



Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc. Spring 2021 House of Delegates Meeting AGENDA

Location: Via Zoom (contact details provided separately)
Date/Time: Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 7pm

Call to Order

Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Mike Isely

Reading of the District Mission & Vision Statements

Brett Mulford

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

Jeff Lathom

Approval of the Agenda

Jeff Lathom

Minutes of the Previous HOD (September 27th, 2020)

Mike Isely

Consent Calendar Reports

Mike Isely

- President’s Report – Jeff Lathom
- Membership – Jeff McMorris
- Music & Performance – Tim Beutel
- Marketing & PR – Joe Gurreri
- Contest & Judging – Tim Pashon
- Events – Jeff Bowyer
- IDEA – Bob Cearnal
- YIH – Evan Patrick
- CSLT – Benjamin Light

Treasurer’s Report

Jim Wagner



OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Composition – Mike Isely
2. Search for candidates / nominations for Society Board – Jeff Lathom
3. Dues – Jeff Lathom

NEW BUSINESS

4. Chapter Health – Jeff McMorris
5. Fall Convention – Jeff Bowyer
6. Quartet School – Tim Buetel

Adjournment – “Keep the Whole World Singing”

Tim Beutel



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

Chapter Delegates			
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 FOR QUESTIONS			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
	Arlington Heights, IL	E002	* Michael Johnston
	Aurora, IL	E003	James Fourmont
	Belleville, IL	E005	* Lawrence Dohogne
	Bloomington, IL	E007	Tom De Bord
	Macomb, IL	E008	Craig Rigg
	Northbrook, IL	E009	Earl Holtz
	Champaign Urbana, IL	E010	!
	Danville, IL	E013	* Eric Westfall
	Decatur, IL	E014	James Barr
	Coles County, IL	E017	+* Jeff Bowyer
	Elgin, IL	E018	* William Miller
	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	David Mouri
	Lake County, IL	E021	Theodore Gault
	Bureau County, IL	E024	!
	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL	E030	* James Brown
	Peoria, IL	E044	* Michael Cosner
	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* John Q Morris
	Rockford, IL	E047	* Charles Woodworth
	Rock Island, IL	E048	!
	Will-Cook, IL	E050	!
	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	* Kevin Deets
	Waterloo, IL	E054	* Richard Biby
	Springfield, IL	E061	* John Rigg
	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	Thomas McEvelly
	Kishwaukee Valley, IL	E067	!
	Carbondale, IL	E075	!
	Kankakee, IL	E077	!
(total = 27)			
* Chapter did not specifically declare a delegate; substituting Chapter President + Delegate appears in multiple places or is a District Governance Board officer or a Past President; thus will still only have ONE vote! ! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate			



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Governance Board		
P/L/A	Name	Role
	Jeff Lathom	President
	Terry Ludwig	Executive VP
	Mike Isely	Secretary
	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
	Jeff McMorris	At-Large (Membership)
	Jeff Bowyer	At-Large (Events)
	Tim Pashon	At-Large (C & J)
	Benjamin Light	At-Large
	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President
(total = 9)		

Operations		
P/L/A	Name	Role
	Joe Gurreri	Marketing & PR
	Evan Patrick	Youth In Harmony
	Tim Beutel	Music & Performance
	Rich Hansen	Historian
	Benjamin Light	CSLT
	(open)	Chorus Director Development
(total = 5)		

Active Past Presidents (and not currently on Gov. Board)	
P/L/A	Name
	Mike Bagby
	Bob Cearnal
	Dave Cowin
	Earl Meseth
	Brett Mulford
	Bob Squires
	Joe Sullivan
	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle
(total = 8)	

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05/03/21
Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of May 3, 2021

	May 3, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	41,966.85
1020 Wells Fargo	35,610.00
Total Checking/Savings	77,576.85
Other Current Assets	
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	162.00
Total Other Current Assets	162.00
Total Current Assets	77,738.85
TOTAL ASSETS	77,738.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	50,650.38
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	50,650.38
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
IDAH - Other	720.83
Total IDAH	953.83
Undesignated	3,665.11
Web Site fund	-9.00
YIH	5,101.50
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	9,711.44
Senior Chorus	319.05
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	10,030.49
Unrestricted Net Assets	11,376.15
Net Income	5,681.83
Total Equity	77,738.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	77,738.85

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IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January 1 through May 3, 2021

	<u>Jan 1 - May 3, 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5210 District Dues	7,877.26
5310 Interest Income	1.46
Total Income	<u>7,878.72</u>
Gross Profit	7,878.72
Expense	
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8190 Publishing	297.00
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	297.00
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8230 Storage Rental Charges	1,460.00
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	1,460.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
President Meetings	439.89
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>439.89</u>
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	439.89
Total Expense	<u>2,196.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>5,681.83</u>
Net Income	<u><u>5,681.83</u></u>

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	Dec 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	35,007.76
1020 Wells Fargo	35,609.43
Total Checking/Savings	70,617.19
Other Current Assets	
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	162.00
Total Other Current Assets	162.00
Total Current Assets	70,779.19
TOTAL ASSETS	70,779.19
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 Operational Accts Payable	-103.00
Total Accounts Payable	-103.00
Total Current Liabilities	-103.00
Total Liabilities	-103.00
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	50,650.38
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	50,650.38
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
IDAH - Other	720.83
Total IDAH	953.83
Undesignated	2,490.28
Web Site fund	-9.00
YIH	5,101.50
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	8,536.61
Senior Chorus	319.05
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	8,855.66
Unrestricted Net Assets	50.00
Net Income	11,326.15
Total Equity	70,882.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	70,779.19

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2020

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Misc - Vendors & Program Ads	100.00
On Line Registrations	3,721.63
On Site Registrations	43.73
On Site Single Tickets	140.00
Tourism/C&VB Grant	3,500.00
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Total 5100 Event Income	7,505.36
5210 District Dues	19,442.89
5310 Interest Income	598.20
5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	
5491 Merchandise	
IL District Pins	25.00
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Total 5491 Merchandise	25.00
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Total 5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	25.00
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Total Income	27,571.45
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Gross Profit	27,571.45
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Expense	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	2,000.00
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Total 7030 Support	2,000.00
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7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7570 Event Meals	2,803.68
7580 Other Contract Expenses	1,500.00
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Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	4,303.68
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8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8140 Postage & Shipping	32.45
8180 Historian	289.76
8190 Publishing	162.00
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Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	484.21

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IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2020

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8230 Storage Rental Charges	2,465.00
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	<u>2,465.00</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	1,436.28
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
Comp Housing	3,232.32
EVP Meetings	225.11
President Meetings	751.26
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>4,208.69</u>
8330 Hospitality	639.44
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	<u>6,284.41</u>
8500 Other Expenses	
8505 Gov Board	
Treasurer	60.00
Total 8505 Gov Board	<u>60.00</u>
8510 VPs & Committees	
VP Music & Perf	150.00
Total 8510 VPs & Committees	<u>150.00</u>
8540 Bank Charges	150.00
8570 Advertising & Publicity	338.00
8590 Miscellaneous	0.00
Total 8500 Other Expenses	<u>698.00</u>
8600 Business Expenses	
8610 - Corporation Filing Fees	10.00
Total 8600 Business Expenses	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>16,245.30</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>11,326.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>11,326.15</u></u>



Illinois District Association of Chapters
HOD Meeting May 23rd, 2021

President's Report

This has been an (insert adjective) year. I want to first thank our Immediate Past President, Brett Mulford for leading us in a very unusual past year. Brett's dedication to our District is very much appreciated.

I want to follow up and keep the path that Brett set forth for our District as we go forward and are able to meet again.

Adding Fun

In February of 2020 Harmony College Midwest was a huge success and built even more momentum for our 2020 Spring Convention.

Then as you all know, COVID 19 affected all of us. Everything was cancelled. We were all thinking it would be a few weeks and we'd be back to normal. Then we had to cancel the 2020 Fall Convention.

The GOOD NEWS is things are getting better. More and more people are getting vaccinated and things are opening up.

The 2021 Fall Convention is scheduled for September 17-18. Jeff Bowyer has worked extremely hard with the DoubleTree Hotel to have great prices on rooms and make sure that we did not have to pay any penalties with our cancelations. This will be both a district championship contest and a prelim contest for International 2022 in Charlotte. Mark your calendars!!!!

Though we will not have a Harmony College Midwest this year, Tim Beutel and Dan Wessler are hard at work to plan a Quartet School in August prior to our Fall Convention. HCMW will be back on track in the spring of 2022 with another amazing faculty and class selection!

Expand Information on the District Website

Joe Gurreri continues do an outstanding job with this project. I'm sure you'll see in his report we are better today than we were just a year or so ago.

Lead the Everyone In Harmony Initiative

This initiative has stalled a bit. Brett and My vision is to have a team of men and women from our district to develop a marketing strategy for attracting all singing communities to barbershop. I am still in search of a team to do this work. If you are interested or know anyone who would like to help build our presence in the Illinois District please reach out to me.



Though this has been a tough and frustrating year, I am proud to see what many choruses have done through technology and creative planning to keep singing. I am looking forward to a bright couple of years as we are able to start seeing our Barbershop Family again.

Jeff Lathom, Proud President of the Illinois District



In light of the past year of Covid, this information is especially pertinent.

Chapter	Code	Members 5/19/21	Members 2/19	Members 9/18
Frank Thome	E-000	15	17	30
Arlington Hts	E-002	26	27	30
Aurora	E-003	9	10	12
Belleville	E-005	24	26	33
Bloomington	E-007	61	70	102
Macomb	E-008	10	11	12
Northbrook	E-009	71	73	84
Champaing Urbana	E-010	1	2	0
Danville	E-013	29	31	38
Decatur	E-014	3	3	0
Coles County	E-017	27	27	33
Elgin	E-018	15	17	20
Rockford Metro	E-019	16	17	21
Lake County	E-021	17	20	31
Bureau County	E-024	9	10	0
Chicagoland West Suburban	E-030	49	51	81
Peoria	E-044	9	11	18
Chicago Metro	E-045	24	27	26
Rockford	E-047	16	19	31
Rock Island	E-048	4	4	7
Will-Cook	E-050	20	21	34
Sterling Rock Falls	E-052	17	22	30
Waterloo	E-054	11	14	20
Springfield	E-061	28	29	38
DuPage Valley	E-066	26	30	64
Kishwaukee Valley	E-067	5	5	7
Sandoval	E-073	0	0	0
Carbondale	E-075	12	10	18
Kankakee	E-077	1	1	5
Total		555	605	825

Carbondale gained members – the only chapter to do so.



Nothing huge to report on my end.

1. Waiting for confirmation of a fall convention.
2. Once it is confirmed, Dan and I plan to put on a Top Gun Quartet weekend to help prepare quartets for the fall contest. We are looking at August weekends, and we have looked into a couple venues.
3. For Harmony College Midwest in February of 2022, we have OC Times confirmed for the February 18,19 weekend.

Thanks!

Tim



Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony ...

"A State of Close Harmony"

2021-05 IL District Marketing report for HOD
Submitted by Joe Gurreri, Illinois District Marketing & Publicity

BHS CONVENTIONS - MIDWINTER VIRTUAL event
Thanks to Roman King who prepared the rooms.

LEARNINGS: BHS has the license for this platform for a year so we may see the space again. The District can be much better prepared now that we understand this new landscape. Successful rooms had headliner concerts (similar to the Afterglow stages) and we can utilize that and schedule and advertise within the platform and in advance of the event on social media in order to increase participation from District members and all attendees at large.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS - FALL, HCM

2021 Fall Convention announcement completed on website and Facebook. Yellow banner updated with link to information for Fall - will be updated as more info becomes available.

As details for HCM become available, details and social media publishing will be completed.

ACTIONS: As Fall convention and HCM approaches, I've posted an invitation on Facebook to quartets to highlight them as upcoming participants on Facebook and website feeds. I'll do the same for choruses as we near the date.

ACTION REQUEST FOR HOD DELEGATES: Encourage chapters and quartets to post highlights on Facebook of their singing, a few seconds of a tag rehearsal, still photos, stories [post *anything!*] about their upcoming participation in the events and TAG "@Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society" (after typing the @ symbol and spelling the first part of the name, the Illinois District logo will appear and you can click it to 'stick it'). I am notified of all such tags and then I re-post the item to the full District Facebook page and it cross-posts to the District website.

LINKEDIN

IL District has a LinkedIn page! For those of you on the platform, go link your profile to it. Adding volunteer and leadership positions beefs up your professional profile! (take it from me; I'm in the human resources business!) . Check out the 'POST' tab for some articles and links to performances.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/illinois-district-of-the-barbershop-harmony-society>

The screenshot shows the LinkedIn profile for the Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The header features the company logo, a search bar, and navigation icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, and Messaging. The main banner image displays the text "the Illinois District a state of close harmony" with a logo of the state of Illinois. Below the banner, the company name "Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony ..." is followed by the tagline "A State of Close Harmony" and the description "Civic & Social Organization · Bloomington, IL · 5 followers". There are buttons for "Visit website", "View in Sales Navigator", and "More". The "About" section is visible, detailing the district's mission and history.

HOW DO I ADD THIS TO MY LINKEDIN PROFILE? Go to your own LinkedIn page, Add a new employer or volunteer activity, and when selecting the company/organization, start slowly typing "Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society" until you see our logo, then CLICK ON THAT LOGO to add the link to the organization name. See the examples for how it should appear on your profile. Add your leadership or member status and any highlights of your contribution to the organization.

The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile for Joseph V. Gurreri III, CBPA, CBPL, with the tagline "Empowering Entrepreneurs - Engaging Employees". Below the profile, a job listing is displayed for "District Marketing & Public Relations" at the "Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society". The listing includes the dates "Apr 2019 – Present" and "1 yr 11 mos" and the industry "Arts and Culture". The description of the role states: "I manage all the media properties and marketing guidance for The Illinois District of the Barbershop Harmony Society." The listing also includes the district's mission and history, identical to the one shown in the previous screenshot.

RESULTS: We have only 6 followers and one employee listed at this time.

ACTION REQUEST FOR HOD DELEGATES:

- Board members should login and add this as a “Volunteer Experience”
 - Directors should add this as a ‘Job Experience”
 - Be sure you click the ‘company name’ with our logo when it appears so that it links to the Illinois District page.
 - Look at the company page and ‘LIKE’ the content and ‘SHARE’ the content on your own LinkedIn posts to get some momentum for not only the District but for you as well! LinkedIn algorithm rewards those participants that post, LIKE, COMMENT and SHARE from other’s posts. It’s the best way to help your stature on the platform for recruiters to see you more easily. Hiring managers and HR pros like seeing structured organizational participation in candidates.
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FACEBOOK - APPEAL FOR HISTORICAL, VIDEO, AUDIO, PHOTO, STORIES POSTING FROM CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

April 25th and May 2nd, 2020 tutorial emails were sent to all District presidents, marketing, historian, and secretary officials. Copies can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vot6nTAJKu-T4Ull6Cy7kHTzMUn2M2h2?usp=sharing>

Re: Action requested - Illinois District, Chapter Officers and BHS Member Center update & Facebook post TIPS

- Several tips to improve chapter social media publicity
- Request to ensure BHS Member Center is updated.
- Specific support for Facebook.

My appeal to all Chapter and District leaders with any historical photos or footage urged them to find something - ANYTHING - to post on Chapter page WEEKLY or at the very least, monthly. For EVERY post if they tag the district page with @illinoisdistrict and select that pop-up within the post, then I will be notified and can echo it out to the page and then to the website.

Tools

- Genius Scan
- Photo Scan
- Co-hosting EVENTS
- Website updates all Facebook posts

Call to add vintage historical photos to chapter site, tag @illinoisdistrict and I'll promote.

RESULTS: Little participation, only from a few chapters at this time. Benefits - We can see the favorable effect from the Legacy Quartet competition and other video nostalgia - this can only help our participation at the Illinois District if we uncover any archival footage and publish it on a consistent basis.

ACTION REQUEST FOR HOD DELEGATES: Please share the link above to your chapter and quartet leadership and make a point in your board meetings to establish an owner to participate in this initiative. Encourage them to reach out to me by sending an email to marketing@illinoisdistrict.org































HISTORICAL ARCHIVE *NEW* WEBPAGE

Soon, a new webpage will be posted under HISTORY / ARCHIVE with stories highlighting great performances, choruses, quartets, and leaders from the Illinois District. Thanks to Rich Hansen and the Historical Committee for content.

FACEBOOK MARKETING AND REACH UPDATE

RESULTS TO DATE:

- 947 LIKES
- 1087 FOLLOWERS

Page	Total Page Likes	From Last Week	Posts This Week	Engagement This Week
1  Mid-Atlantic District Bar...	1.2K 	▲ 100%	1	3 
2  Far Western District of t...	1.1K 	▲ 100%	0	1 
3  Pioneer District Barbers...	977 	▲ 100%	1	42 
YOU 4  Illinois District of the Ba...	947 	▲ 100%	1	0 
Keep up with the Pages you watch. Get More Likes				
5  Evergreen District of the...	899 	▲ 100%	0	3 
6  Cardinal District	738 	▲ 100%	11	157 
7  Rocky Mountain District...	633 	▲ 100%	2	31 
8  Ontario District - Barber...	551 	▲ 100%	0	0 
9  Seneca Land District of ...	510 	▲ 100%	2	308 
10  Johnny Appleseed Distr...	379 	▲ 100%	0	22 

- POST REACH over 100 for certain posts.

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
05/08/2021 1:25 PM	Who will be our 2021 Champion and be added to our web-wall of			0	0 0
04/10/2021 11:48 AM	Don't let the weather scare you - the show must and WILL go on in			82	6 7
04/10/2021 11:42 AM	Happy Quartet Day! Here's a teaser "From The Vault" - our upcoming			78	12 2
04/08/2021 1:48 PM	Greetings Illinois Barbershoppers! This coming Sunday April 11th,			174	2 4
04/08/2021 8:06 AM	Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! Celebrate quartets with Chicago Metro			135	3 2
04/08/2021 8:03 AM	Did you see Chicago Metro Chorus, Barbershop Harmony Society			91	1 1
04/03/2021 10:36 AM	Chicago Metro Chorus, Barbershop Harmony Society !			228	17 6
03/19/2021 12:44 PM	Look what a kind leprechaun left for us - Happy St Patty's week!			101	13 6
03/14/2021 8:24 PM				139	7 2
02/07/2021 8:58 AM	Here's a great event planned by Arlingtones ! Get your drive thru			156	1 13
02/06/2021 11:36 AM	New Tradition Chorus is offering a Virtual Singing Valentine package			99	15 8
02/06/2021 12:45 AM	I spy with my little eye at 8:24... Forefront Quartet !			141	33 3
02/06/2021	So, if you could quartet outside of your favorite composer's home, who			103	5 2

ACTION REQUEST FOR HOD DELEGATES:

- Continue to post interesting information and updates, typical with photos and/or video to enhance the algorithm to show on our followers' pages. TAG @illinois district
- WE NEED your support on Facebook posts, to click on EVENTS, and increase your LIKES and SHARES. We need to set the example. Here are some updated statistics on the District Facebook page. **We're only 53 PAGE LIKES away from our first 1k followers.**
- **Please LIKE and SHARE our Facebook page. If every chapter took a moment during their chapter business meeting to have members do so in real-time, we could get to 2k quickly. This helps us support every chapter's publicity efforts.**

WEBSITE DIRECTORY UPDATES

Contract completed with the great help of Jim Waldorf. A database project has been approved so that our incremental updates to chapter information, leadership and quartet information will be easier in future. Small incremental changes have been working smoothly with vendor by using their ticketing system, Trello.

Website contact, chapter and quartet info will continue to be updated only using BHS MEMBER CENTER data. All Chapter leadership, choruses, rehearsal location & details, and quartets must check BHS Member Center for accuracy. The District website information for all this information will be updated in March after all chapter installations are completed, but the new Member Center has proven to be a new task to overcome to get at our data.

Website is consistently updated at bottom of main page with Facebook posts - Goal to engage more activity from Chapters on Facebook so that it expands their reach. I've been consistently highlighting activities from individual chapters when they tag the District site or add the District as a 'co host'.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, QCA, Find a Chapter, Find a Quartet, News, Calendar, Contact Us, and a search icon. Below the navigation is a blue banner with the text "Let's Get Social". Underneath the banner is a grid of Facebook posts from the "Illinois District of the Barbersho..." page. The posts include:

- A post from February 7 about a drive-thru singing event by the Arlingtones Barbershop Quartet on Sunday, February 14.
- A post from February 6 about a virtual singing Valentine package.
- A post from February 6 with the text "I spy with my little eye at 8:24... Forefront Quartet!".
- A post from February 6 with the text "So, if you could quartet outside of your favorite composer's home, who and what would you sing?".
- A post from January 31.
- A post from January 30.
- A post from January 28.
- A post from January 28.

HELPING CHAPTERS MARKET

One great example is the small but mighty Chicago Metro Chorus who again held their annual quartet contest in October with a couple of twists this year. Jeff Lathom did a terrific job as emcee . Metro donated some proceeds to Lurie Children's Hospital. In all our District marketing, I tagged BHS, so they picked up the story and Metro were subsequently featured in The Harmonizer

For three years, the **Chicago Metro Chapter** (ILL) hosted the Chicago Metro Quartet Contest, a warm-up to fall district contest for new and non-seasoned quartets throughout the metro area who wish to get experienced and off-the-book judges feedback. They made the event virtual this October, with proceeds supporting Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Participants included every variety of quartet: mixed harmony, high school, comedy, Next Generation, Seniors, and more. Part of the Zoom recording is now on the chapter's Facebook page.



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Submitted 2021-05-08 by Joe Gurreri



Contest and Judging Report

May 5, 2021

Submitted by:

Tim Pashon

DRCJ - IL District

The IL District will have our fall convention on September 17-18, 2021 in Bloomington, IL. The plan is to have a normal convention with quartets and choruses competing for various rewards.

The International convention for 2021 has been canceled although there is a virtual convention planned for the same week. The plan is to have the International convention in Charlotte, NC in 2022.

We have 2 IL district members in the judging candidate program, Dan Wessler in the Music category and Drew Ochoa in the Presentation category. Should they finish and get certified, they will become the only judges in the IL District.

Respectfully,

Tim Pashon

IL DRCJ



Illinois District BHS – Events Report
Jeff Bowyer VP – Events
5/02/2021

Convention: Dates and Status

Fall 2021 Convention 9/17/2021 – 9/18/2021

DoubleTree Hotel: contracts signed, meeting and sleeping rooms.

Contact: Kaitlin Muckey

BCPA: contracts not signed, penciled on calendar.

Contact: Brian Leach

Fall 2022 Convention 9/16/2022 – 9/17/2022

DoubleTree Hotel: contracts signed, meeting and sleeping rooms.

Contact: Kaitlin Muckey

BCPA: contracts not signed, penciled on calendar.

Contact: Brian Leach

Harmony College Midwest: Dates and Status

2/18/2022 – 2/19/2022

DoubleTree Hotel: contracts not signed, penciled on calendar for meeting rooms and sleeping rooms.



As of market close on 4/30/21, the fund balance was \$169,686.64 as compared to year-end 2020 balance of \$157,964.88. Year-to-date investment returns were \$11,071.76 and donations from members were \$650.00. Equities were up 9% and fixed income was down 2% during the first four months.

Earl Holtz
Treasurer



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Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2020

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: online via Zoom

Time: 6:30 PM

Called to order: 6:38 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 21 members present, out of a potential total of 41.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 12). With 21 present we have 51%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jim Waldorf
 - (see above)
3. Approve Agenda – Brett Mulford
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Bob Squires, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Fall 2019 HOD Minutes**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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5. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ **Motion:**

- ◆ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, with no adjustments**
- ◆ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

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

- ◆ President's Report – Brett Mulford
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report_President.pdf"]
- ◆ Music & Performance – Terry Ludwig
 - [Attachment: "02a-Report_Music_and_Performance.pdf"]
- ◆ Marketing & PR – Joe Gurreri
 - [Attachment: "03a-Report_Marketing.pdf"]
- ◆ Contest & Judging – Tim Pashon
 - [Attachment: "04a-Report_Contest_and_Judging.pdf"]
- ◆ Historical – Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: "05a-Report_Historian.pdf"]

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ Dues received is a lot less than is usual for this year. Theory is that people are just running late given all the surrounding events.

→ HCMW – Thank you to IDEA for \$3500 grant

→ [Attachment: "06a-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion**

- ◆ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ◆ **Offered by: Tom DeBord, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

OLD BUSINESS

7. Memorial – Rich Hansen

→ (See appendix)

8. Future Contest Updates and Venues – Jeff Bowyer

→ [Attachment: "07a-Report_Events.pdf"]

→ Jeff's report has all the dates known at this point

→ Spring Convention

- ◆ Jeff has had to a lot of negotiating / scrambling due to Covid-19 driven cancellations. He has managed to avoid any cancellation fees!



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- ◆ The entire Spring Convention will be at the DoubleTree. We have the “entire” conference center.
 - ◆ (This Spring Convention is a one-off, as a means to substitute for the prior canceled Fall 2020 convention)
 - ◆ We really would have liked to put this later – in May 2021 – in order to minimize risk from Covid-19.
- HCMW
- ◆ Terry is not optimistic that this can still take place, due to Covid-19.
 - ◆ However we’re paying attention and feel that we can probably wait quite a while longer before having to make a decision.
9. Membership – Jeff McMorris
- It’s obvious that things are not good.
 - The lower dues receipts is concerning.
10. CSLT discussion – Brett Mulford
- Ben Light plans to take on this role in 2021
 - Virtual CSLT?
 - ◆ That should be very doable...
11. IDEA (pulled from consent calendar) – Bob Cearnal
- [Attachment: “05a-Report_IDEA.pdf”]
 - IDEA sent out a new brochure – sent to all district members
 - Brett is sending e-mail to the entire district referring to this flyer and asking everyone to go over it.
 - For a \$25 donation (covering shipping and handling), you will get a nice book written by Earl Meseth (see IDEA report for the details)
 - In light of what is going on in Nashville with HFI, it’s worth pointing out that IDEA is well organized, has been operating for a long time, and is certainly a good candidate for which to target charitable donations.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Approve 2021 Budget – Jim Wagner
- [See Treasurer’s Report for new budget]
 - Budget is negative for 2021.
 - ◆ But we’re anticipating some major discounts for the Spring convention
 - ◆ Also we’re \$6K ahead this year, have no significant expenses for the rest of the year and may be seeing another \$9K or so of incoming. So we’re actually in pretty good shape for 2021.



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- ◆ The reason we're ahead this year is due to expenses that have not taken place due to Covid-19. It's all additional uncertainty.
- ◆ We have a pretty decent buffer right now, so we're not concerned at this point.
- Web site expenses are new for this year. Web site was funded through donations at that point.
- Note that 2020 budget predicted a \$7K shortfall, but we're far ahead.
- **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve the District Budget, as proposed, for 2021**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 13. General Covid-19 Discussion and how it affects the district and chapters – Brett Mulford
 - Impact for district is horrible because we can't get together
 - Conventions are obviously fatally impacted.
 - If we can keep our membership up, financially we're ok. But the membership...
 - SOI is meeting in person now – with masks, social distancing and limiting to an hour at a time. SOI is having fun – working on polecats too.
 - Arlington Heights has been meeting outside for several months
 - ◆ First a pavilion
 - ◆ Now a parking garage (it's warmer)
 - West Towns is doing more educational activities
 - CSLT style training can pretty easily be done online
 - Terry Ludwig has gone through Covid-19
 - Coles County appears to be meeting a lot, doing polecats, Christmas songs.
 - ◆ Meeting in a lighted pavilion, earlier than normal, dismissing earlier than normal.
 - ◆ A lot of good camaraderie.
 - Terry: For a director, virtual meetings over zoom is incredibly difficult
 - Earl Holtz
 - ◆ Kingdoms are basically programming each rehearsal
 - ◆ 2 hour Tue night program
 - ◆ Dan Wessler is still with us from Co, runs warmup and rehearses some material
 - ◆ We've had guest speakers, other activities.
 - ◆ Northbrook has been inviting anyone from other chapters to join in – additional fellowship.
 - Joe Gurreri



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- ◆ Let us know through FB if your chapter is doing events, and we'll spread the word to the rest of the district.
- Jeff Bowyer
 - ◆ They are ordering some equipment that stands the mask off the face a bit to help with breathing while singing
- Brett Mulford
 - ◆ Society is offering half dues
 - ◆ District isn't doing anything dues-wise. However we plan some significant reduction in registration fees at the next convention we stage.
- 14. Board Election for 2021 – Brett Mulford
 - [Attachment: 09a-Slate.pdf]
 - Bob Squires – What is the situation with the CDD position?
 - ◆ We have not been able to find anyone with the necessary skills.
 - ◆ Could we role that into Music & Performance or CSLT?
 - Deal with this at the next District Board meeting
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Accept the 2021 Governance Board Slate for 2021/2022**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 15. Dates for Cancellations of HCMW and Spring Convention, if needed – Brett Mulford
 - Probably can delay this out to end of November into December.
 - It was discussed earlier
- 16. Spring 2021 HOD Date
 - Logical choice is during the Spring Convention
 - For now, the Friday before the convention, same location, about 1pm

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

Adjourned: 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

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

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

+ Delegate appears in multiple places or is a District Governance Board officer or a Past President – will still only have ONE vote!

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



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

8 out of 9

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

3 out of 8

8+3+10 = 21 present

9+8+27 = 41 total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Rich Hansen]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

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

Chapter Eternal 2020	
Name	Chapter
Dick Hess	Will-Cook/Northbrook/DuPage Valley
Ermon Keever	Chicagoland West Suburban
John Knecht	Lake County
Calvin Claus	Arlington Heights
Morris Pumphrey	Arlington Heights
Leigh Sherman	Chicagoland West Suburban
Wiley Zabel	Aurora
Bill Worst	Aurora/Chicagoland West Suburban
Wayne Wright	Sterling-Rock Falls
George Ziegler	Waterloo
David Woods	DuPage Valley
Kenneth Hoppe	DuPage Valley
Harold Jones	Sandoval
Jim Vliet	Champaign-Urbana
Leslie Bloomfield	Elgin
Don Duff	Chicagoland West Suburban

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

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

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.