

**Wrap-Up Board Meeting**  
**Illinois ACDA**  
**2007 ReTreat**  
**July 13, 2007**

*Members present:* Barb Zachow, Paul Laprade, Eric Johnson, Janet McCumber, Jim McCullough, Todd Cheek, Laura Lane, Beth Best, Jeremy Landig, Leslie Manfredo, Joy Schertz, Jeff Wilson, Bob Boyd

John Jost called the meeting to order at 2:45 in Presser Hall of Illinois Wesleyan University.

It was decided to have a fall board meeting on Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at Northern Illinois University. John and Bob will make sure to remind the board of the meeting and Eric will secure a place to meet that morning at NIU.

The 2008 ReTreat will be held July 9-11, 2008, with a summer board meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m. Again we will be on the Illinois Wesleyan University campus for the 2008 ReTreat. John will make sure we can still have the ReTreat on campus, even if we are staying at the Hampton Inn. We will always be faced with the competition of the cello camp in Presser Hall at that time.

Jeremy Landig will create a map and directions for next summers' ReTreat that can be posted and distributed, including directions to the Hampton Inn. Could that information be in the PODIUM and on the website as well? Jeremy will contact Scott Ferguson and Paul Wiens for posting.

Did Elizabeth Zobel have a chance to create a "*what to bring/prepare*" listing for new ReTreaters?

It was decided to have the Registration for the 2008 ReTreat moved up to May 15, 2008. Barb Zachow did a great job in predicting what music would be needed, but the May 15 date will help with her numbers. We should make sure that in all our information/communication our membership knows of the advanced date, so they will be assured music for the sessions they check. Underline that only those who register will be assured music packets for the ReTreat.

Edie Copley is scheduled as the Director's chorus headliner for 2008. Names were suggested for other headliners, and John Jost will proceed in contacting with an eye on balancing our needs and name recognition.

In the ReTreat brochure and in our communications we should reinforce the idea of "casual" dress during the ReTreat.

Eric will start the planning of the 2008 Fall Convention. Janet McCumber and Laura Lane will coordinate a College Honors Choir. Beth Best will **assist** the TBA children's chorus rep with a Children's' Honors Choir. The possible 2008 dates would be October 18 or October 25, depending on the responses Eric receives.

Could **Chapter Six** possibly be an invited ensemble, either for the Fall Convention or the 2008 ReTreat? Do we have other ensemble suggestions? Send them to John Jost.

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Paul Laprade discussed the future focus of the Composition Contest. 2008 will seek SA/SSA or SSAA settings. 2009 will seek Mixed Chorus settings. 2010 will seek TB/TTB/TBB or TTBB settings. Paul and John will discuss whether the winning composition will be part of the repertoire of the Director's Chorus or at a specified session during the ReTreat. Paul will also provide information to both Paul Wiens for the website and Scott Ferguson for the PODIUM. If the "winning" composer has additional published compositions, maybe they can be featured in the exhibitors' presentations. Paul should talk with Jeff Wilson about this idea.

Todd Cheek asked to follow up with appropriate software for his duties as treasurer. It is hoped that the 2007 ReTreat has paid for itself. Todd has a few outstanding bills to pay, but will let the board know of our financial status at the Fall meeting.

Could R&S chairs contact their IMEA district reps to have IL-ACDA sponsored reading sessions at their district festivals? At the very least, there should be ReTreat information and Convention information available on those IMEA dates to encourage others to join us for events.

Jim McCullough and Bob Boyd will pursue a working membership listing that can be distributed to the board once Todd has the information accumulated from this ReTreat. District reps on the board could use that information to make personal contacts to encourage more participation and membership initiatives. They could also help to increase the member rolls. Concern was expressed regarding membership notification lapses. What is the date National uses to give us our state allotment? Jim might try to find out, with the help of Todd or Eric?

We will discuss the "renaming" of the districts at the fall board meeting. Joy Schertz will assist in determining boundary lines/zip codes. Our boundaries are a bit confusing at present.

Leslie Manfredo asked for suggestions regarding the focus of "Chestnuts" for 2008. She will finalize by the fall meeting, but it seemed a theme of "memorable" choral works might fit the bill.

By the fall board meeting we should have the replacement for the Children's Choir rep. We will also need to seek out a candidate for treasurer in the following year. Board members should make contact with interested members and forward suggestions to John Jost at their earliest convenience.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Sincerely submitted,

Bob Boyd  
Secretary