



Spring 2021 House of Delegates Meeting

23-May-2021 7:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2021

Mission Statement – *The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.*

Vision Statement – *To keep everyone singing throughout their lives.*

Location: online via Zoom

Time: 7:00 PM

Called to order: 7:09 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 25 members present, out of a potential total of 27+9+9=45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 25 present we have 56%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Brett Mulford
 - (see above)
3. Approve Agenda – Jeff Lathom
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2020 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely
 - Pull IDEA Report (Bob Cearnal)
 - Pull missing reports: YIH, CSLT



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→ Bob Squires has raised the question of how the Historian is supposed to research prior reports when reports are not submitted.

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, with IDEA report pulled**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote, except Bob Squires)**

→ The following submitted reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ♦ Packet includes:
 - President's Report
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report_President.pdf"]
 - Membership Report
 - [Attachment: "02a-Report_Membership.pdf"]
 - Music and Performance Report
 - [Attachment: "03a-Report_Music_and_Performance.pdf"]
 - Marketing Report
 - [Attachment: "04a-Report_Marketing.pdf"]
 - Contest and Judging Report
 - [Attachment: "05a-Report_Contest_and_Judging.pdf"]
 - Events Report
 - [Attachment: "06a-Report_Events.pdf"]

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ Very low on expenses, but...

- ♦ Also low on income

→ Balance approximately \$77K

→ Only expenses, basically storage unit rental and related

→ Question funds available for YIH?

- ♦ Budget for YIH, total of \$5K, or \$1K per each of 5 events.
- ♦ Reach out to Evan Patrick for questions / requests

→ [Attachment: "07a-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Pat Claussen, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



OLD BUSINESS

7. Board Composition – Mike Isely
 - Roles summarized
8. Search for candidates / nominations for Society Board – Jeff Lathom
 - DP council asking for candidates, nomination process is closed, candidate list to come out soon.
9. Dues – Jeff Lathom
 - Decided previously as a district not to change (decrease) dues at this point. Fall convention is going to be heavily discounted.
10. IDEA Report – Bob Cearnal
 - [Attachment: “08a-Report_IDEA.pdf”]
 - Buy “Clippings on the Barbershop Floor”
 - ♦ How much is it? \$25.
 - ♦ Contact to Earl Meseth
 - 15611 Glendale Lane, Homer Glenn, IL 60491
 - earlm@elmhurst.edu
11. CSLT – Brett Mulford
 - We’ve sent people to LOL’s CSLT event
 - Ben is working with BHS to get things going
12. YIH – Benjamin Light
 - Nothing to report, no festivals taking place
 - Budget is \$5K total, \$1K per festival
 - If one festival doesn’t use its allocation, we’re open for discussion about using the funds for other festivals
 - No questions received yet about grants or support requests

NEW BUSINESS

13. Chapter Health – Jeff McMorris
 - Serious drop from 2018 → 2019
 - ♦ Questions about members center
 - How do we attract more women the ILL District?
 - ♦ District committee for EIH?
 - Concerns about chapters “in-peril” due to low member counts
 - ♦ Jeff McMorris is ready and willing to help any chapter asking for it.
 - Any place, any time



→ Chapter handling of Covid

- ♦ E002 Arlington Heights
 - Rehearsing in person, and when outdoor without masks
 - Pretty happy with the level of enthusiasm
 - Interested in Fall convention
- ♦ E003 Aurora
 - Meeting every week face to face w/ masks, for 2-3 months
 - Some contention about masking
 - 2 ladies in chapter
 - No discussion about Fall convention
- ♦ E005 – Belleville
 - Planning to meet in normal rehearsal venue, one director is back from vacation
 - Will be following the church's covid protocol
 - Will be planning to compete at the Fall convention
 - Is a male-only organization
- ♦ E007 Bloomington
 - Stayed in touch with Zoom, in-person rehearsal w/ zoom for quite some time
 - Normal rehearsal hall shut down, so locations are ad-hoc
 - Concert recently held (about 100 present)
 - Will be planning to compete at the Fall convention
- ♦ E009 Northbrook
 - Second in-person rehearsal last Tuesday, rehearsing in-person every other week
 - Strict covid protocol at the venue
 - Rehearsals are hybrid (in-person + zoom)
 - Already qualified for International
 - Still in director search, Dan is working with us remotely
 - No plan to compete, but with an in-person director odds go up
- ♦ E013 Danville
 - Meeting twice/month since March with masks
 - As of last week, mask rule dropped
 - Practicing outdoors and indoors
 - Concert coming up for a concert for June
 - Have not competed in 30 years, not planning to compete for the Fall
 - Women director but that's it
- ♦ E017 Coles County
 - Back to meeting regularly with Covid limitations, masked per requirements of venue



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- 20/25 fully vaccinated from anonymous survey
- Planning to compete in the Fall
- Men-only group
- ♦ E018 Elgin
 - Started meeting in person last Monday in a park pavilion
 - Met every week during the pandemic via zoom
 - Unlikely to attend Fall convention
 - Concentrating on building membership
 - Mixed group (2 women)
- ♦ E019 Rockford Metro
 - Meeting weekly via zoom, no in-person rehearsals, 15-20 attendees
 - In-person rehearsals w/ zoom to resume in a few weeks
 - Rehearsal venue has restrictions, will meet elsewhere
 - 3 women in chapter
 - Unlikely to compete this Fall
- ♦ E021 Lake County
 - Will in-person June 3rd at a forest preserve pavilion (Busey Woods)
 - Have been rehearsing via zoom all along, but not considered to be productive
 - Venue is ok with chapter returning, probably without masks, 20/22 have been fully vaccinated.
 - Like to compete in the Fall, still being considered
 - No women in the chorus
- ♦ E030 Chicagoland West Suburban
 - Planning on returning to in-person on June 7th
 - Those vaccinated will be invited to attend in-person, others invited to continue via Zoom.
 - Chorus stays men-only, but there are women involved in the chapter.
 - Will probably compete in the Fall.
 - Has a female director
- ♦ E045 Chicago Metro
 - Has been practicing in-person, masked, indoors since the beginning of February
 - Venue has very strong ventilation, so with the rehearsal with the doors open
 - Two women involved now, expect there will be more.
 - Not enough members to put 12 on risers, so unlikely right now to compete
 - Chicago Metro always supports the conventions, probably will send a quartet
 - Did an outdoor concert on April 11th (Barbershop Quartet Day)



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- Another outdoor event planned for August 14th.
 - ♦ E052 Sterling Rock Falls
 - Met in person a handful of times outdoor last summer, then Zoom all winter long. Resumed in-person for the last 3 weeks (one indoors, two outdoors).
 - Lost about a half dozen members since Covid hit.
 - Numbers are borderline about competing.
 - No women in chapter
 - ♦ E061 Springfield
 - Back in person for the 4th week, starting last week mask rule dropped
 - 15-20 in person, with zoom option
 - Don't know why we would not be competing in the Fall.
 - No women singing with chapter
 - ♦ E066 DuPage Valley
 - 12-15 meeting in person all-along – never stopped
 - Doing well overall
 - Zoom / in-person rehearsals
 - Now using local VFW hall, large facility, for the past 2 months
 - Do plan on competing in the Fall
 - Per-covid, there were 45 guys
 - Men only
 - ♦ E047 Rockford
 - Have met 3 weeks in-person now, about 8-14 members present, growing slowly
 - Previously Board was meeting via Zoom, but chorus was not meeting
 - Full size about 24
 - No director, looking for one
 - No plans for the Fall, at this time.
14. Fall Convention – Jeff Bowyer
- Time 9/17/2021 weekend DoubleTree hotel, BCPA venue has penciled us in but need to confirm
 - ♦ DoubleTree rate is \$116/night
 - ♦ There will be hospitality rooms available
 - 9/16 weekend for 2022 DoubleTree contract signed, BCPA penciled in
 - HCW DoubleTree 2/18 2/19 for 2022
 - 9/22 weekend for 2023
 - Restrictions anticipated?
 - ♦ We don't know yet. Things have been changing a lot recently.



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- ♦ Gov planning stage 5 by June 11th
- More on Fall convention
 - ♦ Some exciting things planned for the Fall Convention.
 - ♦ Main Street and After Hours will be present at no cost, sponsored by AIC.
 - ♦ Hospitality rooms are going to be fantastic!
 - ♦ Quartets are also being asked to come in a day early a do some youth outreach at nearby schools.
 - ♦ There will be promotions coming for this
 - ♦ We will be encouraging out of district quartets to come competed
 - C&J VP needs to know if a triple judging panel might be needed.
 - ♦ Joe is asking chapter delegates to review the marketing report and act upon what is being requested therein. Get on Facebook!
 - ♦ AIC marketing of this convention will commence shortly after this HOD meeting is done.
- 15. Quartet School – Tim Buetel
 - Invitations going out in the next week or so
 - Top gun style school
 - Probably to take place in August, roughly
 - Make sure to avoid Aug 14th, Chicago Metro has a quartet event going on
 - Be aware of 30 day rule for quartets and coaches (brackets the date)
- 16. Fall 2021 HOD Date
 - Friday 9/17 (Friday before convention, shortly after lunch)
 - Will be in-person (given that the convention is in-person, then so shall this meeting be).
- 17. Quick cameo from our Society Presidents
 - He's moving to Illinois
 - He will be at the Fall Convention

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Tim Beutel, Director

Adjourned: 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Arlington Heights, IL	E002	* Michael Johnston
P	Aurora, IL	E003	* Thomas Erwin
A	Belleville, IL	E005	* Lawrence Dohogne
P	Bloomington, IL	E007	Tom De Bord
A	Macomb, IL	E008	* Joseph Butcher
P	Northbrook, IL	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Champaign Urbana, IL	E010	!
A	Danville, IL	E013	* Eric Westfall
A	Decatur, IL	E014	James Barr
P	Coles County, IL	E017	Bruce Condill
P	Elgin, IL	E018	* William Miller
P	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	* Brandon Bolley
P	Lake County, IL	E021	* Theodore Gault
A	Bureau County, IL	E024	!
P	Chicagoland West Subu	E030	* James Brown
A	Peoria, IL	E044	* Michael Cosner
P	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* John Q Morris
A	Rockford, IL	E047	* Charles Woodworth
A	Rock Island, IL	E048	!
A	Will-Cook, IL	E050	Allen Munneke
P	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	* Kevin Deets
A	Waterloo, IL	E054	* Richard Biby
P	Springfield, IL	E061	Patrik Claussen
P	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	* Kevin Connell
A	Kishwaukee Valley, IL	E067	!
A	Carbondale, IL	E075	!
A	Kankakee, IL	E077	!

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* Chapter did not declare a separate delegate; substituted Chapter President

+ Delegate appears in multiple places or is a District Governance Board officer or a Past President – will still only have ONE vote!

! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate



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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Jeff Lathom	President
P	Terry Ludwig	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
P	Jeff McMorris	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
P	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
A	Benjamin Light	BMAL
P	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President

8 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
P	Bob Cearnal
	Dave Cowin
	Rich Hansen
P	Earl Meseth
n/a	Brett Mulford
P	Bob Squires
	Joe Sullivan
	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle

4 out of 9

$8+4+13 = 25$ present

$9+9+27 = 45$ total possible