



Fall 2015 House of Delegates Meeting

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## **Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.**

### **House of Delegates**

Fall 2015

**Location:** Marriott Hotel (Beaufort Room) – Normal, IL

**Time:** 1:30PM

### **Call to Order**

1. Opening songs
  - *The Star Spangled Banner* – Terry Ludwig, Director
  - *The Old Songs* – Jeff Bowyer, Director
2. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
  - 28 members present, out of a potential total of 47.
  - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 29 present we have 62%, quorum established.
  - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Welcome / Opening Remarks / Introductions – Rich Hansen
4. Approve Agenda – Rich Hansen
  - Adjustments requested of agenda
    - ♦ Topic to add: Concerns over operations at Nashville
    - ♦ Topic to add: IDEA report discussion (see next)
  - **Motion: Approve Agenda, with additional topic Nashville and IDEA topics added**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Bruce Richardson**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Approve Consent Calendar – Rich Hansen
  - Adjustments requested of Consent Calendar reports
    - ♦ Request to pull IDEA report from consent calendar, to be discussed during meeting
  - **Motion: Accept Consent Calendar with IDEA report pulled**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Tom De Bord**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



- The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:
- ♦ President's Report – Rich Hansen
    - [Attachment: “01a-Report-President.pdf”]
  - ♦ Membership Report – Hugo Feugen
    - [Attachment: “02a-Report-Membership.pdf”]
  - ♦ Music & Performance - written report from Terry Ludwig & Tim Pashon
    - [Attachment: “03a-Report-Music\_And\_Performance.pdf”]
  - ♦ Marketing Report – Kevin McClelland
    - [Attachment: “04a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
  - ♦ Contest & Judging Report – Dave Cowin
    - [Attachment: “06a-Report-CandJ.pdf”]
  - ♦ Chapter Support, Leadership and Training – Mike Savard
    - [Attachment: “07a-Report-CSLT.pdf”]
  - ♦ Chorus Director Development – Tim Woodall
    - [Attachment: “08a-Report-CDD.pdf”]
  - ♦ District Historian Report – Bob Squires
    - [Attachment: “09a-Report-Historian.pdf”]
  - ♦ Awards Committee Report – Mike Bagby
    - [Attachment: “10a-Report-Awards.pdf”]
6. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
- No changes requested
- **Motion: Approve Spring 2015 HOD Minutes**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
  - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
- [Attachment: “11a-Report-Treasurer.pdf”]
- Yes, we did contribute to the Harmony Foundation (just missed the Harmonizer publishing deadline)
- **Motion to receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Dave Cowin, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
  - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



8. Budget discussion – Jim Wagner

- Dues income dropping, caused as one might expect, to declining district membership
- Jim executed a full review of budget needs per category, as opposed to just copying the numbers across. Input solicited from other as needed.
- **Motion to approve 2016 budget, as proposed, unmodified, by Treasurer Jim Wagner**
  - ♦ **Offered by: Frank Schneider, Seconded: Dave Cowin**
  - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

9. IDEA – Bob Cearnal

- [Attachment: “12a-Report-IDEA-Minutes.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “12b-Report-IDEA-Treas.pdf”]
- Changes in documented procedures proposed by IDEA committee
  - ♦ ...requires a 2/3 approval vote of the HOD
  - ♦ Changes (briefly summarized):
    - Change page 2 trustee's meeting to meet at least once per year
    - Trustees will at a minimum will meet at the ILL district convention (which would meet the once per year requirement)
    - At least one trustee should be in attendance at HOD meetings (as opposed to an IDEA delegate)
    - Trustees required to send donors acknowledgment of contributions
  - ♦ **Motion, approve IDEA procedural changes as described:**
    - **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
    - **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- Bob Squires has been reappointed by Rich Hansen to serve another 5 years (to 2020)
- Quartet / chorus donors to IDEA:
  - ♦ Route 66
  - ♦ SRQ – also issued challenge to all quartets to donate at least \$200
  - ♦ After Hours
  - ♦ Springfield, Northbrook, Belleville, Will-Cook chapters
- Total list of all donors since inception is on the IDEA display board (near the registration area)

## OLD BUSINESS

10. District Scorecard Goals Update – Rich Hansen

- Goal: Increase attendance at IDAH
  - ♦ Yup, did this



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- Goal: Stage CSLT event
    - ♦ Nov 2014 event didn't work, but another event in January did take place
  - Goal: Hold a CDWI event
    - ♦ Planned for 6/20, didn't happen – not even students registered (only 1 signed up)
    - ♦ Will be carried over to 2016
  - Goal: Establish a district youth chorus that can compete at Midwinter
    - ♦ Until a few weeks ago, nothing was happening
    - ♦ Show choir director at Mt Zion High School (director has history working with barbershop harmony) is working on taking Mt Zion kids to mid-winter
  - Goal: Spring Harmony Jamboree planning
    - ♦ Coming up in April, planning is underway
  - We achieved or are moving towards 4/5 goals
11. Chapter Mentor Break-out sessions, by division with chapter mentors, 15 minutes, subsequent summary follows
- Most important issues to address, as indicated by chapters
    - ♦ Membership is top – across all divisions
    - ♦ Music leadership development – good music brings in good people
    - ♦ Finances – how do we pay for all this
    - ♦ Would very much like to have a northern convention
  - Other notes
    - ♦ Will-Cook & DuPage Valley are competing for the first time in a long time
    - ♦ Aurora is really struggling with membership (asking for Hugo to attend a chapter meeting and put forth some ideas)
    - ♦ Need to support each other among the chapters
    - ♦ Mentors could put out a newsletter for their division?
    - ♦ Articles about membership in the A&R

Song Break *Sweet & Lovely* – Terry Ludwig, Director



## NEW BUSINESS

### 12. Suggested Procedural Rules for Small Board – Rich Hansen / Mike Isely

- [Attachment: “13a-Misc-Special\_Rules\_For\_Small\_Boards.pdf”]
- The Society has issued refinements to Roberts Rules that Chapters may consider using to help streamline their meetings.
  - ♦ Example: Eliminate need for a “second” when entering a motion – for small Boards requiring a Second is not always productive.
- This is an additional tool available for chapters
- No requirement for it to be used; just suggestions

### 13. Adoption of District Mission Statement – Rich Hansen

- Proposed statement, from Kevin McClelland with input from the Board:
  - ♦ “The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.”
- Lots of HOD comments in response...
- Needs to mention “A Capella” or just “vocal”?
  - ♦ “vocal” music is broader in scope and is a buzzword among youth
- Important to keep the statement broad – making it too narrow can put us in a box.
- This is needed for grant writing – AND to give direction to the members
- Suggestion to take this back for refinement by a subgroup, for approval at the Spring HOD.
- This is on the right track – we need to invite more comments
- Don't make it too long; it will look like it was designed by committee
- Additional emphasis stated on it being a broad statement
- Comment offered to ensure it stays within the scope of the Society's mission statement
  - ♦ We actually based their proposed mission statement on the society's mission statement
- Point of definition: Mission statement = where we are going, vision statement = how we get there
- This will be taken up again in the Spring 2016 HOD

### 14. District Seniors Chorus – Midwinter 2017 – Rich Hansen

- Information about assembling a district seniors chorus as part of mid-winter. Looking to the chapters if there is a lot of interest among the members.
- Chorus would be assembled of men 55 years of age or older at the prior district convention.
- About five districts will be piloting this concept at the upcoming mid-winter convention in Reno.

### 15. 2016 Spring Harmony Jamboree



- A lot will be brought up by the MCs this weekend regarding events this Springfield
- Will be April 15-17 2016
- We have one contest now, but it's really still 2 conventions
- IDAH aspects will be kept within it.
  - ♦ Terry Ludwig is asking ideas for additional IDAH classes – contact him
  - ♦ More classes, coaching
- Mike Savard working on implementing a harmony platoon
  - ♦ Sign up ahead time, get 4 charts & tracks, get randomly assigned to a quartet
- Youth chorus is growing at IDAH
- This event will have more emphasis on youth
- Idea is that the Fall District is like a “mini-international” while the Spring Jamboree is similar to a “mini-mid-winter”.
- Lots of stuff coming up for this event

#### 16. IDEA Support

- IDEA has helped considerably over the years with YIH events
- IDEA has been asked by the District to help with the Spring Jamboree
  - ♦ Festival cost estimate is about \$12000
  - ♦ IDEA report page 2: IDEA announces that it will guarantee up to \$12000 to support the Spring Jamboree
  - ♦ A Harmony Foundation grant is being written for this festival – so IDEA is going to effectively pick up whatever doesn't come from the Harmony Foundation. Rich Hansen has received informal feedback from HF that a grant proposal like this is very much the type of thing that HF wants to fund.
  - ♦ *Only cost to members will be the hotel room...*
    - *“You can come to the Spring 2016 convention for FREE!”*

#### 17. Future Convention Dates / Venues

- Fall 2016 and Fall 2017 convention will be identical to Fall 2015 (BCPA in Bloomington plus Marriott)
- Spring 2017 will be same as Spring 2016 (Five Points in Peoria area plus Holiday Inn, contract in progress)
- 2018 is completely up for grabs
  - ♦ Want a northern convention? Start doing the homework now!
  - ♦ When would the bid be need to be ready? Events VP can speak authoritatively about that. But first half of 2016 would be good first approximation. In the next 6 months... How about a proposal for this at the Spring 2016 HOD? Yes – let's plan for that.



- We generally want to be a few years out in planning
- Springfield (the city) has also expressed interest in hosting a future convention
  - ♦ [We have a great hotel possibility there but the performance venue is an unresolved issue.]

18. Convention Manual

- Now that procedures manual is in place, an officially documented convention manual is in progress.

19. Spring 2016 HOD

- ... will be held on the Friday of the Spring Jamboree weekend
  - ♦ Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 1:30PM

20. International Operations – Frank Schneider (Chicago Metro)

- The Chicago Metro chapter has been having issues in deal with Nashville. Four issues in particular:
  - ♦ 1-800 phone service – has been out / flakey for a while. What's up with that?
    - We're told that the phone system was swapped out, but bugs still be worked out
  - ♦ Chapter Secretary is not getting renewal cards for members because they can't be printed
    - Yes, everyone is seeing this.
    - Issue apparently is that card stock is being redone (possible to more of a rigid plastic credit card format), code of ethics undergoing a change
  - ♦ Harmony Marketplace – music and learning tracks are being handled separately, this is cumbersome. Apparently it isn't possible to determine the learning track situation until after ordering the charts.
  - ♦ Annual Report recently sent to chapter presidents...
    - Where's the statement of income and expenses?
    - This is a puff piece, not a report. Printing and mailing costs seems to be wasteful
    - Comment offered that in a non-profit, the annual report *does* tend to be a puff piece

## OTHER

21. Memorial to Deceased Members

- (See appendix)

22. Society Liaison Report

- (Review over topics from HOD memo)
- Membership still sliding overall
- New polecat book out with updated material

23. Harmony Foundation Report



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- Youth quartet contest
  - ♦ 24 years of the youth quartet contest
  - ♦ All qualifying quartets receive an HF scholarship to compete
  - ♦ 61 of 96 youth quartet members over that time are still involved in the society
- Harmony University
  - ♦ Over 100 music educators there on a scholarship
  - ♦ Huge success
  - ♦ 14 countries represented
- Camps & workshops
  - ♦ Continuing success
  - ♦ Anticipating 21000 attendees over the coming year, cumulatively
- Contributions:
  - ♦ Goal of 30 new donors from ILL before the weekend is over

#### 24. Milestones

- Coles County – 45 years this year
- Decatur – 70 years, same age as this district
  - ♦ Jim Baar is here today

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Bob Caernal, Director

**Adjourned:** 3:27PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Isely – Secretary





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**Appendix: Attendance**

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Michael Johnston	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	James Fourmont	E-003	Aurora
P	Lawrence Dohogne	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
		E-008	Macomb
P	Glenn Mills	E-009	Northbrook
		E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
P	Robert McIntire	E-013	Danville
P	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Keith Rosborough	E-018	Elgin
	Steven Derebey	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
	Marvin Strom	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
	Rob Seibert	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
	Paul Tolley	E-044	Peoria
P	Frank Schneider	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Dan Adler	E-047	Rockford
P	Michael Kass	E-048	Rock Island
P	Henry King	E-050	Will-Cook
P	Kevin Deets	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
P	Pat Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	John Morrison	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
		E-073	Sandoval
	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
P	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Richard Hansen	President
P	Jim Waldorf	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
A	Hugo Feugen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
P	Dave Cowin	BMAL (C & J)
P	Brett Mulford	BMAL
P	Jeff Bowyer	Imm. Past President

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Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
P	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
P	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Jim Vliet
A	Syl Wetle

4 out of 7

$8+4+17 = 29$  present

$9+7+31 = 47$  total possible



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**Appendix: Chapter Eternal**

[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 [see below]*

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

*Amen.*

<b><u>Chapter Eternal 2015</u></b>	
<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter</u></b>
Donald McNulty	Chicagoland West Suburban
Frank Goode	Chicago #1
Bill Fentress	Northbrook
Thomas Thompson	Belleville
Cal Revis	Northbrook