

# District Board of Directors – 2016

## 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 and EVP from 2014-015.

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

## Immediate Past 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 *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 Program 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 – Tom Martyn

Tom began singing with the *Cape Fear Chordsmen* of Wilmington, NC 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 joined the District Board of Directors as Treasurer in 2011, as a Board Member at Large in 2015 and then as Executive Vice President in 2016.

### Secretary – Richard Harris

Born in Rocky Mount, NC. The family moved to Raleigh in 1960 where I spent the remainder of my primary school years. I was in every singing organization thru my school years. Graduated from NC State University with a BS in Natural Resource Recreation in '79. I didn't have time during that period to sing in college.



In '77 while going to college I married my first wife, Mary, the mother of both my children. I was offered a civil service position with the US Army in '80 in an intern program for ammunition at Savanna, IL in northwest IL. I have worked in a number of permanent and temporary assignments after in KY, IL, Japan, Korea, HI, AK, PA, Kuwait and now SC. During that time both our children were born, Sky in KY, '84, and Sagan in Okinawa, '88.

I was introduced to Barbershop with the Hagerstown, MD chapter in 1991, and fell in love with the sound of four voices making wonderful music together without any instruments. I joined the BHS and have been loving this American art form as a “hobby” ever since. I have been in numerous quartets over the years, and currently in *Shrimp'n Grits*. Both my kids are barbershoppers too. Nothing better than singing with them today.

I have held every position at the chapter level except Secretary. I am the Mt Pleasant, SC chapter Treasurer now. My work on the NCS BoD as Secretary is my first experience at the District level. I am currently a member of three chapters, Charleston, Mt Pleasant and Wilmington. My work takes me to the Wilmington area for 3-4 months nearly every year.

I was divorced in 2011, and met my new wife, Judy, and married her in 2014 while PVP was competing in Las Vegas, NV. Judy has been very tolerant of my travels and comes with me on convention trips. She's been extremely important in my barbershop life.

### Treasurer – Ted Leinbach

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.

### **VP Events – 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 awarded BOTY in both chapters. Steve has competed at International with 3 choruses, including currently with Carolina Vocal Express. In the Carolinas District, he joined the Events Committee in 2013, before becoming the VP of Events in 2014. He is a certified Performance Judge, and is the Immediate Past President of 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 21 to 24, and are enjoying life as empty-nesters. Professionally, Steve has worked for Bank of America for 35 years.

### **VP Music & Performance – Mark Stock**

Mark became a Tarheel in April of 2015, but he joined the Barbershop Society in 1976 after meeting a Singing Buckeye quartet in Columbus in a community theater production of Music Man. Once attending his first chapter meeting in Columbus, he was hooked. However, truth be told, he was actually in his first quartet – *What Four* - in high school under the tutelage of icon Darryl Flinn.



His professional career was in the field of education as a teacher of mathematics at onset, but quickly moved up the administrative ladder and completed his final years as a superintendent of schools. .

His musical experience began in high school where he was selected student director of the choir, and continued in college where he was again selected as student director of the Capital University Chapel Choir, a world famous acapella ensemble.

Once he became a “barbershopper” it didn’t take him long to take the helm of the Singing Buckeyes, directing them to an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in 1984 in the International Chorus Competition in St. Louis. Mark has also walked across the JAD quartet contest stage almost every year since joining. In 2009, that effort brought him a 5<sup>th</sup> place medalist finish in the Seniors Quartet Contest in Pasadena, California while singing with *Test of Time*.

In 2010 Mark qualified to become a Singing Judge in the BHS Society, and has been honored to serve on the Collegiate Quartet International panel in Toronto (2013) and two panels for the International Convention – Las Vegas (2014) and Nashville (2016).

During his tenure in JAD he was honored to receive the 2009 JAD “Coach of the Year” and most recently was honored as the 2017 NSC “Barbershopper of the Year”.

Mark lives in Pinehurst, North Carolina, with his life partner, Dianna (who loves the hobby as much as he does), sings with the Golf Capital Chorus and the Carolina Vocal Express, and coaches multiple quartets and choruses throughout the NSC District.

### **VP Communications – 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 RTP 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 the Immediate Past President.



Warren served the NSC board as VP Chapter Support & Leadership Academy and currently as VP Communications. He is a certified Contest Administrator and a certified Leadership Academy instructor for VP Music & Performance.

He has sung with many quartets over the years and is currently the Bass in *Never Home 4*, *Ringtones* and the newly formed mixed quartet, *Mélange*. He is also a 24 year member of the NC Harmony Brigade.

Professionally, Warren spent 30+ years in the telecommunications industry, leading organizations small and large in operations, engineering, marketing, product development and R&D. This included a 3 year ex-pat assignment as Director of Engineering & Operations for Northern Telecom’s operation in Japan.

Warren culminated his career as a business development manager in the international marketplace in Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, culminating as Nortel’s International Business Development Director for Asia and Latin America before retiring in 2003.

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 fully retired but still serves on the board of Public Information Networks, an RTP-based technology nonprofit. Warren holds a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University.

### **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 was re-certified in the new "Performance" Category in 2016, and currently serves on the "Performance" Category Board of Review team.



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 4<sup>th</sup>-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 44 years.

### **VP Youth in Harmony – Dr. Bill Adams**

“Dr. Bill,” as he is known to his students, has been a professional musician and music educator for more than 30 years. He earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance from California State University at Northridge, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education (instrumental and vocal) from California State University, San Bernardino, and an Associate of Arts degree in Music from Chaffey College. In addition to serving the Carolinas District as VP for YIH and Outreach, Dr Bill is the Director of the *Heart of Carolina Chorus*, in Durham. Before that, he directed the Austin, Texas, chapter from 1995-99 bringing them back to their first District contest in nearly twenty years.



A specialist in a cappella music, Dr Bill is a founding member of the CARA nominated vocal jazz a cappella ensemble, *Avante*. He has also conducted male, female, and mixed ensembles ranging from three- and four-voice chamber ensembles to 340-voice festival and honor choirs. Prior to focusing his energies on his private studio full-time, he held teaching positions at universities in North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as posts in the public school systems of Texas and California. His work in Academia led him to design an entire music education curriculum and serve as faculty advisor and adjudicator for music educators throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Kansas. He has conducted at more than 80 different Youth in Harmony events throughout his career.

As a performer, Dr Bill is an operatic baritone with a repertoire of more than sixty opera, musical theater, and oratorio roles extending from Baroque masterworks to world premieres and he has performed throughout the United States with leading choral societies and orchestras as a featured soloist. He is a multi-instrumentalist having performed on nearly 40 instruments in every conceivable setting from Renaissance recorder consorts to jazz, rock, and country bands. He is a composer and arranger whose works have received international performances and earned awards from the Kennedy Center. Finally, he is a published scholar in the music of British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

A Californian of Texas descent, Dr Bill makes his home in Durham, North Carolina with his wife, Nicole, and two children, Michael (a member of the *Heart of Carolina Chorus* and multi-decorated quartet singer in the Carolinas District) and Kathryn (a singer and multi-instrumentalist who is writing her own songs).

### **Board Member-At-Large – 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.

### **Board Member-At-Large – Phil Wilcox**

Phil joined the Mount Pleasant Chapter in December 2011. He performed with the *Palmetto Vocal Project* chorus at both the 2013 and 2014 International Contests. Phil has been the Chapter President since 2014. He sings bass with *Shrimp & Grits*. He has served as the Dean of the Leadership Academy.

