

Area 2 Council Meeting  
April 23, 2009  
New Haven, CT

**Welcome**

Gail Kelsall Area 2 Rep. Welcomed everyone to the council meeting and to Area 2 contest with Silk'n Sounds. Everything is great, things are going smoothly so far and it is wonderful to see so many attending.

Gail welcomed a special guest to our meeting, IPP Kath Morgan. Kath was representing Harmony, Inc at our area convention and contest this year.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's report**

Cathy La Salandra our Area 2 treasurer passed out her treasurers report. Cathy noted that we really need a profit to help with the Judges subsidy that we give each year. At this time we are supporting our area with the Area 2 dues, but, this isn't going to cover everything.

It was also noted that there is an issue that needs to be addressed with Area 2 Dues. It was noted that Crosstown Harmony has not yet paid Area 2 dues since joining. Gail Kelsall will address this issue with them to see what the problem may be and that they understand that this needs to happen each year.

All of the following reports on agenda will be posted on the website with minutes to be read. Please take the time to read them and know that these people are working for you and your Area.

**ELECTIONS**

The following positions are up for election.

Area 2 Secretary- Gayle Jordan

Area 2 Quartet Promotion- Maria Gabriella

Borderlines editor- Diane Zanetti stepping down- Julie Schwingbeck is interested in this position.

Manual Chairman- Marj Andrew

Membership Coordinator- Aileen Murray

Motion made by Heather Solomon and seconded by Barbara Knoll that the secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate. Motion Carried.

Members of the finance committee for the following year are:

Cathy La Salandra, Heather Solomon, Gail Kelsall, Gayle Jordan, Sandy Venditti.

## **AC&C REPORTS**

### **2009 – Silk'n Sounds**

So far it is going very well. Everything is in place for the weekend. They hope everyone has a great time and Good Luck to all the competitors.

**2010 – Harmony Heritage – Warwick, RI** will be the place. Crowne Plaza Hotel. They will be working on the budget as soon as this AC&C is done and more info will be forthcoming.

**2011 – NEVIH** will be our hostess for this year. Please note the dates will be May 13-15. Because of the holiday.

**2012 – Montreal City Voices** is putting in a bid for this year. Bid was accepted.

**2013 – WON** are a prospective chapter for this year. More to come.

## **ABC DAYS**

An ABC day was held in October 2008 with NEVIH, in Nashua, NH. It was well attended.

Capital Chordettes had an ABC Day planned for 2009 in Ottawa, but this has been postponed until Sept. 2010. They are in need of educators for this event.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **LCD Projector –**

Harmony, Inc. has informed each Area in Harmony that it would be a good idea to purchase an LCD projector for your area. These are in more need now that technology has changed. Our educators are now using them more for their classes both on the Area level and International Level.

Harmony, Inc. is willing to give up to \$250.00 to each Area toward the purchase of one. This was suggested so that if each area purchased one for their use that with Harmony, Inc's help then Harmony, Inc. could borrow these for use at International for educators in our craft classes. These have become very costly for Harmony to rent from hotels during our internationals and not all have them. International is hoping that each area will take advantage of this opportunity.

Motion by Barbara Knoll and seconded by Julie Schwingbeck that we send this item to Study & Review for research of information for our August meeting of council. Motion Carried.

## **Insurance for D&O**

Kath Morgan spoke to this issue. There has been much discussion on this and some are confused as to whether they want or need this insurance.

The insurance we have now covers our members not our Officers. Kath explained that Harmony, Inc changed insurance agency and found an insurance that specializes in Non-Profit. We should have had this 10 years ago and didn't get good advice then. It is a safety issue for Chapters to get this insurance the cost of lawyers alone to fight for you in a case would be heavy. It will cover US/CND. Every chapter must buy in to the program. It was discussed that Harmony membership dues increase instead to cover those smaller chapters. This will be discussed at mid year.

If your chapter has any questions please feel free to ask any IBOD member for the answers.

## **Education Classes on Sunday of AC&C**

Some choruses have longer travel times which would not allow them to attend classes on Sunday. Area 3 does this but their AC&C is centralized. Linda Janes Area 2 Education coordinator has evaluation sheets for choruses. Make sure you fill out and return to her. This question will appear on it.

## **½ Price AEP for Website coordinator**

A motion to offer a ½ price AEP for website coordinator was made by Barbara Knoll and seconded by Barbara Ladabouche. Motion was then tabled by Barbara Knoll and seconded by Sandy Venditti. Cathy DeCoste spoke of the fact that it is more labor intensive than it was 5 years ago. The amount of information and the time spent making sure it gets on correctly and the way the chapter hostessing wants it takes much time. This is just a way to compensate our Website coordinator for all her work on our website each year.

This item was sent to Study & Review for August meeting.

## **Travel to HITS for Education Chairman**

International pays for everything for our Area 2 Education Coordinator to attend HITS except her travel. Harmony, Inc. has asked that the Area's cover their travel expenses to insure that they can attend HITS.

A motion was made by Lois Lundsted and seconded by Heidi Berger that Area 2 cover the travel expenses for the Education Coordinator to attend HITS. The motion was amended to add that the item be a line item in the Area 2 budget. Motion Carried.

It has been suggested that we do a teleconference call for our August Council meeting this year to help cut down on expenses.

Motion was made by Sandy Anagnostakis seconded by Julie Schwingbeck that we have a teleconference for August meeting of council. Motion Carried

Dates and times will be forthcoming w/ agenda and protocol for this call.

## **Change of Draw for Dual Members Contest**

This was tabled until August. An adhoc committee to investigate information for this issue was put in place. Committee members will be, Marj Andrew, Julie Schwingbeck and Cathy DeCoste. These ladies will gather information on this issue with input from Tricia Harris ACJC for Area 2.

## **Sparkplug**

Harmony In Motion was our international sparkplug winners this year. 6 of our Chapters increased by 10% this year and 8 chapters gained new members. Our Area 2 sparkplug winner was Silk'n Sound. Noteable Blend had a membership increase also this year and Harmony Heritage did also.

Crisp Communications is an advertising firm hired by Harmony, Inc. to help with PR for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They are having two teleconferences for all the PR chairmans. This will give ideas to promote and answer any questions people may have. The first one is happening as we speak and the second one will be on May 1, 2009 at 5 & 7pm.

Gail handed out some more anniversary certificates to individual members and choruses.

It was stated that the hospitality room will not be open on Saturday nor will registration. Last time for tickets is 8-4 on Friday. It will be open 8-11am on Sunday.

Motion by Barbara Knoll and seconded by Karen Koivumaki that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Jordan, Area 2 Secretary