

To: Illinois District Board and House of Delegates
From: Bob Squires, District Historian
Re: Historical Committee Report
Date: August 11, 2012

Gentlemen,

Archives Storage The items of historical significance stored in our district repository continues to grow through individual donations and our on-going research. The historical committee continues to encourage chapters and individuals to consider donating materials to the district archives.

Goal for 2012 Back in March a stated goal was announced to have every chapter determine a historian to help preserve historical materials for the chapter, which included a written chapter history. I am sorry to report that the response to this request was underwhelming. Only a handful of chapters took the time to respond with the name of their historian or a status report of their chapter activity.

Society 75th Anniversary As we all should know, the BHS will celebrate its 75th birthday in 2013. An Illinois District 75th Anniversary Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Joe Sullivan. Members of the committee include Frank Fabian, Bob Cearnal, Jim Stahly, Craig Rigg and Bob Squires. Initial duties and responsibilities will receive focus during the pre-convention meeting of 8/11/2012.

Written Illinois District History As noted in my last report, a written history of Barbershopping in the Illinois District continues to be a work in progress. When completed, this effort will include both a written and a pictorial history of the Illinois District and its chapters through the years. To say the least, this is where the cooperation and contributions of our chapters becomes critical.

District Historical Display in Toronto The planning for a historical display is currently under way. This display will include pictures and information about our early leaders, early chapters from the beginning to the present, along with our champion quartets and choruses. Again any chapters and individuals are encouraged to donate materials for this challenging project.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Squires
For the District Historical Committee