

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Spring 2018 House of Delegates Meeting

19-May-2018 12:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2018

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 men of all ages singing throughout their lives.*

Location: Marriott Hotel (Redbird B) – Normal, IL

Time: 12:00 PM

Called to order: 12:06 PM

Call to Order

1. Opening songs
 - *The Star Spangled Banner* – Bob Cearnal, Director
 - *The Old Songs* – Jeff Bowyer, Director
2. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 28 members present, out of a potential total of 45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 28 present we have 62%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Reading of Mission Statement – Rich Hansen
4. Approve Agenda – Jim Waldorf
 - Remove memorial service
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Earl Holtz**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - Adjustments:
 - ♦ Fix incorrect misc dates



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→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2017 HOD Minutes**
- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

6. Approve Consent Calendar – Jim Waldorf

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calender, with adjustments:**
 - **Pull: Everything except President's Report and Membership report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ♦ President's Report – Jim Waldorf
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report-President.pdf"]
- ♦ Membership Report – Hugo Feugen
 - [Attachment: "03a-Report-Membership.pdf"]

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

- Approx \$35K as of yesterday, in the bank
- Approx \$7000 net income to-date
- Dues are now \$40 (regular)
- Chorus support expense will be \$2000 (2 choruses going to International)
- Last year was a net loss of \$1362
- Spring Jamboree: \$600 higher than in the report
- Budget for 2018
 - ♦ Budget is not balanced (approx \$2500 in the red)
 - ♦ But we expect not all the spending, on average, for all categories
 - ♦ Gift revenue of \$5000 expected?
 - Via raffle(s)
 - This is following from prior year where this amount did in fact materialize
 - ♦ YIH expenses are just for the district portion
- [Attachment: "02a-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]
- **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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OLD BUSINESS

8. Music & Performance

→ Nothing here

9. Marketing & PR

→ Nothing here

10. YIH

→ No Spring event, no high school contest

→ High school contest moved to the Fall

→ Local schools have been alerted

→ Please help spread this information around

→ Youth quartets need to provide a live audience video audition to compete at International

→ Wouldn't it be nice to have double the quartet attendance

11. CSLT

→ Canceled 1/13 District leadership summit for lack of registrations

→ Then the day after a bunch said "they fully intended to register..."

→ LOL had a leadership academy take place, checked out by us

→ LOL asked if they would accept ILL chapter officers for training; they accepted

- ♦ LOL is charging \$85/student (including as many as 6 meals), same rate charged to ILL attendees

→ LOL seems to have no trouble with attendance – they had 219 last January

→ ILL District should start a "recharging" of our training, by sending students to LOL.

- ♦ Date expected to be 1/12-1/13 in 2019

- ♦ Looking to send 30 students; total cost expected (driving / hotel / registration) around \$300/student

→ What would be fair to the people involved relative to funding that \$300 charge?

→ Proposing to send 30 to LOL and at least cover the registration (\$85, perhaps up to \$150) for each of those 30.

→ Board needs to consider this (and budget this).

12. Historical

→ Nothing here

13. Awards

→ Nothing here (no convention)



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14. IDEA – Earl Meseth

- Brief meeting this morning
- Trustees met and approved request for funding of the ILL District of up to \$2500 to develop a new district web site
- “Pass the can” took place

15. Definition of a VLQ

- This has been successful in other districts
- There is a movement within the Society for this
- We are moving forward with this
- This is not about a large chapter putting together a VLQ; it is for those small chapters that can't put 12 men on the stage
- All members of the VLQ must be from the same chapter
- This follows the principles of how a chorus competes not a quartet (i.e. all members from the same chapter, just one competing entity per chapter)
- Number of judges needed: Once a contest has more than 25 competitors, a 3rd judge is required

16. Dues & Convention registration update

- Yes dues went up; nothing further about that

17. Future Conventions

- Bloomington High School as a potential venue – Jeff & Will need to see the facility
 - ◆ 1200 seat auditorium
 - ◆ Cost is looking really cheap
 - ◆ Issue with getting a commitment – With many schools it isn't possible to get on their calendar until the school year starts. Plus it's possible to get bumped.
 - ◆ No hotels nearby – still would need to consider the Doubletree or Marriott

18. Song Break *Little Eyes I Love You* – Terry Ludwig, Director

NEW BUSINESS

19. Website Update

- Talking to several web design companies, limiting choices to those using non-proprietary platforms
- IDEA providing up to \$2500 for web site design
- Website rework to being ASAP
- None of the funds for this are coming from the District budget
- “Magic Blue Box”, located in Bloomington – web design firm



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- Question about technical functionality vs keeping content up to date
 - ♦ Even if we contract out for a beautiful site, there is still an issue about ensuring that the content is kept up to date

20. IDEA Trustee Appointment

- Last year Joe Sullivan resigned; Rich Hansen took up role through 2018
- Re-nominate Rich Hansen for 5 year term through 2023
- **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Appoint Rich Hansen to IDEA for 5 year term through 2023**
 - ♦ **Offered by Bob Cearnal, seconded by Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (Unanimous Voice Vote)**

21. Member Attrition / Keeping Members Involved

- +10 new members in Northbrook
 - ♦ They have a new director...
- Informal query about who is doing RSS (Ready Set Sing)
- One chapter mentioned a new member who came in the door via a newspaper article

22. MBHA Award

- New trophy being designed for...
- Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association
- Illinois Mixed Quartet Champion
- Will be a traveling trophy
- Yes, there is an international contest for this in Germany, 1 competitor per country, once per every 2 years
- Competitors must be a member of MBHA (\$20/member)
- An ILL champion would be on MBHA's list for potential invitation to the international competition

23. Fund Raising Effort

- Communication, finances, and commitment are the 3 things holding this district back
- Fund Raising raffle
- 2000 tickets printed, split into envelopes per chapter, distributed to attendees
- Drawing will be at the Fall Convention
 - ♦ (do not have to there to win)
- There are more prizes being added (all applied to the same tickets), to be disclosed going forward
- Every prize has been donated

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24. Quartet / Chorus monetary support

- Quartets cost more than \$1000 for full registrations
- Six quartets being funded this year. This is costing a lot of \$\$\$
- Chorus gets \$1000 support – we think that is ok.
- Suggest funding quartets at \$500 instead of just paying the registration
- Current budget, \$3000 for choruses, \$2750 for quartets
- **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Fund quartets \$500 / quartet for international, instead of paying their registrations**
 - ♦ **Offered: Mike Bagby, Jim Morgan**
 - ♦ **PASSED (Unanimous voice vote)**

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Jeff Bowyer, Director

Adjourned: 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Terry Franzen	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Donald Smit	E-003	Aurora
P	James Morgan	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Earl Holtz	E-009	Northbrook
P	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
	Jeff McMorris	E-013	Danville
P	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Bill Miller	E-018	Elgin
	David Mouri	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Tom Toftey	E-021	Lake County
		E-024	Bureau County
P	Ron Welch	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
	Kenneth Krancher	E-044	Peoria
P	Andre Gloeckner	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Wayne Johnson	E-047	Rockford
P	Michael Kaas	E-048	Rock Island
	Allen Munneke	E-050	Will-Cook
	Tim Pashon	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
P	Larry Drake	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Jim Waldorf	President
P	Brett Mulford	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
P	Pat Claussen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
P	Don Leonard	BMAL (C & J)
P	Terry Ludwig	BMAL
P	Richard Hansen	Imm. Past President

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

5 out of 9

9+5+14 = 28 present

9+9+27 = 45 total possible