

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2019 House of Delegates Meeting

27-Sep-2019 1:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 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: Doubletree by Hilton Brookridge Room, 10 Brickyard Drive Bloomington, IL 61701

Time: 1:00 PM

Called to order: 1:05 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
 - 21 members present, out of a potential total of 45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 21 present we have 47%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Reading of Mission Statement – Brett Mulford

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: Earl Holtz**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2019 HOD Minutes**
- ♦ **Offered by: Tom DeBord, Seconded: Cearnal**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, with no adjustments**
- ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

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

- ♦ Music and Performance
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report_Music_And_Performance.pdf”]
- ♦ Historian
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report_Historian.pdf”]
- ♦ IDEA
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-IDEA.pdf”]
- ♦ Marketing
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ District invested in CD.

- ♦ 12 months, 1.92%, \$35K

→ Overall in really good shape

→ [Attachment: “01a-Report_Treasurer.pdf”]

→ **Motion**

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

→ Budget discussion, pulled up to here due to availability of Treasurer

- ♦ Note: See Treasurer's Report for the proposed budget

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve 2020 budget**
- ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Gerry Bach**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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OLD BUSINESS

8. Memorial – Rich Hansen
 - (See appendix)
9. District Website, Check information for accuracy – Joe Gurreri
 - At this stage, every quartet and chorus identity should match, compared to the Members' Center.
 - If you see an error, please verify with the Members' Center and fix there first. Then please contact Joe Gurreri via email
 - ♦ EVERY CHANGE TO MEMBERS CENTER MUST FOLLOW BY CONTACTING JOE.
 - ♦ It is incredibly import that chapters must keep their members' center info up to date.
 - The district site is linked to the district Facebook page; what gets posted in the district Facebook page will appear on the district
 - Use marketing@illinoisdistrict.org for contacting Joe
10. Future Contest Updates and Venues – Jeff Bowyer
 - Using a 3rd party organizer to assist with convention handling / setup (details for this in the Board minutes)
 - ♦ “Helms Briscoe”
 - ♦ Paid by the hotel(s), not us
11. President's Report – Brett Mulford
 - 12 choruses competing, 50% increase in chorus competitors this year vs 2018!
 - [Attachment: “98-Report-President.pdf”]
12. Membership – Jeff McMorris
 - From Danville chapter, which has been growing a lot, so Jeff is working to spread the knowledge for how to do this
 - Jeff is happy to share with everyone how this works
 - Danville's budget has increased A LOT – currently at \$30k, show revenue has gone from \$2K several years ago to \$18K this last show.
 - Contact: jeff.mcmorris.bz27@statefarm.com
13. Contest and Judging – Tim Pashon
 - We'll see how the contest goes
 - Tim wants to eliminate the plateau awards
 - ♦ Not a great reaction here.
 - ♦ CAs deal with this in other districts, why be special here
 - ♦ Strong feeling that the plateau awards are motivators for chorus competition
 - Actually disagreement here



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- ♦ Important point, even if a few chapters see value in this then we should still do this!
 - ♦ The program used to have definitions of all the awards
14. Youth In Harmony – Evan Patrick
- Unable to attend, had to work today

NEW BUSINESS

15. Approve 2020 Budget – Jim Wagner
- (taken care of as part of the Treasurer's Report)
16. Board Composition – Mike Isely
- Mike gave an overview of the pros/cons for adding the remaining Ops Team members as Governance Board members (via additional BMAL slots)
17. Nomination of Earl Meseth to continue on the board of IDEA – Bob Cearnal
- Motion
 - ♦ Approve Earl Meseth for 5 year term on IDEA Board
 - ♦ Bob Cearnal, Gerry Bach
 - ♦ APPROVED (voice vote)
 - Retired members are currently automatically emeritus members
 - ♦ Joe Sullivan is now an emeritus member
 - Procedures manual
 - ♦ [Attachment: "06a-IDEA_procedure.pdf"]
 - ♦ The title emeritus trustee shall be bestowed on a trustee who honorably serves a 5 year term or more as trustee. Required HOD confirmation
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject: Approve change of wording (partially above, specifics to be retrieved)**
 - **Mike Isely, Jeff Lathom**
 - **APPROVED (voice vote)**
 - ♦ Rich Hansen
 - Passed out brochures, please consider donating. Will be included with registration material
 - Dick & Lee Kingdon challenge, through the end of the year: Will match 1:1 up to \$1K
18. Additional remarks from Jeff Bowyer
- There are 3 hospitality suites for this convention:
 - ♦ Bloomington: 1107
 - ♦ Sterling Rock Falls: 1104



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- ♦ Coles Country: 1106
- HOD recognizes the amount of historical material that we have, as organized over the years by Bob Squires
- 19. Reword our Vision Statement to align with EIH – Brett Mulford
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Change “men of all ages” to “everyone” in Vision statement**
 - ♦ **Mike Bagby, Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED, voice vote**
- 20. Society Board Nominations – Brett Mulford
 - Discussion for getting nominations to the Society Board
 - Society is looking for more diversity in nominations
 - Please let Brett know if there is anyone interested in being nominated
- 21. Introduction of the EIH Committee – Michelle Adams
 - Michelle is in the process of setting up a committee to organize EIH-related activities
- 22. Society Presentation – Erin Harris & Cassi Costoulas
 - EIH discussion
 - ♦ Useful reference link: <http://barbershop.org/roadshow>
 - Leadership summit
 - ♦ Useful reference link: <http://barbershop.org/summit>
- 23. Spring 2020 HOD Date
 - April 19th, 2020
 - 1-3pm
 - Location: TBD (likely centrally located within ILL)

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

Adjourned: 2:59 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
YES	Elmer Sweet	E002	Arlington Heights, IL
YES	James Fourmont	E003	Aurora, IL
YES	* James Morgan	E005	Belleville, IL
YES	Tom De Bord	E007	Bloomington, IL
no	Craig Rigg	E008	Macomb, IL
YES	Earl Holtz	E009	Northbrook, IL
no	!	E010	Champaign Urbana, IL
no	* Eric Westfall	E013	Danville, IL
no	James Barr	E014	Decatur, IL
YES	Tom Woodall	E017	Coles County, IL
YES	John Schultz	E018	Elgin, IL
no	David Mouri	E019	Rockford Metro, IL
no	Theodore Gault	E021	Lake County, IL
no	!	E024	Bureau County, IL
YES	* Ron Welch	E030	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL
no	* Michael Cosner	E044	Peoria, IL
no	* John Q Morris	E045	Chicago Metro, IL
no	* Barton Macomber	E047	Rockford, IL
no	!	E048	Rock Island, IL
no	!	E050	Will-Cook, IL
no	* Kevin Deets	E052	Sterling Rock Falls, IL
no	* Richard Biby	E054	Waterloo, IL
YES	Patrik Claussen	E061	Springfield, IL
YES	Thomas McEvelly	E066	DuPage Valley, IL
no	* Edward Cheek	E067	Kishwaukee Valley, IL
no	* David Bremer	E075	Carbondale, IL
no	!	E077	Kankakee, IL

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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
YES	Brett Mulford	President
YES	Jeff Lathom	Executive VP
YES	Mike Isely	Secretary
YES	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
YES	Jeff McMorris	BMAL (Membership)
YES	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
no	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
YES	Terry Ludwig	BMAL
no	Jim Waldorf	Imm. Past President

7 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
YES	Mike Bagby
YES	Bob Cearnal
no	Dave Cowin
no	Rich Hansen
no	Earl Meseth
YES	Bob Squires
YES	Joe Sullivan
	Syl Wetle
	Wayne Wright

4 out of 9

7+4+10 = 21 present

9+9+27 = 45 total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Rich Hansen]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

Heavenly Father, we come together in your presence today to honor and recognize our brother barbershoppers who have passed on during this last year. This men include:

Chapter Eternal 2017	
Name	Chapter
Richard "Rick" Anthony	Chicago #1 & Chicagoland West Suburban
William Brauer	Frank Thorne
Paul Cook	Will-Cook
James Dunn	Bureau County
Clifford Hasselbacher	Frank Thorne
John Knecht	Lake County
Thomas Mayfield	Frank Thorne
Willard McKnight	DuPage Valley
William Severinghaus	Champaign-Urbana & Bloomington
Charles "Chuck" Sisson	Northbrook
Donald Smit	Aurora, Lake County, Northbrook & Chicagoland West Suburban
Thomas Taden	Kankakee
Kenneth Vonderohe	Chicagoland West Suburban
Wesley Willard	Northbrook

I ask the we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of these men.

Father we thank you for your gift of music and song so our hearts can be lifted up to you. We thank you for these ties that bind us together with the old songs and fellowship. We give thanks to You for these Departed men who have enriched our lives and who have left us all with a a song in our hearts.

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.