

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.

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