



President's Report Spring 2016

It's been a little over a year since assuming the mantle of district president, and time is definitely going by fast! One of the great things about being district president is reaching out and visiting with chapters across the state. So far, I have met with the central and southern chapters, and have visited a few northern ones. Once my schedule opens up this summer, I expect to visit more of my northern friends.

As I said in my last report, these visits have not only opened my eyes to the wonderful things that are going on within our district and the successes that each chapter can look to, but they have also confirmed the need to foster more communication between the district and the chapters, and provide assistance where needed. I am very pleased with the efforts of my VP of Marketing Kevin McClelland. Kevin has been doing a great job in regularly posting information on our website and sending out periodic "email blasts" to keep the district membership in the loop as to happening around the district. If you are not receiving these, make sure you sign up on the district website (and make sure you are a dues-paying member!). I also thank our mentors, Bob Squires, Greg Martin, Brett Mulford, and Larry Dahogne, for taking time out of their schedules to visit with our chapters to keep the lines of communication open.

In my travels around the district, and in communicating with my chapter mentors, it has become apparent that several chapters contain members who are not paying dues for whatever reason. I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping the chapter in good standing with the district and the Society by having each member paying dues. This not only benefits the chapter by assuring each member receives full benefits from the district and Society in taking part in events (both competitive and non-competitive alike) but also keeps the chapter legally in check with the Society. To perform as a representative of the district or BHS, a chapter must be in good standing. If you have any questions regarding the status of your chapter, our mentors and I are here to help you.

I am very pleased to be hosting the first-ever Spring Harmony Jamboree, taking place this weekend, in East Peoria/Washington, IL. Combining the best elements of past conventions, festivals, and IDAH, this will be an enjoyable weekend not to be missed including classes, quartet/chorus coaching, a Harmony Platoon, and a "Saturday Night Spectacular" evening show featuring the popular quartet *Boardwalk*, Sweet Adelines Queens of Harmony *The Four Bettys*, as well as other guests and youth performers.

I am privileged to be your president and look forward to visiting with all of you, either at conventions or your chapter meetings. Here's to a great 2016!

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hansen