



Illinois District Association Of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.
House Of Delegates
Spring, 2014 Meeting Agenda – April 25th, 2014
11:30 AM – Ohio/Illinois, RiverCenter – Davenport, IA

Opening Song – Terry Ludwig – Director

1. Roll Call – Mike Isely
2. House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
3. Approval of Agenda – Jeff Bowyer
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
5. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Wagner
6. Consent Calendar Reports – Jeff Bowyer
 - A. Membership Report – Hugo Feugen
 - B. MKT – Report – Derek Gilbert
 - C. YIH – Report – Rich Hansen
 - D. C&J – Report – Dave Cowin
 - E. Music & Performance – Report – Terry Ludwig & Tim Pashon
 - F. Historical Report – Report – Bob Squires
 - G. Awards Committee – Report – Mike Bagby
 - H. CDD – Report – Tim Woodall
 - I. Events Committee – upcoming conventions
 - a . Fall, 2014 – Bloomington BCPA/Marriott
 - b . Spring, 2015 – Undecided
 - c . Fall, 2015 – Possibly Bloomington BCPA/Marriott
 - J. I.D.E.A – Bob Cearnal



OLD BUSINESS

7. District Policy & Procedures Manual update – Will Thorndike, Mike Isely & Mike Bagby
8. CSLT Position / Chapter Counselors update – Jeff Bowyer & Rich Hansen

NEW BUSINESS

9. BHS Society Report – Alan Lamson
10. Harmony Foundation – Dave Calland
11. Spring Convention/Contest discussion
12. Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires

Adjournment – Closing Song – Bob Cearnal, Director



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

Chapter Delegates			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
	Arlington Heights	E002	* Michael Johnston
	Aurora	E003	* John Parker
	Belleville	E005	* Dennis Brandt
	Bloomington	E007	Tom De Bord
	Bureau County	E024	* Marvin Strom
	Carbondale	E075	!
	Champaign Urbana	E010	+ Hugo Feugen
	Chicago Metro	E045	James Jarosz
	Chicago No 1	E012	!
	Chicagoland West Suburban	E030	Don Davia
	Coles County	E017	Bruce Condill
	Collinsville	E016	!
	Danville	E013	* Robert McIntire
	Decatur	E014	* James Barr
	DuPage Valley	E066	James Fourmont
	Elgin	E018	* Douglas Mather
	Kankakee	E077	Richard Howell
	Kishwaukee Valley	E067	* Steven Safford
	Lake County	E021	Donald Smit
	Macomb	E008	!
	Northbrook	E009	Brian Berg
	Okaw Valley	E073	!
	Peoria	E044	Harold Harness
	Quincy	E029	!
	Rock Island	E048	* Brian Buckrop
	Rockford	E047	* Dan Adler
	Rockford Metro	E019	* Douglas Phillips
	Springfield	E061	* Patrik Claussen
	Sterling Rock Falls	E052	Kevin O'Keefe
	Waterloo	E054	* James Heise
	Will-Cook	E050	+ Earl Meseth
(total = 31)			
* 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 – will still only have ONE vote!			
! No information provided by this chapter (missing chapter officers from ebiz), thus no delegate			



Governance Board		
P/L/A	Name	Role
	Jeff Bowyer	President
	Richard Hansen	Executive VP
	Mike Isely	Secretary
	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
	Jim Waldorf	At-Large
	Huge Feugen	At-Large (Membership)
	Will Thorndike	At-Large (Events)
	Wayne Wright	At-Large (Contest & Judging)
	Mike Bagby	Imm. Past President
(total = 9)		

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
P/L/A	Name
	Bob Cearnal
	Earl Meseth
	Phil Rolfs
	Wally Ryan
	Bob Squires
	Joe Sullivan
	Jim Vliet
	Syl Wetle
(total = 8)	

Operations		
P/L/A	Name	Role
	Derek Gilbert	Marketing & PR, Webmaster
	Richard Hansen	Youth In Harmony
	Terry Ludwig	Music & Performance
	Tim Pashon	Music & Performance / Quartet promotion
	Tim Woodall	Chorus Director Development
(total = 5)		

Additional		
P/L/A	Name	Role
	Douglas Brown	International Representative
(total = 1)		

Membership Report

March 8, 2014

The attached chart shows how IL District chapters have fared in the last few years. The big story remains “non-renewals.” Each Chapter Development Officer/VP Membership needs to keep his finger on “ebiz.barbershop.org” to see who in his chapter is nearing his renewal date (and hasn’t done it). Those are shown 60 days ahead of their anniversary and 120 days after, at the top of each chapter’s listing. **THOSE MEMBERS NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED TO RENEW! IT’S PARTICULARLY AT RENEWAL TIME THAT MANY ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE QUESTIONS SURROUNDING WHETHER THEY WANT TO RENEW. DON’T LET THOSE MEMBERS THINK THEIR CHAPTER DOESN’T CARE ABOUT (unless you don’t---that’s a joke).**

The take-home from the mini-forum in Nashville regarding membership, as I see it, was a general encouragement to all chapters to “get out in the community and show what you are and can do.” Don’t hide your light within the confines of your meeting hall! Perform! If you don’t have gigs, find places to perform. Brainstorm where you could perform. Seek out places where your performances would catch the eyes and ears of potential male barbershop singers. Ask to perform, then do so--in style!

The most successful “program” in the society for increasing chapter membership (one at a time) is not the podium cattle calls of “Wives, get rid of your husbands on Thursday nights! Send them to us!” but rather, personal invitations, particularly using the “Supercharging your chapter” method, by initiating a closely-scripted, five-minute interaction with a prospective member, inquiring about their singing. (Copious details available via barbershop.org, supercharging your chapter.)

As always, I’m eager to hear (and receive as emails) stories of your chapter’s triumphs, losses and support needs—particularly all those strategies you believe are paying off.

Respectfully,

Hugo Feugen

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	02/29 2012	02/28 2013	02/28 2014	New 2013	New 2014	2014 duals	2014 deaths	2012 NR	2013 NR	2014 NR	12/31 2011	12/31 2012	12/31 2013
E000 Frank Thorne - E	47	41	33	0	0	0	0	(18)	(12)	(1)	48	44	34
E002 Arlington Heights	42	41	33	1	0	0	0	(3)	(6)	(5)	41	42	38
E003 Aurora (IL)	23	23	16	1	0	0	0	(5)	(7)	(2)	22	24	18
E005 Belleville (IL)	44	41	37	2	0	0	0	(7)	(6)	(2)	45	40	39
E007 Bloomington (IL)	108	113	109	4	3	0	0	(6)	(13)	(4)	108	112	110
E008 Macomb (IL)	18	18	18	1	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	18	18	18
E009 Northbrook (IL)	109	110	100	2	0	0	0	(14)	(14)	(4)	107	109	104
E010 Champaign Urban	16	11	10	0	0	0	0	(5)	0	0	17	12	10
E012 Chicago No 1 (IL)	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	4	4	3
E013 Danville (IL)	14	21	15	0	1	0	0	(2)	(7)	(1)	14	22	15
E014 Decatur (IL)	21	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	21	19	18
E016 Collinsville (IL)	14	14	9	2	0	0	0	(3)	(5)	(2)	13	14	12
E017 Coles County (IL)	49	44	41	2	0	0	0	(6)	(6)	(1)	48	47	42
E018 Elgin (IL)	36	34	30	0	0	0	0	(1)	(4)	(1)	34	36	31
E019 Rockford Metro (IL)	31	29	25	1	0	0	0	(4)	(3)	(2)	29	28	27
E021 Lake County (IL)	26	28	28	2	0	0	0	(1)	(1)	(1)	27	28	29
E024 Bureau County (IL)	15	12	10	0	0	0	0	(1)	(6)	0	15	15	10
E029 Quincy (IL)	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	(2)	0	6	6	4
E030 Chicagoland West	103	90	84	2	0	0	0	(24)	(11)	(1)	109	91	85
E044 Peoria (IL)	31	28	25	1	0	0	0	(1)	(2)	0	31	29	25
E045 Chicago Metro (IL)	25	25	22	3	0	0	0	(4)	(5)	(3)	25	25	25
E047 Rockford (IL)	38	35	32	1	1	0	0	(3)	(4)	(1)	37	35	32
E048 Rock Island (IL)	16	15	17	1	0	0	0	(2)	(3)	0	16	15	17
E050 Will-Cook (IL)	48	45	41	0	0	0	0	(11)	(7)	(3)	49	49	44
E052 Sterling Rock Fall	42	50	42	4	0	0	0	(2)	(9)	(4)	42	49	46
E054 Waterloo (IL)	23	22	21	1	0	0	0	(3)	(2)	(1)	23	22	22
E061 Springfield (IL)	47	42	41	6	0	0	0	(7)	(2)	(3)	45	42	45
E066 DuPage Valley (IL)	55	52	56	4	0	0	0	(7)	(4)	(1)	51	54	57
E067 Kishwaukee	11	10	9	0	0	0	0	(1)	(2)	0	11	11	9
E073 Sandoval (IL)	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	4	4	3
E075 Carbondale (IL)	30	30	29	0	3	0	0	(2)	(4)	(1)	30	31	27
E077 Kankakee (IL)	16	14	12	0	0	0	0	(5)	(3)	0	19	14	12
	1112	1071	973	41	8	0	0	(148)	(154)	(44)	1109	1091	1011

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2014

	<u>Mar 31, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	33,725.67
Total Checking/Savings	33,725.67
Other Current Assets	
1310 Convention Funding Advance	500.00
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	486.00
Total Other Current Assets	986.00
Total Current Assets	34,711.67
TOTAL ASSETS	34,711.67
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	18,017.45
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	18,017.45
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
General Operating Fund	1,164.71
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
IDAH - Other	1,765.00
Total IDAH	1,998.00
Undesignated	1,000.00
YIH	3,612.00
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	7,774.71
3220 Riser Accrual Account	1,810.04
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	9,584.75
Net Income	7,109.47
Total Equity	34,711.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	34,711.67

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through March 2014

	Jan - Mar 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
5210 District Dues (less 4%)	4,725.60	6,500.00	-1,774.40	72.7%
5310 Interest Income	4.12	1.20	2.92	343.3%
5800 Special Events Revenue				
5810 Non-gift revenue				
IDAH	11,752.26	8,000.00	3,752.26	146.9%
Total 5810 Non-gift revenue	<u>11,752.26</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>3,752.26</u>	<u>146.9%</u>
Total 5800 Special Events Revenue	<u>11,752.26</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>3,752.26</u>	<u>146.9%</u>
Total Income	<u>16,481.98</u>	<u>14,501.20</u>	<u>1,980.78</u>	<u>113.7%</u>
Gross Profit	16,481.98	14,501.20	1,980.78	113.7%
Expense				
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses				
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	191.64	350.00	-158.36	54.8%
8140 Postage & Shipping	9.80	15.00	-5.20	65.3%
8170 Printing & Copying	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
8180 Historian	349.82	375.00	-25.18	93.3%
8190 Publishing	0.00	195.00	-195.00	0.0%
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	<u>551.26</u>	<u>985.00</u>	<u>-433.74</u>	<u>56.0%</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses				
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions				
BOD Meetings	397.10	200.00	197.10	198.6%
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>397.10</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>197.10</u>	<u>198.6%</u>
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	<u>397.10</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>197.10</u>	<u>198.6%</u>
8400 Education Programs				
8420 CDWI	247.00	0.00	247.00	100.0%
8440 IDAH	7,705.74	8,000.00	-294.26	96.3%
Total 8400 Education Programs	<u>7,952.74</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>-47.26</u>	<u>99.4%</u>
8500 Other Expenses				
8550 Credit Card Fees	426.41	240.00	186.41	177.7%
8590 Miscellaneous	45.00	120.00	-75.00	37.5%
Total 8500 Other Expenses	<u>471.41</u>	<u>360.00</u>	<u>111.41</u>	<u>130.9%</u>
Total Expense	<u>9,372.51</u>	<u>9,545.00</u>	<u>-172.49</u>	<u>98.2%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7,109.47</u>	<u>4,956.20</u>	<u>2,153.27</u>	<u>143.4%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7,109.47</u></u>	<u><u>4,956.20</u></u>	<u><u>2,153.27</u></u>	<u><u>143.4%</u></u>

**Illinois District Marketing & Publicity Report
Spring 2014**

1. Online registrations for Fall Convention

306	All-Event Passes	\$10,940
6	Single Event Passes	\$ 120
14	First-timer Registrations	\$ 0
8	Military/Student Registrations	<u>\$ 0</u>
		\$11,060

2. IDAH 2014 online registrations

7	Early-early bird (\$75)	\$ 525
19	Early-bird (\$90)	\$ 1,710
6	Full registrations (\$100)	\$ 600
4	Quartet registrations	\$ 1,440
1	Youth Chorus	<u>\$ 75</u>
		\$ 4,350

3. Tweaks and updates to website

- Best Seat in the House program information posted
- Added descriptions of district awards
- Youth in Harmony festival photos posted

4. Social media assistance

Mike Savard of Northbrook Chapter has taken over posting for the district to Facebook and Twitter. He's been a great help.

5. Spring Convention

Will continue with email, website, and social media updates to direct members to the CSD contacts for registration and housing for the spring convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Gilbert
VP/Marketing & Publicity
Co-Webmaster

ILL District YIH Report March 2014

- ✓ Another successful high school quartet competition was organized by Bill Ward and John Jeide and was held at Barrington H.S. on Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2014. Nine quartets and nine ensembles (both male and female) competed for top honors. First place was awarded to the “Rolling Tones” from Grant H.S. in Fox Lake. Bill informs me that there is a possibility of four H.S. quartets from this contest that could be competing in the district this spring and is awaiting word from parents and schools for approval and to coordinate schedules. However, it is likely that some or all of the quartets may not be competing in Davenport, but rather in the LOL District. In that event, announcement of the ILL Dist. H.S. award and presentation of the Buzz Haeger trophy would need to be postponed until May.
- ✓ This year marked the first gathering of an Illinois District Youth Chorus. The group was made up of about 30 boys whose ages ranged from high school to college and beyond and was directed by members of the “After Hours” quartet at the district’s annual IDAH in Bloomington on Saturday, February 22. Several of the boys had attended our fall festivals back in October. The boys worked on two challenging arrangements during the day and performed them on the evening show. A thunderous standing ovation greeted the boys after their last song. Kudos to Terry Ludwig, Tim Pashon (IDAH coordinators) and “After Hours” for taking the time to organize this, which we hope will be the first of many youth choruses in the district.
- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
 - **September TBA:** Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, kjdeets@frontiernet.net)
 - **October 18:** Festival, Fox Lake, IL (contact Bill Ward, kingschancellor@gmail.com)
 - **October 20:** Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, twoodall@eiu.edu)
 - **October 23:** Festival, Bloomington, IL (contact Rich Hansen, hansenr@mtzion.k12.il.us)
- ✓ I am currently in negotiations with International Champions “Ringmasters”, who are planning a fall tour in the U.S., to be the guests for our 2014 October festival season. They are due in the states in late October and could be available as clinicians/guest performers for two or possibly all three of our October festivals. Costs for their weeklong visit would be divided up between the chapters sponsoring the festivals. More information will be forthcoming.
- ✓ All grants for fall festivals need to be submitted by November 1st of the previous year to be eligible for funds from the Harmony Foundation.
- ✓ All YIH event sponsors are required to submit a list of names and email addresses of their workers to BHS to take the updated sexual molestation training video – which can be done individually at home. Each worker will have to take the test online and submit their quiz answers to BHS. The list of workers at the festival then needs to coordinate with the list BHS has of those who have successfully taken the online training. Timing is important – this needs to be done well before the event itself. Grant money from BHS and Harmony Foundation require this now!
- ✓ All event sponsors should submit their event to the district calendar and alert the DVP of YIH and District President and Treasurer (if requesting funds to help defray costs) in advance of the budget approval for each year.
- ✓ It has truly been an honor to serve as your DVP of YIH over the years. I am currently searching for a new DVP of YIH when I assume the responsibility of district president in 2015. I hope to have a decision made by the middle of this year or early fall. Thanks for all of your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hansen
ILL Dist. VP - YIH

3/6/14

To: Jeff Bowyer
Illinois District Board of Directors
Illinois District House of Delegates

From: Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon
Co-VP Music and Performance

Gentlemen,

We would like to thank the Illinois District for asking us to be the Co-VP's of Music and Performance. It is a position that we do not take lightly. It is our honor to serve you.

On February 22nd we held the 2014 version of IDAH in Bloomington and it was a HUGE success. We were able to bring in some wonderful faculty to teach over 150 students. Among these students were 9 quartets, a chorus and 30 youth that comprised our first ever Youth Chorus! A big thank you to all our faculty and especially After Hours. Because of the wonderful turnout this year we were able to net a profit for the school.

Plans are already underway for IDAH 2015. We are proud to announce that we have already confirmed After Hours and Vocal Spectrum for faculty members and there will be more surprises to come! There will be more information available at the Spring Convention. Registration for returning students will start sometime in the summer and pre-registration for everyone else will begin at the Fall Convention.

In other news, we are looking at holding some FALL quartet coaching opportunities in conjunction with the QCA. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

Finally we are looking at the possibility of reintroducing the Standing Ovation Program in some form. Again, more information as it become available.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon



AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

Charleston's Bar & Grill - 2101 Calistoga Dr, New Lenox, IL

Present: Mike Bagby, Bob Squires, Steve Davis, John Davis

Absent: Hugo Feugen (sent reports, schedules and accepted Frank Thorne Award responsibility)

1. Spring Awards Assignments

- a. Gene McNish Small Chorus Champion (Mike Bagby bring trophy)
- b. George Peters Senior Quartet Trophy (Mike will contact Varsity to bring trophy)
- c. High School Champion (Mike will contact Huntley High School to bring trophy)
- d. College Quartet Champion (Mike Bagby bring trophy)
- e. Sol Gamis Award (Wes Willard is finishing up new trophy. Mike will solicit quartet entries for 2014)
- f. Frank Thorne (Hugo Feugen - will get existing trophy to Davenport and work with Derek Gilbert to get attendance information to determine Spring 2014 winner)
- g. Charles Hecking Award (Mike Bagby will bring trophy. John Davis will solicit nominations to determine 2014 winner)
- h. Award for Barbershop Excellence (Mike Bagby will contact Dick Kingdon. Steve Davis will solicit nominations to determine 2014 winner. Awards Committee will purchase 10 clocks from Dinn Brothers to return consistency to this individual award - 10 clocks @ \$54.00/each)

2. Descriptions for 18 Awards and/or Presentations were finalized and sent to Derek Gilbert to be added to the Illinois District Web Site.

3. FUTURE AWARDS

- a. Most Entertaining Chorus Award - MECA (Bob Squires will work with Fall Convention host chapter to select judges and continue making this award at Fall Conventions)
- b. Bulletin Editor of The Year - BETY (Bob Squires will work with Craig Rigg to determine viability of continuing this award, if so, how to inform individual chapter bulletin editors how to enter.
- c. Saturday Morning Anything Goes - SMAG (Bob Squires will work with Tom Woodall to coordinate this program with "30 minutes of Bb Singing" and "Sing With A Champ")
- d. Awards Committee will recommend to the District that Individual Medals for top five choruses will be eliminated at District Chorus Contest due to prohibitive cost. Mike Bagby will inform



Northbrook that the District will not be able to provide 15 additional pins for members who were on stage at the fall convention in Bloomington who did not get a lapel pin.

4. Displays in registration area (Mike Bagby and Bob Squires will work together on trophies and historical documents to be displayed at future conventions).

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.



IDEA Financial Report

From: Earl Holtz

As of the market close on March 31, the fund has increased to \$77,270.19 from \$76,210.45 as of 12/31/13. The increase included \$165 in contributions and one percent return on investments.

Year to date, the stock market as measured by the S&P 500 stock index including dividends was up 2% and most fixed income investments had positive returns.

The current bank balance is \$1464.66.



PROPOSAL SPRING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING APRIL 25, 2014 – DAVENPORT, IA

Proposal – adjust the current schedule of district conventions to include one “contest” weekend during a fall convention, while keeping a spring “festival” event in conjunction with IDAH.

Time Frame for implementation – beginning with the fall convention of 2014

Background Info:

The concept of moving to one contest per year is one that has received a lot of attention recently. Under the new leadership in Nashville, the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors announced that districts wishing to move their current format to just one contest a year may do so with the approval of the Society headquarters. To date, two districts have already adopted this new format - the Southwestern and Carolina Districts. This idea was first brought to the attention of the Illinois District at the HOD in Peoria at the 2013 District Spring Convention by Society Representative Gary Parker. Subsequently, the issue was raised by District President Jeff Bowyer at the 2013 Fall HOD meeting in Bloomington. At that meeting, President Bowyer made it known that our district board was considering the “one contest a year” format and inquired whether or not the HOD approved of further consideration. While no motion was made or an official vote taken, the informal consensus was that of approval for consideration of this idea. After further discussion among the governance board and operations team at the pre-convention/board meeting held in Mt. Zion on Saturday, March 8, it was decided to put the issue before the HOD for consideration.

Options – After careful consideration, the district board came up with the following options:

1. Keep the current contest cycle as is – one spring contest in which international quartet representatives are chosen and one in the fall in which district quartet/choruses are selected as well as an international chorus representative.
2. Move to one contest in the fall which selects district quartet/chorus champions as well as international representatives. Hold a spring “festival” event (perhaps in conjunction with IDAH) in which quartets/choruses can receive coaching, perform non-contest repertoire, etc. See components below.

Components of Spring Festival Event:

- IDAH Coaching, Classes
- District Youth Chorus
- H.S. Quartet/Ensemble Contest
- Festival Quartet/Chorus Performances

Components of Redesigned Fall Contest Event:

- District Quartet and Chorus Contest
- Seniors Quartet Contest
- International Preliminary Collegiate, Quartet, and Chorus Contest

**Advantages of Redesigned Schedule:**

Weighing the options, the district board concluded that moving to one contest per year would have the following *advantages*:

- ✓ Allows international qualifying quartets an additional seven months to prepare for international competition
- ✓ Allows the spring event the flexibility of scheduling without the boundaries set by BHS
- ✓ Reduces district expenses
- ✓ Gives membership the option of attending a contest, a festival, or both
- ✓ Gives governance board more time to prepare and plan for a district contest and convention
- ✓ Gives the district more flexibility in securing locations and dates for district contest and convention
- ✓ Expands district quartet finals to include both the top district competitors as well as past champions who are qualifying for international

Disadvantages of Redesigned Schedule:

Weighing the options, the district board concluded that moving the district to one contest per year would have the following *disadvantages*:

- ✓ Lengthens the contest sessions as each category could have more competitors
- ✓ Increases judging costs as triple panels may be needed for more competitors
- ✓ Takes away emphasis on crowning a district quartet champion if combined with an international qualifying contest
- ✓ Having high school quartets compete in the spring (as many H.S. quartets would not be ready for the fall just a month after school begins) does not allow them to join the collegiate quartets in a formal competition on stage.
- ✓ Less free time for convention attendees as longer contest sessions, evals, awards ceremonies, and performances would be scheduled closer together



Fall 2013 House of Delegates Meeting

27-Sep-2013 1:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2013

Location: Brookride Room, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington IL

Time: 1:30PM

Opening Song “The Old Songs” – John Miller, Director

Initial Topics

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum - yes or no - Mike Isely
 - 26 of 49 possible members present
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 26 present, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix for detailed attendance record]
2. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely
 - [Attachment: “01a-MinutesSpring2013.pdf”]
 - (no changes / corrections requested):
 - **Motion: Approve Spring HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
3. Approval of Agenda – Jeff Bowyer
 - Mike Bagby Add item for discussion of nominations for awards
 - **Motion: Approve agenda, as amended**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Don Smit**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



Fall 2013 House of Delegates Meeting

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4. Consent Calendar Reports – Jeff Bowyer

→ Items to pull from the Consent Calendar, so that they will be directly discussed during this meeting:

- ◆ IDEA
- ◆ Events Report
- ◆ C&J Report (was no report offered, so discussion to take place)

→ **Motion: Approve consent calendar**, with above reports pulled

- ◆ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ We must also pull the Treasurer's Report – should always be a separate item

→ **Motion: Pull Treasurer's Report from consent calendar**

- ◆ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Seconded: Dave Cowin**
- ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ The following are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ◆ Membership Report - Hugo Feugen
 - note: no submitted report.
- ◆ MKT - written report from Derek Gilbert
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report-Marketing.pdf”]
- ◆ YIH - written report from Rich Hansen
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-YIH.pdf”]
- ◆ Music & Performance - written report from Don Smit & Tom Woodall
 - [Attachment: “04a-Report-MusicAndPerformance.pdf”]
- ◆ Historical Report - written report from Bob Squires
 - [Attachment: “05a-Report-HistoricalCommittee.pdf”]



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- ◆ Awards Committee - written report from Mike Bagby
 - [Attachment: "06a-Report-Awards.pdf"]
- ◆ CDD – written report from Tim Woodall
 - [Attachment: "07a-Report-CDD.pdf"]

OLD BUSINESS

5. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

- [Attachment: "08a-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]
- \$27K in account as of today
- Looking to move to Quickbooks, with standardized chart of accounts
 - ◆ Should simplify the overall reports

6. Events – Will Thorndike

- [Attachment: "09a-Report-Events.pdf"]
- Concern being expressed about how conventions are being chosen
 - ◆ There has never been needed a formal motion / approval process for this.
 - ◆ Why is the HOD looking to change this?
- We need to be at least 3 years out with convention choices
 - ◆ For the past few years we've only been going 1 year out; this is not good
- Will Thorndike is always happy to answer questions and discuss issues of concern with anyone

7. C&J Report

- Described Society's "Best Seat In The House" program
 - ◆ Was an experiment in Toronto
 - ◆ Anyone can bid for this
 - ◆ Participant scores the contest (but obviously those scores don't count)



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- ◆ Does everything the judges do
- “Variance” judging program
 - ◆ “Kind of like ‘instant reply’”
 - ◆ Judges scores will be entered as contest proceeds
 - ◆ If one score appears to be “off the mark” compared to the rest of the judges, it will be flagged and at the end of the context the judge in question will be given an opportunity to review / fix it.
 - ◆ Useful for catching errors
- Spring 2014
 - ◆ 15-20 choruses likely (small = 40 & under size, roughly), MANY quartets
 - ◆ triple judging panel
 - ◆ ILL will be in charge of the afterglow on Saturday night
- 8. IDEA – Earl Meseth
 - [Attachment: “10a-Report-IDEA.pdf”]
 - Asking for HOD to check spelling and names of contributors
 - Concerned that very few groups have actually asked for IDEA funding
 - ◆ Chapters? Quartets? Individuals?
 - ◆ Request could be \$50 (individual) to \$100 (chapter)
 - ◆ Earl is putting request forms out with the displays
 - ◆ Obviously requests need to be justified
 - ◆ Tag line: “Ask me about my 'IDEA’”
 - ◆ Looking for donations
 - ◆ Applications need to come in just prior to the conventions (i.e. just prior to IDEA's meetings)



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9. BHS Society Report - Society Board Member – John Miller

→ [Attachment: “11a-Fall_2013_HOD_Bulletin.pdf”]

→ Marty Monson (BHS CEO) was present at the HOD and stood up at this point to make some overall remarks

- ◆ Lots of points made that we know how to get things done, we have an opportunity.
- ◆ Community choirs are growing everywhere. But there's no common aggregate to make a bigger difference. This is an opportunity...
- ◆ We have to work more together
- ◆ Definitely review the recently issued HOD Bulletin [see attachment]
- ◆ Harmony University moving from Missouri to Nashville (to Belmont University – <http://www.belmont.edu>)
 - This is mainly a capacity issue – not enough of it at the current location
 - Two choruses already signed up to participate at Harmony U – goal is four and we're on the way.
- ◆ Youth Chorus Festival – tremendous strides
 - From 7 choruses last year to 21 now
- ◆ Video presentation given – 17 minute Society presentation summarizing what took place in Toronto just prior to the main convention

10. Harmony Foundation Chapter recognition – K. J. McAleesejergins

→ Chapters who have donated to HF

- ◆ Bronze \$37.97/man Rockford
- ◆ Bronze \$51.25/man Aurora
- ◆ Bronze \$51.43/man Kankakee
- ◆ Bronze \$54.66/man Chicagoland West Suburban



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- ◆ Bronze \$64.64/man Lake County
- ◆ Bronze \$66.93/man Belleville
- ◆ Bronze \$83.41/man Northbrook
- ◆ Silver \$148.27/man Coles County
- ◆ Gold \$475/man Chicago #1

11. New trustee IDEA Fund member Bob Squires – Bob Cearnal

→ **Motion: Appoint of Bob Squires to serve on IDEA Committee through 2015, replacing Syl Wetle who has recently resigned.**

- ◆ **Offered by Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Dave Cowin**
- ◆ **PASSED by unanimous voice vote**

→ Joe Sullivan is also resigning from the committee; looking for an additional candidate

12. New Chapter Charter presentation – Will-Cook Chapter

→ Official presentation of new charter to Will-Cook Chapter, presented to

- ◆ Bill Kerschbaum
Louis Gonzales
Earl Meseth
- ◆ Earl Meseth expressed thanks to the Society in facilitating the new charter

13. Spring contest format, Small Chorus/Festival for 2014 with possible one contest per year beyond 2014

→ Joint contest is already set for Spring 2014

- ◆ It's going to be difficult to do the festival format in Spring 2014 due to the large number of choruses that will be expected at this joint convention
- ◆ 25 or so quartets expected in Spring 2014
- ◆ Not enough time to do all the festival prep due to the scale
- ◆ For Spring 2014 we need to step away from the chorus festival format for 2014



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- We have the ability now to go to a single contest weekend per year
 - ◆ Society has given its blessing
 - ◆ There is no specific proposal right now, just information being disseminated
 - ◆ There's other things that can also be done in future Spring conventions that do not necessarily involve a contest
 - Perhaps IDAH
 - With no contest, we don't have to bring judges – and that's a huge part of the convention expense
 - Lots of possible scenarios here
 - ◆ We really, really, *really* want to hear from the HOD on this subject
 - ◆ We have a year to think about what to do for Spring 2015
 - ◆ HOD voiced overall positive response to proceed forward with investigating possible things to do in light of the fact that we can keep the contest aspect to just once per year.
- Note that anything being discussed here for Spring 2014 does NOT affect how the choruses / quartets qualify for International or win district championship.

14. Policy and By-laws Committee members, function, and location of documents.

- Joe Sullivan is stepping down – he is to be publicly thanked for everything he has done here over the years
- This is about “Policies & Procedures”, not “by-laws”
- Will Thorndike has tried to informally maintain a document of policies & procedures
- New committee to track this, policies will be publicly maintained and available at any time on the web site
- New committee composition:
 - ◆ Mike Isely, District Secretary – he obviously knows the changes as they are happening



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- ◆ Mike Bagby, Immediate Past President – he knows all the things that have recently changed
 - ◆ Will Thorndike, Events – he is currently the longest serving Gov. Board member, and has the current “core knowledge”.
- Probably drop membership to just two members (Secretary, Imm PP) after document is updated

15. Awards nominations issue – Mike Bagby

- We don't have an Ed Wilson award winner – because there have been no nominations
- ◆ This is a non-competitive award to a district quartet, for selfless service within the community
 - ◆ Such a quartet is always ready, will sing at the drop of a hat, will sing anywhere
 - ◆ They are generally known to serve the community
 - ◆ Eligible quartets must be registered for at least 5 years to be qualified
- There seems to be an issue with communication within the district searching for nominations
- Surely there are worthy candidates, we need to tell people

16. Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires

- [See Appendix for Memorial Service]
- [Get names from Bob Squires]

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Tim Woodall , Director

Adjourned: 3:36PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Jeff Bowyer	President
A	Richard Hansen	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
P	Jim Waldorf	BMAL
A	Hugo Feugen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
P	Dave Cowin	BMAL (Contest & Judging)
P	Mike Bagby	Imm. Past President

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Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
A	Phil Rolfs
A	Wally Ryan
P	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Don Summers
A	Jim Vliet
A	Syl Wetle

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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Jules Kastens	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Lester Grossman	E-003	Aurora
P	David Howe	E-005	Belleville
P	Bret Mulford	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Nick Caccamo	E-009	Northbrook
A	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
A		E-012	Chicago No 1
A	Wesley Bieritz	E-013	Danville
A	John Schleper	E-014	Decatur
A		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Douglas Mather	E-018	Elgin
A	Ryan Accetta	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
A	Scott Lathrop	E-024	Bureau County



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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
		E-029	Quincy
P	Jay Bentz	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Harold Harness	E-044	Peoria
P	Frank Schneider	E-045	Chicago Metro
A	Robert Lamay	E-047	Rockford
A	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
P	Louis Gonzalez	E-050	Will-Cook
P	Kevin O'Keefe	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
A	James Heise	E-054	Waterloo
P	Patrick Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
A	Steven Safford	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
A	Rodney Wert	E-073	Okaw Valley
A	Robert Fuller	E-075	Carbondale
A	Richard Howell	E-077	Kankakee

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7+3+16 = 26 present

9+9+31 = 49 total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Members Who Have Passed On

Please join with me in silent remembrance of those fellow barbershoppers who are no longer with us. Although their voices have been silenced the memory of their lives through song remain with us all. Each of these men were a part of the fabric of their individual chapters and our lives.

Please join me in prayer:

*Heavenly Father,
 We thank you for your gift of music and song so our hearts can
 be lifted up to you.
 We thank you for the ties that bind us together in song,
 friendship and fellowship.
 We give thanks to You for those departed who have enriched our
 lives and left us with a song in our hearts.
 In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

We now remember our departed brothers:

<u>Chapter Eternal 2013</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Don Bagley	Arlington Heights and Northbrook
John Boland	Sterling-Rock Falls
Fred Henninger	Springfield
Craig Huotari	Arlington Heights and Lake County
Charles Kessler	Chicago Metro
Perry Knutson	Chicagoland West Suburban
Fred Lineberry	DuPage Valley
Lyle Pauley	Northbrook
Dick Reed	Arlington Heights and Lake County
James Simmons	Champaign-Urbana
Hank Skibins	Kankakee
George Stybr	Arlington Heights
Ken Tomkins	Arlington Heights
Joe Warren	County Line

Thank you.