

Biloxi Show a Great Success

Three firsts were experienced by the attendees to the Show, namely:

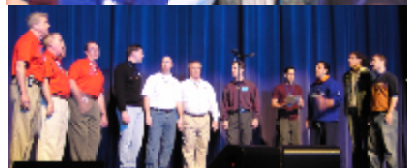
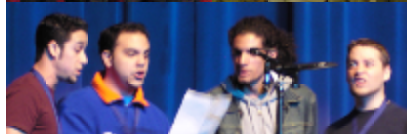
- 1) The presence of the AIC Champs, Collegiate Champs, and Senior Champs, all on a SPEBSQSA show for the first time;
- 2) A 12 man group consisting of the three quartet Champs singing together for the first time, and
- 3) For the first time a newly elected Society President, Rob Hopkins, acting as the Master of Ceremonies for the second half of the Show.

Other interesting observations:

Approximately 50% of the Convention attendees were present at the Show, an increase in attendance over the prior year of 50%.

At the end of the Show, there was a standing ovation and as the show participants strode down the central stairs into the audience, there was electricity generated in the theatre as the audience mobbed the singers. It was one of the greatest outpourings of love between an audience and a singing group I have ever experienced. (Rudy reports gross show proceeds of \$5244 with a net of \$2430.07.) Dave Ewing

Reed Sampson has been appointed Chairman of a newly created Public Relations Committee by President Dave Ewing. Establishing a VP Public Relations position will be a priority for the Jacksonville meeting as well as amending the By-Laws to allow for conducting business via the internet.



MEETING MINUTES -- Thursday January 29, 2004 -- AISQC Board

Secretary Tangarone, going by the printed time in the program arrived late. Ken Buckner was talking upon arrival.....Ken was unaware that AISQC was providing 40% of our show net to the Society. It was agreed by all that 40% is a considerable lot. The Society feels that it should receive a cut of the revenue for events put on by AIC, AISQC, World Harmony Jamboree and any other fund raising show hosted by separate organizations at the International and Mid Winter conventions. The events committee (Ken is a part of that committee) is bringing this issue into the open. A \$2 per seat assessment was mentioned as the initial thinking of the committee. The Society Board, on January 28, 2004, requested that a policy be established to address the split. A committee will establish a policy which will be voted on at the Louisville convention in July 2004. The 2006 AISQC show will be affected by this motion.

Mel Knight - AIC sells about 5000 seats for the AIC shows and provides considerable monies to HQ to offset production costs (webcast + lighting for contest etc.). Sometimes the local chapter is also involved at the Mid-Winter by putting on shows. They will have to provide some sort of revenue split with the Society. **Treasurers report** shows 40% of our show net was given to the Society. Considerable discussion was devoted to the revenue sharing issue.

Pete Tyree -- In response to an inquiry, Pete noted that AISQC is incorporated.

Dick Bek -- Rudy Zarling's (Treasurer) information shows clearly that 40% of our show net is provided to the Society.

Ken Buckner - Attendance at the Mid-Winter has been relatively steady at 800-1000 registrations.

Mel Knight - Revenue split proposal will affect AISQC for the better. It should be made retroactive. Pete will suggest that. It was noted that since the quartet contest was initiated, attendance at the Mid Winter must have gone up by possibly 200-300 people --27 quartets plus families.

Ken Buckner - A task force was formed to study the Senior movement. Members are: Bagby, Bek, Burger, Brozevich and Massey. Considerable discussion (BS) ensued regarding the senior quartet "movement" - the meaning of life - how to promote Senior quartets - what to do, what to do -- what is our mission - how can we be more like the AIC - how can AISQC justify it's existence - and more! John Schneider will contact ASCAP to see if they can provide a trophy for the Senior Champs.

AISQC has been asked for a list of Senior Champs who are available to coach.

More Discussion (BS) on the "Mission" Statement. People leave -- lunch time -Adjourned.

Breakfast Meeting -- Friday, January 30, 2004

President Pete Tyree was honored prior to the start of the meeting for the 50th anniversary of his quartet "The Orphans" winning the International Contest. As Pete and Pat entered the breakfast room the Orphans opener song was played on a boombox, along with a short message from Don Snow, the only other living member of the Orphans. Pete Tyree commenced the meeting after breakfast. The minutes from Albuquerque were approved. The treasurers report was read by Pete and accepted. Rudy could not attend the convention this year. \$3557 was spent during the year. Equity at 12.31.03 was \$3014.72.

Buzz Haeger, sensing a need for life, led the group in The Old Songs.

Bek & Tangarone collected the breakfast fee of \$15 and dues at \$10 for a nice, easy \$25. We thought this might generate a slight overage for the AISQC endowment fund but the hotel figured out how to put us in the hole. Next year figure on \$30.

Endowment fund shows \$5055.06 in the account. Frank Lanza is the trustee for the fund. The fund's earnings available for distribution are \$115.30. It was decided to let it ride.

Jim Richards -- By Laws -- A minor change was made in the by-law as it appeared in the Gray Matters. The by-law was accepted by unanimous approval.

Daryl Cremer discussed the AISQC show. Rehearse till noon and show at 2 pm.

Ray Henders wondered if stage makeup make would make him look alive? :-)

Pete Tyree reviewed the AISQC board meeting highlights held on Thursday AM. He mentioned that the Society wants to share in the profits of the various shows presented at the International and Mid-Winter conventions. Initial thinking is \$2 / seat. Pete also made it clear that the Society apparently did not know that AISQC was giving them 40% of our show net! Pete will write a letter to the Society shedding light on this point.

Pete discussed the Roger Lewis senior quartet issue task force and brought us up to date. It appeared that the task force was saying that AIC does more than AISQC. Pete thought the task force overlooked a lot of information. In Pete's mind the report was non-responsive. Pete will write a letter on behalf of AISQC. Pete will email the letter to the board for approval.

John Adams wondered if there is a communications gap between AISQC and HQ? :-)

AISQC has been asked to develop a mission statement by 6/1/04.

A **Historical Committee** was formed. Members are Sam Love, Grif & Frank Lanza. Committee will compile AISQC history. Documents of any kind should be sent to Sam Love who will work with Frank Lanza. Frank is still battling prostate cancer. Our prayers and thoughts are with Frank.

AISQC wants our **show ticket** to be included in the registration. The expected HQ response to that is that it won't happen according to Ken Buckner. The apparent basis for this is the fear of reduced attendance at the convention. A motion was passed on Thursday at the AISQC board meeting to have Pete request that the AISQC show ticket be included in the registration package. Pete will formally request that the issue be presented to the Society Board.

Grif is our permanent social chairman.

A **By-Laws** committee was established. Members are Jim Richards, Dave Ewing, Pete Tyree

Motion: That 10% of the net profit from the AISQC show go into the endowment fund each year.

The motion was submitted by Frank Lanza. It was seconded. Some discussion. Motion passed. Unanimous.

Sam Love requested historical records, score sheets, minutes, gray matters, flyers, show programs etc. for the historical records of AISQC.

The Barons were duly sworn in after a clever demonstration of almost live singing. The usual level of respect was shown.

Officers were elected. Slate was presented by Dick Bek. Election Results: **Dave Ewing**, President **Barney Alleman**, Vice President • **Dan Tangarone**, Secretary • **Rudy Zarling**, Treasurer **Dick Whitehouse**, Board (1 yr) • **Bill Thurmon**, Board (1yr) • **Daryl Cremer**, Board (2 yr) **Ken Buckner**, Board (2 yr) • **Pete Tyree**, Immediate Past President

Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted: Dan Tangarone, Secretary