

PIONEER DISTRICT, SPEBSQSA, INC.
MINUTES
HOUSE OF DELEGATE'S MEETING
APRIL 29, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: District President Bruce Smith called the meeting to order in the Glenn IV and V Rooms, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan at 1:37 pm. The singing of "The Old Songs" was directed by Pioneer District Director of Music and Performance Dan Bezaire.

QUORUM: Secretary Marvin Skupski announced that a quorum was present. Thirty-four officers and delegates out of a possible fifty-four were present. Among the signed-in guests were three past district presidents, Society Treasurer Bob Guigey and Society Immediate Past President Roger Lewis.

INVOCATION AND MEMORIAL TO DECEASED MEMBERS: A tribute to the deceased members since the last meeting was given by Director of Member Services Brian Dunckel for the following members: Lloyd Andre, Wayne; Jim Dugan, Detroit-Oakland; Bob Goodman, Grosse Pointe; Floyd Guernsy, Traverse City; Len Hank, Grosse Pointe; Rudy Hart, Grosse Pointe; Edward Heinrich, Grosse Pointe; Jim Horton, Grand Rapids; Steve Jacoby, Detroit-Oakland; Jim McCatty, Detroit-Oakland; Richard Manley, Gaylord; Don Phillips, Grand Rapids; Elwood Rouleau, Alpena; John Voyner, Pontiac-Waterford; Paul Ward, Saginaw Bay.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the October 15, 2004 House of Delegates Meeting had been previously distributed by e-mail attachment and by posting on the Pioneer District Web Site. Discussion and comments were invited and there were none.

Motion to accept the Minutes as submitted was made by Saginaw Bay Chapter Delegate Bob Winters, supported by Past District President Earl Berry. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Robb Smith distributed and explained a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004 and a Revenues and Expenditures, Budget vs. Actual comparison for January 2005 through April 2005. Treasurer Smith indicated that these reports were supported by 12 pages of detail which he would e-mail to any delegate upon request. Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Motion to receive the financial reports was made by Lansing Chapter Delegate Don Horton, support by Gratiot County Delegate Jim McMahan. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: District President Bruce Smith relinquished his comment time in favor of Society Treasurer Bob Guigey telling us what is happening at the Society level, and our own IPP Al Bonney to present the goings-on concerning the Society Mission and Vision Statements. No formal action was taken.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE: Our Society President's representative to our 2005 Pioneer District Spring Convention, Society Treasurer Bob Guigey, addressed the delegates bringing greetings from Society President Rob Hopkins and lauding Pioneer District for its very involved leadership team. He then reviewed the Letter to the Delegates that had been earlier forwarded to all chapter presidents from Society President Rob Hopkins, highlighting areas of importance, with membership being be far the most important and the most crucial. After emphasizing that new members do not join the society or the district but join the chapter, Bob advised that he would be available anytime during the entire week-end to answer questions and to discuss goals and obstacles on a one-on-one with chapter leaders and chapter members.

No formal action was taken.

SOCIETY MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS: IPP Al Bonney, assisted by a projector program, read the Society's presentation of the Mission and Vision Statements. He indicated there would be "Webinar Sessions" to keep the district leadership up to date and active in the execution of Society programs. Discussion and questions followed. IPP Bonney had a simple survey form distributed that dealt with member acceptance and willingness to work toward the goals stated in the Mission and Vision Statements for all attendees to fill out and submit at the end of the meeting. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar Reports of the District Officers were submitted. There was no written report from Chorus Director Development so President Bruce Smith advised the attendees that the Society awarded scholarships to Directors College to four Pioneer District chorus directors and the Pioneer District awarded a scholarship to Directors College to one Pioneer District chorus director.

IPP Al Bonney, acting in his capacity of Director of Financial Development, emphasized to those present the importance of the chapters submitting data that could be used in reporting to the granting authority on how the grant money was being used so the granting authority can track the investment they make in us.

No request was made to have any report pulled for discussion. Motion to accept the Consent Calendar Reports was made by Lansing Chapter Delegate Don Horton, supported by Director of Contest & Judging Al Fisk. Motion carried unanimously.

COTS AWARD: Director of CSLT Doran McTaggart presented to Doug Lynn an award for **OUTSTANDING DISTRICT COTS COORDINATOR** for his work in organizing attendance at Pioneer District COTS for the last two years where Pioneer was ahead of all other districts in total chapter attendance and members per chapter attendance.

INTERNATIONAL SEND-OFF SHOW: Director of CSLT Doran McTaggart announced the Windsor Send-Off Show for June 10, 2005 and distributed tickets to all geographically close chapters.

HARMONY FOUNDATION: IPP Al Bonney acting in his position as Director of Financial Development brought the attendees up to date on the philanthropic giving concept and thanked the Pioneer District Chapters for the \$37,000 given to Harmony Foundation last year.

FUTURE CONVENTION SITES: Director of Events Jerry Ditto reported that Pioneer District will convene in Battle Creek in the fall of 2005, McCamly Plaza Hotel being headquarters and the competitions to take place at Kellogg Auditorium.

For the spring and fall of 2006 Pioneer District will convene in Kalamazoo with Radisson Plaza Hotel being headquarters and also being the site where the competitions will take place.

In the spring of 2007 Pioneer District will convene in Traverse City and in the spring of 2009 we will convene in Traverse City. The meeting dates for spring of 2007 and 2009 will be moved up and in 2007 it will be April 12, 13 and 14.

Director Ditto indicated a host chapter was needed for both spring and fall when we convene in Kalamazoo in 2006.

BULLETIN EDITOR AWARDS: PROBE awards (Public Relations Officers and Bulletin

Editors). Third place award was presented to John Cowlshaw from Pontiac-Waterford Chapter for his production of "Smoke Signals." Second place award was presented to Art Lane of Holland Windmill Chapter for his production of "Windmill Blade." First place (for the third time) went to Robert Rancilio from Grosse Pointe Chapter for his production of "The Pitch Pipe."

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION: District President Bruce Smith supervised and facilitated. The Society's "U Can Sing 2" fall recruitment initiative was reviewed. The attendees then regrouped so that attendees at each table were from the same geographic area where they could use the same print and radio and television media. The discussions centered on how best each chapter in implementing their participation in the initiative could use the available media to enhance the potential of the entire national undertaking in its own area. Each group reported after having discussion, and the over-all conclusion was that we are not lacking ideas, but what we need in fact is action on those ideas.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Past District President Roger Lewis, support by Secretary Marvin Skupski. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Skupski, Pioneer District Secretary