

**Illinois Chapter, ACDA**  
*Saturday, September 20, 2008*

**Fall Board Meeting**

**Members present:** Tim Fredstrom, John Jost, Brett Goad, Eric Johnson, Beth Best, Janet McCumber, Bryan Kunstman, Jeremy Landig, Dan Wagner, Paul Laprade, Jacque Negus, Pete Martinez, Jason Hawkins, Leslie Manfredo, David Baar, Paul Rausch, Carolyn Kellert, Christopher Cayari, Bob Boyd

The Fall Board meeting came to order at 10:05 in the Music Building of NIU in DeKalb. Paul Rausch and Jason Hawkins were welcomed to the board. Paul is the new North Suburban representative and Jason is the new Webmaster. [www.il-acda.org](http://www.il-acda.org)

The minutes of the three official meetings during the 2008 Summer ReTreat had been emailed by secretary Bob Boyd prior to this meeting. Minutes were accepted, and are posted on the website.

Tim Fredstrom presented the Treasurer's report to the board. There are still some outstanding charges Tim is waiting to process.

Eric discussed the progress of the Fall Convention to be held at NIU, October 17-18, 2008. Tim reports there are thirty-nine pre-registrations so far. The board is urged to remind choral directors they still may attend the convention, although the pre-registration date has past. The Lakeside Singers will need help at about 2:45 on Friday to move in equipment to the performance hall. Their concert on Friday evening will be open to the public, free of charge (because NIU is co-sponsoring the event). Beth Best is in the midst of recruitment for the Treble Honor Choir (grades 8-10), and the College Honors Choir is filling up.

There is a \$60 fee for one-day registration. This should be a consideration in the future on the brochures.

Reading session packets are to be collated prior to the convention for participants. Bev Baar, Caryl Carlson and Jeremy Landig are going to accompany sessions as Phil Spencer is playing for the Treble Choir. The music needs to be sent to the accompanists prior to their session for their preparation. Eric will take care of that.

John reminded the board of our responsibilities at IMEA in January, February of 2009. *(As John will be on a sabbatical, President-elect Brett Goad will head these events.)*

The IL ACDA Reception will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre, Meeting Room 3 on Thursday, January 29 from 8:45 until 10:30 p.m. This room is larger than the previous year's room. Please let ALL choral directors know of the reception. It is not just for ACDA membership.

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The Winter Board Meeting is going to be in the Bradley Room of the Pere Marquette on Friday, January 30 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:15.

The IL ACDA Sponsored Choral Reading Session will be held in the Riverside Church on Friday, February 1 from 3:30-4:50 p.m. Bob Boyd has agreed to be in charge of ordering the titles for the session. Music titles **must** be submitted to Bob from the interest chair people by October 31, 2008. Bob will send out a reminder to the representatives.

Is there an IL ACDA banner? *Does a past officer know?* John Jost will seek out an answer so the banner might be displayed not only at our conventions but also at IMEA.

Brett Goad shared plans for the 2009 Summer ReTreat with the board. The ReTreat will be held July 8-10, 2009. *(The board meets on July 7 for the Summer Board meeting as well as compiling packets for the next morning.)*

Brett is processing considerations for performing groups. Other items under consideration are moving the venue from IWU to ISU. What costs would there be? Housing and meals would be similar—on our own. We might consider a picnic as in a few years past. Headliners were suggested for the 2010 Summer ReTreat, which will probably be held July 7-9, 2010. Reading sessions and interest sessions are being developed. We must make sure members know of the May 15 registration deadline. We cannot guarantee music for sessions after May 15, as some people found out this past summer.

In Scott's absence, Chris Cayari explained the situation with the **PODIUM**. As a board we must encourage advertisements, and we must also be responsible for articles to be submitted in a timely fashion, according to the minutes from last year when Scott took over the duties. It was felt that one printed version must go to the membership, and the other two versions could be posted on the website. This will certainly save print/mail costs.

November 15 is the next deadline for **PODIUM** articles. Board members were reminded of who should be submitting an article for the winter.

Jason Hawkins has taken the position of Webmaster for IL ACDA. Jason is eager to make the web-site user friendly. If board members or any member of IL ACDA has suggestions, they should contact Jason. He would like to update the links section. Testimonials of members would be very interesting to include. Could we vote for the Bylaws online? It is important for all of us to keep Jason updated of changes to the site.

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The Decker Award nominations should be sent to Eric. Membership is reminded one must have a letter of recommendation with TWO support letters. There is a deadline of December for next year's nominations so the board might vote on acceptance at the Winter Board meeting.

Anyone interested in the President Elect position must inform Brett Goad. If IL ACDA members have nominations for this important leadership position, please contact Brett as well. Again, a December deadline is needed for a vote at the IMEA meeting in January.

Paul Laprade reported on the IL ACDA Composition Contest. Ideas were discussed about future voicing, needs, etc. This year's composition should be SATB with possible divisi, either a cappella or with accompaniment. Paul will have information posted on the website.

The district remapping was discussed at length to coincide with the IMEA boundaries. There seems to be confusion as to some of the districts boundaries, but Paul Rausch is going to work with Brett to define District 7 and 9. Brett moved, seconded by Eric that we follow the IMEA boundaries. Motion passed.

John presented the proposed IL ACDA Bylaws. Much discussion followed. The changes made in the document will be posted on the website. Eric moved, seconded by Jacque that the proposed and amended bylaws be accepted. Motion passed.

Any current board member who does not want to continue should contact John Jost. John will communicate board replacements at his earliest convenience. Barb Zachow must step down from the board, and will be replaced by Phil Spencer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd  
*Secretary*  
*IL ACDA*