

Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting

February 2016

Location: Midwest Food Bank, Bloomington IL

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Richard Hansen	President		Y	+
Jim Waldorf	Exec VP	YIH	Y	+
Mike Isely	Secretary	webmaster	Y	+
Jim Wagner	Treasurer		Y	+
Hugo Feugen	BMAL	Membership	Y	+
Will Thorndike	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Dave Cowin	BMAL	C & J	Y	+
Brett Mulford	BMAL		N	+
Jeff Bowyer	Imm Past President		Y	+
Mike Savard		CSLT	N	
Tim Woodall		Director Dev	N	
Kevin Deets		YIH	Y	
Kevin McClelland		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	
Terry Ludwig		Music & Perf	N	
Tim Pashon		Music & Perf	N	

Totals: 10 of 15 8 of 9

Called to order: 9:32 AM

Opening song - Jeff Bowyer, directing: "The Old Songs"

Administration

- Opening songs
 - Jeff Bowyer, directing: “The Old Songs”
- Quorum
 - Eight Governance Members present (from a possible total of nine), quorum established.
- Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Agenda**
 - ◆ **Originator: Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Dave Cowin**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Minutes from previous (August 2015) Governance Board meeting
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 29-Aug-2015**
 - ◆ **Originator: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Will Thorndike**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Online vote completed on Jan 1st, 2016
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: I would like to make a motion to give \$500 from the YIH raffle monies to support the Illinois Representative Youth Chorus for their trip to the Mid-Winter Convention**
 - ◆ **Originator: Brett Mulford**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
 - [Attachment: “01-vote_2016_1.pdf”]
- Consent Calendar Reports
 - Individual reports
 - ◆ President
 - [Attachment: “02-CEO_Report_Documents.pdf”]
 - [Attachment: “03-HOD_2016_Spring.pdf”]
 - ◆ Membership
 - [Attachment: “04-2016MemRept.pdf”]
 - Biggest indicators seem to be overdue members
 - Northbrook's numbers are pretty high here
 - Need to be acting on chapters that have fallen below 8 members and have been that way for at least a year.
 - HOD needs to discuss this
 - What about Chicago #1? Just one member (Rick Anthony)
 - Sandoval has just 2 members, who are also dual members with Collinsville

- Quincy has ghost members, no chapter leaders listed, and just 2 listed members (Terry Ludwig, Craig Rigg)
 - Apparently they are rehearsing and doing performances
 - Rich is having a lot of trouble contacting this chapter
- This has been a problem for a long time. It's a huge issue – non-members routinely performing as representing the Society puts everyone at risk for liability problems.
- Apparently there were some ghost members who showed up at the last IDAH.
- ♦ C&J
 - Update of what is coming...
 - Time limit proposed for choruses to get on the stage (for this Fall)
 - 6 minutes from time previous chorus clears the stage
 - No determination of who is responsible for enforcing this – concern from Will
 - Change in judging – presentation category will become the performance category
 - This comes after International but before the Fall
 - Possible new contest formats at mid-winter:
 - Possible district senior chorus contest, with qualification in the Fall, not competing with other contest tracks
 - A lot of nuts & bolts issues
 - Is there really time at mid-winter for another contest?
 - Logistical issues with the larger districts in having to qualify another category of chorus
 - Expand seniors quartet contest to 2 rounds
- ♦ YIH
 - Youth chorus contest will happen in the spring; everything is moving along
 - Question about handling youth registrations (these are not society members)
- ♦ M&P
 - [Attachment: “05-rpt_mp.pdf”]
- ♦ CDD
 - This is an area of focus for 2016
 - Get the right director in front of the chorus and this can drive membership

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report (Jim Wagner)
 - [Attachment: “06-rpt_treas.pdf”]
 - \$36K in the bank
 - ♦ However year-over-year we went from \$+3900 in 2014 to \$-1400 in 2015. That's significant.
 - Net loss of \$1400 for 2015...
 - ♦ ...which isn't **too** bad
 - ♦ IDAH gained \$1300
 - ♦ Spring jamboree has been based upon IDAH's numbers

- ♦ Fall convention lost \$4100 – much worse than expected, as Jim had discovered a lot of mis-categorized items
 - Comparison submitted with Fall 2014 convention in order to figure out what happened
 - How do we stop the bleeding?
 - Discussion over comp'd rooms; this is a significant cost
 - BCPA ticket fees are a large effect
 - Discussion to HOD about increasing registration fee
 - There needs to be a bigger penalty for those who register at the convention – not because it's petty, because the on-site registration is costing us. The penalty should be representative of this cost
 - How many unregistered men are getting on stage? There's no teeth in this.
 - Suggestion made to check badges **after** crossing the stage, which is effectively a much bigger penalty (because then it's too late to pull those men out of the group and thus the whole group is de-q'ed).
 - Should be an announcement to all competitors before the Fall
 - Known example of a couple buying one registration and then “sharing” it.
 - Jim to make recommendations for changes

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Originator: Jeff Bowyer**
- ♦ **Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Old Business

- Adoption of District Mission Statement
 - This is important when applying for grants
 - Discussed at length at the Fall 2015 HOD. HOD wants to take this up again in the Spring.
 - Board is going to suggest several possibilities. No more delays; the HOD either needs to adopt one of those or agree on something else – not put it off again.
- Convention Manual
 - Will need more updates after the Spring Jamboree
 - Rich will be doing a lot of work on this in the upcoming summer but it won't be complete in 2016. It will be passed onto Jim Waldorf.
 - Everyone directly involved in the convention is asked to take notes during the upcoming events and this will be used as input for manual updates
 - Notes need to be detailed; manual has not been updated for 20 years. The folks working on the conventions now won't be around in 20 years...

Tag Break

- Hugo Feugen

New Business

- Forum 2015 Reflections
 - Jeff Bowyer:
 - ♦ Format better than last year
 - ♦ Disciplines had a better opportunities to discuss matters
 - Hugo Feugen
 - ♦ A lot of new peoples, so a lot of material had to be rehashed
 - ♦ Compared to 3-4 years ago (Dallas/Ft Worth forum), this still wasn't as good
 - ♦ Time wasted (5-6 hours) for required reading, with simply no followup
 - Jim Waldorf
 - ♦ Repeated issue with “required reading”
 - ♦ Liked the breakout sessions – but nothing for EVP
 - ♦ Underwhelmed by Dwayne Gunn (motivational speaker at the Forum)
 - ♦ Rich Hansen quickly listed district goals for 2016
 - Convention Manual (work on it)
 - Hold a CSLT (already done)
 - Increase size of youth choruses
 - Hold a spring Jamboree
 - Hold a CDWI
- Midwinter 2016 Reflections
 - No so great, compared to prior midwinter
 - No resolutions from any DP/DVP discussions at the convention
 - Aside from the youth choruses, the best thing at Midwinter was finding good restaurants
- Harmony Foundation vs IDEA Contribution
 - We got “shamed” by HF into donating in 2015
 - Do we continue HF donation for 2016 or direct to IDEA instead?
 - Realize that IDEA is “our version” of HF
 - HF rejected funding the Spring Jamboree
 - “We should give back to the group that is helping us”
 - We gave \$500 to HF last year
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Donate \$500 to IDEA**
 - ♦ **Originator: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
 - ♦ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Chapter Visits/Board Visibility
 - They are generally happy to see the District show up at chapter rehearsals
 - We're all encouraged to visit chapters where possible
 - Those of us at CSLT were well received and appreciated

- Spring Harmony Jamboree Update
 - Note: See attachment for Music & Performance, previously referenced.
 - Hotel
 - ♦ Apparently we might have over-promised on the number of people who we anticipate will show up. This is having a large impact with the hotel setup
 - ♦ There is a cost behind this for the other hotel space; it could have been \$7500, but what is being proposed is... either a room charge of \$2200 for the weekend, or a food / beverage minimum purchase (\$3000) which would waive the room charge. Consensus: Opt for the \$2200 room charge.
 - 2 churches also providing space
 - Registration cut-off: April 1st (which is free). But at-the-door registration will be \$10.
 - We lose money with the hotels. We should be looking at a non-hotel site for future Spring Jamborees. “If we only have to bleed in the Fall and not in the Spring, that would be great...”
 - ♦ A lot of consensus over this
 - Will is going to arrange for an IDEA information table to be set up.
 - Lots of additional logistics from Will / Jeff, worked by others in the room (don't need to note here)
- Spring HOD Reminder
 - Friday April 15th, 1:30pm, Board Room
 - Breakout session in the fall went very well
 - ♦ Do this again? – if it ain't broke, don't fix it
- 2016 Fall Convention Update
 - Marriott / BCPA, as before
 - 9/23-9/25
 - No contract yet from the Marriott
 - BCPA costs from 2014 → 2015
 - ♦ Stage crew overtime: \$45 in 2014, \$645 in 2015
 - ♦ Video projector cost \$500, even though it didn't work as promised
 - ♦ \$50/hour ticket office staff after 6pm (normally \$20/hour)
 - ♦ High “ticket administration costs”
 - Some “communication difficulties”, with setup, from 2015; working to mitigate that this time
- Future Conventions Update
 - BCPA / Marriott penciled in for 2017, will likely push to 2018
 - After this year, our convention pushes out to October for 3-4 years
 - Nothing needed here
- 2016 Summer Board Meeting Date
 - Aug 27th 2016, Peru Ill (same setup as last year)
- Midwinter financial help
 - Do we want to have a policy of financially assisting choruses going to midwinter?
 - ♦ This was the cause of the ad-hoc motion passed in January.
 - Policy for International is \$1000 / chorus budgeted. Treasurer suggests similar policy for midwinter.

- But how much does this help?
 - ♦ For the recent midwinter, it is very expensive. Rich was able to help kids with \$70/each but that barely makes a dent. Rich thinks it probably cost \$10K → \$12K for our youth chorus to attend that convention.
- Think about this for now. By August we should make a decision (input to the budget)

Closing song – Terry Ludwig, directing: “Keep The Whole World Singing”

Adjourned: 12:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely