



## **Illinois District Chorus Director Development Report**

### **Fall 2025**

I have been talking to the VPs of Music and Performance to evaluate the interest and logistics of adding a director track to Harmony College Midwest. There seems to be interest, but there are some hurdles to overcome, including finding talented, veteran directors interested in being staff for the event.

In addition, I have been speaking with a few chorus directors in the district about interest in setting up a coaching program with a focus on chorus directors. The idea would be to focus on improving the chorus by focusing on the director's knowledge and skills in the areas of gesture, rehearsal technique, approach to music, etc. This could lead to higher-level directing and, in turn, improved chorus performance.

Both of these projects are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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