

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2021 House of Delegates Meeting

26-Sep-2021 7:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2021

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: 7:00 PM

Called to order: 7:10 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 19 members present, out of a potential total of 27+9+9=45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 19 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 – Jeff Lathom
4. Approve Agenda – Jeff Lathom
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (May 23rd, 2021) – Mike Isely
 - Awards Committee chairman did not sign his report
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2021 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Johnston, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ Pull these reports, by request:

- ♦ Awards Report (Mike Bagby)
- ♦ IDEA Report (Bob Cearnal)

→ Pull missing reports:

- ♦ CSLT – Benjamin Light
- ♦ Events – Jeff Bowyer
- ♦ YIH – Evan Patrick

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept Consent Calendar, containing Marketing, Contest & Judging, Events reports**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
- ♦ **PASSED**

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

- ♦ Packet includes:
 - President's Report
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report_President.pdf"]
 - Marketing Report
 - [Attachment: "02a-Report_Marketing.pdf"]
 - Contest and Judging Report
 - [Attachment: "03a-Report_Contest_and_Judging.pdf"]
 - Historian Report
 - [Attachment: "04a-Report_Historian.pdf"]

OLD BUSINESS

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ District is in very good financial condition at this time. Are there things we can do better? Sure, but this is a good position to be in.

→ Top Gun event sponsored, which was reasonably well attended, funded by both the district and IDEA.

→ Jim is resigning his position, due to relocation to Indiana, after 8 years of service.

- ♦ Will stay through Fall convention financials, probably the end of the year.

→ [Attachment: "05a-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**



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- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Rich Hansen**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
- 8. Memorial – Rich Hansen
 - (See appendix)
- 9. Chapter Health – Jeff Lathom
 - Concerns over Society Liability policy now excludes “disease outbreaks”
- 10. Quartet School
 - Top Gun went great.
 - 8 quartets
 - wonderful afterglow
 - Planning to send out evaluations to participants

NEW BUSINESS

11. 2022 Budget review and approval – Jim Wagner
 - This is a worst case budget; we don’t expect all categories to be fully exhausted
 - Bob Squires: How many areas submitted budgets? Answer – two.
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve 2022 District Budget**
 - ♦ **Offered by: John Q Morris, Seconded: Mike Bagby**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
12. Harmony College Midwest – Tim Beutel
 - Plans in process
 - Quartet: OC Times
 - Theo Hicks, one of the clinicians
 - Eventbrite link up and ready to go
 - More information forthcoming via district emails and Facebook
 - At the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington (similar to 2019 HCM event)
 - Weekend after Valentines Day, 19-Feb
 - \$75 individual, \$250 for quartets
13. IDEA Nominations
 - Bob Squires (4 years)
 - ♦ **Motion**
 - **Subject:**
 - **Offered: Jim Waldorf, second: Rich Hansen**
 - **PASSED**



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→ Bob Cearnal (5 years)

♦ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject:**
- ♦ **Offered: Mike Bagby, Tom DeBord**
- ♦ **PASSED**

14. District Nominations

→ Doug Finkbiner (Membership)

→ Bob Squires: Any training / background? Mentored with Membership in another district, has consulted with multiple Board members about the role, and objectives. Doug has listed objectives:

- ♦ Become a resource for the chapters in members center and BHS office
- ♦ Advocate for chapters and tracking of membership numbers
- ♦ Provide guidance to chapters in how to build membership
- ♦ Contact with Don Fuson at CSD for mentoring Q&A
- ♦ Contact with Joey Lar at CAD

→ Any idea of specific help for chapters in peril in ILL:

- ♦ Don't know yet, but is aware of issues

→ Background info

- ♦ Joined society in 1994 – the 20th year
- ♦ Member Coles County, Lead
- ♦ Contacts in CAD
- ♦ 20 year high school teacher, journalist for 6-7 years, masters in communications
- ♦ dfinkbiner@hotmail.com

→ **Motion**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve Doug Finkbiner to fill remaining term as BMAL**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely Seconded: Rich Hansen**
- ♦ **PASSED**

15. Pulled Reports

→ Events – Jeff Bowyer

- ♦ Mixed quartets competing on 2 different days?
 - This is because it's really a single-round competition, so doing that on either day works fine.
- ♦ Would attendance have increased if vaccination was made a requirement?
- ♦ Some logistical issues with ticket sales at the BCPA



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- ♦ Jeff Lathom: Convention went great, a lot of singing outside of the hotel. For the most part, he's very pleased how it all turned out, specifically towards safety.
- CSLT – Benjamin Light
 - ♦ Have CSLT event in 2022 with LOL
 - ♦ Working with HCM for 2023
- YIH – Evan Patrick
 - ♦ No festivals will be taking place this Fall
 - ♦ Venue / masking issues with students
 - ♦ No expected funding for 2021
- IDEA – Rich Hansen
 - ♦ [Attachment: “06a-Report_IDEA.pdf”]
 - ♦ IDEA is here to support you whether at a chapter or a district level. Things have been difficult this year, e.g. inability to earn income via shows that can't happen
 - ♦ IDEA is donating \$250 to every chapter to help out financially in these hard times
 - ♦ Funding request forms redone
 - Form A: Smaller grants \$500 or below, for individuals & chapters
 - Form B: Grants over \$500, for chapters and district
 - ♦ Forms will be linked from the district web site
 - ♦ Chapter activities, quartet promotions, shows are examples of where IDEA funding can help. Funding is not specifically limited to these things – anything to help out.
- Awards Committee
 - ♦ [Attachment: “07a-Report_Awards.pdf”]
 - ♦ Mike Bagby is stepping down as chair; Doug Ferrier will take over
 - Mike Bagby will stay involved for a smooth transition

16. Spring 2022 HOD Date – Mike Isely

→ 24-April-2022, via Zoom

Adjourned: 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
P	Arlington Heights, IL	E002	* Michael Johnston
P	Aurora, IL	E003	Mark Barone
A	Belleville, IL	E005	* Lawrence Dohogne
P	Bloomington, IL	E007	Tom De Bord
P	Macomb, IL	E008	Craig Rigg
P	Northbrook, IL	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Champaign Urbana, IL	E010	!
A	Danville, IL	E013	* Eric Westfall
A	Decatur, IL	E014	!
A	Coles County, IL	E017	Bruce Condill
P	Elgin, IL	E018	* William Miller
A	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	David Mouri
P	Lake County, IL	E021	* Theodore Gault
A	Bureau County, IL	E024	* Marvin Strom
P	Chicagoland West Subu	E030	* James Brown
A	Peoria, IL	E044	!
P	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* John Q Morris
A	Rockford, IL	E047	* Charles Woodworth
A	Rock Island, IL	E048	!
A	Will-Cook, IL	E050	Allen Munneke
A	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	* Kevin Deets
A	Waterloo, IL	E054	* Richard Biby
A	Springfield, IL	E061	Patrik Claussen
A	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	Thomas McEvelly
A	Kishwaukee Valley, IL	E067	!
A	Carbondale, IL	E075	
A	Kankakee, IL	E077	!

9 / 27

* 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
P	Jeff Lathom	President
P	Terry Ludwig	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
	(open)	BMAL (Membership)
	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
P	Benjamin Light	BMAL
	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President

5 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
P	Bob Cearnal
	Dave Cowin
P	Rich Hansen
	Earl Meseth
n/a	Brett Mulford
P	Bob Squires
	Joe Sullivan
P	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle

5 out of 10

5+5+9 = 19 present

9+9+27 = 45 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 2021	
Name	Chapter
John Linder	Lake County
Ken Hines	Sterling-Rock Falls
Phil Schwimmer	Lake County & Chicagola Metro
John Greven	DuPage Valley
Ron Heilig	Chicagoland West Suburban
Wips Kohlmeier	Waterloo
Deacon Nalesnik	Springfield
Elmer Boeldt	Elgin
Arthur Deem	Sterling-Rock Falls
Robert Joos	Peoria
James M. Deegan III	Southwest Suburban, Oak Lawn, & Chicagoland West Suburban
Joseph Schlesinger	North Shore, Northbrook, & Chicago Metro
Joe Liles	Lake County
James Albini	Elgin
Gene Beck	Bureau County
Harry Breighner	Springfield
Gene Brodland	Springfield
Roderick Mason	Macomb
Gary Lee Wiley	Decatur
William Palmer	Arlington Heights
Dan Lutter	Northbrook
Dowell Kelley	Belleville
Larry Kamick	Chicago Metro

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.