

Area 2 Council Meeting April 22, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Warwick, RI

Harmony Creed

Welcome by Area 2 Director Gail Kelsall

Roll Call

Area 2 Director	Gail Kelsall
Area 2 Advisor Finance	Heather Solomon
Area 2 Advisor Study&Review	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Treasurer	Cathy La Salandra
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Education Coordinator	Linda Janes
Borderlines Editor	Julie Schwingbeck
Area 2 ACJC	Tricia Harris
Website Coordinator	Cathy De Coste
Area 2 Historian	Gayle Jordan
Barre-Tones	Barbara Ladabouche
Chair City Pipers	Jan LeClair
Capital Chordettes	Sue Kellison
Champlain Echoes	Sandy Venditti
Harmony Heritage	Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh
Maine-ly Harmony	Anne Danforth
Montreal City Voices	Heather Solomon
New England Voices in Harmony	Jackie White
Silk'n Sounds	Sandy Anagnostakis
Sounds of the Seacoast	Evelyn Colby
Women of Note	Angie Dolber

Guest Executive Secretary Carolyn Pellow

Motion to approve the Area 2 minutes from the August 2009 meeting. Motion by Heather Solomon seconded by Barbara Ladabouche. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as filed. Motion by Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh seconded by Aileen Murray. Motion Carried.

Study & Review

Associate member dues

Associate members were emailed about their Area 2 dues. Out of 30 associate members 7 in the US and 1 in CND have responded.

Questions were is what they receive sufficient for what they pay?

Julie Schwingbeck has offered to email them the Borderlines.

We will ask if there is anything that they are looking for in way of info and how to best handle this. Sent back to Study & Review for next meeting.

Borderlines

3 Borderlines were published this year and many chapters were involved in this. Julie is still looking for calendar information to include each time.

It was suggested that Area 2 have a Facebook page for chapter chatter. A motion was made that Gayle Jordan and Cathy DeCoste look into and set this up for the area. Motion by Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh and seconded by Sandy Venditti. Motion Carried.

#### ACJC

Tricia Said things were going well for contest. She reported that in doing the proposed budget and having actual figures there was not sufficient money in the line item for Videographer. She is recommending that the council increase the line item to \$400.00 per year for the videographer.

Also Linda Janes feels we should look into the price of duplicating the entire contest to have for historic and educational purposes.

Motion was made by Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh to increase the line item for videographer to \$300.00. Seconded by Jan LeClair. Motion Carried

PR/Marketing reports were placed on Area 2 Website in Chris Kuntz absence. Get Better Soon Chris we miss you!

#### Development/Membership

Aileen reported that we have officially lost Crosstown Harmony from Area 2 chapters. A certificate was presented to Anne Axworthy.

BJ Vermue and Kaitlin Dunbar are working with 30 members of a new chapter who should be coming in soon. The chapter name is Chapman Mill Sound Connection. More info will be coming soon.

#### Membership

Reporting on our Sept sing program. 13 of 14 chapters gained members through the program. 39 new members in Area 2.

Aileen traveled with Gail Kelsall to visit chapters this year. They visited a few in Canada and then picked up Chris Kuntz and did some more visits in the states. They will visit with The Thousand Islanders when they return home.

Area 2 membership totals are:

468 Chapter members

26 Associate members

6 Affiliate members

Motion was made to do the Area 2 Sept sing lottery again this year. Motion by Linda Janes seconded by Barbara Ladabouche. Motion Carried

#### Education Chairman

Linda reported that she is still trying to figure out and understand the skill sets for education classes. She will be sending out a survey to be taken home and returned asap to her which will include what people are looking for in education classes, when they would like them if they would like them moved to outside AC&C. She also has made donations to Harmony Foundation and Harmony Explosion for the Judges Gifts.

#### Historian

Gayle reported that she has one retired trophy and one history book. There will be a couple more retired trophies coming. She is still working on a way to get all of area 2's competitor's photos to at least have for history each year.

### Manual Chairman

Please review and return changes to your job descriptions to Marj Andrew, Gail Kelsall and Gayle Jordan so that they will be sure to be changed in our Area 2 manual. Please have these changes done by Mid July.

### Website coordinator

Cathy has posted her report and is looking for feedback always on things to post and changes.

### Elections of offices

Motion was made by Sandy Anagnostakis seconded by Jackie White that the following positions be elected by acclamation.

Area 2 Treasurer

Development Coordinator

Education coordinator

Website Coordinator

Public Relations coordinator

Historian

Motion Carried

The following people have volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee for the coming year.

Angie Dolber – Women of Note

Sandy Anagnostakis- Silk'n Sounds

### AC&C 2010

Barbara-Ann Chairman welcomed everyone to our AC&C and reported that our room block has been met. Everything so far is going smoothly with little or no problems. If you haven't done an AC&C you should consider it. It is a job but well worth the effort.

### AC&C 2011

New England Voices In Harmony – May 12-15

Theme – “Paint the Town Purple” Wear Purple

Rooms will be - \$94 for Single/double \$99 for Triple/quad

Parking will be \$5.00 a day

Their proposed budget will be in before the aug meeting.

### AC&C 2014

Sounds of the Seacoast will be our hostesses.

Motion was made to accept Sounds of the Seacoast as our 2014 hostesses. Motion by Jackie White seconded by Jan LeClair. Motion Carried

Education Day September 25 Hosted by Capital Chordettes

They have received a \$2000.00 grant from Sing Canada and have \$300.00 subsidy from Area 2.

The issue of making sure we covered our room nights booked at hotel in order to get function space we need free has again surfaced this year. We understand that people are looking for less expensive housing especially when their travel expense is great.

Barbara-Ann has suggested that the Area 2 Council send out a message explaining this process to all of Area 2 so that they are aware and the next hostesses will not have the same problem. It is very important to Area 2 to have education classes and meetings and sing with the Queens and practice space. In order to do this we have to get our function space included with the cost of the rooms we book. If these things are to continue then we need each Area 2 member to remember this when booking their rooms and go with the hotels chosen.

#### D&O insurance

The vote for the D&O insurance has passed. We will be notified when it starts and the cost. Rough estimate will be around \$350.00 extra per year. Jan LeClair has asked Gail to check at mid year meetings if this will be charged per member or chapter?

#### Funding for Area 2 education purposes

We in Area 2 have been given \$1,000.00 from international in lieu of not having HITS school this past year. Each area was given the same amount to spend on education within their area. It was suggested that we help out the ABC day and sending a new director to education . These were only suggestions.

It was suggested that the help for directors to education classes be by a lottery from those applying for the assistance. We will discuss this further to make sure this money is spent wisely and can help out the most. Linda Janes will help with this process.

#### Harmony Explosion Day

This is now the Extreme Harmony Camp, Debbie Borsari is in charge of this event and has applied for \$300.00 assistance from International.

#### Find Your Voice

Anne Lienen would like feedback and also Chris Kuntz. Anything you can tell them about the materials and any suggestions are welcome.

#### Non Competing AEP

This is not being suggested at this time. AEP's will remain the same and must be purchased by All Area 2 Harmony members whether competing or not.

Gail Kelsall handed out some more certificates of membership for those who have reached some new goals in years of membership.

#### Next meeting

It was Motioned by Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh and seconded by Sandy Anagnostakis that we have a conference call for our august meeting again as last year. Motion carried

Motion by Angie Dolber and seconded by Sandy Venditti that we adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Jordan Area 2 Secretary