

# CHAPTER LEADER NEWS

Building Relationships Between Chapter and District Leaders

September 15, 2024

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**Bill Hickman**  
EVG President

## **PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT - September**

What are your plans for the Fall? If your chapter is coming to Portland, great! But if not, what will you be doing? I ask because here are three things that you ***could*** be doing.

Thing 1. Why not set up a watch party to see the district contest – ***for free!*** That's right, free. To enable more Evergreen members than ever to participate, this year we are live streaming the entire contest ***at no cost to you or your chapter.***

All you need do is to follow the directions elsewhere in this CLN edition to get a code so your chapter can gather together and watch both the quartet and chorus contests. Since half of our chapters cannot make it to the convention, why not do something new this year? Think about it.

Thing 2. Have you elected your officers for 2025? Now is the time to finalize your slate. If you have not yet done so, talk to your team. There are good people in your chapter. Have you spoken with them? Have you personally asked them? Think about it.

Thing 3. Do you have Christmas songs picked out? They don't have to be new or particularly difficult. In fact, the simpler they are, the better. Pull them out and start working them with your chorus and quartets. Then make a plan to sing them. You don't have to do a concert. Some chapters stroll through their towns singing to passers by. Others stand outside their rehearsal hall and sing to their neighbors. The holidays are a time of giving. How about giving the gift of music to your neighbors? Think about it.

I am at your service. Bill

## PRESIDENTS' ZOOM MEETING

Bill Hickman is inviting you to the next President's Call Zoom meeting. The meetings are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM Pacific Time.

Join Zoom Meeting:  
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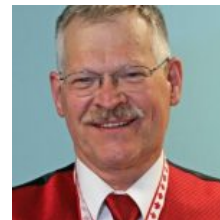
### The Timbre Quarterly Newsletter co-Editors Announce Retirement



Bob Robson and Doug Gardner co-editors of the long running Evergreen Timbre Quarterly Newsletter have both announced their retirement. Together they have produced outstanding publications and provided a great service to the Evergreen District. Bob has been editor for over 35 issues. Doug has handled lay out for the Timbre for the past few years.

With their retirement in December, the Communications Team is looking for new editors. If you, or any member of your chapter, are interested please contact Greg Kronlund at [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com) for full details.

Bob and Doug will be missed, and all of the EVG members wish them well as they attend to their families and chapters.



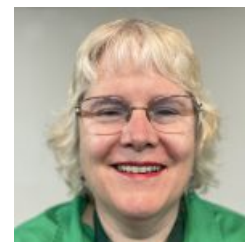
Bob Robson  
Bob Robson



Doug Gardner



ADA NEEDS: In August we reported the elevator at the Newmark Theatre was under repair. We now have a backstage entrance available for our use during the convention. For members with ADA requirements there will be shuttle cars available from the Hilton to the Newmark theatre.



Deena Wolfe  
[EVG Events](#)

**Updated District Schedule  
(changes highlighted in yellow)**

Schedule of Events for 2024 EVG District Convention		
Date /Time	Event	Location
<b>Thursday Oct. 3, 2024</b>		
5:00-8:00pm	Registration	Lobby
7:00- 9:00pm	Bud Leabo Board Meeting	Skyline III -23 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
7:00-10:00pm	Harmony Platoon	Broadway I/II (Plaza Level)
<b>Friday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>		
9:00-12 Noon	Harmony Platoon	Broadway I/II (Plaza Level)
9:00-12 Noon	EVG Board Meeting	Skyline III (23 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
10.00-2:00pm	Registration	Lobby
<b>Newmark Theatre</b>		
9:00-12:00pm	Tech Set Up – Judges set up- Sound check	
1:30pm- until doors open	Quartet/Director Walk through	Auditorium
2:00-7:00pm	Registration	Lobby
2:00pm	Doors Open	Auditorium
2:30-5:30pm	Quartet Contest Session 1	Auditorium
5:30-7:00pm	Dinner Break	
7:00-10:00pm	Quartet Contest Session 2	Auditorium
<b>Hilton Hotel</b>		
10:00pm - ??	Woodshedding-Tagging, etc.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room
10:30-12:00am (apx.)	Quartet Evals (30 minutes)	Judges Rooms
<b>Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>		
9:00am	Chorus Warm-ups	3rd Floor Conference Room
<b>Newmark Theatre</b>		
9:00am	Doors Open	Auditorium
9:00am	Registration	Lobby
9:30-2:00pm	Chorus Contest	Auditorium
<b>Hilton Hotel</b>		
3:00-5:00pm	Chorus Feedback Session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Level
3:00-5:00pm	EVG House Of Delegates	Broadway I/II
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner Break	Your Choice
<b>Newmark Theatre</b>		
6:30pm	Doors Open	Auditorium
7:00-10:00pm	Quartet Contest Finals	Auditorium
<b>Hilton Hotel</b>		
10:30-11:30pm	Quartet Evaluation	Judges Rooms
10:30-1:00am	Woodshedding- Tagging etc.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Level
10:30-1:00am	President's Afterglow	Skyline I/II

## BUDGETING 101

You're looking ahead to next year with your chapter Treasurer to build a budget. The most natural way (and easiest way) to budget is to add five percent to last year's revenues and expenses. While this can provide a useful starting point for discussion, it's not the best way to budget.

Some budgeting techniques that can improve the overall financial performance of the chapter are.

**Zero based budgeting:** Start with expenses of zero and rejustify every expense. Besides paying your director and renting practice space, what expenses are absolutely necessary to run the chapter?

**Ticket sales:** Instead of planning for a single sales number, break sales down into a detailed plan for number of tickets sold and prices for each ticket. Plan for minimum number of tickets to be sold or purchased by each member of the chapter.

**"Stretch" revenue source:** Include a new revenue source, like grant writing, that would materially impact the chapter. Assign a small team responsibility for making this happen. Initiatives that are "in the budget" are more likely get done.



Larry Breitbarth  
EVG Treasurer

[finance@evgdistrict.com](mailto:finance@evgdistrict.com)



**Bob Cox**  
EVG Past President

## CONVENTIONS vs CONTEST

Attending a District Convention is more than just a Contest. It's a great place to reconnect and make new friends, share singing experiences, see some great performances by choruses and quartets, learn about what is happening within the District, expand your knowledge of our craft through woodshedding and singing tags in the lobby/ hospitality rooms/afterglow, and so much more.

For those choruses and quartets that choose to participate in the contest portion of the weekend for 10-14 minutes on stage demonstrating and displaying your talents and skills, take the comments and coaching you receive during your special coaching session, and work to make your future performances better and more appealing to potential members. Regardless of how you finish, this is a great learning opportunity for you as a performer. Oh yeah - the sun will still come up the next morning, "remember, it's just a hobby!" (Mel Knight).

I hope you'll join me in Portland and take advantage of ALL of the aspects of the Convention weekend. Should our paths cross, stop me and say Hi!

## The IMPORTANCE of the October Chapter Elections

A funny thing happened on the way to this month's Chapter Leader News...

Three Members of the board all wrote about the importance of the upcoming Chapter election... and Bill Hickman mentioned it in his President to President article. Here's a composite of the articles... from Bob Thomas, Sid Brown and Greg Kronlund...

### The most important Election Happens in October!!!!

At the beginning of the year your chapter should have been looking for your next slate of officers. If you're like a lot of chapters, it slipped through the cracks. Board succession is difficult to achieve...but critical for the success of your chapter.

October is the election month for Barbershoppers, so be prepared.

What traits are you looking for in your next leaders?

- You're looking for leaders with deep-rooted passion for your chapter mission and programs.
- Passion for the goals of the district and society.
- Desire to study simple concepts, learn and apply them to chapter life.
- Excellent communication and relationship building skills.
- The ability to reject the phrases "we've never done it that way" or "We've always done it this way."
- Is willing to ask WHY.
- To help the show and event committees succeed.
- Lead the chapter in out-of-the-box thinking.
- Willing to be accountable to the Board.
- Makes and keeps promises.
- Ability to think outside the box.

When you find someone with at least 4 or 5 of these abilities, they are a suitable candidate for any position available. If they are new to the position, encourage them to seek help, ask questions and research. The Evergreen District is supplying more help than ever...through publications, website, and direct contact.

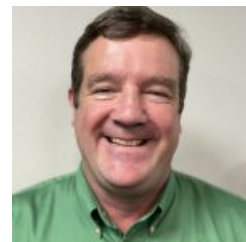
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## CHAPTER LEADERS

Here is a reminder to wrap up your 2025 Chapter Board Elections.

BHS Chapter Secretary Manual:

8.1. Elections In accordance with the Standard Chapter Bylaws (Article V), the chapter's annual meeting and officers must be held prior to October 15. There must be an announcement of nominees for each chapter office and a general notification of the annual election must be sent to all chapter members at least two (2) weeks prior to the election. All candidates must be members in good standing of the Society, district and chapter.



**Sid Brown**  
District EVP





**Chris Powell**  
EVG Secretary

## Annual Election Process Reminder

We are drawing nearer to the time when all chapters need to hold their elections for board positions for 2025. Has your chapter started the process? Are you making good progress? By now your nominating committee should have begun its search for filling board positions, perhaps confirming who will stay on in their role and which roles need to be filled. For each of the anticipated open positions, they should be talking with chapter members or other interested folks who might fill those roles, finding out if they're interested, and recruiting them to participate.

Chapter boards are allowed to have up to two members-at-large filled by non-BHS members, and is a good way to develop community engagement, gain outside expertise, and perspective on chapter business.

Society bylaws require the chapters hold an annual election meeting before October 15 with advance notice. First, the meeting itself needs to be scheduled and announced at least 2 weeks ahead of time. Also, the nominating committee must report its slate of candidates at least 2 weeks ahead, during a regular meeting, by snail mail, email, or other commonly used electronic means. That report places the names in nomination for the positions and gives chapter members the opportunity to provide other nominations if they want. In my chapter, the slate of candidates is read aloud at two regular meetings one and two weeks prior to the annual election meeting to satisfy the notification requirement.

These things have a way of sneaking up on us, especially with so many things going on, so now is a good time to get those dates on the calendar, confirm appropriate progress, and ensure the process goes smoothly.

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## TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR

It's that time of year when most chapters are beginning to consider whom will be on their chapter board for the upcoming year. It's a great time to look in the mirror at your chapter. Have new leaders been groomed as replacements for current leaders? Even if your current leaders are doing a good job, are you looking to the future or just year to year? Have some of your chapter leaders been in their roles for many years, perhaps too many, because there hasn't been a succession plan for chapter leadership? Are your leaders playing musical chairs with the board positions because no one else will step up? Are only the minimum number of board positions filled within your chapter; that being president, secretary and treasurer?

Instead of looking at the changing of the guard on the chapter board as a problematic task each year, why not look at it as an opportunity to have new energy, new vision, new leadership in front of the chapter. Even if someone hasn't been with the chapter too long, they may have good leadership skills.

A reminder that there is officer training online through the society and through the district, if your time or geography prevent you from attending the infrequent Regional Leadership Academies. Your chapter leaders also have other resources such as District board members and other chapter leaders throughout the District and the society for help and guidance. It's just a matter of reaching out.

The leaders whom you choose, the training that they get, and the planning that they do can set the stage for a very successful year for your chapter.



**Bob Thomas**  
Chapter Development

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## CHAPTERS IN ACTION



Over the past year the Evergreen District has been encouraging Chapters to create events for their Divisions... for fun, education, marketing, and to encourage each other. Spring is a great time to look toward creating an event for your neighboring singing organizations, or for chapters that are near to you. Remember, you can partner with any singing organization to create memorable events. Research what other chapters are doing, modify for your circumstances, and go forth with gusto.

Here's a Boise idea which can easily be modified for your chapter:

The Boise Chordsmen hosted the annual Quartet Extravaganza on August 30th in Boise, Idaho. Eleven quartets from the Chordsmen, Star Harmony and Capital City Sound (SAI) sang for a packed house, it was a fabulous evening of fun and harmony!

We all know some benefits of singing in a quartet, where only you can carry your part. Here is a BHS article about it: [Quarteting: Why It Matters To Make It Official | Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

After all, we are quarteting Society!

Sid Brown

## POLECAT 1 CHALLENGE 2024

By: Sid Brown and Greg Kronlund

We all learn the **Barber Pole Cat Songs** so we can sing with other Barbershoppers on the spot. But have you noticed that every chapter has their own take, interpretation, and nuance to these over 100-year-old songs? Yes, we know that "**Sweet and Lovely**" is only about 53 years old.

Join the **Barberpole Cat 1 Challenge 2024** to show off your own special take on one of these songs.

We challenge you to choose a **Barberpole Cat 1 Song** – video it - and send the video link to [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com).

Challenge Guidelines:

1. Only Titles found in the official BHS **Barberpole Cat 1 Book**.
2. We encourage adding verses for a new take on these old songs. Perhaps you'll discover meaning in these songs you hadn't thought of.
3. Video's **No** longer than 2 minutes 50 seconds.
4. Phone videos are acceptable.
5. The submitting organization must provide completed material and video link (no editing is available from the Facebook admins).
6. Facebook postings for viewing, comments, and entertainment.
7. We invite All organizations to participate. Men only – Women only- and All Voice choruses and quartets are welcome.
8. Extra Brownie points if you pick a song we seldom sing.
9. Entries begin October 15th and end October 31st. Facebook postings will begin in November.
10. Remember this is just for fun... show your unique take on these timeless songs.

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**FACEBOOK ASSISTANT NEEDED -- IS THAT YOU?**

Evergreen Communications Team 2024  
In Search of Facebook Admin



2024 COMMUNICATIONS  
**Facebook Admin**  
Join the Team to support local Chapters

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Email: [marketing@evgdistrict.com](mailto:marketing@evgdistrict.com)  
Website: [www.evgdistrict.com](http://www.evgdistrict.com)

How would you like to cover the 2024 District Convention for Facebook? We are looking for a energetic assistant for the District Facebook page... If you are interested contact Greg at 206.265.9706..... or send email to [marketing@evgdistrict.com](mailto:marketing@evgdistrict.com)

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### FREE MUSIC - you just pay the postage

Our Evergreen Historian has a large collection of FREE music that is legal to "pass on" to choruses, quartets, and individuals. Check out the FREE MUSIC list (titles, arrangers, and # of copies available) on our EVG website, then email Ken Galloway a list of the songs you'd like, and he will pull them out of the files and mail them to you... all you need to do is then mail him a check for the postage. It's a great way to fill in missing copies or to check out new titles.

<https://evgdistrict.com/free-music/>

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### WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING -- AND ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES??

#### STAY UP TO DATE!

Go to your APP Store  
and add "EVG DISTRICT"



### LET US ADVERTISE YOUR NON-SHOW EVENTS

If Your Chapter is having an Open House - Guest Night - FREE Family and Friends Performance - Youth In Harmony Weekend- collaboration event with another singing group - or a special **free event** send the information to [marketing@evgdistrict.com](mailto:marketing@evgdistrict.com)

We will add it to the EVG Calendar and post the item on Facebook... Send banner/poster and a three-sentence invitation....

(Not available for shows until cleared by the District Secretary)

## STAY CONNECTED

PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR OFFICERS RECEIVED THIS ISSUE!

Note: All Chapter and District Leaders are included in this contact list which is pulled from the current information in the BHS Member Center database.

### EVERGREEN EDITORIAL PRACTICES

- Show Policy: Chapter Show Posters and information must have district clearance to appear in Evergreen Publications and Social Media.
  - Publications editors reserve the right to edit content for length.
  - Submissions must meet or beat the deadline of the 10th of the month.
  - Maximum word count for Chapter Leader News 175 – 225 words.
  - The Evergreen Communications team may hold over generic content to the next publishing date when appropriate
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