

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Spring 2019 House of Delegates Meeting

4-May-2019 12:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2019

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: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1920 Oakland Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701

Time: 12:30 PM

Called to order: 12:35 PM

Call to Order

1. Opening songs
 - *The Star Spangled Banner* – Bob Cearnal, Director
 - *The Old Songs* – Rich Hansen, Director
2. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 25 members present, out of a potential total of 43.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 25 present we have 58%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Reading of Mission Statement – Jim Waldorf

The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.
4. Approve Agenda – Brett Mulford
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
→ **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2018 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
6. Approve Consent Calendar – Jim Waldorf
→ **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calender, with adjustments:**
 - **Pull: IDEA**
 - **Missing: Membership, Music & Performance, YIH**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Earl Holtz**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

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

 - ♦ President's Report
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report-President.pdf"]
 - ♦ Marketing
 - [Attachment: "02a-Report-Marketing.pdf"]
7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
→ "Jim is still smiling"
 - ♦ We're doing pretty well right now

→ [Attachment: "03a-Report-Treasurer.pdf "]

→ **Motion**

 - ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

OLD BUSINESS

8. Everyone In Harmony – Mike Isely
→ See attachment for written notes
 - ♦ [Attachment: "04a-Notes-EIH.pdf"]

→ District vision statement needs to be revised!
9. District Website status – Joe Gurreri
→ Brief overview about PR initiatives for show advertising for individual chapters along with district assistance for publishing that information on the district web site.
→ Changes coming up on district web site, specifically the splash page



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- Requesting feedback from the chapters
- 10. IDEA – Bob Cearnal
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-IDEA.pdf”]
 - Excellent meeting this morning
 - Bob: “What you give to us and what we give back the district is what we are all about”
 - Earl Meseth initiated “Pass the can...”
 - IDEA voted to make Joe Sullivan a member emeritus
 - A grant of \$3500 is going to be made available to IDAH
- 11. IDAH and CSLT followup – Terry Ludwig and Bill Miller
 - IDAH 2020
 - ♦ Will be at the Doubletree in Bloomington on Feb 15th 2020 (Sat)
 - ♦ There is a brigade activity on Feb 14th
 - ♦ Block of hotel rooms set up for Friday night as a few for Saturday night as well
 - ♦ Tim Biedel and Dan Wessler will be taking over IDAH
 - ♦ Featured quartet: Instant Classic
 - ♦ Featured chorus director: Royce Ferguson (former director of Westminster)
 - Senior chorus
 - ♦ Contact illseniorchorus@gmail.com if you are interested in the senior chorus
 - ♦ There is a reasonable probability (50/50) that this chorus will be at midwinter
- 12. CSLT – Bill Miller
 - (Bill not present, no report)
- 13. Historical Committee – Rich Hansen
 - Bob Squires – Rich Hansen is taking over this role
 - All archives will be moved in late May from Plainfield to Mt Zion
 - Thanks given for everyone who has contributed to our archive
- 14. YIH – Jim Waldorf
 - YIH festival happening in Bloomington on Oct 24th at the BCPA
 - Coles County Oct 21st
 - Fox Lake
 - Stirling Rock Falls, late October
- 15. Membership
 - (nothing here)
- 16. Music and Performance
 - (covered as part of IDAH)



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NEW BUSINESS

17. Bagley Proposal – Bob Cearnal, Bob Squires, and Joe Sullivan

→ See attachment for description & background

- ♦ [Attachment: “06a-Notes-Bagley-Rule.pdf”]

→ Rule text:

"IN THE EVENT ONLY THIRTEEN (13) ILLINOIS DISTRICT QUARTETS ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY QUARTET CONTEST, ALL 13 QUARTETS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE QUARTET FINALS REGARDLESS OF THEIR SCORE"

"IF THERE ARE FOURTEEN (14) OR MORE QUARTETS IN THE PRELIMINARY CONTEST, ONLY THE TOP TEN (10) QUARTETS WILL MOVE ON TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS."

→ This has historically been a practice but has been forgotten

→ We want to code this into formal practice

→ But really the problem last Fall was that the final round was simply cut to 8 quartets without much consideration.

- ♦ Why don't we address that specific problem?

→ Why limit to 13 competitors?

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Adopt Bagley Rule as submitted by Bob Squires**
- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Squires, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
- ♦ **Role Call: 14 in favor, 8 against**
- ♦ **PASSED (by roll call)**

18. VP of C&J Election – Brett Mulford

→ Tim Pashon agreed to take job

→ Contest and judging at the society needs to approve this

- ♦ But we don't expect any issues

→ We don't have any certified judges in this district

→ We have past judges though...

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve Tim Pashon as C&J VP**
- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Squires, Seconded: Bruce Condil**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

19. Elimination of Frank Thorne Award?

→ Was originally instituted around 2009 as a way to encourage chorus participation in the district contest.



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→ However that hasn't really happened, and the algorithm for determining the winner is confusing & difficult to follow.

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Eliminate the Franke Thorne (which does not preclude retiring the name from future use)**
- ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Ron Welch**
- ♦ **PASSED (voice vote all in favor except one)**

20. Naming the convention

- Do we proclaim the 2019 fall convention the "William A. Thorndike, Jr, Convention"?
- Sure Will did a lot of great work, but what about prior Events Vps? Singling out one person doesn't seem appropriate
- Let's give him recognition at the convention
 - ♦ Let's pass this to the Awards Committee

21. Ethics Committee-Will Thorndike has moved and Joe Sullivan has stepped down

- Jim Waldorf has volunteered to join the committee
- Bob Cearnal is chair
- Earl Meseth is a continuing member

22. New Marketing and PR VP, Joe Gurreri – Brett Mulford

- (nothing else here)

23. Future Contest Updates and Venues – Jeff Bowyer

- Doubletree in Bloomington (hotel) and BCPA (venue) this Fall
 - ♦ There are hotel room suites available right now for hospitality rooms
 - ♦ Chapters need to let Jeff Bowyer ASAP if interested in a hospitality suite
 - ♦ BCPA is a great venue but it's getting too expensive
- Nothing for 2020 yet
 - ♦ Looking for suggestions
 - ♦ It's time to move out of Bloomington
 - ♦ Need local chapter (or chapters) as additional help (there is a \$750 stipend for this)
 - Really, "host" chapter does not have to be local
 - Contact Jeff Bowyer

24. Contest Timing discussion – Brett Mulford

- "I want everyone to get back the hospitality rooms as soon as possible after the contest"
- Always a critical path: contest end → computing the results → quartet evals → hospitality rooms

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- ♦ With many concurrent “contests” going on with a sequence of competitors, this complicates the scoring, thus the lengthier delay in computing the results.
- 25. District Board Composition – Jim Waldorf
 - Mike Isely gave an overview for how the Gov Board vs the Operations Team are determined and how they operate.
- 26. Fall 2019 HOD Date
 - Friday Sep 27th, 1pm (Friday afternoon before convention)

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Terry Ludwig, Director

Adjourned: 2:40 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
	Terry Franzen	E002	Arlington Heights, IL
P	Mark Barone	E003	Aurora, IL
P	Mike Dohoge	E005	Belleville, IL
P	Tom De Bord	E007	Bloomington, IL
	!	E024	Bureau County, IL
	* David Bremer	E075	Carbondale, IL
	!	E010	Champaign Urbana, IL
	* John Q Morris	E045	Chicago Metro, IL
P	* Ron Welch	E030	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL
P	Bruce Condill	E017	Coles County, IL
P	* Eric Westfall	E013	Danville, IL
	James Barr	E014	Decatur, IL
P	James Fourmont	E066	DuPage Valley, IL
	* William Miller	E018	Elgin, IL
	!	E077	Kankakee, IL
P	Tom Plote	E067	Kishwaukee Valley, IL
P	Art Dusenbury	E021	Lake County, IL
	* Craig Rigg	E008	Macomb, IL
P	Earl Holtz	E009	Northbrook, IL
	* Michael Cosner	E044	Peoria, IL
	!	E048	Rock Island, IL
P	* Carl Swanson	E019	Rockford Metro, IL
	* Barton Macomber	E047	Rockford, IL
	Patrik Claussen	E061	Springfield, IL
P	Paul McCracken	E052	Sterling Rock Falls, IL
	* Richard Biby	E054	Waterloo, IL
P	* Lou Gonzalez	E050	Will-Cook, IL

13 out of 27

* 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	Brett Mulford	President
P	Jeff Lathom	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
	Jeff McMorris	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
	(open)	BMAL (C & J)
P	Terry Ludwig	BMAL
P	Jim Waldorf	Imm. Past President

7 out of 8

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

5 out of 8

7+5+13 = 25 present

8+8+27 = 43 total possible