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Reporting progress on Preserving the art of improvised harmony

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Dedicated to preserving the art of improvising harmony

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**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, Education Manager East 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](http://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; ILL; MAD; NED; and DIX. Address applications to AHSOW ExVP.

**AHSOW NEWS**

The 2010 International Midwinter Convention was held at Tampa, Florida. The AHSOW Rooms attracted Woodsheddors world wide. Director of Commerce & Team inducted new 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 Director of Commerce.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President**

Duties By-laws 3.02.

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

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**Executive Vice-President**

Duties By-laws 3.03.

**Lance Lubin**

Howdy Gents,

The Mid Winter is coming up and I'm in St Petersburg, Fl., about 30 miles from the venue and hotels. I plan

to be there as much as possible during the week. I know Kent will be here and will be his usual superhuman self in helping run the AHSOW room. I would like to offer whatever assistance I can to any of you, either helping with transportation, knowledge about the area, etc, etc.

I'm also interested in growing a grass roots AHSOW community in this part of Florida, comprised of men who "used to woodshed" but haven't done it in years, and men who have never done it and/or are afraid of it because they don't understand what it is. I've got some ideas about how to go about this, but would welcome dialogue with any of you who could share wisdom and experience. This Mid Winter should be the kick off for this and I'd like to hit the ground running, getting as many of the barbershoppers as possible who may be attracted to discovery singing there into the AHSOW room. One angle would be to use the AHSOW directory, find anyone in striking distance, and personally invite them. Another would be to use the existing communication tools through the Sunshine District (Harmonet, etc). Then, I want to make sure records are kept as to who walks in through the AHSOW door who expresses the slightest interest and ability (not just who joins) so I can set up a regional e-mail group, regular meeting every few months, etc, etc. Just because a guy doesn't join there at the convention doesn't mean he might not in a month or two after, given some more exposure and opportunities.

Ideas? Thoughts?

Lance Lubin 727 410-5696

### **Corporate Secretary**

Duties By-laws **3.04.**

**NO REPORT RECEIVED.**

**Noah Morrison**

### **Treasurer**

Duties By-laws **3.05.**

**NO REORT RECEIVED.**

**Rod Sparks**

### **Manager of Publicity & Promotion**

Duties By-laws **3.06.**

Manager Publicity-& Promotion

**NO REPORT RECEIVED.**

Ross Lindgren

### **Information Manager**

Duties By-laws **3.07.**

**Information Manager**

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

### **Director of Commerce**

Duties By-laws **3.08.**

**Director Of Commerce (Glenn Schilberg, interim Director of Commerce ) DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE**

Well, if the song "American Pie" used the phrase, "The day the music died," then 2009 was the year the AHSOW Badge died. When the Anaheim recruits came in (2009 Int'l) we ran completely out of the old-style round inserts with the AHSOW and SPEBSQSA lettering and could not obtain any more because the company that made them is out of business. Also, they were specially die-cut in a round shape and it seems that's a rare thing these days. Consequently we migrated to the new design approved by the Board at MidWinter 2009 (Pasadena) – engraved black-on-yellow, rectangular-with-rounded-corners, and magnetic clasp. Here's an

example:

(Of course there's no such Michael Hackathorn nor even a Braeburn Meadows, but I needed something longer than John Doe to size the badge!)

The badge is issued to all new members and will also be available for purchase by existing AHSOW'ers. In fact, 23 of the new badges were ordered by existing members at Tampa MidWinter.

We've been pricing them at \$10 but are taking a loss due to the combination of the sexy but pricey magnetic clasp and the shipping/handling from the badgemaker, so the Board will be revisiting the cost at the Philadelphia meeting (Int'l in July).

The next commerce item due for makeover is the beloved yellow folio (song booklet). Again, we're out of the old ones and are having to regenerate the order from scratch since the old company is not in business. Fortunately, Toban Dvoretzky forwarded the hardcopy master of the old booklet before he resigned, so it was possible to scan the songs and create digital files for printing; and the cover, table of contents and preface were made more readable (for those of us with bifocals!)

The new folios will remain at the convenient shirt-pocket size even though the printer informs us that it's cheaper to produce it at a standard folded-page size. They will be trim-cut this time for a cleaner professional appearance. Come to Philadelphia and visit the AHSOW Room and see the new booklets for yourself!

// Glenn Schilberg

### **Manager of Member Service**

Duties By-laws 3.09.

**NO REPORT RECEIVED**

**Erik Deland, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

### **Bulletin Editor**

Duties By-laws 3.10.

**BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT**

**Issued Call For Reports for May 2010 Bulletin, April 1, 2010 to all Board Members. Past officers and DEC's were invited to contribute. Draft issued April 15. Second draft issued . Third Draft issued, Final issued May 2010. Casey Parker**

### **Education Managers**

Duties By-laws 3.11.

**Education Manager West**

**Kent Shepherd, EMW...**

**Education Manager East**

**NO REPORT RECEIVED [vacancy]**

## **DEC REPORTS**

### **FAR WESTERN DISTRICT**

**The FWD AHSOW Team presented a class "Intoduction to Woodshedding" led by Mark Torrance, with participation of AHSOW members. The audience members took an active part in the class. the AHSOW Room**

was available for woodshedding

Casey Parker

FWD AHSOW Team Leader

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

JOHNNY APPLESEED DISTRICT

Hummmmmmbly, Ken Wheeler

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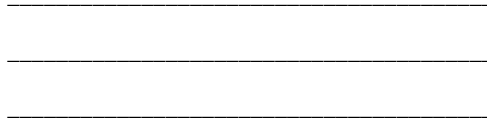
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**MUSIC AVAILABLE FOR A SONG**

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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