

January 2017 IL-ACDA Meeting in Peoria

Board Reports

Webmaster, Jason Hawkins

Activities in progress

Updates are underway on multiple pages:

- ReTreat 2017 page – creation/registration
- Board page – constantly updating

Future Plans and Info Needed:

- ReTreat 2017 registration soon
- Fall Convention 2017
- Need contact info. and photo for new board members
- Need content for the Collegiate Choral Festival Page
- Need content for the 2 Year College Festival Page
- Faculty using the info, Andy and Brandon have provided

Podium Ad Manager, Katie Bruton

Recent successes & challenges

- Learning the position and seeking new prospects who may want to advertise in The Podium.

Activities in progress

- We had two ads for the winter issue of The Podium.

Future plans & goals

- I hope to reach out...

College/University, Andrea Solya

Future plans & goals

I'm still learning what to do and am eager to do so.

Community Choirs. Steven Szalaj

Recent successes & challenges

- Presented *Festival of the Voice* on November 6, 2016. Though this is not an ACDA-branded event, this non-competitive festival involved 17 choirs from all around Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock and neighboring communities. Participating choirs were split between two concerts. All choirs were able to hear the others. Through concert sponsorships, participating choirs had no entry fee.

- Presented “Sing-Along” Messiah on December 11, 2016, with orchestra and professional soloists.

Activities in progress

- Preparations for community choir involvement in the IL-ACDA Fall Conference, Oct 2017.
- Submitted repertoire for IMEC/ACDA Reading session, to be presented by Lee Kesselman.
- Preparing next article for the Podium

Future plans & goals

- a. I would like to make the next *Festival of the Voice* (November 2018) an ACDA sponsored/branded event, and perhaps expand it to other communities.

Youth & Student Activities, Andy Jensen

Recent successes & challenges

- Student focused sessions at 2016 Summer ReTreat
- High student registration at 2016 Summer ReTreat
- Failure to create a Fall 2016 Student-Focused Event

Activities in progress

- Beginning stages of planning for 2017 Summer ReTreat sessions and events
- Student Board Rep. term length? Another student has expressed interest.

Future plans & goals

- Establish regular rotation of annual collegiate student events. Maybe discussed with students at ReTreat?

Membership, Andy Jeffrey and Brandon Catt

Recent successes & challenges

- Current membership is 801 – this is the highest it has been since I have done membership
- Student membership is up almost 16%
- Active membership is down 0.7%
- We need to find ways to keep active members – get them to events
- Event attendance = membership retention
- We didn’t meet our complimentary membership distribution goal
- We handed out 9 of 10. Andy handed out 6. We need to have district reps more active in recruiting.

Activities in progress

- 2017 IMEC recruiting!
- Working to make membership lists more helpful to board members with codes and R and S info
- Continue to recruit student members and keep them!

Future plans & goals

- membership drive is ongoing – we all need to talk up ACDA all the time!
- student \$5 memberships to end of year
- talk up ReTreat and National ACDA in March
- incentivize first year full membership from student membership (possibly subsidize ReTreat attendance?)

Show Choir, Kassy Krause

Recent successes & challenges

- Our All State performance in October was a huge success! Participation data is on the next page. We select 48 singer/dancers (12 sopranos, 12 altos, 12 tenors, 12 basses). Vocal Clinician was Duane Davis from Indiana University, and the choreographer was Nancy Bocek out of Villa Park. The final performance can be found on YouTube by searching IL-ACDA Honor Show Choir 2016.

Activities in progress

- Working with Brett on the 2017 Fall Conference performance.

Future plans & goals

- Utilizing the same process to choose an all state student band combo – this year we just had directors nominate their students. We are also hoping to get more schools involved that may not have a competitive show choir as part of their programs.

	2014	2015	2016
Soprano	20	30	35
Alto	23	22	31
Tenor	22	19	33
Bass	18	20	25
Total Number of Audition Submissions	83	91	124
Number of Registered Students	108	127	143
Number of Registered that DID NOT submit videos	25	36	19

Participating Schools	Buffalo Grove	Alan B. Shepard	Buffalo Grove
	Eisenhower	Buffalo Grove	Batavia
	El Paso	Eisenhower	Crete
	Glenwood	El Paso	Decatur
	Hersey	Glenwood	Eisenhower
	Leyden	Hersey	El Paso
	Manteno	Manteno	Glenwood
	Naperville North	Mt. Zion	John Hersey
	Rolling Meadows	Naperville North	Manteno
	Sullivan	Oak Park River Forest	Mt. Zion
	Waubonsie Valley	Prospect	Naperville North
	Wheaton North	Springfield Southeast	Springfield Southeast
	Wheaton Warrenville	Waubonsie Valley	Sullivan
		Wheaton North	Watseka
		Wheaton Warrenville	Waubonsie Valley
	Wheeling	Wheaton North	
		Wheaton Warrenville	
		Wheeling	
TOTAL	13	16	18

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Men's Choir, Mark Grizzard

Recent successes & challenges

- A successful Summer Retreat! I have ended my leadership of men's choir at ISU, making me perhaps a less than ideal person for this position. I have informed the board that I will happily continue my term, but that another person may prove to be a more prudent leader in this capacity. It is my understanding that a call for nomination was placed, without any further update.

Activities in progress

- There has long been a need for an ACDA Men’s Choir festival! I would love to at least put a date on the calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, but given the vagaries of leadership as described above I’m hesitant to do so. I ask the board’s input on whether:
- The search for a new Men’s Choir chair is made a priority, so that he/she and I may partner in laying the groundwork for the festival, knowing that he/she will end up doing much of the work;

or

- My term is officially extended through the 2017-2018 school year, during which I will organize a Men’s Choir festival.

Future plans & goals

See above! I’m so happy to be a part of this fine group of talented people.

Female Choirs, Aubrey Dunham, IL-ACDA Female Choirs Chair

Sing and Share 2017 Festival Information

2017 Sing and Share Festival Clinicians

- Beth Holmes
- Susan Moninger
- Donna Tallman
- Mona Wis

Raised participation fee to \$75 per ensemble to aid in covering of McAninch Arts Center cost and additional 4th clinician compensation.

18 Participating Ensembles in Festival (19 with Elmhurst)
Elmhurst Women’s Festival – featured collegiate ensemble

2017 Sing and Share Budget Proposal

Clinicians (4 @ \$200)	\$800.00
McAninch Arts Center Facility Usage	\$500.00 (COD with the help of Lee Kesselman helped lower this amount substantially).
Festival Materials (supplies for signs, folders, envelopes, name tags, etc.)	\$25.00
Total expected cost	\$1325.00

Estimated registration fee funds: **\$1350.00**

*The Sing and Share festival does not need to apply for a mini-grant this year due to the raising of the festival fee to \$75.00

Additional Upcoming Women's Choir Ideas:

- Proposed festival date for 2018 – Thursday, February 1 (PENDING COD availability)
- Illinois High School Women's Choir consortium
 - Trying to gauge interest in getting several schools 15-20 on board with trying to put funds toward a new women's piece specifically geared toward high school developing women's voices (with awesome text whose subject is deeper than flowers and love...)

Vocal Jazz, Jennifer Seiler

Recent successes & challenges

- Continuing to gather information regarding one mass calendar for the Vocal Jazz festivals, competitions, etc. throughout the year
- Beginning to create a spreadsheet including all reading session selections (both IL-ACDA related and beyond) to better serve ACDA members
- It is frustrating to repeat songs every year, but there's currently no way of knowing that information

Activities in progress

- Speaking with other states about Vocal Jazz vs. A cappella R&S Chairs

Future plans & goals

- Continuing with the spreadsheet regarding reading session selections

Music in Worship, Jeff Hunt

Activities in progress

- Michele Hecht and I met soon after the fall board meeting to investigate the possibility of including a music and worship track during the fall conference. We met with Brett Goad a few weeks ago and it looks like a plan is in place to go ahead with the idea. Some items we are considering include:
 - A choir of church choir directors and singers led by Tim Sharp
 - Reading session of sacred music
 - A workshop that we hope will benefit the church choir director and singer. Perhaps something relating to healthy singing and how to get the most from your singers who perhaps sing only once or twice a week. We want to try and provide something useful and helpful for both the director and singer.
- A reception

Future plans & goals

- Much more discussion will take place over the next month but both Michele and I are excited about the possibilities.

District 3, Ben Luginbuhl

Future plans & goals:

- Continue to encourage District 3 members to participate in ACDA events. I am going to send an email this spring asking for ideas from members about what sing and share events with each other or things that can be done with other districts in our portion of the state.

District 8, Drayton Eggleston

Activities in progress

- News – DeKalb High School is hosting a choral event on Feb. 10th featuring St. Olaf Choir. 4 choirs will receive master class like training from Anton Armstrong. St. Olaf will host a concert that same night. Tickets can be purchase for their evening concert at stolaf.edu.

Future plans & goals for 2017

Looking to continue to make more connections with the District 8 faculty using the info Andy and Brandon have provided

District 9 Representative, Bryan Kunstman

Recent successes & challenges

- Andy Jeffrey did a brief presentation for ACDA at our fall ILMEA District IX festival. We had quite a few high priority agenda items to work through, so our time was limited.
- Without having an avenue to meet new directors, it was hard to find a person to offer the free membership for “Sing Up” to. Was the deadline earlier this year? In the past I was able to hold a drawing for new directors in our district at the district festival. Can we ask to have the date moved back? The drawing was a great way to meet new directors and an opportunity to talk to those that might have let their membership lapse.

Future plans & goals

- I will continue to communicate with our members using the membership list and the ACDA overview pamphlet. I am willing to support any additional initiatives that will help our membership chairs.

District 6 Representative, Kara Gregory

Recent successes & challenges

- This past fall, I have made face-to-face contact with many of my choral peers in the district. I have gotten a chance to ask them what kind of support they would need, enjoy and desire. Their response was overwhelmingly that they wanted networking/performance opportunities for teachers. They prefer informal activities because of their busy schedules and the large size of our district (travel time, meeting place, etc.)

Activities in progress

- Scheduling a "Sing Your Heart Out" event where choral teachers can gather and sing together. They will also be able to share ensemble ideas and repertoire, mingle and network, build relationships and gain ideas from each other.

Future plans

- to connect the teachers in this region with each other, offering professional development, social interaction and choral opportunities for the students of Southern Illinois
- continue to help foster the love of choral singing (academic/extracurricular/community) in Southern Illinois.
- Create a springtime regional choral festival held at a central location.

Future Goal

- Choirs would perform individually and be adjudicated by college professors and choral professionals, Feedback given in real time, possibly a clinic with one/two conductors.
- Option to perform as a large choral ensemble at the end of the day with a celebratory octavo; previously given to participants.

Student Representative, Jessica Palmisano

Recent success

- The Facebook group has been a success and has allowed a lot of students to have opportunities for ILMEA

Activities in progress

- Andy and I are in communication about the summer ReTreat as far as student activities go

Future plans & goals

- I would love to put together a leadership student meeting at the fall convention. It would give a chance for groups to talk about their individual successes and how they can improve their chapters

Two-Year College, Tom Stauch

Activities in progress

The annual two-year college choral festival will be held at Harper College in Palatine on Saturday, April 1. A letter of invitation was sent to Illinois community college choral directors in September. The event is free to participating choirs

Middle School R&R, Debbie Aurelius Muir

Recent successes & challenges

Brought in a new member - James Marck, graduate of Bradley University and choral director at Court Street United Methodist Church in the Rockford, IL.

Co- Sponsored a presentation at the ILMEA District III Festival at Olivet Nazarene University under the name of ACDA and ILMEA with Kyle Brubaker entitled, "Well, It Was Working Earlier: Assessment Technology for the Tech-Challenged and Tech-Savvy Music Teacher". The presentation focused on using Google docs for ease in assessing in the performance based class room.

Activities in progress

Arranging for a choral exchange with another middle school choir directed by a potential ACDA member.

Future plans & goals

I will be helping to organize the Middle school Clinic Chorus for the ACDA 2017 Retreat. All those interested in sending students to participate please email me their name and voice part

I will be retiring from public school teaching this June and I will be resigning from the R & R position for Middle Schools on the ACDA Illinois Board effective at the end of this June, 2017.

I would like to bring back the Chestnuts at the ACDA 2017 Retreat. How about after the Awards Banquet?

Ideas for theme? How about "Favorite a cappella piece for a Madrigal Dinner or Holiday Concert"?

Composition Contest, Phillip Spencer

Activities in Progress

The 2017 IL-ACDA Choral Composition Contest was announced in Fall of 2016. The contest rules and application were placed on the website; a flyer will be included in all music packets at the Choral Reading Session at ILMEA; a notice will be printed in the Spring "Podium"; a notice was published on ChoralNet; and an electronic version of the flyer sent to eight national composer organizations, an increase of several over the previous year.

A committee of judges was assembled, all past winners of the contest this year: Richard Rossi, Paul Carey, Don Fraser, and myself.