



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 to 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