

## **MINUTES - AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 25, 2013**

Meeting was by conference call, beginning at 7:30 PM, Thursday, July 25th. Present were Bob Squires, Mike Bagby, Hugo Feugen and Steve Davis. John Davis was unable to join, but sent an email with his thoughts.

### **1 - SPRING AWARD PLAQUES ORDERED.**

20 Plaques have been converted from Dick Johnson's original artwork to desktop publisher by Barry Cain from the New Tradition Chorus and the plaques have been ordered from K-2 Awards. Barry has created templates that can be easily updated immediately after future conventions so that plaques can be presented to winners on a timely basis. Bob Squires has agreed to provide a list of all award winners at the end of each convention to Barry Cain. The plaques will be presented to the winners from the spring convention by the following committee members:

#### Bob Squires

Frank Thorne - Lake County

Gene McNish - Lake County

Novice Quartet - Musicology - Arlington Heights

#### Hugo Feugen

Charles Hecking - Coles County

#### Mike Bagby

Sol Gamis - Take Note - Northbrook

High School Quartet - Dew and the Crew - Huntley High School

Senior Quartet - Varsity - Lake County and Northbrook

Dick Johnson's wife Patty allowed us to borrow Dick's computer for a week to download all files and gave the District permission to use his artwork. Thank you to Mike Isely, who picked up the computer in Lockport, brought it to Barry Cain to download documents and returned to Patty a week later. Barry also pulled off files for the QCA and gave them to Joe Sullivan.

### **2 - AWARD DESCRIPTIONS UPDATED.**

The Awards Committee does not believe awards descriptions should be included in the District Policy Manual currently being updated by Joe Sullivan, Will Thorndike, Jeff Bowyer and others. These are living documents and the continued maintenance and updating and control needs to stay with the awards committee. The Awards Committee Manual will be maintained by the awards committee, but award descriptions will be sent to President Bowyer and to Derek Gilbert to be placed on the District website where all members can have access to the information including the District Policy Committee. Most of the evening was spent reviewing and updating each award description. Mike Bagby is confirming some wording regarding criteria for the Ed Wilson Award. Steve Davis is typing up the changes, and the documents will be proofread by the committee before being sent to Jeff and Derek.

### **3-TRAVELING TROPHIES/AWARDS VS DISPLAY TROPHIES/AWARDS**

It was agreed that traveling trophies will be taken home from the contest by winner and retrieved by a member of Awards Committee before the next convention that trophy is awarded to another winner. Display Trophies are currently being maintained and updated by Mike Bagby and will be brought to all conventions for display.

#### **TRAVELING TROPHIES/AWARDS**

Buzz Haeger High School Quartet Trophy  
George Peters Senior Quartet Trophy  
Rush Wyman Illinois District Chorus Trophy  
ABE Award (Award for Barbershop Excellence)  
District Quartet Trophy \*  
Music Man Award\*

\*The District Quartet Trophy and Music Man Award are handled by the QCA, not the Awards Committee

#### **DISPLAY TROPHIES/AWARDS**

Sol Gamis Trophy  
Charles Hecking Display Plaque  
Gene McNish Small Chorus Display Plaque  
Ed Wilson Memorial Display Plaque  
College Quartet Trophy

### **4 - BULLETIN EDITOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

It was discussed and decided that a clearer understand of the current process needs to be communicated to the district membership. Craig Rigg will be asked to work with Derek Gilbert to get this information on the District Website. Individual questions should be referred to Craig who is very knowledgeable

### **5 - TRIBUTES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Bob Squires will write up a small tribute to Dick Johnson to be placed in the District Awards Manual regarding the many contributions Dick made to the Awards Committee during his tenure as a member of the committee.

We also need to recognize others who have contributed awards - Wound for Sound Quartet paid for the College Quartet Trophy. Will Thorndike paid for the Frank Thorne Trophy. Buzz Haeger paid for the Buzz Haeger High School Quartet Trophy.

### **6- MOST ENTERTAINING CHORUS AWARD (MECA)**

The committee would like to turn the handling of this award over to the local convention committee for each convention. When this award was first created, Paul Tolley who lived in the Peoria area arranged for the panel of celebrity judges each year, gave them the tools and instructions for scoring the competitors, added up the score to determine the winners and made the announcement. When the convention moved to Bloomington –

Greg Grey took over this project. In Springfield it was the local convention committee. This project will be much more effective handled locally.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM without covering all items on the agenda. Another meeting will be arranged to complete discussion of all items.