



## *A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony*



Membership Stats a/o 3/15/2025: NSC Active Membership: 489  
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 44

### **March is Full of Important News...**

- **House of Delegates Meeting for Everyone** this Saturday
- **YIH A Cappella Spring Sing** March 29!
- **Woodshedding** (What is that?) added to **Convention** schedule
- **NSC Annual Convention: Registration** for Convention and Hotels
- **HX Registration Open, Lakeside Harmony Weekend in August at Furman U**
- **CSLT updates**
- A reminder about our **Coaching** offerings!
- Reminder for BHS Member database for chapter officers
- **Leadership Academy 2025 files available**
- Where to...plan your next opportunity to **find us Singing!**
- And last but not least, our trusty **Calendar** of upcoming events

#### HoD Meetings

### **House of Delegates Meeting this Saturday**

Our semi-annual HoD meeting will begin at 9 am Saturday, Mar. 22. (8:30 am sign-in, so you can say hello and introduce yourselves.)

The meeting is a requirement in the Districts, and is a chance for Chapters to be brought up-to-date on our plans and actions. **This year, we are including six sessions for discussion and input, and welcome and encourage your attendance!**

*Dear NSC Barbershop Leaders,*

*Our Spring House of Delegates (HOD) meeting is Saturday March 22 from 9a-12p on Zoom ([see link](#)). This year's Spring meeting is going to be quite different, far more interactive, and a heckuva lot more fun. As you can see from the agenda, we've created 6 breakout sessions and we'd sure like your attendance, feedback, & ideas regarding each session. Because the topics are very diverse, we urge you to bring other Chapter leaders/members to participate in these discussions.*

*I'm hearing a lot about the "barbershop buzz" and energy that's going around our awesome district. Let's build on this enthusiasm by getting*

**100% attendance from our chapter presidents at this meeting. Please invite several of your chapter leaders to the meeting to join in the discussions.**

**~[Jeff Osborne](#), District President**

### **Breakout Sessions**

**1a) Lakeside Harmony Weekend:** The most anticipated and fun-filled barbershop weekend is growing. This session, led by your Executive Vice President Bob Boone and VP of Music & Performance Tom Parker, will review this year's classes, schedule, & events, discuss your ideas to enhance the weekend experience, and how your members can get the most out of the weekend

**1b) Enriching Our Spring Convention:** We've grown (and packed!) our convention weekend. This session, led by your VP of Events Jason Kekas and at-large board member Jessica Cerri, will discuss the new events and enhancements to this year's convention and explore new ideas for future conventions

**2a) Youth in Harmony:** Our Carolinas Youth in Harmony (YIH) initiative is really taking off! In this session, led by Dr. Mike Fitch, Larry Gilhousen, and special guest, The Wade Hampton Singer's Amy Moyer, we'll discuss YIH best practices and how your chapter can cultivate and champion barbershop singing among the youth in your own community

**2b) Chapter Support and Leadership Training:** CSLTs: Many of you have already received visits from your designated CSLT ambassador. Who are these intrepid souls who are visiting your chapter and why should you be very excited?! Your VP of Chapter Support Justin Slack along with at-large board member Ray Gatlin will be leading this session to discuss how your CSLTs can provide valuable information and communications channel from your leadership and members directly to your district board

**3a) Chapter Elevation Program:** This new pilot program, voted in during our Fall HOD meeting, provides 5 chapters the opportunity to energize their chorus and boost their stature in their community. The lucky 5 chapters will receive a headliner quartet for their show, assistance in show creation, management, & promotion, an emcee, music suggestions, and assistance from neighboring chapters. This session, led by your President Jeff Osborne and PIPP Paul Martin, will provide details how you can participate in this innovative and super fun chorus-building program

**3b) Fun in the Fall!?!?:** Do we want some kind of Fall Event? A huge barbershop picnic? An all day afterglow at a park or pool? A joint show with multiple quartets and choruses? A joint event with multiple chapter sponsors or even an event with another district? Or something entirely different? This session is for brainstorming and getting your chapter's feedback as to whether or not we should add a fun fall event to our district calendar. Lead by Immediate Past President, Nicholas DiLorenzo and BMAL, Ken Thomas.

**[Click for Link with Zoom information](#)**

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**[NSC YOUTH](#)**

**Free Youth in Harmony Showcase March 29**

# A CAPPELLA SPRING SING

SALEM ACADEMY

Forecast QUARTET



Free Performance  
Saturday, March 29  
5pm Showtime  
Winston-Salem NC

Elberson Fine Arts Center  
Salem Academy & College  
430 Leaders Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC  
(alternate for GPS: 500 E. Salem Avenue)



**FREE SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
FEATURING MORE THAN 60 AREA HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

## Free Youth in Harmony Showcase at 5pm on March 29

If you are within driving distance to Winston-Salem, consider coming to support the 60+ high school barbershop harmony singers who will be presenting at show at 5pm on March 29 at Salem Academy and College. **The show will feature Forecast Quartet, the Salem Academy A Cappella Singers, and over 60 young singers who will present their hard work from that same-day barbershop harmony workshop!**

A Cappella Spring Sing  
Free showcase performance, 5pm on March 29  
Salem Academy Fine Arts Center  
430 Leaders Avenue (or 500 E. Salem Ave)  
Winston-Salem, NC

Please contact [Mike Fitch](#) if you have any questions.

[NEW @ ANNUAL CONVENTION](#)

## Woodshedding at the Convention!

**It's Back! Woodshed Room at Convention:** Did you know that when our hobby started there were no printed arrangements and at the first 6-8 contests written arrangements were not even allowed? Quartets used to have to write

their own arrangements from just the lead line. Would you like to try your hand at coming up with your own harmony part to a song you don't know? That's what Woodshedding is all about. **It's a blast!** Remember, there are no wrong notes, just sometimes there are better choices! Come by the Woodshed Room at the Convention and give it a try. The Woodshedding room will be published in the program.

*Also:* Calling all AHSOW members – If you are willing to help man the Woodshed Room please contact Bob Boone at [boonerd@nc.rr.com](mailto:boonerd@nc.rr.com). Ideally, we would have 4 people in the room at all times we are open to help guide anyone who is new and wants to try their hand at woodshedding and to fill in any parts we may be missing.

Please contact [Bob Boone](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [NSC ANNUAL CONVENTION](#)

## **The Best NSC Weekend: Convention 2025!**


Our NSC **Spring Convention and Contest** is in just a few weeks, **April 4-5 in Pinehurst, NC!** Please come and entertain us, applaud us, get some great feedback, and have the (best barbershop) weekend time of your life! **[Click here for REGISTRATION for the Convention and hotel links.](#)**

Contact [Jason Kekas](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [LHW and HX 2025](#)


## **Harmony Explosion Camp & Lakeside Harmony Weekend!**



**HARMONY EXPLOSION 2025**  
A fun-filled weekend of amazing four-part harmony especially for high school singers  
& their music educators · July 17 - 20 | Furman University Campus

**Harmony Explosion (HX25) is a  
fun & exciting 3-day immersion in  
a cappella singing & barbershop harmony!**

Rising 9th graders thru graduating seniors and their Music Educators will experience  
the best of 4-part singing taught by outstanding clinicians and quartets.



**STUDENTS:** Learn part independence - Ear training - Grow confidence -  
Perform on the Saturday night show

**EDUCATORS:** Gain solid, usable teaching ideas - Discover ways to  
generate excitement - Attract singers to your program

**We're ready for you! HX is bigger and better this year!**

- Clinician: Wyatt McCarter, Knoxville,
- Teaching Quartets: Full Effect (Cleveland, TN) and Radiant (Tampa, FL)
- 2025 Camp T-Shirt
- Attendance is free for middle and high school music educators and for chaperones whose students attend.
- An experience of a lifetime...

Furman University will host this year, July 17-20. [Click here for all the details and to the link registration.](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**LAKESIDE HARMONY WEEKEND 2025**

**JULY 18-20, 2025**

*HARMONY EXPLOSION 2025*

**JULY 17-20, 2025**

New location: Furman University in Greenville, SC  
The most fun-filled, educational Barbershop weekend in the Southeast!  
You won't want to miss it!

**CAROLINAS**  
BARBERSHOP HARMONY  
NOTHING COULD BE FINER

**SOUTHEASTERN HARMONY**

- Yes, this year we're moving up 185 forty-five miles or so to beautiful **Furman University**, where we'll enjoy a less spread-out (and less hilly!) area.
- Super Gold-Star faculty, featuring many international quality coaches and teachers
- Fabulous Saturday night show, featuring Full Effect (2024 6<sup>th</sup> place qtet), the youth chorus, and the wacky wonderful Boardwalk qtet !
- Information available soon on our website

#### [CSLT STATS](#)

## CSLT Updates

Justin has kicked off 2025 with his team, making plans to contact every chapter in our District. Some recent stats:

### CSLT Chapter Visits Completed:

- Upstate South Carolina Chapter – Nate 3/3
- Wilmington Chapter – Paul 3/8
- CSLTs are reaching out to Chapters to arrange visits

Contact [Justin Slack](#) if you have any questions.

#### [MUSIC](#)

## Coaching Available!

Our District Coaching Program is here for you.! We have one chapter on the list for coaching so far this year. Contact Tom now and schedule some stellar coaching. **Please tell us what you need to know about this program...**

Contact [Tom Parker](#) if you have any questions.

## A Reminder: ALL Officers on BHS Database

If you are adding officers to the BHS database for your chapters, please let me know! I keep up the mailing lists for the officers, and want to be current. All information was current as of Feb 15.

Contact [Beverly Greene](#) with changes and/or additions

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### [LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#)

## Files Available Leadership Academy 2025

We hosted a successful leadership academy with over 130 different attendees registered for over 160 classes. It was a great experience working with the Sunshine District. Access to videos as well as presentations are [available here on our Google drive](#).

~For more information, contact [Bob Boone](#), Dean Leadership Academy

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### [BHS NEWS](#)

## Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. [Carolinas Annual Convention and Contest](#) is **April 4-6** in Pinehurst NC. Registration is available for contestants, convention and hotels!
2. The latest NEW ADDITION to the opportunities in barbershop is the [Un-Convention in Nashville](#) over Memorial Weekend, **May 23-25!**
3. Don't forget a mountaintop experience: our [2025 International in Denver](#), **June 29-July 6!** It's a "don't miss" event, with an enhanced chorus contest draw to make it even better in 2025.
4. Our very own [Lakeside Harmony Weekend \(LHW\)](#) and [Harmony Explosion Camp](#), in partnership with the Southeastern Harmony District, will occur at Furman Univ, SC: **July 18-20 for Adults, July 17-20 for Students**. (More info to follow shortly for LHW-it's affordable, welcoming, and a can't miss event!)
5. As it's often called "The best week in singing", [Harmony University](#) will be held again **July 27 - Aug 3 in Denver**. Classes, coaching, choruses...you name it, you can experience it!

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## Our Calendar

### Your Link to Upcoming **District** and **BHS** Events

Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#), that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at [secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.



**Mar 22 - NSC House of Delegates** meeting via Zoom

**Mar 29 - A Cappella Spring Sing** - Winston-Salem, NC

**April 4-5 - 2025 NSC Convention and Contest** - Pinehurst, NC

## Important Links

> [Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

> [Barbershop Harmony Society \(BHS\)](#)

> [NEW LINK! BHS Free Classes and Tutorials!](#)

> [Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

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Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you at our 2025 Convention and Contest in April!

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