

**CSD Board Meeting**  
**a Virtual Zoom meeting**  
**December 20, 2020, 7:00 pm**



*Where the Harmony Began*

Present:

**Board Members:** President, Chad Schuetz; Executive Vice President, Duane Lawson; Treasurer, Larry Warrick; Secretary, Mark Fuerniss; Kansas State V.P., Leonard Kinzie; South Dakota State V.P. David Stephenson; Nebraska State V.P. Jake Bartlett. Board members absent: Immediate Past President, John Marshall; Iowa State V.P., Lyle Schwery; and Missouri-Arkansas State V.P. Paul Fuhrmann.



**Program Administration Team members and other:** Events V.P. and Executive V.P.-elect, Matt Suellentrop; Missouri-Arkansas State V.P.-elect, Michael Bass

Executive V.P. and President-elect Lawson opened the meeting via Zoom at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary Fuerniss briefly reviewed the November 21, 2020 meeting.

- Board approved postponing the Spring 2021 Convention planned for Iowa City, April 23-24, 2021. A **quartet event** will take its place possibly in Lawrence, Kansas.
- The Board and PAT members decided to partner with BHS and hold a **virtual CSD Leadership Academy** during Mid-Winter Convention.
- Membership V.P.-elect Don Fuson reviewed several membership reports he put together.

Lawson asked for a show of hands of those thinking the **Fall 2021 Convention**, October 7 – 10, 2021, in Lawrence, KS, will happen. All but one thought the Fall convention in Lawrence would take place. This will be the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the District. Lawson suggested designing a tee shirt for the occasion. Lawson will work with J. Wilber Company in Kansas City for the production of the shirts.



(<https://www.jwilber.co>)

Lawson mentioned the statement District put together regarding the **Harmony Foundation International and Barbershop Harmony Society** disagreement. ([See Appendix 1.](#)) We will

probably not allow HFI representatives at our conventions. Individual chapters can meet with Harmony Foundation International directly.

### **State Vice President Reports.**

**Michael Bass** reporting for **Missouri-Arkansas**. Hopes to engage with all the chapters in Missouri and Greater Ozarks, every chorus, every chapter. Would like to have a community concert sometime.

**Leonard Kinzie** intends to remain **Kansas State V.P.** perhaps operate virtually when he is in New York, to finish out his term. Attendance with chapter conference calls with chapter presidents has dropped off. He is concerned with the Wichita, Central Kansas and Topeka Chapters. Doesn't know if they can survive. Hopes to stay in contact with chapters via their chapter Zoom meetings.

**Jake Bartlett** hopes to engage with Nebraska chapter in person if not virtually. Jake says several **Nebraska** chapters are struggling. Grand Island has been looking for a director for some time. Schuetz suggested Christian Yost, a vocal music instructor at Hastings High School. Bartlett would like to meet with chapters in person when it is safe to do so. Tried to encourage the Lincoln chapter to perform at International Convention in Cleveland. Lincoln has been invited to Hawaii for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor next December. Hopes to reach out to Fremont and Omaha after the first of the year.

Suellentrop: talk up the Leadership Academy with chapters as much as we can. Waiting for details to update website. Lawson: we need to get the code for the \$99 rate.

**David Stephenson** waiting on the ok to get together and visit each chapter. He has had trouble communicating with **South Dakota** chapters. Hard to get information from them when they don't communicate. Believe the Viborg Chapter is the only chapter getting together to sing since August. Hopes to have a spring show. Sioux Falls has not met since early March. Don't seem to be interested in District activities. Milbank and Watertown were singing in person but schools they were using shut due to Covid. Other chapters have shut down. Tough trying to find out what anybody is doing because nobody is doing anything. Interested in suggestions as to how to generate interest in South Dakota chapters.

**Secretary Fuerniss** reported there are several chapters that have not recorded their **2021 chapter leaders** on Member Center and stated chapters need to submit **ASCAP Report Forms** to the Society whether or not they had any performances in 2020. Lawson, will have V.P. Marketing and Public Relations V.P., Michael Pommier send out a letter to chapters to list 2021 chapter leaders on Member Center. ([See Appendix 2.](#))

Fuerniss received an announcement from BHS that criteria for **Senior Membership classification** will be changing at the first of the year with the implementation of the new Member Center. Currently a Senior member is a BHS member, 70 years old or older, with at

least 10 years of barbershop service. Going forward, a Senior member will be any barbershop member 75 years old or older regardless of years of service. This will affect

- current Senior members between the ages of 70 and 74 with at least 10 years of service, approximately 200, SN reclassified as RG, and
- current Regular members 75 and older with less than 10 years of barbershop service, RG reclassified as SN.

This will affect District dues. Regular members pay \$30 District dues, Senior members pay \$15 District Dues. There will about a \$50 change in Society and District dues. 50-year members pay no Society nor District dues. Life members pay no Society dues, but pay District dues: Lifetime Regular pay \$30; Lifetime Senior pay \$15; Lifetime Youth pay \$15. (See [Appendix 3.](#)) The District can fix their own rates for various classifications.

**Treasurer Larry Warrick** plans to update the **2021 Budget** to reflect the postponement of the Spring 2021 convention in Iowa City. John Marshall has a call placed with the Marriott Hotel in Iowa City tomorrow (December 21, 2020). (See [Appendix 4.](#)) Will have to add additional expenses for quartet event in Lawrence.

Schuetz: There are 10 – 15 quartets that expressed interest in a **quartet event in Lawrence** in place of the spring convention. SCJC approved mixed judging panel, an in-person panel and a virtual panel. Need to get firm numbers and whether they intend to attempt to qualify for International. Lawson pointed out that panel is not needed for qualification as quartets would qualify via video recording. Judges would be able to provide feedback to quartets. Need to arrange for a professional videographer. Expenses would be for judges coming in and professional videographer. Perhaps performances could be streamed.

Michael Bass posted a motivational speaker presentation on chat. (See [Appendix 5.](#))

Send “cool” phrase/ideas for the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tee-shirt** to Lawson. Probably have a Spring PAT, Board and House of Delegates meeting the same weekend the Spring Convention/Contests, April 23 – 24, 2021, same date as quartet event. May depend on the schedule of the church.

Suellentrop and Brott are looking for ideas to **rejuvenate District Conventions.**

Lawson hopes to have short Board meetings every six weeks or so. Thanked Chad for his work this past year.

Meeting adjourned about 8:05 pm.

Mark Fuerniss, Secretary  
Central States District

Appendix.

## 1. BHS and HFI Disagreement

### CSD Leaders Comment on BHS and HFI and disagreement

December 16, 2020, 7:37 pm

To CSD Membership

As you may have seen in recent communication from BHS and HFI, some additional steps have been taken to clarify the future relationship between the two organizations. Given the two organizations disagree on foundational governance issues, it has not been possible for the two groups to have dialogue on how to move forward. That said, the legal court system in Wisconsin has been asked to rule on the question of if BHS and HFI will remain part of the same overall organization or split into two truly separate organizations. This will likely take a few months to go through the legal system.

There is no doubt individuals exist on both sides of this who love barbershop and are doing what they believe is in the best interest of barbershoppers. Most all of us know people at the Society and at the Foundation whom we admire and consider friends.

For many of us, this has little, if any, impact on our chapter and overall barbershop experience. We encourage you to remain focused on barbershop and to continue to reach out and support each other. We also encourage all of us to remember that respect and a strong sense of community are hallmarks of the barbershop world. Those traits remain vitally important.

We all look forward to the days when we can rehearse and perform together, sing tags and hug all of our friends. That *will* happen, hopefully sooner, rather than later!

Stay healthy and enjoy the holiday season!

Chad Schuetz, President  
Duane Lawson, EVP  
Matt Suellentrop, EVP-Elect

## 2. ASCAP Reminder letter



December 21, 2020

Subject: Officer Update

Happy Holidays to all the CSD Chapters!

I hope your elections are complete for the 2021 board members. I know during this time it is difficult to focus on our hobby that we love, when most of us are restricted to see or sing with our friends.

I wanted to send a reminder that your chapter President or Secretary needs to update your Chapter Officers for 2021 on the BHS Membership Center. It will be much easier if this is accomplished by the end of 2020.

You may have heard that the Barbershop Harmony Society is upgrading the Membership Center in January 2021 and we want to make sure your Chapter's information is up to date.

Thank you for your time and hope to see in person in 2021.

Thank you,

Duane Lawson  
Incoming CSD President

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Central States District

### 3. Society and Society Dues Breakdowns

## Society & District Dues Breakdown

Questions, concerns, or updates? Contact Customer Service at [customerservice@barbershop.org](mailto:customerservice@barbershop.org).



### Annual Society Dues (USD)

There are discounts for paying on-time and online. Visit the Member Center to learn more: [members.barbershop.org](http://members.barbershop.org)

Membership Classification	Membership Code	Annual Price
Regular Member	RG	\$144
Senior	SN	\$108
Senior Legacy	SL	\$72
Youth	Y1	\$0 <sup>1</sup>
Youth	Y2	\$72

Lifetime Members and 50-Year Members do not pay annual Society dues, but may still be responsible for annual district and chapter dues.

1 - The \$10 Enrollment fee for new members still applies; some districts also award a discount for first-time youth members. The chapter secretary should verify with their District Secretary before NOT charging the district dues.

### Annual District Dues (USD)

District	District Code	Regular (RG)	Youth (Y2)	Senior (SL) <sup>2</sup>	Senior (SN)
Central States	A	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$15

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Effective 10/1/20

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT

### MEMBER TYPE SUMMARY

TYPE	ACTIVE
Lifetime Membership with 50 Years	1
Lifetime Regular Membership	5
Lifetime Senior Membership	2
Regular Membership with 50 Years of Service	4
Regular Membership	667
Senior with 50 Years of Service	68
Senior Legacy (as of 12/31/2009)	79
Senior Membership	284
Youth Membership (Under 26) in their First Year	11
Youth Membership (Under 26) not in their First Year	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>1176</b>

## Central States District DUES PRICING

[Current Dues](#) [All Dues By Year](#) [Edit Dues](#)

TYPE	CODE	PRICE
Lifetime Membership with 50 Years	L5	\$0.00
Lifetime Regular Membership	LF	\$30.00
Lifetime Senior Membership	LS	\$15.00
Lifetime Youth	LY	\$15.00
Regular Membership with 50 Years of Service	R5	\$0.00
Regular Membership	RG	\$30.00
Senior with 50 Years of Service	S5	\$0.00
Senior Legacy (as of 12/31/2009)	SL	\$15.00
Senior Membership	SN	\$15.00
Youth Membership (Under 26) in their First Year	Y1	\$0.00
Youth Membership (Under 26) not in their First Year	Y2	\$15.00

#### 4. Coralville Marriott response

**From:** Chou, Jennifer <Jennifer.Chou@marriott.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** John Marshall <john@sellitwithjohn.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Coralville Marriott

Good Morning John,

Thank you so much for getting on the phone with us yesterday regarding the cancellation of the Barbershop Quartet's April of 2021 event here at the Coralville Marriott!

Our hearts go out to you and your committee as we know that this was a difficult decision to make by all. As Molly mentioned yesterday, we appreciate your business and your partnership as we also navigate through these unprecedented times.

Per our conversation yesterday, we will waive the cancellation (in the original amount of \$14,000.00) with the understanding that you will be signing with us for the same program in 2025. The signed contract will be on mutually agreeable terms and dates from both parties.

Our sales team should be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to start the negotiation process! In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much, John!

Best Regards,

Jennifer Chou | Senior Event Manager  
Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
300 East 9th Street | Coralville, IA 52241

#### 5. Motivational Speaker.

From [Michael Bass](#) to [Everyone](#):  
Fellow State VPs watch this and pull what you can from it. This approach can really help us coming out of COVID-19  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qp0HIF3SfI4>