



Westags

The Far Western District Summer Board Meeting in brief....
Pasadena, California June 4-5, 2004



Significant Changes Made to Fall Schedule For Bakersfield

Society C&J rules require that a contest consisting of more than 25 quartets be conducted in two sessions. The need for a second session for quartets has necessitated the following scheduling changes. Note that these changes are for 2004 only.

Thursday September 30, 2004

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. FWD Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. to finish. FWD Board Meeting (cont)

Friday, October 1, 2004

1:00 p.m. House Of Delegates Meeting
3:30 p.m. Senior Quartet Contest
6:45 p.m. Quartet Semi-Finals
10:45 p.m. Non-finalists Quartet evals

Saturday, October 2, 2004

8:00 a.m. Senior Quartet evaluations
10:30 a.m. Chorus Contest
3:45 p.m. Chorus evaluations
6:45 p.m. Quartet Finals
9:00 p.m. Show Of Chap ions
10:00 p.m. Finalist Quartet evaluations

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DMT Meeting Reviews Management Goals & Objectives

President **Peter Feeney** convened the first FWD joint District Management Team (DMT) and FWD Board of Directors meeting in Pasadena over the weekend of June 4-6, 2004. This meeting brought together FWD's new geographical Division Vice-Presidents and the chairmen of the major functional committees for a joint session to define goals and progress to date of the new management system.

The DMT meeting was chaired by DMT Coordinator (and also Executive Vice President) **Bill Cale** who outlined the mission and purpose of the management group. Team members included Chairmen of: **YMIH, CSLT, COTS, Events, Chorus Director Development, C&J, Music and Performance, Membership, Marketing and PR and the Vice-President of Financial Development for Harmony Foundation.** While not all chairmen were present, reports were provided from all, in advance to all members. The meeting provided a common ground for review of the 2004 and 2005 goals, the interaction with their respective Society counterparts, the interaction with FWD DVPS and performance within the 2004 and 2005 budgets.

FWD's geographical Vice Presidents for Arizona/So Nevada/So Utah, NorCal East Northern Nevada, NorCal West/Hawaii, SoCal East and SoCal West were active participants in the review and exchange of ideas and objectives of the management group. Close association of the DMT and BOD as a result of this meeting appeared to be assured.

BOD Resolves Issues/Prepares Budget for HOD Approval

FWD's Summer Board meeting conducted on June 5, in Pasadena faced up to a number of issues, resolved a number of pressing problems, received the Nomination Committee's slate of officers for 2005, conducted the draw for the Fall and prepared a budget for the upcoming year.

All elected officers were in attendance as well as a number of the District Management Team (DMT) who also participated in the daylong discussions.

Motions that were approved by the board included:

1. 2005 Slate of officers received (all incumbents)
2. The SCE convention financial status resolution
3. 2005 Directory to be carried in WESTUNES January 05 issue.
4. 2004 HOD et al rescheduled (see lead story)
5. Administrative modifications to the SOP re EVP and IPP ancillary functions.
6. Current Plateau System modified to use most current membership data vice 12/31 data.
7. Approved the disposal of obsolete capital equipment.
8. Approved the preliminary budget to be presented to the HOD in October.

The "draw" for order of appearance for the quartets and choruses competing in the fall was conducted, however, in accordance with current practice, the results will not be published until after the International Convention in July.

Among the reports provided by the elected officers was the current status of the YMIH Youth Camp video, which has been prepared and distributed by IPP and YMIH Chairman, **John Krizek**. He reported high interest in the use of this material from all over the Society. Additional copies have been made and are available for chapter use and dissemination to local high schools and support groups.

Special guests invited to the working session included **Mike Lanctot**, from Evergreen District, the current FWD/EVG Society Board Member, **Robb Ollett**, the Harmony Foundation Financial Vice-President assigned to FWD, and **Steve Sammonds**, Long Range Planning Committee, who provided a report and proposal on the Plateau System as well as inputs from the committee on other matters. Included in his report was a review and recommendation concerning the qualification process for quartet competition in FWD. The LRPC recommended, that, among other things, the District permit quartets to enter as many division contests as they desired. While no official action was taken by the board on the report, it was determined that special emphasis will be immediately undertaken to assure that quartets know the procedures permitting them to compete in other than their home division in order to qualify for district competition. It was the position of the board that through those procedures, for example, a quartet from SoCal West (site of the combined Prelims and Divisional Contest next year) could enter the Spring International Prelims and also request the opportunity to compete in another division contest to qualify for district.

