

the Illinois District
association of Chapters / Barbershop Harmony Society



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Fall 2014 House of Delegates Meeting

19-Sep-2014 11:30AM

Illinois District Association of Chapters, SPEBSQSA Inc.

House of Delegates

Fall 2014

Location: Beaufort Room, Marriott Hotel, Normal IL

Time: 11:35AM

Opening Song “Down Our Way” – Rich Hansen, Director

Initial Topics

1. Roll Call / House of Delegates quorum – yes or no – Mike Isely
 - 25 members present, out of a potential total of 46.
 - Quorum minimum requirement of 30% (= 14). With 25 present we have 54%, quorum established.
 - [See Appendix titled “Attendance” for detailed attendance record]
2. Approve Agenda – Jeff Bowyer
 - Adjustments requested of Consent Calendar reports
 - ♦ Remove IDEA committee report (for further discussion)
 - ♦ Remove YIH Report (to update one festival date)
 - ♦ Remove Historical Report (report did not make it into HOD packet)
 - **Motion: Approve Agenda, with requested changes as noted**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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→ **Motion: Accept remaining consent calendar reports without further discussion**

- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Tom DeBord**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

→ The following reports are therefore accepted without further discussion:

- ♦ Membership Report - Hugo Feugen
 - [Attachment: "01-Report-Membership.pdf"]
- ♦ Marketing Report – Derek Gilbert
 - [Attachment: "02-Report-Marketing.pdf"]
- ♦ C&J – Dave Cowin
 - [Attachment: "03-Report-CAndJ.pdf"]
- ♦ Music & Performance - written report from Don Smit & Tom Woodall
 - [Attachment: "04-Report-MusicAndPerformance.pdf"]
- ♦ Awards Committee - written report from Mike Bagby
 - [Attachment: "05-Report-Awards.pdf"]

3. Minutes of previous HOD Meeting – Mike Isely

→ Adjustment: On page 11, change “contest” to “convention” (recommendation by Bob Squires)

→ **Motion: Approve Spring 2014 HOD Minutes**

- ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Don Smit**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

4. Treasurer's Report – Jim Wagner

→ [Attachment: "06-Report-Treasurer.pdf"]

→ Spring Convention had a loss; strangely enough there were more ILL registrations than CSD registrations (the expectation was opposite, given the relative size of the districts)



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→ **Motion: HOD to receive Treasurer's Report**

- ♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Jim Waldorf**
- ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

5. YIH – Rich Hansen

- [Attachment: “07-Report-YIH.pdf”]
- Fox Lake YIH festival is not Oct 18th, it is changed to Oct 25th
- Bill Ward is no longer organizing Fox Lake; John Cain has taken that over

6. Historical Report – Bob Squires

- [Attachment: “08-Report-Historian.pdf”]
- Bob verbally reviewed what is in the report (which didn't make it into the HOD packet)

7. IDEA – Bob Cearnal

- [Attachment: “09-Report-IDEA.pdf”]
- Rich Hansen has requested \$2500 for YIH – IDEA trustees have agreed to make this grant
 - ♦ Current procedure requires executive committee (Gov Board) approval. Jeff Bowyer has polled the committee and approval is granted
 - ♦ IDEA will be holding a raffle at this convention to raise these funds
 - ♦ YIH is also holding a raffle – which will reduce the actual size of that \$2500 request (so the two raffles are actually not competing)

OLD BUSINESS

8. District Policy & Procedures Manual update – Will Thorndike

- Document has been reviewed, lots of open questions – being queried to the Board. Still about a half-dozen remaining questions



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NEW BUSINESS

9. BHS Society Report – Doug Brown

- Society is “holding its own” currently from a financial standpoint
 - ♦ cash positive but not by much
- The Las Vegas convention went very well, attendance over 7000 for the first time in several years
 - ♦ Harmony Marketplace was also better than in 2013
- Society is trying to make operations less dependent upon dues and diversify to other sources (e.g. sales of barbershop arrangements)
- Harmony Foundation – is funding many of the external operations
 - ♦ ILL District as an organization has not been contributing to the Harmony Foundation...
 - ...Because it's not in our budget and we have not been able to afford it.
 - ♦ ILL District membership is financially supportive of the Harmony Foundation
 - ♦ Note: grant applications available on BHS website. Note also that there is considerable lead time required
- New chapter names – need to use society name (SPEBSQSA) within the chapter's name.

10. Approval of 2015 Budget – Jim Wagner

- Trying to better organize expenses by committee instead of by project, in order to get better visibility for how money gets spent
- Observation from Bill Miller that “new” format for financial reporting needs to provide more detail
- **Motion: Approve 2015 budget**
 - ♦ **Offered by: Jim Waldorf, Seconded: Jim Fourmont**
 - ♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**



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11. Approval of Slate of District Officers for 2015- Mike Bagby

→ **Motion: Approve 2015 Governance Board slate by acclamation**

♦ **Offered by: Bob Cearnal, Seconded: Mike Johnston**

♦ **PASSED (unanimous voice vote)**

12. Announcement of members reaching 50 year membership status in 2014 – Hugo Feugen

→ Will be presented at the convention

13. Future Conventions update - Will Thorndike

→ 2015-9/25 thru 9/27, 2016-9/23 thru 9/25, 2017-10/6 thru 10/8, 2018-10/5 thru 10/7

♦ These dates are set by the Society, years in advance

→ Same hotel & venue for 2015 as this weekend

♦ We've already expanded past our room block for this convention

→ Nothing yet beyond 2015

→ Would like to get back to being 3 years out – will be moving to accomplish that

→ Locations in play:

♦ Bloomington

♦ Peoria

• 5 Points venue

♦ Springfield

• problems there with the venue – we had to build that stage and it got very expensive

• Still looking for a better venue choice

♦ Decatur

• they don't have a really good venue, unfortunately



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- ♦ Any others that are interested?
 - Venue that seats about 800 people
 - Nearby hotel with convention facilities

14. IDAH update 2015 and beyond – Terry Ludwig and Tim Pashon

- Update provided by Rich Hansen
- Forefront, Vocal Spectrum, After Hours all will be present
- Dave and Sandy Wright will be present
- Note that IDAH location was already locked in (Park Regency, Bloomington, in February), when the Spring HOD voted to drop the Spring Convention. Because of this, the 2015 IDAH won't be much different. "IDAH +" will happen in 2016 (along with a date actually in the Spring)

15. HOD for Spring 2015?

- still has to happen twice a year – thus the Spring HOD will have to be IDAH
- Should it be done the same weekend at IDAH or another time? Note that Saturday during the day is not an option (no rooms available)
- If at IDAH, do it Friday afternoon or Sunday? At the convention, Friday makes more sense since there is a contest Friday night. Not so much at IDAH. Sounds like if we do this at IDAH it should on Sunday.
- Doug Brown will ask HQ if we can do the meeting online instead?
- Informal show of hands polled:
 - ♦ Question: Hold HOD 3pm Friday or 10am Sunday:
 - Friday: 7 in favor
 - Sunday: 13 in favor
 - ♦ OK, so priority for Sunday



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- ♦ Question: Do this on the IDAH weekend?
 - 23 say yes, it's overwhelming

16. CSLT update – Mike Savard

→ Updated info:

- ♦ CSLT Nov 15th, in Champaign, Faith United Methodist Church
- ♦ Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing/PR, Presidents
 - Secretary track: Mike Isely
 - Treasurer track: Jim Wagner / Dave Cowin
 - Marketing / PR track: Derek Gilbert
 - President track: Skipp Kropp

→ Chapter Counselor program

- ♦ Counselors set up:
 - North: Ben Dirks
 - Chicago Metro: Bob Squires
 - Central: Bret Mulford
 - Southern: Steve Martin

17. Memorial to deceased members – Bob Squires

→ [See Appendix for Memorial Service]

Closing Song “Keep The Whole World Singing” – Doug Brown, Director

Adjourned: 1:32PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Isely – Secretary



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Appendix: Attendance

Chapter Delegates			
Present	Name	ID	Chapter Name
P	Michael Johnston	E-002	Arlington Heights
P	Lester Grossman	E-003	Aurora
P	Dennis Brandt	E-005	Belleville
P	Tom De Bord	E-007	Bloomington
		E-008	Macomb
P	Nick Caccamo	E-009	Northbrook
	Hugo Feugen	E-010	Champaign Urbana
		E-012	Chicago No 1
	Robert McIntire	E-013	Danville
	James Barr	E-014	Decatur
		E-016	Collinsville
P	Bruce Condill	E-017	Coles County
P	Bill Miller	E-018	Elgin
	Douglas Phillips	E-019	Rockford Metro
P	Donald Smit	E-021	Lake County
	Marvin Strom	E-024	Bureau County
		E-029	Quincy
	Jay Bentz	E-030	Chicagoland West Suburban
	Harold Harness	E-044	Peoria
P	John Morris	E-045	Chicago Metro
	Dan Adler	E-047	Rockford
	Brian Buckrop	E-048	Rock Island
P	Henry King	E-050	Will-Cook
P	Benjamin Dirks	E-052	Sterling Rock Falls
	James Heise	E-054	Waterloo
P	Patrick Claussen	E-061	Springfield
P	James Fourmont	E-066	DuPage Valley
P	G Howard Peterson	E-067	Kishwaukee Valley
		E-073	Sandoval
		E-075	Carbondale
	Richard Howell	E-077	Kankakee

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Governance Board		
Present	Name	Role
P	Jeff Bowyer	President
P	Richard Hansen	Executive VP
P	Mike Isely	Secretary
P	Jim Wagner	Treasurer
P	Jim Waldorf	BMAL
A	Hugo Feugen	BMAL (Membership)
P	Will Thorndike	BMAL (Events)
P	Dave Cowin	BMAL (Contest & Judging)
P	Mike Bagby	Imm. Past President

8 out of 9

Active Past Presidents (not on Gov. Board)	
Present	Name
P	Bob Cearnal
P	Earl Meseth
P	Bob Squires
A	Joe Sullivan
A	Jim Vliet
A	Syl Wetle

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$8+3+14 = 25$ present

$9+6+31 = 46$ total possible



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Appendix: Chapter Eternal

[Conducted by Bob Squires]

Memorial Service For Deceased Members

May I ask a moment of silence, please:

Heavenly Father we gather here in your presence to remember those of our brothers who have passed on during this year.

We ask that you accept these men in to your heavenly choir that their voices may continue to praise and glorify you.

We honor each of these men for their dedication to our singing fraternity through their chapter, our district and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Amen.

<u>Chapter Eternal 2014</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Bob Baker	Chicagoland West Suburban
Fran Sibenaller	Aurora
Forrey Haynes	Skokie Valley (residing in Florida)
Henry Skibins	Kankakee
Floyd Carley	Northbrook
Charles Trunkey	Aurora
Curtis Greer	Bloomington
Wally Ryan	Decatur
Don Bolland	Oak Lawn
James Tidwell	Coles County
Bruce Conover	Rock Island