Westunes and Leadership Academy was led by President Priceman, but no action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned , 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
Peter Feeney, Secretary



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Fresno, California October 13, 2011

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| 1. Call to order | Bernard Priceman |
| 2. The Old Songs” | TBA |
| 3. Invocation | TBA |
| 4. Roll Call | Peter Feeney |
| 5. Opening Remarks | Bernard Priceman |
| 6. Society Board Member Remarks | John Miller |
| 7. Approval of agenda | Bernard Priceman |
| 8. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting | Bernard Priceman |
| 9. DVP Reports: | |
| a. Division 1, Southwest | Bill Rosica |
| b. Division 2, Southeast | Allan Webb |
| c. Division 3, Northwest | Steve Sammonds |
| d. Division 4, Northeast | Jim Turnmire |
| e. Division 5, Arizona | Ivan Jensen |
| 10. Old Business: | |
| a. Review of District Plan | Bernard Priceman |
| b. Learn to Sing | Bernard Priceman |
| c. Nominating Committee policy | Peter Feeney |
| 11. New Business: | |
| a. – Chapters with women singing in the Chapter Chorus. | Bernard Priceman |
| b. –FWD proactive programs for chapter coaching. | Bernard Priceman |
| c. - | |
| 12. For the Good of the Fraternity | All |
| 13. Keep the Whole World Singing | TBA |
| 14. Adjourn | Bernard Priceman |



Minutes of the Spring HOD Meeting

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

1:30P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

President Bernard Priceman called the House of Delegates Meeting to order at 1:30 pm,

The following officers, directors, guests and delegates were present:

Past Presidents

Lynn Brittan, 1970-71
Sam Barger, 1984-85
Carl Truman, 1998-99
John Krizek, 2002-03
Peter Feeney, 2004-2005
Bill Cale, 2006-2007
Bob Lally, 2008-2009

Board Members

Bernard Priceman, President,
Peter Feeney, Secretary
Russ Young, Executive Vice President
Bob Lally, Immediate Past President
Bill Rosica, DVP Div. 1—Southwest Division
Allan Webb, DVP Div. 2—Southeast Division
Steve Sammonds, DVP Div 3—Northwest Division
Ted Sayle, DVP Div. 5—Arizona. Division
Bob Heron, Treasurer

Distinguished Guest (Non-voting):

Rick Ashby,
Sean Devine,

Society Board Member
Harmony Foundation, Inc.

Chapter Delegates:

California Delta
Coachella Valley
Bay Area
Folsom
Fremont Hayward
Fullerton
Greater Phoenix
Las Vegas

Las Vegas Metro
Marin
Nevada Placer
Orange
Palo Alto
Pasadena
Placerville
Reno

Rincon Beach
San Mateo
Santa Rosa
Sedona
Sun Cities
Walnut Creek

Chapter Delegates: 21
Past Presidents: 5
FWD Board 9
35 (Quorum is 32)

President's Remarks, **Bernard Priceman**

Keynote Address: Rick Ashby, BHS Board Member, information from the Board in Nashville.

Rick Ashby then took questions from the floor.

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the HOD. Motion carried.

Motion to receive reports from the DMT officers included in HOD Brochure Motion carried.

Tabled Business: Quartet Activity Chairman. Motion to take off the table. Motion carried.

Motion to ratify the board's decision to create the position of Quartet Activities Chairman (a non-DMT position). Motion carried.

Bernard Priceman awards the Chapter of the Year to California Delta Chapter. Accepted by Rich Brunner, Chapter President

Bernard introduced **Sean Devine** from Harmony Foundation.

Sean detailed the many activities that the HF supports.

FWD is tied for first place with Sunshine District with the most President's Council members.

Certificates were distributed for "per man" giving. Santa Fe Springs was the highest per man giving.

BOD Highlights reported by **Bernard Priceman**:

- Convention location committee report.
- Leadership Academy committee report. (Lou Benedict is new coordinator).
- District board composition. (Consideration being given to adding Music and Performance together with Contest and Judging to the board).
- Convention manuals (Being reviewed).
- Convention scheduling from Society. (Consideration being given by BHS to mandate a single convention for qualification for International competition. Currently there are two qualifying contests).
- Planning meeting in June. Topics:
 - i. Membership;
 - ii. Quality of the Singing;
 - iii. Financial Stability.

- Chapter visitation and the 7 questions. (Each chapter in the Society is to be visited in 2011 and 7 different questions asked).
- **Board Motion to name Jim Warner of the Fresno Chapter as honoree at the Fall Convention. Motion carried.**
- Long Range Planning Committee submitted its report.
- District Management Team Changes:
 - Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold, CSLT Chairman
 - *John Minsker, Chorus Director Development Chairman
 - Ron Black, Contest & Judging District Representative
 - *Jack Peters, Membership Chairman
 - John Jones, Events Chairman
 - John McDougald, Financial Development Chairman
 - *Greg Titus, Marketing and Public Relations Chairman
 - Nick Papageorge, Music & Performance Chairman
 - John Krizek, YIH Chairman
 - * New member of DMT since last HOD meeting.

Report on Future Conventions: Presentation by Phoenix.

Motion: Award the Fall 2012 Convention to Phoenix. Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Fresno, CA

October 14, 2011 (1:30 pm)

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney, Secretary



Board of Directors' Reports



Bernard Priceman, President

In March, April and May the Spring Convention and our five Division Conventions were held. Unfortunately we missed our budgeted income by almost \$10,000. Three Divisions (Arizona, Southeast and Northeast) had net incomes in excess of budget, but the Spring/Northeast Division Convention suffered badly from poor attendance and was the main cause of the small overall convention loss. We are hoping that the Fall Convention will be highly successful.

In June, the Board held its annual planning meeting during the Summer meetings in Fullerton, led by Society Board member Don Fuson. It was my hope that we would come away with a five-year plan, but it was not to be. The discussions went well but no actual plan was developed. I called a three-hour conference call for the beginning of August at which the Board continued discussion of our three main topics – membership, quality of singing and financial stability. Goals were agreed for membership growth, and strategies agreed to improve the quality of singing throughout the District. A five-year cash flow projection showed that, unlike some Districts, the Far Western District is in no financial danger, even if membership is unable to grow as planned. During upcoming meetings, I am hoping that we can document our goals and plans.

District choruses and quartets did very well yet again at the International Convention in Kansas City in July, with notable performances by the Masters of Harmony (1st place chorus) and Masterpiece (3rd place quartet). While in Kansas City, I attended the District Presidents/EVP meetings, as well as the Society Board meeting.

Our District wide Learn to Sing Program is now off and running, under the management of Membership Chairman Jack Peters, with help from Alan Gordon and Greg Titus. The program has been well promoted and a number of chapters were anxious to start before we were ready to roll it out. Now we wait for the results of this first round.

The Society survey is also under way, with CSLT Chairman Gordon Bergthold and Division VPs assigning District leaders to survey every single chapter. By mid-August we had surveyed half of our Far Western District chapters, putting us ahead of almost every other District. Much has been learned already from reading the surveys as they come in.

Membership continues to drop in our District but by no more than in other Districts. The culprit is the increasing number of non-renewing members. The Society is beginning to have some success from the findings of its Membership Growth Task Force and two programs are being rolled out this year to help stem the losses – first, the former and successful Harold Hill program and second, finally, the Society version of our own Learn to Sing program (we were way ahead of them).

Future plans for the District include providing more help for individual chapters, both musically and administratively. They can only benefit. Chapter leaders will also be encouraged, possibly assigned, to visit chapters more often. We need to show the chapters that we care and we need to help them in every possible way to be more successful.



Peter Feeney, Secretary

The following proposed changes to the Far Western District Statement of Policy have been reviewed and approved by the FWD Board of Directors. They are presented here for the consideration of the House of Delegates who have the authority to approve or reject them. If approved they will be forwarded to the Society's Governance and Bylaws Committee who will review them for compliance with the Society's rules and regulations, including its bylaws. There are seven items (A-G). The changes are underlined.

SOP Changes:

(A)

8.4.2 Registration Fees

Add: Registration fees for others may be waived at the discretion of the Convention Chairman.

Add: Registration fees for judges' guest (one) for out of district judges will be waived.

(B)

8.3.2.2.3. Fall Chorus Contest Policy

The policy currently reads:

~~g) The "mike testing" chorus for the Fall District Chorus Contest will be the All Star Barbershopper Chorus, which consists of Barbershoppers in attendance at the Convention who are not otherwise competing in the chorus competition. It will be directed a person selected by the FWD Board.~~

The HOD can defeat each of the alternative proposals, but can only approve one alternative.

Alternative One: open participation to all Barbershoppers at the convention, including those that are competing in the chorus contest. The amended wording:

g) The "mic-testing" chorus for the Fall District Chorus Contest will be the All Star Barbershopper Chorus and can include all Barbershoppers present at the convention who wish to participate. This includes those who may be scheduled to compete in the chorus contest. This policy extends to all Division "mic testing" choruses as well. The director of the chorus will be named by the FWD board. Should the FWD board fail to name a director, the convention chairman is empowered to do so.

Alternative Two: Open participation to all Barbershoppers at the convention using the current language, but require membership in the Society as a prerequisite. This will have the effect of excluding women from participating. The amended wording:

g) The “mic-testing” chorus for the Fall District Chorus Contest will be the All Star Barbershopper Chorus, which consists of Barbershoppers in attendance at the Convention who are not otherwise competing in the chorus competition. Only members in good standing will be permitted to participate in the “mic-testing chorus”. This policy extends to all Division “mic-testing” choruses as well. The director of the chorus will be named by the FWD board. Should the FWD board fail to name a director, the convention chairman is empowered to do so.

Alternative Three: Combines alternative one (permits the “mic-testing” chorus to include competing barbershoppers) with alternative two (prohibits women from participating in the “mic-testing” chorus).

g) The “mic-testing” chorus for the Fall District Chorus Contest will be the All Star Barbershopper Chorus and will consist of Barbershoppers who are members in good standing of the Society in attendance at the Convention. All members of the Society who wish to sing in the chorus are invited to do so, including members who are scheduled to compete in the chorus contest. Associates of the Society are not members and therefore cannot sing in the “mic-testing chorus”. This policy extends to all Division mic testing choruses as well. The director the chorus will be named by the FWD board. Should the FWD board fail to name a director, the convention chairman is empowered to do so.

10.1.1 DISTRICT PER CAPITA DUES

(C)

Add:

5. Youth members who are under 26 years of age upon joining the Society pay no district dues for the first year only.

(D)

3.2.2.2. FALL SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

The five top scoring senior quartets, plus any senior quartets from the Aloha Chapter, who have not previously held the title of “*FWD Senior Quartet Champion*” from the Far Western District divisional Contests will be entered in the Fall Senior Quartet Contest. The winner of the Fall Senior contest will be designated as the *Far Western District Senior Quartet Champion* for the coming year and may not compete again for that title in subsequent years. Quartets from the Aloha Chapter must notify their intent to compete to the District Director of Contest and Judging (DRCJ) prior to June 1 of the year they intend to compete.

Past FWD Senior Quartet Champions may opt to compete for score only in the FWD Fall Senior Contest without pre-qualification in the divisional contests by notifying the District C&J Chairman prior to June 1st of the year they intend to compete. The FWD Senior Quartet receiving the highest percentage score in the Fall Contest shall represent the Far Western District at the Society Senior Quartet Contest.

If the winning quartet is unable to represent the FWD, and as a result the FWD would not be represented in the Senior International Quartet contest, the FWD, District Representative for Contest and Judging

(DRCJ) shall invite the second place finalist and, if they are unable to participate, the third place finalist will be invited.

(E)

11.2.4 CONTEST ENTRY

In order that the necessary documentation (including the contest program) may be prepared and printed in a timely manner, contest entries should be made in advance as shown:

a) Division Chorus and Quartet Contest, including Performance Class: Received by the District Vice-President of Contest and Judging no later than 28 days before contest date. Late entries will be accepted, however, will not be shown on the program or entered in the "draw" for order of appearance. The order of appearance of late entries will be at the discretion of ~~the Contest Administrator~~ the Contest Administrator and the DRCJ.

b) District Chorus Contest: Submitted to District Representative of Contest and Judging (DRCJ) 28 days before contest.

c) District Quartet Contest: Submit to District Representative for Contest and Judging (DRCJ) 28 days before contest.

d) High School/Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest: Submitted to District -Chairman of YIH up to and including the date of the contest.

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(G)

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Robert Heron, Treasurer

**Far Western District Association of Chapters of SPEBSQSA, Inc.
Balance Sheet
7/31/2011**

ASSETS

Cash-Bank of America-Checking	\$9,728.58
Cash-Bank of America- Savings	\$39,141.44
Cash-Bank of America- CD	\$51,705.74
Prepaid Expense -	\$0.00
Returned Checks	\$0.00
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$100,575.76
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LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS

International Quartet Travel Reserve	\$1,377.27
International Chorus Travel Reserve	\$1,766.49
Youth Ed. Reserve	\$8,276.05
Nor Cal Youth Camp Reserve	\$9,918.89
Harmony Foundation Donor Choice	\$5,584.57
Leadership Forum Reserve	\$0.00
Leadership Academy Reserve	\$0.00
C&J Category School Reserve	2010 \$750.00
PR/Marketing Reserve - TriFold/CD	\$2,500.00
 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	 \$30,173.27
 Retained Earnings	 \$68,918.06
Current Earnings	\$1,484.34
Adjustment	0.09
 TOTAL EARNINGS	 \$70,402.49
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS	 \$100,575.76

**Far Western District Association of Chapters
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Actual to Budget**

RECEIPTS:	ACTUAL YTD July 2011	BUDGET 2011	Over/(Under) Budget
Dues and Assessments	34,231	52,500	(18,269)
International Prelims Santa Clara * (loss)	-	3,000	(3,000)
Fall District Convention Fresno	-	22,000	(22,000)
Divisional Contests	3,875	6,100	(2,225)
Westunes Ads & Subs	665	600	65
Interest-Savings	95	650	(555)
Donations	9,765	-	9,765
Other Revenue	75	-	75
Webcast	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	48,706	84,850	(36,144)
DISBURSEMENTS:			
President	2,976	6,100	(3,124)
Immediate Past President	-	-	-
Society Board Member(SBM)	-	-	-
Executive Vice President	739	3,000	(2,261)
Divisional Vice Presidents	350	2,500	(2,150)
Secretary	62	1,200	(1,138)
Treasurer	41	200	(159)
Officers Meeting Expenses	8,592	14,000	(5,408)
Chapter Support/Leadership Academy	932	5,400	(4,468)
Chorus Director	56	1,500	(1,444)
C & J	1,505	5,700	(4,195)
Events	2,636	3,000	(364)
Marketing & PR	399	3,500	(3,101)
Westunes	5,655	12,000	(6,345)
Convention Activities Chairman	458	1,500	(1,042)
Member Services	-	800	(800)
Financial Development Chairman	-	1,200	(1,200)
Music & Performance	374	2,000	(1,626)
Chapter Coaching	570	2,000	(1,430)
Harmony College West	-	5,000	(5,000)
YMIH	5,036	2,500	2,536
International Prelims Santa Clara - Loss	7,761	-	7,761
SoCalWest Contest Pasadena - Loss	1,322	-	1,322
Quartet Travel Fund	1,805	2,730	(925)
Chorus Travel Fund	4,166	6,300	(2,134)
Leadership Forum	76	3,300	(3,224)
Government Fees	275	-	275
BHS - dues collection fee	1,369	2,200	(831)
Miscellaneous	68	100	(33)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	47,222	87,730	(40,508)
NET RECEIPTS OVER/UNDER DISBURSEMENTS	1,484	(2,880)	4,364

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT Budget - Barbershop Harmony Society

				2012	2011	Inc/(Dec.)
RECEIPTS:						
Dues and Assessments				\$ 47,000	\$ 52,500	\$ (5,500)
International Prelims-	Ontario, CA			\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ (500)
Fall District Convention-	Mesa, AZ			\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -
Divisional (ARIZONA	Phoenix, AZ	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SOUTHWEST	w/prelims	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SOUTHEAST	w/prelims	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NORTHWEST	TBA	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NORTHEAST	TBA	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Divisional Contest				\$ 4,400	\$ 6,100	\$ (1,700)
Westunes Ads & Subs				\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
Interest-Savings				\$ 250	\$ 650	\$ (400)
Other Revenue-Webcast				\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 750
Donations				\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000
TOTAL REVENUE				\$ 84,500	\$ 84,850	\$ (350)
DISBURSEMENTS:						
President		\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Awards/committee		\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel-International		\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long Range Planning Committee		\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal President's Expenses				\$ 5,300	\$ 6,100	\$ (800)
Immediate Past President				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Society Board Member(SBM)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Executive Vice President				\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ (500)
DVP-ARIZONA				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
DVP-SOUTHWEST				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
DVP-SOUTHEAST				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
DVP-NORTHWEST				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
DVP-NORTHEAST				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Secretary				\$ 500	\$ 1,200	\$ (700)
Treasurer				\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ (100)
Officers Meeting Expenses				\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ (1,000)
Committee Chapter Support & Leadership				\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ -
Leadership Academy				\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Chorus Director Development				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Contest & Judging				\$ 3,500	\$ 5,700	\$ (2,200)
Reserve C&J (Category School)				\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Events				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Marketing & PR				\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ (1,500)
Web-Public & FWD				\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Westunes	4 issues			\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Convention Activities Chairman				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Member Services				\$ 6,000	\$ 800	\$ 5,200
Financial Development Chairman				\$ 500	\$ 1,200	\$ (700)
Music & Performance				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Chapter Coaching				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Harmony College West				\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,500)
Youth in Harmony				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ (500)
Quartet Travel Fund				\$ 2,600	\$ 2,730	\$ (130)
Chorus Travel Fund				\$ 6,000	\$ 6,300	\$ (300)
Leadership Forum				\$ 4,500	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,200
BHS Dues Collection Fees				\$ 2,300	\$ 2,200	\$ 100
Miscellaneous				\$ -	\$ 100	\$ (100)
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 85,900	\$ 87,730	\$ (1,830)
NET SURPLUS/LOSS				\$ (1,400)	\$ (2,880)	\$ 1,480



Bill Rosica, Division 1 Vice President

Where did 2011 go? It seems like yesterday that I was writing an article for publication in the Fall Brochure for Bakersfield and now I'm writing one for Fresno. The summer has been a busy time for your Southwest Divisional VP. Working toward an International Championship with the Masters of Harmony, especially being President, took its toll. Additional rehearsals and a retreat weekend can put a hold on most other duties. But the Division and the District don't stand still while others are preparing for that stage. We had a few irons in the fire as well.

Jack Peters is working to get the "Want to Sing" Program off the ground. If you haven't talked to Jack, please do. It is an excellent opportunity to get more singers on the risers. You provide the bodies and the District will provide a Singing Coach. After the hour lesson with the coach, the participants will be invited to join you on the risers or just come in and watch. I'll bet they won't be watching for long. I believe that they'll want to put what they just learned to use. Please avail yourselves to this great program.

It is the Society's goal to have someone from either the District or the Society to visit your chapter and complete a survey. Many chapters feel, and rightfully so, that they don't get visited enough by District Officers or anyone from the Society. It gives us a chance to see, first hand, how your chapter is doing and an opportunity for you to tell us what you need and want. We hope by the end of the year to have visited each and every chapter in the District.

Leadership Academy will be held in Sacramento this year and somewhere in SoCal next year. Lou Benedict is the "Head Master" and is planning for a great day of learning and fun. If you haven't been in a while, request that your chapter send you. Even if you've been in the past few years, show up and lend your experiences to others. It is a wonderful learning tool for all of us and it will only succeed with your help.

Recruitment and retention is still at the top of your Board's list of concerns. Hopefully, our surveys will point out a few areas that will allow us to keep the members we have and bring more into the fold. There have been plenty of programs over the years, as some of you "old-timers" know, but the number one recruiting tool has been the members themselves. By simply wearing your badge or, as I do, a Society Pin on my collar, you'll get many asking what the pins are for or why are you wearing that badge. Anything to get the conversation going is worth trying.

I hope any of you who are attending this weekend will bend my ear a bit about your chapter, even if you're in another division. Let me know what you think. Or better yet bring two of your friends and we'll sing a tag first.



Allan Webb, Division 2 Vice President

The Southeast Division has much to be proud of so far this year. We have seven chapters representing the division at the Fall District Chorus Contest, and several chapters have seen a non-trivial increase in both performance quality and membership. Overall, we've seen membership numbers across the whole division which are consistent with District and Society trends (a net loss of a few percent, and generally less of a loss so far this year than last year).

The Division contest in Primm was generally a success, although we did have a few cases where chapters were substantially impacted by individual decisions not to participate due to distance/cost. Next year, we will be having a joint Southeast/Southwest/Prelims event in Ontario, CA in March. This is in fairly close proximity to the majority of the population of both divisions, and represents a great opportunity to get together with your FWD barbershop brethren. It's going to be a barnburner, and I'd encourage everybody to attend the festivities.

Looking ahead, the District Board has been having much discussion on the topics of musical quality, membership, and finances, and how all of these things are related. A minimum level of musical quality begets more members, which results in more stable finances going forward. District leadership is dedicated to making various resources available to chapters to help them achieve their goals in those areas, but it also falls to the chapter leadership to avail themselves of those resources. Don't hesitate to talk to me about issues facing your chapter and how the District can help.

One of the single biggest factors involved in how well a chapter is doing musically is the musical director. Time and time again, when we've seen chapters suddenly start to turn around (in terms of both musical quality and increased membership), it has been directly traceable to the musical director. The biggest bang for our resource buck is in director training, so please consider having your director participate in the programs available to directors, such as Directors College, CDWI training, etc. It pays huge dividends down the road. John Minsker, the chair of the Chorus Director Development Committee, is here to help your chapter in that regard.

On the administrative side, the Board has been discussing how to revamp Leadership Academy such that it returns to being a high value proposition for all chapter boards. We will be implementing some specific measures on that front at the 2011 Leadership Academy, and I hope that all chapter board members plan to attend.

As a general statement of philosophy: you will get out of your hobby more than you put into it. If the totality of a member's barbershop experience is only weekly chapter meetings, he is missing out on some of the best parts of the hobby. Attending conventions and singing with people from all over the District and Society, making lasting friends beyond your own chapter, seeing the best musical performances in the barbershop style, and really digging into the camaraderie of our larger barbershop culture, is something every member should experience.

If you haven't been to a Division contest, go to the next one. If you haven't been to District, go to that. If you haven't been to International, get there. Midwinter, Harmony University, Harmony College West, Harmony Brigades, other chapter shows, multi-chapter parties, etc: all of these events or activities serve to bind us together, and the more a member participates in them, the more he gets out of the hobby. If I

could, I'd go to everything, but have to be content with attending as many events as my schedule and finances allow. Everyone will have a different threshold in that regard, but if you find yourself only attending your own chapter events and interacting with the same guys all the time, try to broaden your barbershop horizons. Because you're missing out on the majority of the fun.

Allan



Steve Sammonds, Division 3 Vice President

The decline in membership continues to be the chief concern in the Northwest Division. Four chapters are below the 20 members that a new chapter would be required to have to charter and one is below the required 12 to license. While these requirements only exist for new chapters, they still provide a valuable benchmark.

The **Rohnert Park Chapter** is not included in these numbers since they are in the process of transferring their membership to either the **Santa Rosa** or Frank Thorne chapters. As of August 31, the Rohnert Park Chapter has an official membership of zero and will be relinquishing its charter soon. The transition to the Santa Rosa Chapter has run smoothly including Rohnert Park director **Jan Lappin** being offered an assistant director position at Santa Rosa.

The following table shows membership trends since the beginning of 2007 when I became DVP. Total division membership has dropped nearly 6% since the start of 2011 and over 14% in the past 24 months.

	Dec 2006	Aug 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Aug 2011	Change Since Jan 2011*	Change Since Aug 2009
Bay Area	163	134	115	102	93	-9 (-8.8%)	-34 (-26.8%)
Crescent City	3	2	2	1	1	0 (even)	-1 (-50.0%)
Eureka	33	31	41	38	37	-1 (-2.6%)	-4 (-9.8%)
Fremont-Hayward	26	27	25	26	24	-2 (-7.7%)	+1 (+4.3%)
Marin	37	34	32	26	25	-2 (-3.8%)	-7 (-21.9%)
Monterey Peninsula	23	29	33	36	31	-5 (-13.9%)	-3 (-8.8%)
Napa Valley	31	23	21	23	18	-5 (-21.7%)	-5 (-21.7%)
Palo Alto-Mountain View	50	57	59	60	62	+2 (+2.3%)	+1 (+1.6%)
Rohnert Park*	15	13	12	13	0	-13 (-100%)	-14 (-100%)
San Francisco	29	28	24	30	19	-1 (-5.9%)	-5 (-20.8%)
SF Bay Cities	14	12	14	14	14	0 (even)	+1 (+7.7%)
San Mateo County	36	32	28	27	26	-1 (-3.7%)	-3 (-10.3%)
Santa Cruz	28	20	25	21	21	0 (even)	-5 (-19.2%)
Santa Rosa*	28	26	31	33	40	+7 (+21.2%)	+10 (+33.3%)
Walnut Creek	43	37	38	29	31	+2 (+6.9)	-6 (-16.2%)

*Combined Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa are down 6 members (13%) since the start of 2011, though some may have transferred to Frank Thorne.

Numbers are as of the last day of the month shown.

A closer look at the YTD numbers shows the real problem. So far this year the 13 active chapters have recruited a total 20 new members, over a third of those attributed to a single chapter (PAMV). But we have lost a total of 69 members, 4 due to death and 65 to non-renewal. Across the BHS we have found an alarming number of members fail to renew within their first two years of membership. All chapters should be following up with every dropped member to determine the reason for the non-renewal. While some cases will be

unavoidable (member leaving the area, for example), the chapters will likely discover reasons they could have avoided.

The 2011 division convention was combined with the spring district convention in Santa Clara. Attendance was the lowest we have seen for a combined convention that I can recall. Congratulations to our division winners **Voices In Harmony** (Division and AAA Plateau Champion), **Peninsulaires** (Most Improved and AA Plateau Champion), **New Dimension Chorus** (A Plateau Champion), **spam** (Division Quartet Champion), **CONSTELLATION** (Division Novice Champion), and **Never Too Old 4** (Division Senior Champion).

Congratulation again to **Voices In Harmony** for their fifth consecutive top ten finish at the International Chorus Contest!

The 2011 Society chapter visitation program is underway in the Northwest Division with about a quarter of the chapters visited so far as of this writing. Many more should have been visited by the time the HOD meets.

Learn2Sing is active in at least two chapters in the Northwest Division. The **PAMV Chapter** launched their own free voice lesson program in the spring, bringing in over 35 guests during the six week program. The **Santa Cruz Chapter** began the district program in August. Any chapter interested in starting this program should contact Jack Peters.

Two chapters have new directors in 2011: **Kristen Taylor** now directs the **Walnut Creek Chapter** and **Cort Lavallee** directs the **San Mateo County Chapter**.

Thanks to the efforts of members from the **Bay Area** and **Walnut Creek** chapters, the Northwest division had a successful barbecue picnic in August. Over 80 people attended in what I hope will be the first annual gathering of NW Division barbershoppers. Some scheduling conflicts prevented a couple chapters from participating, so the plan is to coordinate dates better for 2012. Thanks to **Mike Cating** for all his hard work and **Brad Dewey** for securing the park.

While it is great to see members from all chapters attend Harmony College West, I would like to particularly thank the 17 men from the **Eureka Chapter Humboldt Harmonaires** for making the long trek down to Hayward and take advantage of the great coaching available.

Music Specialist Mike O'Neill will be visiting the Bay Area at the end of October and early November. He will assist with the Real Men Sing workshop at San Jose State University. As of this writing, the rest of his schedule was still being completed with a combination of school and chapter visits.

Leadership Academy will be in Sacramento on November 19. The district has moved to a single Leadership Academy this year with the plan to alternate north and south each year. So 2011 is the year LA will be in Northern California. Every chapter should send all their officers to LA regardless of whether they have attended before.

All chapters should plan to attend the **Northwest Division Convention April 14, 2012 in Woodside**. This is our convention so if you have any ideas on how to make it more than just two contests, please share them with me. We try every year to include activities and meetings beyond the chorus and quartet contests. Of course, I also encourage all choruses and quartets to participate in the contest, either as a competitor or simply to sing for the best barbershop audience you will find. I know that some groups (both choruses and quartets) are concerned about having their scores published, but all groups have the option to be scored and evaluated by the judging panel without officially entering the contest (your scores will not be published).

As 2011 draws to a close, every chapter should be planning for success in 2012. Please keep me in the loop as your plans solidify and let me know if I can assist in any way or plan a visit to one of your chapter or board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Sammonds
District Vice President, Northwest Division

Far Western District, Fall HOD Meeting October 14, 2011, Fresno, Cal.



Jim Turnmire, Division 4 Vice President

Congratulations and good luck to the choruses that are representing our Northeast Division in Fresno. They are: Central California, Reno, Sacramento, Fresno, Davis-Vacaville and California Delta.

We are also sending four quartets: Artistic License (California Delta), Talk of the Town (Reno), Brewhouse (Bay Area), Great Western Timbre Co. (too many chapters to mention!), and On The MARK (Fresno). We wish them all the very best!

So far this year the Northeast Division has accepted 33 new members. Leading the way is the Stockton Chapter with 5 new members. Followed by the Visalia, Reno, Placerville and Carson City Chapters with 4 new members each. The Davis-Vacaville Chapter brought in 3 new members. The Fresno, California Delta, Sacramento, Nevada-Placer, Central California, and Folsom Chapters also brought in new members. A BIG congratulations to them and their recruitment efforts.

The Visalia Chapter will be sponsoring a Youth In Harmony Festival on November 8. Several area schools will be participating. It promises to be a wonderful event. We wish them a HUGE success.

The Northeast Division was the first division to complete all their chapter surveys. Thanks so much to Don Salz, Ray Rhymer, Keith Eckhardt, Don Franklin and Ollie Brilhante for assisting me in completing this. We appreciate all our chapters and their cooperation and time for helping with this.

The best of luck to Richard Lund, the Northeast Division Vice President nominee, as he will be assuming his new responsibilities.

I worked on cleaning up the non-policy sections of our District's SOP and also comparing and correcting some discrepancies with that document and our Convention Manual.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to be serving as your Division Vice President for these past several years.



Ivan Jensen, Division 5 Vice President

What an exciting month this has been. As usual, Arizona Barbershoppers have been very busy. I cannot say anything about the Division before I stepped in to help Ted Sayle but I can say starting with International in Kansas City, MO. Arizona has been very well represented. Our very own Spirit of Phoenix with 66 men on stage did a great job representing both the Arizona Division and the Far Western District. Good jog guys, keep up the good work. We also noticed there were a good number of Arizona Chapters represented at the convention and contest. Thanks to all who attended the convention to support our District and Division choruses and quartets. With international completed for another year, all eyes are on Fresno in October where we will determine which of our choruses will represent us in Portland in 2012. Should be a great convention and contest. Hope we will have a good number of people from Arizona attending the contest.

By now, all of you have heard about the Society chapter visitation program. As I am sure you know, the Far Western District started it several months ago but by the end of July, not only Arizona but the District was falling behind on the number of chapters being visited. To make a long story short, Gordon Mongo Berghold, Ted Sayle, Russ Young and myself were able to get busy and visited every one of our Division chapters and before the end of August, all Arizona chapters had been visited and the reports turned into the Society and the District. Thanks for your help gentlemen and thanks to everyone of the chapters for your help, cooperation and willingness to accept us into you rehearsals for a visit

Again for the tenth year, the Arizona Fred Koch Memorial Bash was held in August 2011. Even though our numbers were down from last year, we still had over 200 people attending the Friday and Saturday events and we made some money for Arizona Youth Programs. Friday night Parade of Quartets was fun and different because for the second year, we invited SAI Quartets to join in the fun. We also added two youth college groups that sang for the assembled group and even joined in some quarteting before the evening was over. Next year will see this event taking on a new look so mark your calendars for August 17th and 18th at the Embassy Suites in Tempe, AZ.

By the time you read this article, Arizona, more specifically Spirit of Phoenix Chapter will have started the first Learn To Sing 4 free program. Six weeks of free vocal lessons to any male wishing to attend. We will be keeping our eyes on this program and hope we can convince more of our chapters to utilize this membership tool.

Two quick items to close with, first, all chapters should be preparing to elect their new officers for 2012. Some have already done so but we should all be considering a trip to Leadership Academy this year to see and learn what is new or to remind us of what we have forgotten. Watch you emails for additional information.

January 2012 promises to be a very exciting and fun time in Tucson as the Tucson Chapter and the Arizona Division host the MidWinter Convention where we hope to see over six hundred youth wanting to compete and we will see a great Seniors Quartet contest. On Thursday evening, Tucson will host their pre-convention show with the Spirit of Phoenix joining in for the fun and entertainment. Plan on attending, you will not be sorry. It may be the time of your life.

In Harmony,
Ivan Jensen, AZ Div VP

Far Western District, Fall HOD Meeting October 14, 2011, Fresno, Cal.

District Management Team Reports



Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold, CSLT Chairman

There has been a lot of activity in the Far Western District since the last HOD report but none as exciting as the International Convention in Kansas City where our own Masters of Harmony won another gold medal. The quartets and choruses from the FWD acquitted themselves as expected and now we're headed for Fresno in October to determine which of our choruses will represent the district in Portland in 2012.

You've undoubtedly heard about the chapter visitation program that we embarked on several months ago. We're working hard to visit each chapter in the district to help the society and our district leadership to determine where to put our efforts in assisting the society's chapters. Our division VP's have utilized a number of our members to visit over 55% of the district's chapters thus far. By the time this article is read I expect us to be over 75% completed. If you're wondering why we're taking the time to visit each chapter please know that the society is challenged with a declining membership and the districts are experiencing apathy towards the general chapter meeting. This study will help in analyzing the feelings of the chapter leadership towards musical, membership and general program issues within the various districts. We are trying to assist the chapters by offering various educational events such as Harmony College West, the Leadership Academy and other meetings of the FWD presidents during the year.

In order to gain experience from these opportunities, the chapter leadership has to encourage attendance at these events when offered. If you have issues with the offerings, please let us know so that we can adjust the agendas to suit the needs of the members. We're all in this together and whatever we can do to generate enthusiasm towards the barbershop experience we will attempt to deliver.

We will soon be turning our attention to the holiday schedules and many of our choruses devote a lot of time entertaining both as a community service and as a fund-raiser for the chapter. Make the most of these opportunities and enlist the help from other singers who may want to join you for the holidays. They will get a taste of the four-part harmony and the opportunity to be a part of a great men's singing organization.

Remember to let potential singers know, *"You are always only one choice away from changing your life."* If you're too busy to sing, you're just too busy.

In Harmony,

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold

CSLT Chair



John Minsker, Chorus Director Development Chairman

It has been and continues to be quite a challenge, but one that I relish.

We're still trying to coordinate a CDWI for Carson City. The availability of the trainers changes, then the participants are unavailable. We're still hoping and working to get everyone together before the end of this year. Bulletins as they break.

The better news is that the Chorus Directors' Guild is alive and well, with 34 members and more trickling in every week.

The next step, before the end August, is to start a database for the creation of a director's pool to provide new/interim/replacement directors within the district.

Working with Nick Papageorge, I will be creating a list of directorial resources that can regularly visit chapters to help coach the chorus through the director.

From that, we hope to create a mentor program in which more experienced directors help newer directors.

We are also developing a "Welcome Wagon" where new directors are visited, acknowledged and welcomed. They will be offered access to tools, resources and documentation regarding barbershop directing.

Lastly, we expect to have a Directors' Guild website available in September. It will have a broad spectrum of information for directors, new and experienced, ranging from how to handle conflicts within the chapter to videos of simple directors beat patterns.

Yours for a song,

John Minsker



Ron Black, Contest & Judging District Representative

A. Spring Division Contests – went very well. Here is an interesting table (

2011 SPRING TOTALS								
<u>Total</u> <u>Choruses</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Men</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Points</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Quartet Men</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Quartets</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Points</u>	<u>International</u> <u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Super</u> <u>Seniors</u>
30	705	64.7	248	62	63.9	4Q + 3C		6

B. Fall District forecast – 23 quartets and 20 choruses have qualified, plus our new BHS 2011 Champions Masters of Harmony will sing.

C. Welcome to our new Candidate Judges

Randy Bingel – CA

Kent Richardson – CA

Jim Haggerty – CA

Martin Fredstrom – PRS

Jason Dyer - MUS

They will have a 2 year training period and could become certified in August 2013.

FWD judge totals

5 Contest Administrators + 3 Candidates

10 Music Judges + 1 Candidate

4 Presentation Judges + 1 Candidate

9 Singing Judges

Our judging community continues to grow in numbers and be strong in its members.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Black, DRC&J



Jack Peters, Membership Chairman

The Learn to Sing (LTS) program is off and running with Fresno in it's third week and Santa Cruz in it's second week as of this date. October will see San Fernando Valley starting their sessions.

Gary Bolles, as an instructor at the first Santa Cruz session last week, has suggested that all free teaching sessions also include the entire existing chorus. We don't want the newbie's to know more than the chorus sponsoring them, do we!

Alan Gordon, LTS Instructor Coordinator, has requested some assistance from several able minded BBS musicians while his wife Cyndi, is recovering from a debilitating stroke. He will still oversee the sessions progress.

If your chapter doesn't have an active web site, especially for recruiting purposes, contact John Gaston and he'll guide you to develop it. His chapter has been very successful in recruiting new singers from their site. johngaston@hotmail.com.



John Jones, Events Chairman

Upcoming District Conventions

Fall District Conventions

2012 - Oct 11-14 – Mesa, Phoenix Host

2013 Reviewing Bakersfield multiyear proposal

Spring District Conventions

2012 Mar 8-11 Ontario, Ca – Santa Fe Springs Host

2013 – Accepting Bids for Joint North East/West with prelims

2011 Division Conventions

Date	Div	Host	#Attend	#Quartet Competing/ Qualified	#Quartet Competing/ Qualified	\$ result
3/19	SPRING	Bay	460	6/3		-\$6,261
3/19	NW	-	-	6/1	5/4	-
4/16	AZ	Phoenix	389	13/3	5/3	\$2,839
5/7	SW	Pasadena	213	9/5	3/3	-\$522
5/14	SE	Las Vegas	430	12/4	8/7	\$2,036
5/21	NE	Cen.Calif	331	12/5	8/6	\$2,878

2012 Division Conventions

April 13, 2012 – Northwest Division – Palo Alto/Mountain View Chapter

April 21, 2012 - Arizona Division – Tucson Chapter

March 8 – 11, 2012 - Southwest Division – Joint @ Ontario

March 8 – 11, 2012 - Southeast Division – Joint @ Ontario

May 19, 2012 - Northeast Division – Sacramento Chapter

Harmony College West

July 20-22, 2012 - Redlands

Leadership Academy

Nov 19, 2012 - Sacramento

Events Committee

Event Chairman – AZ – Ivan Jensen

Event Chairman – Southeast – Paul Sandorf

Event Chairman – Southwest – Jim Serdahely

Event Chairman – Northeast – Sam Barger

Event Chairman – Northwest – John Jones

Registration Chairman – Bob Cathaway

Production Director – Doug Maddox

Convention Activities Chairman – Keith Eckhardt

Welcome to the finale of the 2011 Convention Year. This Fresno convention hotel and facility is providing an abundance of space for our competitors and the opportunity for full chorus vocal coaching. The hotel is amenable to singing and mingling. Do make it a point to thank Jim Turnmire and the entire Fresno Chapter for all the effort and creativity that has been put into this year's District Quartet and International Chorus Qualification Event.

The District has selected to hold the 2012 Spring Convention in Ontario, Ca within shouting distance of the Ontario International Airport. Our venue will be the Colony High School Performing Arts Theater with a beautiful 1200 seat auditorium and ample rehearsal space. The Preliminary Quartet Qualification competition will be held in conjunction with a joint Southeast and Southwest Divisions contest. The District has also accepted the offer of the Sante Fe Springs Chapter to host the convention. Our thanks to them.

As listed above the 2012 Convention Year is falling into place, but there are challenges that we need to recognize and work to overcome. As members of the House of Delegates, you can communicate a sense of enthusiasm within your chapters in support of the upcoming District and International conventions. Take the time to follow the Harmonizer, the International Web Site, Westunes, the District Web Site and the websites of the individual host chapters and be ready to share with your chapters. We have International Events in Arizona and Oregon this coming year and a Fall Convention in Arizona. It's important that we put our members in a position where they can plan ahead and enjoy our periodic sojourn to our Arizona Division. Mesa is pretty, Oct weather is grand, and the hotel and venue are great. A genuine getaway for Oct 11 - 14, 2012.



Greg Titus, Marketing and Public Relations Chairman

Past. According to the reviews from attendees, the Spring Convention was a success – with accolades for the venue, staff, return of the Barbershopper’s Shop, and program. The webcast will be revived in Fresno with Lions Mane Productions.

Present. Current projects include the development of our public flyer (self-help printing) for the Learn 2 Sing (L2S) program. The L2S flyers were completed in August and are available on the district website. The next development phase will include additional marketing collateral (possibly business cards, brochures) for chapters to self-print. We are in the preliminary stage of redesigning our public website that will be more interactive and visually stimulating. This may also impact the format of the electronic version of Westunes – which we are currently reviewing.

Future. We will continue to build out the new website and make changes in the format of Westunes to enhance our service to our members, raise public awareness and hopefully, gain new members as a result.

We may also want to conduct market research to see if our brand needs updating. In recent observations, there seems to be limited use of our FWD brand by our newer members. Suggest we find out whether it’s because the brand needs updating – if we need to improve our FWD-specific branded selections – or if our active members have interest in showing pride in the FWD brand. Another idea would be to create a new ‘service mark’ that could be used for marketing purposes (FWD website, FWD chapter websites, Westunes, flyers, etc.) – which may have more appeal to our target audience and to attract new singers. Another use could be in 2012 - on a creatively-designed t-shirt showing all the FWD competitors in Portland (and could also generate additional cash to help the competitors – or our bottom line).

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Titus

Chairman, Marketing & Public Relations



HARK, HARK, HARMONY COLLEGE WEST ROUSING SUCCESS!

Nick Papageorge, Music & Performance Chairman

Cal State East Bay in Hayward, CA. was rocking with music during the weekend of August 19-21, 2011. BARBERSHOP MUSIC! The cafeteria was filled with Tags and Songs all weekend long. 100+ Students were taught the essence of our hobby during a fun-filled two days. The students gained knowledge that will help them become better singers and enjoy their hobby more. But more importantly, their chapters will be rewarded by the vast knowledge those students gained at the school and bring back to the chapter.

As always, the school offered classes in arranging, vocal techniques, and beginning directing. Quartets were coached by many of our District's finest Coaches. All 11 quartets that were registered learned a great deal about singing and ringing chords. And 14 front-line directors took part in Royce Ferguson's "Making It Happen." Royce taught our directors how to "make it happen" through their directing skills and listening skills. He also covered areas of the musical experience and what to listen for in your ensemble. This year's class took home many great tools to use at their chapter meetings.

And I must tell you about one of the most fantastic parts of the weekend. The Eureka California Chapter attended as a chorus and was coached by Gary Bolles. Everyone at the school was thrilled to see them since they came from so far up the California border. They told me that they learned enough to keep them busy for the next two years at least! Well from the rest of us, thank you for coming down and joining us! You were terrific!

All of this in a fun-filled singing weekend! Put next year's Harmony College West on your Chapter Calendar NOW! The school will be held July 20 – 22, 2012 at the University of Redlands, Redlands California.

I would like to thank our outstanding faculty for giving their time and incredible knowledge to the attendees of our district. Thank you Royce Ferguson, Craig Ewing, Russ Young, Paul Engel, Gary Bolles, Ron Black, Brett Littlefield, Mike Stewart, Martin Fredstrom, Ray Rhymer, Jim Kline, Adam Kitt, Jason Dyer, Pam Pieson, and Tom Moore. You all were beyond outstanding!

Only 4 Chapters took advantage of the District's Coaching Reimbursement Program, and 3 Chapters requested and received a Standing Ovation Review for one of their Chapter Shows. I would like to see both of those numbers go way up. Your chapter can be reimbursed for coaching expenses, and your show can be reviewed and refined by our fabulous reviewer-coaches. Please contact me for either one of these great programs!

Lastly, I strongly urge your chapter to send your Music and Performance Vice-President to the Leadership Academy in November. I will be there to teach them about all of our M & P Programs, as well as how to be a great Musical Leader! Your chapter deserves that.

Have a musically rewarding winter!

Nick Papageorge



John Krizek, YIH Chairman

The YIH team

The Far Western District is blessed with a devoted and experienced cadre of leaders who do wonderful things in the youth outreach arena. We don't have a committee. We have a team. And it's a team ready and anxious to share its wealth of experience to help any chapter, school, quartet or individual wanting to do more for the cause.

Festivals? School visits? Teacher relations? Youth quartets? Camps? Performance and show opportunities? Fundraising? We wrote the book.

Attached is the current roster of YIH contacts in FWD. Please feel free to call on any of these gentlemen for help—especially those listed as area coordinators. Go to the web site for address details.

Please note that less than half our chapters have a YIH contact person or officer listed. No doubt there are changes or omissions—please let me, or Keith Eckhardt, know, so we can keep this roster up to date.

Youth Chorus Festival at Midwinter

It's time to get those youth choruses up and preparing for the International Youth Chorus Festival in January in Tucson. As those who attended last January's Midwinter in Las Vegas know, 600 young men singing barbershop and chord-busting their hearts out is an unbelievable and joyful experience. All it takes is a minimum of 12 guys to be a participating chorus. There are age-categories from high school through college. All registration details are handled through Society headquarters in Nashville.

For the second year in a row, this event is in *our District*—right in our front yard. When it comes to travel expenses, we have no excuse—there were groups participating last year from Canada and New Zealand, and no doubt there will be more this next time. It's too good an opportunity to waste.

Youth In Harmony Roster

<u>Area</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
FWD	MOH Emeritus/Prescott	Krizek	John	FWD YIH Chairman
FWD	San Fernando Valley	Wiggins	Jim	YIH Webmaster
FWD	Bay Area, Central California	Sellnow	Bruce	HS Quartet Contest Chair
FWD	Placerville	Eckhardt	Keith	Web Support, YIH Promotion
FWD	Placerville	Lund	Richard	Youth Harmony Camp Director
AZ	Mesa	Fox	Jerry	Phoenix/East Valley Coordinator
AZ	Tucson	Hayes	Ron	So Az Coordinator, Tucson YIH VP
NE	California Delta	Lund	Richard	Sacramento Region Coordinator
NE	Bay Area, Central California	Sellnow	Bruce	Central Valley Coordinator
NE	Carson City	Crowley	Jim	Northern Nevada Coordinator
NW	Santa Cruz	Stern	Lawrence	NorCal West Coordinator
SE	La Jolla	Girard	Paul	San Diego County Coordinator
SW	Rincon Beach	Sentianen	Bernie	Central Coast/Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
SW	Santa Fe Springs	Freedkin	Mark	SoCal Coordinator, SCVA Liaison, COTS Liaison
AZ	Greater Phoenix	Ewing	Mark	YIH Co-Chairman
AZ	Greater Phoenix	McLees	Curt	YIH Co-Chairman
AZ	Prescott	Grubb	Lynn	YIH VP
AZ	Sedona	Edwards	Jack	YIH Chair
AZ	Sun Cities	Corns	Ken	YIH Chair
NE	Carson City	Wetzel	Rook	YIH VP
NE	Central Valley	Sturke	Derick	YIH Contact
NE	Nevada-Placer	Russon	Ben	YIH Chair
NE	Placerville	Faulkner	Bill	YIH Assistant
NE	Reno	Whitten	Dick	YIH Chair
NE	Stockton	Jantzen	Marc	YIH Chair
NW	Bay Area	Donovan	Adam	YIH Chair
NW	Bay Area	Engel	Paul	YIH Co-Chair
NW	Eureka	Morris	Steve	YIH Contact
NW	Marin	Francisco	E. Bond	YIH Support
NW	Marin	Langdon	Glenn	YIH Chair
NW	Palo Alto-Mountain View	Makower	Jordan	YIH Chair
NW	Santa Cruz	Stern	Lawrence	YIH Support
NW	Santa Rosa	Lappin	Robert	YIH Contact
SE	Apple Valley	Strange	Buford	YIH VP
SE	Coachella Valley	Mann	Terry	YIH contact
SE	Fullerton	Saputo	Pete	YIH Chair
SE	Las Vegas Metro	Dougherty	Jason	YIH Chair
SE	Pal Pac	Hulbert	John	Chorus Director
SE	San Diego	Richardson	Kent	YIH Chair
SE	Westminster	Aiken	Lane	YIH contact
SW	Aloha	Hartley	Robert	YIH VP
SW	Pal Pac	Cady	Woody	YIH Chair
SW	Rincon Beach	Sentianin	Bernard	YIH Chair
SW	Santa Maria	Maurer	Robert	YIH Chair
SW	South Bay	Saffery	John	IH Chair
SW	Ventura	Tavares	Jan	YIH Contact
Support Staff				
FWD	California Delta	Caretto	Gabe	Youth Harmony Camp Coach
FWD	California Delta, Sacramento	Black	Ron	Clinician
FWD	Tucson	Keil	Connie	Clinician
BHS	Nashville HQ	Estes	James	Society Contact
FWD	South Bay	Kline, DDS	Jim	AIC Liaison

Committee Chairmen Reports



Bob Lally, Nominating Committee

After due deliberation and search, the Far Western District Nominating Committee has assembled a slate of candidates and suggest that they be nominated for election to the FWD Board for the year 2012.

The Slate:

President -	Russ Young
Exec VP -	Alan Webb
Secretary -	Peter Feeney
Treasurer -	Bob Heron
VP Northwest -	Steve Sammonds
VP Northeast -	Richard Lund
VP Southwest -	Bill Rosica
VP Southeast -	Craig Hughes
VP Arizona -	John Bloomquist
Immediate Past Pres -	Bernard Priceman

All of the above gentlemen have indicated a willingness to serve if nominated and elected. We believe that this slate consists of the best men available for their respective positions and that they will serve our District well.

This slate has been endorsed by the FWD Board of Directors and recommended by them for approval.

Bob Lally
Immediate Past President
Chairman, Nominating Committee



Bill Cale, Awards Committee Chairman

The Awards Committee is responsible for obtaining the plaques or trophies for the following:

Convention Honoree...Spring and Fall
Bachelor of Harmony...all year
Chapter of the Year, both annual and traveling...Spring
President's Award...Spring
Music Educator...Spring

In order to select a convention honoree, we have a list of a number of wonderful possible candidates that we review and update. After we make our selection, we submit it to the FWD Board of Directors for their approval. Please feel free to contact any member of the Awards Committee with possible additions to the list of potential convention dedicatees.

At the FWD BOD meeting in March, 2011, Jim Warner was accepted as the FWD Fall Convention Honoree. Please read Jim's bio in your convention program. He's quite a guy.

For the Awards Committee,

Bill Cale

Committee Members:

Deane Scoville
Lynn Brittan
Carl Truman

Please Remove and Present to the DVP

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

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This will certify that the Delegate of the

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is _____

Signatures:

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Delegate

Chapter President