

Illinois District Association of Chapters Special Board Meeting COVID-19 Edition May 2020

Location: Via Zoom

Date/Time: Friday, May 17, 2020, 6:00pm

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	+
Rich Hansen		Historian	Y	
(open)		CSLT	n/a	
Evan Patrick		YIH	Y	
(open)		Director Dev	n/a	
Joe Gurreri		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	

Totals: 12 of 12 9 of 9

Called to order: 6:35 PM

ADMINISTRATION

- Quorum
 - YES
 - Attendance 100% (!!)
- Minutes
 - Prior Board meeting held on 14-Feb-2020
 - Disposition of these Minutes to be determined at future regular Board meeting

MAIN TOPICS – COVID-19 EDITION

- Fall Convention 2020
 - BHS is “highly recommending” not having a Fall Convention
 - They can’t tell us not to have it, but this isn’t looking very promising from a practical standpoint
 - We’re not going to get to “phase 5” in time
 - Hotel contract
 - ♦ Doubletree cancellation fee at this point will be \$13K
 - ♦ We have until June 30th to “let things ride” After June 30th, the penalty is 100%.
 - ♦ However the hotel obviously knows what is going on, and if it becomes obviously impossible to carry through on this, e.g. IL continues required isolation, then it’s likely the hotel will void the contract anyway.
 - ♦ If we signed a commitment with the hotel for 2021, this would definitely help with any negotiations for a 2020 cancellation.
 - BCPA contract
 - ♦ They will “tear up the contract”, on request, though obviously we need to give a reasonable notice, i.e. not the week before the event.
 - We are being asked by the chapters what is going on. What do we say?
 - ♦ It’s not looking good but a formal decision will be made at the end of June
 - Based upon all of the above, the Board will meet in late June to make the final decision.
- Do a Spring 2021 convention?
 - Idea being to provide a chance for quartets / choruses to get another shot at qualifying for 2021.
 - This can be viewed as temporary substitute for Fall 2020
 - Logistical issues
 - ♦ Hotel (Jeff Bowyer)
 - ♦ Venue (Jeff Bowyer)
 - ♦ Judges (Tim Pashon)
- Next step consensus: Board will meet near the end of June to make the final call on the Fall Convention
- HOD
 - April HOD did not happen.
 - Should we have a June HOD?

- ♦ If this were to potentially replace both the Spring and Fall then we need to get the budget and slate set up for 2021 in time for this meeting. Seems not feasible to be done this quickly.
- ♦ Therefore we need to still have a Fall HOD regardless of the disposition of the Fall Convention.
- ♦ So, no.
- Fall HOD meeting has to happen – if only to approve the next budget and elect a slate.
 - ♦ This will have to take place via Zoom if the Fall Convention does not happen.
- Communication
 - We need to reach out to each chapter specifically and directly – not just a mass e-mail which is too easily forgotten with everything else going on right now.
 - We need to figure out which chapters are in serious trouble.
 - ♦ We don't want to go from 29 chapters to 10 after all the dust is settled!
 - Jim Waldorf: *"There just can never be enough communication."*
- Midwinter 2021
 - No information from HQ, at least not yet.
- YIH Events
 - Bloomington – will be canceled when/if the Fall Convention is canceled
 - Evan is contemplating a state-wide online YIH event for all students who would have otherwise been at a specific YIH event.
 - No other information from other sponsors.
 - Evan to directly contact sponsoring chapters for all YIH events.
 - ♦ Need to assess what is going on
 - ♦ ...and we need to get them all thinking about this – odds are people have been distracted.
- Midwest Harmony 2021 College
 - Normal planning still underway
 - A lack of a Fall Convention will impact the push for this event.
- Next Meeting
 - End of June
 - June 14th, 2020

ACTION ITEMS

- Brett Mulford to send e-mail to chapter leadership teams letting them know what is going on (using the topics we've discussed). Also will be asking everyone for input on further decisions.
- Brett and past DPs to directly contact leadership from each chapter in order to assess what is going on.
- Joe Gurreri to tackle setting up some type of inter-chapter communication, after DP contacts take place.
- Jeff Bowyer / Tim Pashon to investigate prospects for setting up a one-time only Spring 2021 Convention
- A single HOD meeting to take place, at the normal point in time in the Fall, over Zoom if there's no Fall Convention.
- Evan Patrick to survey YIH-sponsoring chapters to assess situation (and get them thinking about it).

- District Board to meet on June 14th to make the final decision for the Fall Convention

Adjourned: 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely