



Spring 2016 House of Delegates Meeting

15-Apr-2016 1:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2016

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Hotel (Boardroom) – East Peoria, IL

Time: 1:32PM

Call to Order

1. Opening songs
 - *The Star Spangled Banner* – Terry Ludwig, Director
 - *The Old Songs* – Jeff Bowyer, Director
2. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - Quorum established
 - 33 members present, out of a potential total of 47.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 33 present we have 70%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Approve Agenda – Rich Hansen
 - Adjustments requested of agenda
 - ♦ Pull IDEA from the consent calendar
 - ♦ Pull M&P Report
 - ♦ New Business: Add MHA topic
 - ♦ Pull Membership Report
 - The following reports are not in the Consent Calendar because no report had been submitted:
 - ♦ YIH Report
 - ♦ CDD Report
 - ♦ Awards Committee Report
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
4. Approve Consent Calendar – Rich Hansen
 - **Motion: Accept Consent Calendar, with previously listed adjustments applied**



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- ♦ **Offered by: Tom DeBord, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:
 - ♦ President's Report – Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: “01a-Report-President.pdf”]
 - ♦ Marketing Report – Kevin McClelland
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
 - ♦ Contest & Judging Report – Dave Cowin
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-CandJ.pdf”]
 - ♦ Chapter Support, Leadership and Training – Mike Savard
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report-CSLT.pdf”]
 - ♦ District Historian Report – Bob Squires
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-Historian.pdf”]
- 5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - No changes requested
 - **Motion: Approve Fall 2015 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Don Smit, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
 - [Attachment: “06a-Report-Treasurer.pdf”]
 - Fall 2015 convention – lost \$4000
 - ♦ Largest expense was judges – need to arrange for closer judges
 - Updated budget in the packet, needs to be approved
 - ♦ Due to 4 significant items missing
 - \$500 to IDEA
 - \$1000 awards & plaques
 - \$2100 raise to \$3500 Attacks and Releases
 - \$1500 to support multiple CSLT events
 - ♦ Net for 2016 will be -\$1200, but we likely won't spend it all
 - Provides some “fudge space”



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- ♦ **Motion to approve amended budget**
 - **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Bob Squires**
 - **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- **Motion to receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

OLD BUSINESS

7. District Scorecard
 - Goals for this year:
 - ♦ Expand CSLT to multiple events
 - ♦ Hold CDWI
 - ♦ Revise convention manual (25 years old)
8. Adoption of District Mission Statement
 - [Attachment: "07a-Mission_Statement.pdf"]
 - Continuation from Fall HOD
 - Needed when applying for grants
 - Mission statement already set
 - Vision statement choice #4 formally adopted by show of hands
 - ♦ [There was no formal motion for this]
9. District Seniors Chorus – Midwinter 2017
 - Unanimous interest at the society level to set up a district seniors chorus contest.
 - ♦ ...But about half of the districts backed out
 - General consensus at the Fall HOD was an expression of interest
 - BHS has been largely silent about this until a couple of days ago
 - ♦ But now they are going for it... unofficially
 - ♦ Seems to a lot of confusion at the moment
 - Rich suggests that MHA send a chorus – since that's already a group of chapters getting together
 - ♦ Other groups are welcome to get involved, but "time is of the essence"
10. IDEA Support
 - Background about district history of contribution (or lack thereof) to the Harmony Foundation
 - ♦ \$500 from the district last year was donated to HF



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- ♦ This year, \$500 was instead given to IDEA
- Presentation given from IDEA
- ♦ Certificate of acknowledgment given to the district from IDEA

11. Convention Manual

- Jim and Rich will be working on this. Just an FYI

12. Membership Report

- [Attachment: "08a-Report-Membership.pdf"]
- Issue with chapter membership
 - ♦ Chapter can't sustain below 8 members, per society rules
 - ♦ Realistic minimum should be 12
 - ♦ Everyone needs to realize that chapters with persistently fewer than a dozen members are effectively unsustainable
 - ♦ Problem exacerbated with "ghost members", i.e. people who consistently are involved with a chapter same as dues-paying members but not actually in any official dues-paying capacity.
 - This creates liability with the society
 - ♦ If people here have contacts with such chapters, please step forward and help out, e.g. visiting chapters, offering help, anything to help rectify the situation
 - ♦ We are not the only district with this issue
 - ♦ This is not supposed to be a "threatening" action. But...
 - Once the district president contacts a chapter about this, the clock starts ticking and they have 1 year to rectify this.
 - ♦ Lack of a qualified director within a chapter is absolutely an aggravating factor
 - But that's why we do things like CDWI.
 - The "I" ("intensive") in "CDWI" may be intimidating. Maybe it should be called "CDW".
 - QCA can contribute here; QCA meeting tomorrow in fact will be covering this
 - ♦ CDD is being invited to the Society Forum this year

13. Music & Performance Report

- [Attachment: "09a-Report-Music_And_Performance.pdf"]
- Other stuff besides just IDAH was here:
 - ♦ Chapter quartet support
 - ♦ Standing Ovation program



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- Are these programs still around?
 - ♦ Yes, more attention needs to be given
 - ♦ CDD VP should delegate in order to get more effort

14. IDEA Report

- [Attachment: “20a-Report-IDEA.pdf”]
- Announcement / reinforcement that people need to be encouraged to contribute to IDEA.
- IDEA paid for everyone's registrations today
- We should all be helping out
- IDEA: “We need your help!”

Tag Break – Hugo Fuegen

15. Chapter Mentor Break-out sessions, by division with chapter mentors, 15 minutes

- Notes
 - ♦ Northern group – Mike Savard
 - Solved a bunch of issues with ghost membership
 - Kishwaukee has a bunch of singouts coming up
 - Rockford Metro scored a record in their chapter show
 - Rock Island plans on rebranding their chorus
 - ♦ Central group – Brett Mulford
 - Champaign chapter is becoming active again
 - Decatur – discussion about their 70 years as a chapter
 - Bloomington – had a retreat in Danville in preparation for International
 - Peoria is “getting older” and losing membership through attrition
 - CDWI costs can be a problem
 - ♦ Metro – Bob Squires
 - Elgin hosted “leadership summit” (CSLT sessions & related)
 - It was a great success
 - Aurora has a new director
 - Lake County had an excellent coaching session from a non-barbershop female
 - Northbrook held their own “chapter harmony college”; has a wildcard invitation to International
 - Northbrook had a live VLQ performance of *Happy Together* on WGN-TV, last Monday 4/11.



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- Will-Cook has a new member flyer, working on a mission statement
- Membership is the #1 issue everywhere
- Lake County chapter is going through a director search
- ♦ Southern – Rich Hansen
 - Coles County had a successful YIH, also did a great fund raiser for a local food pantry
- Other notes
 - ♦ Would it be worth our while to bring a membership person from the society into our district for a week to go around among multiple chapters? (presentations / workshops / visits)
 - Eve Nau did this at one point

NEW BUSINESS

16. Frank Thorne Award

- Description from Mike Bagby about the Frank Thorne Award
 - ♦ Was intended to be for both conventions, fall & spring
 - ♦ But it's not practical to do this in the Spring now, with the jamboree format
 - ♦ Do we drop this for the Spring?
- **Motion to drop Frank Thorne Award for all future Spring Jamboree events**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Joe Sullivan**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

17. Youth Quartet / Chorus Competition Changes

- Description of recent competition changes regarding youth
 - ♦ Lots of complexity here, too hard to describe accurately – Refer to Dave Cowin if there are questions
- Takeaway – what used to be “Collegiate” is now called “youth”
- Youth chorus entries for mid-winter are overwhelming; society is struggling with how to handle it.
 - ♦ They are asking all interested chorus to send a letter of interest by May 31st., society will try to select from candidates. Next year audition videos will be requested.
 - ♦ Intended limit will be 10 boys choruses, 5 girls choruses, and 5 mixed choruses

18. Future Convention Dates / Venues

- Contracts have to be planned multiple years in advance in order to get advantageous choices
 - ♦ Fall 2016: Bloomington Marriott + BCPA, Sep 23rd – 25th



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- ♦ Spring 2017: East Peoria Holiday Inn + TBD
- ♦ Fall 2017: Bloomington Marriott + BCPA, Oct 6th – 8th
- ♦ Spring 2018: TBD
- ♦ Fall 2018: TBD + BCPA

→ One nice thing about going to a newly built hotel (like right now) is that they roll out the red carpet

19. MHA – Bill Miller

→ Flyers distributed regarding MHA

- ♦ [Attachment: “11a-Flyer-MHA.pdf”]

→ A lot of participation from many chapters

→ Would like to hold another leadership summit in Elgin in Jan 2017

- ♦ Would like to get some district funding support for this

→ Would like to reactivate the Chicago #1 chapter's 1st Friday social gatherings

20. Fall 2016 HOD

→ Fri Sep 23rd, 1:30pm

OTHER

21. Society Liaison Report

→ Dwayne Cooper is back to the ILL District

→ Lengthy report included in the HOD packet

- ♦ [Attachment: “30a-BHS-Report-CEO.pdf”]
- ♦ [Attachment: “31a-BHS-Report-HOD.pdf”]

→ Marty Monson is setting up volunteer teams in various areas, part of the “Healthy Chapter Initiative”, part of the Operations Project Team (OPT)

→ Facilitator training at Harmony University, for leadership academies

→ Society Board is focusing more on strategic planning, districts are expected to do similarly

- ♦ (numerous key phrases about this in the report – recommended reading)

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Craig Rigg, Director

Adjourned: 3:44PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Terry Franzen	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Bob Squires	E-003	Aurora
P	Dennis Brandt	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Glenn Mills	E-009	Northbrook
	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
P	Frank Schneider	E-012	Chicago No 1
	Jeff McMorris	E-013	Danville
P	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Keith Rosborough	E-018	Elgin
P	Mark Klemm	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
		E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
P	Ron Welch	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Robin Meredith	E-044	Peoria
P	Andre Gloeckner	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Wayne Johnson	E-047	Rockford
P	Michael Kaas	E-048	Rock Island
P	Frank Fabian	E-050	Will-Cook
	Paul McCracken	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
P	Patrik Claussen	E-061	Springfield
	John Morrison	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
		E-073	Sandoval
	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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

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

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$9+5+19 = 33$ present

$9+7+31 = 47$ total possible