

RMD Weekly

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARMONY COLLEGE DATES: FEBRUARY 8-10

Because of headliner availability, RM-HC is the SECOND weekend of February in 2008 (not the customary first weekend). This is prominently stated on page one of the Vocal Expressions, which should be in every member's mailbox by now.

PLEASE mark your chapter calendar with the correct dates, and PLEASE adjust your Singing Valentine planning schedule so that your members and your chapter can benefit from Rocky Mountain Harmony College. In fact, recommend that ALL of your quartets, even "pick-up" quartets who will deliver Singing Valentines, obtain coaching at RM-HC. Whether they are trying to win the District Championship, or just working on a beautiful blend and welcoming presentation for Singing Valentines, the coaching at RM-HC will provide intensive focus toward that end.

Get all of your Singing Valentine planning groundwork done on the first weekend of February, so that you are free to attend RM-HC on the second weekend of February.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEET IN ALBUQUERQUE SEPT 28 3:00 PM

The Fall Convention will include the House of Delegates meeting, since COTS will be spread out in 3 locations this year. All of the CHAPTER PRESIDENTS authorize the Board of Directors to conduct the business of the District, and our 2008 budget will be presented and approved (or amended) by the HOD...so if you cannot fulfill your duty as Chapter President (by voicing the desires and needs of your chapter, by learning of the opportunities that your chapter can make available to itself, by voting on the proposed direction of the District), then please send an authorized delegate to attend.

Encourage ALL of your chapter members to visit beautiful Albuquerque and enjoy the parade of barbershop quartets and choruses (if they don't happen to be in one that crosses the stage). Enjoy a tag singing class AND the acclaimed "Singing Is Life" class by Jim DeBusman of headquarters staff. He'll bring us all up to date on the move to Nashville as well.

SEPTEMBER 30 DUES RENEWAL AND THE MOVE TO NASHVILLE

The dues renewal notices for the September 30 expiration date will be arriving in the mail soon. Because of the move to Nashville, there will be a short interruption of service during the transition. PLEASE advise your members of the following:

- MEMBERS - DO NOT IGNORE THESE INVOICES. This is the ONLY paper notification of dues being due the members will receive.
- PLEASE PAY VIA CHECK or CREDIT CARD upon receipt. Online renewal is still not available.

- Send payments to the Nashville address – BHS 110 7th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37203

The NEW on-line renewal system is still under construction, however, it is not yet in place. If it comes on line during this time frame, email reminders will be sent. Due to the transition, staff does not have the resources to work the phones for calls to renew via credit card, unless it is an emergency. Please mail your invoice back in with the envelope provided. Just don't forget a stamp!

The attached PDF file contains all the members of your chapter (all chapters in RMD) who are up for renewal in Sept, sorted by chapter (right column). PLEASE FORWARD this information to the appropriate chapter leadership (Membership VP, and Secretaries in particular). PLEASE inform these members specifically of the interim renewal procedure...ESPECIALLY those chapters who will be competing in Albuquerque (just want to make SURE you don't run into any snags).

THE NEW “COTS” PARADIGM

The four tracks at Rocky Mountain Leadership Seminar are:

Chapter President
Executive VP of Internal Operations
Executive VP of External Operations
VP Music & Performance / Director

The Chapter President track relates to issues of **GOVERNANCE**, oversight of the Chapter Board (including making sure that Secretary and Treasurer are knowledgeable of all legal responsibilities of their office), chairing meetings, organizing functional operations, making decisions, listening to his fellow leaders and constituents, and setting the philosophical direction of the chapter.

The EVP of Internal Operations oversees issues relating to **MEMBERS** and all the fraternal aspects of our internal meetings together.

The EVP of External Operations oversees issues relating to **MONEY** (spending and earning) and all of the business and marketing and public outreach aspects of chapter function.

The VP of Music & Performance / Chorus Director oversees issues relating to **MUSIC** in chapter operations. This could be the chorus director, or a member of the music team (like VP M & P)

When you think about it, this is **ALL** that we do. And if 4 people are RESPONSIBLE for each area, and COMMUNICATING with each other and with the chapter Board and Operations Team and with the chapter membership, then everything should be done efficiently and in order. This doesn't mean that these 4 people DO EVERYTHING. It means that they are RESPONSIBLE that everything *GETS DONE*, and they know what needs to be done and who is doing it. That's why this is called a "Leadership Seminar". The focus will be leadership more than "nuts and bolts" training, so either send newly elected officers who have been officers before, or plan on "passing the baton" within your chapter, having your outgoing officers train your incoming officers. Of course, much will be learned at RMD Leadership Seminar, and we do have access to training materials that new officers can study. But we are training leaders and the two EVP's are ideally entering "succession planning" training toward becoming Chapter President . More later.

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