



2025 Illinois District House of Delegates Meeting – Sept. 26, 2025

Awards Committee Update (submitted by Doug Ferrier)

Members: **Doug Ferrier** (District Awards Chairman), **Steve Davis** (ABE), **Rich Hansen** (High School/Next Gen), and **Terry Ludwig** (Contest & Judging), **Ben Dirks** (President).

Activities

Medals, Pins, Trophies for 2025

Medals for all registered categories have been ordered (and received) by Doug Ferrier w/ ribbons assigned by category: Blue (Quartet Champion), Red White Blue (Mixed, and High School), Light Blue (Seniors), Green (Novice), Purple (Next Generation).

Quartet Pins (1st, 2nd, 3rd) have been ordered (and received) by the Contest & Judging VP (Terry Ludwig, who gave them to Doug Ferrier)

Trophies for all categories have been engraved with previous year winner (or engraved by those who have the trophy: ABE – Jeff Bowyer, Seniors – Doug Smith, Mixed – Mitch Greenberg, Next Generation – Lindsay from sFourzando).

New Activities:

- We are **exploring** the idea of **reinstating chorus award pins (plateau winners, 1st/2nd/3rd place winners)**. These pins would not be year specific, but would be available to any first-time recipient within the Illinois District. Pins would be distributed to the President (or chorus director) after the contest, to be awarded at a later date in a special way of the chapter's choosing.
- Also **exploring** the option of retiring the current Seniors Trophy and **commissioning a new Seniors trophy** that will 1) Be lighter and less bulky for people to take with them 2) Make room for Winning Year – Quartet Name. Previous quartet winner names and year would be transferred to the new trophy.
- **Award for Barbershopping Excellence (A.B.E.)**

Our final clock (from a bulk supply) was given to our 2023 recipient. After a solicitation of several previous recipients in 2024, we determined that we will continue giving a clock to the recipients of the ABE to recognize their significant, sustained commitment to Barbershopping in the Illinois District. We will continue to purchase award clocks on an ad hoc basis (2024, 2025); however, will continue to look into another bulk order for future awards should it help us keep costs down.

Trophies not yet created (looking for sponsors)

Adult Women's Quartet Champion Trophy – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the current Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.

Adult Women's Chorus Quartet Champion Trophy – Category created in May 2022. No entrants in the current Fall Convention. Creation of trophy will occur at a later date.



Appendix

Award Resources:

District Quartet Champ Lapel Pins - [Lapel Pins - Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

Champion Medals - [Fusion Custom Medal - Gem Awards Discount Code: GEMSAV10](#)

Trophies/Plaques/Engraving - [B & B Awards and Recognition \(b-bawards.com\)](#)

ABE Clocks (one more clock available for 2023) - <https://www.dinntrophy.com/>

<u>Quartet Contest</u>	<u>Award(s)</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>District Cost (prior to 2021)</u>	<u>Est. District Cost (now)</u>
Overall Champion (QCA – since 1943)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QCA Trophy (Buzz Haeger) 1st place pin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pins are purchased and awarded by district. No plaques given by district Special note: QCA owns this trophy Quartets are responsible caring for and engraving trophy during winning year. 	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)
2nd Place Overall (since 1943)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd place pin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pins are purchased and awarded by district. 	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)
3rd Place Overall (since 1943)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd place pin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pins are purchased and awarded by district. 	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)	Pins - \$80 (\$20 each)
Men's Champion (new in 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy (new) 4 Champion medals (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel trophy created for fall 2022 Convention Medals created for 2022 	N/A	Trophy \$330 (one-time cost) Annual Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals - \$30 (\$7.50 each)
Women's Champion (new in 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy (needed) 4 Champion medals (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals created (no year listed) Creation of trophy is on hold due to no contest entrants in 2022) 	N/A	Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
Mixed Champion (since 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy 4 Champion medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
Senior's Champion "George Peters" award (since 1987)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy 4 Champion medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)



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Novice Champion "Glenn Howard" award (since 1982)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Medals only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 Note: No Display or Travel trophy for this award. 	Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
Next Gen Champion Former Collegiate Contest (since 1994)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display Trophy 4 Medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 Note: This trophy is large/fragile and does not travel. Mostly because it was difficult to relocate after the winning year. It can be requested for special occasions. 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
High School Men's Champion "The Buzz" (since 1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy 4 Medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
High School Women's Champion (Since 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy 4 Medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals created (no year listed) Note: Trophy created and engraved in April 2022 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)
High School Mixed Champion (Since 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Trophy 4 Medals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medals replace plaques in 2022 Note: Trophy created and engraved in April 2022 	Trophy Engraving \$7 Plaques \$73.20 (\$18.30 each)	Trophy Engraving \$7 Medals \$30 (\$7.50 each)

<u>Chorus Contest</u>
Overall Champion
Men's Champion (new) – <i>Trophy Needed</i>
Women's Champion (new) – <i>Trophy Needed</i>
Mixed Champion (since 2019) – Repurposed – former <i>Frank Thorne Trophy</i>
Small Chorus Champion (since 1979)
Plateau 1A
Plateau 2 A
Plateau 3 A
Plateau 4 A
Plateau 5 A
Most Entertaining Chorus Award (discontinued 2022)
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Non-Contest Awards
Award for Barbershopping Excellence (ABE)