

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2016 House of Delegates Meeting

23-Sep-2016 1:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2016

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

Time: 1:30 PM

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
 - 30 members present, out of a potential total of 47.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 30 present we have 64%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
3. Opening
 - Invocation – Tom Woodall
 - Reading of the District Mission & Vision Statements – Jim Bicek
 - ♦ Mission Statement – *The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.*
 - ♦ Vision Statement - *To keep men of all ages singing throughout their lives.*
 - Welcome / Introduction of Guests – Rich Hansen
4. Approve Agenda – Rich Hansen
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - No changes requested
 - **Motion: Approve Spring 2016 HOD Minutes**



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- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
6. Approve Consent Calendar – Rich Hansen
- Adjustments requested of Consent Calendar reports
 - ♦ Pull C&J report (there wasn't one)
 - Summarized quickly here by Dave Cowin:
 - Qualifying score for quartets to be held to 76.
 - ♦ Pull IDEA, for further discussion...
 - IDEA trustee appointment (see later)
 - **Motion: Accept Consent Calendar with IDEA and C&J reports pulled**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Frank Schneider, Seconded: Bruce Condill**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
 - 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 - Terry Ludwig & Tim Pashon
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-Music_And_Performance.pdf”]
 - ♦ Marketing Report – Jim Bicek
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
 - ♦ YIH – Kevin Deets
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-YIH.pdf”]
 - ♦ Chapter Support, Leadership and Training – Bill Miller
 - [Attachment: “07a-Report-CSLT.pdf”]
 - ♦ District Historian Report – Bob Squires
 - [Attachment: “08a-Report-Historical.pdf”]
 - ♦ Awards Committee Report – Mike Bagby
 - [Attachment: “09a-Report-Awards.pdf”]
7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
- [Attachment: “10a-Report-Treasurer.pdf”]



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→ Jim: We are facing serious financial challenges

- ♦ \$27050 in bank by end of August
- ♦ Loss this year was (so far) about \$8000, due mainly to funding source(s) in the Spring Jamboree that did not materialize

→ Rich Hansen commented further on this:

- ♦ The numbers right now have a lot to do with what happened with the Jamboree
 - Intention was to be free for the membership
 - Funding of the Jamboree committed by IDEA up to \$12K.
 - Attendance lower than accepted
 - About 350-400 showed up, 50% of them actual society members (most of the rest being Sweet Adelines)
 - Conflict with IMEA contest prevented youth attendance (and a corresponding contest)
 - Two of the three choruses being coached for the day left before the jamboree show
 - Raffle last year brought in just over \$200 (@\$5/ticket).
 - Other expected revenue (aside from IDEA) didn't show up
 - District Board agreed to absorb costs to cap IDEA expense to less than \$12K
 - A committee has been appointed to search for a more cost effective venue for future jamborees (among other activities to save money)
 - Harmony Foundation donation dropped for this fall, due to budget problems
 - Please make donations to IDEA – from individuals and chapters
 - The spring 2017 jamboree will have youth events this time (dates chosen to carefully avoid repeating the IMEA conflict).

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

- ♦ **Offered by: Pat Claussen, Seconded: Andre Gloeckner**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

8. Budget discussion – Jim Wagner

→ Online registrations total is \$5000, way below expectations

- ♦ This, in spite of raising on-site registration fees to encourage more registrations up-front

→ Budget proposed is already \$4K in the red

→ [Note: Proposed budget is included as part of Treasurer's Report]



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- **Motion to approve 2017 budget, as proposed, unmodified – in the red \$4K – by Treasurer Jim Wagner**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Dave Cowin, Seconded: Jim Fourmont**
 - ♦ **PASSED (voice vote, Will Thorndike opposed, all others in favor)**

OLD BUSINESS

- 9. Chapter Membership & Society Liability – Rich Hansen
 - Explanation of Chapter membership issues – need to have at least 8 members to be concerned a valid chapter. The Society is zeroing in on this.
 - Quincy Chapter has only 2 valid members (Craig Rigg, Terry Ludwig)
 - ♦ Has lots of ghost members – who apparently have no interest in participating with the Society
 - ♦ Craig & Terry, as the remaining members of the Quincy Chapter, will be sending a letter to Nashville requesting that the chapter be shut down.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. IDEA Trustee Appointment
 - **Motion: Reappoint Bob Cearnal to IDEA Committee**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Morgan, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 11. 2017 Board of Directors Election
 - [Attachment: “13a-Slate.pdf”]
 - **Motion: Accept proposed slate of District Governance Board Officers for 2017/2018 term**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bruce Condill, Seconded: Ron Welch**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 12. Spring 2017 Jamboree Update
 - MCs will be announcing all the details of this throughout the convention weekend
- 13. Spring 2017 HOD Date
 - Mar 31st 2017 1:30PM
- 14. Future Conventions Update
 - Fall 2017 – same location
 - ...but it's the first weekend in October (6, 7, 8)

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OTHER

15. Harmony Foundation Remarks

- presented by Jim Clark (a.k.a. the lead from Stormfront)
- We've all been seeing the same issues everywhere, e.g. declining membership, declining convention attendance.
- But HF is seeing new guys getting involved – getting hooked.
- Don't despair. There is light at the end of the tunnel. The outreach is working
- Story told of HF success

16. Society Strategic Planning Presentation

- given by Skipp Kropp
- This was an interactive back & forth with the HOD to help understand issues that tie directly to the health of the society. Lists were interactively constructed, in the hope that this information might help to inform others. They were photographed and processed into PDF here for future reference.
- [Attachment: “14a-Notes-Planning.pdf”]

17. Memorial to Deceased Members

- [See appendix at the end of these Minutes]

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Craig Rigg, Director

Adjourned: 3:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	David Theile	E-002	Arlington Heights
A	James Fourmont	E-003	Aurora
P	James Morgan	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Glenn Mills	E-009	Northbrook
A	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
P	Frank Schneider	E-012	Chicago No 1
A	Jeff McMorris	E-013	Danville
P	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
A		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Bill Miller	E-018	Elgin
A	John Maynard	E-019	Rockford Metro
A	Bob Squires	E-021	Lake County
A		E-024	Bureau County
A		E-029	Quincy
P	Ron Welch	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Harold Harness	E-044	Peoria
P	Andre Gloeckner	E-045	Chicago Metro
A	Wayne Johnson	E-047	Rockford
P	Amos Glanz	E-048	Rock Island
P	Allen Munneke	E-050	Will-Cook
A	Paul McCracken	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
A	Mark Juelfs	E-054	Waterloo
P	Pat Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
A		E-073	Sandoval
A	Neth Hass	E-075	Carbondale
A	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
P	Joe Sullivan
A	Jim Vliet
A	Syl Wetle

5 out of 7

$8+5+17 = 30$ 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 barbershop brothers who have passed on during this past year. Those men include:

<u>Chapter Eternal 2016</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Anthony Cook	Will-Cook
Hal Maples	Belleville (And lead of the 1975 district champion, Federal Reserve Notes)
David Jones	Northbrook
Dennis Toren	Elgin
Herbert Ives	Elgin
Loren Dallinger	Peoria

We would also add the names of past members of the Illinois District who served the district and the Society well during their lifetime. They include:

- *John Allen, past president of the West Towns chapter.*
- *Emmett Bossing, tenor of the 1949 district champions, Barber-Q-Four and past C&J judge.*
- *Jim Richards, Land-O-Lakes district, past international president who began his barbershopping as a member of the Pekin, Illinois chapter.*

Father, we ask that you accept these men into your heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise and glorify you. We honor their dedication to their chapters, the Illinois District and to their hooby of Barbershop singing.

Amen.