

# Tentative Minutes

## IL ACDA Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2011  
ISU, Normal, IL

**Members present:** Beth Best, Brett Goad, Andy Jeffrey, Jason Hawkins, Karyl Carlson, Steve Szalaj, Clayton Parr, Stacy Cunningham, Jill Rinkel, Jeff Hunt, Sarah Smith, Rick Murphy, Mary Lynn Doherty, Erin Stegall, Michael Zemek, Bob Boyd, Brett Kirhofer, and Leslie Manfredo

**Members absent:** Joy Schertz, Ron Korbitz, Tom Stauch, Sarah Graham, Jen Burkemper, Brad Holmes, Mark Myers, Debbie Aurelius-Muir, Susan Davenport, Paul Rausch, Jon Hurty, Brian Albertson, Bryan Kunstman, Jacob Elam, Diane Marelli, Lee Kesselman, Jeremy Little

Beth Best called the meeting to order at 10:35. Introductions were made by each member present, and we welcomed Clayton Parr to the board. Members present checked their information for Jason, who will update the website.

The board concluded (motion: Jason, seconded: Andy) the following rotation for the IL ACDA Composition Contest as follows:

- 2012=Treble voices
- 2013=SAB voices
- 2014=Male voices
- 2015=SATB voices

It is hoped Lee Kesselman will update the due dates for this year's contest, and send the information to Beth, Jason, Sarah, and Andy for additional impact.

Leslie Manfredo is our new treasurer. She had a meeting with Tim Fredstrom, and reported the following:

- Kidder Music bill is still outstanding from the ReTreat
- 87 people registered for the 2011 ReTreat
- We are federally tax exempt, but there is confusion about Illinois exemption.
  - Leslie will contact Darcy Nendza of IMEA for advice

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. (motion: Rick, seconded: Stacy)

Comments of the 2011 ReTreat were reviewed and discussed. During the discussion points made:

- Brett: we still need to the district representatives to be more involved in urging attendance in their own areas

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- Bob questioned if we can find out the breakdown of attendees at elementary, junior high, high school, college, church/worship, and community to give us an idea of how to proceed with interest sessions, reading sessions, and headliners
- Rick: what about festivals not at the same time?
- Rick: what about a free membership raffle?
- Bob: if we sent a free membership per each district?
- The meals were wonderful in the Bone Center
- Good flow of session to session
- Hold the banquet at the Bone Center—hotel too costly
- Communication to each clinician is essential so they can meet the expectations of our membership at this point
- How do we enhance the reputation of the state organization?
- The 2012 ReTreat will be before the Fourth of July holiday.
- Did we have conflicts with July 4/family/travel?
- How has the economy impacted our attendance?
- Registration materials in a timely fashion?

The 2012 IL ACDA Board Meeting will be June 26 at 4 p.m. Beth will send via email the information, and it will be posted by Jason on the website.

It was discussed we need to start thinking years ahead for headliners, as the people we “want” are booked summers ahead. Names mentioned for future: Henry Leck, Josh Haberman, Sherri Porterfield, Sandra Snow, Jing Ling Tam, Christopher Bell, and Jeff Johnson

We need to have a middle school reading session in 2012. Jill will be in charge.

Andy suggested a hands-on session by a clinician to demonstrate process, not the concerted result. Deb Aurelius-Muir previously had said she might be able to supply singers?

- Do we need three headliners? Costs? (Mandated by ACDA)
- What about our own membership? Tap our people?
- Could interest sessions be in place of the third headliner? Does the banquet have to be on Friday? (The board was very disappointed in the Friday turn out.)
- Could the Decker Award be presented at Thursday’s performance?
- Could there be a talk-back with the Decker Award winner?
- How do younger members know the Decker Award winner?

Karyl has confirmed the 2013 ReTreat will be June 26-28 at ISU. We need to lock in the dates due to other organizations wanting to use the same facilities.

Jeff suggested a music and theology session/headliner as a consideration for the Worship area.

Rick reported on the IMEA conference in 2012.

- IL ACDA reception: Thursday, January 26—8:30 p.m. Four Seasons (old City Centre)
- Full board meeting: Friday, January 27—8:00 a.m., Riverside Church Green Room
- IL ACDA Reading Session: Friday, January 27—3:30 p.m. Riverside Church

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Brett informed us of plans for **the 2012 IL ACDA Fall Convention, October 19, 20, 2012**

- North Central, Naperville
- We have not had a fall convention since 2008
  - We will need to make sure the membership has this on their radar
  - Bob will be in charge of performing group auditions
  - Sarah and Brett will work out email info
- Headliners are:
  - Paul Rardin will conduct an adult choir (chaired by Jeff and Steve)
  - Randy Swiggum will conduct a boys group, grades 8-10 on Saturday
- Mona Wis, choral groups of North Central
- Brett will be looking for help regarding hotels.
- Jackie Schutt will be the liaison with North Central.
- Brett will have a meeting with a planning committee after this meeting.

Jason discussed the website.

- We have no minutes for board meetings posted. Beth will look into this.
- Could we have registration on the website?
- Jason is willing to add things to the site. Contact him!

Andy led discussion of the PODIUM.

- **There is a December 15, 2011 Deadline for the Winter issue.**
  - The following people are responsible for submissions:
    - Jill, Sarah Graham, Mark Myers, Ron Korbitz, Michael, Paul Rausch and Jacob Elam.
- **The Spring PODIUM deadline is March 15, 2012.**
- PLEASE get submissions to Andy in a timely fashion.
- There is constant non-response to his emails for articles.
- Andy will seek out ISSUU links for the PODIUM
- Andy has questions for those wishing to interview a member.
- We would like to see articles from a practitioner side of the perspective.
- Would there be Student Chapter input?

The board needs another student member representative.

September 30-October 1 will be the Student Chapter Conference at ISU. Karyl Carlson and her students are hosting.

Please solicit letters of nomination for the Decker Award. The due date is **January 1, 2012**. Nominations should be sent to Brett. This info is also on the website and in the PODIUM. Sarah will also put out an email to the members as a reminder. Brett has one letter of recommendation on file at the moment.

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**New Business:**

- **The 2014 Central Division Convention will be February 26-March 1 in Cincinnati, Ohio.**
  - Brett is putting together ideas now.
  - Possible College Rep Choir, an intergenerational men's group, a gospel choir?
  - Headliner suggestions?
- Karyl reminded us that registration for the choral ensembles is light for this coming Central Division in Ft. Wayne.
- We need someone to organize the accompanists for the 2012 ReTreat. (Phil is moving to the Central Division board.)
- The extra reading packets from our ReTreats have been sent to Illinois college methods teachers, and have been truly appreciated.
- Karyl has still not received titles from interest chairs for the IMEA Reading session.
- Mary Lynn suggested the teaching plan submitted by Jeremy Little be available on the website.
- Beth presented a proposal to have an executive board to initiate discussion/proposals for the full board. The executive board would meet in September and March, with the full board meeting in January and July. The members of the executive board would include: Past President, President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Web Manager, PODIUM Editor, one R&S chair, and one district representative.
- Motioned carried.
- We need to find someone to replace Steve to seek the Illinois Arts Council grants. Due to Steve's perseverance, we have received another \$950 grant for this year.
- Sarah presented the board with the following:
  - 807 current members
  - 227 student members
  - 27 new members since May
  - 168 expired members

There being no additional business at this time, it was moved by Michael and seconded by Jason to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd, Historian  
(Acting for Joy Schertz)