



2023 Board of Directors Summer Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 5:00-7:30 pm

Bradley University, Dingleline Music Center

Schedule-

5:00-5:30 PM Updates on the mediation meetings-Arreon Harley Emerson, National Diversity Chair and Robyn Hilger, Executive Director of ACDA

5:30-5:45 PM Treasurer report about our IL-ACDA finances, bank account balances from the last five years-Paul Nielsen, Laura Coster, and Paul Laprade

5:45-6:00 PM-Question and answer time for board members to the exec committee, Arreon, and Robyn and the exec team

6 pm-6:30 PM dinner break

6:30-7:00 PM Governance discussion with Arreon and Robyn

7:00-7:30 Continue with the agenda items until 7:30 pm

7:30-7:45 pm-set up for the ReTreat (music packets, set up the stage and lobby)

Zoom Link-

Illinois ACDA Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 20th at 5pm

Time Jun 20, 2023 5:00PM (04:45 PM) Central Time (US and Canada)

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It is recommended that board members come to meet in-person if possible. We offer a Zoom link to the board for those who would like to attend but are out of town or unable to meet in-person.

We ask for your full attention during the meeting as we address these important matters together. Please fully engage and listen for understanding when others speak. Respect others by avoiding side conversations and texting when someone is speaking. Thank you!



Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions of new board members and our guests, Arreon Harley-Emerson and Robyn Hilger: Laura
- II. Updates from Arreon Harley-Emerson (National ACDA Diversity Chair) on our mediation meetings between the Exec Committee and the DIC
- III. Financial report on our savings account, yearly income, and the total balance in our account over the last five years. (Paul Nielsen, Laura Coster, and Paul Laprade)
- IV. Question and answer time
Dinner Break
- V. Governance with Arreon and Robyn
- VI. Minutes and board reports: Paul L.
- VII. Treasurer's report and the 2023-24 budget approval: Paul N
- VIII. New board roster and updates-Summary of new roles starting July 1, 2023
- IX. Membership Update: Kayley (as time permits)

Here are some important updates that we may not have time to cover during the meeting due to time constraints:

1. Reminder-Events forms are due for the 2023-2024 academic year are due before August 15th-Send an event form to Paul Laprade. New events (first year chairs) are encouraged to fill out a seed grant form for up to \$500, if needed.
2. *Join Voices*, Chicago update-ILMEA has committed to fund the event in the fall 2024 for up to \$6,000. The Join Voices Committee will meet with ILMEA/ILACDA in August to create a plan/one year contract that is workable for both JVC and ILMEA. This has been requested by both ILMEA and the JV committee. The JV committee has asked to take a year off during the 2023-2024 academic year and ILMEA agrees with this decision.

If both ILMEA and the JVC both agree to work together, a mutual contract will be created and the next event will be in the fall of 2024. After the 2024 event, if both parties mutually agree, ILMEA will continue to partner with JVC and they will fund the event in 2025 and beyond.
3. 2023 Harold Decker and Young Director Award recipients are Lee Kesselman and Jessica Palmisano. Lee will be presented his award at the ReTreat banquet and Jess will receive her award at the Fall Conference in October. Congrats to both!
4. 2023 Composition Contest results and planning for 2024: Donald Fraser and the panel of judges agreed they have no recommendation for a winner of this year's contest. They



agreed that the quality of the entries is not acceptable to receive an award this year. The exec committee would like to formally recommend that a committee of three board members meet three times in the fall to discuss ideas to improve the application pool and advise the board of how the application process can be improved. We will vote to start a committee by the full board by email in August.

5. Open Board Positions

Podium Editor- Thank you for your excellent work on the Podium, Jonathan! Best wishes on your decision to open your home to two foster children.

Children's Choir R&R-Thank you for serving your four-year term, Amy Branahl!

Youth and Student Activities-Thank you for serving a four-year term, Lynda Marshall!

District 2-Thank you for serving your four-year term, Jennifer Reece!

District 6-Best wishes to John McDonald in your new position at Washington U in Missouri

District 9-Thank you for serving your four-year term, Ali Kordelewski!

6. Fall Conference update-Our Headliners are Andre Thomas (Friday morning) and Cheryl Frazes-Hill (Sat morning)

The Honor Choir conductors are Fernando Malvar-Ruiz (HS) and Belford Hernandez (MS)

7 Performing Choirs and 6 Interest Session presenters have been selected

SATB HS Honor Choir literature is posted

Middle School SAB Honor Choir music is posted

Six board members are presenting reading sessions and Kayley Smetana is the chair

Paul Laprade chaired the audition choir committee.

Debbie Aurelius Muir is the interest session chair

Carol Munn and Lizzy Zarley are the MS Honor Choir Chairs

Rick Murphy is chairing the HS Honor Choir and we need one more. Are you interested?

Friday night's concert will include the U of IL Choirs and the *Lift Every Voice* young conductors.

Registration will open in late July.

7. Our to do list and goals for the 2023-2024 year:

- a. Continue our work to repair and open communication between the IL-ACDA board, the DIC, and the Join Voices Committee
- b. Develop a plan to use some of the bank account funds wisely so we can remain financially healthy and support DEIB initiatives in IL
- c. Continue our work to develop DEIB initiatives with the DEI Committee and the board



- d. Increase our membership across each district so more directors and singers will benefit from ACDA
- e. Make time during our board meetings for more discussion, recommendations, and voting on ideas with the full board
- f. Create task forces to address a lack of clarity regarding several procedural and governance guidelines in areas such as: seed grants, committee creation and definition, etc. to improve communication and efficiency
- g. Create an events manual for board members and opportunities for governance training for the board

Upcoming Events-SAVE THE DATES

Fall Conference-October 27-28 at U of I-Urbana

MS/JH Honor Choir-Saturday during the Fall Conference, 10/28

HS Honor Choir-Friday and Saturday during the Fall Conference, 10/27&28

Honor Show Choir-Naperville North HS, October (Th-Sat) Dates TBA

Treble Festivals-Feb TBA

Freshman and Sophomore Honor Choir-Feb 10 at St. Charles East HS with Matt Begale and Monica Bertrand-chairs

Midwest Regional ACDA Convention: February 2024

Summer ReTreat: June of 2024: Paul Laprade, Chair

Future Board Meetings-SAVE THE DATES

Possible Governance Board Training Workshop in August: TBA

Join Voices Committee meeting with ILMEA and IL-ACDA-August TBA

Saturday, Sept. 23rd 10:00 AM-11:30 AM-Virtual only meeting

Friday, January 27th, 2024, at IMEC for a lunch meeting in-person, Peoria

THANK YOU for serving Illinois ACDA! Adjourn