

2017 IL ACDA Summer Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 27
Normal HS, Normal IL, 5:30 PM

Board members in attendance:

Deb Aurelius-Muir, Bob Boyd, Brandon Catt, Sarah Catt, Laura Coster, Renee DeJager, Audrey Dunham-Prince, Curtis Fischer-Oelschaeger, Kara Gregory, Ben Holmes, Andy Jensen, Lee Kesselman, Ben Luginbuhl, Dennis Morrissey, Sean Newman, Richard Nunley, Jessica Palmisano, Phil Spencer, Jennifer Seiler, Jeff Wilson

Future board members in attendance: Paul Nielsen, treasurer; Michelle Hecht, Music & Worship Chair and Cristian Larios, Student Representative

Brett Goad, past Central Division ACDA President and Chair of the 2017 IL-ACDA Fall Convention

Welcome new board members: Dennis Morrissey

- Cristian Larios, Michelle Hecht and Paul Nielsen, and Jeff Wilson
- Thanks to Ben Luginbuhl for hosting at Normal HS

Minutes from the winter meeting

- Laura Coster drafted the minutes
- Lee Kesselman motioned to approve the minutes with a 2nd from Deb Aurelius-Muir

Treasurer's Report: Paul Nielsen and Amy Branahl

Honors Show choir is making a large profit-It would be nice to support this project as needed, as needed. Kassy Krause would appreciate this

- Starting balance is \$49,861.70
- The Honors Choir made a little over \$2,000. The money will go back to the general fund
- The Urban Initiative went very well. It included a grant from National ACDA for \$1,450 and a budget of \$4,000. Total costs were approximately \$5,400. We are waiting for a few smaller receipts to process. Overage costs will be covered with the president's discretionary fund
- The budget for next year is 8,645.00 in the red, similar to last year
- Floor was opened for questions and comments
 - Andy makes a motion that we will increase Podium editor requests from \$35/\$40 per hour for
 - Aubrey 2nd the motion
- Bob motioned to approve the budget as proposed
- Deb Aurelius-Muir gave a 2nd to the motion

- Dennis thanked Amy and Paul
- Andrea Solya is requesting funding for a festival she will be hosting. She is currently in Europe. She would like financial support for 2 or 3 clinicians
 - Amy suggested that she come up with a proposed budget. She can propose this as a special project to the executive board. We can vote on it as a board at the fall meeting
 - Lee suggested that there is some income generated. Example: \$10 per student. There is flexibility in how much we offer

Renee DeJager, Children's Choir

- Renee asked for help linking the On-Line Children's Choir Facebook page to the IL-ACDA Website
- Networking can be a challenging in contacting additional elementary directors

Phil Spencer, Composition Contest

- This year's contest will include compositions for two part women or men
- Phil asked if we can require all of the submissions to be uploaded electronically this year. The board agreed this is okay
- Is it okay to recognize the judges at the convention? The board agreed not to recognize the judges unless they are asked beforehand and are comfortable

Aubrey Dunham Prince, Female Choirs

- Thurs. Feb 1, 2018 is this date for the Woman's Festival
- Aubrey is looking for schools to contribute \$1500 to fund a piece scored for TTBB to SSA

Brandon Catt, Membership

- Brandon thanked Jess again for her help with the membership
- Amy mentioned that our membership enrollment is higher
- Brandon asked everyone to look at the membership list when it is sent to us. If a friend's membership has lapsed, let them know
- Face to Face conversations are what makes the difference with potential new members
- When our college students graduate get a job, we sometimes lose them. If they are working in IL, can we give them a discount their first year of teaching? How can we better track them?
- More discussion will occur at the fall meeting

Deb Aurelius-Muir, JH Chair

- Sponsored a choral festival exchange
- Deb is retiring this spring. Congratulations!

Music and Worship, Michelle Hecht

- Fall convention is the focus
- Can we find or create a field for secondary interests in their membership report?
This will help us to locate church and community directors who also work full time at a school or university

High School, Sarah Catt

- She is willing to reach out to make connections with other HS directors to do an exchange.
- Ben L. Suggested using SKPE for an exchange.

Andy Jensen, Youth and Student Activities

- Trying to get a college ex-change going...
- This year Aubrey and Andy are talking to the college students

Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger- ILMEA

- We are hoping to move the choral division to the newly remodeled Sheraton for the choral concerts at IMEC.

Kara Gregory, District 6 Representative

- Kara let the board know she is moving to Texas. She reminded the board that District 6 is very rural which makes it difficult for them to collaborate. Many teachers are overworked and they hesitate to commit. They may have 15 kids or so and they are 4 hours away from any kind of exchange or IL-ACDA event
- Idea- get a massed church choir event in her area for recruitment to ACDA

Lee Kesselman, Summer ReTreat 2017

- Thanked past Retreat administrators who live on-site
- Dennis, Karyl, and Tim are absolutely critical to get things accomplished
- New this year: Student shepherds will be assigned to the headliners to assist them
- There are 5 vendors
- Exhibits-They need to talk to us. Encourage all to visit them
- Amy B. assigned greeters
- Eric Esparza was added as a registrar
- Bingo Sheet for new members- The person with the most gets a “bling” and public recognition

- This year, we gave more time for the headliners. We cut back with the reading sessions
- Less repertoire, but the headliners will share a lot of music with us
- Reading session-Bill Buhr will accompany the headliners and Karyl Carlson will help with the reading sessions.
- If you see someone who looks lost, help them find the Bone Student Center. Look for people to help find their way

Discussion for the Fall Conference at COD in Glen Ellyn

- Lee shared Brett's report on the fall conference
- Amy mentioned to remember to support the treasurer at the fall conference by helping at the table
- Sign up for the convention on the web-site

Discussion on organization to assist board members

- A schedule for podium articles is needed
- Yearly schedule for meetings, due dates for articles, and special events
- Suggestions were made to start a Google calendar, google folders, schedules, meeting dates
- Some board members suggested they would like advice about topics for articles
- We need to create a binder or something with the roles, positions, etc.
- A committee can create a document. Put it in a google folder
- When should we have our next state conference (Fall Conference)-Decode in September?
- All agreed that there will be no conference in the fall of 2018.
- Lee mentioned the R and R committees by National ACDA consist of only 4 Youth, Collegiate, Lifelong, and Rep Specific
- By-laws also need revisions and will be presented at the September meeting
- Lee will work with the executive committee on updating the by-laws
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Harold Decker Award- Bob Boyd

- Bob did some research on the Decker award
- Some states don't have a Decker type award. Some have an award for a young director.
- Some nominations don't participate in ACDA. Bob suggested adding "consistent service to IL-ACDA" as a requirement for the Decker award
- Bob looked at about 15 states and he created revisions for the award.
- There was discussion on the revisions and Lee suggested that a sub-committee form to edit the Decker award specifications
- Draft will be presented at the fall meeting for approval from the board
- Lee thanked Bob for his work

Social media chair/advisor

- The board agreed that a social media chair is needed. Andy can work in conjunction with Jason on this. Many agreed a student would do well in this role

Banquet announcements

- Jeff Wilson: Welcome as president-elect
- Dennis Morrissey is retiring his term of service
- Karyl Carlson is leaving our board to run the Central Division

Kara Gregory motioned to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd from Katie Bruton

Notes respectfully submitted by Laura Coster