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The Far Western District Summer Board/DMT Meetings in brief....  
Fullerton, California. June 13-14, 2008



The Far Western District Officers, Directors and members of the District Management Team (DMT) met over the weekend of June 13-14, 2008 for the annual summer meetings.

Prior to the regular sessions, President Bob Lally convened an informal District Planning Session which involved all of the members present. Following this, the DMT (chairmen of the FWD committees) under the leadership of EVP Ivan Jensen reviewed the progress and plans for the district and on Saturday an all-day session of the FWD Board was held. A summary of the issues and resolutions follow:

## The District Planning Session

The specific subjects for discussion at the planning session were:

- A. Division Contests: how many, should they be combined, how large a judging panel is needed and a discussion of the 2009 combined prelims.
- B. What does it mean to be a divisional committee member?
- C. A discussion of possible Division realignment.
- D. Restructuring of the district budget and dues

An open discussion of each of the items resulted in the voicing of many opinions which provided background and preparation for the DMT and board meeting to follow.

## The DMT Meeting Highlights

### DMT Members present:

Ivan Jensen, Peter Feeney, Jerry Fairchild, Clark Abrahamson, Jim Turnmire, Bill Cale, Keith Eckhardt, Bernard Priceman, Nick Papageorge, Steve Sammonds, Gordon Berghold, Mark Freedkin, Bob Cathaway, Bob Lally, Jim Sherman

The current status and planned future of each of the FWD committees was identified and discussed. Several changes of personnel were identified: Nick Papageorge assumes the Chairmanship of the Music and Performance Committee from Jerry Fairchild following the current conduct of Harmony College West. And Dave Tautkus has accepted the chairmanship of the Chorus Director Development Committee succeeding Jim Crowley, effective immediately.

### BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

**FWD President, Bob Lally** opened his board of directors meeting on Saturday morning with all but one of the FWD officer and directors present. Also in attendance were many of the district chairmen who attended the planning and DMT sessions the day before.

The president's opening remarks set the cooperative and productive tone for the day, and was followed by SBM Peter Feeney's report on the Society as a whole and specifically the happenings at the new headquarters in Nashville.

Thirteen issues were brought before the group. These were:

**Motion 1:** Approval of the agenda as amended

**Motion 2:** Approval of the Spring 2008 BOD Minutes and Electronic Minutes as distributed and provided in the Summer Board Book. (MSP).

**Motion 3:** To reimburse the Westminster Chapter for their \$796.64 loss hosting the SoCal Novice Quartet Contest. (MSF)

**Motion 4:** To accept the change in the SOP adding paragraph 8.3.2.1.2 (High School Contests) (MSP)

**Motion 5:** To provide a chapter hosting convention compensation based on a final percentage of profit which shall not be less than the fees that the "chapter for hire" would otherwise receive for the same convention. (MSP)

**Motion 6:** To provide the San Fernando Valley Chapter 100% of the profit from the 2008 Spring International Preliminary Convention. (M-F lack of a second)

**Motion 7:** To pay the San Fernando Valley chapter the difference between the percentage fee for hosting the 2008 Spring Convention and the \$1500 "chapter for hire" fee. (MSP)

**Motion 8:** To submit to the HOD the proposed FWD budget for 2009 showing a deficit of \$23,880. (MSP)

**Motion 9:** To remove from the table and approve Motion 6 of the Spring meeting to increase the FWD dues to \$25 per year for full membership effective 1/1/2009. (MSP)

**Motion 10:** To modify paragraph 14.6 e. (Guidelines for Hall of Fame) by changing the word from "will" to "may". (MSP)

**Motion 11:** To accept the changes in the SOP provided in the board book, specifically: added 4.3.2.7, modified 8.3 a, added 8.1.3.4, renumbered 8.3.2.1.1, 8.3.2.2.1, 8.3.2.2.2 and 8.3.2.2.3. (MSP)

**Motion 12:** To change the convention manual to require that a digital copy of pictures taken by the official photographer at district conventions be provided to the district for promotional purposes only. (MSP)

**Motion 13.** To accept the SOP change offered by Russ Young/Nick Papageorge as a modification to paragraph 8.3.2.1 (Spring International Preliminary Quartet Contest.). (Underscored words added by BOD)

*A quartet who is granted permission and subsequently competes in another district to qualify for the International Contest shall be ineligible for such a waiver for three years immediate following the contest which it competed out of district unless approved by the DDC&J and the District President.*

The draw for the Fall District contest was conducted by Nick Papageorge and the members of the FWD Board, and the results sealed until after the results of the International Contest in Nashville in July are known.

Reports from the Officers and Committee Chairmen are contained in the Board Book for the Summer meeting on file with the District Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm