

RMD Weekly

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CONVENTION : GET READY FOR ALBUQUERQUE SEPT 28-29

The RMD Fall Convention will be in beautiful Albuquerque, and you can quote me (Tony Pranaitis) on that, having been to two Mid Winter Conventions in Albuquerque, you **MUST** visit Old Town Albuquerque for a unique cultural experience. My wife and I absolutely love it as a wonderful vacation destination. Of course, it'll be a fun-filled weekend of **GREAT** barbershop (whether you enter the contest, perform for evaluation only, or simply listen and enjoy) including celebrating our International #3 bronze medal chorus, the "Sound of the Rockies"! If your chapter chorus is involved, we'll look forward to seeing you there...and if not, **PLEASE** tell your members that the welcome mat is out, and they should consider being a part of the festivities!

CHAPTER ELECTIONS : AUGUST IS NOMINATION TIME

District policy is to have chapter officers for the following year **ELECTED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER**, in order that the new officers can make preparations to attend COTS. For those chapters nearest to Denver (see COTS locations below) this will be especially challenging, since COTS in Denver will be on October 13. To **ALL CHAPTERS**: your timetable should be **NO LATER THAN**:

Week of Sept 10-14 : presentation of slate of officers

Week of Sept 17-21 : accept nominations from the floor

Week of Sept 24-28 : elections

THREE COTS LOCATIONS : Denver, Albuquerque, SLC/Ogden

COTS (Chapter Operations Training Seminar) will be "different" this year. The Society is **NOT** conducting these classes at all, due largely to the move from Kenosha to Nashville. Districts are "on their own"—and for those of you who were at our HOD meetings recently, you know that we had formed a SubCommittee to study COTS (long before the Society announced its decision not to conduct COTS in 2007). We will use the model constructed by the SubCommittee, offering **FOUR TRACKS** which will cover the basic operations of any chapter, which are:

1. Governance
2. Music
3. Internal Operations (Members)
4. External Operations (Money)

For most chapters, sending 4 attendees to COTS is a reasonable goal. The instruction will be more "global" than the "nuts and bolts" of individual chapter jobs. We want to simplify and distill all of "chapter operations" into these 4 areas, and have 4 chapter leaders ready to oversee their areas, working together to make sure everything is being accomplished efficiently and properly. The seminars will be on the following dates:

1. Denver : Oct 13
2. Albuquerque : Nov 3
3. SLC / Ogden : Nov 17

More about these COTS classes in upcoming editions.

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