

AREA 2 COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2012

Area 2 council meeting was held on April 26, 2012 at AC&C in Laval, Quebec. Gail Kelsal, Area 2 Director presided. Those in attendance were:

Area 2 Director	Gail Kelsall
Area 2 Secretary	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Treasurer	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Historian	
Area 2 Financial Advisor	Heather Solomon
Area 2 Advisor – Study & Review	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Development Coordinator	
Area 2 Membership	
Area 2 Parliamentarian	Barbara-Ann MacIntosh
Area 2 Manual Chairman	Diane Coates
Area 2 Website	Cathy Decoste
Area 2 Education	Vacant
Barre-Tones	Barbara Laudabush – Delegate
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
Silk & Sounds	Sharon Crowley
Sounds of the Seacoast	Evelyn Colby - Delegate
Women of Note	Angie Dolber

Gail Kelsall welcomed all to the meeting and lead the reciting of the Harmony Creed. Gail then introduced Lauren Lindeman, International Board of Directors Representative as Area 2 guest for the weekend.

Minutes of Area 2 March 31, 2012 Conference Call	Motion by Paula Verrastio, 2 nd by Sharon Crowley to <u>Accept the minutes from the Area 2 March 31, 2012 Conference call as read.</u> Motion carried
Study & Review - Centralizing AC&C – Aileen Murray	<p>Aileen has not heard from every chapter which makes her job a little more difficult. Some of the questions raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we want to centralize AC&C? Major concerns were the fact that some chapters would have to travel every time and others would not incur travel costs. Questioned the feasibility of closer chapters paying more for their all events to offset the travel costs of chapters farther away. • Do we want AC&C all under one roof or stay in a hotel and drive to a nearby school or hall for the contest? Majority would like to have all under one roof if the costs were reasonable. <p>It was suggested that a Convention Study committee be formed and report back to the council at the August Council meeting with results of their research. We have AC&C contracts in place through 2015 so there is time to fully research any actions to be taken.</p>

	<p>A committee of volunteers was formed: Dianne Clark Dianne Coates Barbara-Ann MacIntosh Aileen Murray Gayle Jordan Tricia Harris (needs to be asked) Once the committee meets, they will choose a chairman</p>
Area 2 Budget	<p>The Area 2 2012-2013 budget has been approved at the prior teleconference call. A discussion ensued regarding a deficit budget and what could be done to run the Area with a balanced budget. This will be put on the agenda for the August Council Meeting and the finance committee will come up with some suggestions on how to utilize our budgeting</p>
August Council Meeting	<p>Gayle Jordan, President of Harmony Heritage has volunteered (with the approval of the chapter) to host the August 18, 2012 council meeting in the Attleboro, MA or Pawtucket, RI Area. Finance committee will meet on August 17, 2012. The Council members will all work on fixing a deficit budget and any ideas or suggestions should be sent to the financial Advisor for discussion at the Finance committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment that the profit from AC&C is a moving target but the profit needs to be held back. In order to have a balanced budget, the profit needs to be budgeted. - The budget should be developed earlier than the April meeting so the profit needed can be determined
Harmony, Inc Education Day	<p>The IBOD has announced that there will be an International Education Day scheduled for August 17, 2013. Every area is in charge of finding a location to hostess this event and International will pay for it. There will be a video conferencing portion as well as a unified curriculum so every area will have the same educational opportunity. Areas need to start organizing the event now. All presidents are asked to go back to their chapters to determine if there is a location in the area that could hold this event. There was a discussion that there may be a need for two locations, one north and one south. The IBOD will send out a list of requirements shortly to facilitate our search. -A committee was formed to research locations: Angie Dolber – Chair Carol Ann Clarke Gail Kelsall</p>
Equalization of Judges Payments	<p>Lauren Lindeman explained the need for an equalization of payments and how it will work. Beginning in 2014 each Area 2 AC&C All-Events pass will have a \$17 equalization fee added to it. This fee is not in addition to the amount paid for Area 2 judges, it replaces the amount paid to make the judges expense equal over all areas. Lauren will prepare a brief written explanation to be shared with members.</p>
Elections	<p>Incumbents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasurer – Gayle Jordan - Public Relations – Chris Kuntz - Website - Cathy DeCoste - Historian – Gayle Jordan <p>Motion by Angie Dolber, 2nd by Lois Lundstead <u>to re-elect the incumbents.</u> Motion Carried.</p>
Area Advisors	<p>Gail Kelsall announced the following advisors and asked for ratification</p>

	<p>-Carol Ann Clarke – Study & Review -Barbara-Ann MacIntosh – Financial Motion by Carol Mercier, 2nd by Lois Lundstead <u>to ratify the two advisors as appointed by Gail.</u> Motion Carried.</p>
Finance Committee	<p>Nominated Kate Steer – New England Voices in Harmony Carol Mercier – Montreal Chapter Motion by Angie Dolber, 2nd by Sharon Crowley <u>to accept the two members as nominated.</u> Motion Carried</p>
Study & Review Committee	<p>Nominated Paula Verrastio – Champlain Echoes Gayle Jordon – Harmony Heritage Motion by Kate Steer, 2nd by Lois Lundstead <u>to ratify the two members as nominated.</u> Morton Carried</p>

Meeting Adjourned
 Respectfully Submitted

Marj Andrew
 Secretary