



Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2015

Location: Parke Regency Hotel (Yellowstone Room), Bloomington, Normal IL

Time: 10:05AM

Opening Song “Star Spangled Banner”, “The Old Songs” – Terry Ludwig,
Director

Initial Topics

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 20 members present, out of a potential total of 47.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 20 present we have 43%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Installation of Officers – Doug Brown
 - (short ceremony)
3. Approve Agenda – Rich Hansen
 - Adjustments requested of Consent Calendar reports
 - ◆ Remove Membership, C&J (reports not in HOD packet)
 - ◆ Remove CSLT
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda, with requested changes as noted**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



→ The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ◆ President's Report – Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report-President.pdf”]
- ◆ Music & Performance - written report from Terry Ludwig & Tim Pashon
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report-MusicAndPerformance.pdf”]
- ◆ Marketing Report – Kevin McClelland
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
- ◆ YIH Report – Kevin Deets
 - [Attachment: “06a-Report-YIH.pdf”]
- ◆ IDEA Report – Earl Holtz
 - [Attachment: “12a-Report-IDEA.pdf”]

4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely

→ **Motion: Approve Fall 2014 HOD Minutes**

- ◆ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Bob Squires**
- ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

5. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ This did not make it into the HOD packet; will be distributed after the HOD (thus no motion to receive it either)

→ Approx \$32K in savings

→ Approx \$27K in the operating fund

→ Overall trend of steady increase in balance sheet

6. Electronic Business

→ Motions handled electronically will be recorded in the next set of Minutes.

→ **Motion: Approve doing business electronically**



- ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**

- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous)**

7. Pulled Reports

→ CSLT

- ♦ [Attachment: "08a-Report-CSLT.pdf"]
- ♦ November CSLT did not take place as place.
- ♦ NIBC did run a CSLT event in Elgin
- ♦ Rich and Mike discussed that instead have 2 per year, one up north, one south
- ♦ Chapter Mentor program described

→ C&J

- ♦ [Attachment: "20a-Report-CandJ.pdf"]
- ♦ Recent youth contest awards confusion (2 weeks ago)
 - 8 boys quartets, 9 girls quartets
 - 3 schools: Barrington, Huntley, Grant

→ Membership

- ♦ [Attachment: "21a-Report-Membership.pdf"]
- ♦ Report states that chapters with less than 8 members should have their charters revoked.
- ♦ (see further in New Business)



OLD BUSINESS

8. District Policy & Procedures Manual update – Will Thorndike

- Important to remember the difference between the by-laws of the district vs the policies of the district.
 - ◆ By-laws come from the Society
 - ◆ Policies are our procedures, what we do and how we do it
- Will has been heading up compiling / reviewing the material
- Results will be available online and kept up to date. District Secretary will manage this.
- Should be annotated with changes – redlining / strikethrough / date changes

Song Break “Star Spangled Banner” – Bob Cearnal, Director

NEW BUSINESS

9. District Contribution to Harmony Foundation – Rich Hansen

- Doug Brown suggested during the Fall 2014 that the district make a contribution to the Harmony Foundation
- The district has been a recipient of Harmony Foundation funds
- District board discussed this at the last Board meeting, agreed that \$500 be donated this year to the Harmony Foundation.
- Must be done specially this year; subsequent years it will be a part of the district budget and approved as part of the normal budgeting process
- **Motion: District to donate \$500 to Harmony Foundation for this year**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Tom DeBord, Seconded: Kevin Deets**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



10. District Scorecard/2015 Goals – Rich Hansen

- Society is using Basecamp which is a large project management tool
- District President has to submit 2015 goals, with quarterly updates
 - ◆ Those with access: Hansen, Bowyer, Savard, Waldorf, Isely
- Goals:
 - ◆ Increased participation in leadership training
 - NIBC CSLT event completed
 - ◆ Increased participation at district events, e.g. IDAH
 - Recent IDAH event had large participation
 - ◆ Hold a CDWI event for 2015, with 5 students
 - On the agenda
 - ◆ Involve an ILL district youth chorus for mid-winter
 - plans are underway
 - ◆ Organize the Spring Festival
 - ◆ Suggestion to add “acquire director resources” to scorecard

11. Chapter Mentors – Rich Hansen

- Bob Squires: Chapter mentors are looking for director resources
 - ◆ Will help longevity of declining chapters
 - ◆ Suggestion to draw resources from the QCA
 - Some QCA members are also ACDA members – should “shake the trees” there
- Rich points out that the district wants to know when chapter events are happening (shows, meetings, etc) so that district board members can be involved.



12. Chapter Solvency / Membership Concerns – Ludwig / Hansen / Feugen / Brown

→ See Hugo's membership report

- ◆ Note that Hugo's comments in his report are his recommendations; not what the society or the district has decided.

→ Terry gave some background on a recent experience

- ◆ He looked up the Quincy chapter on ebiz, and found just 3 members.
 - They are actually still operating – with 20 people.
 - Why are the other 17 not on the books?
- ◆ He then looked at the other chapters and found 6 more chapters with fewer than 12 members.
- ◆ This is a hardship for the HOD – achieving quorum is impacted
- ◆ Those chapters are not supporting the district
 - That is not fair
- ◆ What can we do to help?
 - This isn't about “cutting bait” but getting these chapters back into the fold

→ Rich Hansen has to report how many chapters in the district are filing their paperwork. We are being held accountable for this. We need to get our house in order.

→ These off-the-books people are not paying dues. They probably don't see any value from it

- ◆ Chapter mentors need to educate?

→ Society has procedures in place now for how to work with these chapters.

- ◆ There is now an 8 member threshold below which the chapter is on the “watch list” - if not dealt with in a year, the charter will be revoked.



→ Doug Brown reinforced these points.

- ◆ Doug revealed new society policies for “Chapter Suspension and Charter Revocation Process”
- ◆ No Society motivation to close down a chapter – that just loses members.
- ◆ But if chapters are out of compliance, there are all sorts of legal complications. Society could be putting its 501c(3) status at risk.
- ◆ Nobody wants to close down chapters, but this situation is putting everyone at risk. It's time to put the house in order.
- ◆ We all love to sing harmony – but we're a business and need to operate as one
- ◆ Society is looking for the district to be the steward of the chapters
- ◆ Marty is really trying to decrease the dependence on members' dues
- ◆ Society is also looking for ways for members to join the society without having to be associated with a chapter.

→ It's important to understand that these chapters are operating with a charter under the umbrella of the Society. Chapter resources revert to the district when/if their charter is pulled. Liabilities similarly can fall to the Society. So long as that charter exists, the chapter is linked to the Society, whether they want it or not.

→ District mentors have a big job here

- ◆ Bob Cearnal points out that the mentors should be at chapter board meetings not just chapter meetings

13. Fall Convention 2015/HOD – Will Thorndike / Rich Hansen

→ Sep 25-27, in Bloomington, Marriott & BCPA

- ◆ Carbon copy – same as last year
- ◆ HOD mtg at 1pm

→ Only complaint about Fall 2014 was that hotel was too expensive



14. Spring Festival 2016 – Will Thorndike / Rich Hansen

- Yet to be officially named
- Date: April 15-17, 2016
- No location yet, Will is scouting out locations
- Probably will be entirely in one hotel (no separate performance venue)
- Will Thorndike: Rich has provided a “vision” of what this should look like, and Will is bringing together the key players
- Mentors will be asking chapters what they would like to see for this event
- Doug Brown suggests Will talk to other districts to share ideas – no point in reinventing the wheel.
- Rich asks everyone to send in ideas, e.g. re-frame the concept of a competition.
 - ◆ NOW is the time for this, not in August.

15. Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires

- [See Appendix for Memorial Service]

16. Society Liaison Report – Doug Brown

- A lot of this was covered in the solvency discussion
- Society is using information gathered from chapter visitations in 2012 to guide plans underway now.
- Society is looking to build a cadre of future directors via outreach to non-barbershop directors at Harmony University. Attendance in this area has been increasing very rapidly.
 - ◆ Grants for the above for HU coming from the Harmony Foundation
- Looking to decrease dependence on member dues:
 - ◆ No membership dues increase this year.



Spring 2015 House of Delegates Meeting

22-Feb-2015 10:00AM

- ◆ Barbershop music being sold on a worldwide scale via Hal Leonard. It's in 30000+ stores.
- More than 300 “stories” about barbershop collected. It's not just singing as an art form – it's a lifestyle.
- Harmony Foundation is now funding an outreach position for the Society, with a focus on the Pittsburgh area at the moment – related to the upcoming international convention.
 - ◆ Looking to “make stuff happen” so that there will be a lasting footprint at Pittsburgh long after the convention. It's an idea for growing membership.
- Leadership forum
 - ◆ This was not a “COTS” style this year. More about “growing the leadership”.
 - ◆ Barbershop was really a service organization. Thus the slogan “We sing, we serve.”
- Full learning tracks available now for a lot more charts
- COO is working business improvements at the Harmony Marketplace
- Totally engaged now with the ACDA national conference – lots of publicity there

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Doug Brown, Director

Adjourned: 12:07PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Michael Johnston	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Robert Squires	E-003	Aurora
P	Lawrence Dohogne	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
		E-008	Macomb
	Glenn Mills	E-009	Northbrook
		E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
	Robert McIntire	E-013	Danville
	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
		E-016	Collinsville
P	Jeff Bowyer	E-017	Coles County
	Keith Rosborough	E-018	Elgin
P	Steven Derebey	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Keith Knapcik	E-021	Lake County
	Marvin Strom	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
P	Rob Seibert	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
	Paul Tolley	E-044	Peoria
	John Morris	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Dan Adler	E-047	Rockford
P	Michael Kass	E-048	Rock Island
	Louis Gonzalez	E-050	Will-Cook
P	Kevin Deets	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
	Gary Davis	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
		E-073	Sandoval
	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
	Richard Howell	E-077	Kankakee

11 out of 31



Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Richard Hansen	President
P	Jim Waldorf	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
A	Hugo Feugen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
A	Dave Cowin	BMAL (C & J)
P	Brett Mulford	BMAL
P	Jeff Bowyer	Imm. Past President

7 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
A	Mike Bagby
P	Bob Cearnal
A	Earl Meseth
P	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Jim Vliet
A	Syl Wetle

2 out of 6

7+2+11 = 20 present

9+7+31 = 47 total possible



Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

May I ask a moment of silence, please:

Heavenly Father we gather here in your presence to remember those of our brothers who have passed on during this year.

We ask that you accept these men in to your heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise and glorify you.

We honor each of these men for their dedication to our singing fraternity through their chapter, our district and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Amen.

<u>Chapter Eternal 2015</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Frank Goode	Chicago #1
Thom Hine	(former ILL District member)



President's Report – "State of the District" 2015

After attending the District Presidents Council meetings in New Orleans at the annual mid-winter convention this past January, I have much to share with the Illinois District. BHS is now using a technological program called "Basecamp" to log district activities as well as share best practices across the district in a document known as a "Scorecard." Each district president has been asked to set a small number of realistic goals for 2015 in their "Scorecard" and report on the progress in March, June, September, and December.

The Barbershop Harmony Society itself has set 2015 goals with regards to **Membership**, improving the **Harmonizer**, increasing **Outreach** activities, expanding **Harmony University**, and updating **Harmony Marketplace**. Of these, I would like to address Membership and Outreach, as I feel these are two areas in which our district can play a vital part and outline my goals in these areas for our district in this year - 2015.

Membership

BHS Objective:

- To attract and retain an engaged and diverse intergenerational membership impassioned to educate and enrich lives through the medium of barbershop harmony. To sing and to serve.

Projects BHS is working on – Story Tellers, utilizing Social Media, New Member Kits

How the Illinois District can assist –

- ✓ Work with chapters through the chapter mentor program to share stories and report back to BHS through the new "Story Teller" system. This information will be funneled through Kevin McClelland, our new VP of Marketing/PR and on to district and Society publications.
- ✓ To increase communication across the district, we will be utilizing not only new Social Media techniques, but are also looking at reviving "Attacks in Releases" in some printed form.
- ✓ To offer opportunities for district membership to improve the quality of performances through coaching and educational sessions

ILL Scorecard Goals –

- Increase chapter leadership development by holding leadership training seminars, such as the NIBC Leadership Summit held in January, and by working closely with the Chapter Mentors to increase communication between the district and the chapters, offering assistance and resources as needed in conjunction with *personal* visits.
- Increase musical leadership development by holding a chorus director workshop intensive. Plans are already in the works for such an event this June.
- Continue to offer coaching and educational classes through IDAH as part of the new Spring Harmony Festival to be held in April, 2016.



Outreach

BHS Objectives:

- Identify the needs of our communities and determine strategies to serve them through creative, artistic, and innovative opportunities
- Increase BHS's visibility and impact in our chapters' communities to enhance the image of barbershop as a choral art
- Model and communicate the importance of an external focus on community and diversity in the broadest sense, including but not limited to age, race, gender, and musical genre
- Develop methods to engage a broader spectrum of strategic partners and other stakeholders in the work of the Barbershop Harmony Society
- Identify and document best practices in community engagement by chapters, through traditional tools as well as innovative approaches so that we can create tools on how to lead community events and projects that encourage members of the general public to sing together

Projects BHS is working on – partnering with American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), a Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Championship (CBQC) educational tour, and expanding the Youth Chorus festival at mid-winter

How the Illinois District can assist –

- ✓ Work closely with our individual communities, local schools, and arts programs by offering financial assistance, volunteering, and collaborative performances
- ✓ Offer new and exciting incentives for current/incoming members through performances, social activities, as well as competition
- ✓ Continue to seek out opportunities for grants from institutions that support the arts
- ✓ Work with Chapter Mentors and VP of Marketing/PR to keep district membership informed of events and introduce potential members through social-networking techniques

ILL Scorecard Goals –

- Expand our annual Youth Chorus and enter an ILL youth chorus for midwinter either in 2016 or 2017. Also, seek funding from various sources to financially support this venture.
- Organize a Spring Harmony Festival for April of 2016 that places an emphasis on youth, as well as community outreach performances and opportunities for coaching/classes, reaching members and non-members alike.

With these goals in mind, let us together take the next steps in making this year enjoyable and productive, never afraid of trying new things, yet holding true to the tenets of our district responsibilities, while always making Illinois a “state of close harmony.”



Respectfully,

Richard J. Hansen
President, ILL District, SPEBSQSA

*P.S. – I have included a (lengthy) copy of the CEO's Winter Report, which elaborates on the goals set forth by BHS for the year.



To: Rich Hansen, President Illinois District
Illinois District Board of Directors
Illinois District House of Delegates

From: Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon, Vp's Music and Performance

Gentlemen,

In just a few short weeks we will welcome some of the best faculty in the world to the Illinois District. They include members of After Hours, Forefront and Vocal Spectrum along with other notables like David and Sandi Wright. This year proves to be the best IDAH ever! We have 19 quartets, 2 choruses, a youth chorus and countless other students attending. Over 200 in all!!

With the change in our convention schedule, IDAH will take on a new look in 2016 and be a part of our Spring Festival. Those plans are still underway at the writing of this report. Although IDAH will change a little there will still be the opportunity for some great coaching and wonderful classes.

One of the items that we are looking at is bringing back a true Top Gun School in 2016. This would be for our top 4 or 5 quartets and be an intensive coaching session to get them ready to compete at an International level.

For the rest of our quartets we are looking at offering some regional coaching sessions. This is still in the discussion stages, but would hope to have something firm by the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon



Illinois District House Of Delegates – Marketing Report
February 22nd, 2015

Highlights so far:

- Delegation of website management & social media responsibilities
- Social media plan in development
- Increased traffic on Facebook
 - Avg. reach Jan. 2014: 35
 - Avg. reach Jan. 2015: 85

2015 Goals:

- Increase chapter visibility online
 - Include chapter show dates, singouts, etc
 - Highlight unique and interesting stories of what our members our doing
- Increase our membership base
- Increase overall awareness of the Illinois District
 - Outreach via targeted ads
- Bring back some version of Attacks & Releases
 - Paper vs. .pdf online?
 - More information TBD

How You Can Help:

- Increase our membership base
- Email chapter news, show dates, tidbits to webmaster@illinoisdistrict.org
- “Like” our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, sign up for the email list
- Reach out with questions or concerns

Any additional questions, concerns, suggestions, or comments, please feel free to write me at kevin.d.mcc@gmail.com.

Here’s to an excellent 2015 in the Illinois District!

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin D. McClelland
VP Marketing, Illinois District, SPEBSQSA, Inc.



Youth In Harmony

There will be 4 festivals next fall:

- Sterling rock falls festival will be Sept 23
- Coles county will be October 19.
- Bloomington will be October 22.
- Fox lake will be October 24.

There will once again be a youth chorus at IDAH.

My goal for my term is to organize a youth chorus to participate at midwinter convention. This will take leadership, work, commitment from youth and money. I hope that the Illinois district will support my efforts. We may want to consider having a youth chorus at fall convention. It would give them a day to rehearse, and be a visible force at convention.

Kevin Deets
YIH

memo



Date: 2/8/2015

To: Rich Hansen

From: Mike Savard

CC: Illinois District Board Members

Subject: Chapter Support and Leadership Training Report, February 2015

Leadership Training

A district wide leadership training was scheduled in October 2014. There were insufficient verified registrations to conduct the training. I believe there were several factors affecting the registrations:

- A number of people indicated to me afterwards that they registered on the website, but did not get a confirmation. I did not have those registrations in the system.
- Two months may not have been an adequate planning window to maximize attendance.
- The Champaign location may have been farther than many potential registrants wanted to travel.

In January, the Northern Illinois Barbershop Chapters coordinated a Leadership Summit in Elgin. Thirty-three chapter officers and members from Elgin, Arlingtines, Aurora, Northbrook, Lake County, Greater Rockford, Rockford Second City, Rock Island and Chicago Metro Chapters attended. This event was partially funded by ILL District CSLT.

If the fall of 2015, I plan on scheduling a Northern and Southern Leadership training event in an effort to improve attendance. I will also investigate alternate registration options.

memo



Chapter Support

The Chapter Mentor program is now underway for 2015. We have four Chapter Mentors established for 2015, and will hopefully grow that number in the future. The Chapter Mentor assignments for 2015 are:

South – Steve Martin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belleville• Collinsville• Coles Co• Waterloo• Sandoval• Carbondale	Northern – Ben Dirks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bureau Co.• Rock Island• Kishwaukee Valley• Rockford• Rockford Metro• Sterling Rock Falls
Metro – Bob Squires <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arlington Heights• Aurora• Northbrook• Elgin• Lake County• Chicago #1• Chicago West Suburban• Chicago Metro• Will-Cook• DuPage Valley	Central – Brett Mulford <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bloomington• Macomb• Champaign• Danville• Decatur• Quincy• Peoria• Springfield• Kankakee

I have contacted the Chapter Presidents to introduce myself and the Mentor program. The Mentors are in process of contacting the chapters to schedule their initial visits (one of two minimum for the year).

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Savard
V.P. Chapter Support and Leadership Training



ILLINOIS DISTRICT ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE FUND

TO: IDEA Trustees Fin Reviewer – Nick Caccamo
 Dist Pres – Rich Hansen
 Dist Treas – Jim Wagner DATE: 1/3/15

FROM: RE: Twelve Months Ending 12/31/14

	<u>12/31/14</u>		<u>12/31/13</u>		<u>12 Mo</u>	
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Change	
AmCnEqInc	3521.308 @ \$8.75	\$30,811.45	3196.616 @ \$8.57	\$27,395.00	\$3,416.45	
Janus Twenty	538.019 @ \$58.46	\$31,452.59	454.395 @ \$51.11	\$28,840.45	\$2,612.14	
FlexBond	1855.328 @ \$10.56	\$19,592.66	1800.901 @ \$10.54	\$18,675.34	\$917.32	
FifthThird Bank		\$477.22		\$1,299.66	\$-822.44	
Total		\$82,333.92		\$76,210.45	\$6,123.47	

The 12 month change includes

<u>Type</u>	<u>Who / Where</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gain	AmCnEqInc	\$3,416.45
Gain	Janus Twenty	\$2,612.14
Gain	Janus Flex Income	\$917.32
Contributions In	Fifth Third Bank	\$1,017.00
Disbursement	YIH & Lake Co	\$-1,839.44
Total:		\$6,123.47

The total fund's performance, not including cash in bank, was up 9% during 2014. (The S&P 500 including reinvested dividends was up 13% during 2014.) Am Century's Equity & Income Fund returned 12% (average annual return since inception in 2002 is 8%). The Janus Twenty Fund returned 9% (average annual return since inception in 1992 is 15%). The Janus Flex Bond Fund returned 5% (average annual return since inception in 1999 is 6%). At 12/31/14 the equity ratio was 76% (guidelines are 40-80%). Since inception, contributions have totaled \$26,881, and disbursements have totaled \$11,594.74 (\$2642.50 for COTS, \$6896.28 for YIH, \$250 for IDAH, \$1000 for Lake Co. attending IDAH, and \$805.96 for IDEA printing and other expenses). Contributions less disbursements over the 23 years is net \$15,286.26, that has grown to \$82,333.92.

VP Contest and Judging Report for the Spring, 2015 HOD Meeting

With no Spring Convention, all of our chorus and quartet contests, except one, will be held our Fall Convention to be held September 25-26 in Bloomington. The one contest not currently scheduled for that weekend is our ILL District High School Champion. It was decided that the 2015 District High School Contest be held in conjunction with the "Youth in Harmony Regional Barbershop Contest at Huntley High School in Huntley on Feb. 8th. Four high school quartets from Barrington, Grant and Huntley High School competed and the winner (by 2 points) was "Four Men, One Voice" from Barrington High School.

The Fall Convention and Contests planning is on schedule. We are planning on a double panel of certified judges and several candidate judges. We will also offer one "Best Seat In The House" for each of our sessions; Friday evening Quartet Semi-Finals, Saturday Chorus Finals and Saturday Quartet Finals. Opening bids are \$40/session. Bidding is offered at 'bestseat.org'. Winning bidders will be provided scoring forms in the category of their choice; Music, Presentation or Singing. Or, if they prefer, can simply enjoy watching the contest from that "Best Seat In The House".

Because of Districts like ours who now have no Spring Convention and hold their International Quartet Prelim Pre-lim in the Fall, there are now rules for "new" quartets that form after their District's Fall Int. Quartet Pre-Lim Contest and want to attempt to qualify "Out of District" to qualify for the International Quartet Contest to be held the following summer. Their initial quartet registration request must be dated after the deadline passes for entry into their own District Pre-Lim and at least 30 days prior to the entry deadline of the District where they would like to compete. The new quartet may contain no more than 2 members from an existing quartet and also no more than 2 members from the same past International Quartet Champion. They must also have the permission of the other District's President and VP Contest and Judging. The exact wording will follow later.

Dave Cowin, VP C&J

Membership Report, IL District, 2015 Spring HOD

Chapt_ID	Chater Name	RegdMmbers	Overdue	End of 2013	Increase	w/o Renewals	
9274	E000 Frank Thorne - E	Illinois District	37	3	39	-2	-5
7864	E002 Arlington Heights	Arlingtones	34	3	39	-5	-8
7865	E003 Aurora	Lamplighters Chorus	15	1	22	-7	-8
7867	E005 Belleville	Sounds of Harmony	37	1	42	-5	-6
7869	E007 Bloomington	Sound of Illinois	115	8	116	-1	-9
7870	E008 Macomb	Prairieland Barbershop Chorus	17	0	19	-2	-2
7871	E009 Northbrook	New Tradition	101	10	111	-10	-20
*7872	E010 Champaign Urbana	Illini Statesmen	10	1	8	2	1
*7874	E012 Chicago No 1	First In Illinois	2	0	4	-2	-2
7875	E013 Danville	Danville Barbershop Chorus	19	1	21	-2	-3
7876	E014 Decatur	Decatur Chordsmen	21	0	19	2	2
*7878	E016 Collinsville	Mississippi Valley Chorus	11	3	13	-2	-5
7879	E017 Coles County	Coles County Barbershop Chorus	38	0	45	-7	-7
7880	E018 Elgin	Fox Valley Men of Harmony	30	0	33	-3	-3
9338	E019 Rockford Metro	Second City Chorus	25	3	29	-4	-7
9368	E021 Lake County	Brotherhood of Harmony Chorus	27	0	30	-3	-3
*7883	E024 Bureau County	Covered Bridge Chorus	10	0	12	-2	-2
*7886	E029 Quincy	Great River Barbershop Chorus	3	0	6	-3	-3
7887	E030 Chicagoland West Suburban	West Towns Chorus	81	1	91	-10	-11
7892	E044 Peoria	Peoria Barbershop Chorus	25	1	29	-4	-5
7893	E045 Chicago Metro	Chicago Metro Chorus	24	0	24	0	0
7894	E047 Rockford	Greater Rockford Barbershop	38	1	35	3	2
7895	E048 Rock Island	Bend of the River Chorus	21	4	20	1	-3
7896	E050 Will-Cook	Knights of Harmony Chorus, Will-	38	1	45	-7	-8
7897	E052 Sterling Rock Falls	Rock River Valley Chorus	45	7	53	-8	-15
7898	E054 Waterloo	Kaskaskia Trail Chorus	19	2	22	-3	-5
7901	E061 Springfield	Land of Lincoln Chorus	46	5	47	-1	-6
7902	E066 DuPage Valley	Chorus of Dupage	59	1	55	4	3
*7903	E067 Kishwaukee Valley	Kish-Wau-Keys	9	0	10	-1	-1
*7905	E073 Sandoval	Okaw Valley	3	1	4	-1	-2
295851	E075 Carbondale	The Little Egypt Chorus	25	3	28	-3	-6
312393	E077 Kankakee	Spirit of Illinois	12	1	15	-3	-4
		TOTALS	997	62	1086	-89	-151

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* We have seven chapters with fewer than 12 members. BHS has the criterion that no chapter should persist below 8 members for any length of time. If it did go below 8 there would be an automatic revocation of its chapter charter. We have three such chapters presently and those all have persistently had fewer than eight. My recommendation is that the HOD should be resolved to revoke chapter charters at the fall HOD for any chapter that does not have at least 8 members, not counting those whose dues might be overdue. In subsequent years, membership assessment for potential fall revocation will be made and warnings given at the spring HOD. If membership below eight persists, that action will again be taken at the fall HOD.

Sing-cerely, Hugo Feugen