Central States District
Association of Chapters Of
The Barbershop Harmony Society, aka
The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing In America, Inc.

Report to the House of Delegates (Consent Calendar)

October 10, 2020 (Virtual via Zoom)

[Our bylaws grant authority to the Board of Directors to manage the district affairs when the House of Delegates is not in session provided that all actions by the board are subject to approval by the House of Delegates. Acceptance of the Consent Calendar by the House of Delegates is the process by which action by the Board of Directors are approved.]

Reports received as of 10/01/2020
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Nebraska State V.P. added, 100/08/2020

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Reports

Report #100 --- Executive Director Report

Marty Monson, Executive Director, *mmonson@barbershop.org*

The CEO and Society President no longer do reports for the district HOD meetings. Updates from Marty Monson and Dick Powell and BHS are now included in the quarterly Healthy Chapter Initiative Bulletins.

Megan Tankersley
Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbershop Harmony Society

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Report #200 --- CSD Events, Fall, 2020

Matt Suellentrop, District Events V.P.

Events

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CSD Conventions	Spring	Fall
2020	Wichita, KS cancelled	Altoona, IA cancelled
2021	Iowa City, IA April 23 - 24	Lawrence, KS October 8 - 9
2022	Wichita, KS March 18 - 19	Altoona, IA October 7 - 8
2023	Iowa City, IA April 21 - 22	Lawrence, KS October 6 - 7
2024	TBD April 19 - 20	TBD October 11 - 12

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Report #210 --- CSD Convention Chairman, Fall, 2020

Doug Brott, Convention Chairman
Tim Myers, Assistant Convention Chairman

No convention report submitted

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Report #212 --- CSD Convention Registrar, Fall, 2020

Gary Weddle, Convention Registrar

No Report submitted

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Report #214 --- Contest and Judging, Fall, 2020

Carter Combs, Contest and Judging V.P.

New Judges:

CSD now has 1 person in ***Candidacy Pending*** status:
Contest Administrator – **Dan Bodtke**

Note – the 2020 Candidate School had to be replaced by abbreviated training via Zoom. Because much of the usual in-person training had to be skipped, SCJC created in interim status of ***Candidacy Pending***. It is anticipated the remainder of the in-person training will occur 2021 Spring. After successful completion, anyone in ***Candidacy Pending*** will be classified as ***Candidate***.

Judge Coaching:

Since all 2020 Fall conventions were cancelled, the SCJC has determined that the Fall Assignment for all ***Certified*** and ***Candidacy Pending*** judges is to make themselves available to "visit" chapters who are meeting virtually via Zoom, Skype, etc. The visit may include coaching of previous recorded performance, category discussion, general Q&A, etc., as the chapter leadership requests. BHS has attempted to contact every society chapter for this program, beginning with those who have not competed recently.

Competitions:

HOPING we will get back to a normal schedule next year !

- 2021 April 23-24: CSD Spring Convention @ Iowa City, IA
- 2021 June 28 – July 4: BHS International @ Cleveland, OH
- 2021 October 8-9: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS

SCJC has provided the following overrides to our contest rules for Cleveland 2021

All rules apply as written in the **C&J Handbook**, with the following exceptions:

II.C.I International Quartet Contest, Quartet Qualification

The normal rules apply except that quartets may choose to submit a video instead of competing in person, regardless of whether their district holds an in-person prelims. Quartets that choose to compete via video submission will be considered to be Out of District and all eligibility requirements pertaining to Out of District quartets apply. If the district does not hold an in-person Prelims, only quartets that meet the automatic target score of 78 will qualify from that district or, if no quartets reach that score, only the one highest scoring quartet, regardless of classification, will qualify, provided that it meets the minimum score of 76.

II.F.1 International Chorus Contests, Contest Qualification

For 2021 only, choruses will qualify through one of these methods:

- They had qualified for LA 2020 and had accepted the invitation as of Mar 1, 2020
- They scored 81 or higher in International 2019 or their Fall 2019 contest
- They are from an Alliance organization and qualify to represent that organization through the existing process
- They participate in the Chorus Festival in Cleveland with the intention to try to qualify for the Chorus Finals and score 81 or higher.

The deadline to accept an invitation directly into the Chorus Finals is Dec. 1, 2020. After that point a chorus would need to qualify through participation in the Chorus Festival even if they had been offered an invitation directly into the Chorus Finals. The deadline to enter the Chorus Festival is Dec. 1, 2020.

II.F.2 International Chorus Contests, Replacement

The normal rules regarding replacement of an International Chorus Competitor will not apply for 2021.

Additional details at: https://www.barbershop.org/events/international-convention/contests

CHORDially,
Carter Combs
Cell 816-914-2998
Central States District - Contest & Judging Vice President

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Report #218 --- Awards Chairman, Fall, 2020

Tim Myers, Awards Chairman

No Awards report submitted.

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Report #300 --- Marketing and Public Relations, Fall, 2020

Michael Pommier, Marketing and Public Relations V.P.
Aaron Powell, Assistant Marketing and Public Relations V.P.

Hello fellow barbershoppers! I hope my message find you and your chapter well. As usual, I want to give you an update on what's been going on with Marketing/PR for Central States.

These uncertain times have certainly put a damper on many of the things the chapters in our district have had planned. Regardless of your chapter's situation, please know that I am here to be a resource for you.

As things begin to fall back into place and chapters begin to schedule things again, I want to put out a reminder that I would LOVE to help get the word out about your program. Please let us know when you've got something interesting going on. We'd love to share it on social media, send it out in our Serenade, or both.

Like many people, 2020 has been a challenging year. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to participate in this year's Leadership Academy. The worst part was I ended up getting the flu so I missed EVERYTHING that weekend. I'm hoping to participate next year. My personal goal for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021 is to rededicate myself to getting the word out to you, the members of our great district. I want to make sure that you know what's going on in the district and that we get you the information that you need to know.

I hope to see you at our next in-person convention.
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Report #310 --- District Website, Fall, 2020

Matt Suellentrop, Webmaster

No report submitted

. Visit https://www.singcsd.com

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Report #320 --- Serenade, Fall, 2020

Mark Erikson, Serenade Editor

No Serenade report provided

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Report #340 --- CSD Philanthropy, Fall, 2020

Philanthropy V.P., Position Currently Vacant

Harmony Foundation International

Our Donor's Choice program is a great way to facilitate support to many segments of singing communities through one gift. When donors make financial gifts to Harmony Foundation, they have the **choice to dedicate portions of that funding** to their district, chapter or brigade, at the same time helping Harmony Foundation support the other barbershop programs through our grant cycle as well. This allows **you to focus on singing**, fellowship, and embracing all the benefits of singing that are at the core of our mission while maximizing our expertise to work for you! Harmony Foundation International presented the Central States District a Donor's Choice check for **$2,785.71**. Kyle Snook, Regional Director of HFI, reports that "CSD has a good culture of philanthropy. There are over **$13,500** being distributed among these chapters from their members' contributions!"

A-005, Grand Island, NE
A-006, Cedar Rapids, IA
A-008, Davenport, IA
A-009, Des Moines, IA
A-015, Iowa City, IA
A-017, Joplin, MO
A-020, Fremont, NE
A-022, Hays, KS
A-026, Leavenworth, KS
A-035, Kearney, NE
A-036, Springfield, MO
A-045, St. Charles, MO
A-046, Sioux City, IA
A-048, Kansas City, MO
A-060, Lincoln, NE
A-061, Hastings, NE
A-063, Manhattan, KS
A-066, Sioux Fall, SD
A-083, Mason City, IA
A-097, Algona, IA
A-100, Beatrice, NE
A-101, Papillion, NE
A-102, Watertown, SD
A-107, Greater Ozarks, AR
A-111, Olathe, KS
A-112, Metro Kansas City, MO
A-115, South Central Kansas, KS

Thanks for designating the Central States District on your Harmony Foundation Interntionl Donor's Choice donation!

https://www.harmonyfoundation.org/donors-choice

Barbershop Harmony Society

Make a gift that makes a difference! Your gift at any level allows us to drive forward together, through our programs at Harmony Hall and in your own chapter and district. Up to 85% of any give may be designated to your chapter or district. You can give annually, or monthly, whatever best fits your means and financial patterns.
Supporter of Harmony Level, $10/ 120/year
Friend in Harmony Level, $20/month or $240/year
Leader in Harmony Level, $50/month or $600/year
Benefactors Circle, $75/month or $900/year
Innovators Circle, $200/month or $2,400/year
Investors Circle, $400/month or $4,800/year
Artists Circle, $800/month or $9,600/year
Champion in Harmony, more than $9,600 per year

https://give.barbershop.org/campaign/barbershop-harmony-society-giving/c294985?c_src=donate_BHS_main_nav

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Report #360 --- Historian, Fall, 2020

Tom Schulein, Historian

No Historian report submitted this session.

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Report #400 --- Music and Performance, Fall, 2020

Jeff Veteto, Music & Performance V.P.

No report provided

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Report #420 --- Chorus Director Development, Fall, 2020

Position vacant.

Visit the Society's Document Center for director resources

https://www.barbershop.org/docs/director-education/director-resources

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

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Report #430 --- Standing Ovation Program, Fall, 2020

Standing Ovations Program Coordinator. Position vacant

What is the Standing Ovation Program?

- It is a non-publicized evaluation between only the chapter and the Standing Ovation Reviewer.
- It is an evaluation of a performance for both choruses and quartets.
- It will recognize strengths in the performance.
- It will provide suggestions and recommendations to enhance the next performance.
- It will address not only the music side of the performance but will examine the venue and the technical aspect of the show.

https://www.barbershop.org/docs/districts-1/standing-ovation-program

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

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Report #450 --- Chapter Support and Leadership, Fall, 2020

Brett Randolph, CSLT V.P.

The Central States is blessed to have many experienced chapter leaders who have volunteered to serve chapters as a Chapter Advocate. The role of the Chapter Advocate is to build relationships with the chapter leaders, be a resource to the chapter, give an outsider's perspective to the chapter, and to help the chapter identify goals and ultimately reach them.

In the short time that the program has been active, we have seen some positive results from chapter throughout the District. Chapters have increased their web presence, developed a membership plan and executed a very successful guest night, and have begun a search for a new director all with the assistance of their Chapter Advocate. If your chapter is looking to make a positive change, please get in contact with your Chapter Advocate or myself and we can help get your chapter on the path to being the best chapter you want to be.

I would like to thank all of the Chapter Advocates for their time and talent in assisting our chapters. At this time, we are still looking for some individuals in Iowa and Missouri to be Chapter Advocates and assist the State Vice President in those states with this work. If you have an interest, please contact Lyle Schwery for Iowa and Paul Fuhrmann for Missouri directly.

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Report #460 --- Leadership Academy, Fall, 2020

Brett Randolph, CSLT V.P.

As you are preparing for the election of your Board of Directors for the coming year, it is time to make plans to train your current and future leaders at the 2021 Leadership Academy. While final details are still being worked out, we will have a virtual Leadership Academy with classes for all chapter members. The registration link will be available on the Leadership Academy page at www.singcsd.com under the Leadership Academy tab in the coming weeks.

Since Leadership Academy is going virtual, the format will be different than in past years. We have expanded our course offerings so that ALL chapter members can attend and grow in their leadership or learn to be a better singer. This event is not just for chapter leaders, it is for ALL members. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of classes that fit their needs and barbershop passions. We are also offering a five-for-four special on registrations at the 2021 Leadership Academy. Any chapter that registers five participants only pays for four. Take advantage of this great special to invest in your current and future leaders. Allow your chapter members to learn the skills and resources they need to help your chapter reach its potential.

I am always looking for suggestions from our chapters and members on what types of classes they would like to see offered at Leadership Academy. Feel free to shoot me an email, text message, or phone call to provide your input.

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Report #470 --- Membership Development, Fall, 2020

Membership Development V.P. , Position Currently Vacant

Replacement being sought. ‘

Recently recognized new 50 year Society members in our District

William Bay

- Kansas City, MO
- Leavenworth, KS

Stanley Brown

- Davenport, IA
- Linn County Metro, IA

Gerry Mohr

- Florissant Valley, MO
- St. Charles, MO

Herbert Reddy, J.

- Des Moines, IA

Randy Weir

- Des Moines, IA

BHS *Livewire*, September 25, 2020

According to Member Center on September 27, 2020, active membership in CSD.

Membership Type	August, 2018	Active August, 2019	September, 2020
Lifetime with 50 Years	1	1	1
Lifetime Regular	8	8	5
Lifetime Senior	4	3	3
Regular with 50 years	2	2	3
Regular	960	904	711
Senior with 50 years	69	67	68
Senior Legacy	138	111	83
Senior	251	273	283
Youth, First year	47	49	14
Youth, subsequent	70	69	58
	1550	1487	1229

1722 active members were reported December 31, 2017
1635 active members were reported December 31, 2018

New Members/Person of Note, May 1, 2020 – September 27, 2020

New Member Name	MON Name	MON Chapter(s)	MON Count During Period	Total MON
Belanger, Benjamin	Greer, Steven	A052 St. Louis No. 1	1	1
Harms, William	Endsley, Devon	A052 St. Louis No. 1, A045 St. Charles, MO	2	2
Gindl, Lucas	Harre, Raymond	A008 Davenport, IA	1	5
Eich, Keegan	Henry, James	A045 St. Charles, MO	1	9

Jackson, Richard	Neill, George	A063 Manhattan, KS	1	1
Morgan, Jeffrey	Bogart, Daniel	A038 Black Hawk Metro, IA	1	1
White, Douglas	DiBacco, T	A020 Fremont, NE	1	14
Charland, Daniel	Moris, James	A010 Dubuque, IA	1	2
Smith, Kaleb	Endsley, Devon	A052 St. Louis No. 1, A045 St. Charles, MO	2	2
Alldredge, Gregory	Bugg, Thomas	A009 Des Moines, IA	1	3

Welcome to the new members.

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

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Report #480 --- Youth Outreach, Fall, 2020

Jonathan Andrews, Youth Outreach V.P.

Next Generation youth choruses and quartets.
See: https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen

Varsity Quartets, for male voices 18 - 25

Due to COVID-19, the applications and scholarship deadlines for the 2021 Varsity Quartet Contest in Cleveland, June 27 – July 4, 2021, are being moved to ensure quartets have ample time to prepare and can remain within compliance of local government guidelines for social distancing.

January 1 - February 28, 2021| Register your quartet's video.
March 1 - March 15 | Videos are screened for quality and submitted to judges.
March 15 | Qualifiers are announced and scholarship applications sent.
April 1 | Scholarship applications are due.
April 15, 2021 | Scholarship award letters sent.

Did you qualify for International 2020 in LA? Read our Next Generation Varsity Quartet Contest FAQs to learn about age limit extensions and re-qualification for Cleveland 2021.

https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen/varsity/varsity-quartets

Varsity Choruses, for men's, women's, and mixed Varsity Choruses, ages 25 and under.

Men's, women's, and mixed Varsity choruses now have a unique new event to experience the very best in vocal harmony: the Next Generation Barbershop Varsity Chorus Invitational.

Applications for the 2021 International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio will be open **January 1 - February 28, 2021.**

https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen/varsity/varsity-choruses

Junior Quartets, for male, female, mixed voices, ages 18 & under

With the cancellation of the 2021 Midwinter Convention this January, the Barbershop Harmony Society is offering a different way for junior quartets to get together and sing this fall: ***introducing the 2021 Virtual Junior Quartet Contest!***

This FREE event is open to ALL quartets (men's, women's, and mixed) with members aged 18 and under. There are no restrictions regarding membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society or any affiliate organization.

Junior quartets may submit a virtual quartet performance from September 1 - December 15, 2020.

1. Post your video on YouTube as a public or unlisted link.
2. Submit the link to your video through the form provided from September 1 - December 15, 2020.
3. Videos can be shared to earn votes from September 1 - December 15, 2020.

All performance videos will be polled for an Audience Favorite, with the winner announced by December 18, 2020.

The quartet with the most views will have their video shown to our virtual audience at our Virtual Midwinter Show in January 2021!

https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen/junior-quartets-choruses/junior-quartets

Junior Choruses, for male, female, mixed voices, ages 18 & under

Applications for the 2022 Junior Chorus Invitational are open August 1, 2020 - February 1, 2021.

https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen/junior-quartets-choruses/junior-choruses

For information concerning CSD Youth Outreach activities, contact Jonathan Andrews: ecuhus@yahoo.com, (785) 979-3637

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

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Report #510 --- Iowa State V.P. Report, Fall, 2020

Lyle Schwery, Iowa State V.P.

No Report submitted

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Report #520 --- Kansas State V.P. Report, Fall, 2020

Leonard Kinzie, Kansas State V.P.

Since my last report, I have had Zoom meetings with the chapter presidents from Kansas once a month. We update each other on our activities and discuss having a festival once released to gather in large numbers again.

Manhattan is meeting by Zoom followed by an in person meeting in a large open air pavilion in a park the following week.

Topeka meets by Zoom weekly to rehearse and socialize.

Hays has been meeting by Zoom but has tried in person meetings.

South Central had been meeting by Zoom each week but is now meeting in person. The chorus has been divided into thirds with each third meeting separately to work on repertoire outdoors

while wearing face masks and maintaining social distance. The entire chorus then meets in an amphitheater, again with masks and social distancing, to close out the evening. These are shorter meetings than usual. The chorus is working on creating a virtual Christmas show. In October the three groups will be meeting in separate locations with a Zoom meeting for the entire chorus planned for the end of the evening.

Wichita had experimented with in person meetings but is back to Zoom only. They still have hopes of being able to put together their annual Christmas radio show.

Leavenworth tries to keep contact through Zoom and has hopes of still being able to put on a Christmas show.

Leonard Kinzie
Kansas VP

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Report #530 --- Missouri/Arkansas V.P. Report, Fall, 2020

Paul Fuhrmann , Missouri/Arkansas State V.P.

No Report Submitted

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Report #540 --- Nebraska State V.P. Report, Fall, 2020

Dr. Jacob Bartlett, Nebraska State V.P.

I have received the information below from the following chapters. Please note that I did not hear from a Fremont board member, but rather the director.

Antelope Valley, NE (NVI) is inactive at this time. They plan to restart and reactivate once COVID pandemic issues end, depending on previous member interest. There may not be enough interest to become active again in BHS.

Fremont, NE (Pathfinders) is meeting in person, with a wide range of 12-30 attending indoors. They rehearse for 90 minutes each week. They are planning to have their Christmas concert per usual.

Grand Island, NE (Conestoga) is not meeting, and has nothing planned. Their number one priority is finding a new director.

Hastings, NE is not meeting due to exposure risk to their older members. They want to start sectionals again in late October. Nothing is planned in terms of concerts.

Kearney, NE is not meeting. They want to host their annual Christmas and Spring shows, but are worried about their local COVID numbers, and are unsure where they are headed due to an aging membership.

Lincoln, NE (Continentals) is meeting via a mixture of online and in person. They have about 12 in person and 8 more on Zoom (20 total). They do meet indoors, and have temperature checks, masks, and social distancing. They plan to pre-record their Christmas concert this year.
Omaha, NE meets every week, alternating between Zoom and In-Person Weeks. They usually have between 9-12 members present. Some do not participate in online meetings, only live. They are hoping to have a virtual Christmas program for care facilities in December. They plan to have a joint concert with Omaha Brass in February. Singing Valentines looks doubtful.
Ord, NE (Valley) is not meeting due to high-risk membership. They do not intend to meet until COVID-19 problems go away.
Papillion, NE (Sarpy) meets every week for about 90 minutes, outside, at a pavilion in a public park with optional masks. They have a core group of 12 attending out of 26 members. They have no concerts planned right now. They are struggling to find a place to rehearse as it gets darker and colder sooner. Their current place is closed.
No Response from: Beatrice, NE; Nebraska City, NE; McCook, NE

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Bartlett

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Report #550 --- South Dakota State V.P. Report, Fall, 2020

David Stephenson, South Dakota State V.P.

Here is what the chapters in my part of the state are doing, and have been doing, since the inception of COVID-19.

Milbank – Grant County Milltones – Russell Howard – Pres.
They have not practiced since Covid began running its course in March. They have not tried to utilize any of the technical aspects of practicing, like Zoom. Just this past week, there were several new cases of Covid within the school and community. They hope to be able to get together after the first of the year. Big concern is will some of the older members, in particular, want to pick back up after being away from singing for so long.

Mitchell – Mitchell Barbershop Chorus – Steve Laufman – Pres.
They have done a few things together, in singing at a funeral for a former member. They have started trying to get together again for practice, but only a few are showing up. Some are really scared of Covid. Steve hopes to be able to join in for the HOD meeting.

Sioux Falls – Sioux Emperians – Tim Ries – Pres.
I was able to speak with Tim Ries from The Sioux Emperians this evening. He did say that they had not practiced since the beginning of Covid in March. They do try to communicate thru the internet once a month just to stay in touch. Only a small number participate. Their numbers have dropped over this past year or so. They will most likely wait until something changes with the Covid situation before beginning to sing again. They had also been practicing at a Nursing Home and were basically shut out when the restrictions began.

Viborg – Tri-Valley Chorus – Cliff Huot – Pres.

We began practicing in person in early August and are continuing to do so every Monday night. There has been 10-12 at each practice. With harvest starting in full force, we hope to have all 4 parts present. There are several members who have said they will not return until we get the "all clear" from Covid. I believe every chapter is concerned, as well as the District and BHS, about losing members due to the length of time away.

Watertown – Glacial Lakes Harmonizers – Roger Carter – Pres.

The Watertown chapter began meeting in person fairly early in the summer. They were only having 5-6 members attend practice, about half of their roster. They had a spike of Covid in the school, where they practice, and all outside activities that were not part of the school, were not allowed to use the facilities. So for the past 2 weeks, they have not had a place to practice. They will hold off from practicing, most likely until they are allowed back into the school.

The chapters up here in South Dakota, are not very active in the activities of CSD. So when ask if there was any way the District could help them in any way, there isn't much conversation. It would be nice to see that improve, but with the age pf a large percentage of the members, traveling and being away from home, for instance attending a Convention, it just is not a priority. Another concern that keeps popping up is the cost of the annual dues for BHS. It strains several of the members. It may be a reason for not returning to sing.

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Report #560 --- District Secretary's Report, Fall, 2020

Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary

Delegates, welcome to the House of Delegates Meeting.

There has been little if any public chapter performances that I am aware of in the last eight or nine months, so have not had any Show Clearance Activities. The checks I had when the shut-down took place have been returned. In the meantime, I have a new address: 3060 San Agustin Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516, Phone number: 402 310-8846. This information has been added to the Member Center site.

Janice Bane, BHS Librarian, informs me:

- If a major social media platform is used (such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, etc.), ASCAP/BMI/SESAC show fees are not due to BHS as these platforms already have agreements in place with ASCAP/BMI/SESAC on behalf of users of their platforms.
- If you livestream the event on your group's website you will need to secure permissions directly from ASCAP/BMI/SESAC. Again, no show fees are due to BHS if licensing directly with these performing rights organizations.

- The Barbershop Harmony Society has posted two resource articles about streaming - one is regarding interactive (on demand) streaming and the other article regards live streaming. They are located at these links:

  https://www.barbershop.org/interactive-video-streaming-a-step-by-step-process-for-copyright

  https://www.barbershop.org/live-streaming-your-show-a-guided-copyright-checklist

As you may notice in the Spring House of Delegates minutes, the District has set aside money that was to be used for International travel/subsidies for regional/state barbershop festivals. Contact your state vice presidents if you are interested in acquiring some of this money for a regional barbershop activity.

Our semi-annual Chapter Eternal inductees for the last six months include a couple past presidents, Ron Morden and Fred Teller. Fred Teller encouraged me to offer my services to the District as District Secretary and Ron Morden was the first District President I served under. Gale Demaree, my predessor, was inducted into the Chapter Eternal at the 2020 Spring House of Delegate meeting. I'm sure there are chapter member who hold special significance in your lives. It is an honor to recognize them. Please let me know when a chapter member passes so they can be remembered and included in the District Chapter Eternal.

Thanks for your dedication to your chapter members and your efforts to keep your chapters alive, even though, currently, it may be a challenge for your members to share their voices with each other. Stay safe, wear your mask.

Sincerely,
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Report #570 --- District Treasurer's Report, Fall, 2020

Larry Warrick, District Treasurer

Treasurer's Report, Fall 2020

Accomplishments for the last 6 months are as follows:

- Prepared financial reports as requested by the District President and Exec. Vice President
- Financial questions I receive from chapters have been answered and the State VP copied on the reply
- Prepared the Financial report, Balance sheet
- No Spring Convention financial report for the Fall Board meeting and HOD meeting

- Prepared proposed budget for 2021 with input from board and committee members
- Expense vouchers and bills have been paid in a timely manner with CSD President's approval
- Making plans for 2021 Leadership Academy

Respectively Submitted
Larry Warrick, CSD Treasurer

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Report #580 --- Immediate Past President Report, Fall, 2020

John Marshall – Immediate Past President

No report submitted

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Report #585 --- Nominating Committee Report, Fall, 2020

District Code of Regulations (10/10/2014)

3.1. Elected board members shall serve for terms of two years with half of the board members elected on odd and half elected on even numbered years with **President** and **Executive Vice President** elected years in the same years. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in the years that alternate with the President and Executive Vice President. . .

Standard District By-Laws (10/2012)

5.04a The state vice presidents shall be elected for a two year term on a rotating basis, with the state vice presidents for **Missouri-Arkansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota being elected to begin their terms in the odd numbered year**s, and the state vice presidents for Iowa and Kansas being elected to begin their terms in the even numbered years. . . ".

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

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Report #590 --- Executive Vice President Report, Fall, 2020

Duane Lawson, Executive Vice President

Sing together in a safe environment. This is just one of our challenges of 2020. I am encouraged of several chapters getting together in parking lots, parks, and of course Zoom. I am amazed of the generosity of some of our barbershop heroes that volunteer to join chapter Zoom rehearsals to share their time and knowledge. This

has been an opportunity that we may have not taken advantage of in our old routine.

Since last Spring, Chad Schuetz and I have been on dozens of Zoom meetings with the District Presidents Council. With the DPC, we have been involved in elections for our Society Board of Directors, Discussions of conventions, the topics of Harmony Foundation, and continued conversations with staff from Harmony Hall.

We are currently working to fill our District position of Youth Outreach. The CSD Board and Program Administrative Team are looking for opportunities to support the CSD chapters in how your chapter wants help.

I believe when we can get back to sing together in a safe environment, we will cherish the moments to sing together, bond with our friends, perform for our fans, share our hobby with youth festivals, and be relevant in our communities.

Duane Lawson
CSD Executive V.P.

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Report #600 --- District President Report, Fall, 2020

Chad Schuetz, District President

Over the last several months, Duane and I have had multiple opportunities to connect with the Society Board of Directors, leadership at Harmony Hall, as well as leadership with Harmony Foundation. These meetings have provided insight and guidance on how to proceed and hopefully begin to have events again!

The district continues to move forward with plans to host the Spring Convention in April. We are currently exploring options for HEP and Leadership Academy in February. We are HOPEFUL that we be able to safely resume our events soon.

The BOD/HOD did approve funds for a “community festival,” once it is safe to sing in your area. We believe that this will be a great way to engage the community, and a perfect opportunity to gain new members! Please contact your State VP to request support for a local community festival.

As we continue to work through the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, I’ve been amazed at the grit and resilience of our chapters! The way in which several chapter has found creative opportunities to engage members and virtual audiences has been incredible. I’m proud of the work that you’re doing and look forward to return to singing with YOU!

Sing with you soon,

Chad Schuetz, President
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October 6, 2020. Housing category removed; Philanthropy, and Secretary reports revised.
October 9, 2020. Nebraska State V.P. Report added.