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FFS MISSION STATEMENT Report for the Fresh News by Dick Baldwin, President

The initial item of business at our annual Executive Meeting of the Four Freshmen Society at Portland, OR. August 2, 2007, was a timely "Mission Statement." Modified to comply with the unanimous approval of those in attendance, the following document resulted for the Society's ongoing support of the Four Freshmen.

FYI the Executive Meeting includes: Corporate Board, FFS Officers, Regional Directors, International Directors, Special Assignment Personnel, plus the Advisory Council (previously known as Advisors/Trustees). This entire voluntary administration traditionally meets during each convention weekend for the purpose of updating all functions of the Four Freshmen Society.

THE FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY Mission Statement R. E. Baldwin

The Four Freshmen Society Incorporated, originally known as the "Four Freshmen Appreciation Society" until 1992, remains an active, international network of approximately 3,000 members. The FFS serves as a promotional and supporting regional and international organization to sustain the Four Freshmen jazz vocal group sound, which first performed professionally in 1948.

The society retains a Corporate Board of Directors, President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, an Advisory Council, plus specific project chairs. All administration leadership is initiated by the Corporate Board.

The Society schedules an annual convention for its members in a designed weekend format. Sites are determined and committee chaired by FFS members with approval by a Selection Committee and the Board. Annual executive, business and other special organizational meetings are part of each convention/reunion agenda.

The Society offers its cooperation to a professional management agency to schedule FF concerts and appearances. The professional management agreement is determined by the Four Freshmen Corporation, exclusive of the Four Freshmen Society.

All FFS administration and assignments are voluntary. Financial matters are first directed by the Society Corporate Board before being concluded by the President and Treasurer.

A quarterly publication, *Fresh News*, is edited and distributed to the Society as the primary conduit for the membership and recruitment of new members.

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