

**the Illinois District**  
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



*a state of close harmony*

Fall 2023 House of Delegates Meeting

12-Sep-2023 1:00PM

## **Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.**

### **House of Delegates**

Sep 2023

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:** Via Zoom

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Called to order:** 1:02 PM

### Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
  - 29 members present, out of a potential total of 43.
  - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 29 present we have 67%, quorum established.
  - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
  - Note: Dwayne Cooper, Society Treasurer, is here today
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
  - (see above)
3. Welcome – Terry Ludwig
4. Approve Agenda – Mike Isely
  - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Jeff Boywer, John Q. Morris**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023) – Mike Isely
  - **Motion:**
    - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2023 HOD Minutes**
    - ♦ **Offered by: Paul McCracken, Earl Holtz**
    - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely

→ Drop CSLT

→ **Motion: Approve Consent Calendar, minus the CSLT report**

♦ **Offered by: Ray Monroe, Mike Bagby**

♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ Accept the following reports, CSLT else moved to Old Business:

- ♦ President's Report [Attachment: "02a-rpt\_president.pdf"]
- ♦ Membership Report [Attachment: "03a-rpt\_membership.pdf"]
- ♦ Music and Performance Report [Attachment: "04a-rpt\_musperf.pdf"]
- ♦ Marketing Report [Attachment: "05a-rpt\_marketing.pdf"]
- ♦ Contest & Judging Report [Attachment: "06a-rpt\_drcj.pdf"]
- ♦ Events Report [Attachment: "07a-rpt\_events.pdf"]
- ♦ IDEA Report [Attachments: "08a-rpt\_idea.pdf", "08b-rpt\_idea.pdf"]
- ♦ Youth In Harmony Report [Attachment: "09a-rpt\_yih.pdf"]
- ♦ Chorus Director Development Report [Attachment: "10a-rpt\_cdd.pdf"]
- ♦ Historian's Report [Attachment: "12a-rpt\_historian.pdf"]
- ♦ Award Committee Report [Attachments: "13a-rpt\_awards.pdf", "13b-rpt\_awards.pdf"]

## TREASURER'S REPORT

7. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman

→ [Attachment: "01a-rpt\_treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion:**

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

♦ **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Earl Meseth**

♦ **PASSED**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

8. Memorial – Rich Hansen

→ See attachment at end of this document

## OLD BUSINESS

9. Riser Update – Terry Ludwig

→ We are no longer in the riser business

→ Chorus pictures now happen on stage following the performance



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10. Chapter Visit Update – Terry Ludwig

- Nearly all chapter visits have taken place
- This has been eye-opening, life-changing for Terry
- Older members haven't been going to the conventions because "there's nothing there for me". This is why we're doing so many new things on Saturday. This needs to be a convention not just a contest. We need to do singing – the reason why we joined.
- The district is here to help everyone – but things like member recruiting has to happen within the chapters.

11. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig / Ben Dirks

- Recap / reminder of plan first described in the Spring 2023 HOD.
- Cohesive / common goals for Terry and Ben Dirks later.

12. CSLT – John Q. Morris

- Chapter Support and Leadership Training Report [Attachment: "11a-rpt\_cslt.pdf"]
- Ballot distributed for preferred virtual workshop

13. Website

- Current plan is new website will be up and functional at the end of the month.
- This will give us the ability to make updates in-house

## NEW BUSINESS

14. Chapter President's Council

- Proposed by Ben Dirks
- Initial organization by EVP
- A couple leads established within the group, self managed in the future.
- A way for chapter presidents to use each other's knowledge
- Analog for the existing District President's Council
- Exploit use of Zoom

15. IDEA Trustee nomination – Bob Cearnal

- Terry is pledging to help raise \$10K for IDEA over the next 12 months, and challenges everyone to step up.
- **Motion:**
  - ♦ **Subject: Appoint Jim Waldorf to IDEA for 5 year term, replacing Rich Hansen**
  - ♦ **Offered by: Leif Wildman, Patrik Claussen**
  - ♦ **PASSED**
- Jim will ultimately replace Bob Cearnal as IDEA Exec Director



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16. Dwayne Cooper, BHS

- Introduction, society overview / status
- Asking for what the district might need

17. Perry White, HFI

- Introduction, Harmony Foundation update
- Donors total was 24% of BHS population in 2019
  - ♦ Now it's 11%
  - ♦ This needs to turn around

18. 2024 Budget – Leif Wildman

- [Attachment: "14a-budget.pdf"]
- Current budget looking at about a \$6K loss, but it's based on prior years and right now we're actually way ahead – by around \$5K due to large upward trend in Fall convention attendance.
- **Motion:**
  - ♦ **Subject: Approve 2024 District Budget**
  - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, John Q. Morris**
  - ♦ **PASSED**

19. Pilot Program – Ben Dirks

- Value Exchange Journey
  - ♦ Conversation involving the DPC and BHS regarding long term stability
- Identifying specific chapters with specific needs, to create a specific pilot program for each such chapter. Figure out what works and roll that out to other chapters.

20. Spring 2024 HOD Date – Mike Isely

- 4/21/2024 at 7pm central time via Zoom

**Adjourned:** 2:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Isely – Secretary



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### **Appendix: Attendance**

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

<b>Chapter Delegates</b>			
<b>P/L/A</b>	<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
P	Arlington Heights	E002	* David Theile
P	Aurora	E003	* Lester Grossman
P	Belleville	E005	Tom Cunningham
P	Bloomington	E007	Doug Ferrier
P	Macomb	E008	* Craig Rigg
P	Northbrook	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Danville	E013	* Bryan Schroeder
A	Decatur	E014	James Barr
P	Coles County	E017	Ronald Hawkins
P	Elgin	E018	* William Miller
P	Rockford Metro	E019	* Brandon Bolley
A	Lake County	E021	* Brian Cromer
P	Bureau County	E024	Dale Fiste
A	Chicagoland West Suburban	E030	* James Brown
P	Peoria	E044	Harold Harness
A	Chicago Metro	E045	* Bonnie Jones
P	Rockford	E047	Ray Monroe
A	Rock Island	E048	!
P	Will-Cook	E050	Neil DeVore
P	Sterling Rock Falls	E052	* Paul McCracken
A	Waterloo	E054	!
P	Springfield	E061	Patrik Claussen
P	DuPage Valley	E066	Jim Fourmont
A	Carbondale	E075	* David Bremer

16 / 24

\* Chapter did not declare a separate delegate; substituted 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	Terry Ludwig	President
P	Benjamin Dirks	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Leif Wildman	Treasurer
A	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
N/A	(Jeff Lathom)	BMAL (C & J)
P	John Q Morris	BMAL
P	Jeff Lathom	Imm. Past President

7 out of 8

\*John Q Morris added by motion during the meeting, not part of initial quorum

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
N/A	Jeff Bowyer
P	Bob Cearnal
A	Dave Cowin
P	Rich Hansen
N/A	Jeff Lathom
P	Earl Meseth
P	Brett Mulford
A	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Will Thorndike
P	Jim Waldorf
A	Syl Wetle

6 out of 11

7+6+16 = 29 present

8+11+24 = 43 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
Mark Snygg	Rockford
Rick Wilson	Frank Thorne
Edward Brusic	Will-Cook
Carl Follin	Springfield
Bob Abbott	Macomb
Lawrence Cralley	Carbondale
James Bataille	Chicago Metro & Arlington Heights
Richard Brown	Chicagoland West Suburban
Harry Klepsteen	Frank Thorne
Bernard Martin	Arlington Heights
Jack Patmythes	Rockford Metro

*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.*