

**Illinois ACDA**  
***Summer Open Membership Meeting***  
**2008 ReTreat**  
***Friday, July 11***

John Jost convened the meeting in Presser 161 of Illinois Wesleyan University at 1:55 pm to discuss the offerings and impressions of our 2008 Summer ReTreat.

The following points to be considered for future ReTreats were expressed in this open session:

- Would we be better served by having only four choices of music packets rather than five? (*Director's Chorus and Chestnuts would be still additional.*)
- Could we please not schedule high school sessions at the same time as worship?
- Have a session on teaching the use of solfeggio.
- A session for Master Teacher certification.
- Have a session on setting up a resume/vitae.
- Have a session on gaming for music (Chris Cayardi)
- Have a session: what do I do on the first day of class? What do I do the first week of classes?
- A session of how to work successfully with student teachers.
- A session on community choruses including repertoire, organization, fund raising, board of directors, etc.
- A session on the "art of leading people".
- A session on how to start a voice studio, including repertoire.
- Vocal health for the director?
- Vocal health and pedagogy for the chorus.
- With the success of the Director's feedback, what about having some selected conductor's personal professional stories.

***Further considerations, comments:***

- The vocal jazz sessions were excellent this year. Thanks to Jeremy Landig and Jim McCullough!
- Might we consider one less session of the director's chorus? There was a lot of singing on Wednesday this summer.
- Maybe cut back the number of repertoire selections in the director's chorus?
- Truly liked the inclusion of a male voiced and female voiced selection in director's chorus this year.
- Maybe we should have the Chestnuts on Thursday evening?
- We NEED to sing – most don't get an opportunity to sing much anymore.
- The facilities at times were cold. (Reminder to bring layers to sessions.)
- The exhibits were too far from our sessions.
- The chapel piano needed tuning prior to the concerts!
- Might we consider ISU for the ReTreat?
- For new attendees, let's have some delineation on their nametag so we can greet them.
- Hospitality chair? Joy Schertz volunteered.
- Map of Illinois and stickpins to show where attendees are from featured prominently.
- Should we include on nametags the school/position you represent?
- We reserved 20 double rooms and 15 King rooms this year. Do we need more? How timely can members be with this?

***PODIUM:***

- We need more advertising. ReTreaters can assist. (Contact Chris Cayari)
- The cost of printing/ mailing is increasing dramatically.
- Will members know issues can be viewed on the website?
- How many attendees saw the most recent issue of the PODIUM on the website?
- Postcard mailed to make sure IL-ACDA members view materials and Fall Convention matters on the website. District Reps contact their membership to let them know.

John Jost explained the proposal of the renamed district boundaries for our organization.

We are ALL reminded of deadlines. Please note them and observe stated deadlines!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd  
Secretary of IL ACDA