

Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting

February 2017

Location: Creativity Center, Bloomington IL

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Jim Waldorf	President		Y	+
Brett Mulford	Exec VP		Y	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		Y	+
Jim Wagner	Treasurer		Y	+
Patrik Claussen	BMAL	Membership	N	+
Will Thorndike	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Don Leonard	BMAL	C & J	N	+
Terry Ludwig	BMAL	Music & Perf	Y	+
Richard Hansen	Imm Past President	YIH	Y	+
Bill Miller		CSLT	Y	
Michelle Adams		YIH	N	
		Director Dev		
Jim Bicek		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	
Jeff Bowyer		Events	Y	
Tim Pashon		Music & Perf	N	

Totals: 10 of 14 7 of 9

Called to order: 1:30 PM

Opening song – Jeff Bowyer, directing: “The Old Songs”

Administration

- Quorum
 - YES
 - Seven Governance Members present (from a possible total of nine), quorum established.
- Reading of Mission Statement (Jim Bicek)
 - Check.
- Installation of Officers and Directors
 - “You are all duly installed”
- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Pull CSLT, mktg & PR, and YIH (discuss all at end of old business)
 - Add #5 new business – discussion of the addition of a mixed quartet contest at Fall
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Agenda**
 - ◆ **Originator: Mike Isely**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Minutes from previous (August 2016) Governance Board meeting
 - no changes
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 27-Aug-2016**
 - ◆ **Originator: Jim Wagner**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Rich Hansen**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
- Consent Calendar Reports
 - (accepted without changes)
 - Individual reports
 - ◆ President
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: “01-Report-President.pdf”]
 - ◆ Membership
 - (received)
 - [Attachment: “02a-Report-Membership.pdf”]
 - [Attachment: “02b-Report-Membership-Chart.pdf”]

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report (Jim Wagner)
 - Have approx \$27K in the bank accounts
 - Lost approx \$4900 at the 2016 Fall contest – including all ad payments
 - ◆ lack of attendance by far the largest factor
 - ◆ increased expenses
 - [Attachment: “03a-Report-Treasurer.pdf”]

- 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: Mike Isely**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Will Thorndike**
 - ◆ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

Old Business

- 2017 Jamborees
 - [Attachment: "04a-Report-MP.pdf"]
 - Subpar registrations so far
 - Looks to be a loss leader
 - Additional marketing / email blasts coming up to try to attract greater attendance
 - Discussed potential cancellation
 - ◆ Cost to cancel right now: approx: \$6000 (\$4800 spent on airfare plus 75% hotel commitment)
 - ◆ Cost to cancel up to 3 days beforehand: closer to \$8000...
 - ◆ Open question about quartet performance fees owed if we cancel (verbal – no contract - right now is \$1000 per quartet)
 - ◆ Absolutely need more participation!!
- Review of Board Restructuring
 - [Attachment: "05a-District-Org.pdf"]
 - Rich published an org chart last Aug, aligned with the "4 pillars"
 - Everyone here has seen this from last August – so nothing new here
 - Chart should be put on the web site
- Forum 2017 Dates/Info
 - Second week of July following International, 19th → 23rd of July
 - For 2018 the dates are "open". A lot of blowback about the July dates.
- YIH
 - [Attachment: "06a-Report-YIH.pdf"]
 - Mixed chorus festival to take place at the jamboree
 - (see report for full details)
- Marketing & PR
 - Looking for sponsor – even a little bit here and there adds up
 - Working with the Convention & Visitors Bureau for Peoria / East Peoria for the upcoming Jamboree
 - Looking for maybe some congratulatory statements from, local leaders
- CSLT
 - [Attachment: "07a-Report-CSLT.pdf"]
 - Leadership summit
 - ◆ Held on Jan 14th

- ◆ Had a good time, got some very good feedback from exit surveys
- ◆ Expenses were up somewhat due to presenters being brought in from afar.
- ◆ Antonio Lombardi and Marty Monson committed for 2018 leadership summit
- ◆ A lot of attendance from Northbrook
- MHA – looking for areas where chapters aren't as well served
 - ◆ Considering director's workshop
 - ◆ Looking for district to be more active
 - ◆ District has been trying to fill open CDD position
 - This rightly falls under a chapter support role
 - Could MHA organize a CDWI event?
 - Could this be a side-activity at IDAH?
 - ◆ What is MHA doing differently that is getting CSLT working?
- MHA Move to Independence
 - ◆ Internally only in the discussion phase in the MHA
 - ◆ Consider how CABC (Chicago Area Barbershop Chapters) used to operate in the past. MHA is effectively operating now similar to that
 - ◆ Except it's all operating under the financial umbrella of the Elgin chapter. It's not really “unbiased” and presents a burden to Elgin.
 - ◆ Need to understand how CABC operated and learn from that.

Break

- Terry Ludwig, directing “Honey Little Eyes I Love You”

New Business

- Spring HOD 31-Mar-2017, Holiday Inn
 - 1:30pm, Blue Town Ballroom, East Peoria
- Fall HOD 6-Oct-2017
 - 1:30pm, Marriott, no room assignment yet (likely to be Beaufort room)
- 2017 Fall Convention Update
 - Marriott & BCPA
- Future Conventions Updates
 - Westin Hotel in Lombard?
 - ◆ Plenty of space, everything in one roof, ballroom would work really well for contests
 - ◆ Is the price right?
 - ◆ <http://www.westinlombard.com/plan-an-event-lombard>
 - ◆
- Addition of a mixed quartet contest in the Fall
 - They would compete as a separate category
 - Competitors would be interleaved with the other contests (nothing new; it is what we do now).
 - C&J VP is in favor of this
 - Doesn't appear to be any logistical impacts to this
 - What's the downside?...

- Board consensus – the only extra work from this will likely be from Don and he's in favor of this, so let's do it.
- Only real issue might be a question of insurance (since non-BHS members would be on the stage)
- Quincy Chapter membership update
 - Terry: Got a certified letter from BHS, whose date of submittal officially started the 1-year clock.
 - However a request to yank the charter has already been sent to Nashville (last August), so as far as we are concerned this chapter is already folded.
- Next Meeting
 - August 12th, 2017, at Maples in Peru
 - We absolutely need that back room at Maples – condition to acceptance

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

Adjourned: 3:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely



March 16, 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ILLINOIS DISTRICT HOD MEETING, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Thank you all for joining us at the Spring 2017 Illinois District House of Delegate's Meeting.

As District President for the last 90 days, I have only a few items to report on at this time.

1. Midwinter Convention, San Antonio. I attended the Midwinter convention and participated in the District President's Council meetings, discussing the alignment of District goals with the four pillars approach taken on by Harmony Hall. We are doing well in this endeavor but there is work yet to be done. Also at Midwinter, the dates for the District President's Council meeting were confirmed to be later in July, after International and held in Nashville instead. This arrangement means there are no official meeting requirement for the President and EVP at the International convention but the (hopefully) less expensive trip to Nashville will replace it. The keynote speaker at Midwinter, Deke Sharon – the creative force behind much of the a cappella revolution we are currently experiencing, mentioned in his address one of our Society's major roadblocks to increasing membership is our historical insistence on all male, (TLBB) voicing. As the Society continues to explore mixed quarteting, we as a district are planning a mixed quartet contest for Fall of 2017.
2. Lack of attendance/involvement in District Spring Event. Last year we kicked off the first Spring Jamboree for the district here in Peoria. We received generous funding support from IDEA and covered the difference from district funds in order to draw participation from chapters who had been inactive or absent from events over the past several years. Because we put on the event at no cost for our members, attendance was in the range of 300 participants (roughly 150 Illinois District, and 150 Sweet Adelines). This year, again with support from IDEA and district funds plus a nominal \$30 registration, attendance is unfortunately low.
3. Several of our chapters remain in suspended status due to an insufficient number of registered members. This causes potential liability issues for the society and puts our entire tax exempt status at risk. Mentors are assigned and available to work with struggling chapters. District leadership stands ready to assist as well. Please reach out to your mentors or to me directly if your chapter has a need for assistance in any way. That is what we are here for, to help you succeed!

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve each chapter and individual member as we grow together through the next two years. Please know there have already been discussions to modify the Spring event to gather more participation. Your district team is working on a more IDAH like event, earlier in the year when more participants may be able to attend, lower cost venues are being researched. We can do this with your help. By supporting each other we can do wonders for the entire district! Attend chapter shows other than your own, contribute to IDEA, register in a quartet or a mixed quartet for the Fall contest and convention! Participate in the fun. Remember, we need each of you! There's no harmony if you are singing alone!

All the best,

Jim Waldorf



District VP for Membership and Outreach Report

As of 12/31/2016, total membership for Illinois District was 852. (873 in 8/2016, 883 in 2/2016). A membership summary is included with this report.

I attended the membership class at the leadership summit in Elgin on January 14. The class was focused on the Ready Set Sing program. I believe there were 9 in the class, which was well received.

The following week, I sent an introductory email to the membership VP of each chapter. Where ebiz was not updated, I sent the email to the previous membership VP or the previous president. In this email, I briefly discussed the Ready Set Sing program and offered to provide more information to those who could not attend the summit. There was interest from several chapters. I presented more detailed information to a few chapters via video conference and will be happy to do so with other interested chapters. There are a lot of example documents and other information for this program, so I would like to go over several important points and documents to give the chapter the best chance of success with the program. The video conference will take around 1 hour and only requires an internet connection and average computer. Contact me at patc5477@yahoo.com for further details.

Going forward, I plan to correspond with the membership VPs every month or two to highlight different programs and to share successes.

Pat Claussen

District VP of Membership and Outreach

Chapter	Code	Members 2/16	Members 8/16	overdue 8/16	Members 2/15/2017	overdue 2/17	% inc (dec)	overdue inc (dec)
Frank Thorne	E-000	35	38	3	34	2	(4)	(1)
Arlington Hts	E-002	35	34	2	34	0	0	(2)
Aurora	E-003	13	15	1	15	1	0	0
Belleville	E-005	37	34	4	34	4	0	0
Bloomington	E-007	118	120	5	122	6	2	1
Macomb	E-008	14	12	0	12	1	0	1
Northbrook	E-009	89	83	4	84	9	1	5
Champaign Urbana	E-010	10	16	0	16	1	0	1
Chicago #1	E-012	2	2	0	9	1	7	1
Danville	E-013	21	26	1	26	5	0	4
Decatur	E-014	21	17	0	17	2	0	2
Collinsville	E-016	8	7	1	6	0	(1)	(1)
Coles County	E-017	33	32	2	32	1	0	(1)
Elgin	E-018	38	34	6	29	1	(5)	(5)
Rockford Metro	E-019	23	21	0	21	2	0	2
Lake County	E-021	27	27	3	25	0	(2)	(3)
Bureau County	E-024	10	9	0	9	0	0	0
Quincy	E-029	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Chicagoland West Suburban	E-030	88	90	5	87	5	(3)	0
Peoria	E-044	25	24	4	21	1	(3)	(3)
Chicago Metro	E-045	22	25	0	27	2	2	2
Rockford	E-047	41	39	2	37	4	(2)	2
Rock Island	E-048	18	18	2	15	3	(3)	1
Will-Cook	E-050	42	43	4	41	2	(2)	(2)
Sterling Rock Falls	E-052	38	39	3	37	2	(2)	(1)
Waterloo	E-054	21	22	2	22	1	0	(1)
Springfield	E-061	43	41	1	41	1	0	0
DuPage Valley	E-066	60	61	2	60	2	(1)	0
Kishwaukee Valley	E-067	9	9	1	11	0	2	(1)
Sandoval	E-073	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Carbondale	E-075	25	24	3	23	3	(1)	0
Kankakee	E-077	11	9	1	8	0	(1)	(1)
Total including dual members		981	975	62	959	62	(16)	0
Total counting dual members only once		883	873		854		(19)	

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2016

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	30,174.64
Total Checking/Savings	<u>30,174.64</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1100 Accounts Receivable	108.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>108.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	378.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>378.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>30,660.64</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>30,660.64</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	26,236.07
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	<u>26,236.07</u>
3100 Temp. Restricted Funds	
3140 Spring Jamboree	5,380.00
Total 3100 Temp. Restricted Funds	<u>5,380.00</u>
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
Total IDAH	<u>233.00</u>
YIH	4,414.00
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	<u>4,647.00</u>
3220 Riser Accrual Account	1,810.04
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	<u>6,457.04</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,479.88
Net Income	<u>-9,892.35</u>
Total Equity	<u>30,660.64</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>30,660.64</u>

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
DVD Sales	40.00
Har. Found/Fest. Chorus/Brigade	1,511.58
Mail Registrations	1,293.08
Misc - Vendors & Program Ads	1,290.00
On Line Registrations	10,490.43
On Site Registrations	1,938.78
On Site Single Tickets	3,106.00
Ticket/Registration Refunds	-24.27
5100 Event Income - Other	7,000.00
Total 5100 Event Income	26,645.60
5210 District Dues	19,010.60
5310 Interest Income	14.54
5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	
5491 Merchandise	
IL District Pins	30.00
Total 5491 Merchandise	30.00
Total 5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	30.00
5800 Special Events Revenue	
5820 Gift Revenue	228.00
Total 5800 Special Events Revenue	228.00
Total Income	45,928.74
Gross Profit	45,928.74
Expense	
7020 Donations to Other Orgs	
IDEA	500.00
7020 Donations to Other Orgs - Other	100.00
Total 7020 Donations to Other Orgs	600.00
7030 Support	
Chorus Support	500.00
Quartet Support	605.00
Total 7030 Support	1,105.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend	750.00
7540 Judging Expense	7,288.35
7550 Temp Help - Contract	5,559.68
7560 Ticket Processing Fees	905.53
7570 Event Meals	630.63
7580 Other Contract Expenses	972.38
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	16,106.57
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8110 Supplies	30.20
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	873.31
8140 Postage & Shipping	446.91
8170 Printing & Copying	1,464.60
8180 Historian	267.99
8190 Publishing	74.95
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	3,157.96
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	9,569.00
8230 Storage Rental Charges	1,654.80
8260 Equipment Rental & Maint	100.00
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	11,323.80

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Cash Basis

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	4,035.92
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
BOD Meetings	134.01
Comp Housing	5,201.28
EVP Meetings	1,229.06
HOD Meetings	684.48
President Meetings	1,703.21
VP C&J Meetings	2,035.90
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>10,987.94</u>
8330 Hospitality	304.05
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	<u>15,327.91</u>
8400 Education Programs	
8410 C&J Cat/Cand Schools	990.00
8430 COTS/CSLT	314.55
8450 Recordings of Contestants	1,717.50
8480 YIH Program	
Contest Prizes	300.00
8480 YIH Program - Other	3,000.00
Total 8480 YIH Program	<u>3,300.00</u>
8490 BHS Leadership Forum	400.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	<u>6,722.05</u>
8500 Other Expenses	
8570 Advertising & Publicity	1,454.80
8590 Miscellaneous	0.00
Total 8500 Other Expenses	<u>1,454.80</u>
8600 Business Expenses	
8610 - Corporation Filing Fees	23.00
Total 8600 Business Expenses	<u>23.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>55,821.09</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-9,892.35</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-9,892.35</u></u>

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of February 10, 2017

	<u>Feb 10, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	27,375.57
Total Checking/Savings	27,375.57
Accounts Receivable	
1100 Accounts Receivable	108.00
Total Accounts Receivable	108.00
Other Current Assets	
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	378.00
Total Other Current Assets	378.00
Total Current Assets	27,861.57
TOTAL ASSETS	27,861.57
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	26,236.07
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	26,236.07
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
Total IDAH	233.00
YIH	4,414.00
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	4,647.00
3220 Riser Accrual Account	1,810.04
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	6,457.04
Unrestricted Net Assets	-7,412.47
Net Income	2,580.93
Total Equity	27,861.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,861.57

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA

Profit & Loss

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January 1 through February 10, 2017

Cash Basis

	<u>Jan 1 - Feb 10, 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Misc - Vendors & Program Ads	335.00
On Line Registrations	721.44
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Total 5100 Event Income	1,056.44
5210 District Dues	4,575.20
5310 Interest Income	1.29
5800 Special Events Revenue	
5820 Gift Revenue	5,380.00
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Total 5800 Special Events Revenue	5,380.00
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Total Income	11,012.93
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Gross Profit	11,012.93
Expense	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	2,308.00
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Total 7030 Support	2,308.00
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8140 Postage & Shipping	11.27
8180 Historian	49.97
8190 Publishing	15.00
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Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	76.24
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8230 Storage Rental Charges	914.20
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Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	914.20
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	4,591.10
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Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	4,591.10
8400 Education Programs	
8430 COTS/CSLT	538.46
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Total 8400 Education Programs	538.46
8500 Other Expenses	
8540 Bank Charges	4.00
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Total 8500 Other Expenses	4.00
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Total Expense	8,432.00
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Net Ordinary Income	2,580.93
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Net Income	<u>2,580.93</u>

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
 March 1, 2016 through February 11, 2017

	<u>Mar 1, '16 - Feb 11, 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Mail Registrations	1,293.08
Misc - Vendors & Program Ads	1,155.00
On Line Registrations	10,490.43
On Site Registrations	1,610.17
On Site Single Tickets	2,166.00
Total 5100 Event Income	<u>16,714.68</u>
Total Income	<u>16,714.68</u>
Gross Profit	16,714.68
Expense	
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend	750.00
7540 Judging Expense	7,338.81
7550 Temp Help - Contract	1,820.00
7560 Ticket Processing Fees	905.53
7580 Other Contract Expenses	972.38
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	<u>11,786.72</u>
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	751.80
8170 Printing & Copying	844.50
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	<u>1,596.30</u>
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	4,695.00
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	<u>4,695.00</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
Comp Housing	0.00
HOD Meetings	684.48
President Meetings	679.84
VP C&J Meetings	450.24
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>1,814.56</u>
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	1,814.56
8400 Education Programs	
8450 Recordings of Contestants	1,717.50
Total 8400 Education Programs	<u>1,717.50</u>
Total Expense	<u>21,610.08</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-4,895.40</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,895.40</u></u>



02/07/2017

To: Jim Waldorf, Illinois District President
Illinois District Board of Directors
House of Delegates

From: Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon
Co-VP Music and Performance

Gentlemen,

The Spring Jamboree is right around the corner and almost all of the preparations are in place for an exciting weekend. The classes have been set and the faculty is ready to go. The only thing we need now are attendees! Please take some time and promote this great event to your chapters and let's make it great.

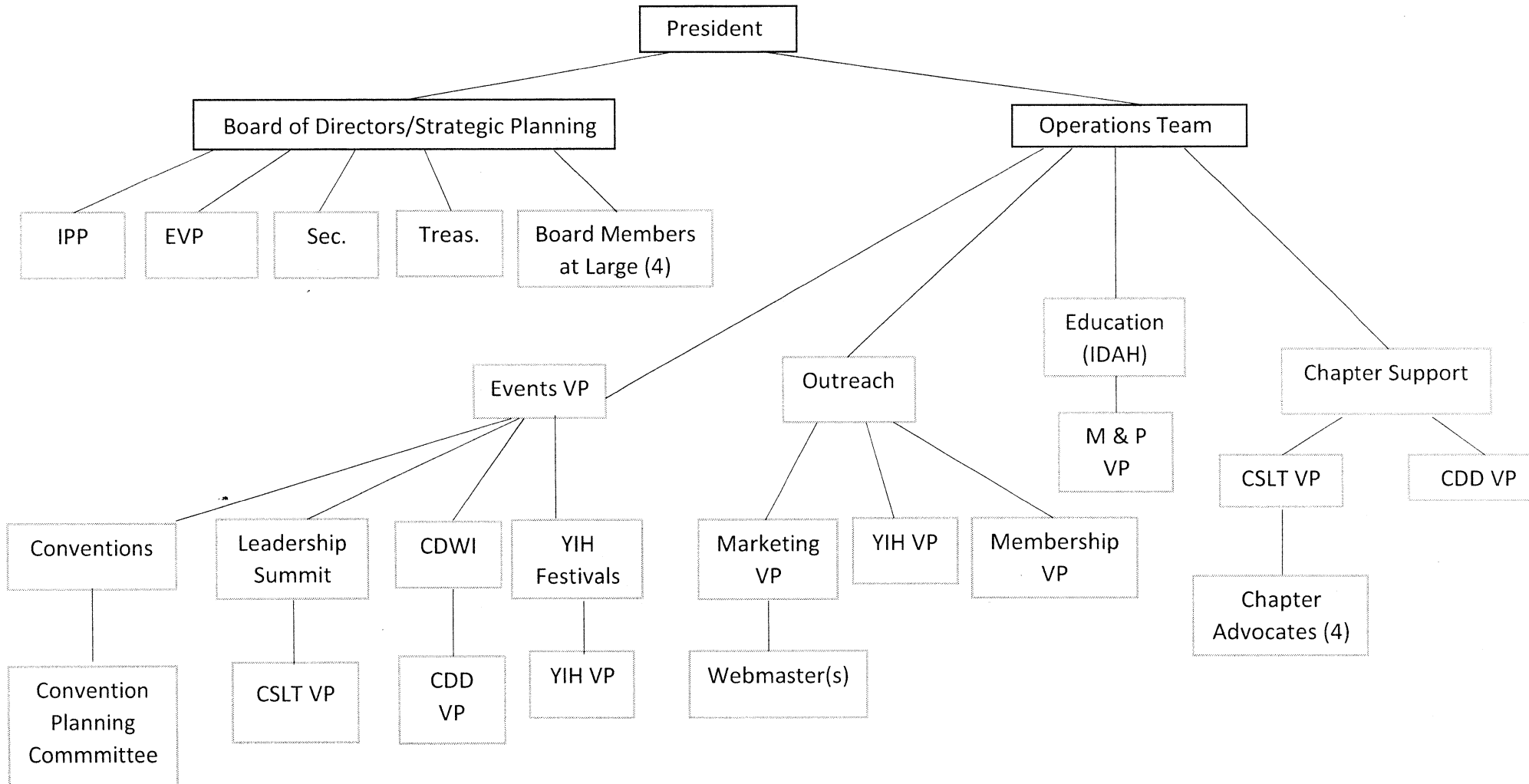
I won't lie, this year's event has been a struggle. Faculty has been difficult to get because it is contest season. We also struggled with a venue for chorus coaching and the evening show that would suit our needs and be budget friendly. Thanks to some wonderful barbershoppers (Harold Harness and Jim Bixby) we were able to secure a location and it will work perfectly.

We are currently, in conjunction with our Events VP, looking at facilities for next year's Jamboree. It looks as if we will be back in Peoria but at a different venue. We hope to have everything in place and ready to go so we can announce the dates at this year's Jamboree.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





**ILL District YIH Report
 February 2017**

- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
 - **March/April:** Youth Quartet Contest and Mixed Festival, Peoria, IL (contact Michelle Adams, harmony@hotmail.com)
 - **September :** Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, kjdeets@frontiernet.net)
 - **October :** Festival, Fox Lake, IL (contact Loren Shevitz,)
 - **October :** Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, twoodall@eiu.edu)
 - **October 27 :** Festival, Bloomington, IL (contact Doug Ferrier, doug.ferrier.g3dx@statefarm.com)
- ✓ Mt. Zion High School will be hosting “Acapalooza”, an evening of a cappella harmony on Saturday, May 13th. The event is a fund-raiser for the school’s quartet/ensemble program and is being organized by Rich Hansen (faculty member and quartet/ensemble sponsor). All district barbershoppers are invited and a \$10 admission price will be taken at the door. The concert will begin at 7:00pm in the H.S. auditorium and will feature student groups as well as guests *The Sound of Illinois* and special guest – *FOREFRONT*. Contact Rich at hansenr@mtzschoools.org for more information.
- ✓ The annual High School quartet contest will be held on Friday evening of the Illinois District Spring Jamboree. This year, the competition will be open to both ladies and men’s high school quartets, with placements being presented in both categories. On Saturday of the Jamboree, a mixed festival will take place during the day and students will perform on the evening show. The charge of \$15 per student will cover the cost of the clinician and music. This is not a school sponsored event and current members of the Illinois District, under the age of 26, are encouraged to participate.
- ✓ Harmony Foundation denied grants to Coles County and Bloomington for the first time. This is due to the overwhelming requests that HF is receiving from around the country to sponsor YIH events. They are more willing to help newer endeavors rather than established ones like ours. They are encouraging us to seek out local community and state foundations/sources for festival income. It is vitally important that the district keep money allocated for our festivals in the budget.
- ✓ This is a reminder that all YIH event sponsors are required to have their workers view the updated sexual molestation prevention training video – which can be done individually at home. Each worker will have to take the test online and submit their quiz answers. Timing is important – this needs to be done well before the event itself. Grant money from BHS and Harmony Foundation require this now!
- ✓ All event sponsors should submit their event to the district calendar and alert the DVP of YIH and District President and Treasurer (if requesting funds to help defray costs) in advance of the budget approval for each year.
- ✓ All festival coordinators receiving district monies should submit to Jim Wagner (district treasurer) an expense form that shows expenses and income within two weeks after the conclusion of the event.
- ✓ As the new district VP of YIH, I look forward to continuing my service for the youth of our state.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michelle Adams
 ILL Dist. VP - YIH



Subject: CSLT Report To Board

Date: Feb 8, 2017

Board Members,

1. 2017 Leadership Summit

The January 14, 2017 IL District/MHA Leadership Summit was a success as 45 Barbershoppers participated in a full day of Chapter Officer jobs training. BHS CEO Marty Munson taught the President's Class and BHS Leadership Committee Chair, Christian Hunter, taught the Chapter Development (Membership) Class. Joe Liles delivered the Keynote address and Bob Squires taught the group to sing "You're a Grand Old Flag". This Summit was advertised extensively with fliers sent to all Chapter Presidents three different times. Participation from Southern District Chapters was poor even though their registration and overnight housing would have been free of charge.

Summit revenue was \$644, and expenses were \$1183. District reimbursement was \$538.

The Midwest Harmony Alliance Leadership Team met last week and committed to host the next Leadership Summit on January 13, 2018 at a venue T.B.A. Hopefully some Board members will attend.

2. Chapter Advocates Program

Advocate activity in 2016 was mediocre. Bob Squires has visited all 9 of his Chapters, files informative reports and follows up on action items. Dave Howe reported making 2 visits last Fall in the Southern District. Rich Hansen has volunteered to take over the Central District for Brent Mulford after Brent resigned as an Advocate. I've had no word from Greg Martin, the Northern District Advocate for six Chapters. My intention is to hold a Chapter Advocate Meeting during the Spring Jamboree and recharge the Advocates. We need a couple of examples of Advocates helping Chapters.

3. A Barbershop Chorus Director's Educational Forum (ABCDEF)

The Midwest Harmony Alliance (MHA) Leadership Team is poised to begin planning the subject event for early August, 2017. This Forum is meant to replace the Chorus Director Workshop Intensive (CDWI), which has not been held by IL District in recent years. Funding for this Forum will be solicited from Harmony Foundation, BHS, IDEA and IL District. Hopefully IL District will assign a capable individual to join this initiative and lead it in future years.

4. Monthly Jollity Rehearsals

The Midwest Harmony Alliance (MHA) Leadership Team has authorized the designation of the third Saturday morning of each month as a combined MHA Mass Chorus Rehearsal and Social Get-together. The objective of these rehearsals is to improve mass chorus sound, synchronization, and performance readiness. Starting in March, each Jollity Saturday will be hosted by a different chorus/chapter, including Frank Thorne.



5. MHA Move to Independence

For the past few years, MHA has been sponsored by a many as five and a few as three choruses. We have purposely remained unofficial, member inclusive with limited overheads. The Elgin Chapter has graciously provided use of their manpower, financial backing, and venue for years.

With additional MHA activities planned and underway, the time may be right for MHA to be more independent. We do not want to compete with Chapters so becoming a new Chapter is not what we seek. We would like to affiliate with the Illinois District much like IDEA and CABC of the past.

We realize that we would need to prepare a set of bylaws, elect a Board and establish a Treasury.

How does the Board feel about this informal proposal?

Bill Miller
VP Chapter Leadership Training and Chapter Advocates
President, Midwest Harmony Alliance

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