

District Board of Directors – 2014

President – Robert Johns

Bob grew up in the Chicago area and though he was engaged in music through high school was a late-comer to barbershop. While singing in a local (non-registered) quartet in Arkansas he got the bug and when he and his wife moved to Charlotte, NC he joined Charlotte's *Gold Standard Chorus* late in 2001. Bob has sung both bass and bari in quartets (back to bass and fully recovered from the bari experience) and currently sings in the Hickory based *Antics* and *Acappella Fellas* quartets and with Hickory's *Carolina Moonlighters*.



Bob graduated from the University of Illinois and worked in the steel industry for more than 40 years, retiring from Nucor Corporation in 2007. When he retired he was Director of Marketing for Nucor's sheet mill group but was actually more involved with international trade and government relations issues.

Bob is currently the Events VP for the Moonlighters.

Bob and his wife Margie live in Granite Falls, NC. They have two grown children – daughter Kim who lives in Maiden, NC and son Rob who lives in Atlanta, GA.

Executive Vice President – Dave Millson

I was born and reared in Hamlet, North Carolina and graduated from Hamlet High School in 1960 and East Carolina University in 1964 with a BS degree in Vocal Music Education. I worked for CSX Railroad 1965 – 2000. In 1966 I joined the US Army Reserve. I flew fixed wing and rotary aircraft for 12 years. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1994.



I first joined the BHS in 1965, but had to drop out in 1967. I returned to barbershop singing in 2000 joining the Golf Capital Chorus and singing with several quartets. I have served the chapter as Music & Performance Vice President, Executive Vice President, Quartet Development Vice President, President and Past President. Former member of North Carolina Harmony Brigade.

I served as the Dixie District Vice President for Chapter Support and Leadership Training from 2005 until 1 January 2009. I was the District Secretary of the Carolinas District from 2010-2013.

I married Mary Joyce, my high school sweetheart in 1962. We have three grown sons and two grandsons. I enjoy traveling, hunting and fishing when not barbershopping.

Immediate Past President – Dennis "Denny" Evans

Denny was raised in northeastern, OH. and now hails from the New Bern, NC, chapter. Denny's working life was in the New Haven, CT area with Southern New England Telephone where he retired as an operations General Manager. He joined the Society in 1971 through the Derby, CT, and sang with several quartets, winning the NED championship twice, and then its Seniors championship. He represented



the district four times as an International quarter finalist, and twice in the Seniors contest at Mid-Winter. On moving to NC he soon was elected to the Dixie District Board as VP Membership. He is one of the two principle founders of the Carolinas District, which was chartered in July of 2010 and served as its second president. Denny and his wife Elizabeth's (Betty) two children make their homes in the San Francisco Bay area.

Secretary – Joe Carrigan

Joe was born and reared in Taylorsville, NC. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill and marrying his college sweetheart, Beverly, he began a 15 year banking career. Trying to “scratch” the entrepreneurial “itch”, he and several partners purchased a knit fabric manufacturing company. Joe is presently owner of Cari Fabrics.



A 2001 chance meeting with a member of the Greensboro Tarheel Chorus and Beverly brought an invitation for him to attend “just one rehearsal.” Totally addicted to the “overtone opiate”, he has sung bass with the chorus, several quartets, and VLQ’s, He has held numerous positions in the Greensboro Tarheel Chorus ranging from Valentine chairman to president and was honored with BOTY in 2011.

Treasurer – Tom Martyn

Tom began singing with the Cape Fear Chordsmen of Wilmington, NC when after being invited by Robert Cox to sing in their first Holiday Chorus for the benefit of the Salvation Army in 1996. This was shortly after Tom had relocated to Wilmington, NC from Lynchburg, VA. The hook was firmly set and Tom has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since early 1997. Tom has served on the Board for the Cape Fear Chordsmen as VP of Membership, Treasurer, VP of Music and Performance and President at various times over the years. Tom has also served as show chairman, assistant director and has sung in various quartets within the chapter for shows and Singing Valentines. A few years back, Tom found himself in the midst of an effort to understand what the legal process would need to be to successfully form a new district according to the Society by-laws. He was a contributor to the formulation of the original all-chapter resolution which eventually led to the formation of the Carolinas Association of Barbershop Singers and then the Carolinas District. Since then, Tom has served the District on the Governance Committee that pulled together the original Bylaws and Code of Regulations adopted upon formation of the District. Tom also led the Music and Performance track at the 2012 Leadership Academy.



VP Music & Performance – Robert Cox

As a student, (several years ago) at East Carolina University, Robert gave up an earlier love of the tenor saxophone to pursue a new found passion...singing. He says, “I joined every singing group possible, the Concert Choir, the Madrigal Singers and the Opera Theater group.” He brings his highly regarded skills in show presentation, music theory and vocal production as the Music Director of both the *Winston-Salem* and *Pinehurst* Chapters. In addition to his work with these choruses he continues to direct the barbershop chorus in Winston Salem as well as a gospel group “Masters Men” in Raleigh. Finally, he also serves as a vocal coach for several top-flight barbershop quartets.



VP Events (Spring Convention) – Steve Curulla

Steve is not one of those guys who says "I wish I had found barbershopping when I was younger!" Steve (and his dad) joined the San Jose Garden City Chorus in 1981, when Steve was in college. Within a year, Steve was singing tenor in his first registered quartet. Over the years, he has held virtually every chapter board position, including chapter president of two chapters, San Jose and more recently, Charlotte. Steve is honored to have been award BOTY in both chapters. Steve had the opportunity to compete at International with the Bay Area Metro chapter and with the Palmetto Vocal Project. In the Carolinas District, joined the Events Committee in 2013, before becoming the VP of Events in 2014. He is a Presentation judge candidate, and currently serves as the Program VP for the Charlotte chapter.



Steve is married to Deanna, who is active in the Charlotte Sweet Adelines chorus, the Charlotte A Cappella Show Chorus. They have three boys, ages 18 to 23, and are enjoying life as empty-nesters. Professionally, Steve has worked for Bank of America for 32 years.

VP Chapter Development – Warren Fuson

Warren has been singing since he was a kid but it wasn't until 1984 when he discovered Barbershop with Raleigh's Sir Walter chorus - and never looked back.

After a 3-year hiatus to take an overseas assignment in Japan, he returned to the area and joined the RTP chapter. Board positions have included everything except Secretary & Treasurer (says he can't add and can't write). He is currently serving as chapter President. He has twice been chosen as chapter Barbershopper of the year - in 2011 and 2014.



Warren is a member of the Society Judging program as a Certified Contest Administrator.

He has sung with many quartets over the years and is currently the Bass in Never Home 4 and Ringtones. He is also a 20+ year member of the NC Harmony Brigade.

Professionally, Warren spent his career in the telecommunications industry starting out as an engineer then moving into management. He spent 3 years as an expat running his company's Engineering department for their Japanese subsidiary in Tokyo. He then returned to the states to run one of his company's R&D labs then moved on to doing International business development in Asia, Latin America and Europe, retiring in 2003 as Director of International Business Development (Asia).

Wanting to give something back, Warren started and ran a local nonprofit focused on providing technology assistance to other nonprofits while helping unemployed techies get the training and experience needed to get back into the workplace. He is now retired but still serves on the board of Public Information Networks, an RTP-based technology nonprofit.

VP Communications – Don Lang

Started singing Barbershop in High School - sang in 2 quartets, co-directed chorus. Joined SPEBSQSA in 1961, in Reading, MA, Northeastern District. Moved to North Carolina in 1986. Have held all chapter offices, many more than once. Have been assistant director or director of numerous choruses, men & women. Recently retired as director of Hickory Carolina Moonlighters. Chapter Barbershopper Of The Year - Winston-Salem, Asheville, and Hickory. Extensive coaching experience - Chorus & quartet, men & women. Have sung in numerous quartets, competing frequently. Currently singing with the Acappella Fellas. Involved in judging program for over 35 years. Certified Chorus Director. DIXIE District President, VP for Contest & Judging, and VP for Chorus Director Development. DIXIE District Barbershopper Of The Year.



Work Experience - Work? Oh, yeah, I have a vague recollection of working in Information Systems - many levels - programming to VP. Small (1) to large (1000's) companies. Work Objective - Retirement - Getting close!

VP Contest & Judging – Larry Reinhart

Larry Reinhart is the VP of Contest and Judging for the Carolinas District. Larry was certified as a Barbershop Harmony Society judge in the Presentation Category in 2010.

Larry has been a barbershopper since 1985 and has sung in the front row with Northbrook, IL “New Tradition Chorus”, Cincinnati “Southern Gateway Chorus”, and RTP, NC “General Assembly”. He was Musical Director for the Wilmington, NC “Cape Fear Chordsmen” for seven years.



An experienced quartet man, Larry has competed in over 30 contests. He was the lead in “BLacKJack” – 2011 International Senior Quartet 4th-place medalists. He sang lead in “Philatoga Township” – Pioneer District Quartet Champion and “CrackerJacks” from the Dixie District - International Quartet Semi-finalists, and is currently the bass with “Hazardous Moving Parts”.

In addition to barbershop, he has had the pleasure of directing several church choirs and “Sea Notes Choral Society” – a 140-voice mixed chorus in Southport, NC. Larry has classical voice training as a baritone, and also plays the guitar and violin. As a chapter officer, Larry has served as Secretary and VP of Music and Performance.

Larry lives in Holden Beach with Becky, his high school sweetheart, and wife of 40 years.

VP Youth in Harmony – Bob Kearns

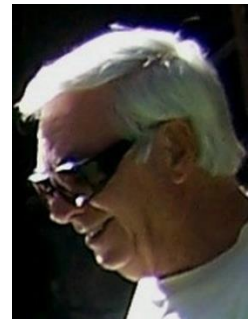
A true Coney Island baby, Bob grew up on Long Island, NY before obtaining degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Columbia University. After service in the US Army, Bob spent most of the '70s in Europe with a consulting firm before returning to Long Island as President of an aerospace engine component firm. Bob and his wife Cathy moved to Savannah in 2005, where he has since started a company bringing new technology fuel and lubricant products to market.



Although Bob wore out several 78 rpm recordings of “Down By The Station” by age 4, he did little singing while playing guitar in school bands and family gatherings. A fellow choir member dragged Bob to a Chapter Meeting of “13th Colony Sound” in 2006, where he has since served as Music & Performance VP and President during the Savannah Chapter’s transition into Carolinas District

Board Member-At-Large (Code & Policy) – Jim Cheesman

Jim Cheesman grew up in Lynn, Indiana and attended Purdue University. Singing in the Purdue Glee Club took priority over Civil Engineering and resulted in a 4 year stint in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller. In January 1959 he was employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration/Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller at the Indianapolis Enroute Control Center. He worked there as a Controller, an Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, and as an Air Traffic Control Consultant until November 2000.



Jim and Mary Jane were married in 1955 and currently live in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

A member of SPEBQSA in the early 1960's for several years, Jim joined the Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus in 2006. He has served as President of the Speed Capitol Chorus in Indianapolis, Indiana and Secretary, as well as President, of the Hilton Head Chorus.

Treasurer – Ted Leinhart

Ted has been a barbershopper since 1981, singing with the *Charlotte, Winston-Salem* and *Carolina Vocal Express Choruses*. Over the years, Ted has held every elected Chapter Officer position except Treasurer, which is interesting since he now serves as the District’s Treasurer. However, Ted’s real world job was that of a CPA and Corporate Controller which has trained him well for his current District position. Ted has also served from time to time as the Music Director, Assistant Director and Bass Section Leader for both the *Charlotte* and *Winston-Salem* choruses.



Ted is an avid quartet singer (singing either tenor or bass) having been a member of *Mint Condition, New Attitude, Bar None, Village Green* and *Harmony Grits*, as well as several other lesser known foursomes. He also participates regularly in the *North Carolina Harmony Brigade* and is a founding member of the *New England Harmony Brigade*.

Ted has previously served as Secretary and Board member of the Dixie District and served as a Secretary Instructor for many years in the Society’s COTS Program.

Ted and his wife Margaret live in Winston-Salem and have two grown daughters; Ryan, who lives (and sings barbershop) in Kona, Hawaii and Salem and her husband Clay who live in New York City.

Board Member-At-Large (Fall Festival) – Paul Martin

Paul Martin currently holds a position as a Carolinas District Board Member at Large. As the Director of Festivals, he was charged with reinventing the Fall convention to better serve the District membership. The Fall Festival concept, inaugurated in Charleston, SC in 2014, was the first of these events. Its successful implementation earned Paul the District Barbershopper of the Year award for 2014.



Prior to his service with the District, Paul served as President of the Research Triangle Park, NC chapter of the society for 8 terms from 2000 - 2014. He has held the positions of Program VP, Membership VP and Chorus Manager, organizing the logistics for the chorus's 2011 and 2012 tours as District International Chorus representative. In addition to singing with the General Assembly chorus, he sings tenor with Doppler Effect and Ringtones quartets and is a long-standing member of the North Carolina Harmony Brigade.

Paul is active in his community serving several years on the board of his homeowners association and in the chancel choir of his church. Paul also is a regular member of the Hillyer Community Chorus which performs two classical concerts each year.

Paul is the President of Leisure Landscapes which serves the Triangle area of North Carolina, a company he founded in 1993. He has one son, Phillip, who works with him in the company. Paul shares a home with his sweetheart Annie Pixley.