



Central States District
Board of Directors/Program Administrative
Team



March 22, 2020, 7:00 PM

Agenda

- Welcome - Chad Schuetz
- Zoom Orientation – Chad Schuetz
- Budget Update & Approval – Larry Warrick
- Consent Calendar Update – Mark Fuerniss
- Events Update – Matt Suellentrop
- MOU Planning/Process – Duane Lawson
- Connecting with Chapters – Chad Schuetz

In Attendance

*President, Chad Schuetz; *Executive Vice President, Duane Lawson; *Immediate Past District President, John Marshall; *Treasurer, Larry Warrick; *Secretary, Mark Fuerniss; *Iowa State V.P., Lyle Schwery; *Missouri-Arkansas State V.P., Paul Fuhrmann; *South Dakota State V.P., David Stephenson; Events V.P., Matt Suellentrop; Music and Performance V.P., Jeff Veteto; Chapter Support and Leadership V.P., Brett Randolph; Contest & Judging V.P., Carter Combs; Membership V.P., Mike Bass.

* Denotes Board position. Eight board members in attendance.

(Secretary joined meeting in progress about 7:10.)

Budget Update and Approval Treasurer Warrick discovered corruption in the formulas used to determine 2020 Spring and Fall conventions. Both convention budgets are in the black. The **revised 2020 District budget** would be \$1,302.20 in the black. Warrick asked the board to **approve the revised budget**. Seconded by Paul Fuhrmann. Everyone that voted, voted yes and that was over half so the **motion is approved** and accepted.

Consent Calendar update. Schuetz stated it is the responsibility of board members and PAT members to submit reports for the Consent Calendar. Schuetz encouraged everyone to submit a report to Secretary Fuerniss. Previous deadline was March 17. Please submit reports by Wednesday, March 25.

Events Update

 Matt Suellentrop

Things are still a little fluid with Wichita. Its mostly taken care of. We had zero problem with Orpheum as a venue, cancelling that. I've had Donna working with the Hyatt to see what the best solution is with that. If we would straight outright cancel we might lose a little bit of money specifically, probably, whatever we paid for the deposit. We have a couple options that I'm waiting on. My first choice, because we have Spring of 2022 open, move Wichita to that convention. Hyatt is ok with that except they don't have the specific weekend we're assigned available. The only weekend they have available is the weekend before which is Easter. Either have the convention in late March which is pretty early for us or early May which is pretty late for us. Neither of these dates look overloaded on the BHS calendar.

I don't think SCJC would have a problem with either date. Waiting for a response from Barney at the Orpheum to see if either of these dates are available. He has to talk to his board as they are planning a renovation sometime between now and then. Spring convention in Mason City, but nothing has been decided there. Since we are in Iowa City next year, other possible option would be pushing Iowa City back 2022. Don't know how the Marriott would respond to that. Donna's experience with Marriott overall as a company has been the hardest to work with about rescheduling. Try Plan A first. Wait to hear back from Barney at the Orpheum. Would have to decide before I can get to Dusty and C&J Steve Armstrong to change convention dates, whether we have a preference between March or May. Might have to work with our agricultural choruses to see if they have a preference.

South Dakota V.P. Dave Stephenson from South Dakota said May would be an absolute impossibility. Even April is a challenge. March is much easier for myself being in the ag business.

Schuetz asked Matt to work with convention team and Donna and come up with a recommendation. Matt will try to find how much we paid for a deposit, how it was taken care of. We may lose the deposit if we don't go back to Wichita. Easier if we can move this convention to Spring 2022 without having to move others around. Marshall moving the Iowa City date may be possible but would be difficult even though the local said Marriott has worked well with us but hotel administration has a tendency to change.

MOU Planning/Process Lawson Plan is to keep pretty much the same information as we had for 2020 for 2021, just update convention. MOU is due towards the end of March. Would like to add a couple things. From Jeff or Brett, invite someone from Harmony Hall, at Harmony Hall expense, to be an instructor or coach during LA or HEP. From Aaron, request an instructor for a Youth Festival. Harmony Hall needs this information by the end of the month for 2021 so they can put it into their budget. Aaron, Jeff and Brett should contact Duane. If anyone else has something they think is worthwhile, Duane would like that information this week.

Menu Items sent out by Dustin Guyden, have had time to consider things. Things Harmony Hall would like us to consider when we are writing our MOU. MOU is suppose to be mutually beneficially, so they know what's going on in CSD and they can support us and the chapters we work with. Suellentrop attended an Impact Alignment team meeting last November. Spent an entire day going over MOU's from different districts trying to identify items and how to align Society resources. MOU is an important document. Society is taking seriously its responsibility of providing resources for the districts and chapters. The point is alignment of services the Society and provide to us. So we can get support from them. Harmony Hall can have a direct impact on what we do and services we provide to our chapters. If we can submit early, we may have a better chance of getting what we ask for. Want to get a draft out to board and Harmony Hall by the end of the month. Then formally approved at an upcoming Zoom Board meeting.

Connecting with chapters. Schuetz Have a concerted effort to reach out to every chapter by phone and have a personal conversation with them. PAT guys will be assigned to assist state vice president call chapters by phone. Schwery: rarely gets more than three or four out of fifteen chapters to participate on his monthly conference call. Schuetz: We're going to have to initiate the phone call, either to chapter president first, then the chapter secretary. Wants this to be a priority. Each person will have

four or five chapters to contact to see if chapters are ok if there is anything they need that we can help with. Our chapters may need some support. Schuetz will construct a three or four question template to be filled in during the conversation and results tabulated.

Combs and Convention. If the International Convention is held in Los Angeles, looks like quartets will qualify via video submissions. We will need to find time for our senior choruses to qualify. Can easily move Senior chorus competition to the fall contest. We will have lost the opportunity of having the small chorus competition this spring; may not have sufficient time to fold that into the fall convention. May just not have a small chorus champion this year. Suellentrop: if we can get everyone in in the fall contest it is something we should do. Will be an opportunity to increase attendance. Try to make this decision sooner than later so we can inform chapters so they can plan whether or not to compete. During the visit with chapters, check to see if chapters are interested in attending fall contest. Add senior chorus competition to fall contest. Decision about International is to be made by March 31.

Can we do a Zoom BOD/HOD meeting around time of Spring Convention? Schuetz will send out time and date. Can get attendance for quorum as delegates by participation log.

Mike Bass: Revisit the leadership challenge he sent out a couple months ago. Get people committed to coming to future contests. Have a commitment in future that chapters can work toward to keep their members. Chad asked Mike to help him with questionnaire.

Sign off about 7:53:00 p.m.

Recorded by Mark Fuerniss, CSD Secretary