

AREA 2 COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2012

Area 2 council meeting was held on August 18, 2012 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Diane Zanetti, Area 2 Director presided. Those in attendance were:

Area 2 Director	Diane Zanetti
Area 2 Secretary	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Treasurer	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Historian	
Area 2 Advisor – Finance Advisor	Barbara-Ann MacIntosh
Area 2 Parliamentarian	
Area 2 Advisor – Study & Review	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Development Coordinator	
Area 2 Membership	
Area 2 ACJC	Tricia Harris
Area 2 Borderlines Editor	Julie Schwingbeck
Area 2 Manual Chairman	Diane Coates
Area 2 PR & Marketing	Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Quartet Promotion	Maria Gabriella
Area 2 Website	Cathy DeCoste
Chair City Pipers	Lois Lundstead
Capital Chordettes	Carol Ann Clarke
Champlain Echoes	Paula Verrastio
Harmony Heritage	Gayle Jordan
Main-ly Harmony	Nancy Bossie
Montreal City Voices	Carol Mercier
New England Voices In Harmony	Kate Steer
Noteable Blend	Joy Titus
Sounds of the Seacoast	Joyce Auger
Women of Note	Julie Schwingbeck – Delegate
Guest	“D” Dyer – International President

The meeting opened with the reciting of the Harmony Creed led by Diane Zanetti. Diane Zanetti introduced herself and D Dyer, Harmony, Inc. International President. Barbara-Ann reminded the council of Parliamentary procedure - allowing each person to speak to the question only twice. When votes are taken, those in the minority or abstaining will be named in the minutes Only chapter presidents are voting members of the council. Every person present may speak to an issue.

Minutes of April 26, 2012 Meeting	<u>Motion by Carol Mercier, second by Kate Steer to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2012 Council Meeting.</u> Julie Schwingbeck Abstained Motion Carried
AC&C Financial Report Montreal City Voices	Carol Mercier– Report has been sent to the Finance Committee and a check issued to Area 2 in the amount of \$3,692.72. <u>Motion by Carole Ann Clark, seconded by Lois Lundstead to accept the final report from Montreal City Voices.</u> Motion Carried.
Area 2 Treasurer Report – Gayle Jordan	Gayle presented the proposed budget for 2013 – 2014 pointing out various changes that have been made. We will not vote on the budget today but it must be approved before March 31, 2013. The Area Director travel has been

	<p>reduced to \$100 as IBOD now will be paying for the Director's travel. Also, the judge's assistance fund has been reduced as we did not use the total amount last year. Gayle will redo the budget and redistribute to the council. It was requested that a revised date be listed on each version.</p>
<p>Area 2 Finance Committee Report – Barbara-Ann MacIntosh</p>	<p>Finance committee met and reviewed the policy of donating all profit from previous AC&C to reduce the AEP for the current year. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that after the current year AC&C, the council will keep some of the monies to balance the council budget. The finance committee will balance the budget, determine how much of the profit is needed to be put in reserve and then what ever is remaining be offered to the next chapter hosting AC&C for their budget.</p> <p>Recommendation from the finance committee to grant \$1,500 to Women of Note for their AC&C budget.</p> <p>Motion by Kate Steer seconded by Paula Verrastro to accept the recommendation from the finance committee. Motion Carried.</p> <p>A long discussion was held on what the cost of AC&C really is, and what amounts should be put on the AC&C budget. No chorus should donate things without listing them as a donation because the next team does not have a true idea of what should be put into the budget.</p>
<p>AC&C Report 2013 – Maria Gabriella</p>	<p>Will be held in Leominster and contest at the Montachusett Vocational Technical School. AEP will be approximately \$95, including the Judges equalization funding . Room rates are \$105 per room.</p>
<p>AC&C 2014 Sounds of the Seacoast</p>	<p>Will be in Portland, ME and are still looking for a contest venue. Still working on a theme</p>
<p>AC&C 2015 – Harmony Heritage</p>	<p>Will be held in Warwick, RI and probably to the West Warwick High School for the contest. No theme as of yet.</p>
<p>IC&C 2016 D Dyer</p>	<p>Area 2 last hosted IC&C in 2004 – many venues were looked at and submitted to the IBOD but all were rejected for various reasons – IC&C was held in Rochester, NY and the area was able to pull off a good convention. Now that we have a convention team in place and it is Area 2's turn again, Jan DelVecchio, Convention manager sent several suggestions for venues within the Area. "D" read off the some of the places suggested and the costs involved, distance from airports, room rates etc. Most had at least one area of major concern that would not make it an ideal venue for convention. If a convention venue cannot be found, we may have to go out of area. The Northeast is a very expensive place to hold conventions. Jan and some of the convention team are going on further site visits within the area before a final decision is made. The council asked that "D" request the IBOD to look into Springfield, Providence, Worcester, Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods.</p>
<p>Area 2 Education Day – 2013 Update – Angie Dolber</p>	<p>An education day will be held throughout the country. August 17, 2013. Each area will have a site and during certain periods of the day, all areas will come together by Skype. The curriculum will be the same for all areas. It will begin at 9 am EDT. Music and learning tracks will be provided for the same song. Instructors will be at each site for classes in vocal technique, expression and other topics. The number of instructors at each site will depend on the number of participants at that site. The purpose of this day is to have education for the whole organization and there will be a song that everyone can sing together. This is a trial and</p>

	<p>depending on the success of this event, may be held every year or every other year.</p>
<p>Harmony Inc Education Subsidies</p>	<p>Area 2 currently has \$300 in our budget. The IBOD makes money available to the areas each year and Gayle is researching the amount that is left of our 2012 allotment.</p> <p>Nancy Bossie gave a short description of a youth outreach program that Maine-ly Harmony has done. They did a program at the YMCA and had 11 sign up the first year and 6 sign up the second. They are planning to continue their Youth Outreach programs.</p>
<p>Study & Review – AC&C Committee</p>	<p>AC&C Centralization. Committee is Aileen Murray, Chairperson, Gayle Jordan, Barbara-Ann MacIntosh, Tricia Harris, and Diane Coates. A survey had been sent to each chapter regarding centralizing AC&C in two areas as opposed to the way we do it now. The general consensus is that the chapters want everything under one roof. Finances seem to be the major concern. Other concerns are the same choruses would have to travel all the time, some members are older and they find it hard to travel to a school after traveling to the convention and would like to have it all under one roof. The committee is considering breaking down the areas of concern and each member of the team take a portion to research. In order to make an informed decision, chapters need to know how much money can be saved if a centralized location is used</p> <p>It was suggested that we do centralization for three years on a trial basis. This would allow actual data to present to the council in order to make a final decision. <u>Motion by Kate Steer seconded by Joy Titus</u> the area make a trial run for AC&C 2016-2018 for centralization location. Motion carried.</p> <p>The study & review committee will put together a plan on how this will be carried out. A plan, including potential locations, will be presented to the Area 2 council by December 1, 2012. A budget will be put together by the committee for any travel or other costs that may be incurred during search and a line item will be added to the current budget.</p>
<p>Area 2 Membership Award – Aileen Murray</p>	<p>When you get a new member, please email Aileen and Chris Kuntz and when the contest is over on March 31, 2013 a drawing will be held of all new members. The chapter that member has joined will receive \$200 for either a coaching session or learning tracks for a song of their choice.</p> <p>The IBOD is also supporting a program where a chapter can win a free all events pass to either AC&C or IC&C if the membership increases by 2 or more members on March 31, 2013 over the membership number on April 1, 2012.</p> <p>Aileen will send a report to each council member on some ideas that came out of the last membership class.</p> <p>There is a possibility of a new chapter in Cornwall, Ontario. Jane Cleary is the leader and has sung with Montreal City Voices in the past Aileen has given her lots of information on how to recruit, where to look for a director and how to contact Montreal City Voices and Capital Chordettes for advice and support as well as Chris Kuntz for PR help.</p>
<p>Open Assistant Position – Youth</p>	<p>The area is still looking to fill this position. Diane Z asked that each chapter president go back to your chorus and ask all members if they</p>

<p><i>Outreach Coordinator</i></p>	<p><i>would be interested in finding out about this position. New ACJC after 2013 will be Sylve Bouchard. It was also recommended that members who might be good at this be approached individually and asked if they would be willing to consider the position</i></p>
<p><i>Borderlines Update – Julie Schwingbeck</i></p>	<p><i>The latest issue of the Borderlines has been issued with apologies as to the timeliness of the past issues. Julie will be soliciting articles by Sept 15, 2012. She asked about paid ads for the Borderlines. We do not need to solicit ads but should one come in, we have a policy in place to accept it..</i></p>
<p><i>Generations Chorus – D Zanetti</i></p>	<p><i>Christina Tramack is the director of the Generation’s chorus. She has found it necessary to step down due to her college schedule. Diane Coates presented language for inclusion in the manual. Appendix “A” The council will receive this language by email from Diane and the council will vote on approval, including the timing for the application and decision. For this year we will open it up to any youth member in Area 2. A call will be put out for applicants to respond by Sept 15 and a decision made by Sept 30. They will start by Oct.1st.</i></p>
<p><i>Timeliness of Receipt of AC&C videos</i></p>	<p><i>There have been issues in last years of AC&C videos being issued late. The manual states that the videographer has 60 days. There was a discussion regarding changing that time period. Videographers are expensive and they want to sell to you. Northeast was used from the BHS organization in 2011. A cheaper approach needs to be researched. The chapters want to be given contact information so that direct contact can be made. This past year there was a delay of more than 60 days. For the next three AC&C we could use the NED who make the DVD’s on site and they are close to all of these AC&C’s. They did this for cost of overnight room and meals for one day.</i></p>
<p><i>Further Business</i></p>	<p><i>D spoke of Area 2 director resignation. We are all concerned for her health. We should all drops notes and cards to her and lift her spirits. Thanked Diane for stepping up and great job stepping into the position. If you have any questions make sure you use the manuals both in Area 2 and International. We have developed some bad habits of trying to figure things out instead of looking up the answers first. If you can’t find out answer then ask. Positions on the council, We have 500 members in Area 2 we should be challenged to talk with members and ask them to serve. There doesn’t need to be one person holding more than one position. Website is available also. Social media. Facebook and twitter, be careful of what you publish for information. Use it positively. The area 2 manual is a moving target, don’t be afraid of changing your job description in favor of growth. In Harmony Awareness week Feb 10th 2013. Tentative date for flashmob is Feb 9th. Director is Renee Tramack. There will be a cost because of music. \$3.00 per person including learning tracks. Song is One Voice. Barry Manilow version. We will be posting messages to Area 2 with more information. Diane Coates, Deb Bartol, Chris Kuntz will be kept in loop and will get information out. This will be</i></p>

	<p><i>pheasant lane in Nashua. IC&C changes in schedule. There are many this year. D explained some of the changes for this year. This schedule is available on the International website.</i></p> <p><i>We just had a membership vote to change the logo. We are lucky in Harmony, Inc that we had a say in the change. Executive committee is looking into a new membership pin design. They have been looking for new design with new logo on medals also. It may not be ready for this year and they want to get it right. It is hope to have medals ready but will have something to give away with logo until the pins are ready. There is new stationary with new logo on it.</i></p> <p><i>Kate had gone through the manual and found things to clean up. Diane Zanetti will send things out shortly to us to look at.</i></p> <p><i>Diane Coates distributed updates from April for your Area 2 manual.</i></p>

*Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted*

*Marj Andrew
Secretary*