



Where the Harmony Began

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 7, 2022



[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.]

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Report #100 --- Executive Director Report

Marty Monson, Executive Director, mmonson@barbershop.org



What's Happening

Midwinter Convention, February 7 – 12, 2023, Daytona Beach, FL



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



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

International Convention, 2024, Cleveland, OH



Megan Tankersley
Executive Assistant to the CEO
Barbershop Harmony Society



Report #200 --- CSD Events, Fall, 2022

Doug Brott, District Events V.P.



The 2022 Fall Convention in Lawrence is looking like it could have largest attendance in several years. At this time (25 Aug), 6 choruses and 17 quartets have registered. The Convention Team published new Safety Protocol eliminating proof of vaccination. All attendees are encouraged to prioritize their own safety based on their needs. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 or Flu like symptoms are asked to not attend.

Leadership Academy (LA) is scheduled for November 19, 2022, in Shawnee KS. Holding LA before the end of the year will allow new chapter leaders to attend and enable them to start the year trained as opposed to receiving training a month or two after starting their role. More information will be published soon.

HEP School has not been scheduled yet but will be held late January or February 2023 probably in St. Joseph MO or Shawnee KS.

The 2023 Spring Convention is scheduled for April 21-23 in Iowa City. The SAI 2023 Regional Convention is the same weekend in Cedar Rapids. As there is so much overlap in the two

organizations now, the Convention Team is exploring options to move to a different weekend but keeping it in Iowa City.

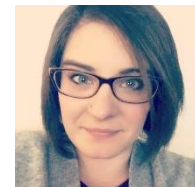
The Convention Team continues to explore options for future conventions with the idea of keeping the conventions centrally located in the district. Due to some changes with prioritization at the Lied Center in Lawrence, they approached us about our continued use of their facilities for future Fall Conventions. 2023 and 2024 were already confirmed with both the Lied and the DoubleTree Hotel. Now 2025, 2026 and 2027 have been tentatively confirmed also. We will be able to confirm as soon as the KU Board of Regents publishes their future schedules. In addition, the Ames IA Convention and Visitors Bureau approached us about considering Ames for conventions. The Convention Team has scheduled a FAM Trip for November for consideration of the Spring 2024 Convention.

Below you will see our scheduled conventions and events. We hope that by planning these further out, your chapter will be able to plan on attending!

	Spring	Fall
2023	April 21-23, 2023 (Pending any change) Iowa City, IA	October 13-15, 2023 Lawrence, KS
2024	April 19-21, 2024 TBD	October 11-13, 2024 Lawrence, KS
2025	April 11-13, 2025 Iowa City, IA	October 17-19, 2025 Lawrence, KS
2026	April 24-26, 2026 TBD	Oct 16-18, 2026 Lawrence, KS
2027	April 23-25, 2027 TBD	Oct 8-10, 2027 Lawrence, KS

Report #210 --- CSD Convention Chair, Fall, 2022

Joy Suellentrop, Convention Chair
Mike Nelson, Assistant Convention Chairman



Report #214 --- Contest and Judging, Fall, 2022

Carter Combs, Contest and Judging V.P.



- **BHS Conventions & Contests**
 - **2022 July 3-10: International @ Charlotte, NC**
 - BHS held its first gender-neutral International Quartet & Chorus Contests.
 - **2023 February 7-12: Midwinter @ Daytona Beach, FL**
 - International Seniors Quartet Contest will be open to all genders.
 - International Seniors Chorus Contest changes have also been announced:
 - This contest will be open to all-male, all-female, and mixed or all-voice singing groups that meet the eligibility criteria (12+ singing members ages 55 and older).
 - It will be a standard contest experience, complete with traditional scoring at every step.
 - You must score a 61 or higher to qualify for Midwinter.
 - The five highest scoring choruses are guaranteed a spot in Daytona, and more may be invited in order of highest scores.
 - **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 – Location Just Announced.**
- **CSD Conventions & Contests**
 - **2023 TBD: CSD Spring Convention @ Iowa City, IA**
 - NOTE – due to a scheduling conflict, this convention may be moved to new dates.
 - **2023 October 12-15: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
 - **2024 April 18-21: CSD Spring Convention @ TBD**
 - **2024 October 10-13: CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS**
 - **2025 Spring 10-13: CSD Spring Convention @ Iowa City, IA**
 - **2025 October 16-19: CSD Fall Convention @ TBD**
- 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 select 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**
- Everyone In Harmony!

*CHORDially,
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Central States District - Contest & Judging Vice President*

Report #300 --- Marketing and Public Relations, Fall, 2022

Sandi Wright, Marketing and Public Relations V.P.



Announcing Sandi Wright as the Marketing and Public Relations Vice President, Sandi is the only person certified as a competition judge in every North American barbershop organization. She is certified in the Visual Communications Category with Sweet Adelines International and the Performance Category in Harmony Incorporated and Barbershop Harmony Society. She is a certified international faculty member of Sweet Adelines International.

Thanks to Jim Tanis for filing the past few months.

Report #310 --- District Website, Fall, 2022

Matt Suellentrop, Webmaster



The District website, www.singcsd.com, continues to be your central hub for all information pertaining to CSD! There you can find details pertaining to conventions, Leadership Academy, HEP school, our district's history and much more!

2023 will see a facelift to the website, with updated information as well as better functionality. As usual, please reach out with any thoughts you have that can make the district website better to serve our members!

Matt Suellentrop
District Webmaster

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

Report #340 --- CSD Philanthropy, Fall, 2022

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>

Barbershop Harmony Society



Donations to Central States District via BHS Portal

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

March, 2022 Total: \$109.25

June, 2022 Total: \$29.00

July, 2022 Total: \$18.00

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.

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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

Report #360 --- Historian, Fall, 2022

Tom Schulein, Historian



New history display has been completed and is slated for viewing at Lawrence.

Former historian Jim Nugent is planning to attend.

Report #400 --- Music and Performance, Fall, 2022

Jeff Veteto, Music & Performance V.P.



The main item to bring up is HEP 2023. Due to safety issues, we opted to go virtual in 2021, and a combination of safety and venue scheduling issues kept us virtual in 2022.

The good news is they both went well. However, we are all more than ready to get back together, live.

The other big question was whether to keep LA and HEP hooked together. This was discussed both at the spring PAT meeting, and also at a meeting in Charlotte. For multiple reasons, it was decided that having LA in November of 2022, and HEP in February of 2023 made sense.

So we're looking at [February 25, 2023](#), in St. Joseph, Missouri for HEP. I have a secret agent (Bemo Myers) working on arrangements for a venue, but it's not all final yet. Meanwhile, we are getting faculty lined up, and it is shaping up to be a winner!

Stand by for more news in this great event!

Music and Performance
By Jeff Veteto

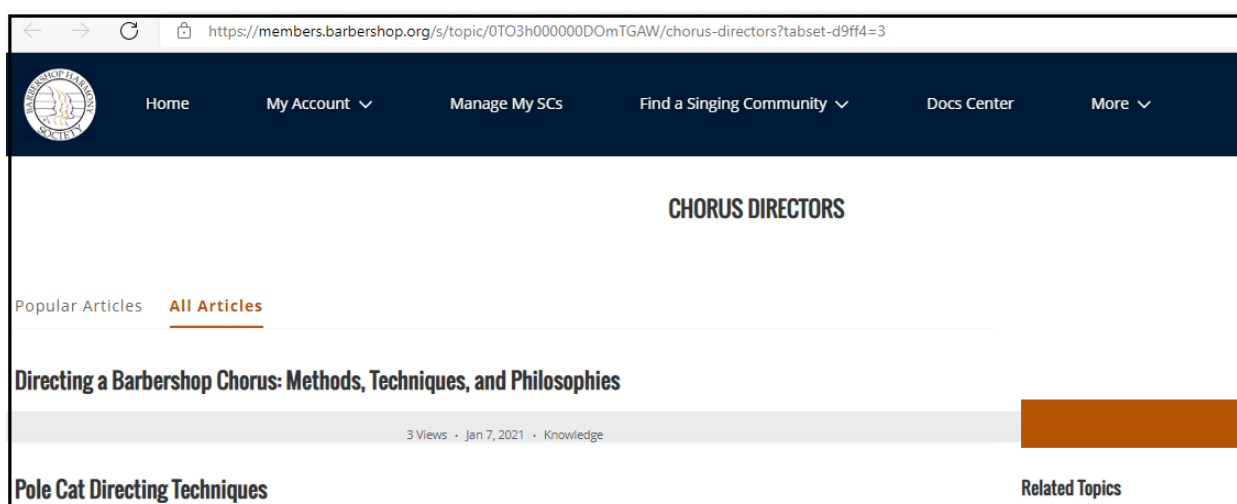
Report #420 --- Chorus Director Development, Fall, 2022

Position vacant.

For Society resources on Chorus Director Development, log into Member Center:
<https://members.barbershop.org>.



Link for the new document center:
<https://members.barbershop.org/s/topic/0TO3h000000D0mTGAW/chorus-directors?tabset-d9ff4=3>.



--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

Report #450 --- Chapter Support and Leadership, Fall, 2022

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 and State Vice Presidents. The role of the Chapter Advocate and State Vice Presidents 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.



As chapters begin to get back to “normal”, they may find that now is the time to take a closer look at their goals and aspirations as a chapter. Do not hesitate to reach out to your Chapter

Advocate or State Vice President and ask for their assistance and expertise. This can be done informally through an email or phone call or formally with an in-person visit with your Chapter Board. Chapter Advocates and State Vice Presidents are there to help chapters reach the goals of its members.

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Report #460 --- Leadership Academy, Fall, 2022

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 2022 Leadership Academy. The 2022 Leadership Academy is being held on Saturday, November 19th at Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Shawnee, Kansas. The registration link and hotel information will be available on the Leadership Academy page at www.singcsd.com under the Education tab.

We have expanded our course offerings so that ALL chapter members can attend and grow in their leadership. 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. We are also offering a five for four special on registrations at the 2022 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, 2022

Membership Development V.P. , Don Fuson

2022-2023 Planning

- a) Support chapter leaders to complete their leaders on the Member Center
- b) Document Member Center issues that continue to confuse



chapter leaders

- c) Prepare additional/new Leadership Development classes for CSD Leadership Academy (Nov 2022)
- d) Expand the use of chapter roster by chapter Secys/MembVPs to assist in member RETENTION
- e) Encourage member contact to fully engage in the singing experience via the local chorus
- f) Develop new year-to-year chapter membership count reports for State VPs and CSD Leaders

Don Fuson
CSD Membership VP

Report #475 --- Chapter Eternal, Fall, 2022

Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary

The following barbershoppers will be inducted into the CSD Hall of Fame during the House of Delegates meeting, Fall 2022.

Maynard Schudel	Ord, NE	Loup Valley Harmonizers
Burdett Tordoff	Kansas City, MO	Heart of America
Edgar Sunderman	Kansas City, MO	Heart of America
Jimmie Pierce	Springfield, MO	Sho-Me Statesmen
Kenneth Clement	Ord, NE	Loup Valley Harmonizers
Gilbert Nussbaum	St. Charles, MO	Ambassadors of Harmony
Stephen Waters	Elkader, IA	Keystone Chorus
Junior Thede	Waterloo, IA	Twin Town
Doug Boelman	Blackhawk Metro	Proud Image
Robert Schuerman	Beatrice, NE	Homestead Harmonizers
Robert E. Sharp, Jr.	Leavenworth, KS	Cody Choraliers
Frederick Whisman	Kansas City, MO	Heart of America
Michael Short	Cedar Rapids, IA	Harmony Hawks
Boyd Ostrem	Viborg, SD	Tri-Valley
Paul Lundberg	Des Moines, IA	Pride of Iowa
Dan Wiedel	Beatrice, NE	Homestead Harmonizers
Austin Stiles	Leavenworth	Cody Choraliers
John McNamara	Davenport, IA	Chordbusters
Dale Vanderford	Lincoln, NE	Lincoln Continentals
Charles Meyer, Jr.	Leavenworth	Cody Choraliers

Send information on deceased members of your chapter to: Mark Fuerniss, CSD Secretary, lonniemark@navix.net.

Report #510 --- Iowa State V.P. Report, Fall, 2022

Jeffrey Ariens, Iowa State V.P.



I have been able to get connected with most of our Iowa chapters during the 5 months since our spring convention. Most of our chapters are back to in-person rehearsals and have put on a show/public event. The state of Iowa has also added another chapter, Des Moines Metro (Vox Infinitus). They currently have 12 members and are continuing to grow. I was able to attend a “Barber-Q” that their director, Nathan Green, hosted in Ankeny on August 20th. Not only was the food amazing, but the big sound being produced by them caught me off guard. I am excited for the rest of the Central States District to hear them!

I was also able to attend the Iowa City chapter’s “cookie festival,” where I got to hear/meet members from the Iowa City, Dubuque, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, and Muscatine chapters (I apologize if I missed a chapter). The night started with everyone in attendance doing a few warmup songs and getting assigned to a random chorus. We then broke off to practice a song with our random chorus to get it ready for the competition. The three choruses then assembled back in the main room to sing their polished song to the audience. After hearing all 3, the audience chose the winner of the competition, and their prize was going through the cookie line first! After everyone ate too many cookies, the chapters and quartets in attendance had the opportunity to sing for the audience/chapters. This was my first cookie festival, but I know I will be back in the future. This event is put on annually by the Iowa City chapter and ALL Iowa barbershoppers are invited to join and I hope to see even more next year!

Report #520 --- Kansas State V.P. Report, Fall, 2022

Kevin Barker, Kansas State V.P.



August, 2022

We as in the Presidents of the Kansas chapter continue to meet by Zoom once a month with most of chapter Presidents making the call each month. In May a zoom call was organized for all the State VP’s to meet plus CSD President and EVP. The goal from this meeting was for each State VP to call each Chapter in his state and get to know the President and see if there is any advice or help needed. I was able to talk to all but 2 chapter in June (We were to report back in August our findings). One of the ideas out of one of our monthly Zoom calls was for state wide Barbershop Chorus to sing the National Anthem at a State collage. I will be contacting someone from the district that can give me advise on how we can approach collages. (Will be for next year)

Thanks
Kevin Barker
Kansas State VP

Report #530 --- Missouri/Arkansas V.P. Report, Fall, 2022

Michael Bass , Missouri/Arkansas State V.P.



The city of Joplin, MO is planning their 150th Anniversary, April 10 – 16, 2022 and celebrating Barbershop, a cappella singing April 15 & 16 with clinics by Jim Henry and AIC, and many barbershop groups and barbershoppers in the area participating. April 16 will feature a tribute to Percy Wenrich (“You Wore A Tulip” and “Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet”), Quorum and Titanium quartets, and a Celebrations Chorus made up of area barbershoppers. --- editor’s comments

Report #540 --- Nebraska State V.P. Report, Fall, 2022

Dr. Jacob Bartlett, Nebraska State V.P.



Dear BOD, HOD, and CSD, and BHS Members,

It has been a busy and rewarding Summer for the state of Nebraska barbershoppers. Here are some of the happenings.

- 1.) Barbershoppers across the state sang the national anthem at the NU spring game. I believe we had 100 or so. It was an honor to sing under Pete Stibor. The event was such a hit that... well, see below.
- 2.) Around 180 Nebraska barbershoppers sang at the NU game vs Georgia Southern on [September 10](#). The game was televised on Fox Sports 1, with a perfectly timed flyover. The chorus was directed by Andrew Barber.
- 3.) I personally attended the Fremont, Grand Island/Kearney/Hastings spring shows. Very well done. I look forward to attending more chapter shows during the fall and holiday seasons.
- 4.) Nebraskapella Day at the State Fair was [August 28](#). 1:30 and 5:30 sing times were provided for mass choruses. Quartets from any state and people who wanted to sing were invited. Special thanks to Fran Wilson for spearheading the recruitment efforts, and the choruses from the Tri Cities for hosting the event.
- 5.) The Lincoln chapter has two new directors: Aaron Zart and Logan Langholdt. Aaron is the lead of Fleet Street, and both teach choir at LPS. Lincoln appears to be on an upward trend in terms of members.

6.) Lincoln chapter sang a Memorial Day concert in DC. From my conversations, this trip was well executed and members had an experience they will never forget.

7.) I personally have joined Fremont, and enjoyed my first international in Charlotte! Fremont hosted their 50th anniversary banquet on [Monday, August 1](#). Around 80-90 singers joined the mass chorus, with friends and family in attendance.

8.) Beatrice plans to attend the fall convention. Fremont may be the only other Nebraska chorus.

9.) Grand Island continues to try to find a new director. Please send interested candidates to Bill Leslie.

10.) The Pathfinder Invitational featured seven quartets from NE, Metro KC and Wichita. The Pathfinder Chorus also performed. Judges included Theresa Weatherbee, Aaron Evens and Brent Graham. [August 19](#) at 7pm. Special thanks to Tom Westman for coordinating the event.

11.) Sarpy Serenaders (Papillion) hosted a patriotic concert at SUMTER Amphitheatre on [August 21](#). 8 quartets and 2 choruses (Lincoln Continentals joined) performed live.

12.) I am currently looking into hosting a Youth in Harmony festival at Peru State College in the spring. Dates will be determined later.

13.) Websites - I haven't had time to start on this. Lots of family health issues this summer.

14.) Goals - I will attend as many live shows as I can during the fall/holiday season. I will continue to visit chapters as requested.

Chordially,
Jake

Report #550 --- South Dakota State V.P. Report, Fall, 2022

David Stephenson, South Dakota State V.P.

Acafellas Chorus – Winner, SD

The Acafellas Chorus is currently meeting on Tuesday evenings with about 10 in attendance. They currently have one lady singing tenor along with them. They have been and are dealing with struggles as are the other Chapters with COVID, keeping all four parts filled and keeping people involved. They have not had any recent sing-outs, but they are hoping they will have some around the Christmas season, as they have in the past. Plans are to have a Show



in November. As Kelly said in our phone conversation, as long as we can fill the parts, we practice.

Mitchell Barbershop Chorus – Mitchell, SD --- No report at this time.

Sioux Emperians – Sioux Falls, SD --- No report at this time.

Had a conversation with Tim Ries, President, of the Sioux Emperians tonight. They, as everyone else, continue to struggle with getting people to want to practice on a regular basis. They are having 10-12 fairly regular attending to sing. This next Tuesday, Sept. 6th, they are going to have a Social with past, present, and possibly future members invited. Hope to stir some interest and get some of them to start coming again. They are hoping to put together a Winter Event focused around Christmas and have had a few sing-outs around town. Their last one they had 16 singers to show up and sing! Their Director is still hanging in there with them, and they hope to be able to rekindle the interest and get the Emperians back to the strong, energetic Chorus that they have been in the past.

Glacial Lakes Harmonizers – Watertown, SD

In conversation with Roger Carter, President, it sounds like Glacial Lakes Harmonizers are keeping busy. They have been singing at some local events and variety shows. They hope to be able to be part of their local Christmas Show where they are normally featured. They currently have 7-9 singers to show up on Monday night to practice, and have 1 new member. We discussed the Fall Convention and the Leadership Academy. He will see if they have anyone who might be interested in attending either one.

Tri-Valley Chorus – Viborg, SD

We have been very fortunate to basically hold our numbers, not necessarily according to the Member Center, but as individuals being present to sing on a weekly basis. We have the pleasure of some younger singers who seem to be enjoying singing with the rest of us. We just recently sang at one of our local churches for their 150th year Celebration. We also had the privilege of going down to Sioux City and sing the National Anthem with the Siouxland Discovery Chorus at one of their ball games at Discovery Field. We will be singing for two of the local Nursing Homes within the next month, and hopefully will be able to have some Christmas sing-outs as well. We are planning our Spring 2023 Show for April 15th, featuring FleetStreet, from our own CSD.

We had hoped to get our area Chapters together this past July for a group sing-out, trying to rekindle some enthusiasm for those who had not been singing on a regular basis since COVID. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest from the other Chapters to make it work. Hopefully another time. We know as soon as harvest hits, our numbers will drastically drop off, but as long as we can fill the four parts, we will continue singing.

With the words that our Director Cliff closes every practice with, "It's great to be a Barbershopper". Amen to that.

Dave Stephenson
South Dakota VP, CSD

Fall, 2022 CSD Consent Calendar

Report #560 --- District Secretary's Report, Fall, 2022

Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary



Delegates, welcome to the House of Delegates Meeting. Hope everyone is well and are doing whatever you can to stay safe.

How are you adjusting to the new **BHS Member Center 2.0**? A lot of information to discover there. The Society is continually updating this resource and it seems to be a little easier to navigate. Check to see that your chapter leadership is accurately recorded. Only chapter members current on their Society/District/Chapter dues can be chapter officers (except for Member at Large). Along that line, be sure your **new chapter leaders** are listed before the end of the calendar year.

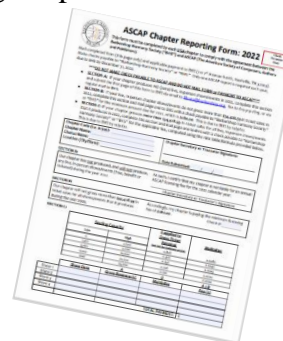


The new Member Center makes obvious the distinction between a chapter and its chorus or choruses. Chapters and choruses are separate “singing communities”. For example, only chorus directors, chorus managers, and the chapter secretary can enter their chorus in contests. By default the chorus roster is usually populated with chapter members.

Past CSD President Mark Erikson and his **Bylaws revision** committee made up of Chad Schuetz, Matt Suellentrop and Duane Lawson have been working to align our District Bylaws to the BHS Standard District Bylaws and also hope to revise the District’s Code of Regulations. The Society also released BHS Standard Chapter Bylaws a couple years ago and chapters should review and officially adopt or revise. The BHS Standard Chapter Bylaws can be found on the BHS Member Center site. It would be a good time for chapters to also review their other governing documents, Code of Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures, etc.



The Society released a new BMI/SESAC License and Show Clearance Application, effective July 1, 2022. Chapters hosting chapter shows should send a **2022 BMI/SESAC LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SHOW CLEARANCE**, along with the appropriate fee to the District Secretary at 3060 San Agustin Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516, well before the performance date. A **2022 ASCAP Report Form** and appropriate fees are



sent to the Society at the end of the year. Forms are available on the BHS Member Center site. If copyrighted songs are performed for the public, performing licenses are required.

Upcoming Chapter Performances which have been cleared:

October 15, 2022	Olathe, KS	Colonial Presbyterian Church	Overland Park, KS
November 5, 2022	Dubuque, IA	Clarke College	Dubuque, IA
November 27, 2022	Beatrice, NE	Hevelone Center	Beatrice NE
December 3, 2022,	St. Louis No. 1	Jefferson College	St. Louis, MO

December 3, 2022	Kansas City, MO	Activities Center	Unity Village, MO
December 10, 2022	South Central KS	Wichita Collegiate School	Wichita, KS
December 11, 2022	Des Moines, IA	Hope + Elim Church	Des Moines, IA
December 11, 2022	Manhattan, KS	Forum Hall, K-State Union	Manhattan, KS

Please send BMI/SESAD, show clearance forms to my current address as show clearance forms and checks sent to my previous address may not get to me.

Attending the CSD Leadership Academy November 19 will make managing your chapter business easier. Best wishes for your chapter and choruses in the upcoming year.

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Report #570 --- District Treasurer's Report, Fall, 2022

Larry Warrick, District Treasurer

Treasurer's Report, Fall 2022



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
- Prepared Spring Convention financial report for the Fall Board meeting and HOD meeting
- Prepared proposed budget for 2023 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 2022 Leadership Academy
- Attending several Board meeting via Zoom

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Report #580 --- Immediate Past President Report, Fall, 2022

Chad Schuetz – Immediate Past President

I first joined the CSD Board of Directors as Kansas State Vice President a little over eight years ago. Throughout this time, the needs of the district changed and evolved, especially during the worst times of the pandemic.



I was in my early 30s at the time I joined the BOD and was a very novice barbershopper. (Just this past week, I received my card for 11 years.) I had just helped to get the SmorgasChorus off the ground with several of my best friends. The process was daunting, and only made possible by the help of Mike Scott, CSD Membership VP at the time, and Harvey Kiser, CSD President at the time. What I've learned over these last several years is that this district is amazing. While we have incredible quartets and choruses that have won the international competitions, the real strength of this district is in the people.

We have extremely passionate people that continue to look for ways to engage our members. The district's Program Administrative Team has done an incredible job finding ways to make events more accessible for both in-person or virtual events, even finding some Hybrid options for some of the events throughout these last couple of years. The convention team has worked diligently to schedule our events and negotiate contracts that has allowed us to make money, while providing a great place for quartets and choruses to sing. The district also has provided funds for singing communities to work together on joint projects to engage their singers and their larger communities. This work is vital and I'm proud of what our teams have done.

I share this to say THANK YOU, but to also remind each of us that we need the support of our Central States Community to continue this important work. Please consider getting involved at a deeper level with events at your local chapter level, as well as lending your voice and strengths to our district teams.

Special thanks throughout my tenure go to Mark Fuerniss for always looking out for the best interests of the district, and his reminders about our past practices and policies. We can learn so much from our history, and Mark continues to be an amazing advocate for all of us. Also, Larry Warrick who has been amazing as our District Treasurer over all of these years. He continues to keep our district on fiscally sound footing. They continue to be excellent supports to our district leaders, Duane Lawson and Matt Suellentrop, and I'm thankful for all that they continue to do.

I'm excited to get back to singing on the stage with my chorus and quartet brothers and I look forward to staying active with our members throughout our amazing district!

Sing with you soon!

Chad Schuetz
Immediate Past President
Central States District

Report #585 --- Nominating Committee Report, Fall, 2022

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 years**, and the state vice presidents for Iowa and Kansas being elected to begin their terms in the even numbered years. . . “.

Nominating Committee presents the following candidates:

President–Matt Suellentrop (St. Charles, MO)

Executive Vice President– Brett Randolph (South Central Kansas, KS)

The Committee also presents Michael Bass, (Missouri/Arkansas), David Stephenson, (South Dakota), elected by chapter presidents in their respective states.

If you, or someone you know, has an interest in serving at the district level to support and encourage members in the Central States District, please reach out to Nominating Committee Chair, Chad Schuetz, at cschuetz@eldoradoschools.org

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Report #590 --- Executive Vice President Report, Fall, 2022

Matt Suellentrop, Executive Vice President

How hard it is to believe that we are arriving at our first fall convention since 2019! Most of you know how much of a barbershop junkie I am, so to say I'm excited is certainly an understatement. As I near the end of my term as Executive Vice President, I can't begin to tell you how honored I am to have served our district in this role. I was able to gain more knowledge of the inner-workings of our Society through continued contact with Harmony Hall as well as leaders from



the other districts within BHS. From those interactions, I can tell you that there is no shortage of passionate people doing everything they can to lead and speak for our members.

On behalf of myself and President Lawson, thank you to all of our CSD members who have written or called to express their viewpoints on various topics. I hope you know that you are heard, and that we take everything you say to heart. Our members are the backbone of our district and the Society. And I'm eternally grateful to sing beside you.

Matt Suellentrop
Executive Vice President

Report #600 --- District President Report, Fall, 2022

Duane Lawson, District President



I am sure by the time you have read my report, it has been mentioned that 5 choruses, 6 quartets and 3 Next Generation quartets represented our district at International. Other districts could only dream to have that type of representation and so awesome we had 2 choruses in the Top 5.

My 2022 goal was to visit groups in person and not have to Zoom!! I had an incredible experience going to the Spring Game at Nebraska University. It was great to meet people from different chapters and experience the energy from the crowd. By the time of this report is distributed, I am going to go again and sing the National Anthem with a majority of the Nebraska chapters on September 10.

The Fremont, NE chapter invited me to their show and it was fantastic. They had a great theme that they used for a show and the audience really connected. They brought in a school that had barbershop quartets and ensembles. The high school director was Jacob Ritter, among many accomplishments, was a past District Collegiate Champion. Fremont is a great example of a chorus that is still making a positive impact after the challenges from the last few years. It was fun to close out the afterglow with some tags.

I was able to hang out with the guys from the Hays, KS during a regularly scheduled meeting. As someone who has been a chapter show chair, I am super jealous of these guys. They have so much support from their community and their program ads are just amazing.

The CSD is seeing some support from Harmony Foundation. Support is going towards our Fall Convention with Vocal Spectrum visiting schools in the Kansas City area and it will be great to see them in Lawrence, KS. Heart of America Chapter is getting assistance with their Youth In Harmony Event and the Joplin, MO will have an amazing event.

So glad to see so many groups getting back to singing and sharing their talent in their communities.

As I am wrapping up my term as District President, I am so proud to be working with the District Board and the leadership within our Program Administrator Team. I look forward to visiting more chapters and sharing the love of barbershop.

Duane Lawson, President
Central States District



Where the Harmony Began