Area 2 Conference Call February 19, 2012

Those Present:

Area 2 Director		
Area 2 Secretary	Marj Andrew	
Area 2 Treasurer	Gayle Jordan	
Area 2 Advisor – Study & Review	Aileen Murray	
Area 2 Manual Chairman	Diane Coates	
Barre-Tones	Barbara Ladabouche	
Capital Chordettes	Sue Kellison	
Chair City Pipers	Lois Lundstead	
Champlain Echoes	Jan Finn	
Chapman Mills Sound Connection	Stephanie Williams	
Harmony Heritage	Barbara-Ann MacIntosh	
Montreal City Voices	Heather Soloman	
New England Voices In Harmony	Kate Steer	
Noteable Blend		
Silk'n Sounds	Sandy Anagnostakis	
Sounds of the Seacoast		
Thousand Islanders		
Women of Note	Angie Dolber	
Guest – International President	"D" Dyer	

Gail welcomed everyone to the conference call.

Approval of Minutes	 <u>A motion was made by Sandy Anagnostakis and seconded by Kate Steer to accept the minutes of the November 27, 2011 conference call as presented</u>. Several changes were requested: Paragraph 2 states items 15 & 16 but does not state what they are. The words Item 15 – Photographer and Item 16 – videographer will be added to the minutes. Item 23 speaks of gifts, the minutes will show that it is referring to the judging panel and instructors) Motion Carried
Financial reports	 Discussion on how to handle funds that are coming from International and given to different chapters. Area 2 has no hands on this money. It was decided that the Area 2 Treasurer would complete a short report to be added to the financial reports at each meeting. The Budget presented by Gayle Jordan (date should be changed to 2012). As we do not have an approved budget for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year, Gayle will prepare one referring to past minutes, and get it out to council members by March 1, 2012. Women of Note are requesting \$100 for assistance for their director to go to director's school. There is only one Education fund from International and this is for general education. Gail is responsible for applying to Janice Westphal – Education chairman for these amounts. Gail will do this and follow up with Women of Note and the council.
Study & Review Update	• A questionnaire was to be drafted and sent to each chorus. This will be done and information will be presented at the AC&C 2012 in Montreal. Aileen reported that as a point of information, in the states, it is possible to use schools but in Canada they cannot be used. Barbara-Ann stated that the AC&C in Montreal this year is very expensive and using a school or centralizing the event should be thought of. A short discussion took place on the cost of AC&C's in the states vs. Canada. The committee will have the report to the council before AC&C in order for review before the council meeting.
\$100 assessment for not staying at the Convention Hotel	 There has been discussion regarding assessing a \$100 fee for everyone not staying at the Convention Hotel. This is a policy of International. As an example of the importance,"D" explained that in Orlando for IC&C 2012, if we miss 100 room nights, the cost to Harmony, Inc. would be \$12,000. There was a discussion as to the reasoning behind the need for an assessment and it all goes back to finances. Motion by Barbara-Ann MacIntosh seconded by Betty Martin, beginning 2013, any member not staying at the convention hotel will be assessed a fair assessment of \$100. Motion carried
Area 2 Manual	Diane Coates has distributed an updated manual

	 Motion by Barbara-Ann MacIntosh, 2nd by Lois Lunsted to <u>change the age of a youth member from</u> <u>23 to 25 to agree with the international age</u>. Motion carried The council decided that a conference call be scheduled for March 18, 2012 to vote on the updates. Should you have any questions, please send an email to Diane Coates before the conference call and be prepared to vote.
Women of Note request for AC&C	 Motion by Kate Steer 2nd by Betty Martin issue the \$1,000 AC&C pre planning to Women of Note for AC&C 2013. Motion carried
AC&C 2012 Education Classes	 Linda Janes – not available on line – would like to know what classes you would like to see at AC&C 2012. Please send her any ideas you may have.
Equalization Payment Judges Transportation Cost	 An additional amount will be applied to AEP across the organization to equalize the cost of judges transportation to their AC&C's. Starting in 2013, each area council will add an extra \$16 - \$19 to their all events pass. This amount will be sent to International for distribution. Gail will receive more information at the IBOD meeting in May and will inform us of how much will be due.
Area 2 Council Meeting in Montreal	 The meeting in Montreal will be scheduled for 7pm and information regarding attendance will be sent out
International Education Day August 17, 2013	• This will replace HITS. This will be one day and a central location in each area will be held with a request for WiFi and Skype so we can all be together.
Maine-Iy Harmony request for Youth Outreach funding	 This was granted to them last year and they are requesting \$829.40 again this year for the same project. They are requesting the amount for music, rental fees, costumes, mechanical licenses. Aileen Murray mentioned that Capital Chordettes may be doing a program with a college in their area Motion by Janet Flynn and 2nd by Lois Lundsted <u>that we grant Maine-ly Harmony \$500 to assist them with their youth project</u>. Motion Carried. These are funds from International so Gail will inform Youth Outreach Manager that Area 2 has approved.
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Respectfully Submitted Marj Andrew Area 2 Secretary