

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

BHS Illinois District Board Meeting

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**Illinois District Association of Chapters
Board Meeting**
Feb 27th, 2022

Location: Via Zoom

Date/Time: Friday, Feb 27, 2022, 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	+
Doug Finkbiner	BMAL	Membership	N	+
Jeff Bowyer	BMAL	Events	Y	+
(open)	BMAL	C & J	-	+
Benjamin Light	BMAL	(CSLT)	Y	+
Brett Mulford	Imm Past President	YIH	Y	+
Tim Beutel		Music & Perf	Y	
Rich Hansen		Historian	N	
Evan Patrick		YIH	Y	
Raymond Schwarzkopf		CDD	N	
Joe Gurreri		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	
Bob Cearnal		Guest	N	

Totals: 10 of 14 7 of 8

Called to order: 7:01 PM

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ADMINISTRATION

- Quorum
 - 7 of 8 Governance Board members present
 - Attendance 88% overall
- Minutes
 - Minutes posted from 18-Jul
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 18-Jul-2021**
 - ♦ **Motion: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Jim Wagner**
 - ♦ **Result: Approved, Unanimous**
- Treasurer's Report
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report-Treasurer-district.pdf"]
 - [Attachment: "01b-Report-Treasurer-fall-convention.pdf"]
 - [Attachment: "01c-Report-Treasurer-top-gun.pdf"]
 - [Attachment: "01d-Report-Treasurer-hcmw.pdf"]
 - Fall 2021 convention:
 - ♦ Net -\$13K
 - ♦ Registrations were \$5500, very low compared to "normal" years
 - ♦ But we expected this. This is why the district has dues – the convention is expected function of the district
 - ♦ HFI paid for After Hours' expenses
 - Top Gun
 - ♦ Net -\$3.9K
 - ♦ Once we get \$1.5K from IDEA, this will drop the loss to \$2.4K which is about what we expected.
 - \$35K sitting in CD
 - ♦ ...with low interest...
 - ♦ ...and annual fees that are more than the interest
 - ♦ We need to do something about this
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
 - ♦ **Motion: Ben Light, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **Result: Approved, Unanimous**

TOPICS

- C&J – Jeff Lathom
 - Lots of searching for a new C&J VP, no candidates available
 - Jeff Lathom will handle the role this Fall and will be the C&J VP
 - Corresponding BMAL slot will be left open for 2023/2024 since that role was intended to give a vote to the C&J VP – which Jeff Lathom as future Imm Past President will already have.
- Events – Jeff Bowyer
 - Nothing new here.
 - Venue and hotel for Fall 2022 are set up and at the appropriate state for 2023.

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- Jim Waldorf has always been very helpful and continues to be a terrific asset for the district in working with the BCPA (our venue).
- The DoubleTree has been very flexible and helpful to us – and cost effective, especially in these COVID times. We feel we should continue to stick with them going forward.
- Membership – Doug Finkbiner
 - (skipped, Doug not present)
- Music & Performance – Tim Beutel
 - Harmony College Midwest
 - ♦ Almost 90 people present for the final show. More participation than expected!
 - Especially in light of most the registrations taking place during the omicron wave.
 - ♦ Thanks all around for everyone helped make this event come together.
 - ♦ Working on a new date for 2023.
 - DoubleTree penciled in for the weekend after Valentine’s Day 2023.
- CSLT – Ben Light
 - CSLT took place in virtual training session with LOL.
 - Due to unfortunate timing, the word for this didn’t really get out until the week of the session.
 - Looking to do CSLT in-district for 2023.
 - Suggestion made to overlap this with HCMW – but that leaves CSLT attendees with an either/or choice – either attend HCMW or CSLT...
 - Consider moving CSLT to November – so that new officers can get the training *before* their roles start.
- Marketing – Joe Gurreri
 - Updating web site right now to move focus to the Fall 2022 convention
 - Working on figuring out why our paid-for web master has been slow to respond to issues / request modifications
 - Desire new mechanism to easily update regularly changing database info, e.g. officers as they change over time. Idea is to just upload a spreadsheet. Work on this still to be done.
 - Please “like” district page updates as they happen!
- YIH – Evan Patrick
 - Nothing major to report
 - Masks are on the way out, at least for schools
 - Plan is to get an email out to the facilitators for the five festivals in the state
 - Possible BHS conflict with funding as festivals requesting BHS funding may be required to solicit membership in an EIH-aware manner – which may run afoul festivals which have participating from Sweet Adelines chapters.
- HFI Discussion
 - Nothing new here
- BHS Request
 - BHS is requesting the district to fund 5 scholarships for ILL members to attend HU.
 - [Attachment: “02-BHS-Letter.pdf”]
 - Jim Wagner’s suggestion: Forward that email to IDEA.
 - DP Council is not happy with this:
 - ♦ feels that BHS brought this on themselves.

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- ♦ DPC views this as a money grab
- ♦ ...an \$8K/district money grab – after district budgets have already been set.
- ♦ DPC doesn't think any district is going to do this.
- There is zero advantage to acting on this "request". We can always offer our own scholarships and the cost will be the same. There's nothing in their request that makes it advantageous to act upon it now.
- ILL will not act on this, at least not until the DPC works on this further.
- Fall Convention
 - AIC/HFI – Do we want to bring in a quartet
 - ♦ For Fall 2021, AIC/HFI funded having After Hours involved in our convention
 - ♦ Jim Wagner – multiple cases of logistical confusion that hindered getting AIC/HFI to actually reimburse us.
 - ♦ Tim Beutel – Impression from After Hours is that AIC/HFI just wants to send a lump sum to the district, which should be computed roughly from the expected expenses – which would then deal with the details.
 - ♦ Fall 2021 was new for everyone.
 - ♦ We believe this increased attendance at the Fall 2021 convention
 - Motion
 - ♦ Pursue bringing in AIC quartet for fall 2022 convention
 - ♦ Motion: Ben Light
 - ♦ Seconded: Jeff Bowyer
 - ♦ Motion Passed, Unanimous
- HOD date
 - We would like to do this sooner so that contest format can be discussed ahead of time.
 - Suggest 24-Apr-2022 (HOD had previously recommended this)
 - ♦ Too many conflict with Board members
 - Suggestion 1-May-2022
 - ♦ WE WILL SET THIS DATE
 - We need to set up a solid structured agenda to ensure the conversation moves along
- BHS announcement for the International Contest
 - How do we structure the district contests to track with BHS?
 - Do we structure the district contests to track with BHS?
 - This needs to be worked with the HOD.
 - Discussion regarding contest format
 - ♦ Do we stick with what we're doing now? We already have separate awards for mixed groups so everyone is already included.
 - ♦ LOL comparison – all designations stay as "gendered", but they are adding an overall champion?
 - ♦ Can BHS "require" us to change our contest format? No.
 - ♦ We have to act in the best interest of the district – would a genderless contest help our membership?
 - ♦ Sounds like conversation is converging on keeping the existing contests while adding an overall (genderless) contest winner
- Likely HOD topic:

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→ District leaving BHS.... Let this debate take place.

Adjourned: 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely