

Summer Board Meeting
Illinois ACDA
Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Members present: John Jost, Liz Kurowski, Beth Best, Janet McCumber, Jeremy Landig, Brett Goad, Ron Kiesewetter, Guy Forbes, Emily Ellsworth, Joy Schertz, Leslie Manfredo, Jim McCullough, Laura Lane, Todd Cheek, Jeff Wilson, Eric Johnson, Dan Wagner, Bob Boyd.

John Jost convened the meeting in Presser Hall of Illinois Wesleyan University at 4:15, as Eric was in transit to the meeting.

Barb Zachow was thanked in absentia (she is coming later) for all of her work in organizing the music packets for the ReTreat sessions. *Incredible!*

Phil Spencer has taken care of all of the accompanists for the sessions. Thanks to him for his continued service in this matter. *(He is on a choir tour.)*

Roshanda Ross of IWU is our hostess, and was thanked for her help in hosting us on the campus this summer.

John explained the basic timetable of the 2007 ReTreat, and programs were passed out to the members present. Board members suggested acknowledging student attendees, first time ReTreaters, encourage browsing at the exhibits, accompanists, retirees, and first year teachers during the course of the ReTreat. Joy Schertz put together a map of Illinois with stickpins so ReTreaters might identify where they are from.

The food service options on campus were explained. Our *"windows"* were delineated. There should be ample time to get in without the cheerleaders camp this summer.

Ron Kiesewetter volunteered to make signs to direct people to Shaw Hall (*a new venue for us*), the Chapel and Presser.

Todd reported we have 117 attendees that he is aware of. 95 were pre-registered and 20 registered after June 1.

Discussion followed that we should make sure the one-day fee is noted on the brochure for the 2008 ReTreat, and also on the website.

We need to have a state listing of our membership that will work for us.

Joy reminded us that the IL-ACDA reception, the IL- ACDA reading session and the IL- ACDA board meeting must be "finalized" with IMEA executive director Randy Kummer as soon as we decide. John will follow up with Mr. Kummer as to the times and dates.

Maybe the music that a ReTreater will not use (for whatever reason) could be left on the registration desk after a session. Some possibilities/ramifications were discussed for the future.

Guy Forbes needs to find out what student ACDA chapters there are in the state of Illinois. Does the National have that information? How can we help him find out?

Our IL-ACDA should sponsor a "prospective choral directors" session at IMEA in 2009. (It is too late to do so in 2008).

Eric Johnson asked the board to think about what will be needed for the Fall Convention of 2008.

- ❖ Dates might be October 18 or October 25?
- ❖ Headliners to be invited, depending on the focus
- ❖ Focus of the convention? (Ron's convention featured Music in Worship)
- ❖ Location? (NIU might be wise, as Eric has a few connections there.)
- ❖ Which honors choruses? (We had a worship honors chorus last year, and a middle/jr high and high school the previous fall convention.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 for a dinner break, to be followed by the organization of the music packets.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd
Secretary