

Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting August 2019

Location: 1607 Commerce Drive, Bloomington IL

Date/Time: Sunday, August 11, 2019, 1:00pm

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Brett Mulford	President		Y	+
Jeff Lathom	Exec VP		Y	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		Y	+
Jim Wagner	Treasurer		Y	+
Jeff McMorris	BMAL	Membership	Y	+
Jeff Bowyer	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Tim Pashon	BMAL	C & J	Y	+
Terry Ludwig	BMAL	(Music & Perf)	Y	+
Jim Waldorf	Imm Past President	YIH	Y	+
Bill Miller		CSLT		
Evan Patrick		YIH		
(open)		Director Dev		
Joe Gurreri		Marketing & PR, webmaster		

Totals: 9 of 12 9 of 9

Called to order: 1:27 PM

ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting started late due to traffic hassles on I-55 for several attendees
- Quorum
 - YES
 - Nine Governance Members present (from a possible total of nine), quorum established.
- Minutes
 - Prior Board meeting held on 15-Feb-2019
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Accept Minutes from 15-Feb-2019 Board meeting**
 - ◆ **Made by: Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **PASSED by vocal consent, unanimous**
- Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
 - [Attachment: "01-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]
 - Balance of roughly \$56K
 - Budget discussion...
 - ◆ [See Treasurer report for proposed budget info]
 - ◆ Proposed budget distributed. This needs to be ready for the upcoming HOD.
 - ◆ Seniors chorus support for 2020?
 - There's no actual "organization" to target such funds, unlike with chapters.
 - Offer scholarships?
 - The district is already implicitly supporting the chorus, e.g. expense reimbursements for sheet music, from Music & Perf budget
 - ◆ IDAH expense estimates need to go to Terry; Terry needs to send breakdown to Jim so that he can appropriately adjust the budget.
 - ◆ Registration issues for Fall 2019
 - Eventbrite has a fee for processing. Currently we absorb that as part of the registration. Sentiment here that we should be charging it to the attendee
 - Issue with registrations not being up yet for the convention. Waiting on an issue from Eventbrite involving the Society? → Issue is really with chorus / quartet registration, not convention registration.
 - Consensus: District absorbs any processing fees. Let's keep it simple. Two existing IDAH registrations executed to-date will be refunded of their fees.
- **Motion**
 - ◆ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ◆ **Made by: Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jeff Lathom**
 - ◆ **PASSED by unanimous verbal consent**

MAIN TOPICS

- Contest & Judging – Tim Pashon
 - ➔ Proposal from International to direct bill districts for judges, flat fee. Then the Society would take care of airfare, which removes a large chunk of uncontrolled variability in our budget. This also covers travel expenses to Category School.
 - ◆ This neatly solves an uncontrolled budget expense. Even if there is no net savings (or even a small increase), the reduction in risk makes it worth it.
 - ◆ We really like this idea
 - ➔ Operational details in progress for the upcoming convention
- Events – Jeff Bowyer
 - ➔ Material distributed by Jeff regarding “Rocky Mountain College”, as an example of hiring professional event planners.
 - ◆ [Attachment: “02-Helmsbriscoe.pdf”]
 - ◆ This is like a travel agent for conventions.
 - ◆ HelmsBriscoe is quite familiar with barbershoppers.
 - ◆ Can also handle venue selection, familiarity with our requirements
 - ◆ No contract needed
 - ◆ This would be for 2020, and we are not limiting this to Bloomington
 - ➔ Host Chapter concept still in play, with \$750 stipend. Chapter does not need to be local.
 - ➔ Convention locations?
 - ◆ It doesn’t need to be in the middle of the state. Have it way south one year, in the north the next year. The travel overhead nets out to be the same.
- Membership – Jeff McMorris
 - ➔ Willing to travel to any chapter in the state and give a seminar on how to make your chapter grow.
 - ◆ What happened with the chapter mentors for spreading the word?
 - ◆ This would be a perfect fit for Harmony College Midwest
- YIH – Evan Patrick
 - ➔ Not present, no discussion
- Music & Performance – Terry Ludwig
 - ➔ IDAH (Harmony College Midwest) preparations are well underway
 - ➔ Date selection (Valentines Day...) was due to hotel availability. Other dates just were not possible.
- CSLT – Bill Miller
 - ➔ Not present, no discussion

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Composition Issue
 - This to be covered at the HOD
 - Do we want to expand OT members to be BMAL slots
 - ◆ This would give them votes on the Board
 - ◆ This also means they must be elected as part of the slate
 - ◆ This also means they cannot be appointed (nor removed) at the pleasure of the President
 - ◆ This increases the minimum quorum size for a Board meeting, potentially putting the quorum at risk if not all such members attend (note the attendance at this meeting...)

NEW BUSINESS

- Society Board Nominations – Brett Mulford
 - Looking for nominations
- Website and Facebook Page and new marketing person
 - Remaining issues with accuracy of information
- Change Vision Statement
 - Will adjust and propose to HOD (specifically, remove gender references to “harmonize” with Everyone In Harmony)
- Budget Changes pertaining to Judges
 - Covered earlier (under C&J topic)
- Senior Chorus Support in the budget
 - Covered earlier (as part of budget discussion)

Adjourned: 2:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely