

DRAFT MINUTES (13-Aug-2022) – NOT APPROVED

BHS Illinois District Board Meeting

6-Aug-2021

**Illinois District Association of Chapters
Board Meeting**
Aug 2021

Location: Via Zoom and Parke Regency Hotel Bloomington IL

Date/Time: Friday, Aug 6, 2021, 7:00pm

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Jeff Lathom	President		Y	+
Terry Ludwig	Exec VP		Y	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		Y	+
Jim Wagner	Treasurer		Y	+
Jeff McMorris	BMAL	Membership	N	+
Jeff Bowyer	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Tim Pashon	BMAL	C & J	Y	+
Benjamin Light	BMAL	(CSLT)	Y	+
Brett Mulford	Imm Past President	YIH	Y	+
Tim Beutel		Music & Perf	Y	
Rich Hansen		Historian	Y	
Evan Patrick		YIH	Y	
Raymond Schwarzkopf		CDD	N	
Joe Gurreri		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	

Totals: 10 of 13 8 of 9

Called to order: 7:04 PM

ADMINISTRATION

- Quorum
 - ➔ 8 of 9 Governance Board members present
 - ➔ Attendance 89% overall

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- Minutes
 - **Approve Minutes from 2021-02-21**
 - ♦ **Moved by: Jim Wagner**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **APPROVED**
 - **Approve Minutes from 2021-07-18**
 - ♦ **Moved by: Ben Light**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **APPROVED**
- Prior online motions
 - [Attachment: “01-Online_Motions.pdf”]
 - **Motion 22-May-2021**
 - ♦ **Subject:** *I propose that we rescind the prior rule about district board members being ineligible for the ABE award, and replace it with this: Current district board members are ineligible for the ABE award if such board members have fewer than 10 years of service on the district board. Once past 10 years of such service, eligibility for the ABE award is no longer restricted by the candidate's current status as a district board member.*
 - ♦ **Motion by: Mike Isely**
 - ♦ **Motion seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - ♦ **Result:**
 - **Yes – 7, No – 0, No response / abstain – 2**
 - **APPROVED**
 - **Motion 5-June-2021**
 - ♦ **Subject:** *I propose that we allocate \$3000 of district funds towards a Top Gun quartet coaching event to be held on Aug 7th. Funds to come from Education Programs category, transferred to previously unfunded Top Gun School category.*
 - ♦ **Motion by: Mike Isely**
 - ♦ **Motion seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **Result:**
 - **Yes – 8, No – 0**
 - **APPROVED**
 - **Motion 19-June-2021**
 - ♦ **Subject:** *Should IDEA provide \$1500 as part of the funding for a Top Gun quartet coaching event to be held on Aug 7th? (Context: IDEA has already approved this but are looking for our approval before the funds are disbursed.)*
 - ♦ **Motion by: Mike Isely**
 - ♦ **Motion seconded: Benjamin Light**
 - ♦ **Result:**
 - **Yes – 8, No – 0**
 - **APPROVED**

REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner
 - ➔ [Attachment: "02-Report_Treasurer.pdf"]
 - ➔ \$74396.30 cash available
 - ➔ So far this year we are \$2160 in the black
 - ➔ That will certainly change this weekend (Topgun coaching) – expense reports coming up
 - ➔ **Motion to receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ◆ **Moved by: Mike Isely**
 - ◆ **Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **APPROVED**
- Contest and Judging – Tim Pashon
 - ➔ Contest is rolling along, registration is open
 - ◆ 3 quartets registered so far.
 - ◆ No choruses registered yet.
 - ◆ Registration deadline is Sep 3rd.
 - ➔ Schedule coming up soon.
 - ➔ Marketing planning on a broadcast email.
- Events – Jeff Bowyer
 - ➔ Not much has changed since 7/18.
 - ➔ BCPA contracts being signed this evening.
 - ➔ Everything is still moving forward.
 - ➔ Cut off date for cancellation?
 - ◆ Doubletree is flexible given the circumstances.
 - ◆ Contractually we are at 75% but there is flexibility due to Covid.
 - ➔ We don't have a videographer for the convention – the usual person has moved out of state and is unlikely to come back for this convention.
- Membership – Jeff McMorris
 - ➔ Nothing here
- Youth In Harmony – Evan Patrick
 - ➔ Students K-12 have to be masked at the start of the school year – obvious singing impact to this.
 - ➔ Bloomington YIH still planned, but if the Fall Convention is canceled then the plug will probably be pulled here as well.
 - ➔ Coles County was also planning an event, but status unknown.
 - ➔ Nothing from Northbrook.
 - ➔ Nothing from Springfield.
 - ➔ Nothing from Sterling Rock Falls.
- Music and Performance – Tim Beutel
 - ➔ This weekend is our first big event.
 - ➔ Just started planning HCMW.
 - ◆ Doubletree Hotel for the site, Feb 18/19 in 2022
 - ◆ OC Times locked in
 - ◆ Theo Hicks will be the primary clinician
 - ◆ Working on finding coaches

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- ♦ Pricing adjusted to hopefully allow the district to lose less money over this event.
 - \$250 quartets
 - \$75 individuals
- Chapter Support and Leadership Training – Ben Light
 - Idea of doing a joint event with HCMW.
 - ♦ We don't want to put guys in a situation of having to choose between them.
 - ♦ Might be resolvable through not-overlapping the actual sessions.
 - Will be calling all the chapter presidents to gauge interest.
 - What should the budget be for this for something in-house?
 - ♦ Society has resources available.
- IDEA – Rich Hansen
 - Glad to see this Topgun weekend is happening
 - The district thanks IDEA for helping to support this weekend.
 - New IDEA Board appointments coming up at the Fall HOD.

OLD BUSINESS

- (none)

NEW BUSINESS

- Mid-winter sponsorship
 - Dustin Guyton request
 - ♦ Would the district be interested in sponsoring a chorus and/or quartet for the upcoming mid-winter convention?
 - ♦ Cost is about \$750/kid to sponsor in a quartets
 - ♦ Somewhat cheaper/kid for a chorus.
 - ♦ Looking for \$3000 to sponsor 4 kids
 - We don't really get to choose who, since qualification rules come into play.
 - ♦ If mid-winter doesn't happen, the money will be moved to the "youth impact" budget, reserved for future youth events
 - ♦ These funds used to come from HFI, but the Society hasn't seen any funds from HFI since early 2020.
 - Board discussion
 - ♦ The district already chooses to help fund quartets and choruses that go to International. Why should this be any different?
 - ♦ So let's see who qualifies and then help them out, same as we already do.
 - ♦ This sort of funding is also part of IDEA's mission.
 - ♦ Thus, no motion made or passed for this request.
- Fall Covid Protocols
 - BCPA now requires everyone in the building but not on stage to be masked. Vaccinated or not.
 - ♦ Performers on stage, who are vaccinated, do not need to be masked.
 - ♦ This is a fluid situation. It could be completely different before the convention.
 - Doubletree, being a private business, likely won't be so restrictive.
 - No good feel yet on level of expected participation.

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- 2022 Budget
 - Dues for 2020 are down about 20% compared to 2019.
 - Jim assembled a budget based upon 2019 patterns (2020 is an anomaly) combined with updated dues metrics.
 - Result right now is \$26K in the red.
 - ◆ No \$10K fundraiser like what was in 2019
 - ◆ Dues down
 - ◆ Was planning on another Topgun, but this year's event was intended to be a one-off.
 - ◆ Included funding for a Spring event – but we don't do those anymore.
 - ◆ Jim is going to rework the budget proposal taking these points into account
 - ◆ We need to get this hashed out ASAP, as a reasonable budget needs to be presented to the HOD.
 - ◆ Note: A red budget is not a terrible thing, provided it's done for the right reasons, e.g. if there's a known one-off expense coming.
 - Discussion over refinements to address budget
- Harmony College Midwest
- Steve Denino – Terry Ludwig
 - [Attachment: "03-Contest_Expansion.pdf"]
 - Terry distributed a document suggesting significant changes to the contests. We all need to review this and help provide feedback. Terry wants everyone to study and email feedback.
- **Executive Session**
 - **Moved by: Jeff Bowyer**
 - **Seconded: Terry Ludwig**
 - Entered Executive Session 8:27pm
 - Exited Executive Session 8:32pm
 - No further Board actions required due to Executive Session.

Adjourned: 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely