Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.
Fall 2026 House of Delegates Meeting
AGENDA

Location: Doubletree Hotel at 10 Brickyard Dr, Bloomington, IL 61701
Date/Time: Friday, September 25th 2026 at 12pm

Call to Order — Ben Dirks

Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum — Mike Isely

Opening Song — Kevin O'Keefe

Reading of the District Mission & Vision Statements — Brett Mulford

> 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.*

Welcome — Ben Dirks

Administration

1. Approval of Agenda – Mike Isely
2. Approve Minutes of the previous HOD – Mike Isely
   - Took place on March 20th, 2026
3. Consent Calendar – Mike Isely
   - Note: "*" marker indicates report is in HOD Information Packet

	Report	Source	
2.	*President's Report*	Ben Dirks	*
3.	*Membership*	Doug Finkbiner	*
4.	*Chapter President's Council*	Mike Isely	
5.	*Music & Performance*	Mark Servos / Nathan Gross	*
6.	*Marketing & PR & EVP*	Glenn Mills	*

	Report	Source	
7.	*Contest & Judging*	Ben Dirks	*
8.	*Events*	Jeff Bowyer	*
9.	*Illinois District Endowment Assurance*	JimWaldorf	*
10.	*Youth In Harmony*	Evan Patrick	*
11.	*Chorus Director Development*	Kevin O'Keefe	*
12.	*Chapter Support & Leadership Training*	John Q. Morris	*
13.	*Historical*	Rich Hansen	*
14.	*Awards*	Doug Ferrier	

Memorial — Rich Hansen

Old Business

4. Treasurer's Report – Leif Wildman

New Business

5. Presentation by BHS rep Christina Brewer
6. Fall Convention Update – Jeff Bowyer
7. Harmony College Midwest – Mark Servos / Nathan Gross
8. The Big Leap – Glenn Mills
9. Budget for 2027 – Leif Wildman
10. Slate Election for 2027/2028 – Ben Dirks
11. Spring 2027 HOD Date – Mike Isely

Closing Song — Kevin O'Keefe

Adjournment — Ben Dirks

HOD Attendance (P for Present, A for Absent, L for Late)

Chapter Delegates			
IF YOUR CHAPTER HAS THE WRONG DELEGATE HERE THEN YOU NEED TO FIX THIS BEFORE THE HOD MEETING TAKES PLACE. PLEASE CONTACT isely@pobox.com FOR QUESTIONS			
P/L/A	**Chapter Name**	**No.**	**Delegate**
	Arlington Heights, IL	E002	* Melanie Concklin
	Aurora, IL	E003	Mark Barone
	Belleville, IL	E005	* William Rathmann
	Bloomington, IL	E007	David Garrett
	Macomb, IL	E008	Craig Rigg
	Northbrook, IL	E009	Earl Holtz
	Danville, IL	E013	!
	Decatur, IL	E014	!
	Coles County, IL	E017	Jerry Tkachuk
	Elgin, IL	E018	* Ralph Ferguson
	Rockford Metro, IL	E019	* Richard Schultz
	Lake County, IL	E021	* Timothy Ferguson
	Bureau County, IL	E024	* John Swanson
	Chicagoland West Suburban, IL	E030	* Anthony Emerson
	Peoria, IL	E044	* Michael Cosner
	Chicago Metro, IL	E045	* Bonnie Jones
	Rockford, IL	E047	* Frederick Gahl
	Rock Island, IL	E048	!
	Will-Cook, IL	E050	* Neil DeVore
	Sterling Rock Falls, IL	E052	Kevin O'Keefe
	Waterloo, IL	E054	* Michael Moulds
	Springfield, IL	E061	Pat Claussen
	DuPage Valley, IL	E066	* Kevin Connell
	Carbondale, IL	E075	!
(total = 0 / 24)			

* Chapter did not specifically declare a delegate; substituting Chapter President
! No information provided by this chapter (missing declared chapter officers), thus no delegate

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Governance Board		
P/L/A	**Name**	**Role**
	Benjamin Dirks	President
	Glenn Mills	Executive VP
	Mike Isely	Secretary
	Leif Wildman	Treasurer
	Doug Finkbiner	At-Large (Membership)
	Jeff Bowyer	At-Large (Events)
N/A	(Benjamin Dirks)	At-Large (C & J)
	John Q. Morris	At-Large
	Brett Mulford	Imm. Past President
(total = 8)		

Operations		
P/L/A	**Name**	**Role**
	Glenn Mills	Marketing & PR
	Evan Patrick	Youth In Harmony
	Doug Finkbiner	Membership
	Mark Servos	Music & Performance
	Nathan Gross	
	Rich Hansen	Historian
	John Q Morris	CSLT
	Kevin O'Keefe	Chorus Director Development
	Doug Ferrier	Awards
(total = 9)		

Active Past Presidents (and not currently on Gov. Board)	
P/L/A	**Name**
	Mike Bagby
N/A	(Jeff Bowyer)
	Bob Cearnal
	Dave Cowin
	Rich Hansen
	Jeff Lathom
	Terry Ludwig
	Earl Meseth
N/A	(Brett Mulford)
	Bob Squires
	Will Thorndike
	Jim Waldorf
	Syl Wetle
(total = 11)	