

Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting

August 2016

Location: Maples Supper Club, Peru IL

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Richard Hansen	President		Y	+
Jim Waldorf	Exec VP	YIH		+
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		Y	+
Jeff Bowyer	Imm Past President		Y	+
Bill Miller		CSLT	Y	
Tim Woodall		Director Dev		
Kevin Deets		YIH	Y	
Jim Bicek		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	
Terry Ludwig		Music & Perf	Y	
Tim Pashon		Music & Perf		

Totals: 7 of 15 X of 9

Called to order: 4:01 PM

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

Administration

- Quorum
 - Seven Governance Members present (from a possible total of nine), quorum established.
- Reading of Mission Statement (Jim Bicek)
- Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Agenda**
 - ◆ **Originator: Jim Wagner**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Minutes from previous (February 2016) Governance Board meeting
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 6-Feb-2016**
 - ◆ **Originator: Dave Cowin**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Consent Calendar Reports
 - Individual reports
 - ◆ President
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: "01-Report-President.pdf"]
 - ◆ Membership
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: "02-Report-Membership.pdf"]
 - ◆ Marketing
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: "03-Report-Marketing.pdf"]
 - ◆ CSLT
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: "04-Report-CSLT.pdf"]
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject:: Accept Consent Calender reports**
 - ◆ **Originator: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Mike Isely**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report (Jim Wagner)
 - [Attachment: "05-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]
 - We are \$8K down, mostly due to the Spring Jamboree

- Proposed budget for 2016 is a big negative number
 - ♦ Jamboree effects not accounted for (e.g. how much to charge for registration)
 - ♦ Item 5490 Misc Revenue for \$5000 is presumed to be from IDEA
 - ♦ Budget does not current include raffle
 - ♦ Jim is asking for help from the Board
 - Why do we keep putting conventions in theaters? Costs \$\$\$\$
 - How about a ballroom? Cardinal District does this.
 - How about a high school theater
 - Be aware of potential other expenses to make the venue acceptable as a contest venue (sound system, staging, etc), as this is what burned us when we held a convention in Springfield.
 - Jim Bicek suggests Tinley Park; BOD suggests coordinating with Will to research this.
 - We all agree that we're not going to attract more people to a convention. Thus we *must* find a way to bring down expenses.... or bring up the registration cost.
 - Committee to investigate further, appointed by Rich: Terry, Will, Jim Wagner, Jim Waldorf.
 - Dues: Went from \$17 to \$25 in Jan 2010, then to \$35 in Jan 2013.
- IDEA contributed \$7000 for the Spring Jamboree, cost however was north of \$13000
 - ♦ Though original plan was for IDEA to completely sponsor the cost, the District and IDEA later agreed to split the cost due the unexpected high amount.
- **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Originator: Dave Cowin**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Mike Isely**
 - ♦ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Old Business

- Convention Manual
 - Working on it, progress being made
 - Anybody who has anything to do with our conventions – Rich needs a few paragraphs from those people for input into the manual.
 - Completion expected by the end of Jim Waldorf's (possible) term.
- Annual Contribution
 - Do we want to give any money to anyone this fall?
 - Given the budget hole right now, really?
 - This would be to the Harmony Foundation's.
 - Would we really be a responsible leadership team were we to approve a contribution in light of the current budget? Nope.
- Other
 - Quincy
 - ♦ Seems to be impossible to even communicate with.

- ♦ They have 15 to 16 guys that show up for their activities but only 2 paid members.
- ♦ First conversation took place on April 10th, clock is ticking after that point.
- ♦ They should have until April 10th 2017 to address their membership issue else their charter is revoked.
- ♦ The two remaining members are the only ones who have any official relationship – should the charter question depend on them? Terry and Craig (the two remaining members) are unable to get the other ghost members to respond and feel it's time to pull the charter anyway.
- Chicago #1
 - ♦ In the Spring, they were looking into merging with Chicago Metro.
 - ♦ There is activity going on, Bill Miller to communicate with all parties to figure this out.
- Sandoval
 - ♦ Put this aside and deal with the other two first

Tag Break

- Hugo Feugen
- SKIPPED

New Business

- Forum 2016 Reflections
 - Jeff Bowyer was the sole attendee
 - A lot of activity over “HCI” --> *Healthy Chapter Initiative*
 - ♦ Desire to look at specific chapters which have been successful in specific ways, and pull useful information from them to create a large resource for other chapters to reference.
 - ♦ Realize that not all chapters are the “same”. What works for a chapter depends on aspects of the chapter – size, drive, mission, etc. Treatment / help should be tailored to the chapter.
 - ♦ It's possible now for members to join the Society without being members of a specific district or chapter. There's 169 such Society members now.
 - ♦ Chapter by-laws have been changed to allow non-Society members to be a member of a chapter's board. Idea here is to help small chapters.
- YQBC Format Change
 - (printed report from Dave Cowin)
 - ♦ [Attachment: “06-Report-Youth_Contest.pdf”]
 - Various rule changes. Name is now “Youth Contest” instead of “Collegiate Contest”.
 - No more prelim contests for International – instead a video qualification must be submitted.
 - ♦ Must be in front of a live audience of at least 10 people.
 - ♦ A quartet can certainly submit its video from a district competition.
 - This does not affect any district contests.
 - Youth quartets do NOT have to be members of BHS.
- 2017 Board of Directors / Restructuring
 - (printed chart handed out)
 - ♦ [Attachment: “07-Report-Org_Chart.pdf”]

- ♦ Operations Team is organized around the Society “Four Pillars” - Events, Outreach, Education, Chapter Support
- ♦ Chapter Counselors → Chapter Mentors → Chapter Advocates
- ♦ Add box below Conventions for C&J
- ♦ BMAL arrangement
 - Events, C&J, Membership are BMALs, only one truly at-large member
 - Jeff Bowyer recommends all 4 positions be true at-large roles
 - Idea is to provide way to ramp up new members
 - This really needs HOD approval – since the HOD had previously approved the BMAL positions with the current understanding.
- ♦ OT vs Gov board membership....
- Slate of officers needs to be presented to the HOD for nominations
 - ♦ Nominating Committee: Jeff Bowyer, Mike Bagby, Dave Cowin
- Forum 2017 Dates/Information
 - Current leaders, future leaders
 - July 21st → July 23rd, still attached to Harmony University
 - ♦ A lot of chatter about moving this back to November (where it would make more sense for incoming district leaders)
- Fall HOD – 9/23 @ 1:30pm
 - There will be more Society involvement this time. Expect half the HOD meeting time to taken for this. (25 minute presentation w/ an hour of Q&A)
 - ♦ We're getting the chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee for this.
 - We can't run past 4pm, this is leaving about an hour for the rest of the HOD business.
 - ♦ The schedule is going to be very tight.
- 2016 Fall Convention Update
 - (printed report from Dave Cowin)
 - ♦ [Attachment: “08-Report-Fall_Contest.pdf”]
 - Qualifying quartet score for International is now 78 (was 76).
 - Plans going forward normally. Discussions over various odd bits of logistics, nothing of a crisis level.
- 2017 Spring Harmony Jamborees
 - Mar 31st → April 1st, 2017
 - quartets: Masterpiece (guys) and Class Ring (girls)
 - registration selling to begin at Fall 2016
 - plan is for break-even
 - This is being pushed very hard with Sweet Adelines
 - ♦ Suggest reaching out to Harmony Inc as well.
 - Same format as last year
 - Limit to 15 quartets
 - ♦ Quartets to be charged up front to include additional judges costs, differences to be refunded when they show up. Problem is that we've already paid coaches' expenses beforehand and if a quartet backs out the district has to eat that cost.

- Will not be free this year
- Future Conventions Update
 - Mary Savard and Lee Kingdon have told Will that they are working on a possibility, no details yet on that.
 - 2017 Jamboree in East Peoria
 - 2017 & 2018 Fall convention in Bloomington
 - Will Thorndike is retiring from his role after 2018 – plans a move / retirement in 2019.
 - ♦ Will needs candidates willing to take up the role – so he can teach them now.
- Other
 - Rich has asked Jim to investigate a new logo for the district.
 - ♦ Proposed logo shared
 - ♦ [Attachment: “09-Logo.pdf”]

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

Adjourned: 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely