

2009 Winter IL-ACDA Board Meeting

Friday, January 29, 2009

8:00 a.m.

Peoria Room of the Pere Marquette

Members present: Brett Goad, Eric Johnson, Scott Ferguson, Sarah Smith, Beth Best, Janet McCumber, Bryan Kunstman, Jeremy Landig, Karyl Carlson, Phil Spencer, Mark Byers, John Burlace, Paul Laprade, Elizabeth Zobel, Mary Lynn Doherty, Rick Murphy, Jason Hawkins, Diane Marelli, Paul Rausch, Jeff Wilson, Jacob Elam, Christopher Cayari, Mary Hopper (guest) and Bob Boyd

Brett Goad, President-elect of the IL ACDA called the meeting to order for John Jost, who is on a sabbatical leave. Introductions of board members present were made around the table, as there are a number of new faces on the board.

The minutes presented by Secretary Bob Boyd of the July 8 Summer Meeting, the July 11 Open Membership Meeting, and the July 11 Wrap-up meeting were approved (motioned by Beth Best, seconded by Jeff Wilson).

Brett presented the treasurer's report in the absence of Tim Fredstrom, who was busy being the All-State Choir director. At the current time, IL-ACDA is in the black, but there are some outstanding bills to be paid.

The vote by our membership approved the proposed Bylaws. Thanks to John for his guidance of this document.

Redistricting the state was approved. Tim Fredstrom and John Jost will complete these by this summer, so the website can reflect the changes. They will let Jason Hawkins know, so he can update the website.

Eric reviewed the 2008 Fall Convention. The convention broke even, and the board was pleased with the number of attendees. Mention was made about having the next convention at North Central University, which opened a new concert hall this fall. Suggestions for interest sessions should be directed to John Jost and Brett. A date needs to be set for application. This information should go on the website and in the PODIUM.

Last evening's IL ACDA reception was a great success. There was a lot more traffic this year, and it was felt there were many new faces. Kudos to the planners!

Brett will serve as the host of the IL ACDA Reading Session this afternoon. Bob Boyd has coordinated the music with conductors and Phil Spencer will accompany the session. Dave Higus of Kidder Music is leaving the area, and the IL ACDA is tremendously grateful for all of our dealings with this gentleman. Dave's personal service to choral music in Illinois will be greatly missed.

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Brett shared his vision for the 2009 Summer ReTreat with the board. The registration deadline is May 1 to guarantee music packets, etc.

- The headliners are Rick Bjella, Patrick Liebergen, and Eugene Rogers.
- The Hampton Inn will give us a convention rate. Info will be on the website and in the brochure
- The location of the ReTreat this year will be at Illinois State University. Karyl Carlson and Tim Fredstrom have been a great help to Brett in planning activity sites that will make the ReTreat more user friendly:
- The Decker Banquet will be held at the Welcome Center.
- We will have a central location for the exhibits
- We will have a central location for the sessions
- 120 attendees is the “break-even” goal.
- Karyl Carlson and Sarah Graham will be in charge of the reading session music—please send them your music titles as soon as possible.
- Phil Spencer will be in charge of accompanists for sessions—please forward any names to Phil.
- Jason Hawkins (working with Brett) will update the website with as much information as possible.
- The board must encourage members to seek out the information on the website.
- The vendors we have used in the past are: Kidder, Shattinger, Musical Resources, Pepper

There are some errors in the printed brochure to be distributed at our reading session this afternoon. Brett will work with Tim, Scott and Jason to get the word out.

Brett is working on invitations to clinicians for the 2010 Summer ReTreat. Suggestions should be forwarded to Brett.

If anyone is interested in leading an Interest Session at either 2009 or the 2010 ReTreat, you should email Brett at your earliest convenience.

Leslie Manfredo will be in charge of the “Chestnuts” session. Email her with suggestions by March 15, 2009.

Scott Ferguson discussed ideas for the PODIUM. He would like to see a concert calendar. We all need to help with ads to help defray the cost of the PODIUM. Scott reminded board members present when their articles are due. Chris Cayari discussed ad rates, etc. Scott would like to step down as editor, so we need some suggestions for someone with that capability. (Send names to John Jost/Brett Goad.)

Mary Hopper, president-elect of the Central Division ACDA and former IL ACDA president gave us an exciting overview of the 2010 Central Division Convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio February 24-27 of 2010. Applications for sessions are on the ACDA national website, as are performing choir applications. The board should encourage Illinois groups to submit. Headliners are Edie Copley, Randy Swiggum and Margaret Jenks, and Lynne Gackle. Middle

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School boys, middle school girls and high school singers will be the honors choirs at the convention.

Paul Laprade discussed the Composition Contest, and had brochures/mailings to hand out to interested composers.

Jason Hawkins has done a fine job with the website, and would like more input as to what should be included on the site. Can we use the site for voting? Can we pay for registrations on the site? Jason is very willing to add to the site. Contact him!

The 2009 Decker Award was voted upon. Eric will have the plaque ready for the ReTreat and make the appropriate contact with the winner.

Beth Best won the President Elect vote. Congratulations, Beth.

There are still some vacancies on the board, and there will be people stepping down with the coming ReTreat. If board members know people who might be interested, they should contact John Jost or Brett Goad as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd
Secretary
IL ACDA