

DRAFT MINUTES (13-Aug-2023) – NOT APPROVED

BHS Illinois District Board Meeting

26-Mar-2023

**Illinois District Association of Chapters
Board Meeting**
March 26th, 2023

Location: Via Zoom

Date/Time: Sunday, Mar 26, 2023, 7:00pm

Roll Call

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Terry Ludwig	President		Y	+
Benjamin Dirks	Exec VP		Y	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		Y	+
Leif Wildman	Treasurer		Y	+
Doug Finkbiner	BMAL	Membership	Y	+
Jeff Bowyer	BMAL	Events	Y	+
Jeff Lathom	BMAL	C & J	Y	+
(open)	BMAL		-	-
Jeff Lathom	Imm Past President	YIH	Y	-
John Q Morris		CSLT	Y	
Tim Beutel		Music & Perf	N	
Rich Hansen		Historian	N	
Evan Patrick		YIH	Y	
Doug Ferrier		Awards	N	
Carrie Marcotte		CDD	N	
Joe Gurreri		Marketing & PR, webmaster	Y	

Totals: 11 of 15 7 of 7

Called to order: 7:05 PM

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ADMINISTRATION

- Quorum
 - 7 of 7 Governance Board members present
 - Attendance 100%
- Minutes
 - Minutes posted from 14-Aug-2022
 - **Motion**
 - ◆ **Subject: Approve Minutes from 14-Aug-2022**
 - ◆ **Motion: Ben Dirks, Seconded Jeff Bowyer**
 - ◆ **Result: Approved, Unanimous**
- Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman
 - [Attachment: "01a-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]
 - **Motion**
 - ◆ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report-Jim**
 - ◆ **Motion: Mike Isely, Seconded: Ben Dirks**
 - ◆ **Result: Approved, Unanimous**
 - Harmony College Midwest bottom line
 - ◆ Can't close the financial book on this yet – awaiting a promised payment from IDEA
- Reports
 - (Only listing specific things not otherwise in a written report)
 - Music and Performance – Tim Beutel
 - ◆ [Attachment: "02a-Report-MusicAndPerf.pdf"]
 - CSLT – John Q Morris
 - ◆ [Attachment: "03a-Report-CSLT.pdf"]
 - ◆ Lots of errors / bad information on the web site
 - Events – Jeff Bowyer
 - ◆ [Attachment: "04a-Report-Events.pdf"]
 - ◆ Looking a potential new venue for 2024 Fall convention
 - YIH – Evan Patrick
 - ◆ [Attachment: "05a-Report-YIH.pdf"]
 - Marketing – Joe Gurreri
 - ◆ [Attachment: "06a-Report-Marketing.pdf"]
 - ◆ Reminders to like the district web page on facebook!
 - ◆ Short discussion about ongoing communication with the district
 - Terry is sending out frequent letters to everyone.
 - Awards – Doug Ferrier
 - ◆ (no report)
 - Chorus Director Development – Carrie Marcotte
 - ◆ [Attachment: "07a-Report-CDD.pdf"]
 - Contest & Judging – Jeff Lathom
 - ◆ [Attachment: "08a-Report-DRCJ.pdf"]
 - Membership – Doug Finkbiner
 - ◆ [Attachment: "09a-Report-Membership.pdf"]
 - ◆ Actively working to contact leadership for every chapter in the district.

OLD BUSINESS

- Risers
 - \$10K line item added to budget to purchase risers
 - ◆ Not enough to replace all sets, but certainly enough to make a dent in this.
 - Should we just be renting risers all the time instead of purchasing new risers?
 - ◆ Factor in the monthly cost for riser storage...
 - ◆ Suggestion to take pictures on the contest stage, eliminating any need for a second full set of risers.
- Chapter Visits
 - Really want to get this all done by July
 - BHS may be folding chapters in our district without us being in the loop
 - ◆ This is a problem – we are supposed to be involved for various reasons
 - ◆ Terry will be talking to BHS about this issue
- Website
 - Our provider is not returning our calls
 - ◆ Jim Waldorf can't seem to get in contact with them
 - We are currently getting a bargain
 - ◆ Current plan is about \$90/month
 - ◆ Numerous day to day activities
 - But... Changes to the web site are not happening
 - ◆ Provider probably thought the site would be more static – maybe once a year
 - ◆ But we asking for a few changes a month
 - Site updating is very monotonous and time consuming – all manual operations
 - Do we stick with the current situation – which is at least predictable, or go elsewhere
 - We've been waiting 3 years for a more automated site to be set up
 - Terry will be having a conversation with the web provider

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Convention
 - [Attachment: (summary from meeting about this at HCM) “11a-Contest_ideas.pdf”]
 - ◆ Ideas being investigated for this Fall
 - Friday doesn't change (HOD, quartet semifinals)
 - Saturday AM, sing-with-a-champ directly following the QCA meeting
 - Start an ILL District barber polecat program!
 - To be run by the QCA
 - Not the BHS program – more personal in the district
 - District pins designed for joining the program and completing it
 - Getting everyone to learn all the polecats gets people singing songs that everyone knows
 - SMAG fest being brought back
 - Saturday Morning Anything Goes
 - Literally anything goes
 - Some high profile (briable) judges involving
 - Offer some classes Saturday morning

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- Grant writing
 - Other educational things in the works
 - Chorus contest moved to the afternoon, quartet finals to the evening
 - Times shifted back to 1pm for chorus (instead of 11am)
 - Provides more time for convention activities
 - Quartet winners to be announced at the president's reception – not sitting around waiting in the theater.
 - This gets everyone to the hospitality rooms earlier
 - Invite Harmony Inc and Sweet Adelines International to participate.
 - Can't compete for placement – but CAN compete for a score.
 - Note that SAI's international competition is a month after our convention, making it a natural for our convention to be a place to hone the contest sets
 - ♦ Joe loves this – having seen other district conventions. On to the right track.
 - Engagement level with general attendees was high at these other events
 - ♦ It is incumbent among us as board members to get our chapters to stay
 - Note that moving the chorus contest to the afternoon may have the reverse effect – a risk for the district
 - But it also may encourage attendees to actually get involved in activities as opposed to rehearsing in the afternoon and competing in the evening.
 - ♦ Overall theme here is to present real interesting singing activities for general attendees – not just competing quartets.
- Grants
- ILL is offering \$50M available to arts organizations coming out of Covid
 - This is NOT IAC
 - Application process is streamlined and should be easy
 - ILL District itself can apply for money – going to ask \$100K
 - Think about projects in the district that would help everyone
 - Joe recommends hosting a zoom session in short order for grant writing. Many chapters are going to be deer-in-the-headlights
 - Window for this is very short
 - Gist of this is to cover for loss of income over Covid – meaning tax forms will probably be part of the application process
- IDEA
- By-laws change requested from IDEA
 - [Attachment: “12a-Proposal-IDEA.pdf”]
 - Board needs to approve then it goes to the HOD
 - **Motion**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve presentation of IDEA bylaws changes (as described in prior attachment) to HOD for formal approval**
 - ♦ **Motion: Mike Isely, Seconded Jeff Lathom**
 - ♦ **Result: Approved, Unanimous**
- Four year plan
- Discussions between Terry and Ben about assembling a full four year plan, as a way to achieve continuity into the next presidency.

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- Nothing unattainable in this plan – but certainly some items more challenging than others
- ILL did a joint convention with CSD a while back – went really well

Adjourned: 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely