



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 |