



Spring 2013 House of Delegates Meeting

12-Apr-2013 1:30PM

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

### **House of Delegates**

Spring 2013

**Location:** Salon A, Stoney Creek Inn, East Peoria IL

**Time:** 1:35PM

Opening Song “Down Our Way” – Rich Hansen, Director

### Initial Topics

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum - yes or no - Mike Isely
  - 27 of 49 possible members present.
    - ♦ Note: Hugo Feugen, a BMAL, also signed in as a delegate. Since he still only gets one vote, that reduces the quorum numbers logically to 26 of 48.
  - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 26 present, quorum established.
  - [See Appendix for detailed attendance record]
2. Approval of Agenda – Jeff Bowyer
  - **Motion: Approve agenda**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
3. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting - Mike Isely
  - Correction: Change “Earle” to “Earl”
  - Correction: Change “Jules Verne” to Jules Kastens (of Arlington Heights)
    - ♦ Author comment: “Worst auto-correct example ever experienced...”
  - **Motion: Approve Fall 2012 HOD minutes, w/ corrections**
    - ♦ **Offered by Mike Bagby, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



4. Consent Calendar Reports – Jeff Bowyer

→ **Motion: Approve consent calendar, but pull the following reports for further discussion: President, Membership, CDD**

♦ **Offered by: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Doug Mather**

♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ List of reports accepted via above motion

♦ Treasurer

- [Attachment: “10a-Report\_Treasurer\_Cover.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “10c-Report\_Treasurer\_2012.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “10e-Report\_Treasurer\_2013.pdf”]

♦ Marketing

- [Attachment: “11a-Report\_Marketing.pdf”]

♦ YIH

- [Attachment: “12a-Report\_YIH.pdf”]

♦ C&J

- [Attachment: “13a-Report\_CJ.pdf”]

♦ Music & Performance

- [Attachment: “14a-Report\_Music\_And\_Performance.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “14c-Report\_Quartet\_Promotion.pdf”]

♦ Historical

- [Attachment: “15a-Report\_Historian.pdf”]

♦ Awards

- [Attachment: “16a-Report\_Awards.pdf”]

→ President’s Report – Jeff Bowyer



- ♦ [Attachment: "01-Report\_President.pdf"]
- ♦ Jeff reviewed the report
- Membership Report - Hugo Feugen
  - ♦ [Attachment: "02-Report\_Membership.pdf"]
  - ♦ Joliet / South Cook merger:
    - Waiting for official confirmation from International Offices
    - Earl is talking to Becca Box about this, Becca knows this is an issue
    - Dwayne Cooper will dig into this.
- CDD – written report from Tim Woodall
  - ♦ [Attachment: "03-Report\_CDD.pdf"]
  - ♦ Looking for a chorus to host CDWI – Lake County has stepped up
  - ♦ July 20, 2013
  - ♦ Space limited to 5 directors
- Events Committee - upcoming conventions
  - ♦ Fall, 2013 – Bloomington, BCPA again
    - This went smoothly before, expect a repeat
    - Date: Sep 17-29, 2013
  - ♦ Spring, 2014 – Possible joint convention with CSD, Quad Cities area
    - Also a bid from a Chicago area venue
  - ♦ Fall, 2014 – Springfield, but different venue
  - ♦ We've heard that Effingham may be interested..
  - ♦ Looking for proposals for 2015, 2016, 2017



## OLD BUSINESS

5. Convention Format update – Jeff Bowyer
  - Chorus attendance at this convention appears to be a failure.
  - Chapters that said they would be participating, aren't.
  - What is going on?
6. Illinois District Mentors – Syl Wetle
  - Idea is still alive but on life support
  - One cause is viewed as there is nobody serving in CSLT role, thus no coordination.

## NEW BUSINESS

7. 2014 Convention Bid
  - Lake County and Elgin chapter joined forces to create a bid for hosting a convention “up north”.
  - Proposal from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg for a “self-contained” convention
    - ◆ 470 guest rooms
    - ◆ Asking for a guarantee of 300 room-nights (150 Fri + 150 Sat)
    - ◆ Right across from Woodfield Mall
    - ◆ 50-60 “hands” available to help run the convention
    - ◆ Financial concerns from Will
      - [Attachment: “04-Spring2014\_Finances.pdf”]
      - Question about large number of local attendees likely not taking hotel rooms, thus potentially invalidating assumptions about room-nights being used
      - Estimated financials do appear comparable to past history, but the dynamics are different with so many potential attendees being local
    - ◆ Will Thorndike: Can we do this in Spring 2015?
      - Hotel is reluctant to give pricing this far out – Will is surprised to hear this



- ♦ However we already have a gentleman's agreement with CSD for Spring 2014, put in place in March 2013
  - ♦ Syl sent an e-mail to Mike Bagby on 30-Oct-2012 notifying the district that a bid was being constructed. Feeling is that District apparently ignored / forgot about this, leading to the current conflicting situation.
  - ♦ Syl and his committee is to be commended for all the work they have done. The work is not wasted – we hope it goes forward into Spring 2015.
  - ♦ Key issue is that this convention decision is unfortunately just 12 months out when it really needs to be 2-3 years out
  - ♦ **Motion: Formally accept CSD convention proposal**
    - **Offered by: Will Thorndike, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
    - **Reasoning for this motion by Will is to get the feel of the room on record**
      - **However multiple people felt that this sort of decision was not appropriate for the HOD and should be left to the responsibility of the Events VP.**
    - **Motion withdrawn (by Will Thorndike, agreed by Jim Waldorf)**
8. BHS Society Report - Society Treasurer – Dwayne Cooper
- Donations to HF keep the society going (said as the Society Treasurer)
- ♦ \$466.50 HF donated back to the District
  - ♦ **WARNING: Harmony Foundation Grant applications for YIH festivals for Fall 2013 must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Society Report
- ♦ [Attachment: “05-Society\_Pres-CEO\_HOD\_Bulletin\_Spring\_2013.pdf”]
  - ♦ Dwayne briefly ran down the contents of the report.



9. C&J Contest Rules Changes – Jeff Bowyer / Dwayne Cooper

- Society has gotten A LOT of feedback from chapters that do not want to operate two conventions / year
  - ♦ Two conventions / year is becoming a financial problem due to lacking attendance.
- Society Board has voted to loosen up restrictions about when district contests can be held. This is motivated by the desire to make possible just one required convention / year.
- But this doesn't mean we should just “drop” the Spring convention. It can certainly become something less costly going forward.
- Jeff Bowyer will later on distribute formal information about this.

10. Harmony Brigade / Platoon – Mike Bagby

- Focus on “Platoon” concept
  - ♦ 30 guys have learned two songs for this convention.
  - ♦ Rehearsal at 3:30pm Sat, singing as Mic Testers in the chorus contest.
  - ♦ District needs someone to champion this idea and to push it forward.
- “Harmony Brigade” is trademarked, and more rigid

11. Dues structure – DP Council Discussion topic – Jeff Bowyer

- Idea is to make conventions free for members, but with a corresponding dues increase
- Was originally discussed at the last District Board meeting as an idea both support convention financing and encourage attendance.
- Board asked Dave Cowin to look at the pros / cons of this idea and to present the results at the HOD.
- Data from Dave Cowin, analyzing possibility
  - ♦ [Attachment: “06-Dues\_Structure\_Analysis.pdf”]
- Bottom line: “Dave crunched the numbers, the numbers suck, so nobody is doing anything about this.”



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12. Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires

→ [See Appendix for Memorial Service]

Closing Song “The Old Songs” – Tim Woodall , Director

**Adjourned:** 3:41PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Isely – Secretary



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**Appendix: Attendance**

<b>Governance Board</b>		
<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
P	Jeff Bowyer	President
P	Richard Hansen	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Dave Cowin	Treasurer
P	Jim Waldorf	BMAL
P	Hugo Feugen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
A	Wayne Wright	BMAL (Contest & Judging)
P	Mike Bagby	Imm. Past President

8 out of 9

<b>Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>
P	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
A	Phil Rolfs
A	Wally Ryan
P	Bob Squires
P	Joe Sullivan
A	Don Summers
A	Jim Vliet
P	Syl Wetle

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<b>Chapter Delegates</b>			
<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Chapter Name</b>
	Jules Kastens	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Lester Grossman	E-003	Aurora
P	David Howe	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Noah Miller	E-009	Northbrook
P (also on gov board, therefore can't vote)	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
	Wesley Bieritz	E-013	Danville
	John Schleper	E-014	Decatur
	Michael Moulds	E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Douglas Mather	E-018	Elgin
	Ryan Accetta	E-019	Rockford Metro
	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County





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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Scott Lathrop	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
P	Jay Bentz	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Michael Cosner	E-044	Peoria
P	Frank Schneider	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Robert Lamay	E-047	Rockford
	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
	Richard Davidson	E-050	Will-Cook
	Daniel Woodward	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	James Heise	E-054	Waterloo
P	Patrick Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
	Steven Safford	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
	Rodney Wert	E-073	Okaw Valley
	Robert Fuller	E-075	Carbondale
P	Richard Howell	E-077	Kankakee

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$8+5+14 = 27$  present

$9+9+31 = 49$  total possible



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**Appendix: Chapter Eternal**

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

**Memorial Service For Members Who Have Passed On**

At this time we wish to pay tribute to the memory of those who are no longer with us, but whose memory lives and whose presence we miss. To a Barbershopper the loss of his voice is a sad event, especially for those of us who have had the opportunity to ring a chord with any one of our departed friends. This becomes infinitely truer when that voice cannot be recovered.

Each of these men, in his own way, were a part of the fabric of their individual chapters and of our lives. Each of us sitting here are more than aware of the part these men played in making our barbershop hobby special to all of us. We owe it to them to carry on that love of barbershop and someday be able to pass that love on to others.

Please join me in prayer:

*Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for your gift of music and song so our hearts can  
be lifted up to you.  
We thank you for the ties which bind us together in song,  
friendship and fellowship.  
We give thanks to You for those departed, who have enriched  
our lives and left us with a song in our hearts.  
In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

I would ask that you remember these men as I read their names:

<b><u>Chapter Eternal 2013</u></b>	
<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter</u></b>
David Sanders	Carbondale
David Anderson	Chicago Metro
Lyle Pauley	Northbrook
Emil Marcotte	Will-Cook
Walter Ruettiger	Will-Cook
Stewart Crockett	Elgin
James Kraatz	Champaign-Urbana Coles County
James Crane	Northbrook
Robert Williamson	Chicago Metro
Richard H. "Doc" Larson	Coles County



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<b><u>Chapter Eternal 2013</u></b>	
<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter</u></b>
Charles Schuetz	Northbrook
Richard "Dickie" Johnson	Northbrook
Jake Corrough	(past district quartet champion, Lucky Day in 1986)
Dave Mittelstadt	(past district quartet champion, Villageaires, in 1950)
Russell Foris	(past district quartet champion, Lucky Day in 1986)

*Heavenly Father, we ask that you accept these men into your  
heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise  
and glorify You.  
We honor their dedication to their chapters, the Illinois District,  
the Barbershop Harmony Society and to their hobby of  
Barbershop singing.  
Amen.*

Thank you.