

**Awards Committee Meeting - July 26, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by chairman Bagby at 10:00 at the IHOP restaurant in New Lenox, IL

Present were committee members John Davis, Hugo Feugen Bob Squires and chairman, Mike Bagby. Steve Davis called in to participate by phone, but conditions were not conducive. He was available for questions if needed.

Brief comments were made regarding the Spring convention in Davenport, IA

A check of assignments and availability was made for those awards to be presented at the 2014 Fall convention (see attached spreadsheet). They include the following See attached grid

1. Rush Wyman District Chorus Champion - Bagby will retrieve traveling trophy from Northbrook.
2. Chorus Plateau Awards Bob Squires will provide that information to Dave Cowin.
3. International Chorus Contest rep. No action needed
4. Most Entertaining Chorus Awards (MECA) Award John Davis will help with panel on site. Hugo Feugen will get instructions from Paul Tolley and Jay Davis and help obtain panel members
5. Most Improved Chorus Award - New for Fall 6
6. Gene McNish Small Chorus Award. The committee will recommend at the District Board meeting on August 16th the number be reduced from 40 to 30 active members as of June 30th per membership records of the Barbershop Harmony Society.
7. Frank Thorne Award. Bob Squires will retrieve award from Brotherhood of Harmony and confirm that they did receive a plaque for Spring, 2014. Steve Davis will work with registration and Derek Gilbert to determine winner at the convention.
8. Charles Hecking Award Will not be presented in fall.
9. College Quartet Champion. Bagby will bring display trophy
10. Glenn Howard Novice Award. No Display or Traveling Trophy
11. Buzz Haeger High School Quartet Award. Davis will check with Rich Hanson to invite current winner to bring trophy to convention for display and take it back home after convention.
12. George Peters Senior Quartet Champion. Bagby will talk to Take Note and Dave Cowin to determine if ne winner should be crowned this fall, shortening Take Note's reign to ½ year.
13. District Quartet Championship. Handled by QCA. Bagby will get lapel pins for top 3 quartets.



14. International Quartet District Representative - no action needed

15. International College Quartet District Representative - no action needed

16. International Senior Quartet District Representative - no action needed

17. Ed Wilson Quartet Service Award. Squires will handle the selection process. Nomination must contain a strong bio. Restriction on 5 year requirement will be removed.

18. Sol Gamis Award. Not presented this fall.

19. ABE Award. Presentation will take place from last Spring.

20. Music Man Award. Handled by the QCA.

John Davis will put together the presentation scripts. Mike will send to committee members.

John Davis will write script and coordinate backstage as necessary Friday Night.

Mike Bagby will write script and coordinate backstage as necessary Saturday Afternoon.

Bob Squires will write script and solicit a volunteer to coordinate backstage as necessary Saturday night.

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Mike Bagby will prepare certificates before the convention and Plaques after the convention for awards #2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 17 listed above.

Hugo Feugen is responsible for updating the award descriptions and getting the award descriptions to Derek Gilbert to update those on the web site. Mike Bagby will give current versions to Hugo to update.

Ed Wilson eligibility to win award was discussed and the feeling was that there could be repeat winners dependent on a strong nomination biography. A concerted effort will be made to insure that every chapter consider nominating a quartet for consideration.

Most Improved Chorus Award. The committee is prepared to handle the Most Improved Chorus Award if the District Board chooses to bring it back. Bob Squires will work with C&J Chair Dave Cowin on determining winner at their August 16 board meeting.

SMAG Fest. With the uncertainty of what the Fall convention schedule will look like until after the August 16 meeting and the potential for a very crowded Saturday morning, it was decided that there would be no attempt to hold a SMAG Fest session at the Fall convention. Bob Squires will work with Tom Woodall to coordinate and perhaps rotate the "Sing With A Champ", "Bb singing" and "SMAG" at future spring and fall conventions.



Lapel pins for top 5 choruses. Mike Bagby has recommended to the board that, because of costs, the awarding of these pins would be discontinued. Mike is continuing to pursue the possibility of pins for the first place chorus only..

Awards and Historical display for Fall. Squires has already requested space for the District Historical and Awards display at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington through Events VP, Will Thorndike. Mike Bagby will bring display trophies that he has at his house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.