



Spring 2024 House of Delegates Meeting

21-Apr-2024 7:00PM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.
House of Delegates
April 21st 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: Via Zoom

Time: 7:00 PM

Called to order: 7:10 PM

Call to Order

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 19 members present, out of a potential total of 44.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 13). With 19 present we have 43%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
 - Note: Dwayne Cooper, Society Treasurer, is here today
2. Reading of Mission & Vision Statement – Jeff Lathom
 - (see above)
3. Welcome – Terry Ludwig
4. Approve Agenda – Mike Isely
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Jeff Bowyer**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
5. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting (September 22nd, 2023) – Mike Isely
 - **Motion:**
 - ♦ **Subject: Approve Fall 2024 HOD Minutes**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Ben Dirks, Jim Waldorf**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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6. Approve Consent Calendar – Mike Isely
 - Drop CSLT
 - **Motion: Approve Consent Calendar, minus the CSLT report**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Mike Isely, Jim Waldorf**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**
 - Accept the following reports, CSLT moved to Old Business:
 - ◆ President’s Report [Attachment: “02a-rpt_president-revb.pdf”]
 - ◆ Membership Report [Attachment: “03a-rpt_membership.pdf”]
 - ◆ Music and Performance Report [Attachment: “04a-rpt_musperf.pdf”]
 - ◆ Marketing Report [Attachment: “05a-rpt_marketing.pdf”]
 - ◆ Contest & Judging Report [Attachment: “06a-rpt_drcj.pdf”]
 - ◆ Events Report [Attachment: “07a-rpt_events.pdf”]
 - ◆ IDEA Report [Attachments: “08a-rpt_idea.pdf”]
 - ◆ Youth In Harmony Report [Attachment: “09a-rpt_yih.pdf”]
 - ◆ Chorus Director Development Report [Attachment: “10a-rpt_cdd.pdf”]
 - ◆ Historian’s Report [Attachment: “12a-rpt_historian.pdf”]

TREASURER’S REPORT

7. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman
 - [Attachment: “01a-rpt_treasurer.pdf”]
 - Net gain of \$6700, including \$5000 from ILL for Covid impact
 - **Motion:**
 - ◆ **Subject: Receive the Treasurer’s Report**
 - ◆ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Earl Holtz**
 - ◆ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

OLD BUSINESS

8. Four year plan – Terry Ludwig, Ben Dirks
 - Everything is going along well
 - Still no certified judges in our district though
 - Chapter presidents group set up, first meeting in 7 days
9. Harmony College Midwest – Terry Ludwig
 - Loss of \$3900 vs loss of \$5000, about 20 fewer registrations
 - Tim and Dan are stepping away from HCMW



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- Nathan Gross, Mark Servos will be taking over, unsure yet which one will take the Mus & Perf VP role
- 10. Chapter Leadership Training Event – Terry Ludwig
 - Had a great event last January
 - Get in touch with John Q Morris if interested in being involved or otherwise helping out
- 11. Fall Convention Update – Jeff Bowyer
 - Nothing beyond what was already in the report
 - Hotel opened registration way too early; no idea why this happened as the hotel seemed to have done this on their own.
 - Quartet semifinals will be at the church again – competitors really liked that space
 - Moving the call-offs to the hotel really worked out great – lets do that again
 - Saturday AM tweaks
 - ◆ Keep the barberpolecat program
 - ◆ Classes weren't a big hit
 - ◆ Looking at some other things to add
- 12. Website
 - Site rebuilt, but exists in a test site form, seems everything is cleaned up
 - Lets just launch this thing
 - New District Google calendar is already integrated
- 13. CDD report tweak
 - Director class coming up but the person Carrie had gotten is no longer available due to health issues. She is looking for a possible replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

- 14. Advertising chapter shows via District Email
 - Use of district email list
 - Use of district member list
 - Real issue here is communication among the chapters
- 15. Fall 2024 HOD Date
 - 27-Sep-2024 1pm (Friday of the district convention)

Adjourned: 7:53 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	* Calvin Cheng
P	Aurora	E003	* Lester Grossman
A	Belleville	E005	* William Rathmann
P	Bloomington	E007	* James Turpin
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	Bill Miller
P	Rockford Metro	E019	Brandon Bolley
A	Lake County	E021	* Brian Cromer
A	Bureau County	E024	* John Swanson
P	Chicagoland West Suburban	E030	* James Brown
A	Peoria	E044	* Michael Cosner
P	Chicago Metro	E045	* Bonnie Jones
A	Rockford	E047	* Dan Adler
A	Rock Island	E048	!
A	Will-Cook	E050	* Louis Gonzalez
A	Sterling Rock Falls	E052	* Paul McCracken
A	Waterloo	E054	!
A	Springfield	E061	* Thomas Smith
P	DuPage Valley	E066	* Kevin Connell
A	Kishwaukee Valley	E067	!
A	Carbondale	E075	* David Bremer

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* 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
A	Doug Finkbiner	BMAL (Membership)
P	Jeff Bowyer	BMAL (Events)
N/A	(Jeff Lathom)	BMAL (C & J)
A	John Q Morris	BMAL
P	Jeff Lathom	Imm. Past President

6 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
A	Bob Cearnal
A	Dave Cowin
P	Rich Hansen
N/A	Jeff Lathom
P	Earl Meseth
A	Brett Mulford
A	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Will Thorndike
P	Jim Waldorf
A	Syl Wetle

3 out of 11

6+3+10 = 19 present

8+11+25 = 44 total possible

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss by Class
 All Transactions

	<u>2024-Bloomington (HCMW)</u>	<u>Total HCMW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
5100 Event Income			
Comp Registrations	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
On Line Registrations	7,343.00	7,343.00	7,343.00
On Site Registrations	301.34	301.34	301.34
Total 5100 Event Income	<u>9,144.34</u>	<u>9,144.34</u>	<u>9,144.34</u>
Total Income	<u>9,144.34</u>	<u>9,144.34</u>	<u>9,144.34</u>
Gross Profit	9,144.34	9,144.34	9,144.34
Expense			
7500 Contract Services Expenses			
7570 Event Meals	3,719.10	3,719.10	3,719.10
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	<u>3,719.10</u>	<u>3,719.10</u>	<u>3,719.10</u>
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses			
8150 Music	160.00	160.00	160.00
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp			
8210 Rent, parking, & other	706.80	706.80	706.80
8260 Equipment Rental	120.59	120.59	120.59
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	<u>827.39</u>	<u>827.39</u>	<u>827.39</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses			
8310 Travel	5,959.27	5,959.27	5,959.27
8330 Hospitality	813.91	813.91	813.91
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	<u>6,773.18</u>	<u>6,773.18</u>	<u>6,773.18</u>
8400 Education Programs			
8440 IDAH	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>

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IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss by Class
All Transactions

	2024-Bloomington (HCMW)	Total HCMW	TOTAL
8500 Other Expenses			
8570 Advertising & Publicity	50.00	50.00	50.00
Total 8500 Other Expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
Total Expense	13,029.67	13,029.67	13,029.67
Net Ordinary Income	-3,885.33	-3,885.33	-3,885.33
Net Income	-3,885.33	-3,885.33	-3,885.33

**IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss by Class**

	2023-Bloomington (Fall Convention)	Total Fall Convention	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
5100 Event Income			
Mail Registrations	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
On Line Registrations	14,230.01	14,230.01	14,230.01
On Site Single Tickets	2,813.93	2,813.93	2,813.93
Total 5100 Event Income	18,993.94	18,993.94	18,993.94
5450 Advertising Revenue	920.00	920.00	920.00
Total Income	19,913.94	19,913.94	19,913.94
Gross Profit	19,913.94	19,913.94	19,913.94
Expense			
7500 Contract Services Expenses			
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend	500.00	500.00	500.00
7540 Judging Expense	5,016.65	5,016.65	5,016.65
7580 Other Contract Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	6,016.65	6,016.65	6,016.65
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses			
8110 Supplies	59.49	59.49	59.49
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	972.65	972.65	972.65
8170 Printing & Copying	1,298.76	1,298.76	1,298.76
8190 Publishing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	2,330.90	2,330.90	2,330.90
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp			
8210 Rent, parking, & other	4,260.00	4,260.00	4,260.00
8260 Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	4,260.00	4,260.00	4,260.00
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses			
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	7,997.46	7,997.46	7,997.46
8330 Hospitality	269.75	269.75	269.75
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	8,267.21	8,267.21	8,267.21

	2023-Bloomington (Fall Convention)	Total Fall Convention	TOTAL
8400 Education Programs			
8450 Recordings of Contestants	1,509.77	1,509.77	1,509.77
Total 8400 Education Programs	1,509.77	1,509.77	1,509.77
Total Expense	22,384.53	22,384.53	22,384.53
Net Ordinary Income	-2,470.59	-2,470.59	-2,470.59
Net Income	-2,470.59	-2,470.59	-2,470.59

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Profit & Loss

January through December 2023

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	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Comp Registrations	1,500.00
Mail Registrations	1,950.00
On Line Registrations	21,209.29
On Site Registrations	1,080.00
On Site Single Tickets	2,813.93
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Total 5100 Event Income	28,553.22
5210 District Dues	19,288.00
5310 Interest Income	1,207.26
5450 Advertising Revenue	920.00
5800 Special Events Revenue	
5810 Non-gift revenue	
IDAH	740.95
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Total 5810 Non-gift revenue	740.95
5820 Gift Revenue	1,027.64
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Total 5800 Special Events Revenue	1,768.59
5999 Unclassified Income	5,000.00
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Total Income	56,737.07
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Gross Profit	56,737.07
Expense	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	500.00
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Total 7030 Support	500.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend	500.00
7540 Judging Expense	5,456.65
7550 Temp Help - Contract	200.00
7570 Event Meals	3,707.29
7580 Other Contract Expenses	2,000.00
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Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	11,863.94

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Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8110 Supplies	138.49
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	972.65
8140 Postage & Shipping	38.40
8150 Music	160.00
8170 Printing & Copying	1,387.43
8180 Historian	185.47
8190 Publishing	1,228.81
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	<u>4,111.25</u>
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	5,085.00
8230 Storage Rental Charges	1,570.00
8260 Equipment Rental	706.80
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	<u>7,361.80</u>
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	6,906.83
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	
Comp Housing	2,318.40
8320 Board Meet. & Conventions - Other	7,997.46
Total 8320 Board Meet. & Conventions	<u>10,315.86</u>
8330 Hospitality	921.30
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	<u>18,143.99</u>
8400 Education Programs	
8450 Recordings of Contestants	1,509.77
8480 YIH Program	5,500.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	<u>7,009.77</u>
8500 Other Expenses	
8505 Gov Board	
President	348.20
Total 8505 Gov Board	<u>348.20</u>
8560 Outside Computer Services	651.00
8570 Advertising & Publicity	50.00
Total 8500 Other Expenses	<u>1,049.20</u>

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Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
8600 Business Expenses	
8610 - Corporation Filing Fees	<u>15.00</u>
Total 8600 Business Expenses	<u>15.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>50,054.95</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>6,682.12</u>
Net Income	<u><u>6,682.12</u></u>

IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Comp Registrations	650.00
On Line Registrations	7,343.00
On Site Registrations	301.34
	8,294.34
Total 5100 Event Income	8,294.34
5210 District Dues	3,821.80
5310 Interest Income	478.61
	12,594.75
Total Income	12,594.75
Gross Profit	12,594.75
Expense	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	500.00
	500.00
Total 7030 Support	500.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7570 Event Meals	3,719.10
	3,719.10
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	3,719.10
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8180 Historian	47.55
8190 Publishing	-1,228.81
	-1,181.26
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	-1,181.26
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	706.80
8260 Equipment Rental	120.59
	827.39
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	827.39
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	3,787.53
8330 Hospitality	813.91
	4,601.44
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	4,601.44
8400 Education Programs	
8440 IDAH	1,500.00
	1,500.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	1,500.00

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Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
8500 Other Expenses	
8540 Bank Charges	35.00
8560 Outside Computer Services	74.95
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Total 8500 Other Expenses	109.95
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Total Expense	10,076.62
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Net Ordinary Income	2,518.13
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Net Income	2,518.13
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IL District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2024

	Mar 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 Checking Account	33,997.92
1015 US Bank Money Market	51,683.37
Total Checking/Savings	85,681.29
Other Current Assets	
1310 Convention Funding Advance	-500.00
1320 Pre-Purchased Awards	54.00
Total Other Current Assets	-446.00
Total Current Assets	85,235.29
TOTAL ASSETS	85,235.29
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 Unrestricted Funds	
3010 Operating Fund	56,346.41
Total 3000 Unrestricted Funds	56,346.41
3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	
3210 Grants & Contributions	
IDAH	
Scholarships	233.00
IDAH - Other	720.83
Total IDAH	953.83
Undesignated	9,875.09
YIH	2,900.62
Total 3210 Grants & Contributions	13,729.54
Senior Chorus	319.05
Total 3200 Permanent Restricted Funds	14,048.59
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,517.38
Net Income	9,322.91
Total Equity	85,235.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	85,235.29



To: Illinois District Board
Illinois District HOD

From: Terry Ludwig, President

Dear Members of the Illinois District,

I am a little over half way through my Presidency and I can't believe how fast it has gone! It feels like it was just yesterday that you entrusted me with the reigns of the District.

2023 brought us some great moments, including a bunch of Chapter visits, a great Harmony College Midwest, a Director's Workshop and one of the most successful Fall Conventions we have had in years. We are now off to a great start to 2024 with another wonderful Harmony College Midwest and many more things to come.

Speaking of Harmony College Midwest, I want to take this opportunity to thank Tim and Dan for all of their hard work over the last few years to bring that event to one of the premier educational events in BHS. It is with great sadness that we are losing their drive and leadership, but we are happy to announce that the next iteration of HCMW will be taken over by Mark Servos and Nathan Gross! We can't wait to see how they take HCMW to the next level!

Looking forward to 2024! We are moving in the right direction and know that our District will only get better this year!

Terry Ludwig



April 8, 2024 Membership Report

By Doug Finkbiner

There are currently an even 600 members in 26 active chapters (as identified by the BHS). I have been checking in with Carbondale and Waterloo as their liaison with the Illinois District Board. The Danville chapter has invited members of the Coles County Chorus to join them in singing the National Anthem for a Cardinals/Cubs game in St. Louis later this month, and at least three have agreed to attend. I am currently making plans to visit chapters in June.

Illinois District Chapter Census April 8, 2024

Chapter	Number of Active Members	Status
Champaign Urbana	0	Voluntary Dissolution of Charter
Chicago Metro	15	Active
Chicago No. 1	0	Charter Closed
Chicago Western Suburban	48	Active
Coles County	32	Active
Collinsville	0	Charter Closed
Frank Thorn	20	Active
Danville	33	Active
Decatur	2	Active
Peoria	15	Active
Northbrook	62	Active
DuPage Valley	50	Active
Quincy	0	Charter Closed
Elgin	18	Active
Rock Island	1	Active
Rockford Metro	24	Active
Rockford	18	Active
Arlington Heights	31	Active
Aurora	14	Active
Sandoval	0	Charter Closed
Belleville	27	Active
Bloomington	80	Active
Kankakee	1	Voluntary Dissolution pending
Kishwaukee Valley	1	Active
Bureau County	10	Active
Lake County	31	Active
Springfield	29	Active
Carbondale	13	Active
Macomb	8	Active
Sterling Rock Falls	21	Active
Waterloo	19	Active
Will-Cook	16	Active
Total	600 Active Members	26 Active Charters



[The following is a lightly edited summary of the recently completed HCMW from Tim Beutel. - Mike Isely, Secretary]

I do not have much to report beyond what Leif Wildman could report about the finances of our HCM. It was very solid attendance. Similar to the year before. We did up the prices a bit, so we made a little more money. Unfortunately, with inflation, expenses were also a little higher. So the bottom line was very similar to the year before. Leif would have those numbers. We were really happy with how Harmony College grew. We filled up quartet spots very easily, and ended the night with well over 100 in attendance at the final show. It was a great day. We look forward to seeing what Nathan Gross and Mark Servos do with the event next.

Thanks!
Tim



2024 IL District Marketing Plans

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.

Website Project

LAUNCH: The site is almost ready to move to the new platform (and design) built by Magic Blue Box. Dan Woodman sent a video showing me how the admin screens will work, to allow me to update the data-driven parts of the website. This will enable us to update the website more quickly than before. Dan has not given me a launch date, but this time I expect it will be soon. For real. Seriously.

DISTRICT LEADER PHOTOS STILL NEEDED:

(If you are not listed here, I already have your portrait photo).

On the new website, each role will be listed in one of two categories, governance or operations. Some people will be listed in multiple roles. This will make it easier to keep the data (and the site) up-to-date.

Portrait photo (head shot) requested from:

Doug Finkbiner
Leif Wildman
John Q Morris
Carrie Marcotte
Rich Hansen
Earl Meseth
Jim Waldorf

DATA DOWNLOADS: the data on the site will come from the current website, from the most recent Awards spreadsheet, and from a February 1 download from the BHS member center. If a chapter has not kept their data up-to-date in BHS, they will need to contact me. I will then be able to correct the incorrect information manually via the admin tools/screens set up by Magic Blue Box. Thus, when we launch the new website, I anticipate a period of intense updates.

FASTER NEWS UPDATES:

The admin tools will enable me to put news updates on the website much more quickly. We can write news updates and schedule them for future dates. We can also have news articles expire on a scheduled date. Once I gain access to the admin screens, and learn the ins & outs, our communication should improve greatly.

Social Media



1. Highlighted all chapter shows I was aware of. Will continue to ask chapters to make IL District a co-host of Facebook events so we can promote them.
2. Heavily promoted Harmony College Midwest. Tim Beutel added me as an admin to that account.
3. Promoted our Senior Quartet champs, Sangamon Chord Company, leading up to and just after the competition at Midwinter.
4. Promoted some chapter officer installations by Ben Dirks.
5. Engaged more than in the past with many posts by chapters and quartets (likes, comments, sharing posts). This effort was aided by me spending time streamlining the accounts we follow such that the timeline we now see is leaner and more efficient (representing music groups almost exclusively)
6. Future:
 - a. Continue to engage with barbershop-related posts.
 - b. Explore getting more involved with Instagram & Tik Tok
 - c. Look into fixing the X account (it was apparently set up in 2012 by whoever was the marketing person & uses their email address. I can't log into that account).
 - d. Promote district chapters/quartets who compete at International.
 - e. Promote the Fall Convention (the dates will be added to the new site as soon as it launches)
 - f. Contact chapter marketing officers, find out who does their social media, and engage with them. Ask for them to record and send video clips to me so I can post interesting content (see below).
 - g. Contact quartets, asking for photos and their social media handles to add to the website.

Personal Development

- Learn how to use MailChimp. Marc Leverett volunteered to send district emails. I want to learn how it works so I can serve as a backup + begin to assess whether I can pull off a district e-newsletter in the future.
- Learn from Joe Gurreri how he creates social media posts with videos. I am unskilled in this area, and would like to learn this. We could perhaps boost the district's presence on Instagram & Tik Tok, which are video-driven social networks.



Illinois District Association of Chapters
District Board Meeting

Fall Contest Judges will be release closer to International

We have one person who has been accepted as a Judging applicant.

Jeff Lathom – ADM

The following dates have been confirmed with Steve Armstrong for our 2024-25 conventions:

2024 – 9/27-28

2025 – 9/26-27

2026 – 9/25-26

2027 – 9/24-25

2028 – 9/22-23

Jeff Lathom,
Illinois District DRCJ



Events report

April 7, 2024

Jeff Bowyer VP-Events

Future dates and locations

Fall 2024 Illinois District Convention

Sept. 27 - 28 2024

Headquarters Hotel: DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Contract signed. Room block of 100 rooms.

2nd Hotel: Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal: Contract signed Additional room block of 30 rooms.

It is also ISU Homecoming Weekend.

Contest locations:

Friday: 2nd **Presbyterian Church:** 404 N Prairie Bloomington will be the location for the Quartet semi-finals Friday evening.

Saturday: **BCPA:** will be the location for the Quartet Finals and Chorus Finals.

Harmony College Midwest 2025

March 21-23 2025 *Note March date, instead of Feb. as in the past*

DoubleTree Hotel: All classes will be held in the DoubleTree Hotel Convention area. Contracts signed.

Fall 2025 Illinois District Convention

Sept. 26 - 27 2025

DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: contract signed.

Contest location:

BCPA: On the BCPA calendar to hold the date.

Future Contest Dates:

2026: 9/25 - 9/27

2027: 9/24 - 9/26

2028: 9/22 - 9/24



IDEA Trustee Meeting (via Zoom)

April 17, 2024

I. Call To Order.

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Jim Waldorf at 7:30 PM. (although scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, internet gremlins took control for 30 minutes). The following Trustees were present: J. Waldorf, B. Cearnal, E. Meseth, E. Holtz and B. Squires. Guest: Rich Hansen.

II. Treasurer's Report.

The IDEA fund value was \$180,857 at 3/9/24 as compared to \$169,066 at 12/31/23 and \$144,608 at 12/31/22. The value of the fund at the close of business today (4/17/24) is 175,077.40. Since 12/31/22, contributions received have totaled \$2960 and distributions have totaled \$5866 for Harmony College Midwest, a school and district quartet and a chapter event. Jim W announced that an unused \$340 for scholarships to Harmony College Midwest will be returned by T. Buettel.

III. Secretary's Report.

The minutes of the Trustee's meeting on September 22, 2023, had been previously distributed. The report was passed on motion by B. Cearnal and second by B. Squires. Included with the Minutes were the status of changes in Trustees (Hansen, Cearnal, and Waldorf). These changes were sent to Glenn Mills, District webmaster which should soon appear on the District website.

IV. Old Business.

A. Acceptance of new letterhead design. B. Squires had previously sent the design to Trustees which was approved without a vote.

B. District website. The District website, which is used by IDEA for information, contributions and for project funding requests, has been undergoing a redesign (see above Item III). Release date to go live has not been revealed but, according to R. Hansen, the District webmaster Glenn Mills, said we need to have patience.

---At this point the Zoom meeting timed out and resumed at 8:20 PM---

V. New Business.

A. Contributions via Website. The redesigned website will be home to *IDEA Direct* where contributions to IDEA may be made on a regular basis via credit card or from an individual's bank account.

B. Expected amount of 2024 funding for grants received. Executive Director Waldorf said that as of this date no requests have been received but Trustees should be aware that they will be forthcoming and that we



need to avoid a “first come, first served” distribution. Funding distributions should be based on a) the amount of money available and, b) the probable number of requests. For the former, best practices suggest 5% of money available; the latter is harder to predict but we know that some requests recur (i.e.: Harmony College Midwest, YIH festivals) yet others are from quartets and/or individuals seeking support for coaching and other educational purposes. Trustees were reluctant to codify a procedure.

C. Need for Emeritus Trustee designation. Trustee Emeritus Joe Sullivan has requested that he be relieved of his IDEA duties; does this mean relinquishing the “Emeritus” title as well? The answer, to which all agreed, is that the honorarium, bestowed by IDEA Trustees, is a lifetime title. J. Waldorf then presented our most recently retired Trustee, Rich Hansen, as Emeritus-designate. B. Cearnal moved and E. Holtz seconded that Hansen be awarded Emeritus status. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Mutual fund signers. Treasurer Holtz pointed out that both he and B. Cearnal (as Executive Director) are signers for our mutual funds and that E. Meseth is an alternate signer for the checking account. E. Holtz asked if J. Waldorf, as the new Executive Director, replace B. Cearnal. Waldorf pointed out that his job with Wells Fargo precludes his being a signer on the funds.

VI. Next Meeting of Trustees.

The next meeting of Trustees will be held on September 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM in Bloomington, IL , in the President’s Suite during the Illinois District Convention.

V. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM on a motion by E. Meseth and second by B. Squires.

Submitted in harmony,

Earl Meseth

IDEA Secretary



YIH REPORT 2024 Q1

2023 brought 3 successful YIH Festivals. So far, those chapters are in the planning/budgeting phase for their 2024 festivals.

Hope to see a return from Springfield and Sterling Rock Falls. If anyone has any questions or hears of chapter or belongs to a chapter who wants to start something up please reach out to me.



IL District Chorus Director Development report 2.8.24

Greetings all,

Here is the Chorus Director Development report for 2.8.24

Theo Hicks is holding Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, for a chorus director workshop for our district. His rate is \$100/hr. plus expenses.

Is that too expensive for us?

Do we want to hold the workshop in the Chicago suburbs again or go further south so people from the lower part of the state can attend?

If we move the workshop, where could it be held?

Theo sent a list of workshop titles that we could send to attendees again to "vote" on which topic they would like to hear.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Marcotte

Leadership and Chapter Support Report

Since the last report my focus has been on the leadership Summit

The 2024 Virtual Leadership Summit covered more than the basics of chapter's officers. Throughout the summit the focus was on how to improve each chapter's / chorus' involvement in the community and help each chapter thrive.

To communicate the event three different mail chimp messages were sent as a reminder of the date, time and zoom link of the workshops. We encouraged all chapter members to embrace this leadership training opportunity and asked each attendee to complete the BHS Harmony University online training for officers prior to attending. Harmony University web-based Leadership courses offers President, Secretary and Treasure webinars that are user friendly and informative. A leadership summit webpage was created as a one stop place to find the officer training links and the videos from the 2023 Leadership Summit provided by the Land of Lakes District

This event was held on January 20 and 21 virtually. At the request of Mike Savard, the district president for the Northeastern district the summit was offered to all chapter officers in the Northeastern and Illinois Districts.

January 20 Officer Workshop details

Subject matter experts for the president's workshop included Illinois District President Terry Ludwig and Northeastern District President Mike Savard. Executive VP Ben Dirks was invited to be on the president's panel but was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict

Subject matter experts for the secretary's workshop included Illinois District Secretary Mike Isely and Northeastern District Secretary Glenn McElhoe. After the initial part of the workshop was completed Mike and Glenn lead a breakout room to cover additional questions and provide details regarding the Member Center and other chapter operational details.

Subject matter experts for the treasurer's workshop included Illinois District Treasurer Leif Wildman and Northeastern District Treasurer John Englander. Discussions included basics of bookkeeping to best practices of chapter treasurer

January 21, we held the Marketing Music and Membership workshop.

Subject matter experts included Illinois District Marketing VP Glenn Mills, Brotherhood of Harmony President and Director Brian Cromer, and Arlingtones President Calvin Cheng. We discussed the BHS Everyone in Harmony marketing vision, musical differences between SSAA, SATB and TTBB musical arrangement, best social media practices, best practices for membership drives and more.

Final Thoughts

Overall, the event was a success, the participants learned innovative and new ideas on how to better operate their chapter for success. The attendance was lighter than I expected, and I had hoped to have been provided with more guidance on the content of the material. Videos of the event were recorded, and the slide decks are available on the web page created for the event.



DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – SPRING 2024

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
 - **Chordiac Arrest CDs from Patty Johnson (Dickie Johnson Collection)**
 - **New Tradition CDs from Mike Bagby**
 - **Misc. Harmonizers, LPs, Music, Oak Park Chapter Roster from David Dreyer (Ray Dreyer Collection)**
 - **Bound & Engraved 1940s Harmonizers by an Anonymous Donor (Tom Palamone Collection)**
 - **Misc. Coles Co./Bloomington Show VHS Tapes/DVDs - 1990s-2010s by Rich Hansen**
 - **Illinois Heritage Magazine Nov/Dec. 2023 covering ILL District History by Rich Hansen**
 - **1972 Bloomington show program/news clipping by Janet Hogan**
 - **John Marsala Membership certificate (Chicago #1) by Mark Sorensen**
- Rich purchased sheet protectors/misc. office supplies for archival photographs. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.
- Discussions have taken place with Doug Ferrier of the Awards committee in locating a jeweler in the Bloomington area that can repair & clean the original QCA trophy for display purposes at fall conventions. More details forthcoming.
- Rich has been working with Dan Woodman (webmaster) on the issues of “From the Vault”, a quarterly electronic newsletter containing photos, audio, and video of items from the archives for the membership to enjoy. Dan is nearly ready to launch the new district website and has reformatted all the previous “From the Vault” issues for the new site. He and Glenn Mills will allow Rich to access and edit so that future issues can be posted immediately upon completion.
- As always, Rich would gladly take any materials that members or their families may have related to district history to add to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Hansen
Illinois District Historian (2019-present)
Past District President (2015-2016)