

Illinois District House of Delegates Meeting

Spring 2011

Location: Pere Marquette Ballroom, Peoria IL

Attendance:

- Roll Call taken
 - details: [appendix: Attendance]
 - HOD Membership total: 10 pp + 8 gov + 33 delegates = 51
 - HOD Membership present: 5 pp + 8 gov + 20 delegates = 33, > 30%, quorum established.
 - ♦ 1 delegate, Earl Meseth, also present as a past president (not counted in the pp total)
 - Minimum required is 15, quorum established
 - **Called to order: 1:35 PM**

Secretary

- Agenda
 - **Motion to approve agenda**
 - ♦ **Motion: Dave Cowin**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Jim Jarosz**
 - ♦ **PASSED.**
- Approve Minutes from previous HOD meeting
 - Fix flipped venue / hotel in table for 2012
 - **Motion to accept Minutes from Fall 2010 HOD meeting**
 - ♦ **Motion: Bob Cearnal**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Will Thorndike**
 - ♦ **PASSED.**

Reports From District Leaders

- Contest & Judging
 - Introduction of Wayne Wright
 - Reports responsibility for “care & feeding” of the judges
 - Will states that he does not actually pick the judges
- Events, Convention Planning and Policy and Venue Committee
 - Introduction of Will Thorndike
 - Description of convention management, especially in light of venue / hotel selection
 - Description about upcoming venues (Springfield in particular)
- Youth In Harmony
 - Introduction of Rich Hansen
 - Description of YIH events coming up through the year
- Secretarial Responsibilities
 - Introduction of Mike Isely

- Description of Secretary's duties
- Emphasis on communication with the chapters
- Quartet Promotion
 - Introduction of Tom Woodall
- By Laws Committee
 - Introduction of Joe Sullivan
- Parliamentarian, IDEA and Ethics Committee
 - Introduction of Bob Cearnal
- Music & Performance
 - Introduction of Don Smit
 - IDAH for 2011 ended in the black in the amount of \$500
- Memorial, Historical & IDLE Committees
 - Introduction of Bob Squires
- Membership
 - Introduction of Hugo Feugen
 - "You're all on my committee"
 - ♦ Membership is everybody's business
- Marketing and Public Relations
 - Introduction of Daniel Garcia
 - Always looking for volunteer help
- Financial Development & Harmony Foundation
 - Introduction of Bill Ward
 - Looking to get Harmony Foundation representatives for each chapter
- Chorus Director Development
 - Introduction of Tim Woodall
 - ♦ Is off judging another contest this weekend
 - Introduction of Jeff Bowyer – presented report in place of Tim
 - [PDF attachment: "01-CDDReport.pdf"]
- Chapter Support & Leadership Training
 - Introduction of Greg Caetano
- Awards Committee
 - Introduction of Mark Betczynski
- Attacks and Releases
 - Introduction of Craig Rigg
 - A&R is now sent out electronically, relatively irregularly as the need warrants
- Treasurer & Nominations Committee
 - Introduction of Dave Cowin

Treasurer

- Treasurer's Report
 - [PDF attachment: "02-Treasurer_2010.pdf"]
 - [PDF attachment: "03-Treasurer_comments.pdf"]
 - District is "good shape" from the first of the year until now
 - ♦ Still a ways to go towards improvement

- Moving from the Civic Center has been by far the biggest improvement to the bottom line
- Books from 2010 are “fully balanced”, and everything is accounted for through the end of March.
- Mike Bagby went into a discussion of the district's financial habits
 - ♦ Chapters don't seem to realize how much the district leadership does and how little they ask for in return.
- District's IRS form 990 is due next month, Dave will have that ready in time.
- **Motion to receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Motion: Bob Squires**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Don Smit**
 - ♦ **PASSED.**

Old Business

- Barbershop Harmony Spectacular
 - Three choruses are donating time to the district in a combined performance
 - Proceeds from the show are a fund raiser for the district
- Convention Attendance
- Membership
- Special Programs
 - IDAH
 - ♦ Description of how the previous few IDAH events, and why it lost so much money in 2010.
 - ♦ 2009 IDAH was so great – feedback was that maybe 200 might be interested the following year
 - Yet only about 100 signed up
 - ♦ 2010 IDAH was moved to Chicago – get it closer to the majority of the district, with the hope that more would attend
 - Yet there were only 30-40 signed up 3 weeks before the event
 - A big arm-twisting push got it to 100 at that minute
 - ♦ Seems like district members aren't interested in this
 - District doesn't want to put on IDAH in 2012 if the district membership is not interested.
 - CSLT
 - ♦ Shocking lack of participation from the district
 - CSLT round tables held at IDAH (Secretary, Treasurer) only had 2 attendees each.

New Business

- Harmony Foundation – Ryan Killeen
 - Brief reciting of Harmony Foundation donations made within the Illinois District, as a measure of amount/man within donating chapter
 - Announcement of Harmony Foundation checks paid to specific chapters.
 - Description of Harmony Explosion camp

- ♦ Harmony Foundation is a major supporter of these camps, making them very cost effective for the participants
- BHS Society Report – John Miller
 - Told story of how he got involved with the Society, via singing in Grandma's Boys
 - Successes – what is going right?
 - ♦ 1st quarter of the year, society membership is actually up
 - ♦ 13 new chapters have been chartered
 - ♦ Health & Wellness survey – chapter visitation program underway, running theme of communication
 - ♦ Midwinter convention was the “most successful of the modern era”. Youth festival had 500 young men in the competition.
 - 19 youth choruses competing!
 - Strategic Planning Task Force
 - ♦ What is the best way to enhance membership?
 - Harmony Foundation
 - ♦ Society is in “ok” financial shape
 - ♦ Harmony Foundation is needed to fund many programs that drive membership
 - Membership initiatives
 - ♦ Comcast “Barbershop on Demand” channel being set up
 - Ed Watson is retiring
 - ♦ Society is looking for an interim CEO
 - ♦ Would not be on the board
 - ♦ Would be a caretaker until a permanent new CEO is found
- Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires
 - [Full list in appendix at end of these Minutes]
- Announcement of members reaching 50 year membership status in 2011 – Hugo Feugen
 - [Full list in appendix at end of these Minutes]
- IDEA change in policy regarding “Prior to HOD Meeting” – Bob Cearnal
 - **Motion Remove “prior to House of Delegates Meeting” from IDEA Procedures Manual**
 - ♦ With HOD meeting taking place on Friday, it isn't logistically possible to meet beforehand.
 - ♦ **Motion: Bob Cearnal**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Syl Wetle**
 - ♦ **PASSED.**
- West Towns proposal for meeting of Chapter Presidents
 - **Motion: District President is empowered to form a committee of Illinois Chapter presidents to review entire operation of Illinois District**
 - ♦ **Motion: Don Davia**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Earl Meseth**
 - ♦ Everything seems to be geared towards the judges and the scores, not to the audience.
 - ♦ West Towns thinks that the district is too focused on contests not just pure entertainment, and that this is hurting membership.

- ♦ Syl Wetle thinks that the motion is not even needed, that the motion is out of order
- ♦ John Wabel – why not also the delegates, Don Davia responds that he wants the chapters to run this not the district leadership.
- ♦ West Towns thinks there is “all kinds of miscommunication” going on.
- ♦ **Motion ammended to: The House of Delegates will encourage the District President to call a meeting of all the Chapter Presidents for the purposes of reviewing the entire operation of the Illinois District.**
- ♦ Voice vote: PASSED.

Adjourned: 4:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary

Appendix: Attendance

(note: late arrivals were not considered in the original quorum count)

Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Mike Bagby	President
P	Jeff Bowyer	Exec VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Dave Cowin	Treasurer (& imm pp)
P	Greg Caetano	BMAL
P	Hugo Feugen	BMAL
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL
A	Wayne Wright	BMAL

8 out of 8

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Bob Cearnal
(delegate)	Earl Meseth
A	Phil Rolfs
A	Wally Ryan
P	Bob Squires
P	Bill Stock
P	Joe Sullivan
A	Don Summers
A	Jim Vliet
A	Tom Watts
P	Syl Wetle

5 out of 10

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
A	Geoffrey Sjostrom	E002	Arlington Heights
P	Jim Fourmont	E003	Aurora
P	David Howe	E005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E008	Macomb
P	John Cain	E009	Northbrook
P	Kevin Swartz	E010	Champaign Urbana
A		E012	Chicago No 1
A		E013	Danville
A	George Fishbein	E014	Decatur
A	Michael Moulds	E016	Collinsville
P	James Roll	E017	Coles County
P	Bill Miller	E018	Elgin
P	John Maynard	E019	Rockford Metro

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
A		E020	Harrisburg
P	Don Smit	E021	Lake County
P	John Wabel	E024	Bureau County
A		E029	Quincy
P	Don Davia	E030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Ken Krancher	E044	Peoria
P	James Jarosz	E045	Chicago Metro
A	Jim Sadler	E047	Rockford
A	Brian Buckrop	E048	Rock Island
P	Richard Davidson	E050	South Cook
P	Daniel Woodward	E052	Sterling Rock Falls
A	Dwight Asselmeier	E054	Waterloo
P	Earl Meseth	E060	Joliet
P	Gregory Weickart	E061	Springfield
P	Thomas McEvilly	E066	DuPage Valley
A	Thomas Plote	E067	Kishwaukee Valley
A	Rodney Wert	E073	Okaw Valley
A	Bryan Black	E075	Carbondale
P	Richard Howell	E077	Kankakee

20 out of 33

8+5+20 = 33 present

8+10+33 = 51 total possible

Appendix: Members Passed Away

List of Illinois District Members who has passed on since last Fall

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Frank Conci	12-Jul-2010	1-Jan-1979	E-020 Harrisburg
Arnie Olson	1-Sep-2010	1-Apr-1989	E-018 Elgin
Ronald Onken	10-Sep-2010	1-Oct-1981	E-007 Bloomington
Darryl Nordentoft	14-Sep-2010	1-Oct-1983	E-030 Chicagoland West Suburban
Jim Rateike	4-Oct-2010	1-Jul-1969	E-002 Arlington Heights
Paul Gehrt	20-Oct-2010	1-Jan-1959	E-007 Bloomington
G. Brown	21-Oct-2010	1-Apr-1952	E-009 Northbrook
Jack Baird	9-Nov-2010	1-Jan-1950	E-066 DuPage Valley
Daniel Tomkinson	26-Nov-2010	1-Oct-2003	E-005 Belleville
Ron White	30-Nov-2010	1-Jul-1996	E-014 Decatur
John Cooklin	7-Dec-2010	1-Jul-1964	E-048 Rock Island
Rick Keener	24-Dec-2010	1-Jan-1986	E-024 Bureau County
Dale Woodworth	17-Jan-2011	1-Jan-1990	E-052 Sterling Rock Falls
William Doll	21-Mar-2011	1-Apr-1971	E-019 Rockford Metro E-047 Rockford
Jerry McDonough	26-Mar-2011	1-Jan-1952	E-044 Peoria

Appendix: New 50 Year Members

List of Illinois District Members who have accumulated 50 years of membership since last year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Robert Brown	E-061 Springfield
Don Burton	E-024 Bureau County
Ron Davis	E-010 Champaign
Gerald Hansen	E-066 DuPage Valley
Marvin Mauer	E-003 Aurora