

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Spring 2022 House of Delegates Meeting

1-May-2022 7:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

May 2022

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: 7:05 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 18 members present, out of a potential total of 27+9+9=45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 18 present we have 40%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
 - (see above)
3. Welcome – Jeff Lathom
4. Approve Agenda – Jeff Lathom
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Squires, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (Sep 26th, 2021) – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2021 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Jim Wagner**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ Accept the following reports, all else moved to New Business:

→ President's Report – Jeff Lathom

→ Events – Jeff Bowyer

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, containing President's and Events reports**

- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Earl Holtz**

- ♦ **PASSED**

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

- ♦ Packet includes:

- President's Report

- [Attachment: "02a-Report_President.pdf"]

- Events Report

- [Attachment: "03a-Report_Events.pdf"]

OLD BUSINESS

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ We're looking pretty good

- ♦ We spent \$13K more than we pulled in, but in the previous 2 years due to lots of canceled events, was very much in the positive.

- ♦ \$71000 (approx) in the bank

- ♦ \$18K in dues last year

- ♦ Best shape we've been in since 2013

→ Challenges expected coming up (suspected from overall churn going on in BHS these days)

→ Questions about future judge expenses

- ♦ Can't do much about travel expenses (which is a function of which judges are picked by BHS)

- ♦ But we have done a lot to lower our overall judging expenses

→ [Attachment: "01a-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**

- ♦ **Offered by: Jim Wagner, Seconded: Mike Isely**

- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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8. Harmony College Midwest – Tim Beutel

- Great event
- Omicron was raging right up to the few weeks before
 - ♦ almost had to cancel
- Hotel gave a big price cut to still allow the event to work
- Great feedback about proceeding with the event
- Looking forward to next year, no changes needed
 - ♦ DoubleTree hotel is a great venue, hopefully the costs will still work out next year.
- Thank you to IDEA for some individual grants

NEW BUSINESS

9. Fall Convention

- Set for Sep 16-17, 2022
- Reaching out to Harmony Foundation, but
 - ♦ No guest quartets – they are all booked
- Contracts either signed and all ready but about to be signed, hotel and venue
 - ♦ Hotel: DoubleTree
 - ♦ Venue: BCPA
- JimWagner: Comments about judging feedback to a chorus' music team vs the whole chorus
 - ♦ Jim Wagner compared this based on his experiences at another district convention
 - ♦ It would be great if ILL did this – produces better feedback to the choruses, essentially a small coaching session for the chorus.
- Ben Light: Is there a way to improve the quality of the video that the contestants has been receiving?
 - ♦ Jeff Lathom: So noted. One of the major things he will be looking at.



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10. Illinois District Competition Format

- Turmoil within BHS regarding how contest composition is being done in the context of EIH (i.e. completely genderless)
- District proposal to align district contest composition with BHS:

Contest Format Proposal

Quartet Contest

- 3 Winners
 - Men's Champion
 - Women's Champion
 - Mixed Champion

Each division can be won multiple times by a quartet

- Overall Winner is the highest scoring quartet in the District Contest.
 - This could be a Men's, Women's or Mixed Quartet
 - The Overall Winning Quartet is retired from District Competition
 - The Winning Quartet will still be eligible to compete to qualify for International Competition

Chorus Contest

- 3 Winners
 - Men's Champion
 - Women's Champion
 - Mixed Champion

Each Division can be won multiple times by a chorus

- Overall Winner is the highest Scoring Chorus in the District Contest.
 - This could be a Men's, Women's, or Mixed Chorus
 - The Winning Chorus sits out of District Chorus Contest for 2 years as it currently is done
 - The Winning Chorus will still be eligible to compete to qualify for International Competition during their 2 year Championship

- Proposal posted to district board for discussion and this is where we landed
- This proposal still allows for male quartet champions every year
- This proposal allows us to market the contest to district mixed / women's groups
- **Motion: Accept proposed contest format, as described**
 - ♦ **Moved: Isely, Seconded: Bob Squires**
 - ♦ **15 in favor, 0 opposed**
 - ♦ **PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY**



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11. Serving on the District Board

- Appeal from Terry for volunteers to step up to serve on the District Board
- “If you know of anybody in your chapters that would be good leaders and willing to serve, contact Brett Mulford.”

12. Pulled / Missing Reports

- Membership – Doug Finkbiner
 - ♦ Still trying to figure out the web site with BHS
 - ♦ Have some some 1:1 helping with district members
 - ♦ Participated in zoom calls with others across the society regarding membership
 - ♦ Plan to contact the membership VP of each chapter – Zoom session for all at once?
 - ♦ Figuring out issues in using the members center
 - ♦ How many chapters do we have that are in peril? Membership needs to help here
- Music & Performance – Tim Beutel
 - ♦ Nothing beyond Harmony College already discussed
- Marketing & PR – Joe Gurreri
 - ♦ (not present)
- Contest & Judging – Jeff Lathom
 - ♦ No judges assigned yet for Fall District
- IDEA – Earl Holtz
 - ♦ Fund has dropped due to market drops
 - ♦ Paid out funds for numerous district activities, including Top Gun last year, Harmony College Midwest
- YIH
 - ♦ Northbrook chapter YIH is definitely taking place
 - ♦ Coles County YIH is going forward
 - ♦ Bloomington YIH is a go
 - ♦ Springfield YIH is a go
- CSLT – Benjamin Light
 - ♦ Idea of holding a COTS event at the end of 2022 rather than into the next year (to give officers a leg up *before* starting their terms)
 - ♦ Venue being checked into is the DoubleTree in Bloomington
- Awards – Mike Bagby
 - ♦ Role to be taken on by Doug Ferrier going forward
 - ♦ (Nothing from Spring HOD)

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13. Fall 2022 HOD Date – Mike Isely

→ Sep 16th, 1PM (coincides with Fall Convention)

Adjourned: 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
P	Arlington Heights, IL	E002	* David Theile
A	Aurora, IL	E003	* Thomas Erwin
A	Belleville, IL	E005	* William Rathmann
P	Bloomington, IL	E007	Tom De Bord
A	Macomb, IL	E008	Craig Rigg
P	Northbrook, IL	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Champaign Urbana, IL	E010	!
A	Danville, IL	E013	* Eric Westfall
A	Decatur, IL	E014	James Barr
A	Coles County, IL	E017	Bruce Condill
P	Elgin, IL	E018	* William Miller
P	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	* Brandon Bolley
P	Lake County, IL	E021	* Brian Cromer
P	Bureau County, IL	E024	* John Swanson
A	Chicagoland West Subu	E030	* James Brown
A	Peoria, IL	E044	* Michael Cosner
A	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* John Q Morris
A	Rockford, IL	E047	* Charles Woodworth
A	Rock Island, IL	E048	* Rock Island, IL
A	Will-Cook, IL	E050	Neil Devore
A	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	* Kevin Deets
A	Waterloo, IL	E054	!
P	Springfield, IL	E061	Pat Claussen
A	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	* Kevin Connell
A	Kishwaukee Valley, IL	E067	!
P	Carbondale, IL	E075	* David Bremer
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	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
A	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
A	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
P	Benjamin Light	BMAL
P	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President

7 out of 9

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

2 out of 9

$7+2+9 = 18$ present

$9+9+27 = 45$ total possible