

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2011

Location: Brookridge Room, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington IL

Time: 1:30PM

1. Call to Order
 - Called to Order: 1:32PM
 - Introduction of Tom Woodall, Greg Grey, Don Fuson, Rick Ashby and Ryan Killeen – Mike Bagby
 - Roll Call – Mike Isely – see attendance tables at bottom of agenda
 - ♦ 16 needed for quorum (at least 30% of total membership)
 - ♦ Counted 27 HOD members present out of 51 possible (16 of 33 chapters + 7 of 8 Gov Board + 4 of 10 Past Presidents), quorum established
2. Opening Song – Tom Woodall
 - *Wait 'Til The Sun Shines, Nellie*
3. Approval of the Agenda – Mike Bagby
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Accept the Agenda**
 - ♦ **Maker: Bob Cearnal**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Greg Weickart**
 - ♦ **PASSED**
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting - Mike Isely
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Accept Spring 2011 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Maker: Mike Isely**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - ♦ **PASSED**
5. Consent Calendar Reports - Mike Bagby
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar**
 - ♦ **Maker: Syl Wetle**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Doug Ferrier**
 - ♦ **PASSED**

6. Membership Report - Hugo Feugen

→ Operation Harold Hill

- ♦ Program is kicking off for 2012
- ♦ Goal for OHH for 2012 is 3200 new members over a 12 month period

→ “Looking for Joe Barbershopper”

- ♦ Page on this in the HOD packet
- ♦ “You are encouraged to find Joe Barbershopper and write up something to recognize him”
- ♦ Write to Montana Jack about what you find: mtjack@bresnan.net

→ Chapter Visitation

- ♦ About 60% of the Illinois chapters have been visited

→ New members

- ♦ Twenty four new members to the district since the Spring convention

→ If you have stories, concerns, questions, whatever – Hugo is the go-to guy to help out. He's a resource, use him!

→ Chapter Achievement Program

- ♦ Bloomington ranked 3rd in the nation
- ♦ Coles County was up there too - 12th place

→ Earl Meseth also reports:

- ♦ South Cook [E-050] and Joliet [E-060] have been discussing a possible merger
- ♦ This has been going on for the past 4-6 months

7. Treasurer's Report – Dave Cowin

→ [Attachment: “01-Treasurer.pdf”]

→ Judging costs...

- ♦ For the Fall 2011, our judging costs are roughly half what they were in the Spring
- ♦ Wayne Wright, as a result of what happened last Spring, pointed out to Nashville the financial hardship that was imposed on the Illinois District, because...
 - ...Judging expenses last Spring were unusually high, because...
 - ...The judge selections made last Spring resulted in high overall travel expenses.
- ♦ This Fall, the judge selections results in significantly lower overall travel expenses.

→ “So far we are slightly ahead of last year”

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Maker: Syl Wetle**
- ♦ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
- ♦ **Result: PASSED**

8. Reminder regarding 990 Filings - Mike Isely

→ Discussion about financial filings

→ Check the “financial filings” link and ensure that your chapter has filed appropriately

9. Old Business – Mike Bagby

→ Convention Attendance

- ♦ Spring 2011 would have been profitable had the judges expenses not been sky-high (an issue that is not happening for this Fall)
- ♦ Fall 2011 is looking good

→ Special Programs

♦ IDAH

- [Attachment: “02-IDA_H_flyer.pdf”]
- We've have some great IDAH events in the past!
- We are *wide open* to suggestions about what topics to hear
- Coaching being set up for up to 15 quartets and 3 choruses

♦ CSLT

- Plan is to combine this with IDAH, same as what has been done in 2011
- Saves expenses on facilities and allows for smaller classes without it being a financial loss
- We need to know from the chapters who will be attending this event

♦ Parts and Partners Party

10. New Business

→ New Proclamations from the State of Illinois – Mike Bagby

♦ Barbershop Harmony Week

- [Attachment: “03-Proclamation_BHS.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “04-Proclamation_YIH.pdf”]

♦ Youth In Harmony Week

- This will be during a week in October

→ Harmony Foundation – Ryan Killeen

- ♦ (Ryan could not be here, Mike Bagby filled in)
- ♦ HF is more interested in the percentage of participation rather than the total donations

- A high number of donors helps when seeking out corporate donations – shows that the members are involved.
- In the past year, participation among the society membership has overall doubled.
- ♦ Description of things that the Harmony Foundation has done for the Society
- ♦ Note: Your donations are tax deductible
- ♦ Syl Wetle: Let's not forget that we also have our own endowment fund (IDEA) as well
- Events – Will Thorndike
 - ♦ The Bloomington chapter has done great work helping to get this convention prepared. In particular, Greg Grey deserves a large amount of credit
 - ♦ Spring 2012 will be in Peoria at “Five Points” on the east side. Headquarters hotel will be the Pere Marquette
 - The Holiday Inn City Center by the way wants us back and is quoting a really tempting room rate
 - ♦ Contest format – Wayne Wright is forming a committee to review our contest format. It's been 3 years since the format was changed
 - ♦ Fall 2011
 - DoubleTree Hotel is very happy with us – since all but 40 rooms in the hotel are occupied by barbershoppers.
 - We're getting a \$3K grant to be in Bloomington.
 - Two comments so far that Will has heard:
 - “Couldn't we find a hotel closer to BCPA?”
 - “The hotel rooms are still too expensive”
- BHS Society Report – Rick Ashby (CEO Larry Deters, President Alan Lamson)
 - ♦ Membership
 - Total society members 24639
 - Two new chapters have joined the Society
 - ♦ International Convention
 - There is still a general downtrend in International Registrations
 - Portland, being difficult to get to, is expected to have record low attendance
 - Looking for input from the chapters for why this overall is happening
 - Aside from the conventions, the only other real source of income to the Society is dues
 - ♦ Midwinter Convention
 - This one has been extremely successful and growing

- Why is this one growing so much and the other is shrinking?
 - Youth Chorus activities has been very successful
 - ♦ Upcoming Events
 - Midwinter will be in Tuscon, registrations are still coming in.
 - Maximum capacity is only 1800 – there's a real chance that this is going ot fill up
 - Portland
 - Only 1424 registrations so far
 - But this is typical and reflects the group who sign up right away at the previous convention.
 - Budgeting for 5200 registrations – lowest in a long, long time
 - ♦ Chapter Visitation
 - Let's get this done
 - ♦ ASCAP
 - Report to library@barbershop.org
 - Report is needed whether or not the chapter has a show
 - ♦ Additional topics discussed by Rick while “acting as a Ryan Killeen substitute”:
 - Harmony Foundation
 - 9% of the membership is contributing – actually 3x what it was not that long ago
 - Donor choice program – up to 30% of the donation can be designated for the chapter or the district. (Unfortunately not the endowment fund but Rick is going to see about changing that rule.)
 - You don't need a form to sign up – just go to <http://harmonyfoundation.org> and contribute.
 - ♦ Comment from Bill Miller
 - The Society should be looking more at “hub” cities for conventions, which makes it easier / more cost-effective to attend. Chicago would certainly qualify there
 - Rick added that the current requirements for a convention (e.g. minimum size accommodation which is probably unrealistic given recent attendance) should be revisited.
- 2012 Budget - Dave Cowin
- ♦ Risers
 - Since the convention can move around the state now, this complicates riser management

- Previously risers were stored at the Pere Marquette
 - Risers are stored in Bloomington right now and since costs are more dynamic, this gets a budget category now
 - ♦ Overview of various budget categories
 - IDAH – This has historically been a break-even but the proposed budget here requires a \$1200 net positive. This may be unrealistic.
 - IDEA/HF Wine & Cheese – Some confusion going on here. This is not benefitting IDEA or HF. It's just book keeping, involving the president's reception, works out to a net-zero for the district.
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject Adjust IDAH budget line to be a net profit of zero, reducing over all District bottom line**
 - **Maker: Don Smit**
 - **Seconded: Bill Miller**
 - **Result: PASSED**
 - Associated discussion:
 - Even with this change, the district will still have a net-positive bottom line.
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject: Approve 2012 Illinois District Budget, as amended by prior IDAH adjustment motion**
 - **Maker: Syl Wetle**
 - **Seconded: John Cain**
 - **Result: PASSED**
- Illinois District Information Coordinator - Jeff Bowyer
- ♦ This is a new position
 - ♦ But it will function as a responsibility of the Executive VP
 - ♦ This is about getting information moving among the DVP, the marketing team, what goes on the web site, and for input to *Attacks & Releases*
 - ♦ If you want something put on the web site, send it here
 - But don't just toss it over the side, write it up in a way suitable to be posted
 - ♦ Does the frequency of *Illinois District Update* e-mail messages need to change?
 - If too much gets sent, it will just turn into noise and cause people to unsubscribe.
 - How protective do we need to be of this tool?

- No, the frequency of postings is just about correct now
- Discussion about why people may or may not be getting e-mails
- Announcement of members reaching 50 year membership status in 2011-Hugo Feugen
 - ♦ [Attachment: See Appendix to these Minutes]
- Memorial to deceased members - Bob Squires
 - ♦ [Attachment: See Appendix to these Minutes]
- IDEA Syl Wetle to replace Bill Stock as IDEA trustee – Bob Cearnal
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject: Appoint Syl Wetle to fill out the remaining term of Bill Stock**
 - **Maker: Bob Cearnal**
 - **Seconded: Tim McEvilly**
 - **Result: PASSED**
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject: Move that Bob Cearnal remain on IDEA trustee Board until 2016**
 - **Maker: Bob Cearnal**
 - **Seconded: Syl Wetle**
 - **Result: PASSED**
- IDEA report - Bob Cearnal
 - ♦ Annual financial report for 2010 has been submitted to the Treasurer and the District President
 - Fund current has \$57500
 - Contributions of \$2330 in memory of Bill Stock
 - Bank interest available of \$1750
 - ♦ Redesigned display board by the registration table
 - This acknowledges who has contributed – a great way to encourage further contributions
- Report from Chapter President's Council – Bill Miller (Elgin Chapter President)
 - ♦ There are 30 chapter presidents on a common Yahoo group
 - ♦ Survey issued, report submitted
 - ♦ [Attachment: "05-Chapter_Presidents_Input.pdf"]
- Opportunity for questions and suggestions from any Illinois District Chapter - Mike Bagby
 - ♦ Anyone have any questions? Comments?

- ♦ East Peoria
 - New “Bass Pro Shop” opening in East Peoria
- ♦ Springfield
 - There's an upcoming convention here and the Springfield chapter is looking at this convention to learn...
 - Would like to hear from anyone concerning how this weekend's convention has gone

11. Adjournment – Final Song - Jeff Bowyer

→ *Keep The Whole World Singing*

Adjourned: 3:57PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary

Appendix: Attendance

(note: late arrivals were not considered in the original quorum count)

Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Mike Bagby	President
P	Jeff Bowyer	Exec VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Dave Cowin	Treasurer (& imm pp)
P	Greg Caetano	BMAL
P	Hugo Feugen	BMAL
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL
A	Wayne Wright	BMAL

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Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
A	Phil Rolfs
A	Wally Ryan
P	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Don Summers
A	Jim Vliet
A	Tom Watts
P	Syl Wetle

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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Geoffrey Sjostrom	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Jim Fourmont	E-003	Aurora
	David Howe	E-005	Belleville
P	Douglas Ferrier	E-007	Bloomington
	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	John Cain	E-009	Northbrook
	Kevin Swartz	E-010	Champaign Urbana
	Frank Goode	E-012	Chicago No 1
	Clark Smart	E-013	Danville
	George Fishbein	E-014	Decatur
	Michael Moulds	E-016	Collinsville
P	James Roll	E-017	Coles County
P	Bill Miller	E-018	Elgin
P	Douglas Phillips	E-019	Rockford Metro
		E-020	Harrisburg

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Don Smit	E-021	Lake County
	John Wabel	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
P	Jack Fagan	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Loren Dallinger	E-044	Peoria
P	James Jarosz	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Jim Sadler	E-047	Rockford
	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
P	Ron Welch	E-050	South Cook
P	Kevin O'Keefe	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Dwight Asselmeier	E-054	Waterloo
P	William Kerschbaum	E-060	Joliet
P	Gregory Weickart	E-061	Springfield
P	Thomas McEvilly	E-066	DuPage Valley
	Thomas Plote	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
	Rodney Wert	E-073	Okaw Valley
	Bryan Black	E-075	Carbondale
P	Richard Howell	E-077	Kankakee

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7+4+16 = 27 present

8+10+33 = 51 total possible

Appendix: 50 Year Members

List of Illinois District Members achieving 50 year status in 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Robert Brown	1-Jan-1961	E-061 Springfield
Don Burton	1-Jan-1961	E-024 Bureau County
Ron Davis	1-Apr-1961	E-010 Champaign
Gerald Hansen	1-Jul-1961	E-066 DuPage Valley
Marvin Maurer	1-Jan-1961	E-003 Aurora

Appendix: Members Passed Away

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

May I ask a moment of silence, please.

Heavenly Father we have gathered here today in your presence to commemorate those of our brothers who have passed on during this past year. Those men include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Jerry McDonough	26-Mar-2011	1-Jan-1952	E-044 Peoria
Lynn Hauldren	26-Apr-2011	1-Jan-1955	E-012 Chicago No 1
Richard Baumgartner	20-Jul-2011	1-Jan-1960	E-050 South Cook
Gerald Buikema	14-Aug-2011	1-Oct-1965	E-050 South Cook
William Stock	2-Jul-2011	1-Jul-1967	E-005 Belleville
William Doll	21-Mar-2011	1-Apr-1971	E-019 Rockford Metro
Bernard Delaney	30-Jun-2011	1-Jul-1974	E-009 Northbrook
Steven Haines	30-Jun-2011	1-Jul-1978	E-013 Danville
Fred Field	6-Jun-2011	1-Apr-1979	E-050 South Cook
Richard Benge	28-Jan-2011	1-Jan-1981	E-066 DuPage Valley
Dale Woodworth	17-Jan-2011	1-Jan-1990	E-052 Sterling Rock Falls
Grant Walbolt	13-Aug-2011	1-Jan-1992	E-044 Peoria
Robert Goetzke	10-Aug-2011	1-Jul-1997	E-066 DuPage Valley

We ask that you accept these men into your heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise and glorify you.

We honor their dedication to their chapter, the Illinois District and to their hobby of Barbershop singing.

Amen