

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



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Spring 2012 House of Delegates Meeting

30-Mar-2012 1:30PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Spring 2012

Location: Salon A, Four Points By Sheraton Hotel, Peoria IL

Time: 1:30PM

1. Call to Order
 - Introduction of Gary Parker and Ryan Killeen – Mike Bagby
 - Roll Call – Mike Isely – see attendance tables at bottom of agenda
 - Results of Role Call. $18+7+4 = 29$ HOD Members present, 15 (= 50 total * 30%) needed for quorum.
2. Opening Song – Gary Parker
 - *Heart Of My Heart*
3. Approval of the Agenda – Mike Bagby
 - IDEA item added under New Business
4. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting - Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2011 HOD Meeting Minutes**
 - ♦ **Moved by: Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **Seconded: Tom De Bord**
 - ♦ **Voice vote: PASSED.**
5. Reports from District Leaders
 - (verbal quick summary done for most categories – written reports previously sent)
 - ♦ Youth In Harmony – Rich Hansen District VP
 - ♦ Music & Performance – Don Smit and Tom Woodall District VPs
 - ♦ Historical Committee – Bob Squires Chairman
 - ♦ Membership – Hugo Feugen District VP
 - ♦ Marketing and Public Relations – Dan Garcia & Greg Grey District VPs
 - ♦ Financial Development & Harmony Foundation – Bill Ward District VP
 - ♦ Chorus Director Development – Tim Woodall District VP
 - ♦ Chapter Support & Leadership Training – Greg Caetano District VP
 - ♦ Awards Committee – Mark Betczynski Chairman



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6. Treasurer's Report – Dave Cowin

→ Report in the HOD packet, no changes since the packet was issued.

→ [Attachment: "01-Treasurer.pdf"]

→ Projected to spend about \$71K this year, take in about \$75K

→ **Motion:**

- ♦ **Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Moved by: Rich Davidson**
- ♦ **Seconded: Don Smit**
- ♦ **Voice vote: PASSED.**

7. Old Business

→ Future venues – Will Thorndike

- ♦ Still (desperately!) looking for cities interested in hosting our convention
- ♦ We do NOT have a hotel or a venue for Spring 2013 (!!)
- ♦ Bloomington convention last Fall 2011 was excellent
 - Local support from Sound Of Illinois chorus was critical
- ♦ Fall 2013 could be Bloomington – it will be great if we can just repeat what already took place
- ♦ Fall 2012 will be in Springfield
- ♦ Yes, certainly the district is willing to pay to encourage host chapters.
 - Financially the district is cash-strapped but we're willing to do whatever we can.

→ Greg Caetano resignation – Mike Bagby

- ♦ Greg has moved to Houston.
- ♦ He has been a great asset.
- ♦ Greg will continue as BMAL through the end of the year.
- ♦ But we are looking for a replacement for his role in CSLT.

→ Report on Chapter Visitations – Jeff Bowyer

- ♦ We should be repeating this exercise every 2-3 years.
- ♦ It's the *member* that's important, and the district must be sensitive to this
- ♦ Question from Bill Miller about a seeing a report summarizing this.
 - Answer: The information gathered was given to HQ, and yes we'd very much like to share the resulting data with the district. We're working on it.



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8. New Business

→ *IDEA Illinois District Endowment Assurance* – Earl Meseth

- ♦ proposal for a procedural change
 - [attachment]
 - Earl Holtz spotted some inconsistencies
 - Bill Miller questioned the wording of one of the changes (“ordinarily prudent person in a like position”).
 - Proposal was not changed.
 - **Motion:**
 - **Subject (see appendix titled “IDEA Motion”)**
 - **Moved by: Earl Meseth**
 - **Seconded: Syl Wetle**
 - **Voice vote: PASSED**
 - **Bill Miller on record as opposing, all other present HOD members in favor.**

→ Harmony Foundation Ryan Killeen

- ♦ Stack of checks & certificates distributed (chapter portions of Harmony Foundation contributions)

→ BHS Society Report – Gary Parker

- ♦ Portland convention
 - Attendance looks to be lower than Kansas City, which was lower than Philadelphia
- ♦ Midwinter convention was the largest the society has ever had
 - Next midwinter will be Jan8-13, 2013 in Orlando FL.
- ♦ Membership
 - Gradual decline all the way back to 1988
 - Peaked at 38000 members
 - Currently at 24082 members
 - Still gradually declining
 - Still dealing with an aging population
- ♦ Harmony University in 2011
 - 448 students



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- Looking even better in 2012
- *Sound Of The Rockies* will be going *as a chorus* in 2012.
- ♦ Harmony Explosion
 - 1155 students
 - 50 teachers
 - 38 camps
- ♦ YIH
 - Over 7000 students through the year
 - ILL had 5 different YIH events
- ♦ Chapter Visitation
 - 736 chapters visited
 - Data being tabulated
 - Will be placed on the web site for *all* members to view
 - Not sure how easy it will be to segment the data out to the district level (this was a response to earlier question from Bill Miller regarding distribution of the data)
 - Visitation reports are available to the individual Harold Hills – for ILL they've been calling Mike Bagby for consultation
- ♦ Chapter Achievement Program
 - Will be active again this year
- ♦ CEO Search
 - Ads were placed with other organizations in addition to looking internally
 - ACDA
 - with trade association executives
 - Had 28 applications
 - Committee of 5 analyzed the applications, narrowed down to 3 finalized
 - Board interviewed the final 3, all were ruled out
 - Board is “taking the search to the next phase”
 - Outside search firm has been hired
 - Still hoping to have a new CEO hired by International this summer
 - Alan Lamson has stepped in as interim CEO for the time now



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- Honorary members
 - ♦ Mike Bagby gave pins to Ryan and Gary as honorary members of the ILL District
 - Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires
 - ♦ See Appendix titled “Chapter Eternal”
 - Webcast Task Force
 - ♦ Mike Bagby spoke with Scott Wetle about web casting district conventions
 - ♦ 75-100 people the first year, charging \$15 - \$30/subscriber
 - ♦ Proposed contractor would ask for airfare, costs, and \$5/subscriber
 - ♦ Question wondering about how many in ILL watch the International webcast
 - Proposal to change Illinois District Contest Procedures
 - ♦ First, we started with the proposal as approved by the Governance Board from February. Discussion starts from that point...
 - ♦ **Motion:**
 - **Subject:** (see appendix titled “Initial Contest Proposal”)
 - **Moved by:** Mike Isely
 - **Seconded by:** Bob Squires
 - Discussion – to be replaced with the second motion below. This motion to be withdrawn. Mike Isely & Bob Squires agree and withdraw the motion.
 - ♦ **Motion:**
 - **Subject:** (see appendix title “Approved Contest Proposal”)
 - **Note:** the appendix is based on revised proposal posted to HOD by Mike Bagby – including all three parts, with one change: “open contest with all chapters” change to “open contest with all otherwise eligible chapters”
 - **Moved By:** Jeff Bowyer
 - **Seconded:** Syl Wetle
 - **Resolution:** PASSED, voice vote, NO dissent
 - ♦ Overall discussion
 - Bob Squires: This action should have been taken several years ago, this is why the proposal was offered.
 - Back in 1965, because of the overwhelming number of choruses, a proposal was made and voted in to have a qualifying round, setting the situation that existed until 2007.
 - In favor of original proposal

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- Syl Wetle
 - Part of the reason for the 2007 change was to give other choruses a chance to win the district championship
 - With this proposal, will we now be back to the same 1 or 2 choruses winning each time?
 - In favor of revised proposal
- Questions and answers to the effect that the revised motion *does not change everything*
- Fall District Contest issues
 - Point 1 does not account for choruses who win International and thus would not be eligible for 2 years. This is an oversight in the motion. Mike Isely suggested inserting “Internationally Eligible”, however the point is general for all chorus contests not just the International Qualifyig contest. Consensus to instead insert “otherwise eligible”
 - Syl Wetle called the question

9. Adjournment – Final Song - Ryan Killeen

→ *Shine On Me*

Adjourned: 3:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Mike Bagby	President
P	Jeff Bowyer	Exec VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Dave Cowin	Treasurer (& imm pp)
A	Greg Caetano	BMAL
P	Hugo Feugen	BMAL
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL
P	Wayne Wright	BMAL

7 out of 8

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
A	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
A	Phil Rolfs
A	Wally Ryan
P	Bob Squires
P	Joe Sullivan
A	Don Summers
A	Jim Vliet
A	Tom Watts
P	Syl Wetle

4 out of 9

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Douglas McConnell	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Lester Grossman	E-003	Aurora
P	David Howe	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Duane Fenn	E-009	Northbrook
P (also on gov board, therefore can't vote)	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
A		E-012	Chicago No 1
A	Wesley Bieritz	E-013	Danville
A	John Schleper	E-014	Decatur
A	Michael Moulds	E-016	Collinsville
P	James Roll	E-017	Coles County



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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P (but did not sign in)	William Miller	E-018	Elgin
P	Ryan Accetta	E-019	Rockford Metro
A		E-020	Harrisburg
P	Don Smit	E-021	Lake County
A	Scott Lathrop	E-024	Bureau County
A		E-029	Quincy
A	Don Davia	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Michael Cosner	E-044	Peoria
P	James Jarosz	E-045	Chicago Metro
A		E-047	Rockford
A	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
P	Richard Davidson	E-050	South Cook
A		E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
A	Dwight Asselmeier	E-054	Waterloo
P	William Kerschbaum	E-060	Joliet
P	Gregory Weickart	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
A	Thomas Plote	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
A	Rodney Wert	E-073	Okaw Valley
A	Robert Fuller	E-075	Carbondale
P	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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$7+4+18 = 29$ present

$8+9+33 = 50$ total possible



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Appendix: IDEA Motion

Following is the motion passed which updates the Procedures Manual for IDEA:

Motion for House of Delegates

IDEA Trustees move the following changes in the IDEA Procedures Manual:

That Items 3,4, & 5 of the Procedures Manual be replaced with a single **Item 3: “The fund may disperse so much of an endowment fund as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would spend for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment fund was established.”**

Current language of Fund Characteristics in the Manual is as follows:

- Item 3. The income from the Fund will be available for distribution by the Trustees subject to the provisions otherwise contained herein.
- Item 4. The principal will normally remain inviolate but may be invaded by occasional prudent instance.
- Item 5. Trustees must keep their records in such a way as to distinguish clearly between the principal and income of the Fund. Endowment funds are funds the principal of which must be kept intact in perpetuity. Only the income, in the form of interest and dividends, may be used for distribution including current operating expenses. Trust law treats capital gains as principal rather than income.

Rationale: In 2009, Illinois joined a growing list of states that have adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act which, among other things, replaces previous language restricting fund expenditures to income and appreciation. It now allows prudent distribution of principal. The Act, in part, was drafted because many funds, not ours, had lost principal in the stock market in the last decade and could not pay out anything for years.

Prior to 1973, trust law differentiated between income and appreciation, only allowed distribution of income, and considered appreciation as principal and not available for distribution.

The 1973 Act allowed funds to appropriate appreciation for spending and it allowed for income to include appreciation. Our 1991 Manual language appears to have been based on trust law prior to 1973. The problem this old language caused was that except for some bank interest in our early years, the Fund could not make any distributions. When we diversified first into Janus Twenty Fund, we hit an investment home run with huge appreciation returns, but Janus was generating no dividends. It was not until we diversified into the second and third funds, that our Fund began to accumulate interest and dividends.

Our financial advisor, Trustee Earl Holtz, pointed out problems with each of the Manual Items 3, 4, and 5. Specifically,

- Item 3. This item says nothing. Obviously income, at a minimum, can be distributed.
- Item 4. The 2009 Act allows for prudent distribution of principal; the current statement is vague.
- Item 5. The second, third, and fourth sentences are legally incorrect today.

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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Members Who Have Passed On

May I ask a moment of silence, please.

Heavenly Father we have gathered here today in your presence to commemorate those of our brothers who have passed on during this past year. Those men include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Edward Lindsey	23-Oct-2011	1-Apr-1969	E009 Northbrook
James Miller	29-Nov-2011	1-Jan-2003	E052 Sterling Rock Falls
Paul Karraker	20-Dec-2011	1-Apr-1994	E017 Coles County
William McKeown	22-Mar-2012	1-Apr-1983	E066 DuPage Valley

We ask that you accept these men into your heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise and glorify you.

We honor their dedication to their chapter, the Illinois District and to their hobby of Barbershop singing.

Amen

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Appendix: Initial Contest Proposal

This proposal was included in the HOD packet and is copied here for historical reference. This is NOT the proposal that was passed.

A proposal to the Illinois District board asking that the current method of determining our district chorus champion, including our district representative to the International chorus contest, be revised as follows.

That the fall 2012 chorus contest be an open contest with all district chapter choruses eligible for entry. The chorus placing first in this contest shall become the district chorus champion for that year and the district chorus representative for the following international convention.

All choruses in the fall contest receiving an average score of 70 and higher shall receive a bye and will not be required to enter the following spring chorus competition.

All choruses with average scores below 70 and all choruses having not entered the fall contest are eligible to enter the following spring chorus contest.

The spring preliminary chorus contest shall determine those choruses that will become eligible to compete for the fall district championship and to qualify for the international contest. Those choruses with average scores of 41 and higher in the spring contest automatically become eligible to enter the fall chorus contest. These choruses would join those choruses receiving a bye from the previous fall chorus contest

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Appendix: Approved Contest Proposal

Based on district feedback before the HOD meeting, Mike Bagby posted a revised proposal to change the contest format. The HOD approved, with one small change, this proposal. Copied below is the final approved proposal, which includes the one change.

1. Beginning with the Fall Convention in Springfield September 28th , 29th and 30th, 2012 - every Illinois District Chorus Contest should be an open contest with all otherwise eligible chapters in the Illinois District having the right to register and compete. This will continue until our convention crowds become so large that they can no longer fit into one weekend and qualifications become necessary to limit the number of choruses. This appears to be the one thing upon which agreement is almost universal.
2. The Fall Convention in Springfield will include the selection of the Illinois District Quartet Champion, the Illinois District Chorus representative to the International Convention July 4-8, 2013 in Toronto and the Senior Quartet representative to the Midwinter Convention Jan 8-13, 2013 in Orlando, just as we have done in previous fall conventions.
3. Any decision about changing the District Chorus Contest from Spring to Fall or the District Quartet Contest from Fall to Spring deserves further study before being rushed to a vote. We owe it to the District membership to appoint a committee to consider all of the ramifications and bring a recommendation to be voted upon at the HOD meeting in Springfield on September 28, 2012.