

President Brett Goad called the meeting to order at 4:10P.M.

Members present: Brett Goad, Leslie Manfredo, Michael Zemek, Joy Schertz, Janet McCumber, Diane Marelli, Susan Davenport, Jason Hawkins, Karyl Carlson, Brad Holmes, Tim Fredstrom, Bob Boyd, Deb Aurelius-Muir, Elizabeth Zobel, Beth Best, Mary Lynn Doherty, Bryan Kunstman, Jeff Wilson, John Jost, Dan Wagner

Brett asked members present to introduce themselves and their Board position. Congratulations were conveyed to President-Elect Beth Best. Acknowledgements of past service were made to John Jost and Eric Johnson.

The minutes of the 2009 Winter IL-ACDA Board Meeting were perused, discussed, and approved as presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Elizabeth Zobel, second by Joy Schertz; motion carried.

The IL-ACDA Financial Report July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 was presented. Treasurer Tim Fredstrom anticipates after the Retreat there will be \$4500.00 remaining in the treasury, essentially breaking even. Tim recommends an operating capital upwards toward \$8000. Ensuing discussion concerned the high cost of the *Podium's* art work and postage. It was announced Tim's quarterly reports were approved by and impressed the National Office. There will be an audit of the treasurer's books after the Retreat. To make budget at the Retreat, 120 participants are needed. After discussion a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Beth Best, second by Janet McCumber; motion carried.

A. Items of discussion for the 2009 Retreat

1. Reading Sessions and Music Packets

- Karyl and Carlson and Sarah Graham were acknowledged for preparation of packets  
They recommend presenters send their lists early for 2010 to allow for music acquisition from the vendors. They also suggest eight titles per session.
- Karyl Carlson and Bob Boyd will create an excel file of the reading sessions for this retreat.
- Karyl Carlson asks participants to share any music they think they will not use, "Don't toss it out"; she will have a box labeled "recycle—share".

2. Decision to move IL-ACDA Retreat to ISU

- We have ISU people on site
- ISU is centrally located
- Exhibits will be in the same building as the sessions, Cook hall, 200 & 300 levels
- Current pre-retreat Registrations are at 105.

3. Three Headliner Sessions and concert

- Rick Bjella – 7 Director's Chorus Session, 4-Wednesday, 3-Thursday followed by the Concert, plus "Talk-Back" on Friday
- Patrick Liebergen – 4 Sessions, 2 – Wednesday, 2 – Thursday
- Eugene Rogers, 2 – Thursday, 2 – Friday
- *Silk Cords* on Thursday evening following the Director's Chorus Concert

4. Reading Sessions Accompanists – Thank you to Phil Spencer and to our volunteers

5. Exhibits and Exhibitors

- Cook Hall #305, with a freight elevator to move exhibit materials
- 3 Exhibitors: Patti DeWitt Folkerts, Shattinger, and Musical Resources
- Food (lemonade & cookies at Exhibit time/ snacks at Exhibitor's Party

6. Composition Award
    - Dr. Mary Lynn Ball, Olivet Nazarene University, 2009 recipient
    - SATB selection is in the director's Chorus packet
    - "Composer Talk" will follow Director "Talk-Back"
  7. Decker Award
    - Will be announced at the Banquet
    - Cal Hedegaard 2009 recipient; he will attend, 6 in his party
    - Gordon Krauspe, who recommended him, will introduce him
  8. Retreat Meal Plan
    - Tim reported the \$45.00 cost came in at 442.00
    - Tim has meal tickets in envelopes for the pre-registrants
    - Concern was expressed for those without a meal plan; no "walk-ins" for lobby meals
  9. Recognition of Jason Hawkins and the IL-ACDA Web-Site
    - It's a great tool
    - Jason will continue to update, streamline, continue to make it user-friendly", etc.
  10. Brochure preparation
    - John Jost shared template with Brett for 2009
    - Tim recommends a May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for 2010 Retreat registration
    - Brochure could be sent out through ISU
    - In 2010 perhaps offer an on-line registration opportunity as well as the brochure
- B. Reports
1. IL-ACDA at IMEA All-State Conference 2010
    - We request the same schedule as 2009
      - Reception for Illinois Choral Directors – Thursday evening
      - Board Meeting - Friday morning
      - Reading Session – Friday afternoon
    - Joy reminded Brett to contact Randy at the IMEA State Office to confirm schedule request
    - Joy reminded the board all presenters at the All-State Reading Session must be IMEA members
    - Vendor for this session is Adam at Kidder – "keep the music up front!"
  2. **Podium**
    - Editor Scott Ferguson is stepping down; student assistant will continue
    - Brett has two names with whom he will speak at the Retreat
      - Andy Jeffrey, Glenbard West and Paul Jung, Morris
    - Tim stated the need for a proof-reader, a graphic artist, and assembly assistant
    - Discussion of the issue and graphics; communication, attractiveness, functionality
    - Discussion of Fall Print **Podium**, and spring On-Line Edition, with concert expressed for the transition from print to on-line (Tim)
    - Discussion of the pros and cons of cost in-print, and on-line, including ads and graphics, HTML email and template (Karyl)
    - Discussion of National ACDA on-line, and archiving on-line (Brad)
    - "Chor-teach" on-line, Collegiate on-line (Mary Lynn)
    - Discussion of publications of the other states in our division (Brett)
    - Discussion of e-mail lists for concerts, ads (Brett and others)

- Suggestions for district Reps to inquire of people in their district who want print or on-line edition of the **Podium** (Bob)
  - "Go Green!" (Karyl)
3. R&S Chairs
- Janet High School: she received a request from national for repertoire lists, and a document which is the National ACDA Standards for HS Choirs. She thinks we need to post these standards on the web site. She gave the All-State lists and Retreat Repertoire list.
  - Bob, Historian: he requests any past programs; and assistance in determining when Chet Alwes was President and when Walt Lamble was President. He has Joe Grant as President in 1987. He reported 193 was the first Summer Retreat; before the retreats, IL-ACDA hosted the Fall Conventions only.
  - Elizabeth Zobel, and others reported they had not received contact from Divisional R&S Chairs.
  - A middle school R&S Chair is still needed- John Gaunt, Elmhurst, is a possibility.
- C. New Business
1. Central Division ACDA Conference, February 24-27, 2010, Cincinnati
  2. Fall Board meeting Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, ISU, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PN, specific site TBA
  3. Fall Convention 2010 Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at North Central College, Naperville
    - a. Worship honor Choir, Jon Hurty, Augustana College, Conductor
    - b. Boys Honor Choir, grades 8-10, Paul Rardin, University of Michigan, Conductor
    - c. More details forthcoming
  4. IL-ACDA Collegiate Choir Festival will be Saturday February 13 2010 at Bradley University, Peoria
  5. Spring 2011 (March) the national ACDA Convention is in Chicago.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. for dinner; with a 7:00 P.M. call to finish registration materials preparation and music packet preparations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Schertz  
Secretary

President Brett Goad called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.

The format of the meeting followed topics given on the evaluation form.

1. Reading sessions:

- Morrissey: The balance of sacred and secular has improved so much, the full gamut of the human experience reached.
- L. Manfredo: suggest less numbers be included, perhaps 8 songs/15 minutes
- B. goad; “[presenters] need to get to the song, and be fully aware of time”  
In relation to next year, order 120 copies of music for general sessions, and 80 copies for the special interest sessions, on “first come, first served basis”.  
We are going to work on the music concerns  
Problems are two-fold: pre-registrants and people submitting titles
- Feedback on Lunch and worship Music Activity
  - B. Holmes – conversations at lunch about worship music very helpful; people shared titles valuable to them
  - J. Schertz – reported she knew of one participant who wondered if music would be available
  - B. Zachow – if there are multiple sessions scheduled during one time period, if titles could be Shared
  - L. Lane – some packets didn’t have a list; eliciting the response:  
Musical resources had one list for all their titles [question as to how it was presented]  
Shattinger had rubber bands around their packets  
Kidder had a list!
  - R. R. Rossi – wants to secure his packet!
  - Laura – ordered music for May 1st deadlines & then with extra late registrants, don’t have enough time to deal with it
- Concerning music: may 1<sup>st</sup> 69 pre-registrants to secure packets  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 21 more registrants  
June 25 up to 110 pre-registrants  
Actually at the ReTreat: 140 registrants-then Brett stated “How do we pay for extra music?”

2. Interest Sessions

- M. L. Doherty – “Hit the Ground Running” – 35 students in attendance, it was well received. Mary Lynn would like to have experienced educators present.
- D. Wagner – “Global Music” in a worship setting; Pearl knows school repertoire
- Brett – perhaps some of our own folks could do an interest session
- M. L. Doherty – a Diction Primer / Refresher (suggested languages: French, German, Latin, English)
- B. Best – perhaps on a rotation basis Vocal health (as Karen Brunssen presented)
- K. Carlson – a masterworks format
- B. Boyd: “I always go back to “Western Wind” and little ensembles; SAB, SA, TTBB...”
- G. Morrissey: copyright—what is legal?
- J. Landig; Session on Barbershop Men and Women; then d. Aurelius-Muir talked of “The Sound of Illinois chorus” in Bloomington-Normal

3. Facilities & Exhibits

- B. Boyd – “Loved it. Loved it. Loved It.”
- L. Manfredo – Welcome from D. Majors and \_\_\_\_\_ was very nice.

- B. Holmes – could the banquet be in the Performing Arts Center?
  - Brett – socialization was the best!
  - For the director’s chorus, could we use 212more, with 1 ½ in PAC?
  - Patti DeWitt would like a reading session
  - Exhibit site good upstairs
  - Musical Resources & Shattinger’s
  - Try Kidder & Pepper
4. Pre-retreat communication: pamphlets, emails
- Please include directions to hotel, campus, and addresses
  - Next year 2 housing options; Marriott and Hampton
5. Comments scheduling – Time – Meal Package
- Bloomington-Normal site good
  - B. Holmes – Directors Chorus – 1 hour fifteen minutes; Chestnuts & Barbeque?
  - T. Fredstrom – Catering took notes: usage, food...
  - How to feed non-pre-registrants
  - Question: \$45. For Box Lunch / buffet—time “we could cut it down...”
  - Emily from Lawrence – [on the brochure] need a line for meals
  - B. Boyd – “It was great”
  - L. Manfredo – R&S Round Tables again
  - D. Wagner – help with survey?
6. 2010 Headliners
- Charles Bruffy, Kansas City Chorale, Kansas city, Director’s Chorus
  - Pearl Shangkuan, Calvin College, Grand Rapids
  - Stephen Hatfield, Vancouver?
7. Suggestions for Future Headliners: Brett stated; “try to not bring three of the same thing.”
- Rodney Eichenberger
  - Tim Stalter
  - Axel Theimer
  - Rod Stahley
  - David Rayl
  - Sandra Snow
  - Ollie Watts Davis
  - Edie Copley
  - Janet Galvin
  - Carol Krueger
  - Sherri Porterfield
  - Amy Feldman-OBrown
  - Mary Lynn Lightfoot
  - Mary Goetz
  - Paul Smith
  - Morna Edmundson, Electra, Vancouver ( a women’s group headliner)
  - Adam Cohn, Georgia State ( a men’s group headliner)

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8. Looking Back to 2009

- Headliner: Patrick Liebergen  
Sometimes when you get the commercial name, you get the commercial  
He didn't know his audience  
J. McCumber – “He was different with small groups.”  
B. Goad – “He was truly pleased to be here”; Brett sensed he was ill at ease  
? – “He did what he was invited to do...”  
Deb Aurelius-Muir – Patrick came to everything & good for him.”
- Headliner: Rick Bjella  
-he is a person of grace  
-he said things for people of all levels  
-B. Boyd: “Edie and Rick talk to us.”
- Composition Contest Winner: Mary Lynn Ball  
-good to have the composer present; a good talk  
Invite her for a composer's forum
- Other comments  
-Berth Buehlman, ISU student: registrants' home / school  
B. Zachow: Binders for the concert  
B. Boyd: congratulations

9. Looking Ahead to the 2010 Fall Convention and 2011 National Convention (Chicago)

- J. Jost –Should we have the Fall Convention the same year as the National ACDA Convention when it is in Chicago? Will attendance at one or the other be affected with this “same school year time frame”?  
John told us the 2010 Fall Convention would have a church honor choir and a boys grades 8-10 honor choir
- J. Landig – perhaps the Fall Convention would be ‘a one-day thing”
- B. Boyd – 500 at the ACDA Reading Session at the IMEA All-State Conference
- B. Goad – what needs does the Fall Convention fulfill?  
cheaper than national; gives Illinois choirs a chance to perform

10. The Fall Board Meeting will be at ISU Sept 19 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Schertz  
Secretary

President Brett Goad called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

*Board members present:* Brett Goad, John Jost, Beth Best, Tim Fredstrom, Joy Schertz, Janet McCumber, Jeremy Landig, Karyl Carlson, Brad Holmes, Dan Wagner, Laura lane, Mary Lynn Doherty, Jason Hawkins, Diane Marelli, Deb Aurelius-Muir, Jon Hurty, Bryan Kunstman, Bob Boyd

The focus of the meeting was Evaluation of the 2009 Retreat and Planning for 2010 Retreat (Evaluation forms were distributed for perusal and ensuing discussion).

1. Meal Plan – Concerns and suggestions

- The current 2009 package was very good for variety, generosity and flavor
- Was the cost as concern for some
- Was the wording clear on the brochure
- What to do about those who did not purchase the plan
- What to do to include new people, so all are included in conversation  
Suggestions: a Board member at each table to serve as an ‘ice breaker’  
Brett suggested “a table by districts”

Treasurer Time Fredstrom stated the food plan must be included in the registration so  
Everyone can be included; the ISU Performing Arts Center lobby can seat 120

2. Sessions (Directors Chorus, Headliners, Breakout and Reading)

Brett announced Phil Spencer announced Phil Spencer will get accompanists again  
Lack of sufficient music a great concern—discussion included:

- Session leaders need to be timely in music selections to order enough music
- Watch the number of pieces chosen
- Concern some conductors in sessions were not on the program
- Reminder to evaluate what sessions are placed against each other
- Recommend sessions’ presenters give the sessions’ music coordinator ten titles, who will try to get your top 5, with 8 titles the maximum allowed during the average fifty minute sessions
- Bob Boyd and Karyl Carlson will talk to Musical Resources to secure enough music for the Directors Chorus, and work out appropriate number pieces per session for the time allotment
- Leslie stated the pre-registrants should get music; we take responsibility for 120 in the Director’s Chorus
- For the Chestnuts it was suggested each presenter bring copies of the song from his/her school each has chosen for the participants use during the session, and the vendors could have copies available [not sure if on site or to order later]

3. The registration process

- Tim stated he had an idea as from Indiana (e-commerce) which included registration on line, “clicking the appropriate option”, after deadline the options(s) would no longer be available...for people-if you can’t click the options, you won’t be disappointed

4. The Pre-ReTreat Board Meeting

- 3:00 P.M. “seed group” to put packets together
- 4:00 P.M. Board Meeting
- Brett suggested college kids help assist with pre-retreat tasks as needed
- Board meal
- Continue with Pre-ReTreat tasks
- Board party

5. The Brochure

- Brett stated several times he would work on it
- A Retirees Session was suggested

6. Board Announcements

- Andy Jeffrey, Glenbard West will be the Podium Editor
- Christopher Cayari, University of Illinois grad student will be the Podium Assistant
- Katheryn Vukson will chair the 2010 ReTreat Exhibits
- Board members length of terms  
[President Brett Goad, Past-President John Jost, President Elect Beth Best: two year terms  
July 2009-July 2011]

Treasurer Tim Fredstrom 2010, opt 2012

Secretary Joy Schertz 2011, opt 2013

Podium Editor Andy Jeffrey –

Webmaster Jason Hawkins-

Children’s Choirs Jacquelyn Negus 2011

Community Choirs Jeordano Martinez 2010

Composition Competition Paul Laprade 2010

Ethnic/Multicultural Elizabeth Zobel 2011

Histori8an Bob Boyd –

IMEA Representative Rick Murphy – [three-year term Feb 2009 – Jan 2012]

Jazz choirs Jeremy Landig 2010

Male Choirs Brad Holmes 2011, opt 2013

Membership Sarah Smith 2011, opt 2013

Middle School / Junior High \_\_\_\_\_

Music & Worship Dan Wagner 2010

Senior High Choirs Janet McCumber 2010

Show choirs John Burlace / Mark Myers 2001, opt 2013

Two-Year Colleges Philip Spencer 2011, opt 2013

Women’s Choirs Karyl Carlson 2012, opt 2014

Youth 7 Student Activities Mary Lynn Doherty 2011, opt 2013

Student Representative \_\_\_\_\_

District 1 Diane Marelli 2011, opt 2013

District 2 Michael Zemek 2011, opt 2013

District 3 Debbie Aurelius-Muir 2011, opt 2013

District 4 Erin Stegall 2012, opt 2014

District 5 Jacob Elam 2010, opt 2012

District 6 Susan Davenport 2011, opt 2013

District 7 Paul Rausch, 2011, opt 2013

District 8 Jon Hurty, 2010, opt 2012

District 9 Bryan Kuntsman 2010, opt 2012

Podium Assistant Chris Cayari \_\_\_\_\_

7. Other Business and discussion

- Fall Board Meeting Sept 19 at ISU, suggested time 10/10:30 A. M. – 12:30/1:00 P.M.  
With more information TBA when finalized  
What do district representatives do?  
How do we [and district reps] relate to membership  
Will there be a spread sheet of addresses [contact information] of conference participants  
Why do people not come to conference? “It will grow” “Use FaceBook”  
Brad Holmes stated the Georgia Convention had 45-50 in the chorus  
How many did we have – 80?



8. Final Vote – do we or do we not have the 2010 Fall convention? The Majority vote by show of hands was NO.

The membership of the Board seemed to feel it would be a concern for members to have release time for both Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 release time from their schools to attend two ACDA events in the same school year.

It was immediately stated Illinois should host a reception at the National Convention in Chicago 2011.

The next IL-ACDA Fall convention will be 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectively submitted

Joy E. Schertz  
Secretary