

Illinois District Awards Committee Report to the Illinois District Board

July 14, 2011

The Spring 2011 convention is behind us, and the award winner plaques have been ordered and received by Dickie Johnson. We are currently arranging presenters for each of the awards. The Awards Committee is planning to meet to do a post mortem on the Spring contest to determine what went right and what could be improved.

Due to the absence of Jay Giallombardo at the Spring convention we are making arrangements to present the 2010 ABE Award to him at the Fall contest. This is still in progress, and nothing has been finalized.

The Awards Committee is in preparation mode for the Fall Contest. The Awards Information bi-fold will be edited to remove the year so it may be used each Fall as-is.

Paul Tolley, a committee member, has updated all of the Spring trophies and plaques. Paul continues to store all of the "display only" trophies at his home in Chillicothe, Illinois. Paul also coordinates the recruitment of non-barbershoppers to serve as judges for the Most Entertaining Chorus Award (MECA) at the Fall contest.

We wish to thank the Board for your willingness to present the awards at the Spring contest. Future scripts will be provided well in advance for your review and comments.

A special thanks to Syl Wetle, who saw to it that the chorus pin backings were ready for the contest. We will be working on a protege' to assume this task for future Spring contests.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Betczynski - Chair

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Steve Davis

Dick Johnson

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