



Fall 2020 House of Delegates Meeting

27-Sep-2020 6:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2020

Mission Statement – *The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.*

Vision Statement – *To keep everyone singing throughout their lives.*

Location: online via Zoom

Time: 6:30 PM

Called to order: 6:38 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 21 members present, out of a potential total of 41.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 12). With 21 present we have 51%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jim Waldorf
 - (see above)
3. Approve Agenda – Brett Mulford
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Squires, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2019 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



5. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, with no adjustments**
- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ The following submitted reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ♦ President's Report – Brett Mulford
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report_President.pdf"]
- ♦ Music & Performance – Terry Ludwig
 - [Attachment: "02a-Report_Music_and_Performance.pdf"]
- ♦ Marketing & PR – Joe Gurreri
 - [Attachment: "03a-Report_Marketing.pdf"]
- ♦ Contest & Judging – Tim Pashon
 - [Attachment: "04a-Report_Contest_and_Judging.pdf"]
- ♦ Historical – Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: "05a-Report_Historian.pdf"]

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ Dues received is a lot less than is usual for this year. Theory is that people are just running late given all the surrounding events.

→ HCMW – Thank you to IDEA for \$3500 grant

→ [Attachment: "06a-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Tom DeBord, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

OLD BUSINESS

7. Memorial – Rich Hansen

→ (See appendix)

8. Future Contest Updates and Venues – Jeff Bowyer

→ [Attachment: "07a-Report_Events.pdf"]

→ Jeff's report has all the dates known at this point

→ Spring Convention

- ♦ Jeff has had to a lot of negotiating / scrambling due to Covid-19 driven cancellations. He has managed to avoid any cancellation fees!
- ♦ The entire Spring Convention will be at the DoubleTree. We have the "entire" conference center.



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- ♦ (This Spring Convention is a one-off, as a means to substitute for the prior canceled Fall 2020 convention)
- ♦ We really would have liked to put this later – in May 2021 – in order to minimize risk from Covid-19.
- HCMW
 - ♦ Terry is not optimistic that this can still take place, due to Covid-19.
 - ♦ However we're paying attention and feel that we can probably wait quite a while longer before having to make a decision.
- 9. Membership – Jeff McMorris
 - It's obvious that things are not good.
 - The lower dues receipts is concerning.
- 10. CSLT discussion – Brett Mulford
 - Ben Light plans to take on this role in 2021
 - Virtual CSLT?
 - ♦ That should be very doable...
- 11. IDEA (pulled from consent calendar) – Bob Cearnal
 - [Attachment: "05a-Report_IDEA.pdf"]
 - IDEA sent out a new brochure – sent to all district members
 - Brett is sending e-mail to the entire district referring to this flyer and asking everyone to go over it.
 - For a \$25 donation (covering shipping and handling), you will get a nice book written by Earl Meseth (see IDEA report for the details)
 - In light of what is going on in Nashville with HFI, it's worth pointing out that IDEA is well organized, has been operating for a long time, and is certainly a good candidate for which to target charitable donations.

NEW BUSINESS

- 12. Approve 2021 Budget – Jim Wagner
 - [See Treasurer's Report for new budget]
 - Budget is negative for 2021.
 - ♦ But we're anticipating some major discounts for the Spring convention
 - ♦ Also we're \$6K ahead this year, have no significant expenses for the rest of the year and may be seeing another \$9K or so of incoming. So we're actually in pretty good shape for 2021.
 - ♦ The reason we're ahead this year is due to expenses that have not taken place due to Covid-19. It's all additional uncertainty.
 - ♦ We have a pretty decent buffer right now, so we're not concerned at this point.



- Web site expenses are new for this year. Web site was funded through donations at that point.
- Note that 2020 budget predicted a \$7K shortfall, but we're far ahead.
- **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve the District Budget, as proposed, for 2021**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

13. General Covid-19 Discussion and how it affects the district and chapters – Brett Mulford

- Impact for district is horrible because we can't get together
- Conventions are obviously fatally impacted.
- If we can keep our membership up, financially we're ok. But the membership...
- SOI is meeting in person now – with masks, social distancing and limiting to an hour at a time. SOI is having fun – working on polecats too.
- Arlington Heights has been meeting outside for several months
 - ♦ First a pavilion
 - ♦ Now a parking garage (it's warmer)
- West Towns is doing more educational activities
- CSLT style training can pretty easily be done online
- Terry Ludwig has gone through Covid-19
- Coles County appears to be meeting a lot, doing polecats, Christmas songs.
 - ♦ Meeting in a lighted pavilion, earlier than normal, dismissing earlier than normal.
 - ♦ A lot of good camaraderie.
- Terry: For a director, virtual meetings over zoom is incredibly difficult
- Earl Holtz
 - ♦ Kingdoms are basically programming each rehearsal
 - ♦ 2 hour Tue night program
 - ♦ Dan Wessler is still with us from Co, runs warmup and rehearses some material
 - ♦ We've had guest speakers, other activities.
 - ♦ Northbrook has been inviting anyone from other chapters to join in – additional fellowship.
- Joe Gurreri
 - ♦ Let us know through FB if your chapter is doing events, and we'll spread the word to the rest of the district.
- Jeff Bowyer
 - ♦ They are ordering some equipment that stands the mask off the face a bit to help with breathing while singing



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→ Brett Mulford

- ♦ Society is offering half dues
- ♦ District isn't doing anything dues-wise. However we plan some significant reduction in registration fees at the next convention we stage.

14. Board Election for 2021 – Brett Mulford

→ [Attachment: 09a-Slate.pdf]

→ Bob Squires – What is the situation with the CDD position?

- ♦ We have not been able to find anyone with the necessary skills.
- ♦ Could we role that into Music & Performance or CSLT?
 - Deal with this at the next District Board meeting

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept the 2021 Governance Board Slate for 2021/2022**
- ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

15. Dates for Cancellations of HCMW and Spring Convention, if needed – Brett Mulford

→ Probably can delay this out to end of November into December.

→ It was discussed earlier

16. Spring 2021 HOD Date

→ Logical choice is during the Spring Convention

→ For now, the Friday before the convention, same location, about 1pm

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Terry Ludwig, Director

Adjourned: 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
YES	Elmer Sweet	E002	Arlington Heights, IL
YES	James Fourmont	E003	Aurora, IL
YES	* James Morgan	E005	Belleville, IL
YES	Tom De Bord	E007	Bloomington, IL
no	Craig Rigg	E008	Macomb, IL
YES	Earl Holtz	E009	Northbrook, IL
no	!	E010	Champaign Urbana, IL
no	* Eric Westfall	E013	Danville, IL
no	James Barr	E014	Decatur, IL
YES	Tom Woodall	E017	Coles County, IL
YES	John Schultz	E018	Elgin, IL
no	David Mouri	E019	Rockford Metro, IL
no	Theodore Gault	E021	Lake County, IL
no	!	E024	Bureau County, IL
YES	* Ron Welch	E030	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL
no	* Michael Cosner	E044	Peoria, IL
no	* John Q Morris	E045	Chicago Metro, IL
no	* Barton Macomber	E047	Rockford, IL
no	!	E048	Rock Island, IL
no	!	E050	Will-Cook, IL
no	* Kevin Deets	E052	Sterling Rock Falls, IL
no	* Richard Biby	E054	Waterloo, IL
YES	Patrik Claussen	E061	Springfield, IL
YES	Thomas McEvilly	E066	DuPage Valley, IL
no	* Edward Cheek	E067	Kishwaukee Valley, IL
no	* David Bremer	E075	Carbondale, IL
no	!	E077	Kankakee, IL

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* Chapter did not declare a separate delegate; substituted Chapter President

+ Delegate appears in multiple places or is a District Governance Board officer or a Past President – will still only have ONE vote!

! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate



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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
YES	Brett Mulford	President
YES	Jeff Lathom	Executive VP
YES	Mike Isely	Secretary
YES	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
no	Jeff McMorris	BMAL (Membership)
YES	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
YES	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
YES	Terry Ludwig	BMAL
YES	Jim Waldorf	Imm. Past President

8 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
no	Mike Bagby
YES	Bob Cearnal
no	Dave Cowin
YES	Rich Hansen
no	Earl Meseth
YES	Bob Squires
no	Joe Sullivan
no	Syl Wetle

3 out of 8

$8+3+10 = 21$ present

$9+8+27 = 41$ total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Rich Hansen]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

Heavenly Father, we come together in your presence today to honor and recognize our brother barbershoppers who have passed on during this last year. Those men include:

Chapter Eternal 2020	
Name	Chapter
Dick Hess	Will-Cook/Northbrook/DuPage Valley
Ermon Keever	Chicagoland West Suburban
John Knecht	Lake County
Calvin Claus	Arlington Heights
Morris Pumphrey	Arlington Heights
Leigh Sherman	Chicagoland West Suburban
Wiley Zabel	Aurora
Bill Worst	Aurora/Chicagoland West Suburban
Wayne Wright	Sterling-Rock Falls
George Ziegler	Waterloo
David Woods	DuPage Valley
Kenneth Hoppe	DuPage Valley
Harold Jones	Sandoval
Jim Vliet	Champaign-Urbana
Leslie Bloomfield	Elgin
Don Duff	Chicagoland West Suburban

I ask the we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of these men.

Father we thank you for your gift of music and song so our hearts can be lifted up to you. We thank you for these ties that bind us together with the old songs and fellowship. We give thanks to You for these Departed men who have enriched our lives and who have left us all with a a song in our hearts.

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.