

**Subject: CSLT Report To IL District House of Delegates (HOD)****Date: March 10, 2017****IL District HOD,****1. 2017 Leadership Summit**

The January 14, 2017 IL District/MHA Leadership Summit was a success as 45 Barbershoppers participated in a full day of Chapter Officer jobs training. BHS CEO Marty Munson taught the President's Class and BHS Leadership Committee Chair, Christian Hunter, taught the Chapter Development (Membership) Class. Joe Liles delivered the Keynote address and Bob Squires taught the group to sing "You're a Grand Old Flag". This Summit was advertised extensively with fliers sent to all Chapter Presidents three different times. Participation from Southern District Chapters was poor even though their registration and overnight housing was free of charge.

Summit revenue was \$644, and expenses were \$1183. District reimbursement was \$538.

The next IL District/MHA Leadership Summit will be held on January 13, 2018 at a venue T.B.A. Nationally renown teachers have been lined up again.

2. Chapter Advocates Program

Advocate activity in 2016 was mediocre. Bob Squires has visited all 9 of his Chapters, files informative reports and follows up on action items. Dave Howe reported making 2 visits last Fall in the Southern District. Rich Hansen has volunteered to take over the Central District for Brent Mulford after Brent resigned as an Advocate. I've had no word from Greg Martin, the Northern District Advocate for six Chapters. My intention is to hold a Chapter Advocate Meeting during the Spring Jamboree and recharge the Advocates. We need a couple of examples of Advocates helping Chapters.

3. A Barbershop Chorus Director's Educational Forum (ABCDEF)

The Midwest Harmony Alliance (MHA) Leadership Team is lining up facilitators for an ABCDEF event on Sat, August 26, 2017 at a venue TBA. This Forum is meant to replace the Chorus Director Workshop Intensive (CDWI), which has not been held by IL District in recent years. We expect to draw 30 Chorus Directors (CD's), Assistant CD's and wannabee CD's to this event from IL, Southern WI and Eastern IA. Funding for this Forum will be solicited from Harmony Foundation, BHS, IDEA and IL District. Hopefully IL District will assign a capable individual to join this initiative and lead it in future years.



4. Monthly Jollity Rehearsals

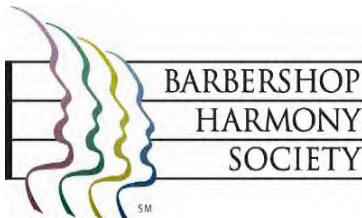
The Midwest Harmony Alliance (MHA) Leadership Team has authorized the designation of the third Saturday morning of each month as a combined MHA Mass Chorus Rehearsal and Social Get-together. The objective of these rehearsals is to improve mass chorus sound, synchronization, and performance readiness. Starting in April, each Jollity Saturday will be hosted by a different chorus/chapter, including Frank Thorne.

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