

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



a state of close harmony

Fall 2024 House of Delegates Meeting

27-Sep-2024 1:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Sep 27st 2024

Mission Statement – *The Illinois District fosters a state of close harmony by bringing the joy and excitement of music to all people.*

Vision Statement – *To keep everyone singing throughout their lives.*

Location: Brookridge Room, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington IL

Time: 1:00 PM

Called to order: 1:04 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 27 members present, out of a potential total of 43.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 27 present we have 63%, quorum established
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
 - (see above)
3. Welcome – Terry Ludwig
4. Approve Agenda – Mike Isely
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Paul McCracken, Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (April 21st, 2024) – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Spring 2024 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Bagby, Jeff Lathom**
 - ♦ **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**
6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely
 - Pull IDEA report, Music & Performance, YIH report



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→ **Motion: Approve Consent Calendar minus IDEA, Music & Performance, YIH**

♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Pat Claussen**

♦ **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**

→ Accept the following reports, CSLT else moved to Old Business:

- ♦ President's Report [Attachment: "02a-rpt-president.pdf"]
- ♦ Membership Report [Attachment: "03a-rpt-membership.pdf"]
- ♦ Marketing Report [Attachment: "05a-rpt-marketing.pdf"]
- ♦ Contest & Judging Report [Attachment: "06a-rpt-drcj.pdf"]
- ♦ Events Report [Attachment: "07a-rpt-events.pdf"]
- ♦ Chorus Director Development Report [Attachment: "10a-rpt-cdd.pdf"]
- ♦ Chapter Support and Leadership Training Report [Attachment: "11a-rpt-cslt.pdf"]
- ♦ Historian's Report [Attachment: "12a-rpt-historian.pdf"]

TREASURER'S REPORT

7. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman

→ We have a net income (yay)

→ [Attachment: "01a-rpt-treasurer.pdf"]

→ **Motion:**

♦ **Subject: Receive the Treasurer's Report**

♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, John Q. Morris**

♦ **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**

MEMORIAL

8. Memorial – Rich Hansen

→ See appendix

OLD BUSINESS

9. Chapter President's Council – Bill Rathmann (team lead)

→ Overall summary of what the CPC is doing

→ Meeting planned in person tomorrow (Sat) at 3:30pm – 30 minutes after the end of the chorus competition.

→ We'd like to spark lots of inter-chapter activity – something that happened in the past and which we'd like to do more of.

→ This is a venue for chapters to communicate amongst themselves. This is not about the district. This is not a one way street of communication.



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- Exchange of ideas among chapters for things like membership recruiting, shows, skills, morale, creativity.
- 10. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig / Benjamin Dirks
 - Review of things accomplished, more to be done
 - Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) created
 - Still want to generate more judging candidates
 - New website!
 - ♦ Scoresheets on website (will be available almost immediately), paper copies to no longer be routinely printed during convention
- 11. Harmony College Midwest – Mark Servos / Nathan Gross
 - Dates – Mar 21st/ 22nd, at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington (normal location)
 - Classes being lined up
- 12. Fall Convention Update – Jeff Bowyer
 - Competitors WILL be asked to show their badges before going on stage. No wristbands this time
 - Single day passes tonight sold at the church, tomorrow at the ticket office at the BCPA.
 - ♦ Note: BCPA day passes also at ticketmaster – but notice that by default you’re buying two tickets. No ticketmaster fee for the box office purchase.
- 13. Website update – Glenn Mills
 - Scoresheets under awards / contest score archive
 - ♦ <https://illinoisdistrict.org/contest-score-archive/>
- 14. Chapter Officer Training – John Q. Morris
 - [Attachment: “14a-handout-bhs-cslt.pdf”]
 - Training material is moved elsewhere on the BHS website. Requires new username / password. Why? No idea.
- 15. IDEA Report
 - IDEA Report [Attachment: “08a-rpt-idea.pdf”]
 - The fund hit \$200K as of today
 - [Attachment: “13a-handout-idea-direct.pdf”]
 - Bob Squires just retired, with 1 year remaining
 - Jeff Bowyer nominated to serve as IDEA trustee, in place of Bob Squires
 - ♦ **Motion: Appoint Jeff Bowyer an an IDEA trustee**
 - **Offered by: Jeff Lathom, Rich Hansen**
 - **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**
 - ♦ **Motion: Reappoint Earl Meseth**



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- **Offered by: Neil DeVore, John Q. Morris**
- **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**
- List of IDEA trustess
 - ♦ Jim Waldorf
 - Earl Holtz
 - Bob Cearnal
 - Jeff Bowyer
 - Earl Holtz
- 16. Music & Performance
 - Nothing else here
- 17. Youth In Harmony
 - Four festivals happening this fall:
 - ♦ Springfield
 - Coles County
 - Northbrook
 - Bloomington

NEW BUSINESS

- 18. Perry White
 - HF presentation, information about active quartets reaching out to youth
- 19. Approval of the 2025 District Budget – Leif Wildman
 - [Attachment: “97-budget-2025.pdf”]
 - Predicted \$15k loss for 2025
 - ♦ Assuming inflation related increased expenses
 - Came in under budget by \$13k last year (1 nay, Raymond Schwarzkopf)
 - ♦ But we got a \$5K grant from the state
 - Keep in mind that we have a reasonable savings balance, meaning we can afford to take the risk of a loss. This is not to say that we are shooting for a loss, only that it is the worst case and the reality may be considerably better. And with the higher bank balance we are not risking insolvency if that doesn’t work out.
 - **Motion: Approve 2025 District Budget**
 - ♦ **Offered By: Mark Barone, Dave Garret**
 - ♦ **PASSED (voice vote, 1 nay (Raymond Schwarzkopf))**
- 20. Election of 2025/2026 District Slate – Terry Ludwig
 - [Attachment: “98-slate.pdf”]
 - **Motion: Elect offered Governance Board slate for 2025/2026**
 - ♦ **Offered By: Ray Monroe, Mike Bagby**

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21. BHS Training – Terry Ludwig

- Joe Cerutti is running 2 society-wide training sessions (D.C. and in Dallas) for improving your chapter, i.e. reaching out to the community, chapter leadership organization
- Strong recommendation that your chapter send 1 or 2 people each

22. Bloomington social event

- June 7th – Jamboree sponsored by SOI
- Everyone in the district (and the adjoining districts and HI and SAI) is invited
- major planned social event
- cost to attendees: ZERO.
- SOI website has a link for signing up; will also be put on district website.
- Lunch / dinner on your own dime, though SOI may organize some food trucks.
- Announced first here at the HOD

23. Farewell message from Terry

- Expression of appreciation for all officers from Terry

24. Spring 2025 HOD Date – Mike Isely

- 21-Mar-2025 (Friday night before HCMW, in person, possibly hybrid)

Adjourned: 2:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

(taken computationally from delegate sign-in spreadsheet)

Chapter Delegates			
P/L/A	Chapter Name	No.	Delegate
P	Arlington Heights	E002	Dave Theile
P	Aurora	E003	Mark Barone
P	Belleville	E005	* William Rathmann
P	Bloomington	E007	David Garrett
A	Macomb	E008	Craig Rigg
P	Northbrook	E009	Earl Holtz
A	Danville	E013	* Bryan Schroeder
A	Decatur	E014	James Barr
P	Coles County	E017	Ron Hawkins
P	Elgin	E018	Raymond Schwarzkopf
P	Rockford Metro	E019	* Richard Schultz
A	Lake County	E021	* Brian Cromer
A	Bureau County	E024	* John Swanson
P	Chicagoland West Suburban	E030	Trenton Ferro
P	Peoria	E044	Harold Harkness
A	Chicago Metro	E045	* Bonnie Jones
P	Rockford	E047	Ray Monroe
A	Rock Island	E048	!
P	Will-Cook	E050	* Neil DeVore
P	Sterling Rock Falls	E052	0
A	Waterloo	E054	!
P	Springfield	E061	Patrik Claussen
P	DuPage Valley	E066	* Kevin Connell
A	Kishwaukee Valley	E067	!
A	Carbondale	E075	* Peter Gimse

15/ 25

* Chapter did not declare a separate delegate; substituted Chapter President

! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate



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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Terry Ludwig	President
P	Benjamin Dirks	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Leif Wildman	Treasurer
P	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
N/A	(Jeff Lathom)	BMAL (C & J)
P	John Q Morris	BMAL
P	Jeff Lathom	Imm. Past President

8 out of 8

*John Q Morris added by motion during the meeting, not part of initial quorum

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Mike Bagby
N/A	Jeff Bowyer
P	Bob Cearnal
	Dave Cowin
P	Rich Hansen
N/A	Jeff Lathom
	Earl Meseth
	Brett Mulford
	Bob Squires
	Will Thorndike
P	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle

4 out of 10

8+4+15 = 27 present

8+10+25 = 43 total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Rich Hansen]

Memorial Service for Deceased Members

Heavenly Father, we come together in your presence today to honor and recognize our brother barbershoppers who have passed on during this last year. Those men include:

<u>Chapter Eternal 2024</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Bob Hedgcock	Decatur
Peter Torchia	Kankakee
Bill Kerschbaum	Will-Cook
John Kaindl	Chicagoland West Suburban
Gerald Hansen	Frank Thorne
George Lambert	Springfield
Bernard Martin	Arlington Heights
Gerry Carroll	Chicago Metro & DuPage Valley
Jack Hoffman	Rockford
Ralph Johnson	Bloomington
Nolan Sullivan	Rockford
Joe Sullivan	Northbrook
Dave Fullerton	Bloomington
Al Quinn	Peoria
Ray Henders	Frank Thorne

If there are any other members who have deceased in the past year that have not been mentioned, please state their name and the chapter they represent.

<u>Chapter Eternal 2024 Additional</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Glenn Dancey	Sterling-Rock Falls
Bob Rich	Springfield
Jim Bixby	Bloomington
Robert Smith	Northbrook
Mark Klemm	Rockford
Harold Herren	Rockford Metro
Lauras Schuster	Aurora

I ask that we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of these men.

Father, we thank you for your gift of music and song so our hearts can be lifted up to you. We thank you for these ties that bind us together with the old songs and fellowship. We give thanks to You for these departed men who have enriched our lives and who have left us all with a song in our hearts.

In your holy name, we pray – Amen.