



**Far Western District
Board of Directors
March 19, 2015
Sacramento, California**

Meeting was called to order by President Allan Webb at 2:00 PM

Past President Russ Young directed "The Old Songs".

Div. 4 VP Richard Lund gave the Invocation.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Bob Gray who reported to President Webb that all members were in attendance, and that a quorum was present. Board members present: Allan Webb, Russ Young, Gordon Bergthold, Bob Gray, Max Bates, Brent Anderson, Craig Hughes, Charles Feltman, Richard Lund, John Bloomquist, Ron Black, and Nick Papageorge.

President Allan Webb welcomed all board members and guests. He acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance at the meeting, Ethics Chair Chuck Hunter, CSLT Steve Salmon, Society President Don Fuson, and Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation.

President Webb introduced new Board Members Brent Anderson VP Division 1 Southwest, Charles Feltman VP Division 3 Northwest, Ron Black VP Contest & Judging, and Nick Papageorge VP Music and Performance.

Society President Don Fuson addressed the Board and guests in attendance. He discussed the Society HOD which was published in *LiveWire* on March 12, 2015. He requested that it be sent to all members of the District.

Harmony Foundation Representative Jim Clark addressed the board and presented an update on the Foundation. This year's goal is to double the gifts to the Foundation. The Foundation outreach is for All, not just Youth Outreach.

President Webb requested five items be added to the Agenda. 1. A slot on the agenda for Contest & Judging, another slot for Music & Performance, 2. Basecamp, 3. Gordon with Summer Board Meeting Schedule, 4. Russ Young for an item with Arizona, 5. Revised "Small Board" Robert's Rules of Order. Motion to approve the meeting agenda, with the additions. **Motion Carried**

President Webb entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2014 District Board meeting. **Motion Carried.**

President Webb advised that the Division VP reports were published in the HOD Brochure. There were additional reports by the District Vice Presidents.

Division 1 Southwest VP Brent Anderson reported he had been in contact with most Chapters in his Division. All chapters are talking about Membership. President Webb asked Brent to focus his efforts on Pasadena, Conejo Valley, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura. Whittier will be discussed later.

Division 2 VP Craig Hughes complimented Brent on his ideas regarding membership as described in his HOD Brochure report. Riverside and Inland Empire Chapters will be combining, and will be known as "Inland Sound Chorus". President Webb advised that Apple Valley needs attention.

Division 3 Northwest VP Charles Feltman's report is in the HOD Brochure. President Webb reported Walnut Creek and Napa Valley Chapters have shown an increase in members. Monterey Peninsula has lost 38% and Fremont-Hayward has lost 23%. Both need attention.

Division 4 Northeast VP Richard Lund reported Placerville has had a 27% increase in membership after getting a new Director, and Visalia is up 15%. Gordon Bergthold reported Chico is looking for a new Venue, New Name, and a New Director.

Division 5 Arizona VP John Bloomquist in addition to his HOD report he discussed the Mid-Winter performance by Chandler High School Boys Choir and *Treblemakers* Girls Chorus. John also advised that the Mesa AZ chapter has had a 27% increase in members.

Contest & Judging and Music & Performance VP reports were tabled at this time.

EVP Gordon Bergthold formerly introduced the new CSLT for the District Steve Salmon, giving his background and accomplishments since he started in the position in January prior to Leadership Academy/Harmony College West.

President Allan Webb reported that Las Vegas is the “***Chapter of the Year***” for 2014. Steve Salmon accepted the award.

3:30 PM Fifteen Minute Break:

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced that Deane Scoville passed away. Deane will be replaced on the committee by Bob Lally. Mr. Cale proposed that Jim Turnmire from Fresno be honored at the Fall Convention, and Steve Sammonds be honored at the Spring Convention. Motion and Second. **Motion Approved.**

Ron Black VP Contest & Judging discussed complaints about Barbershop Contest Sound System. Ron Black, Nick Papageorge and John Jones will have a proposal by the June Board Meeting. There was additional discussion regarding getting dates set on the District Calendar. There is not enough participation to support 5 Division Contests. Motion by Ron Black that one date be set in May for a double Division contest. **Motion Failed** Gordon Bergthold will work with Ron Black and Bryan Forbes on the issue and have recommendations prior to the Summer Board Meeting.

Nick Papageorge VP Music & Performance discussed the 2015 *Harmony College West* and *Leadership Academy* with input from Craig Hughes.

Old Business: President Allan Webb discussed the status of the Whittier Chapter. The Charter may be used in San Francisco. The Earl Moon Scholarship Fund was discussed. It was pointed out that all but one of the Past Presidents of the Whittier Chapter were no longer involved. Past President Paul Feinzimer has been working with Allan Webb and Don Rose from Harmony University. The application process will be handled by the Society, and the approval process referred to the FWD Board.

New Business: Chapter dissolutions were discussed. Several Chapters are falling below required standards, or are very close to failure. Allan will send a letter to Marty Monson requesting that the Charters for Lompoc and Redding be pulled. Elko, Casa Grande, and Los Angeles were also discussed.

Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund for FWD Harmony Camps. Richard Lund presented a motion with a Second by Craig Hughes for the Nor-Cal Camp. There was much discussion about the guidelines for the Fund and how it was to be used. The fund process is contingent on Judy Steinkamp approving what will be funded by the Endowment Fund, and the contract language being corrected prior to signing.

Motion Approved with one Abstention

Base Camp: President Webb explained the Base Camp system. It is an online Project Management System which is being funded by the Society for the District.

Convention VIP Seating: Motion by Richard Lund “That Convention Honorees” be considered VIP’s with regard to preferred seating assignments and registration at Conventions. **Motion Approved.**

Summer Meeting: Fullerton California June 12 & 13. Gordon Berghold will work with Bryan Forbes on selecting a venue.

President Allan Webb entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion Approved.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 PM

Next Meeting June 12, 2015
Fullerton, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gray
FWD Secretary

Following the HOD meeting on 3/20/15

President Allan Webb convened a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. All Board members were in attendance except Past President Russ Young.

Chapter Merger: Craig Hughes, Division 2 VP moved that the Far Western District Board approve the request to merge the Riverside (D-114) Chapter into the Inland Empire (D019) Chapter. **Motion Approved.**

President Allan Webb entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion Approved**

Bob Gray
FWD Secretary