

## **Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting**

### **FAR WESTERN DISTRICT**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Fullerton, California**

**June 16, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am by President Russ Young.

All board members present.

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| 1. President, Russ Young   | 6. VP, Richard Lund       |
| 2. EVP, Allan Webb         | 7. VP, Bill Rosica        |
| 3. Secretary, Peter Feeney | 8. VP, Craig Hughes       |
| 4. Treasurer, Bob Heron    | 9. VP, John Bloomquist    |
| 5. VP, Chuck Leavitt       | 10. IPP, Bernard Priceman |

**Motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in Ontario approved as corrected.**

DVP reports. The reports are included in the Summer Brochure. District Vice Presidents add to their written reports at the meeting.

Division 1 Bill Rosica. Among other items contained in the brochure report Bill reported that the Fall 2013 contest has been arranged for the Rabo Bank Theater and the Marriott Hotel in Bakersfield and complimented John Jones on his hard work.

Division 2 Craig Hughes. Among other items contained in the brochure report Craig reported that Riverside will submit a bid for the 2013 Division Convention.

Division 3 Chuck Leavitt. Chuck added some information about other items not included in the brochure report. Crescent City is surrendering its charter. Congratulations to Santa Rosa for adding 15 new members since 1/1/12. Director's name is Phil DeBar. He has a good music team.

Division 4 Richard Lund. Richard added some information to the report included in the brochure. Prelims 2013 will probably be held in Lodi, CA. Richard reported on Elko, Nev. They are close to getting charter issues resolved with Nashville, Tenn.

Division 5 John Bloomquist. John added to his report. Arizona Music Educator Association was visited by BHS staffer Mike O'Neil and the Division had a table. Platinum level for the HF was reached by the Mesa chapter.

### **Old Business:**

Nominating Committee Report provided by chairman Bob Lally. The committee will propose a slate to the HOD consisting of all current members of the board. They are:

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Although the nominating committee did not put forward any recommendations for candidates to fill openings on the Society board, the committee did submit two names from a list of six semi-finalists provided by the Society Nominating Committee. Those candidates are Larry Clemons and Dwain Chambers. Members of the committee are Bob Lally, Gene Clements, Chuck Hunter, Ivan Jensen, and Bernard Priceman.

**Motion to accept the report. Motion carried.**

Harold Hill update report is in brochure.

Fall Convention Update: report in the brochure. The issue of the very successful Quartet Harmony Platoon was discussed. The accounting for the Platoon will be included with all other convention expenses and proceeds in future conventions.

Conventions: Due to increased expenses at conventions the Events Committee recommends that Division and District Convention fees be increased: Proposed fee increases: Division: increase \$5.00, District conventions \$5.00.

**Motion to accept the increases as presented.**

The sense of the board was that the discussion of this increase be delayed until later in the meeting.

**Motion tabled.**

Leadership Academy: dates in Mesa will be changed to 9/15/2012 pending final negotiations.

Harmony College West report updated by Nick Papageorge.

Finance Review will be conducted in August.

Russ Young suggested that perhaps an independent auditor should be appointed and paid. Board agreed it was a good idea, but no action was taken.

The following items were discussed, but no action was taken:

Chapter Assistance Update.

Membership Programs

DMT Summary

Learn to Sing

**New Business:**

**Contest Draw.** The contest draw will be published after the International Convention.

**Harmony Market Place** at conventions: We will have a Barbershopper Shop in Mesa.

**Motion to use Harmony Market Place profits for Youth Activities. Motion seconded.**

**Motion withdrawn.**

Proceeds from the Harmony Market Place will be considered convention revenue and expense. Profits will be distributed in accordance with regular policy and procedure for handling convention finances.

**College Quartet Funding:** Russ Young. President Young expressed the opinion that the FWD should consider supporting the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, Florida as a sponsor of a chorus. The cost of a chorus sponsorship through the Harmony Foundation is \$10,000. The Foundation provides support to each participant in the Festival to pay for lodging and registration. Chorus sponsors will receive recognition at the convention in Orlando. No action taken.

**SOP Changes:**

**Committee Report re: Show date conflicts.** A lengthy discussion regarding the consequences of the current show clearance policy was held. The committee evaluated the possibility of changing the existing radius of conflict from 50 miles to a much shorter radius. None of the alternatives were seen to resolve the issue of chapter conflicts. The best alternative was thought to be the elimination of restrictions on conflicts with other chapters completely. The result of removing such restrictions would put the responsibility of avoiding conflicts at the chapter level. Sometimes conflicts exist which could hurt smaller chapters, and sometimes conflicts may appear to be possible based on the proximity of show venues, but in fact do not. The board believed that in the interest of harmonious relationships among all FWD chapters, the resolution of conflicts should be at the chapter level. The board voted to recommend the removal of the proximity restriction to the HOD for action in the fall of 2012.

**Motion to eliminate Sections 9.2 Sections B&C to eliminate restrictions on show date conflicts with other chapters. Motions carried.**

President Young raised the issue of mistakes made at previous High School contests. Contest Administrator Chuck Leavitt explained the reason for the errors. The DRCJ (Ron Black) was asked to review the procedures for conducting the contest. Ron Black worked with Jim Halvorson (YIH Chairmen) and reported to the board on scoring for the High School contest.

**Motion to change the SOP regarding High School contests.**

The changes will be included in the Fall Brochure for action by the HOD. Significant among them, "The High School Quartet Contest shall be administered under the auspices of the District Representative for Contest and Judging working with the District Chairman for Youth in Harmony. For this contest the procedures governing the operation, scoring, CA duties, evaluation and publication and announcement of results shall be identified in the District Spring Convention Regulations (document 2010-Spring Divisional Manual).

**Motion carried.**

President Young expressed concern that Society Judges at District and Division contest should be extended every courtesy and treated with sensitivity to their needs. The job of judges at contests requires long hours of travel and long hours of work at the contest and their efforts need to be appreciated.

**Convention Manuals:**

Russ asked for volunteers to review and revise the convention manual. Committee co chairs are Bill Rosica and Ron Black. Charge is to report back by the Fall board meeting.

**Qualifying Scores:**

At each fall board meeting the DRCJ recommends the qualifying score for quartets and choruses to earn a spot in the next year's Fall Contest. DRCJ Black informed the board that his recommendation was ready at this time. These scores are used to partially complete the field, but choruses and quartets can still qualify with a lower score. The way it works: All competitors who make the qualifying score are invited to the contest and then the field is filled out to 25 from the remaining competitors. This ensures that there will not be a need for a quadruple judging panel and the attendant expense.

The current procedure was implemented about 12 years ago. Prior to that time the top five scoring competitors in each division earned a spot in the Fall contest. All remaining competitors were then ranked by score and the next ten were invited as "wild cards". It was thought that this procedure unintentionally disparaged the accomplishment of those chapters who scored well enough to be invited but who had to wait until all division contests were complete.

Recommended scores are raised to :

Chorus: 63

Quartet: 68

**Motion to approve recommendation. Motion carried.**

**Motion to increase fees removed from the table. Motion carried.**

The discussion of the proposed fee increases for conventions and contest could now be continued. Division: increase \$5.00, District conventions \$5.00 (both early bird and late registrations.)

**Motion to increase fees approved.**

**District Positions and Titles**

President Young discussed the need to clarify district leadership roles and titles. The revised table of organization will be included in the District Directory currently listed on the FWD website.

President Young thanked Joe Liles for composing the song "One Song at a Time". The song will be sung District events and will have a public performance at the Go For The Gold Show tonight.

Presentation by Greg Titus regarding the new web page. The new web page is being developed by Greg using new software tools. The reliability and utility of the current web page will be enhanced by the “bells and whistles” now available to web page designers.

Russ assigned 5 teams of 2 to work on membership goals, objectives etc. and to provide the District President with a report by August 1, 2012.

Peter Feeney/John Bloomquist Chapter Leadership

Bernard Priceman/ Bill Rosica Conventions

Allan Webb/Richard Lund Youth

Chuck Leavitt/Russ Young Music

Bob Heron/Craig Hughes Membership

Due Date is August 1, 2012.

**Budget Development:**

Treasurer Bob Heron reviewed the proposed budget with the board. The budget will be included in the Fall Brochure to be distributed in September and will be presented to the HOD for its approval in October 2012. The preliminary budget presented at the meeting included revenues \$84,500 and expenses of \$85,900 resulting in a loss of \$1,400.

**Harmony Foundation**

K. J. McAleesejergins (Harmony Foundation) addressed the board. K.J. spoke to the need to receive sponsorship money for the International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival to be held in Orlando, Fla. in January 2013. Approximately 30 choruses are expected to attend and funds requested by the Society from the Foundation to conduct the festival are projected to be \$270,000.

Meeting Adjourned

5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney