



# **Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc. Fall 2023 House of Delegates Meeting AGENDA**

Location: Doubletree Hotel at 10 Brickyard Dr, Bloomington, IL 61701

Date/Time: Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 1pm

## **CALL TO ORDER**

TERRY LUDWIG

## **ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

MIKE ISELY

## **READING OF THE DISTRICT MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS**

JEFF LATHOM

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.*

## **WELCOME**

TERRY LUDWIG

Sing: The Old Songs

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MIKE ISELY

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS HOD**

MIKE ISELY

Prior meeting was on April 16th, 2023



## **CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS**

MIKE ISELY

1. President's Report – Terry Ludwig
2. Membership – Doug Finkbiner
3. Music & Performance – Tim Beutel
4. Marketing & PR – Joe Gurreri
5. Contest & Judging – Jeff Lathom
6. Events – Jeff Bowyer
7. IDEA – Bob Cearnal
8. YIH – Evan Patrick
9. Chorus Director Development – Carrie Marcotte
10. CSLT – John Q. Morris
11. Historical – Rich Hansen
12. Awards – Doug Ferrier

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

LEIF WILDMAN

## **MEMORIAL**

RICH HANSEN

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Riser Update – Terry Ludwig
2. Chapter Visit update – Terry Ludwig
3. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig / Benjamin Dirks

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. IDEA Trustee nomination – Bob Cearnal
5. 2024 Budget – Leif Wildman
6. Spring 2024 HOD Date – Mike Isely

## **ADJOURNMENT**

TERRY LUDWIG

Sing: Keep The Whole World Singing



HOD Attendance (P for Present, A for Absent, L for Late)

**IF YOUR CHAPTER HAS THE WRONG DELEGATE HERE THEN YOU NEED TO FIX THIS BEFORE THE HOD MEETING TAKES PLACE. PLEASE CONTACT [isely@pobox.com](mailto:isely@pobox.com) FOR QUESTIONS**

| P/L/A            | Chapter Name              | No.  | Delegate          |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------------|
|                  | Arlington Heights         | E002 | * David Theile    |
|                  | Aurora                    | E003 | * Lester Grossman |
|                  | Belleville                | E005 | Tom Cunningham    |
|                  | Bloomington               | E007 | David Garrett     |
|                  | Macomb                    | E008 | Craig Rigg        |
|                  | Northbrook                | E009 | Earl Holtz        |
|                  | Danville                  | E013 | * Bryan Schroeder |
|                  | Decatur                   | E014 | James Barr        |
|                  | Coles County              | E017 | Ronald Hawkins    |
|                  | Elgin                     | E018 | * William Miller  |
|                  | Rockford Metro            | E019 | * Brandon Bolley  |
|                  | Lake County               | E021 | * Brian Cromer    |
|                  | Bureau County             | E024 | !                 |
|                  | Chicagoland West Suburban | E030 | * James Brown     |
|                  | Peoria                    | E044 | Harold Harness    |
|                  | Chicago Metro             | E045 | * Bonnie Jones    |
|                  | Rockford                  | E047 | Ray Monroe        |
|                  | Rock Island               | E048 | !                 |
|                  | Will-Cook                 | E050 | Neil DeVore       |
|                  | Sterling Rock Falls       | E052 | * Paul McCracken  |
|                  | Waterloo                  | E054 | !                 |
|                  | Springfield               | E061 | Patrik Claussen   |
|                  | DuPage Valley             | E066 | * Bruce Rhoades   |
|                  | Carbondale                | E075 | * David Bremer    |
| (total = 0 / 24) |                           |      |                   |

\* Chapter did not specifically declare a delegate; substituting Chapter President

! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate



HOD Attendance (P for Present, A for Absent, L for Late)

| <b>Governance Board</b> |                |                       |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>P/L/A</b>            | <b>Name</b>    | <b>Role</b>           |
|                         | Terry Ludwig   | President             |
|                         | Benjamin Dirks | Executive VP          |
|                         | Mike Isely     | Secretary             |
|                         | Leif Wildman   | Treasurer             |
|                         | Doug Finkbiner | At-Large (Membership) |
|                         | Jeff Bowyer    | At-Large (Events)     |
| N/A                     | (Jeff Lathom)  | At-Large (C & J)      |
|                         | John Q. Morris | At-Large              |
|                         | Jeff Lathom    | Imm. Past President   |
| (total = 8)             |                |                       |

| <b>Operations</b> |                 |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>P/L/A</b>      | <b>Name</b>     | <b>Role</b>                 |
|                   | Joe Gurreri     | Marketing & PR              |
|                   | Evan Patrick    | Youth In Harmony            |
|                   | Tim Beutel      | Music & Performance         |
|                   | Rich Hansen     | Historian                   |
|                   | John Q Morris   | CSLT                        |
|                   | Carrie Marcotte | Chorus Director Development |
|                   | Doug Ferrier    | Awards                      |
| (total = 7)       |                 |                             |

| <b>Active Past Presidents</b><br>(and not currently on Gov. Board) |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>P/L/A</b>   | <b>Name</b>    |
|  | Mike Bagby     |
| N/A  | Jeff Bowyer    |
|  | Bob Cearnal    |
|  | Dave Cowin     |
|  | Rich Hansen    |
| N/A  | Jeff Lathom    |
|  | Earl Meseth    |
|  | Brett Mulford  |
|  | Bob Squires    |
|  | Joe Sullivan   |
|  | Will Thorndike |
|  | Jim Waldorf    |
|  | Syl Wetle      |
| (total = 11)   |                |

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Cash Basis

**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through August 2023**

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|                                       | <u>Jan - Aug 23</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense               |                     |
| Income                                |                     |
| 5100 Event Income                     |                     |
| Comp Registrations                    | 1,500.00            |
| Mail Registrations                    | 1,100.00            |
| On Line Registrations                 | 6,979.28            |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total 5100 Event Income               | 9,579.28            |
| 5210 District Dues                    | 13,043.48           |
| 5310 Interest Income                  | 548.17              |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total Income                          | 23,170.93           |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Gross Profit                          | 23,170.93           |
| Expense                               |                     |
| 7030 Support                          |                     |
| Quartet Support                       | 500.00              |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total 7030 Support                    | 500.00              |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses       |                     |
| 7540 Judging Expense                  | 440.00              |
| 7550 Temp Help - Contract             | 200.00              |
| 7570 Event Meals                      | 3,707.29            |
| 7580 Other Contract Expenses          | 2,000.00            |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses | 6,347.29            |
| 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses            |                     |
| 8110 Supplies                         | 79.00               |
| 8140 Postage & Shipping               | 12.00               |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses      | 91.00               |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp         |                     |
| 8210 Rent, parking, & other           | 825.00              |
| 8230 Storage Rental Charges           | 1,455.00            |
| 8260 Equipment Rental                 | 706.80              |
|                                       | <hr/>               |
| Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   | 2,986.80            |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses       |                     |
| 8310 Travel                           | 3,562.74            |
| 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions        |                     |
| Comp Housing                          | 2,318.40            |
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| Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions  | 2,318.40            |

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**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through August 2023**

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|                                       | Jan - Aug 23    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 8330 Hospitality                      | 651.55          |
| Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 6,532.69        |
| 8400 Education Programs               |                 |
| 8480 YIH Program                      | 1,000.00        |
| Total 8400 Education Programs         | 1,000.00        |
| 8500 Other Expenses                   |                 |
| 8505 Gov Board<br>President           | 348.20          |
| Total 8505 Gov Board                  | 348.20          |
| 8560 Outside Computer Services        | 633.00          |
| Total 8500 Other Expenses             | 981.20          |
| 8600 Business Expenses                |                 |
| 8610 - Corporation Filing Fees        | 4.00            |
| Total 8600 Business Expenses          | 4.00            |
| Total Expense                         | 18,442.98       |
| Net Ordinary Income                   | 4,727.95        |
| Net Income                            | <b>4,727.95</b> |

**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August 31, 2023

|                                       | Aug 31, 23       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                  |
| Current Assets                        |                  |
| Checking/Savings                      |                  |
| 1010 Checking Account                 | 23,857.59        |
| 1015 US Bank Money Market             | 50,546.62        |
| Total Checking/Savings                | 74,404.21        |
| Other Current Assets                  |                  |
| 1310 Convention Funding Advance       | -500.00          |
| 1320 Pre-Purchased Awards             | 54.00            |
| Total Other Current Assets            | -446.00          |
| Total Current Assets                  | 73,958.21        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>73,958.21</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       |                  |
| Equity                                |                  |
| 3000 Unrestricted Funds               |                  |
| 3010 Operating Fund                   | 56,346.41        |
| Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds         | 56,346.41        |
| 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds       |                  |
| 3210 Grants & Contributions           |                  |
| IDAH                                  |                  |
| Scholarships                          | 233.00           |
| IDAH - Other                          | 720.83           |
| Total IDAH                            | 953.83           |
| Undesignated                          | 9,875.09         |
| YIH                                   | 2,900.62         |
| Total 3210 Grants & Contributions     | 13,729.54        |
| Senior Chorus                         | 319.05           |
| Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds | 14,048.59        |
| Unrestricted Net Assets               | -1,164.74        |
| Net Income                            | 4,727.95         |
| Total Equity                          | 73,958.21        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>73,958.21</b> |

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Cash Basis

## IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA

## Profit &amp; Loss by Class

January through July 2023

|                                       | HCMW      | TOTAL     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense               |           |           |
| Income                                |           |           |
| 5100 Event Income                     |           |           |
| Comp Registrations                    | 1,500.00  | 1,500.00  |
| On Line Registrations                 | 6,979.28  | 6,979.28  |
| Total 5100 Event Income               | 8,479.28  | 8,479.28  |
| Total Income                          | 8,479.28  | 8,479.28  |
| Gross Profit                          | 8,479.28  | 8,479.28  |
| Expense                               |           |           |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses       |           |           |
| 7570 Event Meals                      | 3,707.29  | 3,707.29  |
| 7580 Other Contract Expenses          | 1,500.00  | 1,500.00  |
| Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses | 5,207.29  | 5,207.29  |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp         |           |           |
| 8260 Equipment Rental                 | 706.80    | 706.80    |
| Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   | 706.80    | 706.80    |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses       |           |           |
| 8310 Travel                           | 1,424.49  | 1,424.49  |
| 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions        |           |           |
| Comp Housing                          | 2,318.40  | 2,318.40  |
| Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions  | 2,318.40  | 2,318.40  |
| 8330 Hospitality                      | 651.55    | 651.55    |
| Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 4,394.44  | 4,394.44  |
| Total Expense                         | 10,308.53 | 10,308.53 |
| Net Ordinary Income                   | -1,829.25 | -1,829.25 |
| Net Income                            | -1,829.25 | -1,829.25 |



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**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Overview**  
January through December 2024

|                                 | Total Board<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total CDWI<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total CSLT Program<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total Fall Convention<br>Jan - Dec 24 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense         |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Income                          |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5100 Event Income               |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| 5210 District Dues              |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5310 Interest Income            |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5800 Special Events Revenue     |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Total Income                    |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| Gross Profit                    |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| Expense                         |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7020 Donations to Other Orgs    |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7030 Support                    |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses |                             |                            |                                    | 9,050.00                              |
| 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses      | 300.00                      |                            |                                    | 1,850.00                              |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   |                             | 0.00                       |                                    | 3,675.00                              |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 3,450.00                    |                            |                                    | 5,500.00                              |
| 8400 Education Programs         |                             | 2,000.00                   | 1,500.00                           | 1,500.00                              |
| 8500 Other Expenses             | 100.00                      |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Total Expense                   | 3,850.00                    | 2,000.00                   | 1,500.00                           | 21,575.00                             |
| Net Ordinary Income             | -3,850.00                   | -1,000.00                  | -1,500.00                          | -8,375.00                             |
| Net Income                      | <b>-3,850.00</b>            | <b>-1,000.00</b>           | <b>-1,500.00</b>                   | <b>-8,375.00</b>                      |

|                                 | Total HCMW   | Total MISC   | Total YIH    | TOTAL        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                 | Jan - Dec 24 | Jan - Dec 24 | Jan - Dec 24 | Jan - Dec 24 |
| Ordinary Income/Expense         |              |              |              |              |
| Income                          |              |              |              |              |
| 5100 Event Income               | 13,100.00    |              |              | 27,300.00    |
| 5210 District Dues              |              | 18,000.00    |              | 18,000.00    |
| 5310 Interest Income            |              | 2,100.00     |              | 2,100.00     |
| 5800 Special Events Revenue     |              | 500.00       |              | 500.00       |
| Total Income                    | 13,100.00    | 20,600.00    |              | 47,900.00    |
| Gross Profit                    | 13,100.00    | 20,600.00    |              | 47,900.00    |
| Expense                         |              |              |              |              |
| 7020 Donations to Other Orgs    |              | 500.00       |              | 500.00       |
| 7030 Support                    |              | 3,500.00     |              | 3,500.00     |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses | 3,900.00     |              |              | 12,950.00    |
| 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses      |              | 50.00        |              | 2,200.00     |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   | 2,000.00     | 1,100.00     |              | 6,775.00     |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 7,500.00     |              |              | 16,450.00    |
| 8400 Education Programs         |              |              | 5,300.00     | 10,300.00    |
| 8500 Other Expenses             | 200.00       | 1,188.00     |              | 1,488.00     |
| Total Expense                   | 13,600.00    | 6,338.00     | 5,300.00     | 54,163.00    |
| Net Ordinary Income             | -500.00      | 14,262.00    | -5,300.00    | -6,263.00    |
| Net Income                      | -500.00      | 14,262.00    | -5,300.00    | -6,263.00    |



**the Illinois District**  
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



*a state of close harmony*

To: Illinois District Board  
House of Delegates

From: Terry Ludwig  
President, Illinois District

Greetings to all the members of the Illinois District. As we are preparing for another Fall Convention I wanted to take a few moments and share some of the other wonderful opportunities in our District.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting a Chorus Director Class with Joe Cerruti. It is going to be held in Downers Grove and the cost is only \$25! The class is called a Director class, but it is open to anyone. Joe is a wealth of knowledge and will certainly discuss any topic or issue that you or your chorus is having.

February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will see the return of Harmony College Midwest with our special guest quartet MIDTOWN. Come spend the day taking some great classes and then spend the evening listening to our current International Champion quartet! Registration will open at the Fall Convention.

In early 2024 we will be having a virtual COTS. Details are being finalized and will be sent out as soon as we have them all ironed out. Be on the lookout.

A quick update on Chapter Visits. The Board continues our quest to visit every chapter in the District this year. We still have a few more to do and are committed to making sure



everyone gets a visit. As I am writing this update I believe we have 5 more chapters yet to set a date to visit. We haven't forgotten about you it has just been a massive undertaking. Thank you to all of my Board Members who have help visit these chapters. At the end of my report you will find summaries from all the chapter visits we have done since the Spring HOD.

Let's talk about our Fall Convention. I can't wait to see everyone in Bloomington in September. We have been spreading the word about all the fun new things happening at this convention and we hope you will join us. Here is a list of what to expect:

- Sing With A Champ: This fun event is making it's return this year. Come join a bunch of our former District Champion quartet singers and sing a song or a tag with any of them you choose. It is a great way to sing with some of the people you have looked up to for years! This takes place Saturday morning at 9:30 am
- Illinois District Barber Pole Cat Program: Just like the old Society program just run here in our very own District. When you first join the program you will get a pin that was specifically designed for us so that you can brag to everyone that you are part of this new program. All you need to do is show up Saturday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 and sing 1 (or more) of the polecats from the polecat 1 book from memory. Once you have completed all of them you will get a 2<sup>nd</sup> pin. You DO NOT have to do all of them at this convention! We will run this program for multiple conventions so do a couple each year! You do not have to come with a quartet as we will have people there to fill in whatever part or parts you need. So come by yourself or come with friends, either is perfectly fine!
- SMAG Fest: Saturday Morning Anything Goes! Just as the name implies...ANYTHING GOES. Solos, duets, trios, quartets...more... singing or other??? There will be some "judges" who will pick a winner. Rumor has it they may be able to be bribed! Come enjoy the fun on Saturday morning at 10:30 am.
- Barbershop Dance Card: At registration you will receive a "Dance Card" with 12 lines on it. All you need to do is sing a tag or a song with 4 different 4-somes and have the others sign your card. Once you get 12 different signatures you will turn the card in at the Presidents Reception/QCA show for the chance to win a fabulous prize!



- 2 Classes: On Saturday morning we will be offering 2 different class for those who wish to attend. The first class is “Grant Writing and Building a Culture of Philanthropy in your Chapter.” This class will be at 9:30 am. The second class is “Organizing a Multi-Chapter Show” and this class will be at 10:30. Both those are working titles at the time of this writing.

The other big change is that the Chorus Contest will be Saturday afternoon and the Quartet Finals will be Saturday night. It is shaping up to be a really entertaining contest session!

I hope that you can see we are trying to bring the SINGING back to our Convention. We want the weekend to be more than just some contest sessions. We want to get back to why we all joined BHS in the first place...THE SINGING!

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ludwig  
President

Chapter visit summaries to follow-



## Coles County Chapter Visit

July 18, 2023

On Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> I have the pleasure of visiting the Coles County Chapter. They had about 20 singers in attendance and the average age was around 60 with a number of guys below the age of 50. This is a healthy chapter and very plugged into the District since they currently have 3 Board Members in their ranks including Doug Finkbiner, Jeff Bowyer and Leif Wildman. I was joined on my visit by our District Historian Rich Hansen.

The night started off with some work on “Down Our Way.” They are spending some time each week looking at the Polecats. They sang through it and then did a little bit of section work and came back and sang it again.

After the polecat they ran a couple rep songs and then into their contest tunes. Tim Woodall put them through their paces and the chorus is really sounding great!

After a short break I talked with the chorus about the upcoming convention, the Director School, the CSLT event after the first of the year, Harmony College Midwest and then reminded them that the Board is always willing to listen and help. We work for them! I opened it up for questions and there were a few, but nothing too out of the ordinary.

At the end of rehearsal I met with their Board and emphasized the fact that we are there to help. I thanked them for supporting the District and look forward to seeing them this fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ludwig



## Rockford Chapter Visit

7/31/23

On Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> I visited the Rockford Chapter. I wanted to make this visit personally because of some concerns that their Director, Nicole Adams, had raised with Carrie Marcotte. I thought it was important to show her and the chapter that we are listening and that we care.

The meeting consisted of 16 singers and the director. The average age was about 60 with a nice mix of young and old. The youngest being 17! They are a mixed chapter. They started with a short warm-up and then sang through a couple songs as they waited for a full complement of singers to arrive.

After a few songs I was asked to talk to the Chapter. My intent was to have a short discussion about what is going on in the District and that we are there to work for them. As you will see, this turned into a lengthy question and answer. We started with these topics:

Fall Convention

HCMW

Chorus Director Class

Chapter Officer Training

After the normal discussion I opened it up for questions. They had many comments and concerns.

- 1) Communication. Seems that they don't seem to get all the info from the District that they desire. We talked about the ways the District communicates and some of the challenges. We also try to come up with a couple of solutions that they can try at the Chapter level. I did assure them that we are working on the issues and should have them addressed shortly.
- 2) Contest. The chapter had a bad experience at contest a few years ago and have been hesitant about returning. We talked about all the great NON contest things



that are going to happen this year. I also told them that there are other ways they could participate in the Convention without having to worry about a score. I even offered an option of mic testing for the chorus contest. They seem interested in coming this fall.

- 3) They have felt neglected by the District and BHS. They were very appreciative that someone came and showed some interest in what is going on in Rockford.
- 4) Questions about BHS/HFI. For a chapter that has not really been plugged into the District they really seem to be very plugged into what is going on.

This small chapter is doing some really good things and seem to be struggling a little in some areas. I assured them that we are here to help. It was a pleasure to share the evening with them.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Ludwig, President





## Springfield Chapter Visit

7/25/23

I had the pleasure of visiting the Springfield Chapter on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal started at 7pm with 20 singers in attendance and an average age of about 60. After a warm-up they did a tag and had a couple quartets come out front and sing that tag.

They are lead by Patrick Claussen and I cannot say enough good things about him. He is incredibly organized and is very clear with the chorus about what they are going to work on. A very good director!

After some work on their contest songs I was asked to address the Chapter. We discussed a number of topics including:

Fall Convention and all of the changes

HCMW

Director School in August

Chapter Officer Training

I then fielded questions. Nothing too out of the ordinary. They are pretty plugged into what goes on in the District.

All in all a very enjoyable evening with my friends from Springfield. They are doing a lot of things right. The Chapter leadership is strong and they have good musical leadership. They face the same problems as most chapters and that is membership. President, John Rigg, and I are going to get together in the coming weeks to discuss a few ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Ludwig, President



I had the pleasure of meeting with the Chorus of DuPage on May 16th in Naperville.

It was great to see almost their entire rehearsal space full. They had 28 in attendance, and mentioned that they were missing 10-12 guys. At this time Raymond Schwarzkopf and Tom Kentish are tag-teaming the director responsibilities.

The chorus is all about having fun while making little changes and paying attention to the small things to improve. It was evident to me that night that the members have really grasped that mentality.

Their average age is 75 years old, but have started seeing some interest from younger (40-50s) guys. They do quite a bit of community performances and they contribute those events to the recent interest.

The members expressed a clear interest in attending the fall convention, as well as competing. They were very excited to hear that there will be more singing happening at the convention (especially the SMAG Fest). Their only suggestion for future conventions would be to have singing opportunities or classes available on Friday afternoon for those who may be interested.

Their annual Brat Bash is being held on June 13th (their 46th year!). The chorus will be creating a Facebook event and will make the District a contributor so we can share it.

At this time, the only request COD had was for the District to continue to be transparent with what is going on and why things may be changing. They love being apart of the Illinois District and are excited for the future.

Thanks,

Ben Dirks

ILL District EVP



Mike Isely and I had the opportunity to visit Chicago Metro's rehearsal on June 28th. They were very welcoming and appreciative of the board's effort to visit every chapter.

The average age of the chorus is approximately 75. This night in particular they had 12 members in attendance. They were only missing about 3-4. Chicago Metro is very focused on providing entertainment within their communities. Although they don't participate a lot in district events, they are aware of what is going on and appreciates our support.

There was talk of them possibly having a mixed quartet register for contest.

Thanks,

Ben and Mike



June 22, 2023

Ben and Carrie visited

15 members + 1 director (missing a few people)

Average age: between 12 and 80+?

1. This chorus has an energetic director and enthusiastic members. For 15 members, they sang with a really good sound. They sing a lot of polecats, but they also have a book of "Lamplighters" songs. They are a fairly localized chorus- singing in parades and at community events. They don't have much interaction with other choruses beyond the combined chapter holiday show, but they are very open to combined regional events.
2. Their main concern is growth. They are frustrated because they WANT to grow. They have tried ideas that they have read in The Harmonizer, but have found no success. They asked what help the district could provide. They are open to a Youth in Harmony festival but do not have the resources to host one themselves. They would be happy to combine with another chapter for such an event. They are also open to becoming a mixed chorus. Before the pandemic, they had 3 female singers who did not return afterward.
3. Ben asked them what their identity is. He shared some ideas from his mother's Sweet Adelines chorus. He encouraged them to utilize social media.
4. We spoke to them about convention changes. They are not interested in singing as a chorus, not even for eval only, but individuals may attend. Some individuals have attended in the past, as well.
5. Carrie spoke to them about the director workshop and their director has the date on his calendar but has not yet registered.
6. There was a brief discussion about updating leadership contact information. They have updated their info at the BHS member center, but the updated info has somehow not reached our district board.

Side note: a former member of the Kishwaukee chapter sings with this chorus. He has 2 ½ file cabinets worth of barbershop sheet music in storage. He has asked area high schools and colleges if they want it, but got no response. Carrie wondered if it could be brought to the convention for choruses and/or quartets to get "free music." She will follow up to see what their files are and if it would be worth bringing them to the convention.



## Elgin Chapter Visit

June 26, 2023

Carrie visited

14 members + 1 director (missing 1 member)

Average age: between 60-80+?

1. The Fox Valley Singers are a mixed barbershop chorus. They meet on Monday afternoons at 1 pm which makes it difficult to recruit new members, but this did not seem to be of great concern to them. The “vibe” of this group is a group of seniors who enjoy singing together, laughing, and joking around.
2. I didn’t hear too much about performances, but they do have a cabaret coming up on August 27th. From what I could gather, their performing is usually in the form of a combined concert such as the multi-chorus holiday show.
3. Because their cabaret is the same date as the director class, they will not be attending.
4. I spoke to them about convention changes. Their director, John, said he “really likes what they are hearing and seeing from the district.”

John, along with other chorus members, shared lots of ideas regarding the fall convention.

- John has attended the Beatles convention and wishes ours could have multiple choices for people, even during contest time like at the Beatles convention. They have a main stage, a second stage, a market place, etc. He said when he joined BHS in 2001, there used to be 20 quartets competing in IL and he got bored sometimes and wished there were other offerings he could do if he wanted to take a break from hearing the contests.
- Another suggestion was a “swap meet.” One guy has 25 straw hats that he’d like to offer to anyone who would like them. Choruses could bring props and /or costumes or memorabilia that others might want. Especially memorabilia. One member said, “when we die, our widows don’t want all of our barbershop stuff.” Lol.
- Another suggestion came from a guy who used to attend the convention years ago. He said they used to teach a song at the convention. He remembers learning In My Room at his first convention.

With all of these singing opportunities at this year’s convention, it did raise a question in my (Carrie’s) mind: will choruses have a time and a location to have a morning rehearsal before the 1 pm contest?



## Membership VP Report

Auguat4, 2023

By Doug Finkbiner

There are currently 26 active chapters in the Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society with a total membership of 591. Of those 26, Kishwaukee Valley, Rock Island and Decatur do not appear to be meeting.

I checked in on the Bureau County Chapter. John Swanson is serving as president for the Bureau County Chapter, which currently has an official membership of 11. They are trying to “hang in there,” but are pleased to have added two new members recently. The chapter is hosting a fundraiser in the park in the near future, which apparently draws very well.

I did not hear back from neither Kishwaukee nor Rock Island, I also did get a return call from Aurora.



## Illinois District Chapter Census

### August 4, 2023

| <b>Chapter</b>           | <b>Number of Active Members</b> | <b>Status</b>                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Champaign Urbana         | 0                               | Voluntary Dissolution of Charter |
| Chicago Metro            | 16                              | Active                           |
| Chicago No. 1            | 0                               | Charter Closed                   |
| Chicago Western Suburban | 52                              | Active                           |
| Coles County             | 31                              | Active                           |
| Collinsville             | 0                               | Charter Closed                   |
| Frank Thorn              | 16                              | Active                           |
| Danville                 | 33                              | Active                           |
| Decatur                  | 2                               | Active -                         |
| Peoria                   | 11                              | Active                           |
| Northbrook               | 64                              | Active                           |
| DuPage Valley            | 35                              | Active                           |
| Quincy                   | 0                               | Charter Closed                   |
| Elgin                    | 19                              | Active                           |
| Rock Island              | 1                               | Active                           |
| Rockford Metro           | 19                              | Active                           |
| Rockford                 | 18                              | Active                           |
| Arlington Heights        | 28                              | Active                           |
| Aurora                   | 13                              | Active                           |
| Sandoval                 | 0                               | Charter Closed                   |
| Belleville               | 24                              | Active                           |
| Bloomington              | 75                              | Active                           |
| Kankakee                 | 1                               | Voluntary Dissolution pending    |
| Kishwaukee Valley        | 1                               | Active                           |
| Bureau County            | 11                              | Active                           |
| Lake County              | 22                              | Active                           |
| Springfield              | 22                              | Active                           |
| Carbondale               | 13                              | Active                           |
| Macomb                   | 8                               | Active                           |
| Sterling Rock Falls      | 19                              | Active                           |
| Waterloo                 | 18                              | Active                           |
| Will-Cook                | 17                              | Active                           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>591 Active Members</b>       | <b>26 Active Charters</b>        |



## Music & Performance

Planning for HCM 2024 is off and running. We have Debbie Cleveland lined up as the guest clinician, 2023 Champs Midtown as our featured quartet, and many other great faculty that we are currently lining up. HCM will be February 16-17 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington again this year. After last year's great turnout, we are looking for even more ways to reach out to our Illinois members, as well as members from nearby districts. We are working hard to balance a budget and find the right blend between making the event affordable so many can come, but also working toward breaking even on the event. These two things can be tough to balance, but we are doing our best.

Thanks  
Tim





## 2023-08-13 IL District Marketing &amp; Publicity Report

Submitted by Joe Gurreri, VP Marketing &amp; Publicity

- CONVENTION Convention updates completed - distributed via Facebook and website notifications
- MAILCHIMP SUPPORT - New support for email blasts to be more responsive via [Mark Leverett](#) thanks to Terry's recruiting . We're still working on logistics and access.
- WEBSITE REWRITE - As a reminder, we are revamping the entire website primarily for data management, ease of use, and quicker updates. This also requires a new look because of the new technical platform.

- MOCK UP OF REFRESHED SITE

Here's a link: just look at it; don't download it. It's a very large file; This is only preliminary, and provided to you as a concept. We're making several changes. [IDO Mockup 2023-08-01.pdf](#)

- Website update from Glenn Mills, Project Manager, Website Rewrite

**Website Update 8/1/23 - submitted by [Glenn Mills](#)**

1. We finished reviewing the snapshot of the website, and added comments on changes needed for the new site.
2. During that review, we noted some outdated information on the current site. We sent updated info for the following:
  - a. Expense form
  - b. Society representation history
  - c. IDEA donation button(runs through district PayPal)
  - d. District policies
  - e. Awards info: current categories & past winners
  - f. Current governing board & Ops team
  - g. Quartet & chorus data (download file from BHS)
3. We still need to obtain the following:
  - a. QCA updates (from Joe Sullivan) [RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED]
  - b. Chorus contest & quartet contest rules (from Jeff Lathom)
  - c. Society bylaws (from Jeff Lathom)
  - d. Updated photos (from Jim Ferrier)



4. We might be better off migrating the content we currently have to the new site, since time is short. We wanted all content updated first, but may need to move on.
5. Prior to the board Zoom, I hope to get an estimate of when the new site will be done, and our review deadlines/steps, from Magic Blue Box.

- IDEA button

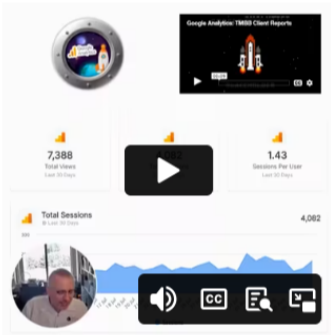
- Leif is making the financial recommendation and we requested he and IDEA come to a decision and provide us with the URL link we can add a a 'donatem button' on the revised website



• WEBSITE STATISTICS



Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society Report  
July 1st, 2023 - July 31st, 2023



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⌕ Last Month



**537**

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⌕ Last Month



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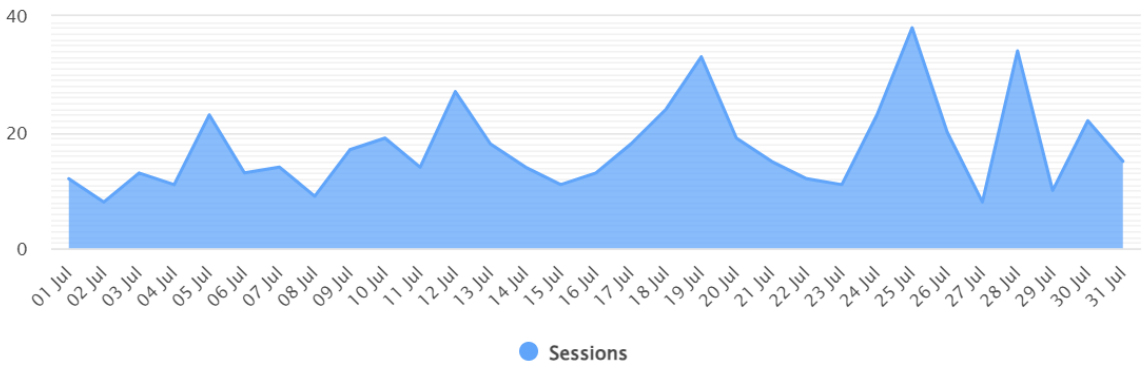
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⊕ Last Month



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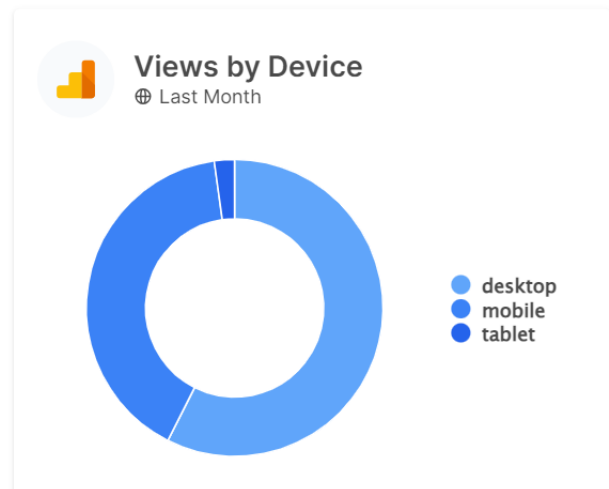
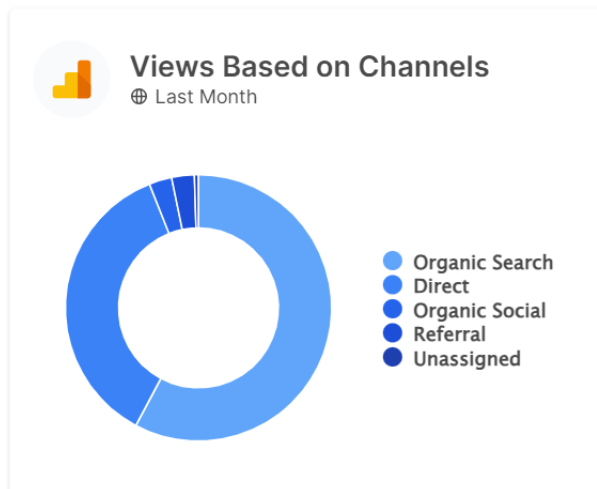
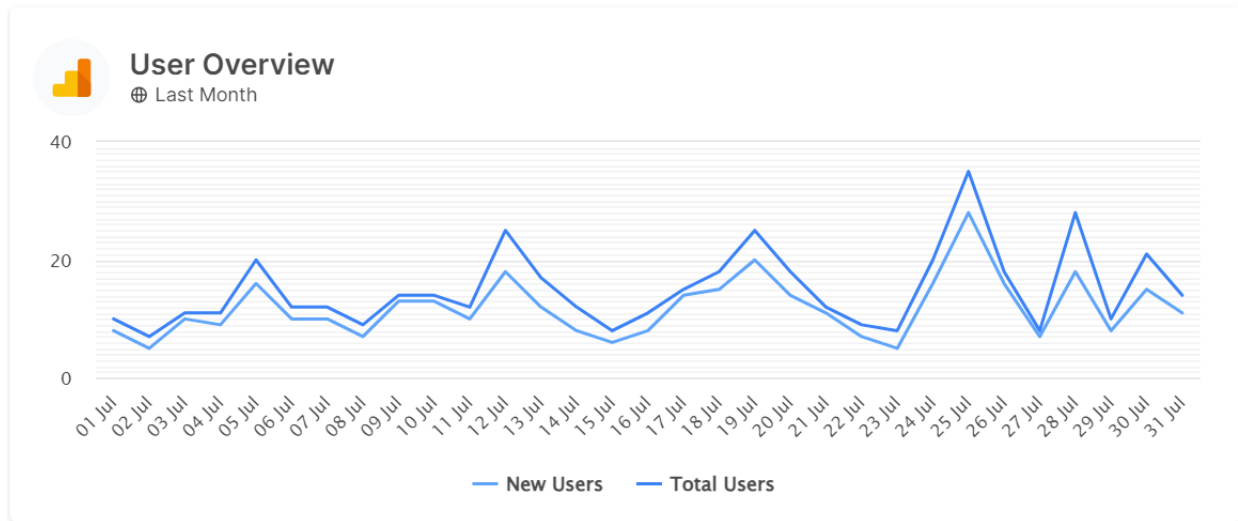
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| Illinois District Fall Convention - Th... | 130   |  |
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| Quartet Champions - The Illinois Di       | 95    |  |
|   | 1,635 |  |

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| Chapter Directory - The Illinois Dist...   | 49    |
| Upcoming Events › Convention › – ...       | 35    |
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### Breakdown by City

🌐 Last Month

| City         | Views        | Sessions   | Total Users |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Chicago      | 198          | 55         | 43          |
| Addison      | 144          | 8          | 1           |
| Aurora       | 84           | 14         | 3           |
| (not set)    | 79           | 39         | 35          |
|              | 45           | 6          | 4           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,635</b> | <b>537</b> | <b>399</b>  |



| City              | Views | ▼ Sessions | Total Users |
|-------------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| (not set)         | 79    | 39         | 35          |
| Joliet            | 45    | 6          | 4           |
| Rockford          | 42    | 14         | 8           |
| Dubuque           | 37    | 5          | 4           |
| Arlington Heights | 27    | 10         | 3           |

| City              | Views | ▼ Sessions | Total Users |
|-------------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Arlington Heights | 27    | 10         | 3           |
| Carbondale        | 27    | 3          | 3           |
| Elgin             | 25    | 6          | 3           |
| Columbus          | 22    | 22         | 22          |
| Round Lake        | 22    | 5          | 2           |

| City        | Views | ▼ Sessions | Total Users |
|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Springfield | 22    | 4          | 3           |
| Decatur     | 21    | 2          | 1           |
| Lombard     | 20    | 5          | 3           |
| Palatine    | 20    | 6          | 5           |
| Oregon      | 17    | 1          | 1           |



- **VENDOR CHANGE - Magic Blue Box organization and EIN changes / need to reset auto-pay**

- **The Magic Blue Box email**

Over the past two months, we've been working on a big transition. But we're done now, have hit the ground running, and are ready to share the news: We are no longer operating under the umbrella of Tentac Enterprises. We are now a completely independent entity, The Magic Blue Box, LLC.

This transition marks a new chapter in The Magic Blue Box story! We'll continue to offer you new and effective ways to grow your business. Moving forward, we'll be focusing on innovation, building our relationship, and ultimately providing an even higher level of value to you!

What impact will this change have on you today?

Not much. We'll still be providing you the services you're expecting. Our contact information remains the same, so you can continue to reach us how you always have.

The most immediate change you'll notice will be your invoice. It will look different and have a **different mailing address. If you were previously using auto-pay, you'll need to set that back up. We have a new EIN number as well, so if you need a new W-9** for your accounting team, we'll make sure you get that.

We have some exciting new things in the pipeline, which we'll be sharing with you in the near future!

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Illinois District Association of Chapters  
District Board Meeting

Fall Convention panel has been set and travel arrangements are being worked on.

Illinois District Panel for Fall 2023 are:

- Jon Kready
- Don Fuson
- Ryan Wisniewski
- Benjamin Shively
- Bill Hawken
- Jeramiah Pope
- Kevin Keller
- Mo Field

The Dubuque, IA chapter has requested to sing at our Fall Convention, and I have approved this with the CSD DRCJ. I don't know the exact number of members, but I would expect that this should add another 25-50 registrations.

I am sending out an email to the district looking for Judging candidates. We will see if we get any replies. However, we do have 3 members who I believe will be applying.

- Jeff Lathom – ADM
- Pat Clausen – ADM
- Tyler Leibengood - MUS

The following dates have been confirmed with Steve Armstrong for our 2024-25 conventions:

- 2024 – 9/27-28
- 2025 – 9/26/27

Jeff Lathom,  
Illinois District DRCJ



## Events report

August 13, 2023

Jeff Bowyer VP-Events

### Future dates and locations

#### ***Fall 2023 District Convention***

**Sept. 22 - 23 2023**

**DoubleTree Hotel:** will serve as the Headquarters Hotel

**2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church:** 404 N Prairie Bloomington will be the location for the Quartet semi-finals Friday evening.

**BCPA:** will be the location for the Quartet Finals and Chorus Finals Saturday.

#### ***Harmony College Midwest 2024***

**Feb 16 - 18 2024**

**DoubleTree Hotel:** All classes will be held in the DoubleTree Hotel Convention area. Contracts are signed.

#### ***Fall 2024 District Convention***

**Sept. 27 - 28 2024**

##### **Head Quarters Hotel:**

DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Holiday Inn Bloomington: Proposal has been requested for consideration.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested for consideration (multiple locations). One location has requested an alternate date (this will be considered). .

##### **Contest location:**

BCPA: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Heartland College: Proposal has been requested.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested.

#### ***Fall 2025 District Convention***

**Sept. 26 - 27 2025**

DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Holiday Inn Bloomington: Proposal has been requested for consideration.



Springfield: Proposals have been requested for consideration (multiple locations).

**Contest location:**

BCPA: Proposal in hand for consideration.

Heartland College: Proposal has been requested.

Springfield: Proposals have been requested.

## **IDEA Trustees Meeting**

June 19, 2023

### **I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM via ZOOM by Executive Director B.Cearnal.

Trustees present: R. Hansen, B. Squires, E. Holtz and E. Meseth (via phone).

Guest: Past President Jim Waldorf.

### **II. Additional Agenda Items**

There were no additional items offered.

### **III. Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the Trustees meeting of September 16, 2022, and electronic business conducted in March of 2023, relative to the topic of Trustee recusal. There were two editorial corrections: a. the paragraph titled "2020 IDEA Grant" would be better titled "Covid IDEA Grant" for specificity and b. that the adjournment paragraph should be moved to just before Electronic Business. With those changes the report was accepted on a motion by R. Hansen and second by B. Squires.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Holtz reported that as of June 7, 2023, the fund had recovered from a downturn and now is valued at \$157,863.32. The report was received on a motion by B. Squires and second by R. Hansen. Other items from the Treasurer had been moved to the Business Items below.

### **V. Business Items**

A. Grant request from Center Ring for \$1000 to defray costs of representing the Illinois District at the upcoming International Convention. (This item had been previously moved by R. Hansen and seconded by B. Squires and now released for discussion.)

Trustee Emeritus J. Sullivan wrote that, in his view, IDEA should only fund educational requests and subsidize International bound quartets. B.Cearnal pointed out that our Procedures Manual does, in fact, allow for a variety of fundings for quartets including International support.

Other Trustees suggested that quartets should take the initiative to self-fund and not rely on IDEA. Quartets traditionally have earned money by appearing on Chapter shows and providing entertainment for non-barbershop functions.

E. Meseth pointed out that best practices regarding distributions from endowments should not exceed 5%–6% of the total funds available. E. Holtz reminded Trustees that we have already expended \$4500 in the first 6 months of 2023 (\$2500 for Mt. Zion HS, \$500 for Chicago Metro Chapter, \$1500 for Harmony College Midwest).

After discussion, Hansen and Squires were willing to change their motion so that the grant for Center Ring should be \$500, matching that offered by the Illinois District. This amended motion passed 3:1.

**B. Should there be a donation button on the District's website?**

This idea had been brought up in previous meetings. R. Hansen said that the "button" project might be worth pursuing, since: a. many people simply don't carry cash with them so that impromptu solicitations might not be worthwhile; b. most people now carry credit or debit cards and a "button" for donations would be more attractive.

E. Holtz said he had investigated the cost of a donation "button" and found that there would be a \$100 setup fee, a \$10/month maintenance fee and a minimum charge of 2.9% + \$.03/donation.

Consensus of Trustees was that, for now, the level of contributions do not justify this expenditure. However, emerging from the discussion was the need for IDEA to become more proactive by, for instance, composing a donation letter to the Illinois District. Toward that end, B. Cearnal proposed formation an IDEA Promotion Committee; R. Hansen and J. Waldorf volunteered their services.

**C. Do Trustees need to recuse themselves for YIH request?**

E. Meseth responded that according to the policy recently adopted, a Trustee may solicit funding for projects and take part in discussions and should recuse himself from the vote if he, in any way, would benefit from the project. A Trustee should ask himself, "Am I unbiased in rendering a decision?" If the answer is "no," then the Trustee should recuse himself.

**D. R. Hansen's 5-year term expires this year.**

Trustee Hansen announced his intent to resign from the IDEA Board of Trustees at the end of this calendar year. He cited his teaching commitment at Mt. Zion HS and his wish to devote more time to the Illinois District Quartet Champions Association. B. Cearnal thanked him for his devoted service to IDEA and all Trustees wished him well. As is customary, a retiring Trustee has the privilege of nominating a replacement and Hansen suggested that Past President Jim Waldorf be brought before the Illinois District Executive Committee by Executive Director Cearnal and, should they approve, be moved for a vote by the Illinois District House of Delegates.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Trustees will take place on the Friday morning of the Fall Illinois District Convention weekend, tentatively in DP Terry Ludwig's hotel room.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by E. Holtz and second by E. Meseth.



The fund's value at 9/8/23 was \$158,252.60. The fund has distributed this year \$2500 to Mt Zion HS, \$1500 to Harmony College Midwest, \$500 to Chicago Metro Chorus and \$500 to Center Ring Quartet. The fund received donations totaling \$872 and raised cash by selling \$3000 of stock.

Earl Holtz  
Treasurer

**YIH REPORT – 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Bloomington, Coles County, Fox Lake, and Springfield are all planning to have a festival this fall. Selected dates are...

- Springfield – 10/3/23
- Coles County – 10/16/23
- Fox Lake – 10/21/23
- Bloomington – 10/26/23

I have been contacted by Springfield and Coles County for financial assistance. Fox Lake to my understanding is still in the process of planning the event. They have asked for assistance in the past so I assume I will hear from them later. Bloomington will also be seeking help as well.

No word from Sterling Rock Falls or West Towns.

My goal of starting an all-District Harmony Camp is on the back burner. The last Camp to take place was SUN's which was right before International. It was the lowest attended Camp to date and was almost cancelled. Which has been the trend so far this year with other camps. CAR's Harmony Explosion which is it notoriously a week after International was cancelled for lack of purchased registrations. It is my opinion that we continue to support our individual festivals and I will continue to watch how other districts are performing in the youth camp area. Right now, it seems like a dying business so to speak, and our efforts and money would be better focused on making fall convention(s) profitable.



## IL District Chorus Director Development report 7.20.23

Greetings all,

Here is the Chorus Director Development report for 7.20.23

To date, we have 12 registrants for the Director Workshop on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$25 per person. Joe Cerutti's workshop fee is \$200 and the rental of the space is \$200 (discounted from \$300). I have asked Joe Gurreri to send an email blast around Aug. 1 for one last push for attendance.

Attendees were asked to fill out a google form to determine topics discussed. There is a tie for first place: Maintaining Tonal Center; Planning Successful Rehearsals; Repertoire Selection; Assessing skill/will of a singer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Marcotte





As was mentioned by Terry during the last meeting at the end of May, Land of Lakes District is holding an in-person Leadership summit. The event will be at the University of Wisconsin in River Falls, WI in early January. Mike Letka who was last year's Leadership Summit committee is no longer handling the Leadership program.

If we as a District we want an in person summit the cost would go up for both the district and participants, The summit would still be offered on Zoom or another virtual platform. All in-person materials would need to be offered to virtual participants. In my humble opinion this event would require much more time and effort to plan and execute

There is a budget to send a few Illinois District chapter leaders to the LOL leadership Summit for those who have the time to travel to River Falls, WI.

In a discussion with Terry, I suggested we have a virtual Illinois District summit in early January 2024.

Terry and I feel we have the qualified SMEs for

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

What other topics we should cover?

Who would you recommend lead your suggested topic?

Each session would be at a different time and possibly a different date to avoid the need for breakout rooms. We would create worksheets and other materials for the participants to have a more hands-on experience. We will invite experienced SME's for each topic. Create an interactive summit with content that is specific to the Illinois district.

Last year there were some chapters that did not have board members for 2023 in place in early January. We can possibly have the event later in the year or we can be diligent in reminding the chapter leaders that having a board in place Jan 1 is a BHS chapter rule.

Harmoniously yours,  
John Q  
Illinois District BHS  
Chapter Support Leadership Training



### DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – FALL 2023

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
  - **Buzz Haeger Judging Materials returned to the archives by Kevin Keller**
  - **Photo of The Arlingtones with Ed Wilson from 4/12/69 Show by Elmer Sweet**
  - **Misc. music from the Springfield Chapter**
  - **Old *Harmonizers*, *Attacks & Releases*, and misc. recordings by Frank Fabian**
  - **Misc. pictures & recordings by Bob Squires**
  - **Replica gold/silver/bronze Int'l display medals by an "Anonymous Friend"**
  - **"Gold Coast Four" (1964 District Champs) materials and history by Tom Noble**
- Rich purchased 2 new thumbdrives, magazine and album display racks, ribbons for new replica medals, and a special VHS to DVD/MP3 device to aid in digitizing materials from the archives. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.
- Within the archives, there have been found some extra SMAG medals and materials for award certificates, extra trophy replacement pieces, etc. Those materials have been turned over to Doug Ferrier, Awards Chairman
- Rich has been working with Dan Woodman (webmaster) on the issues of "From the Vault", a quarterly electronic newsletter containing photos, audio, and video of items from the archives for the membership to enjoy. These can be accessed via the district website.
- Rich and Joe Guerreri continue to digitize some documents and photos of artifacts that can be pushed out to the members electronically as part of social media announcements.
- As always, Rich would gladly take any materials that members or their families may have related to district history to add to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Hansen  
Illinois District Historian (2019-present)  
Past District President (2015-2016)



## Awards Committee Update – August 13, 2023

(submitted by Doug Ferrier, 2023 Awards Committee Chairman)

### Current Awards Committee: Roles

**Doug Ferrier** (Chairman), **Steve Davis** (ABE), **Rich Hansen** (High School/Next Gen), and **Jeff Lathom** (Contest & Judging).

### Activities

- **Outreach:** Presented 2022 Illinois State Champion plaques (H.S. Mixed Quartet, and H.S. Girls Quartet) to Mt. Zion High School at the Acapalooza Event in May 2023. The plaques will remain with the school (outreach/marketing). Perpetual trophies (*see photo*) will be returned at fall convention and be awarded to the new champions.
- **Archives:** Updated the Master Spreadsheet of Award Recipients (through 2022): [See next attachment]
- **Website:** Awards team edits submitted to website team (April)
- **2023 Awards Ordered:** 2023 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place pins for each voice part (Jeff placed order with BHS)
- **2022 Engraving Completed:** Rush Wyman Chorus Trophy, Mixed Quartet Trophy, HS Men's Quartet Trophy, HS Mixed Quartet Trophy, Ed Wilson, Sol Gamis (still need to confirm Gene McNish Small Chorus Trophy – Doug will check with Lake County)



### In Progress

- **ABE Award:** Solicitation for the 2023 recipient is in progress. Nominations close next week.
- **Ed Wilson, Sol Gamis, Charles Hecking Awards:** Google Forms will be created and sent to the presidents of each chapter by Aug. 22.
- **2023 Awards (Doug will place the order Aug. 15)**
  - Men's Quartet Champion
  - Sr. Quartet Champion
  - Mixed Quartet Champion
  - Novice Quartet Champion
  - H.S. Men's Quartet Champion
  - H.S. Mixed Quartet Champion

### Other Award Needs

- Award for Barbershopping Excellence (A.B.E.) – We need to order a personal recognition item for recipients (our final clock is being awarded in the Fall of 2023). This can be done after convention.
- Women's Chorus Trophy
- Women's Quartet Trophy

### Since 2021 Fall Convention

#### New trophies created (*looking for sponsors*)

- **High School Women's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in 2017. Trophy created April 2022
- **High School Mixed Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in 2019. Trophy created April 2022 – displayed for the first time at the Mt. Zion HS 25th Anniversary Acapalooza.



- **Adult Men's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. Trophy created Sept. 2022.

#### **Repurposed trophy**

- **Mixed Harmony Chorus** – Category created in May 2019. The retired Frank Thorne Award (% of chapter members registered for contest created by Dickie Johnson which was retired in 2019) will now become the Mixed Chorus Champion Trophy. We already have two winners (Arlington Heights – 2021, Rockford Metro – 2019)

#### **Trophies not yet created (*looking for sponsors*)**

- **Adult Women's Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.
- **Adult Women's Chorus Quartet Champion Trophy** – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.

#### **Medals replace most plaques**

In most instances, medals will replace plaques in all quartet champion categories, as it

- 1) Allows for immediate recognition at the Illinois District convention (medals will be hung over the trophies, similar to IHSA state sporting events), and
- 2) It is cost-efficient for the Illinois District to do so.

Exceptions (this will be reevaluated in 2023):

- 1 plaque for the High School Men's Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)
- 1 plaque for the High School Women's Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)
- 1 plaque for the High School Mixed Quartet Champion (to be given to the school)

Reasoning: This can be permanently displayed at the school in display cases (similar to other IHSA awards), recognize singers, instill school pride, add incentive for others to compete, and be a constant reminder of our artform to students in the school. (up to 3 plaques each year)

#### **Certificates are given for the following awards:**

- Large Chorus Champion (1 certificate)
- Gene McNish Small Chorus Award (1 certificate)
- Most Improved Chorus (1 certificate)
- Ed Wilson – Quartet Service Award (4 certificates)
- Sol Gamis – Quartet \$\$ Contributions (4 certificates)
- Charles Hecking – Chorus \$\$ Contributions (1 certificate)
- Plateau Awards 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A

#### **Google Forms**

Beginning in 2022, we simplified the nomination process for most awards using Google Forms: Ed Wilson Quartet Service Award, Sol Gamis Quartet Charitable Contribution Award, Charles Hecking Chorus Charitable Contribution Award, and the ABE award.

**Appendix**

## Award Resources:

- District Quartet Champ Lapel Pins - [Lapel Pins - Barbershop Harmony Society](#)
  - Champion Medals - [Fusion Custom Medal - Gem Awards](#)
  - Trophies/Plaques/Engraving - [B & B Awards and Recognition \(b-bawards.com\)](#)
- ABE Clocks (one more clock available for 2023) - <https://www.dinntrophy.com/>

**Award Inventory** (@ Doug Ferrier's House 309.531.4676)

| Photo | Award  | Qty        |
|-------|--|------------|
|       | QCA Music Man Award (Medallion)              | 2 (in box) |
|       | Saturday Morning Anything Goes (Medal)       | 150+       |
|       | Women's Quartet Champion (Medal)             | 4          |
|       | High School Women's Quartet Champion (Medal) | 4          |
|       | Next Generation (NextGen) Champion (Medal)   | 4          |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | George Peters<br>Senior Quartet | Quartet Members   | Sol Gamis                     | Charles Hecking                              |
|------|------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
|      |            | Trophy - 4 plaques              |   | Display Trophy - 4 plaques    | Display Trophy - 4 plaques                   |
|      |            |                                 |   |                               |  |
| 2022 | Fall       | None                            | None  | Abeline Paradox<br>Northbrook | None   |
| 2021 | Fall       | Abilene Paradox                 | Michael Schnitzler, Joe Gurreri,<br>Brandon Tanner, Glenn Mills<br>Northbrook, Frank Thorne | Take Note<br>Northbrook       | None   |
| 2019 | Fall       | Upside Downers                  |   | Take Note<br>Northbrook       | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County (2018) |
| 2018 | Fall       | Flashback                       |   | Take Note<br>Northbrook       | Coles County (2017)                          |
| 2017 | Fall       | Friends                         |   | Take Note<br>Northbrook       | Coles County (2016)                          |
| 2016 | Fall       | Tinnitus                        |   | The Committee<br>Bloomington  | Coles County (2015)                          |
| 2015 | Fall       | Cruise Control                  |   | Take Note<br>Northbrook       | Coles County (2014)                          |
| 2014 | Fall       | Tribute                         |   | Awarded in Spring             | Awarded in Spring                            |
| 2014 | Spring     | Take Note                       |   | Take Note (2013)              | Coles County (2013)                          |
| 2013 | Fall       |                                 |   |                               |  |
| 2013 | Spring     | Varsity                         |   | Take Note (2012)              | Coles County (2012)                          |
| 2012 | Fall       |                                 |   |                               |  |
| 2012 | Spring     | Fox Sounds                      |   | Gadzooks (2011)               | Coles County (2011)                          |
| 2011 | Fall       |                                 |   |                               |  |
| 2011 | Spring     | Gadzooks                        |   | Gadzooks (2010)               | Coles County 2010)                           |
| 2010 | Fall       |                                 |   |                               |  |
| 2010 | Spring     | SRQ                             |   | Gadzooks (2009)               | Coles County (2009)                          |
| 2009 | Fall       |                                 |   |                               |  |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | George Peters<br>Senior Quartet | Quartet Members | Sol Gamis                | Charles Hecking      |
|------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2009 | Spring     | Chordplay                       |                 | Gadzooks (2008)          | Coles County (2008)  |
| 2008 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2008 | Spring     | Crosstown Connection            |                 | Gadzooks (2007)          | Coles County (2007)  |
| 2007 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2007 | Spring     | Shed Potatoes & Gravy           |                 | Gadzooks (2006)          | Chicago Metro (2006) |
| 2006 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2006 | Spring     | Chicago Times                   |                 | Gadzooks (2005)          |                      |
| 2005 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2005 | Spring     | Talismen                        |                 | C-U Swing (2004)         |                      |
| 2004 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2004 | Spring     | Savoir Four                     |                 | Last Call ! (2003)       |                      |
| 2003 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2003 | Spring     | Savoir Four                     |                 | Last Call ! (2002)       |                      |
| 2002 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2002 | Spring     | Gym Class                       |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (2001) |                      |
| 2001 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2001 | Spring     | Chicago Shuffle                 |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (2000) |                      |
| 2000 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 2000 | Spring     | Chicago Shuffle                 |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud(1999)  | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1999 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1999 | Spring     | Chicago Shuffle                 |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1998) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1998 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1998 | Spring     | Chicago Shuffle                 |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1997) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1997 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1997 | Spring     | Mellow Fellows                  |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1996) | Q-Suburban           |
| 1996 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1996 | Spring     | The Jordanares                  |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1995) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1995 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1995 | Spring     | County Reclamation Project      |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1994) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1994 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1994 | Spring     | Forget Me Notes                 |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1993) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1993 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1993 | Spring     | God Time Harmony Four           |                 | 4 Crying Out Loud (1992) | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1992 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |
| 1992 | Spring     | Grandfather's Clock             |                 | Antiques(1991)           | Kishwaukee Valley    |
| 1991 | Fall       |                                 |                 |                          |                      |

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| YEAR | CONVENTION | George Peters<br>Senior Quartet | Quartet Members | Sol Gamis | Charles Hecking |
|------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
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|      |            |                                 |                 |           |                 |
| 1968 | Spring     |                                 |                 |           |                 |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | Gene McNish Small Chrous              | Mixed Harmony Chorus                 | Most Improved Chorus                           | Most Ent Chorus 1                              |
|------|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|      |            | Display Trophy - 1 plaque             | no trophy - 1 plaque                 | no trophy - 1 plaque                           | discontinued in 2022                           |
|      |            |                                       |                                      |  |  |
| 2022 | Fall       | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County | None                                 | Land of Lincoln<br>Lincoln                     |  |
| 2021 | Fall       | Chorus of Dupage<br>Dupage Valley     | Arlingtones<br>Arlington Heights     | Chorus of Dupage<br>Dupage Valley              | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2019 | Fall       | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville       | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro | Rock River Valley<br>Sterling/Rock Falls       | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2018 | Fall       | None                                  |                                      | New Tradition<br>Notrthbrook                   | New Tradition<br>Notrthbrook                   |
| 2017 | Fall       | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville       |                                      | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County          | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2016 | Fall       | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |                                      | West Towns Chorus<br>Chicagoland West Suburban | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2015 | Fall       | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro  |                                      | DuPage Valley Chapter<br>Chorus of DuPage      | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2014 | Fall       | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro  |                                      | Elgin Chapter<br>Fox Valley Men of Harmony     | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2014 | Spring     | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |                                      |  | Contest moved to Fall                          |
| 2013 | Fall       |                                       |                                      |  | Contest not held                               |
| 2013 | Spring     | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |                                      |  | Contest not held                               |
| 2012 | Fall       |                                       |                                      |  | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2012 | Spring     | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |                                      |  |  |
| 2011 | Fall       |                                       |                                      |  |  |
| 2011 | Spring     | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro  |                                      |  |  |
| 2010 | Fall       |                                       |                                      |  | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington               |
| 2010 | Spring     | Greater Rockford                      |                                      |  |  |
| 2009 | Fall       |                                       |                                      |  | West Towns Chorus<br>Chicagoland West Suburban |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | Gene McNish Small Chrous             | Mixed Harmony Chorus | Most Improved Chorus | Most Ent Chorus 1                |
|------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2009 | Spring     | Greater Rockford                     |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2008 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington |
| 2008 | Spring     | Aurora                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2007 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      | New Tradition<br>Notrthbrook     |
| 2007 | Spring     | Bureau County                        |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2006 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2006 | Spring     | Macomb                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2005 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2005 | Spring     | Decatur                              |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2004 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2004 | Spring     | Aurora                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2003 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2003 | Spring     | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2002 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2002 | Spring     | Macomb                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2001 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2001 | Spring     | Champaign-Urbana                     |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2000 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 2000 | Spring     | West Peoria Metro                    |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1999 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1999 | Spring     | Aurora                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1998 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1998 | Spring     | Quincy                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1997 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1997 | Spring     | Decatur                              |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1996 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1996 | Spring     | Quincy                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1995 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1995 | Spring     | Belleville                           |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1994 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1994 | Spring     | Macomb                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1993 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1993 | Spring     | Joliet                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1992 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1992 | Spring     | Macomb                               |                      |                      |                                  |
| 1991 | Fall       |                                      |                      |                      |                                  |

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| YEAR | CONVENTION | Most Ent Chorus 2   | Frank Thorne                          |
|------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|      |            | discontinued in 2022  | discontinued in 2019                  |
|      |            |   |                                       |
| 2022 | Fall       |   |                                       |
| 2021 | Fall       | Chorus of Dupage<br>Dupage Valley   |                                       |
| 2019 | Fall       | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro  |                                       |
| 2018 | Fall       | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville   | Coles County Chorus<br>Coles County   |
| 2017 | Fall       | New Tradition<br>Notrthbrook  | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2016 | Fall       | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville<br>Coles County Chorus<br>Coles County<br>(tie) | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2015 | Fall       | West Towns Chorus<br>Chicagoland West Suburban                                  | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2014 | Fall       | Second City Chorus<br>Rockford Metro  | Coles County Chorus<br>Coles County   |
| 2014 | Spring     | Contest moved to Fall   | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2013 | Fall       | Contest not held  | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville       |
| 2013 | Spring     | Contest not held  | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2012 | Fall       | Coles County Chorus<br>Coles County   | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2012 | Spring     |   | Joliet/South Cook                     |
| 2011 | Fall       |   | Sound of Illinois<br>Bloomington      |
| 2011 | Spring     |   | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville       |
| 2010 | Fall       | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County   | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County |
| 2010 | Spring     |   |                                       |
| 2009 | Fall       | Brotherhood of Harmony<br>Lake County   |                                       |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | Most Ent Chorus 2                   | Frank Thorne |
|------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2009 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2008 | Fall       | Sounds of Harmony<br>Belleville     |              |
| 2008 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2007 | Fall       | Coles County Chorus<br>Coles County |              |
| 2007 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2006 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2006 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2005 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2005 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2004 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2004 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2003 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2003 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2002 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2002 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2001 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2001 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 2000 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 2000 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1999 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1999 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1998 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1998 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1997 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1997 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1996 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1996 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1995 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1995 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1994 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1994 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1993 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1993 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1992 | Fall       |                                     |              |
| 1992 | Spring     |                                     |              |
| 1991 | Fall       |                                     |              |

| YEAR | CONVENTION | Most Ent Chorus 2 | Frank Thorne  |
|------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
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| 1968 | Spring     |                   | S.W. Suburban |

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**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget 2024 Overview**  
January through December 2024

|                                 | Total Board<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total CDWI<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total CSLT Program<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total Fall Convention<br>Jan - Dec 24 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense         |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Income                          |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5100 Event Income               |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| 5210 District Dues              |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5310 Interest Income            |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 5800 Special Events Revenue     |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Total Income                    |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| Gross Profit                    |                             | 1,000.00                   |                                    | 13,200.00                             |
| Expense                         |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7020 Donations to Other Orgs    |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7030 Support                    |                             |                            |                                    |                                       |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses |                             |                            |                                    | 9,050.00                              |
| 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses      | 300.00                      |                            |                                    | 1,850.00                              |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   |                             |                            |                                    | 3,675.00                              |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 3,450.00                    |                            |                                    | 5,500.00                              |
| 8400 Education Programs         |                             | 2,000.00                   | 2,500.00                           | 1,500.00                              |
| 8500 Other Expenses             | 100.00                      |                            |                                    |                                       |
| Total Expense                   | 3,850.00                    | 2,000.00                   | 2,500.00                           | 21,575.00                             |
| Net Ordinary Income             | -3,850.00                   | -1,000.00                  | -2,500.00                          | -8,375.00                             |
| Net Income                      | -3,850.00                   | -1,000.00                  | -2,500.00                          | -8,375.00                             |



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**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget 2024 Overview**  
 January through December 2024

|                                 | Total HCMW<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total MISC<br>Jan - Dec 24 | Total YIH<br>Jan - Dec 24 | TOTAL<br>Jan - Dec 24 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>  |                            |                            |                           |                       |
| <b>Income</b>                   |                            |                            |                           |                       |
| 5100 Event Income               | 13,100.00                  |                            |                           | 27,300.00             |
| 5210 District Dues              |                            | 18,000.00                  |                           | 18,000.00             |
| 5310 Interest Income            |                            | 2,100.00                   |                           | 2,100.00              |
| 5800 Special Events Revenue     |                            | 500.00                     |                           | 500.00                |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | 13,100.00                  | 20,600.00                  |                           | 47,900.00             |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>             | 13,100.00                  | 20,600.00                  |                           | 47,900.00             |
| <b>Expense</b>                  |                            |                            |                           |                       |
| 7020 Donations to Other Orgs    |                            | 500.00                     |                           | 500.00                |
| 7030 Support                    |                            | 3,500.00                   |                           | 3,500.00              |
| 7500 Contract Services Expenses | 3,900.00                   |                            |                           | 12,950.00             |
| 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses      |                            | 50.00                      |                           | 2,200.00              |
| 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp   | 2,000.00                   | 1,100.00                   |                           | 6,775.00              |
| 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses | 7,500.00                   |                            |                           | 16,450.00             |
| 8400 Education Programs         |                            |                            | 5,300.00                  | 11,300.00             |
| 8500 Other Expenses             | 200.00                     | 1,188.00                   |                           | 1,488.00              |
| <b>Total Expense</b>            | 13,600.00                  | 6,338.00                   | 5,300.00                  | 55,163.00             |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>      | -500.00                    | 14,262.00                  | -5,300.00                 | -7,263.00             |
| <b>Net Income</b>               | <b>-500.00</b>             | <b>14,262.00</b>           | <b>-5,300.00</b>          | <b>-7,263.00</b>      |

**the Illinois District**  
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



*a state of close harmony*

Spring 2023 House of Delegates Meeting

16-Apr-2023 7:00PM

## **Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.**

### **House of Delegates**

Apr 2023

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:** Via Zoom

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Called to order:** 7:04 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 43.
  - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 18 present we have 42%, quorum established.
  - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
  - (see above)
3. Welcome – Terry Ludwig
4. Approve Agenda – Terry Ludwig
  - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022) – Mike Isely
  - **Motion:**
    - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2022 HOD Minutes**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



Spring 2023 House of Delegates Meeting

16-Apr-2023 7:00PM

6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

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

- ♦ Music and Performance Report [Attachment: “02a-Report\_MusicAndPerf.pdf”]
- ♦ Chapter Support and Leadership Training Report [Attachment: “03a-Report\_CSLT.pdf”]
- ♦ Events Report [Attachment: “04a-Report\_Events.pdf”]
- ♦ Youth In Harmony Report [Attachment: “05a-Report\_YIH.pdf”]
- ♦ Marketing Report [Attachment: “06a-Report\_Marketing.pdf”]
- ♦ Chorus Director Development Report [Attachment: “07a-Report\_CDD.pdf”]
- ♦ Contest & Judging Report [Attachment: “08a-Report\_DRCJ.pdf”]
- ♦ Membership Report [Attachment: “09a-Report\_Membership.pdf”]
- ♦ President’s Report [Attachment: “10a-Report\_President.pdf”]
- ♦ IDEA Report [Attachment: “11a-Report\_IDEA.pdf”]

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar as is**
- ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Boywer, Seconded: Mike Isely**
- ♦ **PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS

7. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman

→ [Attachment: 01b-Report-Treasurer.pdf]

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive the Treasurer’s Report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **PASSED**

8. Approval of BMAL – Terry Ludwig

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Appoint John Q Morris to occupy open BMAL slot**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Pat Claussen**
- ♦ **PASSED**

9. Website – Joe Gurreri

→ We’re finally moving forward with the website rework

→ Glenn Mills is helping out

→ New site will be far easier to dynamically update (e.g. when roles change)

→ Send changes to [marketing@illinoisdistrict.org](mailto:marketing@illinoisdistrict.org)



Spring 2023 House of Delegates Meeting

16-Apr-2023 7:00PM

## NEW BUSINESS

### 10. Risers – Terry Ludwig

- Gov Board has decided that the district is getting out of the riser business
  - ♦ Get rid of our current risers
  - ♦ Get rid of storage unit
  - ♦ Risers to be rented from Bloomington Chapter
- Plan in process to disburse usable existing risers (for a nominal cost) to interested chapters

### 11. IDEA Bylaws Change – Rich Hansen's

- **Motion:**
  - ♦ **Subject Approve IDEA bylaws change**
  - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Jeff Bowyer**
  - ♦ **PASSED**

### 12. Convention Update – Terry Ludwig

- Venue change
  - ♦ Friday: Second Presbyterian Church
  - ♦ Saturday: BCPA
- Hotel
  - ♦ Doubletree of Bloomington
- There needs to be *singing* at our conventions, so on Sat after 9:15am:
  - ♦ Class on grant writing (singing?....)
  - ♦ Sing with a Champ
  - ♦ ILL District barber polecat program (like international but at a district level)
  - ♦ SMAG fest (*Saturday Morning Anything Goes*)
- Move chorus contest to Sat afternoon (as opposed to the evening) starting at 1pm
  - ♦ Leaves the whole morning for other activities
  - ♦ Quartet finals at 7pm
  - ♦ Immediately following quartet finals, presidents reception gets underway. Contest call-off happens at this reception, not at the venue. Eliminates dead time at the venue
  - ♦ Off to hospitality rooms without delay

### 13. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig

- Goals / objectives over the next four years
  - ♦ Create a chapter presidents' Council
    - Get together on a periodic basis among chapter presidents
    - An information sharing session, exchange ideas

**the Illinois District**  
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



*a state of close harmony*

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- ♦ Make HCMW break even, by the end of the four years
- ♦ Foster relationship with Sweet Adeleines and Harmon Incorporated
- ♦ Increase offerings at the Fall convention
- ♦ Encourage regional social events
  - Doesn't have to be singing
- ♦ Increase frequency and quality of communication with the district
- ♦ Increase participation in activities at the district level
- ♦ Establish district grant team
- ♦ Get at least 2 candidate judges
- ♦ Get at least one new mixed chapter
- ♦ Associate every chapter with a district board member
- ♦ Shared convention with another district

14. Fall 2023 HOD Date – Mike Isely

→ Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 at 1pm

→ This is the Friday of the Fall Convention weekend

**Adjourned:** 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Isely – Secretary



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### **Appendix: Attendance**

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

| <b>Chapter Delegates</b> |                               |            |                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>P/L/A</b>             | <b>Chapter Name</b>           | <b>No.</b> | <b>Delegate</b>     |
| P                        | Arlington Heights, IL         | E002       | * David Theile      |
| A                        | Aurora, IL                    | E003       | * Thomas Erwin      |
| P                        | Belleville, IL                | E005       | * William Rathmann  |
| P                        | Bloomington, IL               | E007       | David Garrett       |
| P                        | Macomb, IL                    | E008       | * Craig Rigg        |
| P                        | Northbrook, IL                | E009       | Dave Dreyer         |
| A                        | Danville, IL                  | E013       | * Bryan Schroeder   |
| A                        | Decatur, IL                   | E014       | James Barr          |
| P                        | Coles County, IL              | E017       | Ronald Hawkins      |
| P                        | Elgin, IL                     | E018       | * William Miller    |
| P                        | Rockford Metro, IL            | E019       | * Brandon Bolley    |
| P                        | Lake County, IL               | E021       | * Brian Cromer      |
| A                        | Bureau County, IL             | E024       | !                   |
| P                        | Chicagoland West Suburban, IL | E030       | * James Brown       |
| A                        | Peoria, IL                    | E044       | * Michael Cosner    |
| A                        | Chicago Metro, IL             | E045       | * Harold Harness    |
| A                        | Rockford, IL                  | E047       | * Charles Woodworth |
| A                        | Rock Island, IL               | E048       | !                   |
| A                        | Will-Cook, IL                 | E050       | Neil DeVore         |
| P                        | Sterling Rock Falls, IL       | E052       | * Paul McCracken    |
| A                        | Waterloo, IL                  | E054       | !                   |
| P                        | Springfield, IL               | E061       | Patrik Claussen     |
| P                        | DuPage Valley, IL             | E066       | * Bruce Rhoades     |
| A                        | Kishwaukee Valley, IL         | E067       | !                   |
| P                        | Carbondale, IL                | E075       | * David Bremer      |

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\* Chapter did not declare a separate delegate; substituted Chapter President

! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate



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| Governance Board |                |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Present          | Name           | Role                |
| P                | Terry Ludwig   | President           |
| P                | Benjamin Dirks | Executive VP        |
| P                | Mike Isely     | Secretary           |
| P                | Leif Wildman   | Treasurer           |
| P                | Doug Finkbiner | BMAL (Membership)   |
| P                | Jeff Bowyer    | BMAL (Events)       |
| N/A              | (Jeff Lathom)  | BMAL (C & J)        |
| P*               | John Q Morris  | BMAL                |
| P                | Jeff Lathom    | Imm. Past President |

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\*John Q Morris added by motion during the meeting, not part of initial quorum

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

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7+4+14 = 18 present

7+11+25 = 43 total possible