

**Pioneer District
Paul Ellinger - Director of Membership
2012 RP-1**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I will continue to assist Chapters in any way possible to ensure that MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE in Pioneer District. I will be in contact with and maintain a dialogue with Chapter Development Officers. I will provide guidance and suggestions to strengthen Chapter Development activities when required. As a member of the Society Membership Committee, I will ensure the Pioneer District is aware of and participates in Society membership initiatives for 2012 such as Operation Harold Hill (OHH).

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Allow as many chapters as possible in Pioneer to see the benefits that OHH provides and offer them the opportunity to make growth their initiative for this year and beyond.

RP-1. Garnered 100% Chapter Participation in OHH.

2. I will track OHH communication for every chapter and assist with any breakdowns in communication between the Harold Hills and the Chapters.

RP-1. I have already reassigned "Harolds" to three chapters as they were not able to meet the needs of the chapter. I have also pursued contact by making phone calls with at least 8 other chapters and their Harolds to make sure that the conversation continued. Things have been ramping back up after these phone calls wherein I encourage a plan (any plan) and not just conversation.

3. Depending on interest, work with the Board and/or the House of Delegates to find an effective way of rolling out Supercharging Your Chapter! across Pioneer.

RP-1 Thanks to the hard work of Joe McDonald, held Regional Event on March 24th, 2012 in Mt. Pleasant.

**PAUL G. L. ELLINGER, Director of Membership
Pioneer District, Barbershop Harmony Society**

Brian Dunckel
Director of Financial Development
Pioneer District
RP1

2011 was a banner year for Pioneer both in terms of contributors and dollars given to the Harmony Foundation! Doug Weaver, Roger Lewis and I were all trained and now serve the Foundation as Regional Representatives. Work will continue to promote the “donor’s choice” option among our members, allowing donors to return a portion of their contribution to either the district or their own chapter.

1. In 2010, 42 men contributed to the HF. In 2011 we INCREASED to 171 men!!!! Work to RETAIN and INCREASE the PARTICIPATION of Pioneer members who donate to the Harmony Foundation
RP1- As of March 23, 2012: 117 PIO members are currently giving to the Harmony Foundation. We currently have 19 President’s Council members and 155 Ambassadors of Song members.
2. In 2010, Pioneer members contributed \$28,236 to the HF. In 2011 our members contributed \$49,541!! MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE the AMOUNT of giving (in dollars) by Pioneer members to the Harmony Foundation.
RP1- Year to date, Pioneer members have given \$8,378.99 to the Foundation.
3. CONTINUE TO EDUCATE the Pioneer membership on the need for their support of the Harmony Foundation
RP1- I was able to address the attendees briefly about the Foundation. Sean Devine, our new HF Director of Development will be with us for our convention and have the opportunity to address the Bd, MT, HOD and convention attendees.
4. INFORM our Pioneer members of current or upcoming HF events, or news.
RP1- I am GREATLY looking forward to the return of The Troubador to utilize in keeping our members current on issues of importance to the Foundation and our members in terms of their giving.
5. PARTNER with the Harmony Foundation to ensure that there is a HF display at Pioneer conventions, and as many other district events as possible.
RP1- A Harmony Foundation display was present at our Leadership Academy, and again here at the spring convention.

Pioneer District
Contest & Judging
Ron Eubank, Director
December 2011
RP1 @ April 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the past three years I have grown in knowledge and experience, managing Pioneer District contests. I have not participated as I should in Society and District programs for various reasons. I believe concentrated effort in such participation will benefit the District through a greater knowledge as well as incorporation of ideas used in other districts.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Initiate at least one new idea/process that improves the conduct/execution in each contest, spring and fall.
RP1. A minor improvement overall but helpful addition to the judges is creating a judges schedule of just their activities and sending it to them ahead of the convention. Judges are extremely busy from the sound check on Friday right through the end of evals early Sunday morning. Creating a schedule of just when and where they must be helps smooth the weekend for everyone involved.
2. Coach and counsel judging program PIO candidate (Kevin Dunckel) and assigned CA candidate (Bob Coant – SLD), preparing them to be invited to Category School (2013).
RP1. Ongoing calls and emails.
3. Identify a method to measure participant experiences at district quartet and chorus contests.
RP1. No activity.

Pioneer District
CSLT VP
Joe McDonald
April, 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I will organize and execute an effective annual Leadership Academy.

The 2012 version of LA is in the final stages of development with outstanding support from Larry Parker. I will present a final evaluation of the 2012 event within four weeks of completion of the event. Any recommendations from the attendees will be integrated into my CSLT plan for 2012 and LA 2013.

The 2012 LA was a success. 110 individuals representing 21 chapters (75%) were in attendance. A summary of the evaluations is partially complete. The “non-traditional” curriculum worked well as a change of pace. A more traditional curriculum is anticipated for 2012. A reimbursement request for travel for out-of-district presenters is in process with the Society. The date for LA 2012 will be January 5th.

I will attempt to create an on-line registration system for future LA's to include on-line payment options.

Completed and used for CACM and LA in 2011.

I will introduce, implement and manage a program that will become the go to program for questions on any topic relating to barbershop in the Pioneer District.

The program will be known as the “I Got a Guy” program. A group of district resource people will be identified, qualified and listed in a resource guide to be publicized and hosted on the Pioneer website. Should a topic be identified and no local resource found then a resource from another district or the Society will be enlisted. An abundance of resources exist on the Society website but it seems that many individuals seek a personal connection, if not actual mentoring, when seeking to understand a given topic. The “I Got a Guy” program will provide a personal connection or mentoring when the need arises.

This project will be completed in the second half of 2012.

Other Activities

A Supercharging Your Chapter! Regional Event was hosted by the Mt. Pleasant Chapter on March 24th. Forty eight members representing 9 chapters participated. A report was posted on Pionet and submitted to the Troubador staff.

Registration for the 2012 MountainTown Harmony Explosion is open. Joe Cerutti and Erin Odell return as clinicians. The teaching quartets will be Shades of Jade for the ladies

and Dominant Prep for the gentlemen. The dates are July 26-28 with a show on Saturday the 28th in the evening. Save the date!

Pioneer District
Chorus Director Development
Don Slamka Director
April 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CDD quarterly conference calls were very helpful to me in learning about the responsibilities of this position in 2011. Harmony foundation scholarships were awarded to 2 PIO directors in 2011. One CDWI 1 program was held with participants expressing great satisfaction. A CDWI 2/Oif weekend was scheduled with JAD but was cancelled at the last minute. 2012 will build on the successes of 2011 and add additional support to our directors and future directors.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Have regular communications with Chorus Directors through use of an email group as well as round table discussions at district events and weekly personal phone calls.

RP1 In progress.

2. Have at least two CDWI 1 programs in 2012. Tentatively, one workshop in Mt. Pleasant in spring, and one in Huron Valley in fall.

RP1 In progress.

3. Bring the Outstanding in Front program to Pioneer to help aspiring directors and section leaders gain skills. There is a great deal of interest in combining the aforementioned CDWI sessions with the Oif. Other ideas include classes at convention, offerings at Harmony School, and sessions at Leadership Academy.

RP1 In progress.

4. Increase the number of Director's College scholarship recipients by at least 100% through active promotion and personal contact, especially to our newest directors.

RP1 Had 2 applicants, Annette Jurcevic from Muskegon and Paul Cooper from Battle Creek. Both new front-line directors full of excitement and enthusiasm. As of this report I have not received results, but am confident that both will be awarded scholarships.

Jerry Ditto
April 10, 2012

Executive Summary: My time was spent concluding the contracts for Grand Rapids. At this point we have confirmed three years at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. This has locked in the room rate for those years and the meeting space worked very well for us the last convention we held there. Room rates are \$99 for the spring of 2014, \$105 for the spring of 2016 and 2018. We also are going to a new venue called the DeVos Arts and Worship Center. It is connected to the Christian High School and is just the right size. Signing this multi year contract will also save us money on the hourly rental charge at the auditorium. They seem very excited about having us their facility.

We also have been actively preparing for the convention. We had an on-site visit on the 27th of March at the hotel. All is well there and I have been working with Doreen at the auditorium to make sure they are prepared for us.

Yearly Goals: I have been working to update the Convention Manual. My plan is to get a meeting with several of us to bring our updates and revise the manual. Hoping to do that early June if it works in our schedule.

With all the intrusions in my life I have not found any committee members yet. But I will work on that during the convention.

The addition of the multi-year contracts in GR gets me up to 5 years. I have already inquired at several hotels about the Fall of 2016. That is our next open date