



CSLT & Mentoring V.P., Report to IL District Board

ILLINOIS District Board ,

There is not a whole lot to report in my first six weeks of tenure in this job.

Chapter Officer Training

The Third Annual Midwest Harmony Alliance hosted, and IL District sponsored, **Leadership Summit** for **Saturday, January 14, 2017** in Elgin at the First United Methodist Church. We are scheduling six trainers to provide the motivation and skills in their multi-session classes. Bob Cearnal has already agreed to train our Presidents. We are searching the Midwest for one or two more experts. Bob Squires has agreed to chair the very popular "Anything Goes" sessions. 2017 Chapter President, Secretary, Treasurer, Music VP, Show VP and Members at Large should plan to attend this Summit from 9 am to 3 pm. We will provide incentives for Chapters who car-pool multiple officers over long distances. Since Chapters are expected to reimburse expenses of their officers who attend District Training, we are going to ask our local Barbershoppers to offer free bed and breakfast to fellows who need to drive to the Elgin vicinity on Friday to make the 9 am start on Saturday.

District Mentoring

I have read the Mentoring Program Materials and communicated my understanding and expectations to the four Regional mentors. Brett Mulford submitted his resignation this week, stating that too many of his assigned Chapters meet on the same night as his Bloomington Chapter. Our District President, Rich Hansen has volunteered to assume this Mentor position after his term ends in January. I have asked the Mentors to forward to me copies of their previous 2016 Reports so that I can get a feel for the Chapters' challenges.

Assuming that some of our smaller Chapters may be struggling to stage Concerts and Show, the Midwest Harmony Alliance has communicated to all IL Chapters that our MHA resources are available to help plan and stage such an event that would include a performance by the MHA Massed Chorus.

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