

**ILL District YIH Report
February 2013**

- ✓ YIH Meeting – Forum, November 9-11, 2012: At the forum, I attended only a few meetings of the YIH committee (as I sat in the DP/EVP meetings for most of the weekend). Marty Monson, the new CEO of the Society, also made his rounds in these meetings, and offered assistance in promotion of materials. James Estes showed attendees the new marketing strategy that has been implemented announcing youth festivals – a one page ad that will appear in the American Choral Directors Association magazine for an entire year. I was asked to present to the group what strategies we use in promoting YIH to ILL via our booth at the IMEA convention. I fielded questions from other districts regarding how we organize and run our booth. A few other districts are doing similar things. Our district was applauded for our efforts and held up as an example for others. James also reported that he is working with the insurance company handling the sexual molestation prevention training video to update the video for future use.
- ✓ IMEA All-State Convention – January 24-26: Once again, with the help of Michelle Adams representing Region 5 of SAI, we displayed our YIH booth in the Exhibitors hall at the Peoria Civic Center. Over 1,000 were in attendance (students, educators, parents) over the weekend. Jim Henry was the clinician for the All-State Boys Chorus (chosen by IMEA!) and delivered a 45 minute speech to the boys on the advantages of singing barbershop during one of their rehearsals. Student quartets from Mt. Zion H.S. were in attendance on Friday to provide live entertainment and field questions at the booth.
- ✓ Annual Chicago Metro H.S. Quartet Contest, February 10: A big “thank you” goes to the Elgin Chapter, John Jeide, and Bill Ward for organizing and sponsoring the annual H.S. preliminary contest held at Barrington H.S. 12 Quartets and 9 ensembles were in competition.
- ✓ ILL Dist. Convention H.S./Collegiate Quartet Competition – April 13: Once again, high school and collegiate quartets are invited to be a part of our spring convention. To register a group, contact Rich Hansen and Wayne Wright. Remember: all students and music educators are admitted free with school ID.
- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
 - **September TBD**: Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, kjdeets@frontiernet.net)
 - **October 19** (tentative): Festival, Fox Lake, IL (contact Bill Ward, kingschancellor@gmail.com)
 - **October 21**: Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, twoodall@ciu.edu)
 - **October 24**: Festival, Bloomington, IL (contact Rich Hansen, hansenr@mtzion.k12.il.us)
 - **TBD**: The Lombard Chapter is currently seeking a venue and clinician for a possible fifth festival to be held in the fall of 2013 or spring of 2014. More information will be forthcoming.

*All event sponsors should submit their event to the district calendar and alert the DVP of YIH and District President and Treasurer (if requesting funds to help defray costs) in advance of the budget approval for each year. In addition, sponsors should request forms from the Society to get reimbursed from the Harmony Foundation (up to \$1500 - \$15 per student evaluation up to 100). Rich Hansen has these if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hansen
ILL Dist. VP - YIH