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association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



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Fall 2012 House of Delegates Meeting

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## **Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.**

### **House of Delegates**

Fall 2012

**Location:** Ambassadors Room, Hilton Hotel, Springfield IL

**Time:** 1:35PM

1. Opening Song – Wayne Wright - Director
2. Roll Call - Mike Isely  
→ [See appendix: “Attendance”]
3. House of Delegates quorum - yes or no - Mike Isely  
→ 29 of 49 present, quorum established.  
→ Note: One chapter sent a delegate who is also on the Governance Board, so the vote-capable quorum becomes 26 of 48.
4. Approval of Agenda - Mike Bagby  
→ **Motion: Approve agenda**
  - ♦ **Offered: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Dave Cowin**
  - ♦ **PASSED**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting - Mike Isely  
→ **Motion: Approve last Spring HOD Minutes**
  - ♦ **Offered: Earl Holtz, Seconded: Jeff Bowyer**
  - ♦ **PASSED**
6. Consent Calendar Reports - Mike Bagby  
→ The following reports are to be removed, to allow for specific discussion further down
  - ♦ CSLT
  - ♦ Membership
  - ♦ Treasurer
  - ♦ Music  
→ **Motion: Approve Consent Calendar, with above items removed**
  - ♦ **Note: Approval means that everyone has reviewed the remaining items and there is no further need for discussion**
  - ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
  - ♦ **PASSED**



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→ Consent calendar contents:

- ♦ CSLT - Mike Bagby for Phil Rolfs
  - Removed from motion to allow for further discussion later
- ♦ Membership Report - Hugo Feugen
  - Removed from motion to allow for further discussion later
- ♦ Treasurer's Report - David Cowin
  - Removed from motion to allow for further discussion later
- ♦ Marketing Report - written report from Daniel Garcia
- ♦ Youth In Harmony (YIH) - written report from Rich Hansen
- ♦ Contest & Judging (C&J) - written report from Wayne Wright
- ♦ Music & Performance - written report from Don Smit & Tom Woodall
  - Removed from motion to allow for further discussion later
- ♦ Historical Report - written report from Bob Squires
- ♦ Awards Committee - written report from Mark Betczynski
- ♦ Chorus Director Development (CDD) – written report from Tim Woodall
- ♦ Events Committee - upcoming conventions
  - Spring, 2013 – Washington (just East of Peoria)
  - Fall, 2013 - Bloomington

7. CLST Discussion

- [Attachment: "01-Report\_CSLT.pdf"]
- Upcoming November CSLT summarized and reviewed by Mike Bagby
- Syl Wetle has asked for a Membership / Music & Performance tracks at CSLT
  - ♦ Unfortunately demand hasn't been there, if there is actual interest for these topics, i.e. sign-ups, we'll certainly respond
- **Motion: Accept CSLT report**
  - ♦ **Offered: Larry Drake, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
  - ♦ **PASSED via voice vote, opposed by Syl Wetle**

8. Membership

- [Attachment: "02-Report\_Membership.pdf"]
- Report given and summarized by Hugo Feugen



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→ Illinois District members with 50 years of service were announced:

**50 Year Members**

James Ahlgrim (Hinsdale)	Ken Keever (Homewood)
W. Robert Hedgcock (Decatur)	Vernon Maier (Fairbury)
Richard Hess (Crest Hill)	Donald Reid (Wauconda)
Herbert Ives (Cary)	Frank Schneider (Chicago)

→ Operation Harold Hill (OHH) – response is not great

- ♦ ILL is losing 2.5x as many members from non-renewals than those gained through new memberships

→ **Motion: Accept Membership report**

- ♦ **Offered: Don Smit, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
- ♦ **PASSED**

9. Music & Performance

→ [Attachment: “03-Report\_MP.pdf”]

→ Report summarized by Don Smit

→ **Motion: Accept Music & Performance report**

- ♦ **Offered: Dave Cowin, Seconded: Bill Miller**
- ♦ **PASSED**

10. Treasurer

→ [Attachment: “04-Report\_Treasurer.pdf”]

→ Report summarized by Dave Cowin

→ Syl Wetle: Change line item labeled “IDEA/HF Wine & Cheese” to “HF Wine & Cheese” - IDEA has nothing to do with that item.

→ **Motion: Receive Treasurer's Report**

- ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
- ♦ **PASSED**

11. BHS Society Report

→ Report summarized by Don Fuson

- ♦ Note: Don is the International Executive Vice President-Elect

→ Additional commentary / advice about CSLT

- ♦ It is healthy that leaders move around among different roles. Nobody should be in the same role for a long time

→ Summarized CEO report

12. Convention Format Committee - Jeff Bowyer

→ Committee: Bret Mulford, Carl Missele, Syl Wetle, Jim Jarosz, Jeff Bowyer



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- Note A proposal to change the Contest Format has been submitted by this committee, which was formed as a result of discussion from the Spring 2012 HOD Meeting.
- [Attachment: “05-Report\_ConventionFormat.pdf”]
- If this proposal is passed, would take effect in Spring 2013
- Expecting this to be reviewed again in 2 years
- Jeff walked the HOD through the printed proposal, ensuring that everyone understood the key points:
  - ♦ District Chorus Championship:
    - Move from the Spring to the Fall
    - Previous 2 district chorus champions would not qualify (unchanged from what we do now)
  - ♦ Spring chorus contest:
    - ...becomes a festival and/or a small chorus contest
    - Rules far more relaxed, idea is to have fun and give a platform for the choruses
    - Songs are not restricted to “contestable” pieces
    - Chapters can combine to perform on the stage
    - Large chapters need to participate or this is predicted to be a financial disaster
    - There currently isn't a definition for qualifies a “small chorus”, which has obvious impact on any concept for a “Small Chorus Award”.
      - Proposal: For the purpose of the next 2 years, 1A-4A would fit the definition, 5A choruses would not qualify.
      - Syl Wetle has learned that the Awards Committee has a definition for “small chorus”, which is 30 members on the roster by a specific date.
    - Note: A “Frank Thorne” chorus can't be a “small chorus” since it is not officially charted and can't therefore count its members.
  - ♦ Overall
    - Quartet contests *not* changed in any way; this only affects chorus competition.
    - Note that convention registration is required for ALL singers on the stage
    - Note that Bloomington will retain their current championship title for 18 months due to needing to resynchronize the contest to the Fall.
      - Just a fact of life...
    - This is an experiment – We can certainly review and change this again if the need warrants.
  - ♦ Changes recommended by the HOD:



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- Earl Meseth: Clarify “District Championship” on line 3 to “District Senior Championship”. Jeff Agreed.
  - Lead time for entry into contest is actually 14 days (not the 30 days printed in the hardcopy). Change lead time from 30 days to 14 days.
  - Under “Fall”, first sentence change “District Championship” to “District Quartet Championship”.
  - Need also “Choruses MAY compete for the District Chorus Championship”
  - “District College Championship” on line 4
  - Add item that this will be reviewed again at the Fall 2014 HOD. This is a 2 year experiment.
  - In title add “2013” after Spring
  - Add definition for “Small Chorus” based on current definitions that Awards Committee has.
- **Motion: Accept proposed contest format change as recommended by the Convention Format Committee, with the discussed clarifications (see above)**
- ♦ **Offered: Earl Meseth, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
  - ♦ **PASSED by voice vote, unanimous**
13. Memorial to deceased members
- [See appendix: “Chapter Eternal”]
14. I.D.E.A. - Syl Wetle
- Re-election of treasurer Earl Holtz through 2017
- ♦ **Motion: Approve Earl Holtz as Treasurer through 2017**
  - ♦ **Offered: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Syl Wetle**
  - ♦ **PASSED by voice vote, unanimous**
- Treasurer’s report - Earl Holtz
- ♦ [Attachment: “06-Report\_IDEA.pdf”]
  - ♦ Janus20 Fund (fix name) was up 21% [get corrections from Earl Holtz]
- **Motion to receive IDEA Treasurer's Report**
- ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Brad Gilbert**
  - ♦ **PASSED by voice vote**
15. Illinois District Mentors - Syl Wetle
- [Attachment: “07-Proposal\_IllinoisDistrictMentors.pdf”]
- Description of IDM program
- ♦ Hugo Feugen: Travel expenses reimbursed? Answer: No.



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- ♦ Bill Miller: “Why did this program go by the wayside the first time and what did we learn from it?”
- ♦ Mike Isely: Idea is great, would love to see it happen, but the follow-through is going to be the issue. Who bells the cat?
- ♦ Bill Miller: “All the paperwork” might be a problem.
- ♦ Mike Isely: “This is another attempt to get communication going – a complex problem with no simple single solution.” Syl responded that this is *also* about fostering skills and bringing people into the organization.
- ♦ Syl feels that at least 10 IDMs are needed right away

→ **Motion to reinstate IDM program**

- ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Jules Verne**
- ♦ **PASSED, voice vote, unanimous**

16. Frank Thorne Award - Syl Wetle

- [Attachment: “08-Proposal\_FrankThorneAward.pdf”]
- Proposal by Syl to include a financial reward as part of the Frank Thorne Award.
- Can we afford this? This was debated at length in a previous HOD and dropped.
- General feeling that this incentive isn't going to help attendance, but it will hurt the district financially in the long run.
- **Motion to accept adjustment to Frank Thorne Award as describe by Syl Wetle in his written proposal to the HOD**
  - ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Mike Cosner**
  - ♦ **DEFEATED, by show of hands (2 in favor, all else against)**

17. Approval of 2013 Budget - Dave Cowin

- Proposal to formalize District Officers Expenses
  - ♦ [See appendix: “District Officer Out Of District Expense Proposal”]
  - ♦ Issue about hotel reimbursement – should room sharing be a requirement as opposed to an encouragement? If so, it complicates a lot of stuff.
  - ♦ Yes this includes the Ops Team
  - ♦ This is something the District has already effectively been doing, but it was felt that this should be accepted as a formal policy
  - ♦ **Motion: Accept proposal formal policy for District Officer Expenses**
    - **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Earle Meseth**
    - **PASSED, 1 opposed (Bill Miller)**
- Additional budget line for Executive Vice President at International Meetings
  - ♦ Discussion was straight-forward; this is really a procedural exercise with no reason for dissent.



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- ♦ **Motion: Add budget line item to cover Exec VP expenses for attendance to International meetings**
  - **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Hugo Feugen**
  - **PASSED, 1 opposed (Bill Miller)**
- Proposed Dues Increase
  - ♦ Add \$10 to regular dues, others increase in proportion, effective 1-Jan-2013
  - ♦ Some concern expressed over this change making membership somewhat less affordable.
  - ♦ However with the dues increase, this only really brings into the average with the other districts
  - ♦ The District has already for the past couple of years cut about everything they can.
  - ♦ **Motion: Increase dues by \$10/year (for regular dues, others change in proportion)**
    - **Offered: Dave Cowin, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
    - **PASSED, by show of hands, 2 opposed all else in favor**
- Approval of Budget
  - ♦ Note: See Treasurer's Report for proposed budget information
  - ♦ **Motion: Approve 2013 budget**
    - **Offered: Jeff Bowyer, Seconded: Mike Isely**
    - **PASSED, by voice vote, unanimous**
- 18. Recognition of 2011/2012 District Officers - Mike Bagby
  - Outgoing President Mike Bagby presented some awards to members in the District who have contributed significantly during his term:
  - Unsung heroes recognition – those who work behind the scenes and whose work might not be generally known:
    - ♦ Craig Rigg
    - ♦ Bob Cearnal
    - ♦ Mark Betzcinski
    - ♦ Bob Squires
  - Presidential Awards - “with gratitude from the Illinois District for service during 2010 to 2012”
    - ♦ Jeff Bowyer
    - ♦ Greg Grey
    - ♦ Hugo Feugen
    - ♦ Ruch Hansen
    - ♦ Mike Isely
    - ♦ Tim Woodall

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- ♦ Tom Woodall
  - ♦ Dave Cowin
  - ♦ Don Smit
  - ♦ Bill Ward
  - ♦ Phil Rolfs
  - ♦ Daniel Garcia
  - ♦ Greg Caetano
19. Election of 2013 Governance Board - Dave Cowin
- [See appendix: “Proposed Officer Slate”]
  - Slate read aloud to HOD
  - Nominations from the floor? No.
  - **Motion: Close nominations**
    - ♦ **Offered: Syl Wetle, Seconded: Bob Cearnal**
    - ♦ **PASSED, by voice vote, unanimous**
  - **Motion: Accept 2013 District Officer Slate by acclamation**
    - ♦ **Bob Cearnal, Syl Wetle**
    - ♦ **PASSED, by voice vote, unanimous**
20. Introduction of 2013 Operations Team - Jeff Bowyer
- [See appendix: “Proposed Operations Team”]
21. Adjournment - Closing Song – Bob Cearnal , Director

**Adjourned: 4:15PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Isely – Secretary





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**Appendix: Attendance**

<b>Governance Board</b>		
<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
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

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

4 out of 9

<b>Chapter Delegates</b>			
<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Chapter Name</b>
P	Jules Kastens	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Lester Grossman	E-003	Aurora
	David Howe	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
P	Craig Rigg	E-008	Macomb
P	Earl Holtz	E-009	Northbrook
P (also on gov board, therefore can't vote)	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
P	James Beebe	E-013	Danville
	John Schleper	E-014	Decatur
	Michael Moulds	E-016	Collinsville
P	James Roll	E-017	Coles County
P	William Miller	E-018	Elgin
P	Mark Stratemeyer	E-019	Rockford Metro



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Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
	Scott Lathrop	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
	Don Davia	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
P	Michael Cosner	E-044	Peoria
P	James Jarosz	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Robert Lamay	E-047	Rockford
	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
P	Henry King	E-050	South Cook
	Kevin O'Keefe	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	Dwight Asselmeier	E-054	Waterloo
P	Bradley Gilbert	E-060	Joliet
P	Larry Drake	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
	Thomas Plote	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
	Rodney Wert	E-073	Okaw Valley
P	John Bobell	E-075	Carbondale
	Bruce Richardson	E-077	Kankakee

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7+4+18 = 29 present

8+9+32 = 49 total possible



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**Appendix: Chapter Eternal**

[Conducted by Hugo Feugen]

**Memorial Service For Members Who Have Passed On**

At this time we wish to pay tribute to the memory of those who are no longer with us, but whose memory lives and whose presence we miss. To a Barbershopper the loss of his voice is a sad event. This is infinitely truer when that voice cannot be recovered.

It is our hope that by some means they can see and hear what you and I do here this day. Let us therefore carry on in that hope. Each of these men, in his own way, was part of the fabric of their individual chapters and our lives. Each of us sitting here is more than aware of the part these men played in making barbershop special to all of us. We owe it to them to carry on that love of barbershop and someday be able to pass that love on to others.

Life is, in part, rather like a “tag quartet.” When that hand is placed on our shoulder it becomes our responsibility to be ready to carry our part. To pick up that next chord and continue the melody on without hesitation as we “Keep America Singing.”

Please join me in prayer:

*Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for your gift of music and song, that we might lift our hearts to  
you.  
We thank you for the ties which bind us together in the blending of harmonious  
song, friendship and fellowship.  
We give you thanks for those departed, who have enriched our lives and left us  
with so many songs in our hearts.  
In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

I ask for your silence as I read the names of our Illinois District brothers who have passed on this past year:

Chapter Eternal 2012			
<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
David Cochran	18-Mar-2012	24-Aug-2009	E014 Decatur
William McKeown	22-Mar-2012	1-Apr-1983	E066 DuPage Valley



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Chapter Eternal 2012			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Thomas Parrish	28-Mar-2012	1-Jan-1956	E000 Frank Thorne
Roger Nickerson	29-Mar-2012	1-Jan-1954	E044 Peoria
William Brander	4-Apr-2012	1-Jul-1954	E002 Arlington Heights
Harry Johnston	26-Apr-2012	1-Oct-1985	E014 Decatur
Richard Nelson	3-May-2012	1-Oct-1982	E009 Northbrook E045 Chicago Metro
Robert Moore	8-May-2012	1-Apr-1967	E007 Bloomington
Don Peddycord	10-May-2012	1-Jan-1957	E050 South Cook
Bowen Schumacher	12-May-2012	1-Jan-2000	E009 Northbrook
Rex Wright	10-Jul-2012	1-Jan-1995	E075 Carbondale
Tom Watts	23-Jul-2012	1-Jan-1949	E045 Chicago Metro
Earl Carlson	17-Aug-2012	1-Oct-1993	E009 Northbrook E018 Elgin
Weldon Marth	21-Aug-2012	1-Apr-1984	E077 Kankakee
Edward Vogt	21-Aug-2012	1-Oct-2000	E077 Kankakee
James Hoffinan	23-Aug-2012	1-Oct-2000	E054 Waterloo
Robert Marinier	4-Sep-2012	1-Jul-1974	E009 Northbrook
John Mulkin	17-Sep-2012	1-Oct-1968	E020 Harrisburg E075 Carbondale



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**Appendix: District Officer Out Of District Expense Proposal**

**Motion for House of Delegates**

**DISTRICT OFFICER OUT OF DISTRICT EXPENSE PROPOSAL**

Members of the Board of Directors and other officials, who may be elected or appointed, may be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the conduct of their responsibilities as follows:

1. Attendance at Out of District meetings by District Officers will be predetermined by the District Governance Board and may change from year to year.
2. Lodging will be limited to days involved in business meetings, plus 1 night additional lodging, if necessary, before an early morning meeting or after a late night meeting..
3. Expenses may include standard public transportation fares, including tax, and other reimbursable expenses such as tolls, parking charges, mileage at 30 cents/mile for use of private automobile, regardless of the number of passengers, not to exceed the cost of coach airfare booked at least 21 days in advance of travel, convention registration and other reasonable, allowable expenses.
4. Expenses may not include meals or expenses for wives.
5. Two officers attending the same Out of District meeting are encouraged to share a room when possible in order to further reduce Illinois District expenses.
6. All District Officer Expenses for attending Out of District meetings, except for the President's expenses, must be approved by the District President. District President's expenses will be reviewed by District Treasurer to insure they meet these guidelines.

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**Appendix: Proposed Officer Slate**

**Proposed Slate for 2013 / 2014**

<b><u>Governance Board of Directors</u></b>	
<b><u>Role</u></b>	<b><u>Candidate</u></b>
President	Jeff Bowyer
EVP	Rich Hansen
Secretary	Mike Isely
Treasurer	Dave Cowin
At-Large	Jim Waldorf
At-Large (Events)	Will Thorndike
At-Large (C&J)	Wayne Wright
At-Large (Membership)	Hugo Feugen
** Imm. Past President	Mike Bagby

\*\* Note that Immediate Past President is filled by the prior president and is thus not an elected position.

Presented by the **ILL District Nominating Committee**

Dave Cowin, Chairman

Phil Rolfs

Will Thorndike



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**Appendix: Proposed Operations Team**

**Operations Team & Committee Chairs for 2013 / 2014**

<b><u>Illinois District Operations Team</u></b>	
<b><u>Role</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
VP Events	Will Thorndike
VP C&J	Wayne Wright
VP Membership	Hugo Feugen
VP Music & Performance	Don Smit
	Tom Woodall
VP Youth In Harmony	Rich Hansen
VP Marketing & PR	Derek Gilbert
VP Chorus Director Development	Tim Woodall
VP Chapter Support & Leadership Training	(TBD)
VP Financial Development	(TBD)
Web Master	Derek Gilbert
	Mike Isely

<b><u>Illinois District Committee Chairs</u></b>	
<b><u>Role</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
Historian	Bob Squires
By-Laws	Joe Sullivan
Policy	Will Thorndike
Awards	(TBD)
Parliamentarian	Bob Cearnal
Attacks & Releases	Craig Rigg
Nominating Committee	Dave Cowin (with Mike Bagby & Phil Rolfs)

The Operations Team is appointed by the District President and serves at the pleasure of the District President.

The Nominating Committee is traditionally composed of the previous 2 District Presidents.