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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)  
Coralville, IA  
March 17, 2023



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# Reports

## **Report #100 --- Executive Director Report**

Marty Monson, Executive Director, [mmonson@barbershop.org](mailto:mmonson@barbershop.org)



## What's Happening

International Convention, July 2 – 9, 2023, Louisville, KY

Harmony U, July 23 – 30, Loyola University, NOLA

Midwinter Convention, January 9 – 14, 2024, New York, NY

International Convention, June 30 – July 7, 2024, Cleveland, OH

International Convention, June 29 – July 6, 2025, Denver, CO



Robyn Chancey  
Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Barbershop Harmony Society



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## **Report #200 --- CSD Events, Spring, 2023**

Doug Brott, District Events V.P.



After a few complications (finding both a new hotel and venue) plans for the 2023 Spring Convention are proceeding well. As of 15 Feb, with 2 days to go, we have 15 Quartets and 4 Choruses registered. As for the last convention, there is no need for specific safety protocols for this convention.

Leadership Academy was held November 19, 2022. Given the change to an earlier time frame than past years, we had a small but enthusiastic attendance. At this time, intent will be to again conduct Leadership Academy before the end of the year.

HEP School is scheduled for the last weekend of February 2023 in St. Joseph. Jeff Veteto has a very fine group of coaches lined up.

Members of the Convention Team conducted a FAM Trip to Ames, Iowa in November. The Convention and Visitors Bureau had approached the CSD Team regarding holding our Spring Conventions there. As has been noted previously, the Convention Team wants to be able to schedule conventions in the central corridor of the district whenever possible, and create opportunities for long term contracts in an effort to control costs. Ames has a very nice hotel that can accommodate all of our spring convention needs and a venue with a stage and more than

enough seating capacity. We have contracted with them for the Spring 2024 Convention and will then consider future years based on the results.

Since there is not a chapter in Ames, the Des Moines Chapter will be the host for that convention. They will also be the host for the 2023 Fall Convention. This will be the first test for remote chapter convention hosting. As procedures have changed over the years with more responsibility for each convention falling to the District Convention Team, we feel remote chapter hosting should not be an issue.

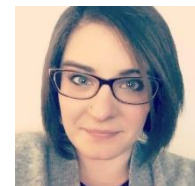
Below are the future scheduled convention and probable sites:

	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<b>2023</b>	March 17-19, 2023 Iowa City, IA	October 13-15, 2023 Lawrence, KS
<b>2024</b>	April 19-21, 2024 Ames, IA	October 11-13, 2024 Lawrence, KS
<b>2025</b>	April 11-13, 2025 Ames, IA (TBC)	October 17-19, 2025 Lawrence, KS
<b>2026</b>	April 24-26, 2026 Ames, IA (TBC)	Oct 16-18, 2026 Lawrence, KS
<b>2027</b>	April 23-25, 2027 Ames, IA (TBC)	Oct 8-10, 2027 Lawrence, KS

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**Report #210 --- CSD Convention Chair, Spring, 2023**

Joy Suellentrop, Convention Chair  
Mike Nelson, Assistant Convention Chairman



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**Report #214 --- Contest and Judging, Spring, 2023**

Carter Combs, Contest and Judging V.P.



♪ **SCJC announcements**

- We are eliminating the quartet contest “outside” mics... those that were placed a couple feet either side of the center mic. They were very seldom used, and considered not worth the additional expense.
- The **Contest Administrator** category is being renamed to **Administrative Judges**.

- The new abbreviation is **ADM**, replacing the prior **CA**.
- The primary **ADM** running a contest will be the **PC – Panel Chair**.
- **SCJC Category School** will be held **July 20-23 @ Loyola U, New Orleans** (immediately prior to Harmony U) to certify judges for the next 3-year cycle.
  - SCJC will start accepting applications for all categories in **August 2023** for the next round of judging candidate training.
- Long-time CSD Performance/Presentation judge **David Krause** has announced he will retire in July, at the end of this cycle.

#### ♪ **BHS Conventions & Contests**

- **2023 February 7-12: Midwinter @ Daytona Beach, FL**
  - International Seniors Quartet Champion is **Let's Sing!**
    - CSD's **JAZZ!** came in an impressive 8<sup>th</sup>, just 2 points shy of 7<sup>th</sup> place.
  - International Seniors Chorus Champion is the **Dixie District Seniors Chorus**, with 42 on stage.
    - Small & mighty, CSD's 13-man **Ozark Overtones** finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, narrowly edging out the Carolina Statesmen, who had 27 singers.
  - Next Generation Junior Barbershop Quartet Champion is **YTBN**, from Burlington, Wisconsin.
    - **Blue Valley Quartet**, from Overland Park, KS, took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  - Next Generation Barbershop Junior Varsity Chorus Festival – Audience Favorite was **Blue Valley HS Chorale**, from Overland Park, KS, directed by CSD's **Sam Dollins**, and were the highest rated Plateau AA chorus.
- **2023 July 2-9: International @ Louisville, KY**
- **2024 January 9-14: Midwinter @ New York, NY**
- **2024 June 30 – July 7: International @ Cleveland, OH**
- **2025 TBD: Midwinter @ TBD**
- **2025 June 29 – July 6: International @ Denver, CO**

#### ♪ **CSD Conventions & Contests**

- **2023 October 13-15: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
- **2024 April 19-21: CSD Spring Convention @ Ames, IA**
- **2024 October 11-13: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
- **2025 April 11-13: CSD Spring Convention @ Ames, IA (pending)**
- **2025 October 17-19: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
- **2026 April 24-26: CSD Spring Convention @ Ames, IA (pending)**
- **2026 October 16-18: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
- **2027 April 23-25: CSD Spring Convention @ Ames, IA (pending)**
- **2027 October 8-10: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**

♪ Districts determine which contests and awards they present, for any District-level championships.

- The CSD Board decided a few years ago that we would have Men's, Women's, and Mixed Harmony categories for both our Chorus and Quartet District contests.
- In addition, we will recognize the Overall District Champion Quartet and Chorus for the highest scoring ensembles, regardless of gender.

- We will also continue to hold our district quartet contests for Senior, Super-Senior, Novice, Super-Novice, and Youth categories, which are all open to all genders.
- ♪ CSD wishes to encourage all barbershop choruses, regardless of size, so has established contests for all ensembles, based on the number of performers on stage.
  - Plateau levels:
    - 12 – 19 performers = **Plateau I** Chorus
    - 20 – 29 performers = **Plateau II** Chorus
    - 30 – 39 performers = **Plateau III** Chorus
    - 40 or more performers = **Plateau IV** Chorus
  - All Choruses (Men’s, Women’s, Mixed) competing with fewer than 30 performers are automatically included in the CSD Small Chorus contest, which is typically held at the Spring Convention.
  - A chorus may elect to compete in a larger level Plateau if they desire.
  - A chorus with more performers on stage than a Plateau allows will automatically be reassigned to the appropriate level.
  - Currently, the Plateaus apply to Men’s choruses. As CSD gains more Women’s and Mixed Harmony groups, this will be re-evaluated.
  - BHS officially defines a “chorus” as having at least 12 people. So, to allow for smaller groups, CSD has established an additional contest for ensembles with fewer members than a “chorus”:
    - 5 – 11 performers = **VLQ = Very Large Quartet**

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Central States District - Contest & Judging Vice President*

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**Report #300 --- Marketing and Public Relations, Spring, 2023**

**Sandi Wright, Marketing and Public Relations V.P.**



\* At the Leadership Academy Sandi Wright presented classes on branding your chorus by knowing who you are (personality, style and goals) and what you want. There were discussions about audience development, using social media effectively, using mass media (radio/TV/print), understanding your place in the arts community, planning ahead, events promotion and membership recruitment. The focus was on how to positioning your chapter for greater success and how to measure results of your work and positioning the chapter by identifying what sets your chapter apart from other arts groups. Three general session classes were taught: “Getting Back to a New Normal” “Marketing to the Barbershop Singer of **Today**” and “Membership Begins with ME.”

\* Active in publicizing the Leadership Academy and HEP School (where I also served as faculty).

Created a small committee (with a few more to come)

- \* Jim Tanis is handling Facebook posts of upcoming chapter shows
- \* Michael Pommier has volunteered to recreate the Serenade (reporters have been solicited)
- \* Donnell Torres will soon serve as webmaster

Future Goals

- \* Identify Marketing and PR representatives from EACH chorus in the district
- \* Get on the mailing list for chorus/chapter bulletins
- \* Re-write job description to better reflect the position

John Marshall will serve as media contact for the Spring Convention.

Sandi Wright

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### ***Report #310 --- District Website, Spring, 2023***

**Matt Suellentrop, Webmaster**



Exciting news! The CSD website is currently in the process of getting a facelift, as well as a new webmaster. I'm excited to bring **Donell Torres** into the webmaster role. He is a professional website developer that will help bring new ideas and technology to our website. I strongly believe this will help make information and tools more accessible to our members.



Look for more on this as we progress through the year!

Visit <https://www.singcsd.com>

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### ***Report #340 --- CSD Philanthropy, Spring, 2023***

Philanthropy Fund Report

In 2022, the Central States District received donated funds from two sources, BHS Development Fund and Harmony Foundation.

From **BHS Development Fund** we received \$709.26. **Harmony Foundation** funds were \$10,148.95. The total for 2022 was \$10,858.21.



Both organizations send their funds electronically. BHS monthly and Harmony Foundation twice a year.

Thank you to the CSD members who generously contribute to each organization and have a portion of their donations sent to Central States District.

Submitted by  
CSD Treasurer, Larry Warrick

## Barbershop Harmony Society



Central States District has been designated to receive a portion of gifts made to Barbershop Harmony Society through BHS's new giving platform.

BHS is delighted to facilitate the generosity of barbershoppers towards their chapters and districts, by using the BHS platform to help you raise funds to support your amazing work.

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

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## Harmony Foundation International



The mission of the **Harmony Foundation International** is to connect people through charitable giving to enrich lives through singing. HFI believes that singing improves lives and seeks philanthropic partners who wish to share the gift of singing as a means of making lives more enjoyable, satisfying and meaningful. HFI provides funding for music education programs for students in middle and high school and college, as well as outreach programs in communities, to promote, develop and advance opportunities for lifelong singing. Thanks for designating the



Central States District on your Harmony Foundation International **Donor's Choice** donation! Up to 30% of your contribution may be returned to you chapter or district through the donor's choice program.

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

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**Report #360 --- Historian, Spring, 2023**

**Tom Schulein, Historian**



No report at this time.

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**Report #400 --- Music and Performance, Spring, 2023**

**Jeff Veteto, Music & Performance V.P.**



**HEP Scores Another Win**

As the Consent Calendar goes to press, we have very fresh news regarding HEP 2023, held [February 25](#) in St. Joseph, Missouri. It is safe to say that HEP School is the highlight of the calendar year for Music and Performance, year in and year out.

First, a bit of history: We revived the HEP (Harmony Education Program) School in 2015, running a total of six live events from 2015 to 2020. During the pandemic, we went virtual for two years (2021 and 2022), with this year's event being our return to live HEP. As with so many other post-pandemic endeavors, we are thawing out gradually. But anything HEP 2023 lacked in size, it more than made up for in quality.

We had five quartets in for coaching:

- Swing Shift
- Maximum Ring
- SoundAbout
- Yorktown Sound, and
- Spitfire

.....as well as one chorus: Kansas City's Heart of America (HOA)

We had an amazing faculty, sized just right for the crowd being coached:

- David Wright
- Sandi Wright
- Susan Ives
- Rik Johnson
- Bobby Gray, Jr.

Wyatt Park Baptist Church served us well as a venue for the school, and even the Pizza Shoppe lunch drew high praise!

At every turn, the quartets (and chorus!) bragged on the coaches, and the coaches bragged on the groups they were coaching. Truly, everything just seemed to work out well.

Now to next year's big challenge: Bigger (more groups) and Even Better!

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### **Report #420 --- Chorus Director Development, Spring, 2023**

Larry Monson, CSD Chorus Director Development

#### NEW DIRECTORS WANTED

New director ads are free to Society chapters and choruses. Fill out the form located at the link below to submit your ad request and add your vacancy. The Society will post your ad to an interactive map as well as include your listing in the next issue of the Harmonizer (first 50 words are free to Society chapters and choruses. (See submission deadlines on the Harmonizer page.) Vacancies will be posted for 3 months, unless otherwise specified.



[Chorus Directors | Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

--- Mark Fuerniss, CSD Secretary

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### **Report #450 --- Chapter Support and Leadership Training, Spring, 2023**

Chad Schuetz, CSLT V.P.

### **Report #460 --- Leadership Academy, Spring, 2023**

Chad Schuetz, CSLT V.P.



The screenshot shows the Barbershop Harmony Society website. At the top is the BHS logo, a circular emblem with a stylized flame and the text 'BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY'. Below the logo is the text 'Barbershop Harmony Society'. A navigation bar contains links for 'events', 'join', 'shop', 'education', and 'donate'. The date 'FEBRUARY 22, 2023' is displayed. The main content area features a 'NEW TOOL FOR BHS LEADERS' section with a 'New Resource Alert!' heading. The text below reads: 'There is a NEW tool to help support your efforts as a leader in the Barbershop Harmony Society. **Introducing: the Harmony University (HU) Library!** This new resource (located in the **BHS Member Center**) is a collection of training, best practices, and educational resources. This tool will be updated quarterly and will be your one-stop shop to increase your knowledge and the impact of your singing community. Check out what is currently available in the HU Library.'

**Chapter Officer Training:** These self-paced courses contain foundational operations knowledge for chapter officers. If someone is just beginning their journey as a chapter officer or if they want a refresh, they can learn all of the ins and outs of their chapter role here:

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

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**Report #470 --- Membership Development, Spring, 2023**

**Membership Development V.P. , Don Fuson**



2022

- a) Led Leadership Academy Classes in Membership and Leadership
- b) Emails to chapter membership roles with training info
- c) Continuing to work with HQ regarding individual member data anomalies/errors

2023

- d) Chapter Year-End reports of 2023 Chapter Leaders to State VPs
- e) Chapter Member Counts for past several years to State VPs
- f) Tracked down individual CSD members with expired credit cards for recurring dues and notified Chapter Presidents
- g) Developed new report to highlight chapters not showing any Chorus Director

Don Fuson  
CSD Membership VP

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**Report #475 --- Chapter Eternal, Spring, 2023**

**Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary**

The following barbershoppers will be inducted into the CSD Hall of Fame during the House of Delegates meeting, Spring 2023.

**William “Bill” Keppel**  
**Kevin Keppel**  
**Ed Guzis**  
**John Jones**  
**Bruce Wenner**  
**Richard Lindberg**  
**Don Campbell**  
**Denny Sorge**

**Florissant Valley, MO**  
**Florissant Valley**  
**Davenport, IA**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**Kansas City, MO**  
**Sioux City, IA**  
**St. Louis Suburban**  
**Grand Island, NE**

**Men of Harmony Chorus**  
**Men of Harmony Chorus**  
**Chordbusters Chorus**  
**Lincoln Continentals**  
**Heart of America Chorus**  
**Siouxland Discovery Chorus**  
**Gentlemen of Sound**  
**Conestoga Chorus**

James Porter  
Frank Sullivan

Kearney, NE  
Hastings, NE  
Kansas City, MO  
Kansas City, MO

1733 Area Chorus  
Chorus of the Plains  
Heart of America Chorus  
Heart of America Chorus

Send information on deceased members of your chapter to: Mark Fuerniss, CSD Secretary, [lonniemark@navix.net](mailto:lonniemark@navix.net). The Society has links to obituaries for some of the deceased barbershoppers: <https://www.barbershop.org/in-memoriam>.

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**Report #510 --- Iowa State V.P. Report, Spring, 2023**

**Jeffrey Arians, Iowa State V.P.**



There is definitely excitement brewing amongst our Iowa chapters, as our state is set to host a convention again! We also have a brand new, official chapter in Des Moines. Their chapter name is Des Moines Metro, perhaps better known by their chorus name, Vox Infinitus. They are about 12 members strong at the moment and will be making their debut in Iowa City! These guys are a very fun bunch and will definitely make a splash at contest.

I'm going to be reaching out to our other Iowa chapters to gauge interest in an all-Iowa barbershop event. I want to get us all together to further strengthen the ties between Iowa chapters (and to give us all another chance to sing with friends). I will be reaching out to each chapter's president in the next few weeks and continue the conversation at the Spring Convention, as there will be quite a few Iowa chapters in attendance!

Spring shows are coming up for our Iowa chapters! I will be trying my best to make each one and introduce myself (if we haven't met yet) and sing some tags with each chapter!

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**Report #520 --- Kansas State V.P. Report, Spring, 2023**

**Kevin Barker, Kansas State V.P.**



Consent Calendar Report Feb, 2023 Kevin Barker KS VP Since the last convention I am still host a monthly Zoom call with all the presidents. I have no set agenda but to allow the presidents to talk about current issues they may be facing. These zoom meetings allow the presidents to share ideas and advice with each other. On one call I suggested to the group an idea that on every publication they have a QR code for their respective websites so with a click of a smart phone it will direct the person to the chorus web site or Facebook page. I hope to have a guest on a future zoom to talk about Membership and how to attract possible members! Thanks

Kevin Barker  
Kansas State VP

**Report #530 --- Missouri/Arkansas V.P. Report, Spring, 2023**

**Michael Bass , Missouri/Arkansas State V.P.**

David Fares of the St. Louis #1 Chapter reports: “The Chapter is quite well and active indeed. Our performance calendar is packed; and we are receiving requests for engagements to which, in all good conscience, we cannot commit. Our active quartets are a source of some considerable joy and, dare I say, pride. There are challenges of course; and our Executive Board at times



walks a very fine line in making policy decisions. Nevertheless, we are most thankful for the good our Chorus has thus far achieved, and we look forward to a very productive and harmonious future.”

--- Mark Fuerniss. CSD Secretary



**Report #540 --- Nebraska State V.P. Report, Spring, 2023**

**Rick Pape, Nebraska State V.P.**

As a new member of the CSD board, I am very enthused about working to grow the numbers in each of the Nebraska Chapters. I have already installed two sets of chapter officers and look forward to visiting them again. My plan going forward for 2023 is to visit each of the chapter’s practice/board meetings at least once during the year. I am excited about attending all of the chapter’s shows, some of which are coming up soon: Nebraska City on March 4, Beatrice on March 25 & 26, and Fremont on April 1. I will be attending the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island in August to help Fran Wilson in the Barbershop Singers booth. We will try to spread the word about this great hobby in an effort to grow all of the Nebraska Chapters.



Rick Pape  
Nebraska State V.P.

**Report #550 --- South Dakota State V.P. Report, Spring, 2023**

**David Stephenson, South Dakota State V.P.**

Mitchell – Mitchell Barbershop Chorus  
No report at this time.

Sioux Falls - Sioux Emperians

The Emperians participated in the Winder Christmas Concert, which was their first performance in a couple of years. Chapter numbers are down but we continue to try to make the Chapter strong again. Not much



else at this time, however, starting to look at Summer sing outs and decide if we want to try to do something this Fall. Working on getting some new Chapter leadership on the books. Other than that, just trying to survive this lovely Winter.

#### Viborg - Tri Valley Chorus

We have had the pleasure of several Singouts at our local Nursing Homes this past Fall and Winter, including Viborg, Centerville, heading there again on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and Yankton. It is always so much fun to sing at those locations as they really seem to appreciate it. One of our quartets, the All Nighters, sang for several ladies on Valentines Day. They had a very full day, but lots of fun. We also sang at the funeral of one of our long time Barbershoppers, Everett Knutson. May he rest in peace and perfect harmony.

We will be holding our Spring Show on April 15, at the Centerville High School at 7:00 pm, featuring Fleet Street. Great to have a Quartet from within our District!!

We have had the pleasure of a few new faces coming to sing with us at our Monday night practices. Hopefully they will become regulars. Looking forward to another great year of singing and fellowship.

#### Watertown - Glacial Lakes Harmony

We helped with the Salvation Army Christmas concert in early Dec, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Also sang at a Christmas party for the Edgewood Living Center on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. Did a Valentines Fundraiser on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> as well. At this time, we do not have a Spring Show planned, but we remain available for any type of local sing outs. We practice on Monday nights and we have a new bass and a new baritone!! Always great to get a new voice into the mix!!

#### Winner - Acafellas Chorus

We continue to struggle with holding regular practices this winter. Several of our senior members travel a good distance to get to practice. The weather has not been friendly. Also still some COVID concerns. Relaxing some on regular practices, trying to get together 2-3 times a month as possible. Had planned on a Show last Nov. but had to cancel. Doing some local sing outs as possible. Just relaxing, singing as can, and enjoying it.

Dave Stephenson  
South Dakota VP  
Central States District  
Feb 18, 2023

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### ***Report #560 --- District Secretary's Report, Spring, 2023***

**Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary**

Delegates, welcome to the House of Delegates Meeting.

It seems most chapters were able to get their chapter leaders updated on the [BHS Member Center](#). If you can't locate a particular chapter leader, contact me or your State V.P. for assistance. Searching for members by name on Member Center may also





provide the information you are looking for. It's always a good idea to periodically check your profile and your chapter's profile on Member Center to see if they need updating.

BHS Member Center has added a "Member Connection Tool" which allows you to check on lapsed chapter and chorus members. Also added to the BHS Member Center is a Member Dues Estimator Tool. Check these new features to see if they are helpful to you.

Upcoming Chapter Performances which have been cleared:

March 25, 2023	Central Kansas, KS	McPherson Comm. Bldg.	McPherson, KS,
April 1, 2023	Kansas City, MO	The City House	Kansas City, MO
April 1, 2023	Fremont, NE	Fremont High School	Fremont, NE
April 15, 2023	Hays, KS	Beach/Schmidt PAC	Hays, KS
April 15, 2023	Mason City, IA	North Iowa Area CC	Mason City, IA
April 15, 2023	Viborg, SD	Centerville School	Centerville, SD
April 22, 2023	Black Hawk Metro, IA	West High School	Waterloo, IA
May 6, 2023	Kearney, NE	Merryman PAC	Kearney, NE
May 6, 2023	Manhattan, KS	KSU, Forum Hall	Manhattan, KS
May 20, 2023	Davenport, IA	Nighswander Theater	Davenport, IA

A tri-state barbershop festival scheduled for April 14-15 in Joplin, MO as part of the Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and salute to Percy Wenrich, the Joplin Kid.

Please send BMI/SESAC license, show clearance applications forms to my current address as show clearance forms and checks sent to other addresses may not get to me. ASCAP Report Forms and checks should be sent to Society office in Nashville.

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## ***Report #570 --- District Treasurer's Report, Spring, 2023***

**Larry Warrick, District Treasurer**

Some of my accomplishments are as follows:

- Monthly paid bills due and deposited funds that were received
- Reconciled the accounts in QuickBooks monthly
- Prepared financial reports as requested by the District President
- Closed the books on 2022
- Sent the financial records to our Financial Reviewer





- Any financial questions I receive from chapters or individuals have been answered and the State VP copied on the reply
- Prepared 2023 Budget from requests made by Board members, PAT Vice Presidents and Committee chairs
- Prepared the Annual Financial report, Balance sheet report for the Spring Board meeting and HOD meeting
- Sent 1099-NEC and 1096 to the individuals and iRS
- Will be submitting the 990-EZ filings before May 15
- Expense vouchers and bills have been paid in a timely manner with CSD President's approval
- Facilitated the CSD Leadership Academy for the Treasurers Class

Respectively Submitted  
 Larry Warrick, CSD Treasurer

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***Report #580 --- Immediate Past President Report, Spring, 2023***

**Duane Lawson – Immediate Past President**

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***Report #585 --- Nominating Committee Report, Spring, 2023***

I am excited for my new role on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President. My primary goal is to gather candidates as the chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in a leadership position for the Central States District, please notify me, as we always want to find the “Next Person Up”.

I was pleased with the decision to move the Leadership Academy to November. This allowed chapter leaders to get a head start in their planning and to share ideas with other chapter leaders. I enjoyed leading the discussion with the Presidents Class.

I was asked to install the 2023 officers for the Leavenworth, KS and Metro Kansas City, MO chapters.

Looking forward to the leadership retreat in late February, where we will be developing a Strategic Plan for Central States District.

Can't wait to see Matt Suellentrop and Brett Randolph prosper in their new District Board positions as President and Executive Vice President.

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**Report #590 --- Executive Vice President Report, Spring, 2023**

**Bret Randolph, Executive Vice President**



Hello barbershoppers of the Central States District! Since this is my first report to you as Executive Vice President, I would like to take some time to introduce myself.

My name is Brett Randolph and I have been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 2011 and am a charter member of the South Central Kansas Chapter where I am currently serving as Immediate Past President. I also sing baritone in a quartet called Harmonic Ring.

My wife, Laine, and I live in Andover, Kansas and have six children. We love music, especially barbershop, and while we do not always attend as a family, we have enjoyed our experiences at District Conventions and Chapter shows. In my day job, I teach life skills through the medium of mathematics, aka math teacher, at Andover Central High School and have done so for the past twenty years. I am excited about the opportunity I have to serve the members and chapters of the Central States District as Executive Vice President.

At the end of February, members of the Board and Program Administrative Team met in Kansas City for a retreat and worked to put together a strategic plan for CSD. It was a great event and I am in awe of the passion the leaders of CSD have for our members and chapters. They all know how much impact barbershop has had on their lives and how important it is to have chapters that strive to be the best that they can be. Whether that is as a community chorus, a competitive chorus, supporting music education, or just getting together once a week to sing songs and tag. There are numerous ways to have success as a chapter. Know that the Board and PAT members are here to help support you.

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**Report #600 --- District President Report, Spring, 2023**

**Matt Suellentrop, District President**



First, let me begin by saying how honored I am to begin my term as CSD President. As I look at the list of other individuals who have held this office, I can't help but be proud (and a little intimidated) to walk in their shoes. A special thanks to past presidents Duane Lawson and Chad Schuetz, whose knowledge and insight has been invaluable to me over the last two years.

Your district leadership teams met in February for a strategic planning meeting. The purpose of this was to identify points in our district that we can improve on and strengthen how CSD can help our chapters and its members. I'm very thankful for the dedication that those people have for the betterment of our district!

We have a great year ahead of us when it comes to our scheduled events. Our preparations for this year actually started at the end of 2022 with our annual Leadership Academy. The decision was made to move the date up so that our chapter officers felt like they had the knowledge and skills when their term started on [January 1st](#). Just a few weeks ago, we saw the return of our highly successful HEP school return to a live setting!

Our events team continues to work hard to put together fantastic conventions for you. In addition to the contests, they're working hard to come up with additional convention activities to make those weekends fun and fulfilling for all.

Myself and our new Executive Vice President, Brett Randolph, are excited to begin our work connecting with our chapters and members from across the district. We hope you will join us at the spring convention for a town hall meeting. There, we will give YOU the opportunity to visit with us and ask any questions that you may have. It's through open dialogue like this, that we as district leadership are able to know first-hand what we can do to help improve your experience as a barbershopper. There is no cookie cutter way that we enjoy our hobby. Some of us enjoy competition, and some of us enjoy our monthly sing outs. Or both! But whatever barbershop means to you, I'm happy that you're here!



*Where the Harmony Began*