

Illinois Chapter, ACDA
2008 ReTreat
Wrap-Up Board Meeting
Presser Lounge—Illinois Wesleyan University
Friday, July 11, 2008

John Jost called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

Board Members present: John Jost, Brett Goad, Eric Johnson, Todd Cheek, Jim McCullough, Beth Best, Janet McCumber, Bryan Kunstman, Jeremy Landig, Barb Zachow, Dan Wagner, Laura Lane, Liz Zobel, Joy Schertz, Leslie Manfredo, Keith Cox, Phil Spencer, Jon Hurty, Jeff Wilson, Tim Fredstrom, Bob Boyd

The immediate concern of this meeting was evaluating the 2008 ReTreat. Comment sheets were passed around the room to attending board members. Suggestions/comments included:

- Great balance of headliners this year
- Could there be some more SAB quality literature? (Always hard to find quality!)
- Might the Chestnuts be presented on Thursday, rather at the end of a long day of singing?
- Present Chestnuts at a picnic, as we did a number of years ago?
- A session of good teaching repertoire one can do at the start of the year?
- We don't need repertoire of "quick fixes".

Eric Johnson presented an outline of the Fall Convention to be held in October at NIU. Performing groups who have been invited to perform are:

- Woodstock HS Madrigals
- WIU Chamber Singers
- Lakeside Singers
- Red Rose Children's Chorus
- Wheaton Men's Glee Club
- St. Charles Singers

Beth Holmes will be conducting a Women's 8-10 Honors Choir. Jerry Blackstone will conduct an Honors Collegiate Choir.

The Reading Sessions will read between 10 and 12 selections. Session titles are due to Eric by August 15. The areas to be represented are:

- Elementary
- Jazz/Show
- Middle School
- Worship
- High School
- College

Remember board members: Barb Zachow will be taking a sabbatical, and will not be in charge of acquiring music for sessions!! (*Again, "thanks" for all of your hard work, Barb!*)

We are urged to get materials in to Eric so that music can be ordered. It is also imperative board members get the word out about the convention, as the registration for packets and fees is September 1, 2008. (*It may creep up on the membership at the start of a school year.*)

Phil Spencer needs to have the music for accompanists as early as possible. It is not fair to ask the accompanists to sight-read the music. Could a packet be sent directly to him?

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We need at least 50 registrants for the Fall Convention. Each Honors Choir should have a minimum of 40 singers.

John requested to have our Fall Board Meeting at NIU on September 20, 2008. He (or Bob) will send out reminders to the board.

John continued with the IMEA convention plans. The IL-ACDA events to occur at IMEA have been previously posted. Kidder Music will again be our supplier of music for the reading session. Bob Boyd volunteered to be in charge of the ordering of music. Bob needs pertinent information no later than October 31, 2008.

Brett Goad shared plans for the ReTreat 2009. Rick Bjella, Eugene Rogers, and Patrick Liebergen will be headliners. Performance groups are being pursued for the Thursday evening of the ReTreat.

Future headliners to consider for either the ReTreat or Convention are: Jeffrey Boers, Craig Hella Johnson, Brad Ellingboe, Charles Bruffy, Ron Staheli, Randall Stroope.

Joy Schertz has volunteered to be in charge of hospitality, as she will no longer be the IMEA representative on our board by next summer. (*Thanks!*) Joy reported Rick Murphy will be her successor as IMEA Choral Vice-President.

Todd Cheek reviewed the budget. As Todd is leaving the board, we thank him for ALL of his hard work on behalf of the membership. Tim Fredstrom is going to take the role of treasurer.

Phil Spencer presented the composition contest information for this year. (*Paul Laprade was not able to attend the ReTreat. We hope he is much better.*) There were 37 compositions considered this year. There is a May 31 deadline for next year.

2009 will be Mixed Voices; 2010 will be Male Voices; 2011 will be Mixed Voices; 2012 will be Treble Voices.

We must supply Brett with names of potential Presidents so the process will continue smoothly. Further discussion of this will be held at the fall planning meeting.

The Decker Award nominations must be sent to Eric. John will pass any previous names to Eric. It is stressed that there must be at least two letters of support to proceed with the process of selection. (*There have been names submitted, but no support letters.*)

John has proposed district boundaries with new names to coincide with the IMEA districts. Due to time restrictions, the information was presented for future consideration. (*Hopefully we can take this up at the fall board meeting.*) John urged the board to look at the suggested boundaries so that we can act on this in a timely manner.

John has proposed Bylaws for the organization. This will help facilitate the growth of the organization in Illinois, and highlight area responsibilities. Due to time restrictions, the information was presented to the board for consideration. Bob, Brett and John will meet to further discuss options.

The **PODIUM** distribution to our membership was discussed. Do we just put the final product on the website each issue, or do we mail one issue to the membership for those who might not have access?

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Brett has some names of possible Webmasters. He will let us know who accepts the appointment. Again IL-ACDA thanks Paul Wiens for getting us into the 21st Century and on the Internet!

John adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Boyd
Secretary, IL ACDA