

## **Illinois District Awards Committee Report to the Illinois District Board**

August 9, 2012

The Awards Committee held a pre-convention meeting on August 2, 2012 to plan for the Fall 2012 contest. Those in attendance were Dickie Johnson, Steve Davis, Bob Squires, Mark Betczynski and Illinois District President Mike Bagby.

A review of the Spring 2012 convention was conducted to pursue improvement opportunities. The committee felt that the awards schedule for the emcees and having a representative backstage to coordinate the awards helped the pacing and reduced confusion. The Spring 2012 award winner plaques have been ordered and received by Dickie Johnson. At the August meeting we assigned individuals to transport and (in some cases) present the awards.

The schedule of Fall 2012 awards was reviewed and assignments made for the various tasks involving each award. Dickie Johnson continues to prepare proxy certificates to each of the award winners for which plaques will need to be made following the contest. This enables the presenter to have something to hand to the winner as they are announced. Dickie will then coordinate artwork and ordering of the plaques. We are currently arranging presenters for each of the awards at the Fall Contest. The Awards Information bi-fold will be edited and sent to the Convention Committee to be included in the Convention Program.

The Awards Committee is actively seeking a replacement for Paul Tolley, who has done a masterful job updating, storing and caring for all of the display trophies and plaques. Paul also coordinated the recruitment of non-barbershoppers to serve as judges for the Most Entertaining Chorus Award (MECA) at the Fall contest. We are actively seeking volunteers who would be willing to fill this vital role beginning with the upcoming convention in Springfield.

Since assuming the interim co-directorship of the West Towns Chorus, Awards Committee Chairman Mark Betczynski has submitted his resignation to Mike Bagby. We are also actively seeking a volunteer who would be willing to lead the award/recognition efforts for the District.

We wish to thank the Board for your willingness to present the awards at the Spring contest. A special thanks to Syl Wetle, who saw to it that the chorus pin backings were ready for the Spring contest.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Betczynski - Chair

Committee Members:

Steve Davis

Dick Johnson

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Bob Squires