

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2015 House of Delegates Meeting

25-Sep-2015 1:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2015

Location: Marriott Hotel (Beaufort Room) – Normal, IL

Time: 1:30PM

Call to Order

1. Opening songs
 - *The Star Spangled Banner* – Terry Ludwig, Director
 - *The Old Songs* – Jeff Bowyer, Director
2. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 28 members present, out of a potential total of 47.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 29 present we have 62%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Welcome / Opening Remarks / Introductions – Rich Hansen
4. Approve Agenda – Rich Hansen
 - Adjustments requested of agenda
 - ♦ Topic to add: Concerns over operations at Nashville
 - ♦ Topic to add: IDEA report discussion (see next)
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda, with additional topic Nashville and IDEA topics added**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Bruce Richardson**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Approve Consent Calendar – Rich Hansen
 - Adjustments requested of Consent Calendar reports
 - ♦ Request to pull IDEA report from consent calendar, to be discussed during meeting
 - **Motion: Accept Consent Calendar with IDEA report pulled**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Tom De Bord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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→ The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ♦ President's Report – Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: “01a-Report-President.pdf”]
- ♦ Membership Report – Hugo Feugen
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report-Membership.pdf”]
- ♦ Music & Performance - written report from Terry Ludwig & Tim Pashon
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-Music_And_Performance.pdf”]
- ♦ Marketing Report – Kevin McClelland
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
- ♦ Contest & Judging Report – Dave Cowin
 - [Attachment: “06a-Report-CandJ.pdf”]
- ♦ Chapter Support, Leadership and Training – Mike Savard
 - [Attachment: “07a-Report-CSLT.pdf”]
- ♦ Chorus Director Development – Tim Woodall
 - [Attachment: “08a-Report-CDD.pdf”]
- ♦ District Historian Report – Bob Squires
 - [Attachment: “09a-Report-Historian.pdf”]
- ♦ Awards Committee Report – Mike Bagby
 - [Attachment: “10a-Report-Awards.pdf”]

6. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely

→ No changes requested

→ **Motion: Approve Spring 2015 HOD Minutes**

- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ [Attachment: “11a-Report-Treasurer.pdf”]

→ Yes, we did contribute to the Harmony Foundation (just missed the Harmonizer publishing deadline)

→ **Motion to receive Treasurer's Report**

- ♦ **Offered by: Dave Cowin, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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8. Budget discussion – Jim Wagner

- Dues income dropping, caused as one might expect, to declining district membership
- Jim executed a full review of budget needs per category, as opposed to just copying the numbers across. Input solicited from other as needed.
- **Motion to approve 2016 budget, as proposed, unmodified, by Treasurer Jim Wagner**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Frank Schneider, Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

9. IDEA – Bob Cearnal

- [Attachment: “12a-Report-IDEA-Minutes.pdf”]
- [Attachment: “12b-Report-IDEA-Treas.pdf”]
- Changes in documented procedures proposed by IDEA committee
 - ♦ ...requires a 2/3 approval vote of the HOD
 - ♦ Changes (briefly summarized):
 - Change page 2 trustee's meeting to meet at least once per year
 - Trustees will at a minimum will meet at the ILL district convention (which would meet the once per year requirement)
 - At least one trustee should be in attendance at HOD meetings (as opposed to an IDEA delegate)
 - Trustees required to send donors acknowledgment of contributions
 - ♦ **Motion, approve IDEA procedural changes as described:**
 - **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
 - **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- Bob Squires has been reappointed by Rich Hansen to serve another 5 years (to 2020)
- Quartet / chorus donors to IDEA:
 - ♦ Route 66
 - ♦ SRQ – also issued challenge to all quartets to donate at least \$200
 - ♦ After Hours
 - ♦ Springfield, Northbrook, Belleville, Will-Cook chapters
- Total list of all donors since inception is on the IDEA display board (near the registration area)



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OLD BUSINESS

10. District Scorecard Goals Update – Rich Hansen

- Goal: Increase attendance at IDAH
 - ♦ Yup, did this
- Goal: Stage CSLT event
 - ♦ Nov 2014 event didn't work, but another event in January did take place
- Goal: Hold a CDWI event
 - ♦ Planned for 6/20, didn't happen – not even students registered (only 1 signed up)
 - ♦ Will be carried over to 2016
- Goal: Establish a district youth chorus that can compete at Midwinter
 - ♦ Until a few weeks ago, nothing was happening
 - ♦ Show choir director at Mt Zion High School (director has history working with barbershop harmony) is working on taking Mt Zion kids to mid-winter
- Goal: Spring Harmony Jamboree planning
 - ♦ Coming up in April, planning is underway
- We achieved or are moving towards 4/5 goals

11. Chapter Mentor Break-out sessions, by division with chapter mentors, 15 minutes, subsequent summary follows

- Most important issues to address, as indicated by chapters
 - ♦ Membership is top – across all divisions
 - ♦ Music leadership development – good music brings in good people
 - ♦ Finances – how do we pay for all this
 - ♦ Would very much like to have a northern convention
- Other notes
 - ♦ Will-Cook & DuPage Valley are competing for the first time in a long time
 - ♦ Aurora is really struggling with membership (asking for Hugo to attend a chapter meeting and put forth some ideas)
 - ♦ Need to support each other among the chapters
 - ♦ Mentors could put out a newsletter for their division?
 - ♦ Articles about membership in the A&R

Song Break *Sweet & Lovely* – Terry Ludwig, Director



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NEW BUSINESS

12. Suggested Procedural Rules for Small Board – Rich Hansen / Mike Isely

- [Attachment: “13a-Misc-Special_Rules_For_Small_Boards.pdf”]
- The Society has issued refinements to Roberts Rules that Chapters may consider using to help streamline their meetings.
 - ♦ Example: Eliminate need for a “second” when entering a motion – for small Boards requiring a Second is not always productive.
- This is an additional tool available for chapters
- No requirement for it to be used; just suggestions

13. Adoption of District Mission Statement – Rich Hansen

- Proposed statement, from Kevin McClelland with input from the Board:
 - ♦ “The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.”
- Lots of HOD comments in response...
- Needs to mention “A Capella” or just “vocal”?
 - ♦ “vocal” music is broader in scope and is a buzzword among youth
- Important to keep the statement broad – making it too narrow can put us in a box.
- This is needed for grant writing – AND to give direction to the members
- Suggestion to take this back for refinement by a subgroup, for approval at the Spring HOD.
- This is on the right track – we need to invite more comments
- Don't make it too long; it will look like it was designed by committee
- Additional emphasis stated on it being a broad statement
- Comment offered to ensure it stays within the scope of the Society's mission statement
 - ♦ We actually based their proposed mission statement on the society's mission statement
- Point of definition: Mission statement = where we are going, vision statement = how we get there
- This will be taken up again in the Spring 2016 HOD

14. District Seniors Chorus – Midwinter 2017 – Rich Hansen

- Information about assembling a district seniors chorus as part of mid-winter. Looking to the chapters if there is a lot of interest among the members.
- Chorus would be assembled of men 55 years of age or older at the prior district convention.
- About five districts will be piloting this concept at the upcoming mid-winter convention in Reno.



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15. 2016 Spring Harmony Jamboree

- A lot will be brought up by the MCs this weekend regarding events this Springfield
- Will be April 15-17 2016
- We have one contest now, but it's really still 2 conventions
- IDAH aspects will be kept within it.
 - ♦ Terry Ludwig is asking ideas for additional IDAH classes – contact him
 - ♦ More classes, coaching
- Mike Savard working on implementing a harmony platoon
 - ♦ Sign up ahead time, get 4 charts & tracks, get randomly assigned to a quartet
- Youth chorus is growing at IDAH
- This event will have more emphasis on youth
- Idea is that the Fall District is like a “mini-international” while the Spring Jamboree is similar to a “mini-mid-winter”.
- Lots of stuff coming up for this event

16. IDEA Support

- IDEA has helped considerably over the years with YIH events
- IDEA has been asked by the District to help with the Spring Jamboree
 - ♦ Festival cost estimate is about \$12000
 - ♦ IDEA report page 2: IDEA announces that it will guarantee up to \$12000 to support the Spring Jamboree
 - ♦ A Harmony Foundation grant is being written for this festival – so IDEA is going to effectively pick up whatever doesn't come from the Harmony Foundation. Rich Hansen has received informal feedback from HF that a grant proposal like this is very much the type of thing that HF wants to fund.
 - ♦ *Only cost to members will be the hotel room...*
 - “You can come to the Spring 2016 convention for FREE!”

17. Future Convention Dates / Venues

- Fall 2016 and Fall 2017 convention will be identical to Fall 2015 (BCPA in Bloomington plus Marriott)
- Spring 2017 will be same as Spring 2016 (Five Points in Peoria area plus Holiday Inn, contract in progress)
- 2018 is completely up for grabs
 - ♦ Want a northern convention? Start doing the homework now!



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- ♦ When would the bid be need to be ready? Events VP can speak authoritatively about that. But first half of 2016 would be good first approximation. In the next 6 months... How about a proposal for this at the Spring 2016 HOD? Yes – let's plan for that.
- We generally want to be a few years out in planning
- Springfield (the city) has also expressed interest in hosting a future convention
 - ♦ [We have a great hotel possibility there but the performance venue is an unresolved issue.]
- 18. Convention Manual
 - Now that procedures manual is in place, an officially documented convention manual is in progress.
- 19. Spring 2016 HOD
 - ... will be held on the Friday of the Spring Jamboree weekend
 - ♦ Friday April 15th, 2016, 1:30PM
- 20. International Operations – Frank Schneider (Chicago Metro)
 - The Chicago Metro chapter has been having issues in deal with Nashville. Four issues in particular:
 - ♦ 1-800 phone service – has been out / flakey for a while. What's up with that?
 - We're told that the phone system was swapped out, but bugs still be worked out
 - ♦ Chapter Secretary is not getting renewal cards for members because they can't be printed
 - Yes, everyone is seeing this.
 - Issue apparently is that card stock is being redone (possible to more of a rigid plastic credit card format), code of ethics undergoing a change
 - ♦ Harmony Marketplace – music and learning tracks are being handled separately, this is cumbersome. Apparently it isn't possible to determine the learning track situation until after ordering the charts.
 - ♦ Annual Report recently sent to chapter presidents...
 - Where's the statement of income and expenses?
 - This is a puff piece, not a report. Printing and mailing costs seems to be wasteful
 - Comment offered that in a non-profit, the annual report *does* tend to be a puff piece

OTHER

- 21. Memorial to Deceased Members
 - (See appendix)

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22. Society Liaison Report

- (Review over topics from HOD memo)
- Membership still sliding overall
- New polecat book out with updated material

23. Harmony Foundation Report

- Youth quartet contest
 - ♦ 24 years of the youth quartet contest
 - ♦ All qualifying quartets receive an HF scholarship to compete
 - ♦ 61 of 96 youth quartet members over that time are still involved in the society
- Harmony University
 - ♦ Over 100 music educators there on a scholarship
 - ♦ Huge success
 - ♦ 14 countries represented
- Camps & workshops
 - ♦ Continuing success
 - ♦ Anticipating 21000 attendees over the coming year, cumulatively
- Contributions:
 - ♦ Goal of 30 new donors from ILL before the weekend is over

24. Milestones

- Coles County – 45 years this year
- Decatur – 70 years, same age as this district
 - ♦ Jim Baar is here today

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Bob Caernal, Director

Adjourned: 3:27PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
	Michael Johnston	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	James Fourmont	E-003	Aurora
P	Lawrence Dohogne	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
		E-008	Macomb
P	Glenn Mills	E-009	Northbrook
		E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
P	Robert McIntire	E-013	Danville
P	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Keith Rosborough	E-018	Elgin
	Steven Derebey	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
	Marvin Strom	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
	Rob Seibert	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
	Paul Tolley	E-044	Peoria
P	Frank Schneider	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Dan Adler	E-047	Rockford
P	Michael Kass	E-048	Rock Island
P	Henry King	E-050	Will-Cook
P	Kevin Deets	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
P	Pat Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	John Morrison	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
		E-073	Sandoval
	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
P	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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

8 out of 9

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

4 out of 7

8+4+17 = 29 present

9+7+31 = 47 total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

May I ask a moment of silence, please:

*Heavenly Father we have gathered here today in your presence
to commemorate those of our brothers who have passed on
during this past year. Those men include [see below]

We ask that you accept these men in to your heavenly choir that
their voices may continue to praise and glorify you.

Amen.*

<u>Chapter Eternal 2015</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Donald McNulty	Chicagoland West Suburban
Frank Goode	Chicago #1
Bill Fentress	Northbrook
Thomas Thompson	Belleville
Cal Revis	Northbrook