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Minutes

# **Illinois District Association of Chapters** Board Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Location: Via Zoom

Date/Time: Saturday, Mar 2, 2025, 7:00pm

**Roll Call** 

Name	Governance Role	Operations / Other Role	Present	Quorum Count
Benjamin Dirks	President		P	+
Glenn Mills	Exec VP	Marketing & PR, webmaster	P	+
Mike Isely	Secretary		P	+
Leif Wildman	Treasurer		P	+
Doug Finkbiner	BMAL	Membership	P	+
Jeff Bowyer	BMAL	Events	P	+
Terry Ludwig	BMAL	C & J	P	+
John Q. Morris	BMAL	CSLT	P	+
(Terry Ludwig)	Imm Past President	YIH	-	-
Kevin O'Keefe		Membership	P	
Mark Servos		Maria O Dani	P	
Nathan Gross		Music & Perf	A	
Rich Hansen		Historian	P	
Evan Patrick		YIH		
Doug Ferrier		Awards		
Carrie Marcotte		CDD		

Totals: 11 of 15 8 of 8

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Called to order: 7:05 PM

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Minutes
  - → Minutes posted from 3-Aug-2024
    - Motion to approve Feb minutes had a second from a non-governance board member; thus motion was invalid. Re-doing that motion here...
      - Motion
        - Subject: Approve Minutes from 16-Feb-2024
        - Motion: Jeff Bowyer, Terry Ludwig
        - Result: Approved, Unamimous
    - Budget report attachment marked in wrong spot
    - Fix off-the-record comment
  - $\rightarrow$  Motion
    - Subject: Approve Minutes from 3-Aug-2024
    - Motion: Mike Isely, Leif Wildman
    - Result: **Approved**, Unanimous
- > Record online motions
  - → [Attachment: "01a-idea\_req\_vote.pdf"]
- ➤ Submitted reports Mike Isely
  - → Chorus Director Development Report
    - No report
  - → Chapter Support & Leadership Report
    - [Attachment: "08a-rpt-cslt.pdf"]
  - → Historian's Report
    - [Attachment: "09a-rpt-historian.pdf"]
  - → Contest & Judging Report
    - [Attachment: "06a-rpt-drcj.pdf"]
  - → Marketing Report
    - [Attachment: "05a-rpt-marketing.pdf"]
  - → Membership Report
    - [Attachment: "04a-rpt-membership.odt"]
  - → President's Report
    - No report
- Treasurer's Report Leif Wildman
  - → [Attachment: "02a-rpt-treasurer.pdf"]
  - $\rightarrow$  As of Jan balance, \$80,126
  - → Convention loss of \$4,000
    - not a concern keep in mind that this is a service of the district and dues help defray this.
    - We did get our room rebate
  - → Motion
    - Subject: Receive Treasurer's Report
    - Motion: Mike Isely, Terry Ludwig
    - Result: Approved, Unanimous

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## OLD BUSINESS

- ➤ Fall Convention Update Jeff Bowyer
  - → [Attachment: "07a-rpt-events.pdf"]
  - → Report stands as submitted
- ➤ HCMW Update Nathan Gross / Mark Servos
  - → [Attachment: "10a-rpt-hcmw.pdf"]
  - → Everything is moving along fine
  - → No pending issues
  - → 11 of 11 quartet slots have been filled, including one for the QCA scholarship
  - → 2 of 10 IDEA scholarship awarded
  - → Only 32 individual registrations, but this follows a historical pattern of a rush of registrations at the last minute
  - → An idea for the future: Can we do for individual registrations like we do for quartets?
    - Less "history of barbershop" and more actual individual vocal coaching
    - Even small pick-up VLQs with coaching in some form
    - This may seriously pick up on individual registrations
      - And since financially HCMW really gets their income from individual registrations, this may help financially as well
    - And it could help the "riser guys" up their skill level which elevates the choruses.
- Chapter President's Council Bill Rathmann / Mike Isely
  - → Summary of group status / events
  - → Desire to have a CPC rep at the HOD meeting
  - → Summary of upcoming April 5<sup>th</sup> inter-chapter event
- ➤ Website Update Glenn Mills
  - → See marketing report for additional info
  - → Report stands as-is

## New Business

- District-wide survey Ben Dirks
  - → Ground-up approach to running / leading the district
  - → We work for our members
  - → Proposal for a survey aimed at leadership for each chapter, "Illinois District Health and Engagement Survey"
    - High level draft exists now, to be reviewed for feedback from the district board
    - Looking for results by Fall HOD
  - → Second survey, more urgent, regarding the convention.
    - A bunch of update / proposals regarding the convention.
    - Find out who is attending / not attending and why.
    - Participation for the entire weekend?
    - What would encourage Friday participation?
    - Change in schedule? Put chorus competition in the morning?
    - Boxed lunches on Saturday to help / encourage people to get back to the hotel on Saturday?
    - Increase registration for competing quartets to help defray judging expenses, while decreasing price for non-competitors to encourage attendance from family members.
  - → Feedback: Surveys can be misleading ensure there are multiple reviewers before sending it out
  - → Feedback: Maybe assess an ensemble fee for competitors else it penalizes larger choruses

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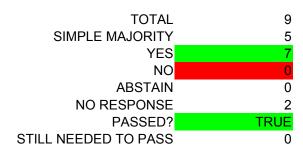
- → Feedback: Put the cool activities Saturday afternoon with the chorus contest in the morning thus chorus singers get a chance to participate instead of further rehearsals.
- → Feedback: The effective cost is dominated by the hotel not the registration. Thus things we do which encourage staying over Friday may have a negative impact on overall attendance.
- → Feedback: Would a district dues increase make more sense as opposed to tweaking the registration?
- Chapter Liaison Assignments Ben Dirks
  - → Dedicated individual from the board for each chapter in the district
  - → Rough draft of assignments, exists, to be sent out later tonight
- ➤ BHS The Big Leap workshop Leif Wildman / Rich Hansen
  - → "Another BHS workshop about leadership". Rich wasn't thrilled. But with Joe Cerutti heading, this turned out to be the best conference sponsored by BHS that Rich has ever attended
  - → Looking outside the box from being about performance ensembles to being community assets.
  - → Every chapter can benefit from this.
  - → This is about research and best practices that can be applied to a chapter.
- District President's Council Ben Dirks / Glenn Mills
  - → BHS at Harmony University is offering 2 free paid registrations for district leaders "district leadership bootcamp" email Ben if interested
    - This follows Denver International, at Denver, at the end of July.
  - → Summary of other various items going on at the Society level, including an attempt at rebranding.
  - → Building at BHS is still for sale, but the sale is no longer required for financial stability. Still want to downsize.
- ➤ Illnois Music Educators Conference Ben Dirks
  - → BHS wants to get back in front of music educators
  - → So they are sending staffers to various music educator conferences
    - But ILL is not on the radar at the moment (they going for larger states)
  - → Should we have a booth at local the IMEA conference?
    - Visibility to school music teachers will help us to get more YIH programs going
    - Anything to nuture more good singers
    - A booth is \$400 not exactly a big expense
    - We used to do this but it fell to the same people every year but it got old. New people need to be involved.
- ➤ Next Board Meeting date Mike Isely
  - → Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 via Zoom

Adjourned: 9:11pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely

Request for IDEA to fund the Springfield Chapter for \$1000 towards their 2024 YIH Festival

Role	<u>Who</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Executive VP	Glenn Mills	Yes	Jan 18, 2025	E-mail	
Secretary	Mike Isely	Yes	Jan 17, 2025	E-mail	
Treasurer	Leif Wildman	Yes	Jan 17, 2025	E-mail	Originator
BMAL	John Q Morris	Yes	Jan 17, 2025	E-mail	
BMAL (membership)	Doug Finkbiner	Yes	Jan 17, 2025	E-mail	
BMAL (events)	Jeff Bowyer	Yes	Jan 17, 2025	E-mail	Second
BMAL (C&J)	Terry Ludwig	Yes	Jan 18, 2025	E-mail	
Immediate Past President	Terry Ludwig				
President	Ben Dirks	(tie-breaker only)			



# **Balance Sheet**

As of January 31, 2025

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1010 Checking Account	27,554.00
1015 US Bank Money Market	52,572.49
1020 Wells Fargo	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$80,126.49
Other Current Assets	\$ -932.00
Total Current Assets	\$79,194.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$79,194.49
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$79,194.49

# Profit and Loss by Class

	FALL CONVENTION	2024-BLOOMINGTON	TOTAL FALL CONVENTION	TOTAL
Income				
5100 Event Income				\$0.00
Hotel Rebates/Comp Room Credits		1,960.00	1,960.00	\$1,960.00
On Line Registrations		14,495.06	14,495.06	\$14,495.06
On Site Registrations		1,450.00	1,450.00	\$1,450.00
Total 5100 Event Income		17,905.06	17,905.06	\$17,905.06
5450 Advertising Revenue		1,085.65	1,085.65	\$1,085.65
Total Income	\$0.00	\$18,990.71	\$18,990.71	\$18,990.71
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00	\$18,990.71	\$18,990.71	\$18,990.71
Expenses				
7500 Contract Services Expenses				\$0.00
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend		500.00	500.00	\$500.00
7540 Judging Expense		5,344.89	5,344.89	\$5,344.89
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses		5,844.89	5,844.89	\$5,844.89
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses				\$0.00
8110 Supplies		94.77	94.77	\$94.77
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins		1,127.30	1,127.30	\$1,127.30
8170 Printing & Copying		1,325.50	1,325.50	\$1,325.50
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses		2,547.57	2,547.57	\$2,547.57
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp				\$0.00
8210 Rent, parking, & other		12,885.85	12,885.85	\$12,885.85
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp		12,885.85	12,885.85	\$12,885.85
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses				\$0.00
8330 Hospitality		197.24	197.24	\$197.24
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses		197.24	197.24	\$197.24
8400 Education Programs				\$0.00
8450 Recordings of Contestants		1,510.32	1,510.32	\$1,510.32
Total 8400 Education Programs		1,510.32	1,510.32	\$1,510.32
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$22,985.87	\$22,985.87	\$22,985.87
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$0.00	\$ -3,995.16	\$ -3,995.16	\$ -3,995.16
NET INCOME	\$0.00	\$ -3,995.16	\$ -3,995.16	\$ -3,995.16

# Profit and Loss

January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
5100 Event Income	
Comp Registrations	310.00
Har. Found/Fest. Chorus/Brigade	547.00
On Line Registrations	21,838.06
On Site Registrations	1,751.34
Total 5100 Event Income	24,446.40
5210 District Dues	18,539.57
5310 Interest Income	1,309.85
5450 Advertising Revenue	115.65
5800 Special Events Revenue	
5820 Gift Revenue	362.93
Total 5800 Special Events Revenue	362.93
Total Income	\$44,774.40
GROSS PROFIT	\$44,774.40
Expenses	
7030 Support	
Quartet Support	2,000.00
Total 7030 Support	2,000.00
7500 Contract Services Expenses	
7510 Chapter Convention Stipend	500.00
7540 Judging Expense	5,344.89
7570 Event Meals	3,719.10
Total 7500 Contract Services Expenses	9,563.99
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8110 Supplies	138.16
8120 Awards, Plaques & Pins	1,127.30
8170 Printing & Copying	1,325.50
8180 Historian	90.94
8190 Publishing	-1,228.81
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	1,453.09
8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	
8210 Rent, parking, & other	13,592.65
8230 Storage Rental Charges	1,164.00
8260 Equipment Rental	200.59
Total 8200 Facility & Equipment Exp	14,957.24
8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	
8310 Travel	5,904.81
8330 Hospitality	1,011.15
Total 8300 Travel & Meetings Expenses	6,915.96

	TOTAL
8400 Education Programs	
8440 IDAH	1,500.00
8450 Recordings of Contestants	1,510.32
8480 YIH Program	3,000.00
Total 8400 Education Programs	6,010.32
8500 Other Expenses	
8540 Bank Charges	35.00
8550 Credit Card Fees	-0.01
8560 Outside Computer Services	4,181.95
Total 8500 Other Expenses	4,216.94
Total Expenses	\$45,117.54
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -343.14
NET INCOME	\$ -343.14

# Profit and Loss

January 2025

	TOTAL
Income	
5210 District Dues	3,533.75
5310 Interest Income	59.08
5450 Advertising Revenue	850.00
Total Income	\$4,442.83
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,442.83
Expenses	
8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	
8180 Historian	152.63
Total 8100 Nonpersonnel expenses	152.63
8500 Other Expenses	
8560 Outside Computer Services	178.95
Total 8500 Other Expenses	178.95
Total Expenses	\$331.58
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$4,111.25
NET INCOME	\$4,111.25

# **Membership Report, Spring 2025**

The current membership of the Illinois District is 552. Three chapters have official memberships under 10:

**Bureau County** currently has nine members. President John Swanson says the chapter is active in the community and has been invited to hold their rehearsal in a new youth center soon to open in Princeton. The goal is to get more community involvement and interaction with young people.

**Macomb** has an official membership of eight and remains active in the community. President Craig Rigg said they have 12 active singers, including four women who are unlikely to join the society.

Peoria has a listed membership of six. Calls to the president have not been returned.

I have had a chance to stay in touch with two chapters as a liaison.

**Carbondale** has a 13 members and has discussed holding a joint performance with another chapter. They held their annual show last September.

The **Waterloo** Chapter has 17 members. They remain quite consistent in their membership and activity. I caught their annual show last Fall and they had a nice turnout.

# Illinois District Chapter Census March 20, 2025

Chapter	Number of Active Members	Status
Champaign Urbana	0	Voluntary Dissolution of Charter
Chicago Metro	14	Active
Chicago No. 1	0	Charter Closed
Chicago Western Suburban	48	Active
Coles County	33	Active
Collinsville	0	Charter Closed
Frank Thorn	15	Active
Danville	30	Active
Decatur	2	Active
Peoria	6	Active
Northbrook	61	Active
DuPage Valley	49	Active
Quincy	0	Charter Closed
Elgin	19	Active
Rock Island	1	Active
Rockford Metro	19	Active
Rockford	17	Active
Arlington Heights	23	Active
Aurora	12	Active
Sandoval	0	Charter Closed
Belleville	26	Active
Bloomington	74	Active
Kankakee	1	Voluntary Dissolution pending
Kishwaukee Valley	1	Active
Bureau County	9	Active
Lake County	26	Active
Springfield	29	Active
Carbondale	13	Active
Macomb	8	Active
Sterling Rock Falls	17	Active
Waterloo	17	Active
Will-Cook	16	Active
Total	552 Active Members	26 Active Charters

# **Spring 2025 IL District Marketing Report**

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

Here are the key items done since the HOD meeting at the September convention:

- Updated the site with convention-related information: award winners & contest winners. A big thank-you to Doug Ferrier, who also captured a lot of excellent backstage convention photos.
- Published fall and winter issues of "From the Vault." A big thank-you to Rich Hansen.
- Updated the site with new data for 2025, downloaded from the BHS members-only database:
  - Chapter officers, chapter/chorus contact information, and chorus rehearsal sites.
  - District officer and operations team information.
  - Active quartets.

Note: if a chapter or quartet notices that their info is incorrect on the website, please do two things:

- 1. Fill out a change form from the website (or just email marketing@illinoisdistrict.org.) AND
- 2. Update the info with BHS member center; otherwise the next BHS data download will override any manual changes made based on their change request to the district.
- Worked with the IDEA trustees and revamped their page on the website.
- Moved the QCA board info and member listing to a password-protected, members-only place. Updated the QCA facts & trivia to reflect the 2024 contest results and moved it to the QCA "about" page.
- Periodically updated the messages on the yellow banner, the news events, and the calendar events to keep things current and make it
  convenient for site visitors to quickly find the latest information.

#### **Social Media**

- 1. Began posting on Instagram, and started building followers there. Continued posting on Facebook for both the IL District page and the page for Harmony College Midwest.
- 2. Highlighted all chapter shows and key public performances I was aware of. I continue to ask chapters to make IL District a co-host of Facebook events so we can promote them.
- 3. Engaged with many posts by chapters and quartets (likes, comments, sharing posts). I worked to highlight all chapter and quartet performances, guest nights, social events that I was aware of.

## **Leadership Development & Planning**

- Participated in the online Leadership Development training, attending all sessions and leading a class on marketing & music with Mitch Greenberg, New Tradition's director, and John Q. Morris.
- Traveled with Ben Dirks to the District President's meeting in San Antonio, participated in those sessions, and worked with Ben on reviewing our 4-year plan as well as some potential improvements for the fall 2025 district convention.
- Glenn Mills, EVP + District Marketing

To: Benjamin Dirks, President Illinois District Illinois District Board of Directors Illinois District House of Delegates

This report is going to be fairly short as I am still in the process of learning/figuring out my new position as C&J for the District. I am excited to serve in this new capacity and look forward to making the contest an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all competitors.

My goal is to open the registration process for choruses and quartets on or about August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a little earlier than normal and should give all ensembles plenty of time to get registered.

For choruses, I am looking at going back to something we used to do in the "old days." I would like to offer a choice of riser configuration. This will allow our smaller choruses the chance to get farther downstage and not look so small. We are working with the BCPA as I write this to see if that is going to be possible.

That is all for now. I look forward to seeing many groups cross the stage at our fall convention!!

Terry Ludwig C&J

# **Events Report**

March 2, 2025

## **Jeff Bowyer VP-Events**

### **Future dates and locations**

## **Harmony College Midwest 2025**

March 21-23, 2025

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

signed.

### Fall 2025 Illinois District Convention

Sept. 26 - 27 2025

Headquarters Hotel: DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Contract signed. Room block of 120

rooms per night.

**Contest locations:** 

Friday: BCPA: will be the location for the Quartet semi-finals Friday evening.

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

### **Harmony College Midwest 2026**

Date and location not set.

### Fall 2026 Illinois District Convention

Sept. 25-26, 2026

**Headquarters Hotel:** DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington: Contract signed. Room block of 120

rooms per night.

#### **Contest locations:**

**Friday:** BCPA: will be the location for the Quartet semi-finals Friday evening.

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

### **Future Convention Dates:**

**2027:** 9/24 - 9/26

**2028:** 9/22 - 9/24

# **CSLT 2025 Report**

The 2025 leadership summit was held virtually on Saturday Feb 1 and Sunday Feb 2. The Saturday event started at 10 AM and concluding at 4 PM. The Sunday event started at 1 PM and concluded at 4 PM on. My job was to create communication notices for the event and then facilitate the online workshops via zoom. We sent three communication notices through the Illinois District mail service thanks to Mark Leverett. Each day we kicked off the workshops with a message from Kevin Keller to the Illinois District that was recorded at the 2025 Midwinter Convention in San Antiono thanks to Glenn Mills and Ben Dirks.

The subject matter experts for the president's workshop, the first of three held on Saturday were Ben Dirks and Glen Mills. The subject matter expert for secretary, workshop was Mike Isely. After an overview of the secretary's responsibility, Mike conducted a breakout session where he reviewed the BHS member center webpage. The third workshop on Saturday was for the treasurers and was conducted in collaboration with Leif Wildman as the subject matter expert. Each workshop was designed to present information and allow chapter officers to ask questions throughout the presentations. At the end of each presentation, contact information was provided for each of the district officers who participated in the workshops. On Saturday we had 15 participants and 4 subject matter experts. A total of 11 chapters were represented.

On day two Sunday, February 2 the topics included marketing membership and music. Ben Dirks, Glenn Mills and Mike Isely were district officers who help present and answered questions from the participants Special guest. Mitch Greenberg, the director of the New Tradition chorus covered the music portion Sunday's workshop. His material was very well received The Sunday workshop had a total of 22 participants and 4 subject matter experts from 12 different chapters.

Feedback from the post workshop survey all participants marked likely or very likely for recommending the workshop to others. Two areas of improvement for future workshops suggested by participants were more focus on retention and gaining of new members and cross chapter collaboration. Overall, the 2025 summit, which was the second one I have facilitated showed a much-improved participation rate compared to 2024. I want to thank everyone who participated and was part of the subject matter expert team, I have recordings of the workshops and the slide decks used for the presentations available in a pdf format on the g drive link below.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10YRmbALROZyhO3j SIZ VmaCUzHZP64r?usp=sharing

### <u>DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT - SPRING 2025</u>

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They
  include the following:
  - o SPEBSQSA Clock Wood Piece by Mark Byzstknski (George Zima Collection)
  - o Info/Photos of "The Uncalled Four" Quartet by Kathy Young
  - O Aurora Chapter Historical Materials by Jim Fourmont
  - Misc. Pieces/Awards/Records/Plaques/Medals & Trophies by Terry Foley (Jim Foley Collection)
  - O Don Barnick's Grandma's Boys Sweater & Toy Soldier Hat/Gloves by Anonymous (Dan Jordan Collection)
  - o Misc. Photos/Items from Earl Meseth (Dick Johnson Collection)
  - O Music Educator Guide Songbook by Mike Lockett
  - o Misc. Barbershop LPs by Bev Friese
  - o Misc. SPEBSQSA Finalist Pins & Old Logo Block Press by Anonymous
  - O Barbershop Ballad Songbook/George Coulsen Membership Certificate by the Alan Kershner family (Richard Hise Collection)
- With the passing of Joe Sullivan, and taking into consideration the ages of current historical committee members, I have appointed two new members to the district historical committee effective January 1, 2025 - Mr. Dale Jarvis and Mr. Tom Kentish. Both men bring a wealth of barbershop knowledge and experience and will be helpful in preserving our district history.
- In the fall, I received an email from Mr. Jim Gammon in Florida requesting a copy of the Mid-States 4 History & Songbook. I sent him a copy of what we have in our archives and in appreciation, he sent IDEA a donation.
- I purchased an 8 x 10 PR photo of "The Four Statesmen" off of ebay that fills a missing gap in our archival collection of champ photos. Also purchased were a mannequin torso that can be used for displays at the district fall convention and an additional 5 shelf utility shelving unit. Our collection keeps growing and space is needed for more artifacts. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.
- I posted the fall and winter issues of "From the Vault" in November and January respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Hansen

Illinois District Historian (2019-present) & Past District President (2015-2016)

Here is my board report for the status of HCM:

#### For HCM 2025:

- Clinicians are all confirmed and lodging is booked, rooms assigned.
- Hotel banquet event contract has been approved and signed.
- Quartet grid and schedule for the day have been created and distributed to the patrons, as well as the music and tracks for the HCM chorus.
- All quartet slots (11/11) have been filled for the event. One quartet applied for the QCA scholarship and was approved.
- Only two (out of 10) IDEA scholarships have been claimed so far. Will be doing additional scholarship plugs at reasonable intervals as we get closer to the event.
- Attendance for the individuals is only at 26 so far, but Tim and Dan reported that the numbers are always low until a couple weeks before the event and they pick up significantly.
- Planning joint afterglow rooms for clinicians hospitality suite and presidents hospitality suite(were able to secure rooms next to each other).

#### Considerations for 2026:

- Will book featured quartet immediately after we secure 2026 dates. Considering Three and a Half Men, Gimmie Four, First Take, Quorum, and others.
- We will pursue securing the head clinician at the same as the quartet. The difficulties in securing the head clinician were why things were so backed up this year for advertising. Goal will be to have secured by no later than the beginning of August so we have time to get promotional material made and sent at the Fall Convention.
- May consider increasing the number of quartet coaches by 1 or 2 to add additional quartet slots.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks! Mark