**Joe Liles Lifetime Achievement Award**

Your Board of Directors approved the creation of a new District Award to recognize those individuals who have made very significant positive contributions to our District over a long-period of time.

We named the Award in honor a long-time member of our District, who passed away last year, Joe Liles. For those who may not have known Joe, there are no words to encompass his breadth of influence on the Barbershop Harmony Society, and on the barbershop art form. In addition to hundreds of original songs, and hundreds of arrangements, his fingerprints are on untold more works that he brought to print as Music Publications Editor, as a teacher, mentor, and colleague to other arrangers.

A member of the BHS Hall of Fame, a seniors quartet champ, a past Society Executive Director— any list of accomplishments falls woefully short of describing the man.

A few details of the award:

* Award Candidate Criteria
  + A person with at least 25 years of membership in the LO’L District
  + A person who has held multiple District leadership roles over a period of several years
  + A person whose leadership had a sustained positive impact on the well-being and on-going success of the District
  + Other considerations may include:
    - Significant musical impact through directing, quarteting, arranging or composing
    - On-going participation on District Committees and other administrative duties
    - Informal leadership via evangelism for the District, the chapters and members
* Award presented at the Fall District Convention
* Candidates may be nominated by any one, but must include justification in concert with award criteria and nominations must be made no later than Sept 1st each year.
* This award is separate and differentiated from the BOTY or Hall of Fame by being reserved only for those individuals who have truly provided leadership and support for an extended period of time, measured in decades.

If you want to nominate candidates for this award, send the names and justifications to Jay Althof, District President, and the award committee will evaluate all candidates prior to the Fall Convention.