



**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?

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