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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 9, 2021 (Virtual via Zoom)



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Reports received as of 9/29/2021

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Report #100 --- Executive Director Report

Marty Monson, Executive Director, mmonson@barbershop.org



Revised from Spring 2021 Executive Director Report

Last updated 3/19/21

1) Helpful resources & announcements

- a) Most recent **COVID-19 Guide** for choruses and quartets - [HERE](#)
- b) Chorus Directors: Your **FREE Educator's Guide to Barbershop** - [HERE](#)
- c) **Most recent Community Impact Survey** - [HERE](#)
- d) 2022 Midwinter Pasadena Information - [HERE](#)
- e) Rebooked 2021 International Convention in Cleveland for 2024
- f) Kevin Keller Keynote Address - [HERE](#)
- g) Blair Brown Keynote Address - [HERE](#)
- h) Staff Reduction/Furlough through 2021
- i) Society Board of Directors seeks nominations for 5 members

2) Virtual Midwinter Results

- a) 1125 total registrations
- b) Achieved a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 36.34
- c) Engaged over 60 volunteers in designing, building, and executing the event with well over 500 hours of time donated.
- d) Next Generation Barbershop - Junior Quartet Challenge happened during Virtual Midwinter
 - 17 quartets
 - Over 8,600 fans participated in the selection process
 - The results and videos are - [HERE](#)
 - Try this locally?

3) Upcoming programming

a) Legacy Chorus and Quartet Championship - (Not Confirmed)

- Potential timing for late Fall
- Would include never before seen chorus performances from our archives
- Would include comedy quartet performances from our archives

4) Opportunities to Make an Impact – Click [HERE](#) to learn more and give

- a) Youth Outreach
- b) Music Educators
- c) Preservation
- d) Local Singing Communities
- e) General Programming

Received from Megan Henderson, March 22, 2021



Report #200 --- CSD Events, Fall, 2021

Doug Brott, District Events V.P.



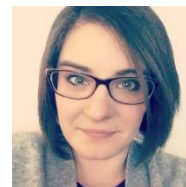
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, CSD Events have continued to be uneventful in 2021. The Board made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Fall Convention. Fortunately, no penalties were imposed. Plans are continuing for the 2022 Spring Convention in Wichita. The Convention Team is once again discussing opening both the Quartet and Chorus Contest to all that want to sing, even if they do not join the actual competition. Discussions are ongoing regarding Leadership Academy and HEP School on the best way to offer those important events in early 2022. Plans are going forward for 2022 Fall Convention in Lawrence KS at the Lied Center with the Doubletree as Headquarters Hotel again. The Events Team was able to take the opportunity to look at and renegotiate some of our future contracts. The Fall Conventions for 2023 and 2024 will also be in Lawrence KS.

The Events Team continues to plan ahead for future conventions and work to secure good and reasonably priced venues and hotels. We would very much like to see other district chapter's ideas on hosting future conventions. 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
2022	March 18 - 20 Wichita, KS	October 7 - 9 Lawrence, KS
2023	April 21 - 23 Iowa City IA	October 13 - 15 Lawrence, KS
2024	April 19 - 21	October 11 - 13 Lawrence, KS
2025	April 11 - 13 Iowa City, IA	October 17 - 19
2026	April 24 - 26	October 16 - 18

Report #210 --- CSD Convention Chairman, Fall, 2021

Joy Suellentrop, Convention Chairman
Tim Myers, Assistant Convention Chairman



No convention report submitted

Report #214 --- Contest and Judging, Fall, 2021

Carter Combs, Contest and Judging V.P.



New Judging Candidates:

The "normal" judge certification program has been delayed & interrupted several times since the Covid outbreak. Nevertheless, on [September 12th](#), more than 30 new official Candidates received their badges. Congratulations to the 2021 Candidate Class, including CSD's:

Dan Bodtke - Contest Administrator

Tim Waurick - Singing (yes, he moved to MAD, but as far as we're concerned, he will always be CSD!)

New Plateaus:

CSD has decided to base our Plateaus on the number of performers on stage, instead of the number of chapter members. This ensures a more accurate reflection of the size of a competing chorus, especially for those chapters who are now sending groups in more than one category (Men's, Women's, and/or Mixed). To provide a clear distinction from the old Plateaus, we are renaming the Plateaus as listed below. In addition, we will resume the VLQ (Very Large Quartet) competitions, which will allow groups to compete with fewer than the Society-defined 12-member minimum.

VLQ = 5 - 11 performers

Plateau I = 12 - 19 performers

Plateau II = 20 - 29 performers

Plateau III = 30 - 39 performers

Plateau IV = 40 + performers

For now, the Plateaus only apply to Men's choruses, since we have so few Women's or Mixed groups. Any chorus with 12-29 performers, in any category, is eligible for the **Small Chorus** awards. All choruses with 12 or more performers, in all categories, are eligible for the overall **District Chorus** award.

2022 Calendar:

BHS Midwinter @ Pasadena, CA, [Jan 11-16, 2022:](#)

As of this writing, we have not seen an official announcement about whether or not they will hold a **Senior Chorus** event. As for **Senior Quartets**, this was just announced [yesterday](#) (September 24, 2021) in the LiveWire:

With fewer in-person contests being staged this Fall, opportunities to qualify for the 2022 International Seniors Quartet Contest have been limited. To provide widest possible access, quartets may qualify by any of three methods:

- *Quartets that scored 72% or higher at the Jacksonville Midwinter in 2020 will get an automatic invitation*
- *Quartets may participate in their 2021 Fall District in-person qualification contest (obviously does not apply in any district that did not hold a contest)*
- *Quartets may submit a 2-song video submission. This can be a new recording*



(doesn't have to be in front of an audience) or it can be from any performance in 2020 or 2021, including the Jacksonville Midwinter (if from Jacksonville, the performances will be reassessed by a different panel of judges and the scores may be different)

Get full details at www.barbershop.org/2022-seniors-qualification Act now: **the first deadline** (quartet entry online), runs from **September 24– October 15**, with completed videos submitted by **October 29**.

CSD Spring Convention @ Wichita, KS, March 17-20, 2022:

This should be a return to "normal" CSD Spring Convention competitions, including Men's, Women's, & Mixed for the following contests:

QUARTET:

- CSD - Novice, SuperNovice, Senior, SuperSenior, Youth
- BHS International Quartet Prelims - for 2022 @ Charlotte, NC

CHORUS:

- CSD - VLQ, Plateaus I & II, & Small
- BHS Midwinter Senior Prelims (this may be Men only... TBD) - for 2023 @ Daytona Beach, FL

In addition, we will include:

- BHS International - Chorus Prelims - for any chorus attempting to qualify for 2022 @ Charlotte, NC.

As always, any group is invited to perform for Score & Eval, including those choruses who have already qualified. See list below.

BHS International Convention @ Charlotte, NC, July 4-10, 2022:

The following CSD choruses have already qualified:

- Fremont - **Pathfinders**
- Metro Kansas City - **Central Standard**
- South Central Kansas - **SmorgasChorus**
- St Charles:
 - **Ambassadors of Harmony**
 - **Recruits** (mixed)



CSD Fall Convention @ Lawrence, KS, October 6-9 2022:

This will be a return to "normal" CSD Fall Convention competition, including Men's, Women's, & Mixed for the following contests:

QUARTET:

- CSD - Novice, SuperNovice, District
- BHS Midwinter Senior Prelims (this may be Men only... TBD) - for 2023 @ Daytona Beach, FL

CHORUS:

- CSD - Seniors, Plateaus III & IV, District
- BHS International Prelims - for 2023 @ Louisville, KY

CHORDially,
Carter Combs

Report #300 --- Marketing and Public Relations, Fall, 2021

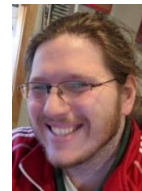
Michael Pommier, Marketing and Public Relations V.P.
Aaron Powell, Assistant Marketing and Public Relations V.P.



Hello fellow barbershoppers! I hope my message finds you and your chapter well.

As we continue through the pandemic atmosphere, we're carving new paths in the way we do things. Like many of you, I was deeply saddened by the tough decision the district leadership made to cancel the fall convention. However, I know it was the right thing to do. We had been working on plans for some new social media features, but I guess you'll just have to wait to see those.

I'm excited to see chapters are getting back together and some are having performances again. I just want to put a reminder out there again to let me know when you've got awesome things going on. I've been working with our **Marketing/PR Assistant, Aaron Powell**, to share your content on social media with our larger audience. We can't see everything all the time, so feel free to send us a message or an email to give us a heads up.



Speaking of social media, we're always looking to add folks to the marketing team. If you or someone you know is interested, we'd like to have a volunteer to take over as the main supervisor of the district's social media accounts. If you know of someone, please send me their contact information.

Making plans during a pandemic is challenging, but I'm hopeful that we can get back on track with a few things that have been moved to the back burner lately. Things like the Serenade and the redesign of the CSD website.

I hope to see you at our next in-person convention.

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Report #310 --- District Website, Fall, 2021

Matt Suellentrop, Webmaster



This district website, <https://www.singcsd.com>, continues to be your one-stop-shop for all things CSD!



As always, you can find your way to www.singcsd.com for a multitude of things. Convention information, leadership contact info, historical facts, documents and more are all housed on our district website.

If you find an error somewhere, or aren't locating something you'd like to see included, please be sure to contact me! We're always looking for ways to make our website better for our members!

Matt Suellentrop
District Webmaster

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

Report #340 --- CSD Philanthropy, Fall, 2021

Philanthropy V.P., Position Currently Vacant

Harmony Foundation International



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

<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.

June, 2021 Total: \$98.75
May, 2021 Total: \$335.00
April, 2021 Total: \$129.75

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.

Bryan Mullican
Development Operations Manager

Fall, 2021 CSD Consent Calendar

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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, 2021

Tom Schulein, Historian

Historian has nothing to report for this House of Delegates meeting



Report #400 --- Music and Performance, Fall, 2021

Jeff Veteto, Music & Performance V.P.

HEP Planning

by Jeff Veteto, VP Music and Performance



Reporting on Music and Performance typically centers around planning and execution of HEP (Harmony Education Program) school; this report is no exception.

We were able to pull off a relatively normal HEP school in early February, 2020; however, scarcely a month later, we were locked down. A year later, many of our people were becoming vaccinated, but enough weren't that we thought it best not to host a live HEP school. Instead, we offered a day of online coaching for quartets on [March 20, 2021](#). The coaches were ready to coach, and the quartets were ready to sing. Sure, there were some technical glitches, but all in

all, it went great. It was a totally free event for those participating, and the District was basically out nothing. The feedback from the participants--including the coaches--was great.

Time now to be thinking of HEP 2022. First question: Virtual or live? HEP 2021 showed us that virtual can be successful. Still, a lot of groups are rehearsing and singing now, so a live HEP is a definite possibility. There is some discussion of location, influenced in part by attractive offers from venues from which we had previously canceled. Still, there is a strong argument of keeping things centrally located. Also a possibility: A hybrid approach, with some live, some virtual coaching (and performance!). These are the issues we will be considering in the coming days.

A note of encouragement: Let's not have one asterisk year after another. Do your part (whatever you can) to help us all move past this pandemic, back into the hobby we know and love.

Report #420 --- Chorus Director Development, Fall, 2021

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>.

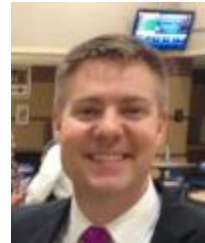
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://members.barbershop.org/s/topic/0TO3h000000D0mTGAW/chorus-directors?tabset-d9ff4=3>. The website header includes the Barbershop Harmony Society logo and navigation links: Home, My Account, Manage My SCS, Find a Singing Community, Docs Center, and More. The main content area is titled 'CHORUS DIRECTORS' and features a section for 'All Articles'. A featured article is titled 'Directing a Barbershop Chorus: Methods, Techniques, and Philosophies' with 3 views and dated Jan 7, 2021. Below this, there is a link for 'Pole Cat Directing Techniques' and a 'Related Topics' section.

--- Mark Fuerniss, Secretary

Report #450 --- Chapter Support and Leadership, Fall, 2021

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.



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 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 are there to help chapters reach the goals of its members.

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Report #460 --- Leadership Academy, Fall, 2021

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. While final details are still being worked out, we are making plans for an in-person and virtual Leadership Academy with classes for all chapter members. Once we have confirmed the details, the registration link and hotel information will be available on the Leadership Academy page at www.singcsd.com under the Leadership Academy tab.



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 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, 2021

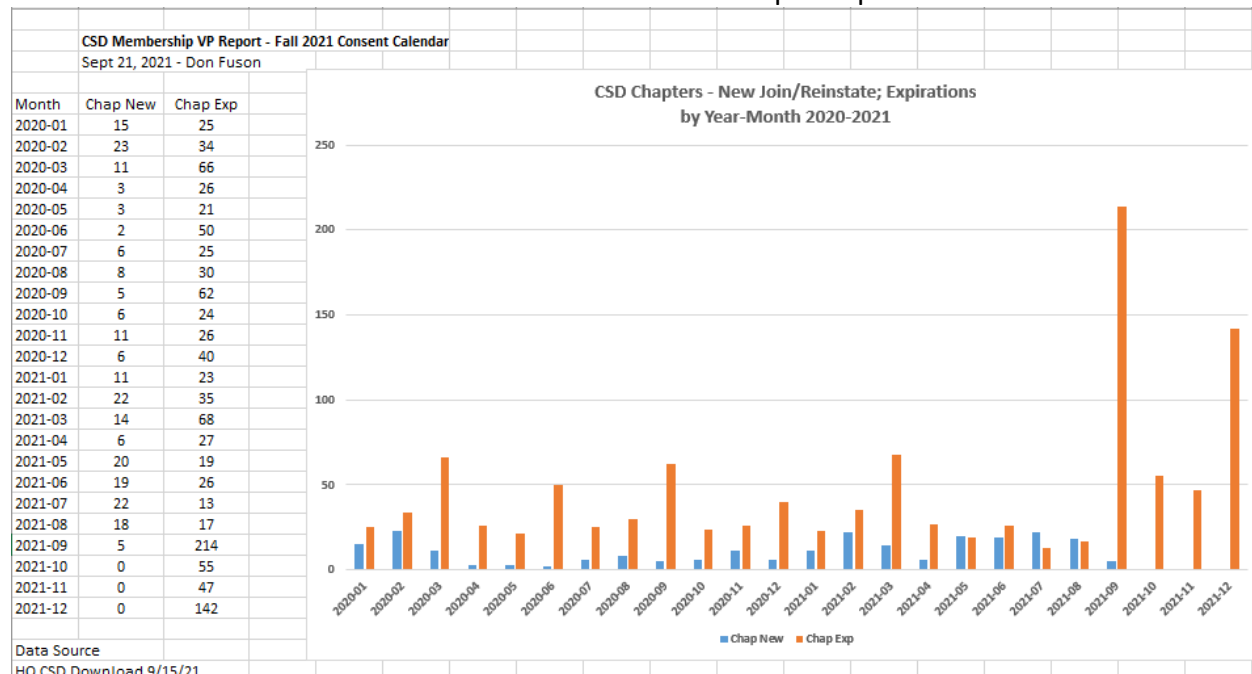
Membership Development V.P. , Don Fuson



Quick analysis of CSD memberships by Chapter, using HQ CSD download data as of 9/15/21

Questions:

- How are we contacting the chapter leaders? Chapter leaders expired but still active in chapter board (which is not a legal vote)? Chapter leaders have received emails about HQ Membership webinars and MC2.0 overviews.
- How are we encouraging chapter membership communications? Contacting each new member? Sending something to expiring members 60 days ahead? Other State VP programs?
- Are the chapters/choruses meeting? Zoom? Face-to-Face? Average number of attendees?
- Is the chapter planning for the 2022 Chapter Leadership slate and election?
- What holiday/season planning is already in place for 2021?
- What does the current chapter board want to do about any planning for 2022 direction?
- What barriers to member involvement have CSD Leaders observed and what potential suggestions have been discussed with 2021 leadership? Follow-up and status?
- Significant number of expiring CSD Chapter members coming up on 9/30/2021 and 12/31/2021. CSD Membership decline impacts on 2022 budgeting?
- Contacting CSD Donor Choice contributors (from HFI list) to go via BHS to increase the impact on funds back to the chapter/district with same IRS impact to the members?
- What CSD internal Communications do we need to put in place?



Questions and other observations?

Don Fuson – CSD Membership VP

Report #475 --- Chapter Eternal, Fall, 2021

Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary

Fall 2021 Chapter Eternal

- Cletus Staudt Mason City, IA 12-year member
- Leander “Lee” Hogie Sioux Falls, SD 32-year member
- Roy Warman Ames, IA 34-year member
- Stan Jorgensen Fremont, NE
- Dennis Jacobs Wichita, KS
- Vincent Cavanagh Florissant Valley, MO 47-year member
- William “Bill” Seemuth Mason City, Iowa City, IA 18-year member
- Allen Bentley Ames, IA 34-year member
- J. Pierce Brane St. Joseph, MO 14-year member
- Thomas Sekavec Hays, KS
- Glen Wieczorek Mitchell, SD 17-year member
- Larry Betts Fremont, NE
- Robert “Joe” Maffitt Fremont, NE 8-year member
- Lee Wayne Ode Sioux Falls, SD
- Jack Mase Greater Ozarks, AR 16-year member
- Ross Jamison Hays, KS 16-year member
- Beckham Hale Beatrice, NE
- Dennis “Brad” Kieseey Iowa City, IA 21 -member
- John Huy South Central Kansas, KS
- Roy Hillmann St. Charles, MO
- Ralph Young St. Joseph, MO
- Dick Woodall Hays, KS 60+ year member
- Bob Gnuse Fremont, NE 39-year member
- John Satter Sioux Falls, SD 10-year member
- Dale Bieber Iowa City, IA 39-year member
- Gerald Klinkefus Des Moines, IA 25-year member
- Lawrence Hinzman Davenport, IS 30-year member
- Byron Myers, Sr St. Joseph, MO 63-year member
- Paul Ogle St. Louis No. 1, MO 61-year member
- Richard Holt, Sr. Greater Ozarks, AR 17-year member

- James Dunlap Sioux Falls, SD 23-year member
- Curtis "Curt" Williams Overland Park, Olathe, KS 24 year member
- Orlando "Landy" Mueller Fremont, NE Chapter 8-year member
- Jerry Lee Young Greater Ozarks, AR 27-year member

Report #480 --- Outreach, Fall, 2021

Jonathan Andrews, Outreach V.P.



Officially, I have nothing to report. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

Next Generation youth choruses and quartets.

See: <https://www.barbershop.org/next-gen>

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

Report #510 --- Iowa State V.P. Report, Fall, 2021

Lyle Schwery, Iowa State V.P.



I have nothing to report. Thanks

Report #520 --- Kansas State V.P. Report, Fall, 2021

Leonard Kinzie, Kansas State V.P.



I continue to meet with the Kansas Presidents by Zoom on a monthly basis. We continue to share information about how chapters are doing and plans for a restart. We worked for a while on setting up a Kansas Festival to highlight our being back in business and to foster an inter-chapter get together. Those plans were tabled for lack of commitment. There was however recent talk of reopening the planning. The chapters are again meeting and making plans for shows and chorus sing outs. Manhattan and Wichita do not have a permanent director at present. Manhattan has an interim Director through the end of the year.

Leonard Kinzie
Kansas VP

Report #530 --- Missouri/Arkansas V.P. Report, Fall, 2021

Michael Bass , Missouri/Arkansas State V.P.



Like everything else in the world, the state of barbershop in Missouri and Arkansas continues to be influenced by the coronavirus pandemic. Chapters are navigating in ways that best suit them considering the health and well-being of their membership, local, state, and federal guidelines, and recommendations, as well as the desire to reunite and make music together. Many creative solutions are being used including; outdoor rehearsals, live indoor rehearsals for vaccinated members, masked rehearsals with recommended social distancing, remote rehearsals using Zoom, Jamulus, or other similar web based platforms, and of course some chapters have chosen to not resume until it is safe to do so. We have seen some wonderful virtual shows from around the state, district, and society in the past year, some most of us would have never had to opportunity to enjoy live! I will begin hosting monthly zoom meetings for chapter leaders across Missouri and Arkansas. Please be on the lookout for a “survey” to help me determine what day and time will be best for everyone to meet on a consistent, ongoing schedule. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will be planning a Missouri barbershop festival to welcome everyone back to singing together! Lots of details to be determined but I hope we can execute this plan very soon! I hope everyone is getting ready for what I’m sure will be a wonderful convention this spring! See you all in Wichita!

Report #540 --- Nebraska State V.P. Report, Fall, 2021

Dr. Jacob Bartlett, Nebraska State V.P.



It seems that we only have the Kearney and Omaha shows in October, and perhaps a Lincoln [Christmas](#) show.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Bartlett

Report #550 --- South Dakota State V.P. Report, Fall, 2021

David Stephenson, South Dakota State V.P.

The following is a report for the South Dakota CSD chapters in preparation for the Fall HOD Meeting:

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Glacial Lakes Harmonizers – Watertown, SD

The chapter is holding regular practices, in person. They have had a few sing outs, one being the State Emergency Managers Meeting, which they sang at. Also hoping to hold a Christmas performance, if all allows. They also hope to perform at the Open House for the Goth Theater, which has undergone a remodeling project. There has been 8-10 members at their practices, and they would like to recruit a few more singers, as we all would like to do.

Grant County Milltones – Milbank, SD

Unfortunately, this chapter has made the decision to fold as a chapter. We will miss them as being part of our state group, as well as a part of CSD.

Mitchell Barbershop Chorus – Mitchell, SD

No report given.

Sioux Emperians – Sioux Falls, SD

It is my understanding that the chorus is now practicing in person as of the past month or so. Other than that, no report given.

Tri-Valley Chorus – Viborg, SD

Tri-Valley held their summer show in July, featuring the New Fangled Four. This was a special show, as this would be the last performance with the original four members of the quartet. It was a very entertaining show, and all went very smoothly. We have had some issues with COVID, but those involved have been very faithful in following the protocol for quarantines and such. We are planning on our Spring Show, April 2, 2022, featuring the quartet Signature. We have also done a few sing outs, at Nursing Homes and hope to be able to perform some Christmas sing outs. Still trying to put together a Winter Festival, but so far, there has been very little interest from other chapters.

Dave Stephenson

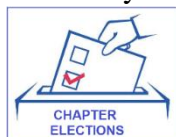
South Dakota VP, CSD

Report #560 --- District Secretary's Report, Fall, 2021

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 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 has been working tirelessly aligning our District Bylaws to the BHS Standard District Bylaws and also revising the District’s Code of Regulations. The Society also released BHS Standard Chapter Bylaws that 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.



Chapters hosting chapter shows should send an **Application for Show Clearance: BMI and SESAC License**, Form 3016, to the District Secretary at 3060 San Agustin Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516, well before the performance date. An **ASCAP Report Form** and appropriate fees are sent to the Society at the end of the year. If copyrighted songs are performed for the public, performing licenses are required.

Please note the change in address for me from a year ago. The new address was reported in the Spring 2021 Consent Calendar and sent to chapter secretaries. Show clearance applications and checks sent to my previous address may not get to me.

Best wishes for your chapter and choruses in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
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Report #570 --- District Treasurer’s Report, Fall, 2021

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 2022 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

Respectively Submitted
 Larry Warrick, CSD Treasurer

Report #580 --- Immediate Past President Report, Fall, 2021
Chad Schuetz – Immediate Past President

No report submitted

Report #585 --- Nominating Committee Report, Fall, 2021



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:

Secretary–Mark Fuerniss (Lincoln, NE)

Treasurer–Larry Warrick (Des Moines, IA)

The Committee also presents Kevin Barker (Kansas) and Jeffrey Arians (Iowa) as State Vice

President candidates to the chapters 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, 2021

Matt Suellentrop, Executive Vice President

Well, here we are again.

The district board made the difficult decision once more to cancel our fourth district convention. It has now been a full two years since we've last gathered doing what we love. And while that is disheartening, I have tremendous hope for the future when we come out on the other side of this thing. A big personal thanks to our convention team who worked hard to prepare for this convention knowing full well that this may have been the outcome. I know that they will pull out all the stops when the time comes.



Our chapters and quartets have been getting creative when it comes to meeting. Some are gathering in-person again while putting in various safety precautions. No matter what your group is doing currently, I hope you're doing it safely so that we can all come back together when the time comes.

2022 presents hope, with events that we pray will be able to take place. Whether it's Leadership Academy, HEP, our spring convention in Wichita or our fall convention in Lawrence, we hope you make plans to join us!

President Duane and I continue to work on your behalf with the other District Presidents and Executive Vice Presidents from across the Society on a number of important topics. Mainly the ongoing litigation between BHS and Harmony Foundation, and the Everyone in Harmony vision as it pertains to the international convention. I'm amazed (though not surprised) by the passion that these men bring to make sure all of our members' voices are heard.

So stay safe as we weather this storm for a while longer. I can't wait until we get to sing with each other once again!

Matt Suellentrop
Executive Vice President

Report #600 --- District President Report, Fall, 2021

Duane Lawson, District President



Fall 2021 Consent Calendar Report
Duane Lawson, CSD President

With the cancellation of the Fall Convention, I have set a goal to call every chapter in the CSD District. The outcome I hope to achieve, is to get a feel of how chapters are doing from directly visiting with leadership of each chapter. My plan is also to visit as many Chapters that I can in the next year. I hope the members will see that the District Leadership is here to help or simply join in the barbershop experience.

It is my sincere hope that we are in an environment that we can have the Spring Convention in Wichita. I have been fortunate to sing with my chorus, but I can't wait to sing tags and visit with friends in CSD that I have met over my 30 years of barbershop. Although I applaud the groups that have stayed connected through Zoom, I can't wait to see groups singing live again.

I also hope we gain a stronger experience with the Barbershop Harmony Society as details are worked through with the newer Membership Site, BHS and Harmony Foundation, and continued efforts of Everyone in Harmony.

See you soon!!

Duane Lawson, President
Central States District

Revisions



Where the Harmony Began