

Winter Board Meeting

Illinois Chapter, American Choral Directors Association
January 24, 2014 (Held in conjunction with the 2014 ILMEA Convention)
8:30 a.m. Riverside Community Church, Peoria, IL

Karyl Carlson called the meeting to order at 8:31.

The following members were present: Michael Boyle, Jacob Elam, Bryan Kunstman, Tina Shoemaker, Deb Aurelius-Muir, Jeremy Little, Lee Kesselman, Rick Murphy, Mary Lynn Dougherty, Diane Marelli, Michael Zemek, Erin Stegall, Bob Boyd, Steve Szalaj, Keith Hampton, Tom Stauch, Andy Jeffrey, Ron Korbitz, Jason Hawkins, Leslie Manfredo, Beth Best, Karyl Carlson, Dennis Morrissey

Board members should look for emails from ilacda@gmail.com. It seems some board members' servers might be blocking the emails. Board members are encouraged to check their servers and let Karyl know if they have failed to receive information. Do you have an alternative address?

Karyl thanked board members for their thoughtfulness after the recent passing of her father.

Tom Foust has been appointed as the new membership chair. Karyl will exchange information to Tom.

The ACDA membership drive "Sing Up" added ten percent to our membership in Illinois. Karyl has a listing of the expired memberships she will distribute so we can make a plea to colleagues we might personally contact.

Student membership in IL ACDA is up. (Bravo!)

It was moved and seconded (Best/Hawkins) to pay travel expenses for Karyl to attend the summer workshop of ACDA in Salt Lake City. Motion was carried.

Michael Zemek explained the procedures for the IL ACDA Reading Session to be held in the RCC later in the day. The board is truly grateful for Michael's planning for the session, which exposes our organization to a lot of non-members. Kidder Music should be thanked for its forty years of support to our membership. Lauren Smaga will be at the session, and will be recognized.

Leslie Manfredo presented the treasurer's report. A budget will be worked out for the future. Acceptance of the report was moved/seconded by Hawkins/Korbitz. Motion carried.

Tina Shoemaker explained procedures for a new Women's Chorus Festival to be held on February 18 at Aurora University for treble choirs of any age level. Lisa Fredenburgh will be the guest clinician. Other board members are encouraged to submit similar proposals.

Tom Stauch reported there will be a two-year college festival at Harper College on April 12. The four-year college will not be held this year for lack of responses/interest.

Karyl reported the Central Division Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio February 26-March 1, 2014. Illinois' own Brett Goad, president of the Central Division urged the board to encourage attendance.

Andy Jeffrey discussed the latest issues with the PODIUM. Board members are reminded the deadlines are: March 15 for the spring issue; August 15 for the fall issue; and December 15 for the winter issue. Each board member has had a turn submitting articles, but not board member has followed through with this duty. Even after a number of attempts to contact members, there is little or even no response. We are all reminded the articles don't have to be written by the board member, and we are all encouraged to reach out to others in our specialty areas to submit articles for the good of our organization. Obviously, the spring issue will be relying heavily on the Summer ReTreat and the Fall IL ACDA Convention plans, which would be supplied by Karyl and Beth. We will be looking for a new editor and Andy will assist.

The Decker Award nominee recommendations were read, and an award winner was voted upon. Beth will notify the winner, and the presentation will be made at ReTreat.

Beth presented plans for the Fall Convention to be held October 24, 25 at North Central College again. There will be an honors elementary chorus (grades 3-6) with teacher recommendations to be conducted by Karen Kaivel of the St. Louis Children's Choir. An honor show choir will be formed under the direction of Susan Monniger and choreographed by Steve Todd. Beth will get information out so choral groups can make application to perform, members can make presentations, and sessions can be planned.

Jason Hawkins discussed plans to update the IL ACDA website. It will be able to include job postings, and be more user-friendly. Jason asked to be able to secure a professional web designer that would be no more than \$500 to assist in the update. Motion to accept the proposal/seconded by Best/Dougherty. Jason will be able to send reminders to the board, and also increase our presence. Reminder: IL ACDA is on Facebook. Like us!

Karyl discussed plans for the ReTreat to be held June 25 and 26 at Illinois State University. Janet Galvan will be the conductor of the Director's Chorus, and will present sessions on conducting and musicianship. Mark Hayes will feature sessions on worship and secondary school choral music. Information will be forthcoming via email and the website. If there are further suggestions for the "Double Dips", please contact Karyl.

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We are reminded the composition contest winner does not have to be performed at the ReTreat. It can be presented at the ReTreat.

The 2015 ReTreat will be held on June 24 and 25, 2015.

The National ACDA will highlight Illinois District Representative activities in the newsletter next month detailing:

Targeted contacts; newest members, under-represented demographic
Liaison with R & S chairs
How to promote ACDA activities within each district
Host district activities
Other ideas?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd for Andy Jensen
(Historian)