

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2022 House of Delegates Meeting

16-Sep-2022 1:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc. House of Delegates

Sep 2022

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: DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington IL

Time: 1:00 PM

Called to order: 1:05 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 24 members present, out of a potential total of 27+9+9=45.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 24 present we have 53%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Brett Mulford
 - (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 1st, 2022) – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2022 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Pat Claussen, Seconded: Earl Holtz**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ The following had no report:

- ♦ Membership: (no report)
- ♦ Contest & Judging: (no report)
- ♦ YIH: (no report)
- ♦ CSLT: (no report)

→ Pull the following report:

- ♦ IDEA
 - [Attachment: “08a-Report_IDEA.pdf”]

→ Accept the following reports without further discussion:

- ♦ President
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report_President.pdf”]
- ♦ Marketing & PR
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report_Marketing.pdf”]
- ♦ Events
 - [Attachment: “06a-Report_Events.pdf”]
- ♦ Music & Performance
 - [Attachment: “07a-Report_MusicAndPerf.pdf”]
- ♦ Historical
 - [Attachment: “11a-Report_Historian.pdf”]

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Pull IDEA report; accept all other submitted reports**
- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
- ♦ **PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS

7. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Lathom

→ Question about convention costs / income

→ [Attachment: “01a-Report_Treasurer.pdf”]

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive the Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: John Q Morris**
- ♦ **PASSED**



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8. Memorial – Rich Hansen
 - See appendix
9. Fall Convention – Jeff Lathom
 - Only 177 paid registrations
 - ♦ on-site registration hasn't started yet
 - ♦ Historically we've had upwards of 80 additional on-site
 - 6 choruses
 - 10 quartets (includes 2 high school quartets)
10. Illinois District Competition Make-up
 - Recap of contest formal proposal passed in Spring 2022 HOD
11. Awards Chair – Doug Ferrier
 - Handout during meeting:
 - ♦ [Attachment: "12a-Report_Awards.pdf"]
 - Doug taking over from Mike Bagby
 - ♦ Thank you Mike Bagby
 - Committee members:
 - ♦ Steve Davis
 - ♦ Rich Hansen
 - ♦ Jeff Lathom
 - HOD decision from last May has increased the number of awards, so we've set up corresponding new awards. These are on display this weekend
 - Medals to be distributed, replacing plaques
12. Pulled / Missing Reports
 - IDEA
 - ♦ Description of *Clippings From The Barbershop Floor*
 - Delegates invited to take home copy and potentially donate \$20 to IDEA
 - ♦ IDEA has had a lot of success funding events around the district
 - Rich Hansen's students had Vocal Spectrum perform and he's since had a large influx of students wanting to audition!
 - ♦ Very important: IDEA needs to be licensed in each state where fundraising happens. Once we have a "click to donate" button on a website this becomes an issue. Else 501c(3) status can be endangered.
 - Contest & Judging
 - ♦ Everything is in good shape for this weekend. Judges are more local, so expenses are lower for this contest.



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- ♦ Next year's contest date: Sep 22/23.
- YIH – Evan Patrick
 - ♦ Five established YIH programs
 - ♦ COVID-19 impacted last year but this year festivals are happening
 - ♦ Haven't heard from Sterling Rock Falls, might not be happening this year
- Membership – Doug Finkbiner
 - ♦ 587 members of the district as of today
 - ♦ Operating theme: Retain, Reclaim, and Recruit
 - ♦ Doug plans chapter visits
 - ♦ Terry: "Somebody from the district board will be out to visit every chapter in 2023"
- CSLT
 - ♦ Current VP just resigned

NEW BUSINESS

13. Approval of the 2023 District Budget

- Jim's budgets have always been a worst case scenario. Proposed budget for 2023 is a negative \$29K.
- Part of that is a \$10K towards new risers – something desperately needed. This is the big difference from the prior year.
- **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve 2023 ILL District budget**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Dave Garrett**
 - ♦ **20 in favor, 1 opposed**
 - ♦ **PASSED**

14. Harmony College Midwest – Evan Patrick

- Feb 17-19, at the DoubleTree
- Tim Buetel, Dan Wessler, Joe Cerrutti (head clinician)
- Vocal Spectrum
- \$65 individual, \$225 quartet (contest weekend special otherwise \$75 & \$250)
- Note that pre-covid, the 2020 HCM was a fantastic success

15. IDEA Board Nomination – Bob Cearnal

- Earl Holtz nominated for 5 year renewal on IDEA



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→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Approve Earl Holtz for another 5 year term**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
- ♦ **PASSED**

16. BHS Support

→ What kind of support as a district would you like from BHS?

→ MOU with the Society, something the DP must execute

- ♦ It's an understanding of what we want from BHS
- ♦ Devin Bradford from HQ , director of Marketing and Communications
 - Presentation about BHS membership, fundraising, and marketing status
- ♦ Questions about contacting BHS. They have not been responsive.

17. Nominating Committee

→ 2023/2024 Slate

- ♦ [Attachment: "98-slate.pdf"]
- ♦ One open BMAL slot
 - Raymond Schwartzkopf nominated by John Q Morris to fill open BMAL slot
 - Nomination subsequently rescinded by John Q Morris
 - District Secretary will withdraw from the slate if Raymond is added

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Accept the submitted Governance Board slate for 2023/2024**
- ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Ron Welch**
- ♦ **PASSED**

18. Spring 2023 HOD Date

→ April 16th, via ZOOM (Sunday night 7pm)

Adjourned: 3:25 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	Elmer Sweet
A	Aurora, IL	E003	* Thomas Erwin
P	Belleville, IL	E005	Steve Hand
P	Bloomington, IL	E007	Dave Garret
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	James Barr
P	Coles County, IL	E017	Leif Wildman
P	Elgin, IL	E018	* William Miller
A	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	* Brandon Bolley
P	Lake County, IL	E021	* Brian Cromer
A	Bureau County, IL	E024	* John Swanson
P	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL	E030	Ron Welch
P	Peoria, IL	E044	Harold Harness
P	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* John Q Morris
P	Rockford, IL	E047	Ray Monroe
A	Rock Island, IL	E048	!
A	Will-Cook, IL	E050	Neil DeVore
A	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	* Kevin Deets
A	Waterloo, IL	E054	!
P	Springfield, IL	E061	Pat Claussen
P	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	* Kevin Connell
A	Kishwaukee Valley, IL	E067	!
A	Carbondale, IL	E075	* David Bremer
A	Kankakee, IL	E077	!

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* Chapter did not specifically declare a delegate; substituting Chapter President
! 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
A	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
P	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
	Tim Pashon	BMAL (C & J)
	Benjamin Light	BMAL
P	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President

6 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
	Bob Squires
	Joe Sullivan
P	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle

4 out of 9

6+4+14 = 24 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:

<u>Chapter Eternal 2021</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Gary Keffeler	Bureau County
Paul Ogle	Waterloo
Drayton Justus	Coles County
Steve Pressley	Chicagoland West Suburban
Richard Davidson	Will-Cook
Gerald Glore	Lake County
Rex Winget	Sterling-Rock Falls
Greg Lyne	Chicagoland West Suburban & Lake County
John Jeide	Elgin
Bill Dysart	Elgin
Larry Antemann	Northbrook
Marvin Bohm	Chicagoland West Suburban & Aurora
Dennis Brandt	Belleville
Ewen "Lefty" Bryden	Coles County
Jon Daker	Frank Thorne
Marvin Hartz	Bureau County
Chris Hines	Danville
Robert Zinkel	Chicagoland West Suburban
Bob Park	Bloomington
Paul Palmer	Will-Cook
Glen Vissering	Frank Thorne
Don Burton	Bureau County

If there are any other members who have deceased in the past year that have not been mentioned, please state their name and the chapter they represent.

I ask that 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 song in our hearts.

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.