

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 8:15-10:30 AM
Riverside Church, Peoria

Members in attendance:

Debbie Aurelius-Muir	Ben Holmes	Dennis Morrissey
Bob Boyd	Jason Hawkins	Sean Newman
Karyl Carlson	Andy Jeffrey	Jennifer Seiler
Laura Coster	Andy Jensen	Jeremiah Selvey
Brandon Catt	Ron Korbitz	Josh Spear
Mark Corey	Brian Kunstman	Phil Spencer
Susan Davenport	Lee Kesselman	Tom Stauch
Aubrey Dunham	Kassy Krause	Steve Szalaj
Drayton Eggleston	Ben Luginbuhl	Dan Wagner
Keith Hampton	Diane Marelli	

Welcome new Board Members

- Dennis Morrissey welcomed Jennifer Seiler, new vocal Jazz chair who is replacing Jeremy Landig.
- Ben Holmes is the new District 2 representative.

Minutes from the fall 2015 meeting

- Laura Coster drafted the fall meeting minutes
- Motion to accept by Jason Hawkins, 2nd by Lee Kesselman

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dennis Morrissey for Amy Branahl

- The 2015-16 budget was approved and submitted to National ACDA.
- Special Projects-Honors Festival made \$1003.61-Congratulations to Kassy Krause!
A discussion followed about the profit raised. There was a general consensus of the board that the profit can be kept in the general fund. Kassy can create a revised budget for this year's festival for the board's approval at the next meeting.
- All receipts for expenses need to be itemized in the future.
- Any clinicians getting paid over \$600 need a W-9 form.
- Lee commented that \$3500 is listed for special projects and it should be under expenses. He asked for it to be adjusted.
- The 2016-17 budget will be confirmed at the June meeting.

Reports and Goals: R & S Chairs and the Executive Board

Dan Wagner: Podium Editor

- March 15th is the deadline for the spring Podium. The articles that are due by this date include the following: Male Choirs, 2 Year College Choirs, High School, Community Chorus, Ethnic and Multicultural, and Districts 3, 6, and 9.

Jason Hawkins: Website

- Information about the Fall 2018 Convention is coming.
- Let Jason know if you have anything to add to the website or if you see something that isn't working for your Mac.

Ron Korbitz: Children's Choir

- Goal: Reach out to elementary teachers by creating an ACDA choral reading session at the District 9 Festival.
 - He wants to share that ACDA is also for elementary teachers.
 - He would also like ideas from others about a District 9 Elementary Honors Chorus with approximately 150 kids. It could include 7 or 8 elementary directors in District 9 in conjunction with ACDA.

Susan Davenport: College and University Choirs

- Goals: Susan wants to create a virtual festival because budgets continue to be an issue.
- She also wants to create a time for the college directors to talk together. The summer retreat or ILMEA may be an option.

Keith Hampton: Ethnic and Multicultural Choirs

- Goal is to encourage members to seek the help of others from specific ethnicities to help with their choirs. He hopes to create a partnership with ACDA for the Urban Initiative.
 - Keith found a Lithuanian choir, Dainava, from Lemont who will collaborate with the Chicago Community Chorus (CCC) in their April concert. Dainava will teach and combine with the CCC two Lithuanian pieces sung in Lithuanian and conducted by the Music director of Dainava, Darius Polakaitus. Additionally, the CCC will teach and combine with Dainava, two Gospel pieces written by Keith, accompanied by the CCC Gospel Band and conducted by Keith who is the director of CCC.
 - A German choir, Harlem Maenner-und Damenchor, from Forest Park has invited the CCC to attend their rehearsal. After the rehearsal, the German choir will serve German cuisine.
 - Keith Hampton reached out to include two HS Chicago Public school choirs, Kenwood Academy and Whitney Young to participate in the Celebrating Chicago concert sponsored by the Chicago Community Chorus. The conductors of the Kenwood and Whitney Young HS choirs participated in the Urban Initiatives

meeting held in Chicago, hosted by IL ACDA and chaired by Mary Hopper.
Unfortunately, these choirs could not participate due to another planned event.

Tom Stauch: 2 year College Chair:

- Tom is currently organizing a festival with 8 schools. The festival has been running well for years and it is on Saturday April 9th at the College of Dupage. Thanks to Lee Kesselman for hosting the event.

Jennifer Seiler: Vocal Jazz

- Jennifer is a new member to the board and has been speaking with past Vocal Jazz chairs to gain ideas about the position
- Goal: Jennifer intends to continue the process of finding vocal jazz combo players throughout the state and will also explore collegiate level players that are available.

Deb Aurelius-Muir: Middle School/JH Chair

- Deb is working on a chorus exchange with a potential for the director to join ACDA.
- Deb is also working on a presentation for teachers during the District 3 ILMEA District Festival auditions.

Aubrey Dunham: Female Choirs

- Technical costs were higher than anticipated for the Collegiate Women's Festival scheduled on February 4th at College of DuPage.
- Karyl Carlson, Lisa Fredenburg, Beth Holmes, and Mary Hopper were the clinicians and sixteen ensembles performed.
- The total money needed is approximately \$800.
- The motion to cover expenses \$585 and \$200 for the clinicians, a total \$785 is needed. The board approved this one-time expense. Next year the festival will charge \$65 for each choir so the expenses will be covered. Aubrey hopes to start a festival in the south or central area of the state next year.
- Actual Festival Cost Update: College of DuPage covered more of the costs of the festival so the technical costs were only \$500. The Women's Festival received one of the new ACDA grants for \$500 to cover the technical costs to host the festival at College of DuPage.

Andy Jensen: Youth and Student Activities

- Goal: establish student specific opportunities at the retreat.

Phil Spencer: Composition

- Phil created a flyer for the ILMEA reading session packet.
- There are a few slight wording changes to open up the opportunities. If a piece is self-published, it can't be submitted.

- Karyl Carlson mentioned that the Regional ACDA Urban Initiative can get the word out at the ACDA central division conference by passing out flyers.

Brandon Catt and Andy Jeffrey: Membership Chairs:

- Goal is to keep about the same number of members next year by ensuring that new people stay members. He is working to organize a Google Doc for District Reps that will help them see who is a member in their area.
- Proposal for a free membership: As soon as a college student gets a job, we give them a one year free membership.
- ILMEA is for students to network and get a job. ACDA is for nurturing teachers. We need to highlight our retreat or conferences, not just a membership.
- All 10 Sing Ups are competed. We gave away 9, one to each district, and Dennis gave one.
- Brandon suggested we provide three free *Central Division Conference* or *Summer Retreat* registrations.
- Karyl motioned for one *Central Division* and a *Summer Retreat* registration. As a result, Andy gave out three *Summer Retreat* registrations because no one could attend the *Central Division Convention*.
- Brandon and Andy intend to contact all of the college students attending ILMEC to offer them memberships.

Diane Marelli: District 1 Representative

- Goal: Reach out to new and younger teachers to encourage them to join ACDA.

Ben Holmes: District 2 Representative

- Ben was welcomed to the board and he shared that there aren't many members in his area. His goal is to invite others to join IL-ACDA from District 2.

Josh Spear: District 4 Representative

- There currently are no members in ACDA in District 4. He is recruiting people to join.

Jeremiah Selvey: District 6 Representative-

- Goals:
 - Continue to have informal conversations with teachers in the district.
 - Organize a get together to inspire and revitalize their spirits. Jeremiah wants them to hear each other and an opportunity to perform together.

Sean Newman-District 7:

- Sean obtained a list of directors from District 7 schools and he hopes to create or find more events for his area.

Drayton Eggleston: District 8 Representative

- Drayton is newer to the board and he is working to familiarize himself with the teachers in his area.

Bryan Kunstman: District 9

- After the ILMEA District 9 Festival, they had a drawing for their *Sing Up* membership. They used the district festival e-mail information to get names for the drawing.

Reports from the Executive Board:

Karyl Carlson: 2016 ILMEA Reading session update:

- Special thanks to Kidder for funding the ILMEA reading session.
- The *ILACDA Summer Retreat*, *National ACDA Mentoring program*, and *Fund for Tomorrow* will be mentioned at the reading session.

Karyl Carlson: Urban Initiative.

- There will not be a spring festival but Karyl hopes they will have one in the fall.
- Karyl also would like to provide a festival opportunity for rural areas of the state.

Lee Kesselman: Special Initiatives-Internal Grants and Seed Money

- We have funds in the budget for internal grants and seed money for special programs.
 - There is a new document that explains the process about creating a proposal, budget, date, etc. Others can have a festival and hire a clinician, host a workshop etc.
 - Do these grant proposals need to be an ACDA member? Should it come through a board member? Procedural proposal...Karyl suggested that it should come through the board, just so that the board is aware.
 - Do we want this to be something that encourages others to take membership? Every idea needs to have some sort of board sponsorships.
 - Motion to approve by Karyl. Motion accepted. We will keep the language in the document that says any ACDA member can send the document to the president.
 - Should a school that hosts a festival, should they be given a small donation? (Dennis)

Dennis Morrissey: 2016 Summer Retreat

- Dennis is in charge of the retreat. Let him know if you are interested in doing a clinic.
 - Keith Hampton and Eric Johnson have each volunteered to lead a session.
 - Diane Marelli volunteered to handle the accompanists and the reading session packets-Thanks, Diane!

Dennis Morrissey: 2016 Central Division Conference:

- Thanks to Brandon and Andy for helping with ushering at the conference.

- We appropriated \$1500 for food at the reception, but is very expensive. The board approved and passed a request to use the surplus from our ILMEA reception to supplement our Central Division reception.
- Harold Decker Award: Ballot for Brett Goad, Gordan Krauspe.
- Karyl announced the Stace Stegman Award recipient, Jon Jost.

Notes submitted by Laura Coster