



CPC Meeting 11 January, 2026 @ 8 PM

Attendees:

Mike Isely – Northbrook – President
Bill Rathmann – Sounds of Harmony, Belleville – President
Leif Wildman – Coles County – President
Rick Schultz – 2nd City Rockford
Melanie Concklin – Arlingtones

General Discussion:

- **Mike Isely** – Northbrook had 2 Christmas shows in December.
 - Educated us on what VLQ (Very Large Quartet) stands for
- **Rick Schultz** – 2nd City Rockford held a Christmas show (free will offering)
- **Bill Rathmann** – Sounds of Harmony held a Christmas show by selling sponsorships
- **Melanie Concklin** – Arlingtones held a successful Christmas concert.

This month we discussed

Mike Isely updated Google group President list.

Mixed Choruses: mindsets within established, (entrenched) members.

Education is the key to developing acceptance to a mixed chorus conversion.

Youth In Harmony opportunities. Starting local Barbershop programs or clubs. **Evan Patrick** is a great resource. The **inter-chapter event** maybe in February. VFW Hall in Naperville suggested as a possible venue.

District Convention venue rotation possibilities being looked into by John Q. Morris (Pres. Chicago Metro)

Leif Wildman has a group working on a Convention “checklist” to assist with Convention requirements needed to host the event.

IMEA Convention in Peoria 28 – 31 January, 2025. Possibility of setting up a booth to promote Barbershop programs. Postponed, looking to implement in 2027

Hosting Intra Chapter Shows

Upcoming Events:

- **HOD Meeting** – 20 March, 2026
- **Harmony College Midwest** – 21 March, 2026
 - Hotel Registration at the Doubletree Hilton is open now.
 - https://links.h6.hilton.com/f/a/iDdyLSD4IJOWdgzD9Z93Sg~/AAQRxRA~/y-rNKinOfyJD5El9qGXfFoianom_cMPY4MIcnySgDbCON7yzuPdovBQglqCbUSEqQ8ADF_P2-SiGT7adcan6EHpBgGTgIrXEJmN8GY5w8l-NqZH9bArflRX2sSBXugjXAc13uohT_vlFhqds9hyZ54nxPOSb8K9YG1lKNmxb_IHiMT36wsRMsa_Igs-uC8Yt
- **Arlingtones** – Spring Show in April or May, 2026
- **DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS THIS FALL**
 - (two-year term)
- **Crash a neighboring group rehearsal**
- **NEXT MEETING: 8 MARCH, 2026 @8 PM**