



Illinois District Association of Chapters Board Meeting November 16th, 2025

Location: Via Zoom

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov 16, 2025, 8:30pm

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 | | + |
| Jeff Bowyer | BMAL | Events | P | + |
| Terry Ludwig | BMAL | C & J | P | + |
| John Q. Morris | BMAL | CSLT | P | + |
| (Terry Ludwig) | Imm Past President | YIH | | |
| Mark Servos | | Music & Perf | | |
| Nathan Gross | | | P | |
| Rich Hansen | | Historian | | |
| Evan Patrick | | YIH | | |
| Doug Ferrier | | Awards | P | |
| Kevin O'Keefe | | CDD | | |

Totals: 9 of 15 7 of 8



Called to order: 8:36 PM

OLD BUSINESS

- Fall 2025 Convention wrap-up
 - General comments
 - ◆ Great Convention!
 - ◆ Jeff Bowyer
 - Things went very smoothly
 - ◆ Terry Ludwig
 - Generally overall positive feedback
 - ◆ John Q
 - The ability to preview the stage before the contest was a big plus, especially for novice competitors.
 - ◆ Doug Ferrier
 - Slight miss in timing for recognition of awards for high school competitors
 - Finance
 - ◆ Net loss of about \$7500 for 2025
 - ◆ Compare to net loss of \$4800 for 2024
 - ◆ This is primarily due to \$17K (for 2025) vs \$13K (for 2024) for facility usage
 - ◆ Keep in mind that this is a district function and does not stand alone as its own profit making enterprise

NEW BUSINESS

- Process improvements for 2026 convention
 - 47 in-person registrations out of 381 total (many were competitors)
 - Suggestion to have quartets and choruses register each as single units
 - ◆ Reasoning: To avoid last minute scrambles from competitors who fail to register for the convention.
 - ◆ This includes a 2 week prior cut-off, matching contest registration cut-off.
 - ◆ Requires checks / safeguards to avoid double-registrations for individuals.
 - ◆ District could then mail registration materials to each chorus / quartet ahead of time.
 - ◆ Going to have to account for fluctuation in chorus participation at the last minute – directors communicate to each other chorus-to-chorus.
 - ◆ What about competing in multiple choruses or quartets? Or any combination thereof? Will need separate tracking and it's left to coordination among the particular competing organizations.
 - ◆ Note: No “separate button” or badge to label competitors vs non-competitors.
 - ◆ This introduces a lot of complexity – solves one problem and introduces many others. Is that really a net improvement?
 - ◆ Alternate solution for quartets: Terry verifies that quartet competitors who submit their CJ-20s are each verified *at that time* they are registered for the convention. This effectively solves the situation for quartets, not for choruses.
 - ◆ For choruses: Enforce a deadline for chorus competitors as well, perhaps a few days.



→ **MOTION:**

◆ **Subject:**

- **Quartet competitors must be registered at the point of their contest registration. Enforced by the C&J VP. Contest registration disallowed otherwise**
- **All-events registration cease 7 days before the convention**
- **Single-event passes available for those who show up on-site. Thus all competitors must be pre-registered.**

◆ **Motion made by: Mike Isely, Seconded: Terry Ludwig**

◆ **PASSED**

➤ Bagley Rule:

→ Current Bagley rule:

- ◆ Applies only to the District Championship contest, not everyone – if 14 or less quartets competing, all must advance.

→ But... Also, any qualifying contest competitor which so far has a 77 or above, advances

→ Issue:

- ◆ Saturday night contest evals run too long if there are too many quartets
- ◆ We had 17 quartets advance, which resulted in a lengthy eval time running far too late into the night Saturday. The evals are actually as a rule limited to not extend beyond 2 hours for a contest session.
- ◆ This worked better when the international qualifier contest was in the Spring, physically separate from the quartet championship contest.

→ Solution?

- ◆ Get rid of the Bagley Rule.
- ◆ This must be put before the HOD, since it was previously passed by the HOD and added to the by-laws
- ◆ Terry to write up a full description of the rule, the issue and its effects, and the proposed solution. Include the repercussions if this solution is not implemented.

Adjourned: 10:36pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Isely