

## Minutes of Spring BOD Meeting



Far Western District  
Board of Directors  
March 17, 2016  
Las Vegas, NV

Meeting was called to order by Executive Vice President Craig Hughes at 2:00 PM. FWD President Gordon Bergthold is recuperating from Back Surgery.

Immediate Past President Allan Webb led "The Old Songs"

Invocation was presented by Richard Lund

Roll Call was completed by Secretary Bob Gray. President Gordon Bergthold was the only Board Member not in attendance.

EVP Craig Hughes read the opening remarks from President Bergthold.

*"Gentlemen of the FWD Board of Directors, District Management Team and Guests. Due to my recent back surgery I have chosen to miss this board meeting and to rely on the leadership team to handle the meeting and the House of Delegates meeting tomorrow. Craig Hughes, EVP has been in constant contact with me during the past two months and has in fact stood in for me during the Reno Convention at the District President's Council meeting and other places where I was obligated to attend. I want to thank Craig and the FWD leadership team for the work they have done the past three months. This Board meeting should run smoothly and, based on the agenda and preparation by all of you, the affairs of the district will be handled efficiently as planned by Craig and the board."*

*I didn't receive the District Vice President's reports on the state of the chapters as requested but most have reported as requested in their HOD reports. The purpose of the inquiries was to determine where the chapters stood in their*

*mission statements and plans for the future. The FWD leadership team will reach out where needed to assist the chapters in achieving their goals.*

*It has been determined that the proposed cash flow and net income from this convention may be less than projected by the host chapter. However, prior to making any significant adjustments to the 2016 budget we decided to wait until after the convention is over and the final financial analysis has been completed to make any changes to the budget. Max Bates, Bryan Forbes and Craig Hughes will be working together to analyze the results and make recommendations to the Board. It is premature to discuss this matter any further as everything we know to date is speculation.*

*I thank you all for the many good wishes over the past two months and I look forward to meeting with all of you at the June Summer meeting.*

*Gordon “Mongo” Bergthold  
FWD President.*

**EVP Craig Hughes** introduced guests:

- John Donehower Society Board Member
- Jim Clark Harmony Foundation unable to attend due to illness
- Greg Dreyer, President of the Host Las Vegas Chapter
- Joe Samora new FWD Historian.
- Ray Rhymer “Westunes” Editor

**John Donehower, Society Board Member**, addressed those in attendance, regarding activities at BHS Headquarters, explaining changes in the future. He also advised that there are two openings for the BHS Board of Directors this summer.

**EVP Craig Hughes** discussed the agenda. Items added included:

- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Move Scholarship Discussion to New Business
- Add Online Forum Discussion to Information Only

***Motion to Approve the revised Agenda.   Approved***

**EVP Craig Hughes** requested motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 Board Meeting.

***Motion and Second.   Approved***

**EVP Craig Hughes** accepted the board member reports as published in the HOD Brochure.

**Secretaries Report:** Bob Gray reported that Chapters are improving their postings on Ebiz. A list of Chapters and their status are included in the HOD Brochure.

**Motion to approve Secretary Report. Motion and Second. Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Max Bates discussed there will be adjustments in the 2015 report because of the change in revenue from the Fall Convention in Mesa.

**Motion to Accept the Treasurer report. Motion and Second. Approved**

**Southwest Div. 1 Brent Anderson:** Brent discussed the progress that Bakersfield is making. They are competing in the Chorus Contest this weekend. Brent also discussed Santa Barbara. He will be working with all of the Chapters in his Division that are delinquent on their reporting.

**Southeast Div. 2 Nick Papageorge:** Nick discussed the learning process involved in a Division Vice Presidents job. He is working with Chapters in his area. Nick is also putting training materials together on paper for the job.

**Northwest Div. 3 Charles Feltman:** Charles reported the new San Francisco (formerly Whittier) chapter is very motivated. The members have a very high commitment level, and are highly motivated. Charles will be working with Freemont-Hayward and Napa.

**Northeast Div. 4 Richard Lund:** Richard thanked the Reno Chapter for the great job they did with the Mid-Winter Convention. VoCal had 29 guys in the Youth Chorus. Richard has visited 12 of the 15 Chapters in his Division. Sacramento went through a split, but both groups are doing well. Fresno is having a rough time, and Visalia lost their director, but found another. Richard plans to run another "mini" leadership academy in June for the officers that were not covered in last years' academy. He reported that he has a donor who double match any small donations to the Lloyd Steinkamp Memorial Fund.

**Arizona Div. 5 John Bloomquist:** John also addressed the success of Mid-Winter, and the representation from Arizona at the Convention. John also advised they he and Gordon Bergthold FWD President at signed the paperwork for the Salt River Valley Chapter to be known as "A Cappella Syndicate".

**Contest & Judging VP Ron Black:** Busy working on C&J Issues, last minute changes.

**Music & Performance VP Craig Ewing:** Craig thanked Nick and Ron for helping him transition into his new position. Craig also said that Chapters are starting to apply for the Coaching Travel Expense reimbursement fund.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Whittier Chapter Update:** Allen Webb advised that all of the former Board Members have submitted their resignations, and that he has appointed new members to fill the board positions of the Chapter in their new San Francisco location. Allen will complete the paperwork with the State of California.

The new Chapter Board will be responsible for future filings, and completing the process with Society Headquarters for the name and location changes. The Chapter will move from the Southwest Division to the Northwest Division. The Chapter will be known as "The Fog City Singers".

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Failing Chapters:** EVP Craig Hughes read a list of Chapters that are failing and need to be removed from the FWD. Those include: Elko, Crescenta Valley, Lompoc, Los Angeles, and Redding. President Gordon Berghold will submit a letter to Society Headquarters to have the Chapters removed. Casa Grande had been on the list, however AZ Div. VP John Bloomquist advised that the Arizona Quartet Chapter and the Tucson Chapter were helping to revive the Chapter.

**Jim Clark, Harmony Foundation:** Because of Medical issues, Jim was unable to attend the BOD meeting in person, however he reported via Skype. Jim talked about Donor Choice, Legacy of Harmony, and Every Voice matters campaign. Jim also talked about the Mid-Winter Youth festival and that there would be 10 boy's Choruses, 5 mixed choruses, and 5 girls choruses.

**Leadership Academy/Harmony College West.** There was much discussion and input from all regarding future Leadership Academy and Harmony College West and whether it should be at one location, or return to the previous format of three sessions.

**MOTION; "THAT THERE WILL BE THREE LA/HCW SESSIONS. ONE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ONE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND ONE IN ARIZONA. THE SESSIONS ARE TO BE SCHEDULED THE END OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS. 10 YEA, 1 NAY FROM CRAIG EWING. MOTION APPROVED**

**EVP Craig Hughes called a 10-minute break at 4:10 PM**

**Meeting resumed at 4:20 PM.**

**Events Chairman Bryan Forbes** did a presentation on the Form Improvements which will simplify the process Chapters must go through to bid on conventions. Budget forms and expense forms have also been updated.

Bryan then presented the bid from the Brea Chapter for the 2016 Fall Convention Bid highlights registration count of 1300.

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| <b>Total revenue</b>       | <b>\$70,925</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>\$47,450</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>        | <b>\$23,475</b> |
| <b>FWD</b>                 | <b>\$16,433</b> |
| <b>Host Chapter (Brea)</b> | <b>\$7042.</b>  |

**The Venue will be the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside.  
The Convention Hotel will be the Marriott.**

**MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE BREA'S BID FOR THE 2016 FALL CONVENTION. MOTION APPROVED**

**NICK PAPAGEORGE** Presented information about how the Stage Manager position was to be filled at Conventions He suggested that there be two production coordinators working with the VP of Contest and Judging to appoint a Stage Manager for each District Contest.

**Motion to insert the above language in the Convention Manual.  
TABLED UNTIL SUMMER BOARD MEETING.**

**ENHANCED AUDITORY (SHELL);** Much discussion and input. The committee that had been appointed is continuing to work on the project. The Fall convention will not be a problem. Bryan reported that the "Shell" has been contracted at the Fox Center. Richard presented a motion which was tabled until the Summer BOD Meeting

**EVP Craig Hughes** talked about Scholarships to Harmony University. The District was awarded one to present based on the number of members who were singing in the All Chorus Chorus at Mid Winter. Richard Lund nominated Austin Snow from Chico to attend Director College at Harmony University.

**Motion to award BHS Director College scholarship to Austin Snow from Chico.  
Motion and second. Motion Approved.**

Discussion about helping Music Educators who have received a scholarship with travel expenses. Carl Buntin from Inland Empire has received a 'Music Educators' Scholarship.

**Motion to award Austin Snow and Carl Buntin travel expenses to Director's College at Harmony University. Cost of reimbursement is not to exceed \$700 per person. Motion and Second. Motion Approved.**

Round table discussion for the good of the order.

**Brent Anderson** led everyone in “Keep the Whole World Singing”

**EVP Craig Hughes** announced the next meeting:

**District Management Team Friday June 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

**Board of Directors Saturday June 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM**

**Location: Fullerton, CA**

**EVP Craig Hughes** adjourned the meeting at 5:44 PM

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Bob Gray**

**FWD Secretary**

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