

# Our President, **Neil Lantz**



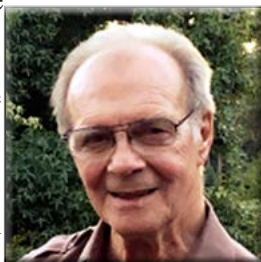
## *Our Board of Directors*

I'm writing to announce three recent personnel changes in the Board of Directors of the Society and to express my personal appreciation and congratulations to Mel Myers, Gil Peterson, and Wayne Corey for their tireless leadership over the years.

Late last year, Chairman Meyers informed me that it was his plan to retire, effective March 31 of this year. Mel and his wife Barbara have dedicated several decades of service to the Society in a variety of important leadership roles. Their service began many years ago as State Reps for Arizona. In 2006, Mel was appointed Southwest Regional Director of the Society and in 2009 was elected to the presidency of the Board of Directors. Following their relocation to Ohio in 2011, he was the "man behind the scenes" in support of Barb and her committee as they hosted the 2011 FFS Convention in Toledo. In 2012, Mel was elected Vice Chairman of the Board and became Chairman in 2017 following the retirement of former President and long-term Chairman Tom Purvis. As Society President over the past six years plus, it's been my opportunity and pleasure to have worked closely with Mel; and it's my honor to name him Board Member Emeritus, joining Tom, Dick Baldwin, Sue Barbour, Barbara Frederick, and Dorothy Lydic on the Corporate Board of Directors Emeriti.

Elected to replace Mel on the Board is another very active member of our organization, Gil Peterson. Gil joined the Society in 2001 and was Co-chair of the 2007 Convention in Portland. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014. The following year, he became Chairman of the very important Convention Coordination Committee (CCC), succeeding long-time Chairman Jack Morrison of the committee then known as the Convention Site Selection Committee. In 2017, Gil replaced Mel as Vice Chairman of the Board. For several years, Gil and I have worked

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## 2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Sept 5th

9:00am-6:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
10:00am-2:00pm	FFMF Board Meeting	Executive A
3:00pm-5:00pm	FFS Board Meeting Executive A	
2:30pm-4:00pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
DINNER ON YOUR OWN		
7:00pm-11:00pm	Jam Session (Cash Bar)	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4

### Friday, Sept 6th

7:30am-4:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
8:15am-2:30pm	Tour #2 Denver & MT Area Meet in Lobby	LUNCH INCLUDED
8:45am-1:00pm	Tour #1 Downtown Denver Meet in Lobby	LUNCH NOT Included
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
9:00am-2:00pm	Board of Directors	Executive A
2:00pm-3:30pm	Convention Coord. Comm.	Executive A
3:00pm-4:30pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet / Greet Cash Bar	Ballroom Hallway
6:00pm-7:15pm	Dinner	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:30pm	FOUR FRESHMEN	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
	AFTERGLOW	Doubletree Bar

### Saturday, Sept 7th

9:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Ballroom Hallway
9:00am-4:00pm	Board of Directors	Executive A
9:00am-4:00pm	113 Club & Silent Auction	Colorado III
9:00am-10:00am	State Representative Meeting	Grand Ballroom 1
10:00am-11:00am	General Meeting	Grand Ballroom 1
11:00am-1:00pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
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1:00pm-2:30pm	Fresh Memories	Grand Ballroom 1
3:00pm-4:00pm	Wannabees	Grand Ballroom 1
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet / Greet Cash Bar	Ballroom Hallway
6:00pm-7:15pm	Dinner	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:15pm-7:30pm	Neil Lantz	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
7:30pm-7:45pm	Quartet from Orlando High	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4
8:00pm	FOUR FRESHMEN	Grand Ballroom 2-3-4

## Los Cabelleros de Dreyfoos

by Dave Bentley

The 2019 Four Freshmen Society convention will be special for a number of reasons. One is that we will be in a very beautiful part of the world: Denver is a terrific city with lots to do, and the scenery can be awe inspiring. But I write today to tell you of another "special". The Freshmen Music Foundation has been lucky to award a Grant to a quartet of college freshmen – yes freshmen – who have fallen in love with the Freshmen sound; so much so that the foundation has invited them to come to Denver, and the FFS Board has authorized their performing as warm-up artists for the Freshmen on Saturday night. The group is called Los Cabelleros de Dreyfoos, which translates to The Cowboys of Dreyfoos, the name of the high school from which they just graduated. They are all serious music students and they are working hard to prepare a short program for our ears at the convention. This is a wonderful opportunity for the group and satisfies a long time desire we in the FFS have had to interest younger audiences/people in the iconic music of The Four Freshmen. I predict you will be happily entertained by these young men and brought back in time to the original group as they started their climb to fame at Butler University. I can tell you that these young men are thrilled to be given the opportunity to introduce our Freshmen, and we the audience will enjoy a very unique opportunity. Remember what it was like to be 17?

— See you in Denver!

