



# NED's NEWS

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of the  
Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



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## 1. Letter from the Executive Vice President

On January 28th, the **NED House of Delegates** voted unanimously in favor of open contests for District and Division champions. On February 9th, the Society Board of Directors announced that the International Quartet and Chorus contests would be open as well. An exciting new age has dawned for our District and our Society - from this day forward, all ensembles, whether they identify as male, female, or all-voice/mixed, will compete head-to-head, and the best will be our champions.

While we will continue to preserve the history and heritage of our great society and this wonderful art form, we now all have the opportunity to encourage new members, and new ensembles, to join us as equals without discrimination, without partisanship. We can now truly live up to the ideals of **Everyone in Harmony**, and be a fellowship of singers - no labels attached.



One thing that these decisions do not change is each ensemble's right to determine their own identity. The day to day life of our Chapters is not impacted by decisions about contest structure. Only (roughly) 30% of our members who typically compete will experience these changes in person, and then for only a few days a year while competing. The fellowship we enjoy in this hobby comes largely from the ensembles we're members of, and that is not changing.

But for those that, prior to these decisions, were marginalized or left out all together, the difference is monumental, and I am very happy that we can be their singing home now as well.

I am also proud to be able to say that the NED led the way in inclusivity. Now let's all get together in Hyannis and Queensbury this April and celebrate it!

~ **Mike Savard** • Northeastern District EVP • [michael.w.savard@gmail.com](mailto:michael.w.savard@gmail.com)



**Vox Stars of Hanover, NH**

## 2. International Conventions to have open quartet, chorus competitions

On Monday, February 7, 2022, the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors voted unanimously in a historic decision to open its annual International contest to all quartets and choruses, without gender distinctions. The vote followed more than eight months of engagement with members and barbershop leaders.

The Board's decision continues to recognize the freedom of Society chapter leaders and quartets to decide the composition of their singing groups. They may opt to continue with all-male groups, all-female groups, all-voice groups, or any combination of those, in alignment with the Society's 2017 strategic plan, which encouraged broader diversity of all types across singing communities.

Please read the full text of the announcement ... [here](#).

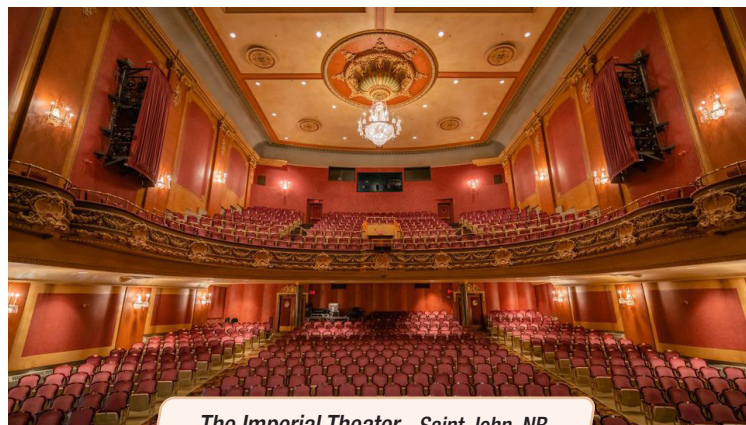


*The Queen's Gambit (NED)*

## 3. 75th Anniversary Convention Update - Saint John, New Brunswick - October 21-24

The **75th Anniversary Convention Team** has been meeting since November 2021 planning for celebration of 75th Anniversary of the Northeastern District during our Fall Convention. While all the events have not been finalized as of this writing, the team hopes to have a final list of convention events in addition to our usual contests, very soon. There is sure to be something for everyone during the weekend, competitors and non-competitors. Start making your plans now to join us in October and be on the lookout for announcements on our district website

# #SaintAwesome



*The Imperial Theater - Saint John, NB*

with valuable information. The committee is hoping and planning for the best but we realize the course of the COVID pandemic might have other ideas for our convention. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

In the meantime, plan to attend the convention and spend an extra day or so visiting Saint John. If you don't have a Passport, now is the time to get one. It is necessary to cross the border! Passport applications right now require 8-11 weeks for processing - renewals are a bit faster. Expedited processing (higher fee) is 5-8 weeks out! Don't wait until the last minute!

Have YOU  
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to our  
SURVEY?



*Your Feedback Needed!*  
Summer 2022  
Harmony College Northeast  
What would YOU like to see?  
**Start Survey HERE!**



## 4. NED Events & Other Important Dates —

Now on the [District Calendar](#) (link). More information & links may be found there!

Organizers: Please submit/provide/verify your future event date, time and link. Attending? Look at the online calendar!

DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	INFO LINK	LOCATION
Mar. 18-20	Fri.-Sun.	Mixed Harmony Brigade of New England - Rally	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Bedford, MA
Mar. 25	Fri.	<a href="#">NED House of Delegates meeting</a>	<i>t b a</i>	via Zoom
Apr. 8-10	Fri.-Sun.	<b>NED Eastern Regional Convention and Contests</b>	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis
Apr. 29-May 1	Fri.-Sun.	<b>NED Western Regional Convention and Contests</b>	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Queensbury (NY) High School.
July 3-10	Sun.-Sun.	BHS International Convention	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Charlotte, NC
July 24-31	Sun.-Sun.	BHS Harmony University	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Loyola University New Orleans
Aug. 4-7	Thurs.-Sun.	<b>NED Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast (HXNE)</b>	<i>t b a</i>	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 5-7	Fri.-Sun.	<b>NED Harmony College Northeast (HCNE)</b>	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 19-21	Fri.-Sun.	Meredith Bay Barbershop Jamboree	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Meredith, NH
Sept. 16-18	Fri.-Sun.	New England Harmony Brigade 9th Annual Rally	<a href="#">SELECT</a>	Marlborough, MA

## 5. Video of the Month

Here are two quartets for the price of one. Up and coming *Pioneer District* champion quartet **Frontier** is paired with *2003 International Quartet* champion **PowerPlay** performing **Tom Gentry's** arrangement of *The Sunshine of Your Smile*. Great arrangement and performance by two great quartets. Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/p08WnYBXMN4>



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## LOOKING FOR A

### “GRANITE DIVISION” (New Hampshire)

## MANAGER

- 🎵 Communicate with local chapters
- 🎵 Encourage, Advise, Assist - as needed
- 🎵 Monitor compliance

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