

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2019**

**BEST WESTERN PLUS HERITAGE INN
STOCKTON, CA**

President Craig Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM

Brent Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Nick Papageorge directed The *Star-Spangled Banner*

Nick Papageorge also led the group in singing *The Old Songs*.

Chuck roots gave the Invocation.

President Craig Hughes welcomed all the delegates to the meeting.

Introductions:

Past Presidents:

Gordon "Mongo" Bergthold	2016-2017
Bill Cale	2006-2007
John Krizek	2002-2003
Chuck Hunter	1988-1989
Sam Barger	1984-1985

Other Dignitaries:

Holly Kellar, BHS Chief Marketing Officer
David Headtler, Society Board Member
Roe Darnell, Convention Chair
President Craig also mentioned Chris Hebert, Convention Honoree who was not present.
He also mentioned the district offices present.

Roll Call

Board Members

Craig Hughes, President
Bill Rosica, Executive Vice President
Jim Maass, Secretary
Rich Owen, Treasurer
Brent Anderson, VP Division 1 Southwest
Nick Papageorge, VP Division 2 Southeast

Dick Whitten, VP Division 3 Northwest
Chuck Roots, VP Division 4 Northeast
Adam Kaufman, VP Division 5 Arizona
*Russ Young, VP Music and Performance – absent
*Brett Littlefield, Contest and Judging – absent

Past Presidents in attendance

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Chapters in Attendance

D005 Bakersfield
D030 Barbary Coast
D072 Central Arizona
D057 Central California
D058 Folsom
D102 Fremont-Hayward
D059 Fresno
D056 Fullerton
D069 Mesa
D040 Nevada-Placer
D009 Placerville
D044 Prescott
D023 San Diego
D046 Santa Fe Springs
D008 Santa Rosa
D042 Stockton
D006 Walnut Creek

Secretary Jim Maas reported that a quorum was present.

District President’s Remarks: President Craig Hughes mentioned that the dues increase is paying off already. Lower prices for non-competing members and registrations are less expensive for all saving members who attend conventions more that the dues increase. He thanked the HOD for the vote of confidence by increasing the dues. He also discussed the weekend competition with Everyone in Harmony mixed quartets and choruses competing.

Approval of the Agenda

MSA to approve the agenda

Approval of HOD Minutes October 12, 2018

MSA to approve the minutes

Receipt of HOD Reports

MSA to receive the HOD Report

Additional Officer/Committee Reports

Youth in Harmony

Steve Salmon

Steve thanks the chapters for passing the hat for donations to help for youth programs. He mentioned that the Youth Harmony Camp is one event. It costs each boy \$95 to attend but district support is \$200 per boy. He also mentioned the endowment funds. Retarding outreach, he will be contacting educators letting them know of youth activities which will be available. Mentioning the High School Quartet contest operations: He told the HOD that Bruce Sellnow (who has coordinated the Contest for years) has moved to Colorado. Richard Lund will be taking over for the North and that he is looking for a Southern Coordinator. Bruce was in attendance at the HOD and made a pitch for the HS quartet contest and asked for donations to help with the afterglow pizza party for the boys. It had been announced at the Board Meeting the previous day that next year, mixed and female quartets will compete.

Events

Bryan Forbes

In Bryan's absence (he was busy working the convention), President Craig mentioned what the fee for hosting conventions for this years' cycle. The fixed fees for this cycle is set as Single Divisional at \$1250, Double Divisional at \$1500, Spring/Prelims at \$1750 and the Fall at \$2500. The board will review this at its June board meeting and set the fee schedule for next year.

Fall 2020 Convention at Sea

Bill Rosica

Bill introduced Donna Hisey from Expedia Travel who is organizing the cruise ship bookings. She mentioned that most the of ocean view cabins are gone with more than 100 reservations thus far. Her goal is to "take over the ship." 600 cabins have been set aside for the FWD Convention. She has set a goal to reach 200 cabins by the end of this weekend and 300 by the end of the convention in Sacramento in October. Bill encouraged everyone to get to word out. He said don't be that person who doesn't go and then wish he did.

Financial Development

Roe Darnell

Roe talked about youth coming to his chapter as a result of the youth harmony camp. In addition he discussed the Harmony Foundation Donor Choice program and made a pitch to get more members signed up and to designate (up to 30%) to a chapter and the district. His is looking for the first FWD chapter to have 100% participation.

Spring Board Meeting Highlights

President Craig made brief remarks about the board meeting held the day before. We are the second largest district with more than 2000 members in five divisions. He reminded everyone that board meetings are open and that minutes are posted on the district website. The next board meeting will be a full day meeting in Fullerton, CA.

BHS Staff Update

Holly Kellar, Chief Marketing Officer, BHS, observed that there are four issues: Engaging youth education, Struggling chapters, Hobby Quartets and Non-competitors who want to sing. She sees it as all have to do with Everyone in Harmony. There need to be a way to find out how to engage people—men and women in singing. She is looking to welcoming not only women...but all to the barbershop hobby. She shared ideas about spreading the love of barbershop music. She is looking forward to the conversation. She also mentioned the scheduled “listening session” immediately following the HOD meeting.

Society Board Update

David Haedtler, Society Board Member reported in the Everyone in Harmony that change is hard to make whether it is good or bad. He indicated that 60-65% would like to keep things the same. The rest are mixed with women inclusion. He said it’s “all over the map.”

He discussed sex offenders list and the position of the society. It’s tough to deal with but the new rule, it is the right thing to do.

Transparency issue with the board was brought up regarding EIH. There was feedback from members that there is need for more communication from the board to the members. The board has discussed the issue. Board meetings are open except executive sessions, but they need to address the transparency issues he reported.

He said that the board gives general direction to CEO and then let’s him run the Society within the guidelines. He took several questions from the group

Old Business

Jim Maass reported the need to keep all shows legal with BMI and ASCAP and that chapters need to submit proper show clearance forms and payment to the district secretary for processing SOP section 9 lists all the requirements. He also pointed to his article in the HOD Brochure for reference. These was good discussion of the issue.

From the floor: Keith Eckhart reported to the Board that has established a new group-- Barbershoppers Helping Barbershoppers. This new group which he is forming is just looking to help barbershoppers and small chapters.

New Business

New District and Chapter Bylaws: President Craig reported that nothing needs to be done. The Society adopts the Bylaws and chapters can add some specific. There was no action needed on this topic.

2018 Chapter of the Year - Division Nominees

President Craig reported that the nominate chapters from each division are: Division 1 is Aloha, Division 2 is South Orange County, Division 3 is Santa Rosa, Division 4 is Stockton and Division 5 is Mesa. The chapter winner is to be announced during Saturday's contest session. (The winner announced on Saturday was the Mesa Chapter.)

Awards

Chuck Hunter announced that the honoree is Chris Hebert for this Spring Prelim convention. David Mellville will be honoree for the Fall convention. He asked the HOD members for suggestions for future convention honorees.

Future Convention Update

Bryan Forbes announced that the next convention will be held in Sacramento this coming October.

Next HOD Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2019 - Sacramento, CA

Roger Perkins led the group in *Keep the Whole World Singing*.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary
Far Western District