

**Minutes of the Fall HOD Meeting**  
Mesa, Arizona  
1:30p.m. Friday October 12, 2012

President Russ Young called the House of Delegates Meeting to order at 1:30 pm,

The following officers, directors, guests and delegates were present:

<u><b>Past Presidents (7 voting)</b></u>	<u><b>Board Members (10 voting)</b></u>	
Lynn Brittan, 1970-1971	Russ Young, President	
Sam Barger, 1984-1985	Peter Feeney, Secretary	
Terry Aramian, 1986-1987	Bob Heron, Treasurer	
Carl Truman, 1998-1999	Allan Webb, Executive Vice President	
John Krizek, 2002-2003	Bernard Priceman, Immediate Past President	
Peter Feeney, 2004-2005 <sup>1</sup>	Bill Rosica, DVP Div. 1—Southwest Division	
Bill Cale, 2006-2007	Craig Hughes DVP Div. 2—Southeast Division	
Bob Lally, 2008-2009	Chuck Leavitt, DVP Div 3—Northwest Division	
Bernard Priceman, 2010-2011 <sup>2</sup>	Richard Lund, DVP Div. 4—Northeast Division	
	John Bloomquist, DVP Div. 5—Arizona. Division	
Distinguished Guest (Non-voting):	John Miller	Society Board Member
	K.J. McAleesejergins	Harmony Foundation, Inc. Director of Development

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<sup>1</sup> Current Board Member

<sup>2</sup> Current Board Member

## Chapter Delegates

D002 Greater Phoenix	D056 Fullerton
D005 Bakersfield	D058 Santa Monica
D003.Tucson	D-059 Fresno
D008 Santa Rosa	D066 San Fernando Valley
D013 Long Beach	D069 Mesa
D018 Pasadena	D075 Las Vegas
D019 Inland Empire	D080 Las Vegas Metro
D022 Palo Alto – Mountain View	D086 El Cajon
D023 San Diego	D101 Sun Cities
D026 Bay Area	D103 Rincon Beach
D029 Visalia	D110 White Mountains
D039 Marin	D114 Riverside
D044 Prescott	D116 Brea
D046 Santa Fe Springs	D117 La Jolla
D051 Reno	D123 California Delta
D055 Orange (Quartet)	

Delegates Eligible to Vote: 48

Total HOD Membership:97

Quorum: 30% (29 Delegates)

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President Young introduced Society Board Member John Miller.

John addressed the House of Delegates and brought greetings from Society President Alan Lamson and the Society Board. Among other things, his comments included the following:

New CEO Marty Monson started work in August and is off to a running start. John commented that the search for a new CEO took longer than anticipated but that the Society Board is very pleased with Marty's selection and wish him every success.

John called everyone's attention to the report from Marty included in the Fall Brochure and to the letter regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society to be celebrated in Toronto in July 2013. The actual anniversary is on April 11, 2013. The Society is encouraging Districts to request governors, mayors, etc. to declare our anniversary a special day.

John then commented on Operation Harold Hill. He discussed the need to engage younger members while retaining the older members. He reviewed actual research from NBC: 28% didn't like Barbershop Harmony and 28% didn't know what it was. The research did reveal, however, that while the overall percentage of men in the overall population who are interested in barbershop harmony is small the number of men in that cohort is quite large. It's a big country. His remarks were very encouraging.

President Young summarized the actions taken by the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting held the previous day.

Among other items, Russ commented on the following items:

Leadership Academy to be held in Pico Rivera, CA in November and in Mesa, AZ in January.

The merger of the Las Vegas and Las Vegas Metro Chapters has been approved effective Jan. 1, 2013

President Young recognized Brea and Santa Rosa Chapters for achievements in membership growth

Russ commented on Harmony College West and encouraged greater attendance at future Colleges.

Russ then turned the meeting over to Allen Webb, EVP, who reported on overall membership trends in the district.

At the completion of Allen's report Russ commented on the ongoing District planning process which will result in some long and short term goals and work plans.

He reminded the House that coaching is available from the AFWDC.

A new Far Western District website will go online shortly. We now have two co-webmasters: Keith Eckhardt and David Melville. Russ announced some other changes to the District Management Team: The new chairman of Chorus Director Development is Dr. Greg Lyne and the new Marketing and PR chairman is Jerry McElfrish Russ also announced that the new District Historian in John Minsker.

Artistic License was then introduced. They beautifully accompanied the reading of the names of our departed brother during the past year.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous House of Delegates meeting (March 2012 in Ontario, CA).**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Motion to receive the 2012 Fall Brochure Reports. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the changes proposed to the SOP:**

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## **9.2 Show Clearance Procedure**

Granting of show clearance will be done only by the District Secretary, and the following rules will apply:

1. a) No show clearances are to be granted on District convention weekends, or Divisional Leadership Academy (see Art. XII para 12.3)Harmony Jubilee, Harmony College West or Chorus Director Seminar weekends.
2. b) A clearance may not be issued to a chapter within 50 miles of a chapter that has a previously cleared date.
3. c) Paragraph (b) may be waived with the consent of the chapter(s) that has received clearance.
4. d) Show clearance will not be granted on the same date as a chapter's own division quartet or chorus contest

**Proposed change: Delete b) and c), and re-designate d) as b).**

**Motion to approve. Motion carried.**

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### **8.3.2.1.2. HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS**

The FWD High School Quartet Contest shall be held during the Spring International Preliminary Quartet Contest weekend. The members of the High School quartet shall each be a currently enrolled junior high or high school student from any combination of high schools located within the boundaries of the Far Western District.

Each competing high school quartet member plus one coach or chaperone for each quartet shall receive an all events registration for the Spring Prelims at no charge, to encourage their exposure to a high level of barbershop quartet singing. Furthermore, admission to the high school quartet contest session shall be free and open to the general public, with open (non-assigned) seating.

ADD:

**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.**

**Motion to approve. Motion carried.**

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## 1.2 Other Governance Documents

Other documents relating to the conduct of district affairs and referenced in this Statement of Policy include the Standard District Bylaws, Society Contest Rules, Society Statements of Policy, Society Operations Manual, WESTUNES Operations Manual and the FWD Directory. *In addition, the following documents, which may be amended from time to time by the BOD without ratification by the HOD, are referenced in this Statement of Policy:*

- **FWD Directory**
- **Score Based Plateau List (AAA, AA, A)**
- **District Youth Outreach Manual**
- **FWD Youth Medical/Parental Release Form**
- **Far Western District Youth Activity Code of Conduct for Adults,”**
- **FWD Convention Regulations.**

The following documents, which can be amended only by action of the Society Board of Directors or the Society Executive Director, are referenced in this Statement of Policy:

- Society Contest Rules
- Society Statements of Policy
- Society Operations Manual

These documents are available either through the district website and/or the District Secretary’s files.

To the extent that the provisions of this District Statement of Policy conflict with the FWD Convention Regulations the rules set forth in this Statement of Policy shall prevail. All policy matters adopted by either the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates in the future will be incorporated herein. Amendments/revisions shall be made by additions to, or reprinting of, the affected page(s), and the reprinting of the table at the front of this document showing the following: date of the amendment, pages amended, reason for amendment, the authority for the change (HOD, FWD BOD etc.) and person responsible for making the change.

Society Governance and Bylaws Committee approval must be obtained for any amendment/revision to this Statement of Policy document. (See Section 17.03)

### **Motion Carried.**

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#### **Motion to approve the 2013 District Budget.**

**Income:**            **\$118,270**  
**Expense:**           **\$116,295**  
**Net Surplus:**     **\$ 1,975**

**The complete budget can be found in the 2012 Fall Brochure.**

#### **Motion carried.**

Nominating Committee Report by Chairman Bob Lally. The following men are nominated to serve in 2013 on the FWD Board::

President -	Russ Young
Exec VP -	Alan Webb
Secretary -	Peter Feeney
Treasurer -	Bob Heron
VP NW –	Chuck Leavitt
VP NE -	Richard Lund
VP SW -	Bill Rosica
VP SE -	Craig Hughes
VP Arizona –	John Bloomquist
IPP	Bernard Priceman

There were no nominations from the floor.

**President Young entertained a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation. Motion carried.**

Society Board Member John Miller conducted the installation of officers.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced that the honoree at the Spring convention in Lodi will be Bruce Sellnow. Bill also distributed 50 year pins to those men who had reached 50 years of membership but who had not yet received their pin.

John Jones, Interim Events Chairman reviewed plans for future conventions. No new approvals by the House were required. A copy of John's report is included in the Fall brochure.

K.J. McAleesejergins, Director of Development for the Harmony Foundation was then given the floor. K.J. reported that Rich Knight, lead of the Gashouse Gang, has issued a challenge. Rich will donate \$100,000 to the Foundation when the Foundation gains 100 new President Council members. He also spoke of the need for sponsors for the Youth Chorus Festival in Orlando, FL. The minimum amount to sponsor the Festival is \$10,000. K.J. asked the board to consider a plan to be a sponsor of the Festival. In response to this request the board passed the following motion at the board meeting:

**Motion to sponsor (\$10,000) Youth Chorus Festival through donations by the chapters or by the district through an amended budget should chapter donations fall short. Motion carried**

Joe Salz from the Sun Cities chapter immediately announced that his chapter would donate \$1,000 for the sponsorship.

K.J. distributed donors choice checks to the chapters and thanked them for their support of the Foundation.

The next HOD meeting will be held in Lodi, CA on March 22, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Feeney  
FWD Secretary