



Fall 2023 House of Delegates Meeting

12-Sep-2023 1:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc. House of Delegates Sep 2023

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: Via Zoom

Time: 1:00 PM

Called to order: 1:02 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 29 members present, out of a potential total of 43.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 29 present we have 67%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
 - Note: Dwayne Cooper, Society Treasurer, is here today
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
 - (see above)
3. Welcome – Terry Ludwig
4. Approve Agenda – Mike Isely
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Boywer, John Q. Morris**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (April 16th, 2023) – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2023 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Paul McCracken, Earl Holtz**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely
 - Drop CSLT
 - **Motion: Approve Consent Calendar, minus the CSLT report**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Ray Monroe, Mike Bagby**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
 - Accept the following reports, CSLT else moved to Old Business:
 - ◆ President’s Report [Attachment: “02a-rpt_president.pdf”]
 - ◆ Membership Report [Attachment: “03a-rpt_membership.pdf”]
 - ◆ Music and Performance Report [Attachment: “04a-rpt_musperf.pdf”]
 - ◆ Marketing Report [Attachment: “05a-rpt_marketing.pdf”]
 - ◆ Contest & Judging Report [Attachment: “06a-rpt_drcj.pdf”]
 - ◆ Events Report [Attachment: “07a-rpt_events.pdf”]
 - ◆ IDEA Report [Attachments: “08a-rpt_idea.pdf”, “08b-rpt_idea.pdf”]
 - ◆ Youth In Harmony Report [Attachment: “09a-rpt_yih.pdf”]
 - ◆ Chorus Director Development Report [Attachment: “10a-rpt_cdd.pdf”]
 - ◆ Historian’s Report [Attachment: “12a-rpt_historian.pdf”]
 - ◆ Award Committee Report [Attachments: “13a-rpt_awards.pdf”, “13b-rpt_awards.pdf”]

TREASURER’S REPORT

7. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman
 - [Attachment: “01a-rpt_treasurer.pdf”]
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Receive the Treasurer’s Report**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Earl Meseth**
 - ◆ **PASSED**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

8. Memorial – Rich Hansen
 - See attachment at end of this document

OLD BUSINESS

9. Riser Update – Terry Ludwig
 - We are no longer in the riser business
 - Chorus pictures now happen on stage following the performance



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10. Chapter Visit Update – Terry Ludwig

- Nearly all chapter visits have taken place
- This has been eye-opening, life-changing for Terry
- Older members haven't been going to the conventions because "there's nothing there for me". This is why we're doing so many new things on Saturday. This needs to be a convention not just a contest. We need to do singing – the reason why we joined.
- The district is here to help everyone – but things like member recruiting has to happen within the chapters.

11. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig / Ben Dirks

- Recap / reminder of plan first described in the Spring 2023 HOD.
- Cohesive / common goals for Terry and Ben Dirks later.

12. CSLT – John Q. Morris

- Chapter Support and Leadership Training Report [Attachment: "11a-rpt_cslt.pdf"]
- Ballot distributed for preferred virtual workshop

13. Website

- Current plan is new website will be up and functional at the end of the month.
- This will give us the ability to make updates in-house

NEW BUSINESS

14. Chapter President's Council

- Proposed by Ben Dirks
- Initial organization by EVP
- A couple leads established within the group, self managed in the future.
- A way for chapter presidents to use each other's knowledge
- Analog for the existing District President's Council
- Exploit use of Zoom

15. IDEA Trustee nomination – Bob Cearnal

- Terry is pledging to help raise \$10K for IDEA over the next 12 months, and challenges everyone to step up.

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Appoint Jim Waldorf to IDEA for 5 year term, replacing Rich Hansen**
- ♦ **Offered by: Leif Wildman, Patrik Claussen**
- ♦ **PASSED**

- Jim will ultimately replace Bob Cearnal as IDEA Exec Director



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16. Dwayne Cooper, BHS

- Introduction, society overview / status
- Asking for what the district might need

17. Perry White, HFI

- Introduction, Harmony Foundation update
- Donors total was 24% of BHS population in 2019
 - ◆ Now it's 11%
 - ◆ This needs to turn around

18. 2024 Budget – Leif Wildman

- [Attachment: “14a-budget.pdf”]
- Current budget looking at about a \$6K loss, but it's based on prior years and right now we're actually way ahead – by around \$5K due to large upward trend in Fall convention attendance.
- **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve 2024 District Budget**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Mike Isely, John Q. Morris**
 - ◆ **PASSED**

19. Pilot Program – Ben Dirks

- Value Exchange Journey
 - ◆ Conversation involving the DPC and BHS regarding long term stability
- Identifying specific chapters with specific needs, to create a specific pilot program for each such chapter. Figure out what works and roll that out to other chapters.

20. Spring 2024 HOD Date – Mike Isely

- 4/21/2024 at 7pm central time via Zoom

Adjourned: 2:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
P	Arlington Heights	E002	* David Theile
P	Aurora	E003	* Lester Grossman
P	Belleville	E005	Tom Cunningham
P	Bloomington	E007	Doug Ferrier
P	Macomb	E008	* Craig Rigg
P	Northbrook	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Danville	E013	* Bryan Schroeder
A	Decatur	E014	James Barr
P	Coles County	E017	Ronald Hawkins
P	Elgin	E018	* William Miller
P	Rockford Metro	E019	* Brandon Bolley
A	Lake County	E021	* Brian Cromer
P	Bureau County	E024	Dale Fiste
A	Chicagoland West Suburban	E030	* James Brown
P	Peoria	E044	Harold Harness
A	Chicago Metro	E045	* Bonnie Jones
P	Rockford	E047	Ray Monroe
A	Rock Island	E048	!
P	Will-Cook	E050	Neil DeVore
P	Sterling Rock Falls	E052	* Paul McCracken
A	Waterloo	E054	!
P	Springfield	E061	Patrik Claussen
P	DuPage Valley	E066	Jim Fourmont
A	Carbondale	E075	* David Bremer

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

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



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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Terry Ludwig	President
P	Benjamin Dirks	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Leif Wildman	Treasurer
A	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
N/A	(Jeff Lathom)	BMAL (C & J)
P	John Q Morris	BMAL
P	Jeff Lathom	Imm. Past President

7 out of 8

*John Q Morris added by motion during the meeting, not part of initial quorum

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
N/A	Jeff Bowyer
P	Bob Cearnal
A	Dave Cowin
P	Rich Hansen
N/A	Jeff Lathom
P	Earl Meseth
P	Brett Mulford
A	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Will Thorndike
P	Jim Waldorf
A	Syl Wetle

6 out of 11

7+6+16 = 29 present

8+11+24 = 43 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 2023	
Name	Chapter
Mark Snygg	Rockford
Rick Wilson	Frank Thorne
Edward Brusic	Will-Cook
Carl Follin	Springfield
Bob Abbott	Macomb
Lawrence Cralley	Carbondale
James Bataille	Chicago Metro & Arlington Heights
Richard Brown	Chicagoland West Suburban
Harry Klepsteen	Frank Thorne
Bernard Martin	Arlington Heights
Jack Patmythes	Rockford Metro

If there are any other members who have deceased in the past year that have not been mentioned, please state their name and the chapter they represent.

I ask that 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 song in our hearts.

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.

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09/07/23

Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January through August 2023

	<u>Jan - Aug 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Comp Registrations	1,500.00
Mail Registrations	1,100.00
On Line Registrations	6,979.28
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Total 5100 Event Income	9,579.28
5210 District Dues	13,043.48
5310 Interest Income	548.17
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Total Income	23,170.93
Gross Profit	23,170.93
Expense	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	500.00
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Total 7030 Support	500.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7540 Judging Expense	440.00
7550 Temp Help - Contract	200.00
7570 Event Meals	3,707.29
7580 Other Contract Expenses	2,000.00
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Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	6,347.29
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8110 Supplies	79.00
8140 Postage & Shipping	12.00
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Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	91.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	825.00
8230 Storage Rental Charges	1,455.00
8260 Equipment Rental	706.80
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Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	2,986.80
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	3,562.74
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
Comp Housing	2,318.40
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Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	2,318.40

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January through August 2023

	<u>Jan - Aug 23</u>
8330 Hospitality	651.55
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	6,532.69
8400 Education Programs	
8480 YIH Program	1,000.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	1,000.00
8500 Other Expenses	
8505 Gov Board President	348.20
Total 8505 Gov Board	348.20
8560 Outside Computer Services	633.00
Total 8500 Other Expenses	981.20
8600 Business Expenses	
8610 - Corporation Filing Fees	4.00
Total 8600 Business Expenses	4.00
Total Expense	18,442.98
Net Ordinary Income	4,727.95
Net Income	4,727.95

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2023

	Aug 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	23,857.59
1015 US Bank Money Market	50,546.62
Total Checking/Savings	74,404.21
Other Current Assets	
1310 Convention Funding Advance	-500.00
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	54.00
Total Other Current Assets	-446.00
Total Current Assets	73,958.21
TOTAL ASSETS	73,958.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	56,346.41
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	56,346.41
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
IDAH - Other	720.83
Total IDAH	953.83
Undesignated	9,875.09
YIH	2,900.62
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	13,729.54
Senior Chorus	319.05
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	14,048.59
Unrestricted Net Assets	-1,164.74
Net Income	4,727.95
Total Equity	73,958.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	73,958.21

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA

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Profit & Loss by Class

Cash Basis

January through July 2023

	HCMW	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
5100 Event Income		
Comp Registrations	1,500.00	1,500.00
On Line Registrations	6,979.28	6,979.28
Total 5100 Event Income	8,479.28	8,479.28
Total Income	8,479.28	8,479.28
Gross Profit	8,479.28	8,479.28
Expense		
7500 Contract Services Expenses		
7570 Event Meals	3,707.29	3,707.29
7580 Other Contract Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	5,207.29	5,207.29
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp		
8260 Equipment Rental	706.80	706.80
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	706.80	706.80
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses		
8310 Travel	1,424.49	1,424.49
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions		
Comp Housing	2,318.40	2,318.40
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	2,318.40	2,318.40
8330 Hospitality	651.55	651.55
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	4,394.44	4,394.44
Total Expense	10,308.53	10,308.53
Net Ordinary Income	-1,829.25	-1,829.25
Net Income	-1,829.25	-1,829.25

08/13/23

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Profit & Loss Budget Overview January through December 2024

	Total Board Jan - Dec 24	Total CDWI Jan - Dec 24	Total CSLT Program Jan - Dec 24	Total Fall Convention Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
5100 Event Income		1,000.00		13,200.00
5210 District Dues				
5310 Interest Income				
5800 Special Events Revenue				
Total Income		1,000.00		13,200.00
Gross Profit		1,000.00		13,200.00
Expense				
7020 Donations to Other Orgs				
7030 Support				
7500 Contract Services Expenses				9,050.00
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	300.00			1,850.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp		0.00		3,675.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	3,450.00			5,500.00
8400 Education Programs		2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
8500 Other Expenses	100.00			
Total Expense	3,850.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	21,575.00
Net Ordinary Income	-3,850.00	-1,000.00	-1,500.00	-8,375.00
Net Income	-3,850.00	-1,000.00	-1,500.00	-8,375.00

	Total HCMW Jan - Dec 24	Total MISC Jan - Dec 24	Total YIH Jan - Dec 24	TOTAL Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
5100 Event Income	13,100.00			27,300.00
5210 District Dues		18,000.00		18,000.00
5310 Interest Income		2,100.00		2,100.00
5800 Special Events Revenue		500.00		500.00
Total Income	<u>13,100.00</u>	<u>20,600.00</u>		<u>47,900.00</u>
Gross Profit	13,100.00	20,600.00		47,900.00
Expense				
7020 Donations to Other Orgs		500.00		500.00
7030 Support		3,500.00		3,500.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	3,900.00			12,950.00
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses		50.00		2,200.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	2,000.00	1,100.00		6,775.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	7,500.00			16,450.00
8400 Education Programs			5,300.00	10,300.00
8500 Other Expenses	200.00	1,188.00		1,488.00
Total Expense	<u>13,600.00</u>	<u>6,338.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>54,163.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>14,262.00</u>	<u>-5,300.00</u>	<u>-6,263.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>14,262.00</u>	<u>-5,300.00</u>	<u>-6,263.00</u>

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To: Illinois District Board
House of Delegates

From: Terry Ludwig
President, Illinois District

Greetings to all the members of the Illinois District. As we are preparing for another Fall Convention I wanted to take a few moments and share some of the other wonderful opportunities in our District.

On August 27th, we are hosting a Chorus Director Class with Joe Cerruti. It is going to be held in Downers Grove and the cost is only \$25! The class is called a Director class, but it is open to anyone. Joe is a wealth of knowledge and will certainly discuss any topic or issue that you or your chorus is having.

February 16th and 17th will see the return of Harmony College Midwest with our special guest quartet MIDTOWN. Come spend the day taking some great classes and then spend the evening listening to our current International Champion quartet! Registration will open at the Fall Convention.

In early 2024 we will be having a virtual COTS. Details are being finalized and will be sent out as soon as we have them all ironed out. Be on the lookout.

A quick update on Chapter Visits. The Board continues our quest to visit every chapter in the District this year. We still have a few more to do and are committed to making sure



everyone gets a visit. As I am writing this update I believe we have 5 more chapters yet to set a date to visit. We haven't forgotten about you it has just been a massive undertaking. Thank you to all of my Board Members who have help visit these chapters. At the end of my report you will find summaries from all the chapter visits we have done since the Spring HOD.

Let's talk about our Fall Convention. I can't wait to see everyone in Bloomington in September. We have been spreading the word about all the fun new things happening at this convention and we hope you will join us. Here is a list of what to expect:

- Sing With A Champ: This fun event is making it's return this year. Come join a bunch of our former District Champion quartet singers and sing a song or a tag with any of them you choose. It is a great way to sing with some of the people you have looked up to for years! This takes place Saturday morning at 9:30 am
- Illinois District Barber Pole Cat Program: Just like the old Society program just run here in our very own District. When you first join the program you will get a pin that was specifically designed for us so that you can brag to everyone that you are part of this new program. All you need to do is show up Saturday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 and sing 1 (or more) of the polecats from the polecat 1 book from memory. Once you have completed all of them you will get a 2nd pin. You DO NOT have to do all of them at this convention! We will run this program for multiple conventions so do a couple each year! You do not have to come with a quartet as we will have people there to fill in whatever part or parts you need. So come by yourself or come with friends, either is perfectly fine!
- SMAG Fest: Saturday Morning Anything Goes! Just as the name implies...ANYTHING GOES. Solos, duets, trios, quartets...more... singing or other??? There will be some "judges" who will pick a winner. Rumor has it they may be able to be bribed! Come enjoy the fun on Saturday morning at 10:30 am.
- Barbershop Dance Card: At registration you will receive a "Dance Card" with 12 lines on it. All you need to do is sing a tag or a song with 4 different 4-somes and have the others sign your card. Once you get 12 different signatures you will turn the card in at the Presidents Reception/QCA show for the chance to win a fabulous prize!



- 2 Classes: On Saturday morning we will be offering 2 different class for those who wish to attend. The first class is “Grant Writing and Building a Culture of Philanthropy in your Chapter.” This class will be at 9:30 am. The second class is “Organizing a Multi-Chapter Show” and this class will be at 10:30. Both those are working titles at the time of this writing.

The other big change is that the Chorus Contest will be Saturday afternoon and the Quartet Finals will be Saturday night. It is shaping up to be a really entertaining contest session!

I hope that you can see we are trying to bring the SINGING back to our Convention. We want the weekend to be more that just some contest sessions. We want to get back to why we all joined BHS in the first place...THE SINGING!

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ludwig
President

Chapter visit summaries to follow-



Coles County Chapter Visit

July 18, 2023

On Tuesday, July 18th I have the pleasure of visiting the Coles County Chapter. They had about 20 singers in attendance and the average age was around 60 with a number of guys below the age of 50. This is a healthy chapter and very plugged into the District since they currently have 3 Board Members in their ranks including Doug Finkbiner, Jeff Bowyer and Leif Wildman. I was joined on my visit by our District Historian Rich Hansen.

The night started off with some work on “Down Our Way.” They are spending some time each week looking at the Polecats. They sang through it and then did a little bit of section work and came back and sang it again.

After the polecat they ran a couple rep songs and then into their contest tunes. Tim Woodall puth them through their paces and the chorus is really sounding great!

After a short break I talked with the chorus about the upcoming convention, the Director School, the CSLT event after the first of the year, Harmony College Midwest and then reminded them that the Board is always willing to listen and help. We work for them! I opened it up for questions and there were a few, but nothing too out of the ordinary.

At the end of rehearsal I met with their Board and emphasized the fact that we are there to help. I thanked them for supporting the District and look forward to seeing them this fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ludwig



Rockford Chapter Visit

7/31/23

On Monday, July 31st I visited the Rockford Chapter. I wanted to make this visit personally because of some concerns that their Director, Nicole Adams, had raised with Carrie Marcotte. I thought it was important to show her and the chapter that we are listening and that we care.

The meeting consisted of 16 singers and the director. The average age was about 60 with a nice mix of young and old. The youngest being 17! They are a mixed chapter. They started with a short warm-up and then sang through a couple songs as they waited for a full complement of singers to arrive.

After a few songs I was asked to talk to the Chapter. My intent was to have a short discussion about what is going on in the District and that we are there to work for them. As you will see, this turned into a lengthy question and answer. We started with these topics:

Fall Convention

HCMW

Chorus Director Class

Chapter Officer Training

After the normal discussion I opened it up for questions. They had many comments and concerns.

- 1) Communication. Seems that they don't seem to get all the info from the District that they desire. We talked about the ways the District communicates and some of the challenges. We also try to come up with a couple of solutions that they can try at the Chapter level. I did assure them that we are working on the issues and should have them addressed shortly.
- 2) Contest. The chapter had a bad experience at contest a few years ago and have been hesitant about returning. We talked about all the great NON contest things



that are going to happen this year. I also told them that there are other ways they could participate in the Convention without having to worry about a score. I even offered an option of mic testing for the chorus contest. They seem interested in coming this fall.

- 3) They have felt neglected by the District and BHS. They were very appreciative that someone came and showed some interest in what is going on in Rockford.
- 4) Questions about BHS/HFI. For a chapter that has not really been plugged into the District they really seem to be very plugged into what is going on.

This small chapter is doing some really good things and seem to be struggling a little in some areas. I assured them that we are here to help. It was a pleasure to share the evening with them.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Ludwig, President



Springfield Chapter Visit

7/25/23

I had the pleasure of visiting the Springfield Chapter on Tuesday, July 25th. Rehearsal started at 7pm with 20 singers in attendance and an average age of about 60. After a warm-up they did a tag and had a couple quartets come out front and sing that tag.

They are lead by Patrick Claussen and I cannot say enough good things about him. He is incredibly organized and is very clear with the chorus about what they are going to work on. A very good director!

After some work on their contest songs I was asked to address the Chapter. We discussed a number of topics including:

Fall Convention and all of the changes

HCMW

Director School in August

Chapter Officer Training

I then fielded questions. Nothing too out of the ordinary. They are pretty plugged into what goes on in the District.

All in all a very enjoyable evening with my friends from Springfield. They are doing a lot of things right. The Chapter leadership is strong and they have good musical leadership. They face the same problems as most chapters and that is membership. President, John Rigg, and I are going to get together in the coming weeks to discuss a few ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ludwig, President



I had the pleasure of meeting with the Chorus of DuPage on May 16th in Naperville.

It was great to see almost their entire rehearsal space full. They had 28 in attendance, and mentioned that they were missing 10-12 guys. At this time Raymond Schwarzkopf and Tom Kentish are tag-teaming the director responsibilities.

The chorus is all about having fun while making little changes and paying attention to the small things to improve. It was evident to me that night that the members have really grasped that mentality.

Their average age is 75 years old, but have started seeing some interest from younger (40-50s) guys. They do quite a bit of community performances and they contribute those events to the recent interest.

The members expressed a clear interest in attending the fall convention, as well as competing. They were very excited to hear that there will be more singing happening at the convention (especially the SMAG Fest). Their only suggestion for future conventions would be to have singing opportunities or classes available on Friday afternoon for those who may be interested.

Their annual Brat Bash is being held on June 13th (their 46th year!). The chorus will be creating a Facebook event and will make the District a contributor so we can share it.

At this time, the only request COD had was for the District to continue to be transparent with what is going on and why things may be changing. They love being apart of the Illinois District and are excited for the future.

Thanks,

Ben Dirks

ILL District EVP



Mike Isely and I had the opportunity to visit Chicago Metro's rehearsal on June 28th. They were very welcoming and appreciative of the board's effort to visit every chapter.

The average age of the chorus is approximately 75. This night in particular they had 12 members in attendance. They were only missing about 3-4. Chicago Metro is very focused on providing entertainment within their communities. Although they don't participate a lot in district events, they are aware of what is going on and appreciates our support.

There was talk of them possibly having a mixed quartet register for contest.

Thanks,

Ben and Mike



June 22, 2023

Ben and Carrie visited

15 members + 1 director (missing a few people)

Average age: between 12 and 80+?

1. This chorus has an energetic director and enthusiastic members. For 15 members, they sang with a really good sound. They sing a lot of polecats, but they also have a book of "Lamplighters" songs. They are a fairly localized chorus- singing in parades and at community events. They don't have much interaction with other choruses beyond the combined chapter holiday show, but they are very open to combined regional events.
2. Their main concern is growth. They are frustrated because they WANT to grow. They have tried ideas that they have read in The Harmonizer, but have found no success. They asked what help the district could provide. They are open to a Youth in Harmony festival but do not have the resources to host one themselves. They would be happy to combine with another chapter for such an event. They are also open to becoming a mixed chorus. Before the pandemic, they had 3 female singers who did not return afterward.
3. Ben asked them what their identity is. He shared some ideas from his mother's Sweet Adelines chorus. He encouraged them to utilize social media.
4. We spoke to them about convention changes. They are not interested in singing as a chorus, not even for eval only, but individuals may attend. Some individuals have attended in the past, as well.
5. Carrie spoke to them about the director workshop and their director has the date on his calendar but has not yet registered.
6. There was a brief discussion about updating leadership contact information. They have updated their info at the BHS member center, but the updated info has somehow not reached our district board.

Side note: a former member of the Kishwaukee chapter sings with this chorus. He has 2 ½ file cabinets worth of barbershop sheet music in storage. He has asked area high schools and colleges if they want it, but got no response. Carrie wondered if it could be brought to the convention for choruses and/or quartets to get "free music." She will follow up to see what their files are and if it would be worth bringing them to the convention.



Elgin Chapter Visit

June 26, 2023

Carrie visited

14 members + 1 director (missing 1 member)

Average age: between 60-80+?

1. The Fox Valley Singers are a mixed barbershop chorus. They meet on Monday afternoons at 1 pm which makes it difficult to recruit new members, but this did not seem to be of great concern to them. The “vibe” of this group is a group of seniors who enjoy singing together, laughing, and joking around.
2. I didn’t hear too much about performances, but they do have a cabaret coming up on August 27th. From what I could gather, their performing is usually in the form of a combined concert such as the multi-chorus holiday show.
3. Because their cabaret is the same date as the director class, they will not be attending.
4. I spoke to them about convention changes. Their director, John, said he “really likes what they are hearing and seeing from the district.”

John, along with other chorus members, shared lots of ideas regarding the fall convention.

- John has attended the Beatles convention and wishes ours could have multiple choices for people, even during contest time like at the Beatles convention. They have a main stage, a second stage, a market place, etc. He said when he joined BHS in 2001, there used to be 20 quartets competing in IL and he got bored sometimes and wished there were other offerings he could do if he wanted to take a break from hearing the contests.
- Another suggestion was a “swap meet.” One guy has 25 straw hats that he’d like to offer to anyone who would like them. Choruses could bring props and /or costumes or memorabilia that others might want. Especially memorabilia. One member said, “when we die, our widows don’t want all of our barbershop stuff.” Lol.
- Another suggestion came from a guy who used to attend the convention years ago. He said they used to teach a song at the convention. He remembers learning In My Room at his first convention.

With all of these singing opportunities at this year’s convention, it did raise a question in my (Carrie’s) mind: will choruses have a time and a location to have a morning rehearsal before the 1 pm contest?



Membership VP Report

August 4, 2023

By Doug Finkbiner

There are currently 26 active chapters in the Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society with a total membership of 591. Of those 26, Kishwaukee Valley, Rock Island and Decatur do not appear to be meeting.

I checked in on the Bureau County Chapter. John Swanson is serving as president for the Bureau County Chapter, which currently has an official membership of 11. They are trying to “hang in there,” but are pleased to have added two new members recently. The chapter is hosting a fundraiser in the park in the near future, which apparently draws very well.

I did not hear back from neither Kishwaukee nor Rock Island, I also did get a return call from Aurora.



Illinois District Chapter Census

August 4, 2023

Chapter	Number of Active Members	Status
Champaign Urbana	0	Voluntary Dissolution of Charter
Chicago Metro	16	Active
Chicago No. 1	0	Charter Closed
Chicago Western Suburban	52	Active
Coles County	31	Active
Collinsville	0	Charter Closed
Frank Thorn	16	Active
Danville	33	Active
Decatur	2	Active -
Peoria	11	Active
Northbrook	64	Active
DuPage Valley	35	Active
Quincy	0	Charter Closed
Elgin	19	Active
Rock Island	1	Active
Rockford Metro	19	Active
Rockford	18	Active
Arlington Heights	28	Active
Aurora	13	Active
Sandoval	0	Charter Closed
Belleville	24	Active
Bloomington	75	Active
Kankakee	1	Voluntary Dissolution pending
Kishwaukee Valley	1	Active
Bureau County	11	Active
Lake County	22	Active
Springfield	22	Active
Carbondale	13	Active
Macomb	8	Active
Sterling Rock Falls	19	Active
Waterloo	18	Active
Will-Cook	17	Active
Total	591 Active Members	26 Active Charters



Music & Performance

Planning for HCM 2024 is off and running. We have Debbie Cleveland lined up as the guest clinician, 2023 Champs Midtown as our featured quartet, and many other great faculty that we are currently lining up. HCM will be February 16-17 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington again this year. After last year's great turnout, we are looking for even more ways to reach out to our Illinois members, as well as members from nearby districts. We are working hard to balance a budget and find the right blend between making the event affordable so many can come, but also working toward breaking even on the event. These two things can be tough to balance, but we are doing our best.

Thanks
Tim



2023-08-13 IL District Marketing & Publicity Report

Submitted by Joe Gurreri, VP Marketing & Publicity

- CONVENTION Convention updates completed - distributed via Facebook and website notifications
- MAILCHIMP SUPPORT - New support for email blasts to be more responsive via [Mark Leverett](#) thanks to Terry's recruiting . We're still working on logistics and access.
- WEBSITE REWRITE - As a reminder, we are revamping the entire website primarily for data management, ease of use, and quicker updates. This also requires a new look because of the new technical platform.

- MOCK UP OF REFRESHED SITE

Here's a link: just look at it; don't download it. It's a very large file; This is only preliminary, and provided to you as a concept. We're making several changes. [IDO Mockup 2023-08-01.pdf](#)

- Website update from Glenn Mills, Project Manager, Website Rewrite

Website Update 8/1/23 - submitted by [Glenn Mills](#)

1. We finished reviewing the snapshot of the website, and added comments on changes needed for the new site.
2. During that review, we noted some outdated information on the current site. We sent updated info for the following:
 - a. Expense form
 - b. Society representation history
 - c. IDEA donation button(runs through district PayPal)
 - d. District policies
 - e. Awards info: current categories & past winners
 - f. Current governing board & Ops team
 - g. Quartet & chorus data (download file from BHS)
3. We still need to obtain the following:
 - a. QCA updates (from Joe Sullivan) [RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED]
 - b. Chorus contest & quartet contest rules (from Jeff Lathom)
 - c. Society bylaws (from Jeff Lathom)
 - d. Updated photos (from Jim Ferrier)



4. We might be better off migrating the content we currently have to the new site, since time is short. We wanted all content updated first, but may need to move on.
 5. Prior to the board Zoom, I hope to get an estimate of when the new site will be done, and our review deadlines/steps, from Magic Blue Box.
- IDEA button
 - Leif is making the financial recommendation and we requested he and IDEA come to a decision and provide us with the URL link we can add a 'donatem button' on the revised website

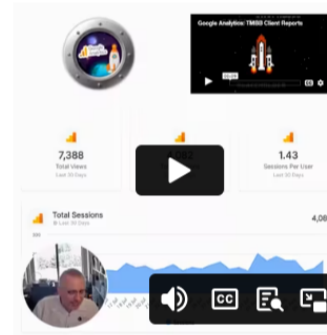


• WEBSITE STATISTICS



Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society Report

July 1st, 2023 - July 31st, 2023



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⊕ Last Month



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⊕ Last Month



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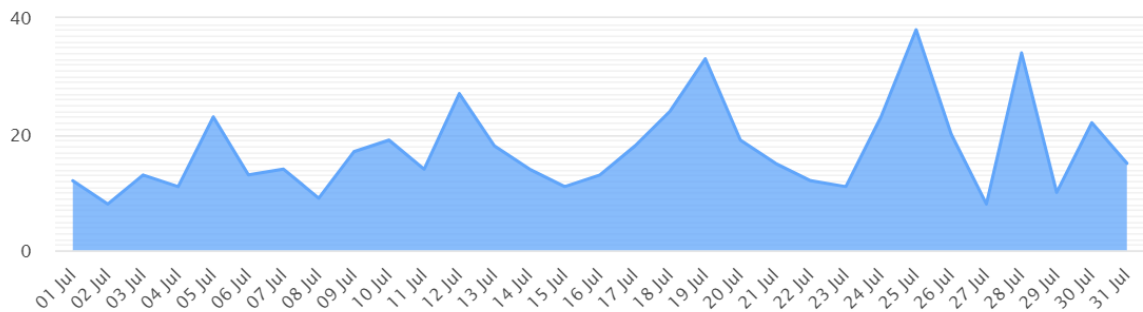
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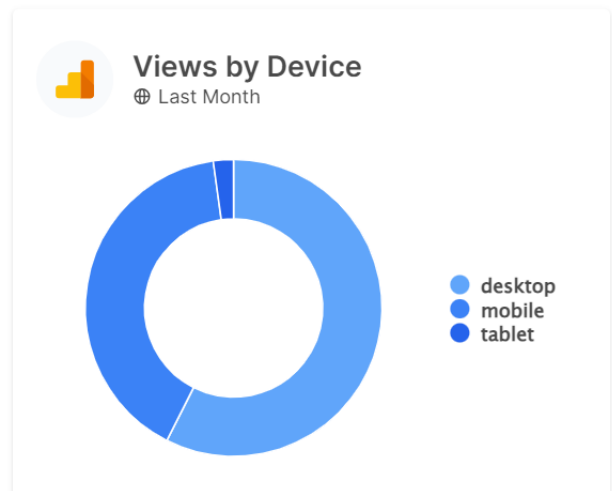
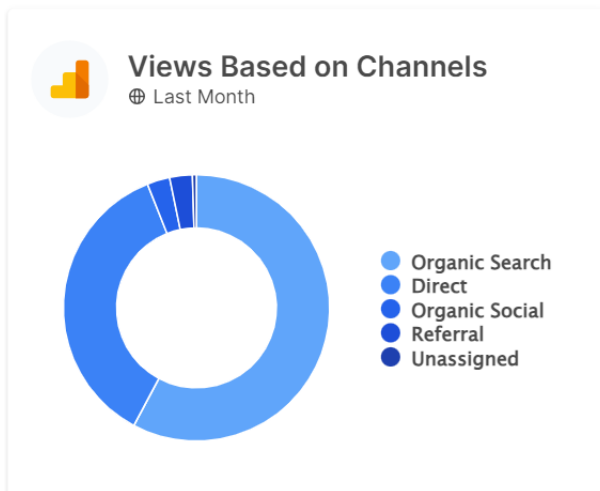
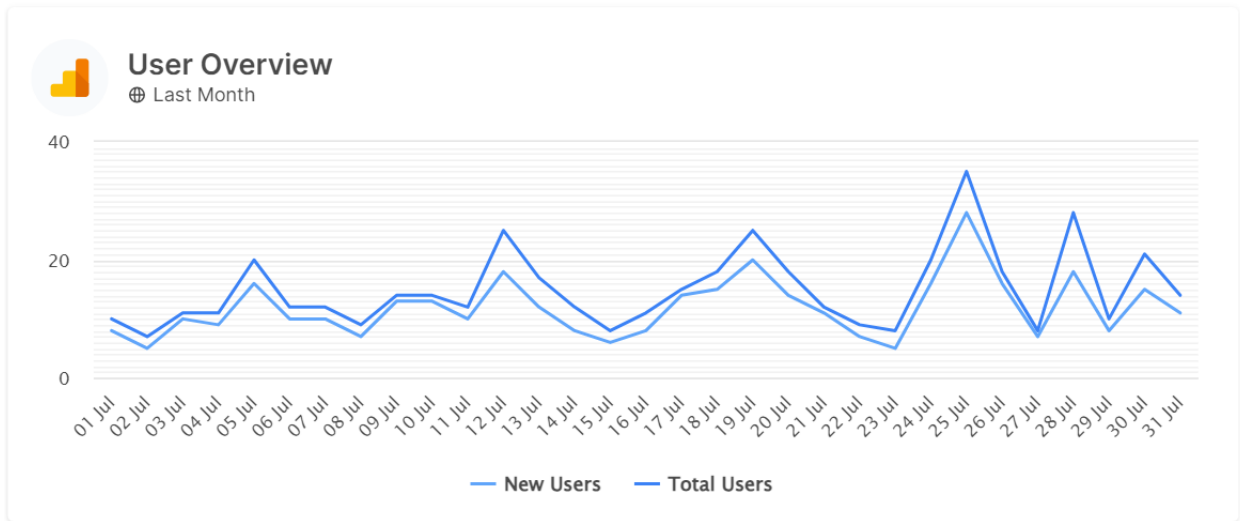
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Breakdown by City

🌐 Last Month

City	Views	Sessions	Total Users
Chicago	198	55	43
Addison	144	8	1
Aurora	84	14	3
(not set)	79	39	35
	45	6	4
Total	1,635	537	399



City	Views	▼ Sessions	Total Users
(not set)	79	39	35
Joliet	45	6	4
Rockford	42	14	8
Dubuque	37	5	4
Arlington Heights	27	10	3

City	Views	▼ Sessions	Total Users
Arlington Heights	27	10	3
Carbondale	27	3	3
Elgin	25	6	3
Columbus	22	22	22
Round Lake	22	5	2

City	Views	▼ Sessions	Total Users
Springfield	22	4	3
Decatur	21	2	1
Lombard	20	5	3
Palatine	20	6	5
Oregon	17	1	1



- **VENDOR CHANGE - Magic Blue Box organization and EIN changes / need to reset auto-pay**
 - The Magic Blue Box email

Over the past two months, we've been working on a big transition. But we're done now, have hit the ground running, and are ready to share the news: We are no longer operating under the umbrella of Tentac Enterprises. We are now a completely independent entity, The Magic Blue Box, LLC.

This transition marks a new chapter in The Magic Blue Box story! We'll continue to offer you new and effective ways to grow your business. Moving forward, we'll be focusing on innovation, building our relationship, and ultimately providing an even higher level of value to you!

What impact will this change have on you today?

Not much. We'll still be providing you the services you're expecting. Our contact information remains the same, so you can continue to reach us how you always have.

The most immediate change you'll notice will be your invoice. It will look different and have a **different mailing address. If you were previously using auto-pay, you'll need to set that back up. We have a new EIN number as well, so if you need a new W-9** for your accounting team, we'll make sure you get that.

We have some exciting new things in the pipeline, which we'll be sharing with you in the near future!

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Illinois District Association of Chapters
District Board Meeting

Fall Convention panel has been set and travel arrangements are being worked on.

Illinois District Panel for Fall 2023 are:

- Jon Kready
- Don Fuson
- Ryan Wisniewski
- Benjamin Shively
- Bill Hawken
- Jeramiah Pope
- Kevin Keller
- Mo Field

The Dubuque, IA chapter has requested to sing at our Fall Convention, and I have approved this with the CSD DRCJ. I don't know the exact number of members, but I would expect that this should add another 25-50 registrations.

I am sending out an email to the district looking for Judging candidates. We will see if we get any replies. However, we do have 3 members who I believe will be applying.

- Jeff Lathom – ADM
- Pat Clausen – ADM
- Tyler Leibengood - MUS

The following dates have been confirmed with Steve Armstrong for our 2024-25 conventions:

- 2024 – 9/27-28
- 2025 – 9/26/27

Jeff Lathom,
Illinois District DRCJ



Events report

August 13, 2023

Jeff Bowyer VP-Events

Future dates and locations

Fall 2023 District Convention

Sept. 22 - 23 2023

DoubleTree Hotel: will serve as the Headquarters Hotel

2nd Presbyterian Church: 404 N Prairie Bloomington will be the location for the Quartet semi-finals Friday evening.

BCPA: will be the location for the Quartet Finals and Chorus Finals Saturday.

Harmony College Midwest 2024

Feb 16 - 18 2024

DoubleTree Hotel: All classes will be held in the DoubleTree Hotel Convention area. Contracts are signed.

Fall 2024 District Convention

Sept. 27 - 28 2024

Head Quarters Hotel:

DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Holiday Inn Bloomington: Proposal has been requested for consideration.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested for consideration (multiple locations). One location has requested an alternate date (this will be considered).

Contest location:

BCPA: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Heartland College: Proposal has been requested.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested.

Fall 2025 District Convention

Sept. 26 - 27 2025

DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Holiday Inn Bloomington: Proposal has been requested for consideration.



Springfield: Proposals have been requested for consideration (multiple locations).

Contest location:

BCPA: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Heartland College: Proposal has been requested.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested.

IDEA Trustees Meeting

June 19, 2023

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM via ZOOM by Executive Director B.Cearnal.

Trustees present: R. Hansen, B. Squires, E. Holtz and E. Meseth (via phone).

Guest: Past President Jim Waldorf.

II. Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional items offered.

III. Secretary's Report

Minutes from the Trustees meeting of September 16, 2022, and electronic business conducted in March of 2023, relative to the topic of Trustee recusal. There were two editorial corrections: a. the paragraph titled "2020 IDEA Grant" would be better titled "Covid IDEA Grant" for specificity and b. that the adjournment paragraph should be moved to just before Electronic Business. With those changes the report was accepted on a motion by R. Hansen and second by B. Squires.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Holtz reported that as of June 7, 2023, the fund had recovered from a downturn and now is valued at \$157,863.32. The report was received on a motion by B. Squires and second by R. Hansen. Other items from the Treasurer had been moved to the Business Items below.

V. Business Items

A. Grant request from Center Ring for \$1000 to defray costs of representing the Illinois District at the upcoming International Convention. (This item had been previously moved by R. Hansen and seconded by B. Squires and now released for discussion.)

Trustee Emeritus J. Sullivan wrote that, in his view, IDEA should only fund educational requests and subsidize International bound quartets. B.Cearnal pointed out that our Procedures Manual does, in fact, allow for a variety of fundings for quartets including International support.

Other Trustees suggested that quartets should take the initiative to self-fund and not rely on IDEA. Quartets traditionally have earned money by appearing on Chapter shows and providing entertainment for non-barbershop functions.

E. Meseth pointed out that best practices regarding distributions from endowments should not exceed 5%–6% of the total funds available. E. Holtz reminded Trustees that we have already expended \$4500 in the first 6 months of 2023 (\$2500 for Mt. Zion HS, \$500 for Chicago Metro Chapter, \$1500 for Harmony College Midwest).

After discussion, Hansen and Squires were willing to change their motion so that the grant for Center Ring should be \$500, matching that offered by the Illinois District. This amended motion passed 3:1.

B. Should there be a donation button on the District's website?

This idea had been brought up in previous meetings. R. Hansen said that the "button" project might be worth pursuing, since: a. many people simply don't carry cash with them so that impromptu solicitations might not be worthwhile; b. most people now carry credit or debit cards and a "button" for donations would be more attractive.

E. Holtz said he had investigated the cost of a donation "button" and found that there would be a \$100 setup fee, a \$10/month maintenance fee and a minimum charge of 2.9% + \$.03/donation.

Consensus of Trustees was that, for now, the level of contributions do not justify this expenditure. However, emerging from the discussion was the need for IDEA to become more proactive by, for instance, composing a donation letter to the Illinois District. Toward that end, B. Cearnal proposed formation an IDEA Promotion Committee; R. Hansen and J. Waldorf volunteered their services.

C. Do Trustees need to recuse themselves for YIH request?

E. Meseth responded that according to the policy recently adopted, a Trustee may solicit funding for projects and take part in discussions and should recuse himself from the vote if he, in any way, would benefit from the project. A Trustee should ask himself, "Am I unbiased in rendering a decision?" If the answer is "no," then the Trustee should recuse himself.

D. R. Hansen's 5-year term expires this year.

Trustee Hansen announced his intent to resign from the IDEA Board of Trustees at the end of this calendar year. He cited his teaching commitment at Mt. Zion HS and his wish to devote more time to the Illinois District Quartet Champions Association. B. Cearnal thanked him for his devoted service to IDEA and all Trustees wished him well. As is customary, a retiring Trustee has the privilege of nominating a replacement and Hansen suggested that Past President Jim Waldorf be brought before the Illinois District Executive Committee by Executive Director Cearnal and, should they approve, be moved for a vote by the Illinois District House of Delegates.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Trustees will take place on the Friday morning of the Fall Illinois District Convention weekend, tentatively in DP Terry Ludwig's hotel room.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by E.Holtz and second by E. Meseth.



The fund's value at 9/8/23 was \$158,252.60. The fund has distributed this year \$2500 to Mt Zion HS, \$1500 to Harmony College Midwest, \$500 to Chicago Metro Chorus and \$500 to Center Ring Quartet. The fund received donations totaling \$872 and raised cash by selling \$3000 of stock.

Earl Holtz
Treasurer



YIH REPORT – 2023 3rd Quarter

Bloomington, Coles County, Fox Lake, and Springfield are all planning to have a festival this fall. Selected dates are...

- Springfield – 10/3/23
- Coles County – 10/16/23
- Fox Lake – 10/21/23
- Bloomington – 10/26/23

I have been contacted by Springfield and Coles County for financial assistance. Fox Lake to my understanding is still in the process of planning the event. They have asked for assistance in the past so I assume I will hear from them later. Bloomington will also be seeking help as well.

No word from Sterling Rock Falls or West Towns.

My goal of starting an all-District Harmony Camp is on the back burner. The last Camp to take place was SUN's which was right before International. It was the lowest attended Camp to date and was almost cancelled. Which has been the trend so far this year with other camps. CAR's Harmony Explosion which is it notoriously a week after International was cancelled for lack of purchased registrations. It is my opinion that we continue to support our individual festivals and I will continue to watch how other districts are performing in the youth camp area. Right now, it seems like a dying business so to speak, and our efforts and money would be better focused on making fall convention(s) profitable.



IL District Chorus Director Development report 7.20.23

Greetings all,

Here is the Chorus Director Development report for 7.20.23

To date, we have 12 registrants for the Director Workshop on August 27th. The registration fee is \$25 per person. Joe Cerutti's workshop fee is \$200 and the rental of the space is \$200 (discounted from \$300). I have asked Joe Gurreri to send an email blast around Aug. 1 for one last push for attendance.

Attendees were asked to fill out a google form to determine topics discussed. There is a tie for first place: Maintaining Tonal Center; Planning Successful Rehearsals; Repertoire Selection; Assessing skill/will of a singer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marcotte



As was mentioned by Terry during the last meeting at the end of May, Land of Lakes District is holding an in-person Leadership summit. The event will be at the University of Wisconsin in River Falls, WI in early January. Mike Letka who was last year's Leadership Summit committee is no longer handling the Leadership program.

If we as a District we want an in person summit the cost would go up for both the district and participants, The summit would still be offered on Zoom or another virtual platform. All in-person materials would need to be offered to virtual participants. In my humble opinion this event would require much more time and effort to plan and execute

There is a budget to send a few Illinois District chapter leaders to the LOL leadership Summit for those who have the time to travel to River Falls, WI.

In a discussion with Terry, I suggested we have a virtual Illinois District summit in early January 2024.

Terry and I feel we have the qualified SMEs for

President
Secretary
Treasurer

What other topics we should cover?

Who would you recommend lead your suggested topic?

Each session would be at a different time and possibly a different date to avoid the need for breakout rooms. We would create worksheets and other materials for the participants to have a more hands-on experience. We will invite experienced SME's for each topic. Create an interactive summit with content that is specific to the Illinois district.

Last year there were some chapters that did not have board members for 2023 in place in early January. We can possibly have the event later in the year or we can be diligent in reminding the chapter leaders that having a board in place Jan 1 is a BHS chapter rule.

Harmoniously yours,
John Q
Illinois District BHS
Chapter Support Leadership Training



DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – FALL 2023

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
 - **Buzz Haeger Judging Materials returned to the archives by Kevin Keller**
 - **Photo of The Arlingtones with Ed Wilson from 4/12/69 Show by Elmer Sweet**
 - **Misc. music from the Springfield Chapter**
 - **Old *Harmonizers, Attacks & Releases*, and misc. recordings by Frank Fabian**
 - **Misc. pictures & recordings by Bob Squires**
 - **Replica gold/silver/bronze Int'l display medals by an "Anonymous Friend"**
 - **"Gold Coast Four" (1964 District Champs) materials and history by Tom Noble**

- Rich purchased 2 new thumbdrives, magazine and album display racks, ribbons for new replica medals, and a special VHS to DVD/MP3 device to aid in digitizing materials from the archives. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.

- Within the archives, there have been found some extra SMAG medals and materials for award certificates, extra trophy replacement pieces, etc. Those materials have been turned over to Doug Ferrier, Awards Chairman

- Rich has been working with Dan Woodman (webmaster) on the issues of "From the Vault", a quarterly electronic newsletter containing photos, audio, and video of items from the archives for the membership to enjoy. These can be accessed via the district website.

- Rich and Joe Guerreri continue to digitize some documents and photos of artifacts that can be pushed out to the members electronically as part of social media announcements.

- As always, Rich would gladly take any materials that members or their families may have related to district history to add to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Hansen
Illinois District Historian (2019-present)
Past District President (2015-2016)



Awards Committee Update – August 13, 2023

(submitted by Doug Ferrier, 2023 Awards Committee Chairman)

Current Awards Committee: Roles

Doug Ferrier (Chairman), **Steve Davis** (ABE), **Rich Hansen** (High School/Next Gen), and **Jeff Lathom** (Contest & Judging).

Activities

- **Outreach:** Presented 2022 Illinois State Champion plaques (H.S. Mixed Quartet, and H.S. Girls Quartet) to Mt. Zion High School at the Acapalooza Event in May 2023. The plaques will remain with the school (outreach/marketing). Perpetual trophies (*see photo*) will be returned at fall convention and be awarded to the new champions.
- **Archives:** Updated the Master Spreadsheet of Award Recipients (through 2022): [See next attachment]
- **Website:** Awards team edits submitted to website team (April)
- **2023 Awards Ordered:** 2023 1st, 2nd, 3rd place pins for each voice part (Jeff placed order with BHS)
- **2022 Engraving Completed:** Rush Wyman Chorus Trophy, Mixed Quartet Trophy, HS Men's Quartet Trophy, HS Mixed Quartet Trophy, Ed Wilson, Sol Gamis (still need to confirm Gene McNish Small Chorus Trophy – Doug will check with Lake County)



In Progress

- **ABE Award:** Solicitation for the 2023 recipient is in progress. Nominations close next week.
- **Ed Wilson, Sol Gamis, Charles Hecking Awards:** Google Forms will be created and sent to the presidents of each chapter by Aug. 22.
- **2023 Awards (Doug will place the order Aug. 15)**
 - Men's Quartet Champion
 - Sr. Quartet Champion
 - Mixed Quartet Champion
 - Novice Quartet Champion
 - H.S. Men's Quartet Champion
 - H.S. Mixed Quartet Champion

Other Award Needs

- Award for Barbershopping Excellence (A.B.E.) – We need to order a personal recognition item for recipients (our final clock is being awarded in the Fall of 2023). This can be done after convention.
- Women's Chorus Trophy
- Women's Quartet Trophy

Since 2021 Fall Convention

New trophies created (*looking for sponsors*)

- **High School Women's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in 2017. Trophy created April 2022
- **High School Mixed Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in 2019. Trophy created April 2022 – displayed for the first time at the Mt. Zion HS 25th Anniversary Acapalooza.



- **Adult Men's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. Trophy created Sept. 2022.

Repurposed trophy

- **Mixed Harmony Chorus** – Category created in May 2019. The retired Frank Thorne Award (% of chapter members registered for contest created by Dickie Johnson which was retired in 2019) will now become the Mixed Chorus Champion Trophy. We already have two winners (Arlington Heights – 2021, Rockford Metro – 2019)

Trophies not yet created (*looking for sponsors*)

- **Adult Women's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.
- **Adult Women's Chorus Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.

Medals replace most plaques

In most instances, medals will replace plaques in all quartet champion categories, as it

- 1) Allows for immediate recognition at the Illinois District convention (medals will be hung over the trophies, similar to IHSA state sporting events), and
- 2) It is cost-efficient for the Illinois District to do so.

Exceptions (this will be reevaluated in 2023):

- 1 plaque for the High School Men's Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)
- 1 plaque for the High School Women's Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)
- 1 plaque for the High School Mixed Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)

Reasoning: This can be permanently displayed at the school in display cases (similar to other IHSA awards), recognize singers, instill school pride, add incentive for others to compete, and be a constant reminder of our artform to students in the school. (up to 3 plaques each year)

Certificates are given for the following awards:

- Large Chorus Champion (1 certificate)
- Gene McNish Small Chorus Award (1 certificate)
- Most Improved Chorus (1 certificate)
- Ed Wilson – Quartet Service Award (4 certificates)
- Sol Gamis – Quartet \$\$ Contributions (4 certificates)
- Charles Hecking – Chorus \$\$ Contributions (1 certificate)
- Plateau Awards 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A

Google Forms

Beginning in 2022, we simplified the nomination process for most awards using Google Forms: Ed Wilson Quartet Service Award, Sol Gamis Quartet Charitable Contribution Award, Charles Hecking Chorus Charitable Contribution Award, and the ABE award.



Appendix

Award Resources:

- District Quartet Champ Lapel Pins - [Lapel Pins - Barbershop Harmony Society](#)
 - Champion Medals - [Fusion Custom Medal - Gem Awards](#)
 - Trophies/Plaques/Engraving - [B & B Awards and Recognition \(b-bawards.com\)](#)
- ABE Clocks (one more clock available for 2023) - <https://www.dinntrophy.com/>

Award Inventory (@ Doug Ferrier's House 309.531.4676)

Photo	Award	Qty
	QCA Music Man Award (Medallion)	2 (in box)
	Saturday Morning Anything Goes (Medal)	150+
	Women's Quartet Champion (Medal)	4
	High School Women's Quartet Champion (Medal)	4
	Next Generation (NextGen) Champion (Medal)	4

YEAR	CONVENTION	George Peters Senior Quartet	Quartet Members	Sol Gamis	Charles Hecking
		Trophy - 4 plaques		Display Trophy - 4 plaques	Display Trophy - 4 plaques
2022	Fall	None	None	Abeline Paradox Northbrook	None
2021	Fall	Abilene Paradox	Michael Schnitzler, Joe Gurreri, Brandon Tanner, Glenn Mills Northbrook, Frank Thorne	Take Note Northbrook	None
2019	Fall	Upside Downers		Take Note Northbrook	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County (2018)
2018	Fall	Flashback		Take Note Northbrook	Coles County (2017)
2017	Fall	Friends		Take Note Northbrook	Coles County (2016)
2016	Fall	Tinnitus		The Committee Bloomington	Coles County (2015)
2015	Fall	Cruise Control		Take Note Northbrook	Coles County (2014)
2014	Fall	Tribute		Awarded in Spring	Awarded in Spring
2014	Spring	Take Note		Take Note (2013)	Coles County (2013)
2013	Fall				
2013	Spring	Varsity		Take Note (2012)	Coles County (2012)
2012	Fall				
2012	Spring	Fox Sounds		Gadzooks (2011)	Coles County (2011)
2011	Fall				
2011	Spring	Gadzooks		Gadzooks (2010)	Coles County 2010)
2010	Fall				
2010	Spring	SRQ		Gadzooks (2009)	Coles County (2009)
2009	Fall				

YEAR	CONVENTION	George Peters Senior Quartet	Quartet Members	Sol Gamis	Charles Hecking
2009	Spring	Chordplay		Gadzooks (2008)	Coles County (2008)
2008	Fall				
2008	Spring	Crosstown Connection		Gadzooks (2007)	Coles County (2007)
2007	Fall				
2007	Spring	Shed Potatoes & Gravy		Gadzooks (2006)	Chicago Metro (2006)
2006	Fall				
2006	Spring	Chicago Times		Gadzooks (2005)	
2005	Fall				
2005	Spring	Talismen		C-U Swing (2004)	
2004	Fall				
2004	Spring	Savoir Four		Last Call ! (2003)	
2003	Fall				
2003	Spring	Savoir Four		Last Call ! (2002)	
2002	Fall				
2002	Spring	Gym Class		4 Crying Out Loud (2001)	
2001	Fall				
2001	Spring	Chicago Shuffle		4 Crying Out Loud (2000)	
2000	Fall				
2000	Spring	Chicago Shuffle		4 Crying Out Loud(1999)	Kishwaukee Valley
1999	Fall				
1999	Spring	Chicago Shuffle		4 Crying Out Loud (1998)	Kishwaukee Valley
1998	Fall				
1998	Spring	Chicago Shuffle		4 Crying Out Loud (1997)	Kishwaukee Valley
1997	Fall				
1997	Spring	Mellow Fellows		4 Crying Out Loud (1996)	Q-Suburban
1996	Fall				
1996	Spring	The Jordanares		4 Crying Out Loud (1995)	Kishwaukee Valley
1995	Fall				
1995	Spring	County Reclamation Project		4 Crying Out Loud (1994)	Kishwaukee Valley
1994	Fall				
1994	Spring	Forget Me Notes		4 Crying Out Loud (1993)	Kishwaukee Valley
1993	Fall				
1993	Spring	God Time Harmony Four		4 Crying Out Loud (1992)	Kishwaukee Valley
1992	Fall				
1992	Spring	Grandfather's Clock		Antiques(1991)	Kishwaukee Valley
1991	Fall				

YEAR	CONVENTION	George Peters Senior Quartet	Quartet Members	Sol Gamis	Charles Hecking
1968	Spring				

YEAR	CONVENTION	Gene McNish Small Chrous	Mixed Harmony Chorus	Most Improved Chorus	Most Ent Chorus 1
		Display Trophy - 1 plaque	no trophy - 1 plaque	no trophy - 1 plaque	discontinued in 2022
2022	Fall	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County	None	Land of Lincoln Lincoln	
2021	Fall	Chorus of Dupage Dupage Valley	Arlingtones Arlington Heights	Chorus of Dupage Dupage Valley	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2019	Fall	Sounds of Harmony Belleville	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro	Rock River Valley Sterling/Rock Falls	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2018	Fall	None		New Tradition Notrthbrook	New Tradition Notrthbrook
2017	Fall	Sounds of Harmony Belleville		Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2016	Fall	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County		West Towns Chorus Chicagoland West Suburban	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2015	Fall	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro		DuPage Valley Chapter Chorus of DuPage	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2014	Fall	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro		Elgin Chapter Fox Valley Men of Harmony	Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2014	Spring	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County			Contest moved to Fall
2013	Fall				Contest not held
2013	Spring	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County			Contest not held
2012	Fall				Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2012	Spring	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County			
2011	Fall				
2011	Spring	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro			
2010	Fall				Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2010	Spring	Greater Rockford			
2009	Fall				West Towns Chorus Chicagoland West Suburban

YEAR	CONVENTION	Gene McNish Small Chrous	Mixed Harmony Chorus	Most Improved Chorus	Most Ent Chorus 1
2009	Spring	Greater Rockford			
2008	Fall				Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2008	Spring	Aurora			
2007	Fall				New Tradition Notrthbrook
2007	Spring	Bureau County			
2006	Fall				
2006	Spring	Macomb			
2005	Fall				
2005	Spring	Decatur			
2004	Fall				
2004	Spring	Aurora			
2003	Fall				
2003	Spring	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro			
2002	Fall				
2002	Spring	Macomb			
2001	Fall				
2001	Spring	Champaign-Urbana			
2000	Fall				
2000	Spring	West Peoria Metro			
1999	Fall				
1999	Spring	Aurora			
1998	Fall				
1998	Spring	Quincy			
1997	Fall				
1997	Spring	Decatur			
1996	Fall				
1996	Spring	Quincy			
1995	Fall				
1995	Spring	Belleville			
1994	Fall				
1994	Spring	Macomb			
1993	Fall				
1993	Spring	Joliet			
1992	Fall				
1992	Spring	Macomb			
1991	Fall				

YEAR	CONVENTION	Most Ent Chorus 2	Frank Thorne
		discontinued in 2022	discontinued in 2019
2022	Fall		
2021	Fall	Chorus of Dupage Dupage Valley	
2019	Fall	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro	
2018	Fall	Sounds of Harmony Belleville	Coles County Chorus Coles County
2017	Fall	New Tradition Notrthbrook	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2016	Fall	Sounds of Harmony Belleville Coles County Chorus Coles County (tie)	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2015	Fall	West Towns Chorus Chicagoland West Suburban	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2014	Fall	Second City Chorus Rockford Metro	Coles County Chorus Coles County
2014	Spring	Contest moved to Fall	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2013	Fall	Contest not held	Sounds of Harmony Belleville
2013	Spring	Contest not held	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2012	Fall	Coles County Chorus Coles County	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2012	Spring		Joliet/South Cook
2011	Fall		Sound of Illinois Bloomington
2011	Spring		Sounds of Harmony Belleville
2010	Fall	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County
2010	Spring		
2009	Fall	Brotherhood of Harmony Lake County	

YEAR	CONVENTION	Most Ent Chorus 2	Frank Thorne
2009	Spring		
2008	Fall	Sounds of Harmony Belleville	
2008	Spring		
2007	Fall	Coles County Chorus Coles County	
2007	Spring		
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YEAR	CONVENTION	Most Ent Chorus 2	Frank Thorne
1968	Spring		S.W. Suburban

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	<u>Total Board</u> <u>Jan - Dec 24</u>	<u>Total CDWI</u> <u>Jan - Dec 24</u>	<u>Total CSLT Program</u> <u>Jan - Dec 24</u>	<u>Total Fall Convention</u> <u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
5100 Event Income		1,000.00		13,200.00
5210 District Dues				
5310 Interest Income				
5800 Special Events Revenue				
Total Income		<u>1,000.00</u>		<u>13,200.00</u>
Gross Profit		1,000.00		13,200.00
Expense				
7020 Donations to Other Orgs				
7030 Support				
7500 Contract Services Expenses				9,050.00
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	300.00			1,850.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp				3,675.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	3,450.00			5,500.00
8400 Education Programs		2,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
8500 Other Expenses	100.00			
Total Expense	<u>3,850.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>21,575.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-3,850.00</u>	<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>-2,500.00</u>	<u>-8,375.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-3,850.00</u>	<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>-2,500.00</u>	<u>-8,375.00</u>

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	Total HCMW Jan - Dec 24	Total MISC Jan - Dec 24	Total YIH Jan - Dec 24	TOTAL Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
5100 Event Income	13,100.00			27,300.00
5210 District Dues		18,000.00		18,000.00
5310 Interest Income		2,100.00		2,100.00
5800 Special Events Revenue		500.00		500.00
Total Income	<u>13,100.00</u>	<u>20,600.00</u>		<u>47,900.00</u>
Gross Profit	13,100.00	20,600.00		47,900.00
Expense				
7020 Donations to Other Orgs		500.00		500.00
7030 Support		3,500.00		3,500.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	3,900.00			12,950.00
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses		50.00		2,200.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	2,000.00	1,100.00		6,775.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	7,500.00			16,450.00
8400 Education Programs			5,300.00	11,300.00
8500 Other Expenses	200.00	1,188.00		1,488.00
Total Expense	<u>13,600.00</u>	<u>6,338.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>55,163.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>14,262.00</u>	<u>-5,300.00</u>	<u>-7,263.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>14,262.00</u>	<u>-5,300.00</u>	<u>-7,263.00</u>