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Dedicated to preserving the art of improvising harmony

ABOUT AHSOW

The Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodsheddors is a subsidiary of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. There are about 1,200 members out of 28,000 SPEBSQSA members who have qualified for membership in AHSOW by acceptably improvising 2 or 3 harmony parts. Annual dues of \$10 is billed through the SPEBSQSA/BHS dues invoice system. Website <http://ahsow.org> [transfers to <http://www.harmonize.com/ahsow/>]

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

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NOMINATIONS

AHSOW always needs a few good men! Nominations will open soon for the following positions, those expiration of July 2010:

Information Manager, Bulletin Editor, Manager of Member Services, Manager of Publicity & Promotion, Director of Commerce, and Education Manager/West. Self nominations are permitted. Nominees are expected to serve a two year term and must have sufficient time to perform their duties. See By Laws at the web site, ahsow.org for position descriptions. Address nominations to the Corporate Secretary, or Nominating Committee Chairman when announced.

Applicants for appointment as District Educator & Certifier are solicited for the following Districts: CSD; DIX; ILL; LOL; NED; PIO; SUN and SWD. Address applications to AHSOW ExVP.

AHSOW NEWS

The 2009 International Convention was held at Anaheim, California. The double AHSOW Rooms attracted Woodsheddors world wide. EMW and FWD Team inducted 15 members.

The new Discovery Singing CD has proven to be very popular. It is used to learn the 43 songs in the DS folio, and sing-a-long harmonizing. It is available from ExVP Shannon.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

Duties By-laws 3.02.

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Duties By-laws 3.03.

Steve Shannon

Subject: Thank You for the AHSOW Rooms and help

To: Bob Lally, President, Far Western District

Cc: Bill Borah, Bob Cathaway, Keith Eckhardt, Robert Lenoil

Hey Bob,

AHSOW Executive VP, Steve Shannon, here.

On behalf of our 1,300 members, I thank you and your team for providing our staff with headquarters hotel conference facilities at your 2009 Spring and Fall Conventions. Bob Cathaway, Events VP, was very helpful in arranging the A-Room at Bakersfield and Bill Borah, Fall Convention Co-Chair, was our Go-To Guy for the Sacramento A-Room.

Big thanks to Keith Eckhardt, Meetings & Classes guy, for inviting us to present our Beginning Woodshedding class. It was taught by our superb FWD AHSOW Team and our Western Education VP, Kent Shepherd. Keith also is to be commended for organizing a great Woodshedding Contest... on his own initiative. (Terrific!) Robert Lenoil, Host Contact man, generously provided announcements to event Presenters and issued our printed invitations to competing quartets. We also appreciate the listing of "AHSOW" under Meetings and Events in the Westunes

Thank you again for your top drawer support of AHSOW. Such leadership really helps us keep the founding craft of the Barbershop Art Form - ear singing - alive and well. With your help, FWD has again set the standard for the Society.

Yours for an old song,

Steve

Steve Shannon, Executive Vice President

A. Harmonious Society Of Woodsheddors

Corporate Secretary

Duties By-laws 3.04.

Meeting minutes for ahsow.org in process.

Noah Morrison

Treasurer

Duties By-laws 3.05.

Travel expenses issued for EMW & DEC.

Rod Sparks

Manager of Publicity & Promotion

Duties By-laws 3.06.

Manager Publicity-& Promotion

I attended the Central States Convention this past October and found myself in de facto charge of the AHSOW room there. It was rather lightly attended, as it was a floor above most of the rest of the activity. When I was able to be there, there was only four people total in attendance at one time, so I didn't feel able to certify either of the two non-member visitors who visited. But I was able to tell a bit of what woodshedding was about and display some of our materials.

Those non-member visitors were Mike Weatherill of Harlan, IA, Galen Reeves of Wichita, KS, and Chuck Weber of St. Charles, MO. Members that attended were Dick Kimball and Roger MacNeill of Papillion, NE, and Mark Yeokum, of Leawood, KS.

I would like to congratulate the CSD assistant DEC, Ben McDaniel, of Wichita, KS, tenor of Prairie Fire, who placed seventh in the CSD quartet contest, with a score of 2488.

I would also like to wish a farewell to our DEC, Lynn Trapp, who has relocated to the Pittsburgh, PA, area.

Ross Lindgren

Information Manager

Duties By-laws 3.07.

Information Manager

Awaiting assignment by leadership

Director of Commerce

Duties By-laws 3.08.

Director Of Commerce (Glenn Schilberg, interim Director of Commerce)

"Director Of Commerce" is probably too fancy a title for managing the few inventory items that AHSOW has -- the yellow song folios, the Ear-rangement and Discovery Singing CD's, and now the membership badges. Nevertheless it is a necessary task. We try to spread a small inventory of supplies among several DEC's all across the country, trying to minimize shipping costs while not burdening the DEC with storing too much stuff. We've improved from last year but have a way to go. Currently the inventories are not centralized but are distributed among several individuals and we are working to obtain numbers and locations of same.

The easy way to run things would be to simply stock each DEC with plenty of inventory and not have to plan and ship items; but AHSOW can't afford that. So we need to plan and coordinate actions and the DEC's will need to return unused inventory to "central stores". That's not happening now. However we know what needs to be done and will address this at the MidWinter Board meeting. One new job function has been added to this position: Membership badges. That task has always been part of the Information Manager's area but with that area increasingly becoming more involved in databases, software, and Internet communications we are trying to lighten the workload of the Information Manager. Accordingly, name badges have been designated a merchandise item and moved to the Director of Commerce.

Speaking of badges, we have run out of the yellow paper name blanks for the old round (celluloid over tinplate) badges and the supplier that printed and die-stamped the circular cutouts is no longer in business.. The Board voted at last MidWinter's meeting to migrate to a rectangular engraved badge and to upgrade to a magnetic catch instead of a pin if possible. We have finally made the switch in mid-summer after a lot of computer-design effort and you'll begin to see these classy new badges on recent AHSOW inductees.

//Glenn Schilberg, interim Director of Commerce

Manager of Member Service

Duties By-laws 3.09.

Membership report: Hi, folks! Welcome to all those who have qualified for AHSOW in the past few months. It's wonderful to have you all as members. Without you, there is no AHSOW. To that point, I'm always interested in hearing from members. This is YOUR organization, and I want to do what I can to make it the best possible experience for you. Got a complaint? A concern? Words of praise? Just want to chat about woodshedding? If so, give me a call or send me an e-mail. I'd love to hear from you. Let me know what I can do for you.

Erik Deland, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Bulletin Editor

Duties By-laws 3.10.

BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT

Issued Call For Reports for November Bulletin, October 1, 2009 to all Board Members. Past officers and DEC's were invited to contribute. Draft issued October 18. Second draft issued . Third Draft issued, Final issued November 2009. Casey Parker

Education Managers

Duties By-laws 3.11.

Education Manager West

Kent Shepherd

I was quite busy during the month of October as I went as a Rep. for AHSOW to three Districts and also went to the FWD which is my own dist.

During my travels I had lots of help from AHSOW Members in all the Districts and I signed up as follows:

4 new men in the SWD:

Mark Winn, memb.# 213696, fee & yellow bk. Yes, 4 pts., 4812 N. Asbury Ave., Bethany, OK., 73008.

Jared Thomason, memb. # 274648, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L, T, Bs, 2420 N. Arbor Drive, Norman, OK, 73071

Robert Williams, memb. #311103, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L,T, Br, 650 Holland Hills, Norberton, OK, 73026

Probable New DEC for SWD, Bryan Black, memb. #243712, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L, T, Bs, 12169 County Rd. 138, Overton, TX, 75684

2 new men in the PIO:

#1 Co-DEC for PIO, Aaron Wolf, memb. #300441, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L, T, Bs, 714 Fith St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48103 who will probably become the new DEC for PIO.

#2 Co-DEC for PIO, James O'Dell, memb. #311078, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L, T, 7319 Warwick Dr., Ypsilanti, MI, 48197

2 new men in the SUN:

New DEC for SUN, Member Lance Lubin set up the entire SUN AHSOW room w/no help, and although Lance was unable to be there himself due to work problems, the room was a success!

Lucas Lord, memb. #267121, fee & yellow bk. Yes, T, Br, 186 Durango Rd., Destin, FL, 32541

Jeff Buehler, memb. #307714, fee & yellow bk. Yes, L, T, Bs, 186 Durango Rd., Destin, FL, 32541

I also sold 1 of each cd's w/the red book, tho I only signed 8 I got three Districts set to run themselves.

Kent Shepherd, EMW...

Education Manager East

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DEC REPORTS

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

10/12/09

AHSOW BOARD

Gentlemen

This is the DEC report to the AHSOW Board, Report of the 2009 FWD Fall Convention AHSOW activities at Sacramento, California..What a great convention and contest! Congratulations to Westminster [chorus] and The Edge [quartet], our new FWD district champions! The contest was webcast for the first time for Far Western District.

The AHSOW Room was the Tahoe Room, [shared with 4 choruses Sat AM]. As of midnight Saturday we had inducted eight new members: *=bought DS CD Each received the Discovery Singing yellow folio: Paul Aydon 266687 TBs*;

Robert Bergstrom 270483 TBs*; Ian Gayton 290072 LTBr ;

Wesley Jackson 140373 LTbtBs*; Clifford Johnson 315865 TBs*;

Blair Reynolds 268950 LTBs;

Clayton Richey 284519 LBtBs;

Ken Wenger 269238 BrBs;

Team members at the AHSOW Room: Casey Parker, Earle Holt, Mike Werner, & Mark Torrance [his quartet SPAM was Mike Tester]. We have two ADECs-in-training: Jude Thomas, Ian Gayton on the FWD Team. EMW

Shepherd participated in qualifying quartets; thank you Kent. Secretary Noah Morrison helped Saturday PM. Dave Bishop also helped. Robert Lenoil was a Convention HOST and helped with Presenter announcements, and distributed 21 invitation cards to competing quartets [prepared by Earle Holt, suggested by Steve Shannon]

The FWD AHSOW Team presented a class "Intoduction to Woodshedding" with participation of EMW Kent Shapherd. Thank you Kent. The twenty audience members took an active part in the class.

The completed Certifier Cards were sent to Glenn Schilberg, A check was sent to Rod Sparks. One Discovery Singing CD and 5 Ear-Rangement CD + red folio sets were passed to Kent. .

Casey Parker

FWD AHSOW Team Leader

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subsidiary of SPEBSQSA, dba BHS <http://barbershop.org/>

PS - FWD Webmaster & AHSOW Member Keith Eckhardt ran a Woodshedding Quartet contest Saturday PM with judging by the audience. Songs were selected from a group contributed by Steve Shannon.

<http://spebsqsafwd.org/>

JOHNNY APPLESEED DISTRICT

Ken Wheeler

2009 JAD report. I was unable to attend Spring Prelims in April because my wife fell and broke her shoulder on April 10th. The duties of the woodshed room, Tommy's Woodshed, were capably handled by Glenn Schilberg with help from ADEC Ken Williams. Some good woodshedding ocured but no new members taken in. The JAD HEP school, Apple Corps, was held in June at Kenyon College. I taught several sessions of the woodshedding class. No new members resulted, but lots of educating about woodshedding and AHSOW. I was unable to attend Anaheim or Harmony University. We just completed the JAD fall contest and convention. 32 quartets and nine choruses competed. All the singing was excellent. The Greater Central Ohio chapter, The Alliance, qualified for Philadelphia. Two college quartets battled it out for the district championship with the winner being 4 Wat Stop, who edged out Prestige by ONE point. Saturday evening had good woodshedding and three new members were taken in. They are Rich Dombrosky and Bob Cook who both qualified on Tenor and Bari, and Michael Hopper who sang all parts. I again had the valuable help of Glenn Schilberg and several of the regulars such as Dick Baker, Leo Stefani, Joe Novelli and Ken Williams. We now look forward to 2010 Spring Prelims in the Cleveland area. Happy 'shedding to all.

Hummmmmmmmbly, Ken Wheeler

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NEW -Harmony Song Index -8,560 Song Titles with, Composer & Year,
My Harmony Archive has 6,000 arrangements and 10,000 harmony type piano-vocals.

The Harmony Archive has available arrangement songbooks and Harmony Guides.
Did you know that pre-1923 songs are Public Domain, hence have no royalties or fees?
Sheet Music prior to 1923 often included four part arrangements. I have 200.
From the Society Code of Ethics:

The Society aspires to preserve for its members and for all future generations of prospective members the sacred right of men to seek haven from the burden of their daily cares through indulgence in old fashioned vocal quartet harmony, and to that end we do hereby pledge ourselves to abide by the precepts of this Code of Ethics

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