

Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting

Feb 2012

Location: Four Points By Sheraton, Peoria IL

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Mike Bagby	President		Y	+
Jeff Bowyer	Exec VP	Music & Perf	N	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		Y	+
Dave Cowin	Treasurer	Imm. Past President	Y	+
Hugo Feugen	BMAL	Membership	Y	+
Will Thorndike	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Greg Caetano	BMAL	CSLT	N	+
Wayne Wright	BMAL	C & J	Y	+
Richard Hansen		YIH	Y	
Don Smit		Music & Perf	N	
Tim Woodall		Director Dev	N	
Daniel Garcia		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	
Bill Ward		Fund Raising	N	
Tom Woodall		Quartet Promotion	N	

Totals: 8 of 14 6 of 8

Called to order: 1:48 PM

Administration

- Quorum
 - ➔ Six Governance Members present (from a possible total of eight), quorum established.
 - ◆ [Note: Hugo Feugen had to depart about 20 minutes into the meeting, however quorum was still maintained (5 out of 8).]
- Minutes from previous (July 2011) Governance Board meeting
 - ➔ Issues to fix:
 - ◆ Wrong date on previous Minutes (change 14-Aug to 15-Jan)
 - ◆ Missing attachment from Tim Woodall
 - Mike Bagby will make one more attempt to retrieve the attachment from Tim.
 - Failing that, it will be dropped from the Minutes
 - ◆ Remove Bob Squires from attendance list – he's certainly an active participant but District Historian is not an Ops Team role so no need to count in the attendance.
 - ➔ **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 16-Jul-2011, w/ described changes**
 - ◆ **Originator: Will Thorndike**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report [Attachment: "01-Report_Treasurer.pdf"].
 - ➔ **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ◆ **Originator: Wayne Wright**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Will Thorndike**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Old Business

- Membership – Hugo Feugen
 - ➔ [Attachment: "02-Report_Membership.pdf"]
 - ➔ [Attachment: "03-OperationHaroldHill.pdf"]
 - ➔ Operation Harold Hill – Society is looking to do a presentation during our Spring Convention
 - ◆ Will Thorndike things an hour can be set aside either Saturday morning or Friday afternoon following the HOD meeting
 - ◆ Doing this following the HOD meeting might encourage improved attendance at the HOD meeting
 - ◆ Saturday AM will compete with other activities
 - ◆ Suggest Saturday afternoon
 - It could also be promoted Friday night during the contest.
 - Better attendance possible than Friday afternoon
 - Mike Bagby and Will Thorndike will work out the exact time.
 - This will be put into the convention schedule.
 - ➔ "At risk" chapters
 - ◆ There are a few ILL chapters that are very small and are not meeting regularly.
 - ◆ Can we help them out?

- ♦ If not, what do we do about chapters in this state?
- ♦ Hugo really thinks leaving these situations lingering may be unhealthy for the district.
- Chapter Support & Leadership – Greg Caetano
 - ➔ [Attachment: “04-Report_CSLT.pdf”]
 - ➔ A CSLT session will be held in conjunction with IDAH. This will be a roundtable format for specific roles, including President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Music & Performance.
- YIH – Rich Hansen
 - ➔ [Attachment: “05-Report_YIH.pdf”]
- Marketing and Public Relations – Daniel Garcia
 - ➔ [Attachment: “06-Report_Marketing.pdf”]
 - ➔ Daniel plans to step down from both Marketing and as the Web Master
 - ♦ Daniel is working to ease himself out of this role, transitioning over time
 - ♦ Mike Isely will pick up load on the web master side
 - ♦ Greg Grey will pick up load on the PR side
 - But Greg is also picking up load on the Events side and there's concern that this might be too much
- Contest & Judging – Wayne Wright
 - ➔ Contest Judging panel is set for Spring 2012
 - ♦ List is published on district web site
- Chorus Director Development – Tim Woodall
 - ➔ [Attachment: “07-Report_CDD.pdf”]
- Events – Will Thorndike
 - ➔ Preconvention meeting held earlier in the day
 - ➔ Concerns that we're not planning far enough out in advance
- Financial Development – Bill Ward
 - ➔ [Attachment: “08-Report_Finance.pdf”]
- Music & Performance – Mike Bagby for Tom Woodall and Don Smit
 - ➔ IDAH is quickly coming together
 - ➔ This year for individual registrations, there will be a single sequence of 6 one-hour classes
 - ➔ The program is looking great
 - ➔ But if nobody commits to attending, what difference does it make?
 - ➔ Everybody needs to get the word out
- Awards Committee – Mike Bagby for Mark Betczynski
 - ➔ [Attachment: “09-Report_Awards.pdf”]
 - ➔ Paul Tolley is resigning from the Awards Committee
- Historical Committee – Bob Squires
 - ➔ No formal report
 - ♦ Mike Bagby requests a written report here so it can be included for HOD meeting
 - ➔ Will be teaching a history class w/ slides at IDAH
- IDAH – Mike Bagby for Don Smit, Tom Woodall and Jeff Bowyer
 - ➔ (Note previous topics under Music & Performance and CSLT)
- Operations Team Conference Calls
 - ➔ Most of the Gov Board members are involved in regular conference calls
 - ➔ Mike Bagby will be on the Society Operations Team as a liaison to the District Presidents.

New Business

- Midwinter Report – Mike Bagby, Dave Cowin
 - This was Mike Bagby's first time at a Youth Festival chorus contest
 - ◆ 15 choruses in size from 12 – 40 singers. Average age of chorus could not be over 25.
 - ◆ There were choruses scoring 85!
 - ◆ Some incredible quality on display
 - ◆ Harmony Foundation funds much of this activity
 - Cooperation between the District Presidents and the Society Board has increased immensely, thanks to current Society President.
 - ◆ Chapter Visitation program has moved fast
 - EVPs throughout the Society have been involved in the President's Council
 - ◆ Mike Bagby feels that the ILL District should consider a policy change to defray costs for EVP attendance to key meetings (Midwinter, Forum, International Convention) where the EVPs have been involved. Jeff Bowyer has been paying his own way for this.
 - ◆ Mike Bagby would like a motion to cover these expenses
 - ◆ This is not in the current budget, the budget is HOD-approved, so this matter will have to be taken to the HOD.
 - ◆ Historically there haven't been District EVPs, which means no real history of reimbursement for a role that didn't exist.
 - ◆ Comment that perhaps this could be done just in the EVP's second year
 - ◆ There was no consensus, nothing has changed.
- Future Venue Report – Will Thorndike
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Contract with Bloomington for Fall 2013 (at BCPA) – same setup as Fall 2011**
 - ◆ **Originator: Wayne Wright**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
 - Spring 2013
 - ◆ We'd like this to be at Five Points in Washington IL (same location as the Spring 2012 convention that is about to take place)
 - ◆ But – since we don't have any experience with the venue yet – we're not comfortable with it until after Spring 2012 convention – after which time we'll be able to make a better informed decision.
 - ◆ We will decide this at a to-be-held post-convention meeting for Spring 2012, thus no decision yet.
 - Conventions for 2014
 - ◆ We will decide what to do about these at the next Board meeting (tentatively to be held in Aug 2012).

→ Current convention situation:

When	Where	Venue	HQ
Spring 2012	Peoria	Five Points (in Washington)	Four Points By Sheraton (former Holiday Inn City Center)
Fall 2012	Springfield	PCCC (<i>Prairie Capital Convention Center</i>)	Hilton Springfield
Spring 2013	[unknown]		
Fall 2013	Bloomington	BCPA (<i>Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts</i>)	Doubletree Hotel
Spring 2014	[unknown]		
Fall 2014	[unknown]		

- Spring HOD Agenda – Mike Isely
 - To be assembled by Mike Bagby and Mike Isely
- New Ideas
 - Free Convention Registration for widows of past Illinois District Presidents?
 - ◆ **Motion**
 - **Subject: Offer free all-events convention registrations for widows of past Illinois District Presidents.**
 - **Originated: Wayne Wright**
 - **Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - **Voice vote: PASSED.**
 - ◆ Mike Bagby will contact eligible widows
 - Evaluation of current contest format – evaluate success of changes that went into effect in the Spring of 2007
 - ◆ Back when the format was changed, it was intended that the changes be evaluated again after 3 years. However it's been 5 years now so we're overdue to look at this.
 - ◆ There has been some feedback from the chapters that the current format is not liked
 - ◆ Proposal from Bob Squires to go back the “old way”, but with a modification:
 - [Attachment: “10-Proposal_contest_format.pdf”]
 - The idea of those in the Fall contest bypassing the next Spring is not liked.
 - Rather than 10 automatic “byes”, this proposal makes a key change:
 - Only those choruses with scores of 70 and above at the Fall contest would be able to bypass the following Spring contest.
 - Note: In the proposal, the term “spring international preliminary chorus contest” should be changed to “spring chorus competition”. The other term implies a Society contest format entanglement which is confusing since this is only a district matter.
 - ◆ The proposal would have the effect (based on recent history and assuming the same pattern going forward) of allowing Northbrook, Bloomington and West Towns to bypass the Spring convention.
 - Would the reduced attendance put the convention at financial risk?

- Not really – With the three choruses taking turns right now, only one is really required to register for the convention each year. So its only a loss of one chorus not three.
 - With this proposed change, Spring would becomes a small chorus contest – something being asked for anyway
 - ♦ Note that this Board needs the HOD to approve any further change in the contest format. But we need to decide if it makes sense to bring this to the attention of the HOD. So...
 - ♦ **Motion:**
 - **Subject: Accept Bob Squire's contest format proposal – and then present it to the Spring 2012 HOD**
 - **Originator: Will Thorndike**
 - **Seconded: Wayne Wright**
 - **Voice Vote: PASSED.**
- Small Chorus contest
- ♦ Issue where small choruses still feel they are “competing against Northbrook and Bloomington” even with the plateau system in place.
 - ♦ It seems that the district really doesn't understand the plateau system.
 - ♦ Is there something to set up a small chorus contest
 - Wayne: the old contest format effectively resulted in a small chorus contest in the Spring – yet they didn't show up.
 - ♦ Suggestion from Mike Bagby:
 - Order the “draw” so that the plateaus are grouped together, starting with Plateau 1.
 - ♦ Bob Squires has written an article which should help members understand how the plateau system works.
 - [Attachment “11-Plateau_Wars.pdf”]
 - Will be published to the district, with some minor edits
- Comcast on Demand – Barbershop music available
- ♦ Word needs to get out that Comcast is running a barbershop channel. Seems the older guys aren't aware of it.
- Operation Harold Hill
- ♦ Members need to know about additional benefits from bringing in new members – not just a Man of Note, but a drawing for paid trips to the International Convention.
 - You're entered for EACH new member brought in
- Soliciting chapter for potential 2013 District Officers
- ♦ Nominating Committee needs help.
- Video records / District Webcast
- ♦ Other districts are doing this, we need to be considering it.
 - ♦ Back-of-the-napkin calculations suggests that this is financially feasible.
 - ♦ District would be responsible for broadcast ASCAP fees.
 - ♦ Districts seem to draw 75-100 subscribers in the first year, and it just increases after that point.
 - ♦ Mike Bagby is asked to look into this further, for follow-up discussion at the August meeting.
- Barbershoppers Shop (buy online – ship free)
- ♦ Idea is to have online access AT the shop during the convention.

- Provide access to Marketplate items not present at the convention
- Can be ordered on the spot and shipped free
- ♦ Mike Bagby will talk to Belleville about this
- District Cookbook
 - ♦ Marsha Bowyer and Sherry Bagby are soliciting recipes for inclusion into a district cookbook.
- Adjournment
 - Closing Song – Dave Cowin, Director

Adjourned: 4:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely