

IL-ACDA Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2015
Cook Hall, Illinois University

Members in attendance:

Amy Branahl	Jason Hawkins	Dennis Morrissey
Karyl Carlson	Andy Jeffrey	Debbie Aurelius-Muir
Laura Coster	Andy Jensen	*Jeremiah Selvey
Brandon Catt	Lee Kesselman	Tom Stauch
Sarah Catt	Kassy Krause	Phil Spencer
Drayton Eggleston	Jeremy Landig	Steve Szalaj
		Dan Wagner

(*Jeremiah Selvy represented Sue Davenport who was absent)

Welcome new Board Members- Dennis Morrissey

Minutes submitted by Andy Jensen from the summer retreat meeting

- Motion to accept by Jason Hawkins

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance was noted at \$43,115.47
- Summer Retreat 2015: profit of \$1200
 - Thanks to Karyl for hosting one of our clinicians
 - Other years we have lost money
 - We also made money in 14-15. (Less clinician time, Karyl hosted in her home)
 - To make money we need close to 100 registrants. We need to reach out
 - 2012 Retreat was 2.5 days at a rate of \$195 (70 people)
 - 2013 97 registrants (reduced rate)
 - 2014 2 days \$180 and 107 registrants
- National ACDA contribution to IL is up from 1643.25 to \$1995. The increase is due to increased enrolment in IL
- Acct moved to PNC for better access for all

2015-2016 Budget

- We will vote on the budget in the spring. Amy will send the approved budget to National ACDA

- There are questions about the funding of festivals because there is currently no funding in place. Will money come out of reserves or the president's fund?
Budget needs to balance
- Leslie sends her best wishes to the board. She helped the balance rise from \$15,000 to \$43,000 over her tenure as treasurer. We now have a secure budget
- Motion to accept the report : Jason Hawkins, 2nd Tom Stauch
- Tom asked if there will be reception for IL at the ACDA Central Convention. Currently, there is no money budgeted. Jason suggested to amend the budget for \$1500. Amy noted that we are late to add this to the budget
- Motion to accept the budget line item. Amy proposed we add to line items Central Division \$1500
- Tom will check for costs in the downtown area. Laura suggested Miller's Pub or another area vendor may be less expensive than the Palmer house
- Motion to table the budget approval until later when there is time to discuss the inclusion of other festivals
- Authorize Board for President to travel to a leadership conference in the future. Karyl was covered for the event in 2015. It is in the budget under Board Expenses.
- We have a debit card that Dennis and Amy can use for our expenses
- Line item for the budget: Website this year \$155
- Festival line item to "Special Projects" \$3500 with guidelines being developed
- Motion to accept the budget line item by Amy proposed budget we add to line items Central Division \$1500. Approval was granted by the board
- \$3500 for Special Projects
- Overall budget \$27, 800
- Special Projects: line item Student Memberships
- Line items were approved at the meeting

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

- Phil Spencer: Composition
 - New leadership-Phil thanked Lee for his service and for adding the prep. rehearsal for the composition recording and the "meet the composer" session
 - Goals: establish an ongoing relationship with a publisher so the composition can be forwarded to a publisher (GIA)
 - Reach out to others who teach composition so they can share our competition info.to their students

Phil will give Jason Hawkins new info .for the website.

- Motion to let winning composers be eligible to submit again after 5 years
- Need clarification if this was approved at the meeting
- List the winners for the full year until we have a new winner

- Sarah Catt: HS Chair
 - Goal: Sarah wants to get the “word out” that ACDA is a helpful resource in our area. She wants to get more people interested in our state’s organization

- Brandon Catt and Andy Jeffrey: Co-Chairs for Membership
 - Brandon has connections in ILMEA District 5. He wants to bridge the gap for membership
 - Brandon and Andy will target ILMEA District 9 directors that are not currently members. Brandon serves as the ILMEA Choral Chair. Their goal is to get two new people to join ACDA from each ILMEA district
 - Both will also reach out to universities and their student chapters. Brandon is in contact with Andrew McGill at U of IL. Goal is to merge ILMEA and ACDA and the colleges in the area-Student teacher program with mentoring

- Tom Stauch:2 year College Chair
 - An April 9th Festival is being organized at will be held at COD. Steve Szalaj will direct the combined piece
 - Goals for the year: Tom will try to encourage more 2 year college directors to be involved with IL-ACDA

- Andy Jensen: District 6
 - Goal: Recruit other teachers in his district and to search for ways to help the teachers in their area

- Steve Szalaj: Community Choir Chair.
 - Community Choirs are different from others in that they create their own budget and find a performance space and opportunities
 - How can ACDA support community choirs?
 - Singing as a lifelong activity needs advocacy. How can ACDA advance this philosophy and elevate Community Choirs?
 - Not many community choirs are selected to perform at conventions
 - Idea: Match up college music students to intern with a community choir

- Jeremy Landing: Jazz
 - Goal: Recruit new members:
 - Jazz members don’t necessarily branch out with others....He wants to help with this
 - Jeremy would like to do a workshop at the next retreat on jazz rhythm. How to integrate rhythm reading and groove and getting it launched in the classroom
 - Vocal Jazz teacher track idea for the conference. The idea is to include a performance at the end and invite choral directors to perform, Let teachers perform that don’t have a jazz experience
 - Put together a state list of rhythm players for directors to contact

- Dan Wagner : Podium
 - Fall Deadline is August 15th: Dan will contact members that usually submit articles
 - Open invitation for articles (deadline: Dec 15) for the winter podium
 - Show Choir, Children's Choir, Middle school/JH, Treble, Districts 2,5, and 7
 - Suggestion to list who is writing articles on the web
 - Spring Deadline: March 15th
 - Dan will remind people two weeks ahead
- Dennis Morrissey: President
 - Goal is to call all 17 first-time Retreat attendees
- Jeremiah Selvey for Susan Davenport-College and University Choirs
 - Collegiate Choral Festival on Nov 14th at ISU
 - NIU, SIU, ISU, and Blackburn will attend
 - Goal: Get more college and university professors in the organization
 - Wants to create activities that will gather their interest
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- Jason Hawkins: Website
 - Has a web page for all the festivals
 - Get the info to Jason on a word document...maybe a picture
 - Include a registration document for a festival and he will put it on the web
 - Submit any events or open jobs
- Deb Aurelius-Muir-Middle School/JH Chair
 - will reach out to Middle school choral directors. She wants to organize an exchange for other JH groups so they can hear each other
 - Goal is to put an Illinois composer on her list for the reading sessions

Festival Discussion:

- What does it mean when IL-ACDA sponsor financially of festivals/events? We need guidelines
- Historically, the district chairs created opportunities for festivals. Most had no cost because participants paid a fee to cover expenses. Tina Shoemaker-Girls budget was a clean wash for SSA Festival. Three clinicians were paid \$100 each for a total of \$300. 10 choirs paid a fee \$30 per school to cover the expenses
- Current Festivals:
 - COD Festival will have a technical cost and may require support from IL-ACDA

- Show Choir Festival: Kassy Krause and Mark Meyer created a show choir format for the entire state. Enrollment is \$125

Budget needs:

- Vocal Director and choreographer clinicians
- \$650 a day and housing, meals, and travel.
- Honor choir music \$650
- WWS: cleaning of costumes \$400
- Band members- hired 8 (Have an all-state student band) This year, some kids will play alongside a few hired ringers
- Kids get an all-state tee shirt: \$500
- Postage for mailing music
- Income: 448 kids and admission to the concert. The festival should make money
- Free standing festival-new festival based on the 2014 Fall IL ACDA Convention
- Amy will set up a PayPal acct.
- Festival is Oct 22-24th at Naperville North HS

Discussion key ideas

- People in R&S want to do things
- We need to develop a system to carry out grants. People can apply and run a program for others
- We have money to use to serve others
- We need to find a way to promote choral music in IL. There are funds to do this
- Put in a mechanism and add funds to the budget
- Would need approval also from ACDA Central and National ACDA
- Karyl: "Funds for tomorrow". They are not quite finished with the process that we can use as a template. It is like applying for a grant...similar program
- Andy Jensen: To grow, we need to invest in other choral directors. Our most important investment is to serve others in our organization...to serve other choral directors
- Do a professional development seminar. ACDA will come to you with opportunities to learn. ACDA should be their #1. ILMEA is for kids. ACDA is for professionals.
- Tom Stauch- We need to support, but also have checks and balances with some accountability
- Every board meeting can have an agenda application for new ideas
- Historically, ACDA Divisions had money to use for multi-state festivals or R&S Festivals
- For auditing purposes, it is better for National to see that we have a budget for these events

Grants for festivals and events:

- Karyl Carlson: Urban Initiative: Karen met with Chicago teachers and she sees a need for a festival. Karyn is attending an urban music educator's conference. She is trying to target high schools and middle schools and she sees there is a need to impact the teachers and students in Chicago
- They want to have a HS Festival. Karyl is hoping for a spring festival
- Professional Development work- Help teachers how to work with urban students
- Give them access to the Central Division by giving comps. for teachers and students to attend
- We have a very small membership from Chicago Teachers
- Karyn met with Walt Whitman of the Soul Children of Chicago
- What does the city need? The Chicago Children's choirs serving a lot of the needs
- There really isn't much for diversity at our IL ACDA activities
- Should the fall convention be at Vandercook? Would we go?

Announcements:

- Karyl Carlson: Summer Retreat
- Most responses to the retreat evaluation were very positive
- Summer of 2016 Retreat clinicians are Susan Bloomfield from Texas Tech University and Jonathan Reed from Michigan State
- Sing Up: Invite senior students interested in music ed. to attend the retreat
- Create a track for them
- IMEC on Thursday night: reception will be at *Hoops*
- Stace Stegman Award: 11 nomination is needed and all nominations will be decided by the executive committee before the January meeting

Action items:

- We need volunteers to help with music packets for the IMEC reading session
- We needed a Student Activities Chair-Thanks to Andy Jensen for volunteering after the meeting
- We need an assistant to help Amy with the Summer Retreat: Thanks to Deb for volunteering after the meeting
- Agenda addition for January: Discuss paying memberships for new teachers in IL
- **Save the Date: January Board Meeting**
IMEC at the Riverside Church, Peoria, on Friday, January 29th at 8 AM
Dennis will check about the location at the Riverside Church in Peoria

Notes recorded by Laura Coster