

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



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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)**



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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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NEW BUSINESS

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 | | | |
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| 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 out 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.