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NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	VALUE
#2002D08.01	1 Notebook containing "Chicago Connection Drum and Bugle Corp."		
2002D08.02	1 Set of 20"Young People's Science Encyclopedia"		
2002D08.03	1 Set of 11 "Life Young Readers Library"		
2002D08.04	1 Set of 3"Life Nature Library"		
2002D08.05	1"Volume "Hammond's Our World in Space Atlas"		
2002D08.06	12 canning jars 3 Canada Crown #2 Qt. 1942 pt.1967 1 Atlas Mason #3 Pint 5 Blue Ball (Mason) #'s 2,5,5,13,6,8 1 #6pt.		
2002D08.07	2 Rubber can openers (Memo's from Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank) received 7/22/04		

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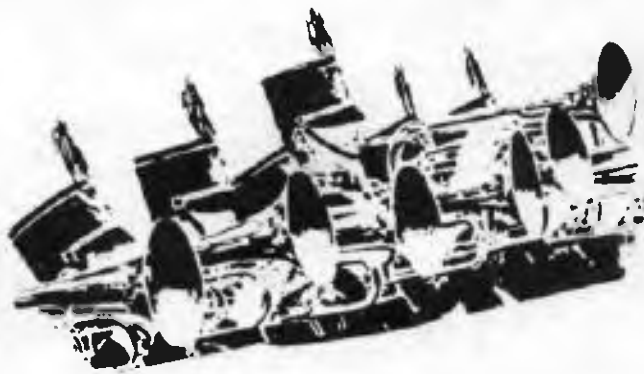
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BY-LAWS OF

"THE CHICAGO CONNECTION" SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

A corporation not for pecuniary profit, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, having its principal office and place of business in the Village of Wheeling, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

This corporation works with and under the rules and by-laws of its parent organization known as "The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc.", a not for profit corporation organized under the Federal and State of Illinois not-for-profit codes.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be known as "The Chicago Connection" Drum and Bugle Corps designated hereinafter as the Corps.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

Section 1. The object of the Corps shall be: the establishment and maintenance of a competent musical unit, and to represent the greater Chicagoland area, the State of Illinois and the Corps' sponsors.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office unless engaged for musical purposes only.

Section 4. In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be distributed to organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, namely, The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc. a not-for-profit organization chartered in the State of Illinois

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Active membership shall be open to persons 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, creed, national origin or sex, who are elected to membership in the Corps.
- Section 2. Application for active membership shall be in form as provided. All applications shall be passed upon by the Membership Committee or the Executive Board. If approved, such applicant shall be subject to all regulations and privileges of membership. Proof of birth, and any additional data deemed necessary shall be presented to the Secretary on request. Such active membership shall continue until terminated by inactivity, or otherwise, as provided by the By-Laws.
- Section 3. All requests for leave of absence shall be submitted in writing giving full particulars to the Membership Committee who will present the recommendation to the membership.
- Section 4. Any member who has three consecutive unexcused absences for any Corps function which calls for full membership will automatically be brought before the Executive Board for explanation. His continued status as an active member of the Corps will be subject to the approval of the Corps management, instructors, and finally floor vote.
- Section 5. The purposes shall be exclusively charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Section 1. Attendance. As the success of any musical organization depends on regular attendance, members are expected to be present and participate in all formations; refer to ARTICLE III, Section 4.
- Section 2. Professionalism. Members shall develop and maintain a satisfactory degree of proficiency for their position.
- Section 3. Care of Equipment. Each member is expected to take more than ordinary pride in attending to his uniform, equipment, instrument, and all Corps property in his possession. A \$25.00 deposit will be paid on all horns which will be refunded upon termination of membership.

the affairs and funds of the Corps. Each member of the Executive Board shall have 1 vote. The Chairman of the Board shall vote only to break a tie vote.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be active members of the Corps. The existing seven members of the Board of Directors of The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc. shall hold permanent seats on the Executive Board until such time these positions are relinquished. At such time, a vacancy on the Board will be declared and may be filled by election from the Corps membership. Other members of the Executive Board shall hold office for the term for which they are elected or appointed and until successors are duly elected and qualified. The term for which active members shall be elected for Corps-at-large positions shall be two (2) years. Any member who shall fail to maintain his membership in good standing shall automatically cease to be a member of the Executive Board of the Corps.

Section 3. The active membership shall elect from the membership, Board members to fill vacancies resulting from death, resignation, failure to serve, or other causes. Such electees shall serve until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified, the vote to be by secret ballot.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual, Regular or Special meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall be empowered to request the resignation of any Board member or Officer who shall:

- (a) fail to properly perform the function of his office;
- (b) frequently or regularly fails to attend meetings of the Board;
- (c) fail to carry out his duties on committee assignments;
- (d) misappropriates funds of the Corps;
- (e) be convicted of a crime; or,
- (f) flagrantly disregards the By-Laws or rules of the Corps.

In the event a Board member or Officer shall refuse, when requested to resign, the matter shall be brought before the next business meeting of the

He may suspend any member until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 2. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings, a list of all the members, and shall perform such other duties from time to time as may be assigned by the Chairman of the Executive Board or the Corps Director.

Section 3. TREASURER. The treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities or other assets of a financial nature belonging to the Corps. He shall keep a bank account or accounts in such bank or banks as the Executive Board may designate by resolution. He shall maintain and operate an adequate efficient accounting system in order to present:

- (a) a detailed report of receipts and disbursements at least monthly, readily indicating the profit or loss due to operating;
- (b) and an annual financial statement at the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board and entire membership;
- (c) All checks must have two signatures, one the Treasurer's and one to be determined by the Executive Board.

Securing such outside services as he may deem necessary and advisable to properly prepare these reports.

An annual audit of the Treasurer's books shall be made by an auditing committee appointed by the Executive Board. The report of the Auditing Committee shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 4. ASSISTANT CORPS DIRECTOR. The Assistant Corps Director shall preside at all corps meetings in the absence of the Corps Director. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Executive Board and the Corps Director.

ARTICLE IX APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The Corps Director may appoint and dismiss with the approval of the Executive Board, the following posts:

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| a. Business Manager | f. Quartermaster |
| b. Drill Instructor | g. Color Guard Sergeant |
| c. Music Instructor | h. Publicity Officer |
| d. Drum Instructor | i. Program Director |
| e. Drum Major | j. Transportation Officer |

The duties of the above posts are herein defined:

- Section 2. BUSINESS MANAGER. The Business Manager shall perform such duties which pertains to contests, travel and convention plans. He shall work with the Corps Director to co-ordinate all Corps activities into a smooth operation.
- Section 3. DRILL INSTRUCTOR. The Drill Instructor shall prepare the Corps for such formations as may be necessary for the Corps to compete or participate, to make them an outstanding organization.
- Section 4. MUSIC INSTRUCTOR. The music Instructor shall have charge of musical instruction. He shall keep the Corps Director constantly informed as to the progress of all members.
- Section 5. DRUM INSTRUCTOR. The Drum Instructor shall have charge of the drum section and shall keep the Corps Director constantly informed as to the progress of all members.
- Section 6. DRUM MAJOR. The Drum Major shall be in charge of formations after receiving his orders from the Corps Director or Drill Instructor. The Drum Major shall cooperate with the Drill Instructor.
- Section 7. QUARTERMASTER. The Quartermaster shall have charge of all Corps equipment and maintenance of same.
- Section 8. COLOR GUARD SERGEANT. The Color Guard Sergeant is the official custodian of the Colors, and he will protect, defend and present the Colors on all occasions. He shall have full charge of the Color Guard after receiving his orders from the Corps Director, Drill Instructor or Drum Major.
- Section 9. PUBLICITY OFFICER. The Publicity Officer shall have the responsibility of obtaining all desirable publicity possible for the Corps and those events sponsored by the Corps.
- Section 10. PROGRAM DIRECTOR. The program Director shall work with the above captioned instructors the total show concept.

SECTION 11. TRANSPORTATION OFFICER. The Transportation Officer shall work with the Business Manager to coordinate all travel and housing arrangements as may be required by the Corps.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.
P. O. BOX 333
WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090

ARTICLE I NAME

- A. The name of this not-for-profit musical civic organization shall be The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

ARTICLE II OBJECT

- A. A not-for-profit musical civic organization.

ARTICLE III STRUCTURE

The corporation will be made up of five separate groups.

- A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The board of directors shall preside over all matters of the four subordinate groups. The primary responsibility of the board shall be to perpetuate the Corps, establish policy and regulate expenditures. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of eight (8) permanent members who shall serve in perpetuity and four (4) members, one (1) from each of the subordinate groups who shall serve as members of the Board of Directors as long as they shall hold their respective positions in the subordinate groups. Permanent members may be removed from the Board of Directors by resignation, or by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for (1) three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings or (2) conduct physically or morally detrimental to the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc., or any of its subordinate organizations. Board members shall be as follows:

PERMANENT MEMBERS

1. President and Chairman of the Board - Elected by the Board of Directors.
2. Vice-President - Elected by members of the Board of Directors.
3. Financial Director and Treasurer - Elected by the Board of Directors.
4. Recording Secretary - Elected by the Board of Directors.

5. Business Director
6. Public Relations Director
7. Director-at-large
8. Director-at-large

NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS

9. Board Member - First Illinois Booster Club President, elected by the Booster organization.
 10. First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Director, appointed by the Board of Directors.
 11. Board member - Cadet Corps Booster Club President elected by the Cadet Booster organization.
 12. Board Member - Cadet Corps Director, appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. FIRST ILLINOIS BOOSTER ORGANIZATION - The Booster organization shall engage itself in fund raising activities and all other functions to support the First Illinois Corps. Officers of the organization shall be elected by the First Illinois Booster Organization membership in accordance with the articles of incorporation.
1. List of Officers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Ways and Means Chairman
 - f. Telephone Committee Chairman
 - g. Publicity Chairman
 - h. Entertainment Chairman
- C. FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS organization shall concern itself with the duties and responsibilities of the Corps.
1. List of responsible personnel
 - a. Corps Director - appointed by the Board of Directors.
 - b. Business/personnel manager - appointed by the Corps Director, with Directors approval.
 - c. Transportation manager - appointed by business manager, with directors approval.

- d. Rosters Manager - appointed by the Business Manager with Directors approval.
 - e. Chaperones Manager - Appointed by the Business Manager with Directors approval.
 - f. Facilities Manager - appointed by the Corps Director.
 - g. Quartermaster - appointed by the Corps Director.
 - h. Wardrobe Manager - appointed by the Quartermaster with Directors approval.
 - i. Music Manager - Appointed by the Corps Director
 - j. Horn Instructor - Appointed by the Music Manager with Directors approval.
 - k. Percussion Instructor - Appointed by the Music Manager with Directors approval.
 - l. Drill Manager - Appointed by the Corps Director.
 - m. Color Guard Instructor - Appointed by the Drill manager with Directors approval.
 - n. M & M Consultants - Recommended by the Drill Manager and contracted for by the Corps Director.
 - o. Drum Major - recommended by staff, approved by Corps Director
 - p. Guard Captains - Recommended by staff and approved by Corps Director.
 - q. Section Leaders - recommended by staff and approved by Corps Director
 - r. Council Representatives - Chosen by section members, approved by council.
- D. CADET BOOSTER ORGANIZATION - The Booster organization shall engage itself in fund raising and all other functions required to support the Cadet Corps. Officers of the organization shall be elected by the Cadet Booster Organization membership in accordance with the articles of incorporation.

1. List of Officers

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Ways and Means Chairman
- f. Telephone Committee Chairman
- g. Publicity Chairman
- h. Entertainment Chairman

E. CADET DRUM & BUGLE CORPS ORGANIZATION shall concern itself with the duties and responsibilities of the Corps.

1. List of responsible personnel.

- a. Corps Director - Appointed by the Board of Directors.
- b. Personnel Manager - Appointed by the Director
- c. Facilities Manager - Appointed by the Director
- d. M & M Manager - Appointed by the Director
- e. Music Manager - Appointed by the Director
- f. Beginners Manager - Appointed by the Director.
- g. Drum Major - Recommended by staff, approved by the Director
- h. Guard Captains - Recommended by staff, approved by the Director.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Must be duly elected, over twenty-one years of age, a respected member of the community and willing to spend time required to support board activities.
- B. BOOSTER OFFICERS - Must be duly elected, over twenty-one years of age, a respected member of the community and willing to spend time required to support booster activities.
- C. CORPS MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL - Must be duly elected or appointed, over twenty-one years of age, a respected member of the community and willing to spend time required to support management activities.
- D. FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS MEMBERS - Must be 13 to 21 years of age with musical and/or marching

experience, must live in the Northern Illinois area. Membership must be approved by the Corps Director.

E. CADET CORPS MEMBERS

1. Qualifications for acceptance as a beginning member.
 - a. Compliance with all applicable American Legion and VFW rules as determined by the Corps Director.
 - b. Must be between the ages of eight and thirteen.
 - c. Must be of physical and mental capability necessary to take part in normal Corps activities
 - d. Music and/or marching abilities desirable but not mandatory.
 - e. Must have written consent from at least one parent or guardian.
 - f. Must submit completed application form.
 - g. Must pay first month of Corps dues (non-refundable).
 - h. Must be approved by Corps Director.
2. Qualifications for Acceptance as Permerming Member
 - a. Proven music and/or marching ability as judged by the beginning instructor and music manager.
 - b. Acceptance by Corps Director based on equipment availability and Corps objectives.
 - c. Acceptance by Personnel Manager based on attendance, discipline and dues paying records.
 - d. Must pay uniform fee (non-refundable).
3. Qualifications for Promotion to First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps.
 - a. Must be thirteen years of age.
 - b. Proven music and/or marching ability as judged by both First Illinois and Cadet Corps music and M & M Managers.
 - c. Acceptance by both Corps Directors based on equipment availability and corps objectives.

- d. Acceptance by both Personnel Managers based on attendance, discipline and dues paying records.

4. GENERAL

- a. Accident insurance will be provided each member upon acceptance for membership.
- b. Continued membership is dependent on conformance with Corps rules and regulations.

ARTICLE V

ADMINISTRATION

A, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Chairman of the Board

- a. Shall schedule and conduct board meetings
- b. Shall use his vote to break voting ties
- c. Shall maintain overall responsibility for board activity
- d. In consort with the Financial Director, shall constitute the only legal agent of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
- e. Shall uphold the Charter of the Board of Directors.

2. Vice-President

- a. In the absence of the President/Chairman of the Board shall assume all responsibilities of that position.
- b. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

3. Financial Director and Treasurer

- a. Shall be responsible for overall financial commitment of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
- b. In consort with the chairman of the Board of Directors, shall constitute the only legal agent of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
- c. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- d. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
- e. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

4. Recording Secretary -

- a. Shall be responsible for producing and maintaining records of all Board of Directors activities.
- b. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

5. Business Director

- a. Shall be responsible for the overall business activities of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
- b. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

6. Public Relations Director

- a. Shall be responsible for the overall public relations activities of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
- b. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

7 & 8. Director-at-large

- a. Shall act on Ad HOC Committees and special assignments as directed by the chairman of the board.
- b. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors
- c. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

9. Board Member - First Illinois Booster Club.
President.

- a. Shall provide the major communication link between the Board of Directors and the Booster organization.
- b. Shall bring booster matters before the board.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors
- d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.

10. Board Member First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Director
 - a. Shall provide the major communication link between the Board of Directors and the Corps organization.
 - b. Shall bring First Illinois Corps matters before the board.
 - c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors
 - e. Shall have one vote in board balloting.
11. Board Member Cadet Corps Booster Club President
 - a. Shall provide the major communication link between the Board of Directors and the Cadet Booster Club.
 - b. Shall bring Cadet Booster Club matters before the board.
 - c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Shall have one vote in board balloting.
12. Board Member Cadet Corps Director
 - a. Shall provide the major communications link between the Board of Directors and the Cadet Corps.
 - b. Shall bring Cadet Corps matters before the board.
 - c. Shall uphold charter of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Shall have one vote in board balloting
13. General
 - a. Corps directors and Booster Presidents automatically become board members for the term of their office.
 - b. Seven board members in attendance is the minimum requirement for a board meeting.

B. BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

1. President

- a. Shall schedule and conduct meetings
- b. Shall use his vote to break voting ties.
- c. Shall maintain overall responsibility for booster organization activities.
- d. Shall uphold charter of booster organization

2. Vice President

- a. Shall act as president in the elected presidents absence.
- b. Shall assist the president in all responsibilities
- c. Shall uphold charter of booster organization

3. Secretary

- a. Shall be responsible for taking and maintaining meeting minutes.
- b. Shall maintain booster organization records.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the booster organization.

4. Treasurer

- a. Shall be responsible for collecting and distributing booster organization funds.
- b. Shall maintain records of all financial activity.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the booster organization.

5. Ways and Means Chairman

- a. Shall be responsible for all fund raising activities.
- b. Shall direct the activities of the Ways and Means Committee.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Booster Organization.

6. Telephone Committee Chairman

- a. Shall be responsible for internal communications.
- b. Shall provide assistance to the corps director to notify corps members of directives as required by the corps director.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Booster Organization.

7. Publicity Chairman

- a. Shall be responsible for external communications.
- b. Shall direct the activities of the publicity committee.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Booster Organization.

8. Entertainment Chairman

- a. Shall serve on the Ways and Means committee in social matters which have fund raising potential.

- b. Shall direct the activities of the Entertainment committee.
- c. Shall uphold the charter of the Booster Organization.

9. General

- a. Officers of the Booster Organization will be elected by the Booster Organization membership.
- b. New officers will be elected the first meeting in September of each year.
- c. Three officers and the President or Vice President in attendance is the minimum requirement to conduct a booster meeting.
- d. Thirty percent of the membership in attendance is required to vote on any matter put to the membership.

C. Corps Management

1. Corps Director

- a. Shall be responsible for all Corps activities.
- b. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- c. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- d. Shall hire and dismiss staff personnel as required.
- e. Shall review and approve all performance commitments.
- f. Shall schedule and oversee all practice sessions.
- g. Shall conduct all activities and responsibilities in line with Corps policies and directives.
- h. Shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc.

2. Business/Personnel Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps Directors decisions and directives.

- c. Shall be responsible to the Corps Director.
 - d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
 - e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
 - f. Shall oversee and support activities of the Transportation Coordinator, Resters coordinator and chaperones coordinator.
 - g. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to Corps Director on an annual basis and as the need arises.
 - h. Shall recruit qualified personnel for subordinate positions.
 - i. Shall chair the First Illinois Representative Council.
 - j. Shall present council recommendations to the Board of Directors.
 - k. Shall maintain effective communications between Corps members, management and the Board of Directors.
 - l. Shall maintain Corps personnel records.
3. Transportation Manager
- a.. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
 - b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.
 - c. Shall support and be responsible to the Personnel Manager.
 - d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
 - e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
 - f. Shall pre-plan Corps movement activities on a yearly basis in concert with the Corps Directors preliminary schedule.
 - g. Shall oversee all Corps movement including departure/arrival times and locations.

- h. Shall arrange bus facilities and/or approve car pool arrangements.
- i. Shall establish and approve transportation routes.
- j. Shall assure compliance to safety regulations.

4. Rosters Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall support and be responsible to the Personnel Manager
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall maintain attendance records.
- g. Shall collect dues and maintain dues records.
- h. Shall compile current rosters.
- i. Shall compile monthly activities calendar, in concert with Corps Directors schedule.
- j. Shall collect and maintain medical releases.
- k. Shall coordinate corps insurance.
- l. Shall process and maintain membership applications

5. Chaperones Coordinator

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall support and be responsible to the Personnel Manager.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall maintain a list of qualified, available chaperones.

- g. Shall establish a chaperone schedul based on season scheduled activities.
- h. Shall instruct chaperones in responsibilities
- i. Shall direct activities of chaperones.
- j. Shall recruit acceptable personnel for chaperones.

6. Facilities Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps Directors decisions and directives.
- c. Shall be responsible to the Corps Director.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall oversee and support the activities of the Quartermaster and Wardrobe Manager.
- g. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to the Corps Director on an annual basis and as the need arises.
- h. Shall recruit qualified personnel for subordinate positions.

7. Quartermaster

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall be responsible to the facilities manager.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall be responsible for Corps vehicles.

- g. Shall be responsible for transportation and storage of all Corps equipment.
- h. Shall maintain inventory of corps equipment.
- i. Shall assign and recover equipment as directed by the Corps Director.
- j. Shall schedule and/or conduct maintenance of all corps equipment.
- k. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to Corps Director.
- l. Shall recruit qualified assistants.

8. Wardrobe Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall be responsible to the Facilities Manager
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall be responsible for all Corps uniform articles.
- g. Shall be responsible for issuance and storage of uniform articles.
- h. Shall maintain inventory of Corps uniform articles.
- i. Shall assign and recover uniform articles as directed by the Corps Director.
- j. Shall assure all uniform articles are of competition quality.
- k. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to Corps Director.
- l. Shall recruit qualified assistants.

9. Music Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps Directors decisions and directives.
- c. Shall be responsible to the Corps Director.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall oversee and support activities of the Horn Instructor and the Percussion Instructor
- g. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to Corps director on an annual basis and as the need arises.
- h. Shall recommend and/or advise Corps Director on the instruction staff.
- i. Shall recommend and/or advise the Corps Director on music and arrangements.

10. Horn Instructor

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall support and be responsible to the Music Manager.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall teach Corps members competence in musical skills.
- g. Shall implement new music and refine to competition quality.

11. Percussion Instructor

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.

- b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.
- c. Shall support and be responsible to the Music Manager
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall teach Corps members competence in musical skills.
- g. Shall implement new music and refine to competition quality.

12. Drill Manager

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps Directors decisions and directives.
- c. Shall be responsible to Corps Director.
- d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
- e. Shall inspire and motivate Corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
- f. Shall oversee and support activities of marching and maneuvering instructor and hired consultants.
- g. Shall submit plans and requirements relative to responsibilities to Corps Director on an annual basis and as the need arises.
- h. Shall recommend and/or advise Corps Director on the instruction staff.
- i. Shall recommend and/or advise Corps Director on drill formations and technique.

13. Color Guard Instructor

- a. Shall conduct all activities in line with Corps policies, procedures and directives.
- b. Shall support and implement Corps management decisions and directives.

- c. Shall support and be responsible to the Drill Manager.
 - d. Shall enforce rules of conduct.
 - e. Shall inspire and motivate corps members through leadership capabilities and exemplary conduct.
 - f. Shall teach Corps members competence in marching skills.
 - g. Shall implement new drills and refine to competition quality.
14. General - All staff personnel will conduct themselves in the following manner.
- a. Perpetuate the First Illinois image.
 - b. Counsel members on conduct and grooming.
 - c. Convince and persuade by example.
 - d. Always maintain a professional relationship with Corps members.
 - e. Avoid becoming "one of the group" at social functions thereby diluting authority at following work sessions.
 - f. When attending Corps social functions avoid giving out seemingly "inside" information and be sure to squelch unreasonable or dissension generating rumors or discussions.
 - g. Be firm, fair and consistent in treatment of Corps members.
 - h. Be mindful of legal responsibilities and ramifications of corps incidents and activities.
 - i. Encourage and support corps representative council actions.
 - j. Discuss your problems and grievances with Corps management and not corps members.
 - k. Conduct practice sessions being mindful of all needs including musical, social scholastic and economic.
 - l. Maintain constant communication links with Corps management in order to most effectively serve the objectives of the corps.

ARTICLE VI AMMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- A. Ammendment to the By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors provided the change(s) has been submitted in writing at the immediately preceeding meeting.
- B. The recording secretary of the Board of Directors shall notify board members by phone at least five (5) days prior to any meeting in which ammendments to the by-laws will be voted upon.
- C. The Booster organizations may submit recommended changes to the by-laws to the Board of Directors for review prior to any scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately for the debts or obligations of this corporation, the directors or persons in charge of liquidation shall grant, convey, assign and transfer the remaining assets of the corporation to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes and which is exempt from Federal Income Tax.

NOTATION TO BY-LAWS.

The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps was incorporated under State of Illinois, State General Not for Profit Corporation Act on January 13, 1971.

Certificate number 13689

Corp. Number 21 381 747

As of January 13, 1971 the First Illinois shall be known by it's legal name

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

NOTATION TO BY LAWS:

Article III, Section A.

The annual meeting of the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc. will be held on the first Sunday in October.

At this meeting the annual election of officers shall take place.

All elected officers shall serve a term of office of one year. There is no limit on number of terms an officer may serve.

AMMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III STRUCTURE

Change paragraph A. to read:

- A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The board of directors shall preside over all matters of the four subordinate groups. The primary responsibility of the board shall be to perpetuate the Corps, establish policy and regulate expenditures. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of eight (8) permanent members who shall serve in perpetuity, and six (6) members from the subordinate groups, detailed as follows, who shall serve as members of the Board of Directors as long as they shall hold their respective positions in the subordinate groups. Permanent members may be removed from the Board of Directors by resignation, or by a unanimous vote of the board of directors for (1) having three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings, or (2) conduct physically or morally detrimental to the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc., or any of its subordinate organizations. Board members shall be as follows:

PERMANENT MEMBERS

1. President and Chairman of the Board - Elected by the Board of Directors.
2. Vice-President - Elected by members of the Board of Directors.
3. Financial Director and Treasurer - Elected by the Board of Directors.
4. Recording Secretary - Elected by the Board of Directors.
5. Business Director.
6. Public Relations Director.
7. Director-at-large
8. Director-at-large.

NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS

9. Board Member - First Illinois Booster Club President, elected by the Booster Organization.

AMENDMENTS - Continued

10. First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Director appointed by the Board of Directors.
11. Board Member - Cadet Corps director, appointed by the Board of Directors.
12. Board Member - Chicago Connection Corps Director, appointed by the Board of Directors.
13. Board Member - Business Manager of Chicago Connection Senior Drum & Bugle Corps, appointed by the Corps Director with approval by the Board of Directors.
14. Board Member - Chicago Connection Drum & Bugle Corps Equipment Manager, appointed by the Corps Director with approval of the Board of Directors.

Delete paragraph D in entirety.

Note: All booster activities will come under the auspices of one booster organization, see paragraph B.

Add - new paragraph F.

- F. CHICAGO CONNECTION SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS. organization shall concern itself with the duties and responsibilities of the Corps.
1. List of responsible personnel.
 - a. Corps Director - appointed by the Board of Directors.
 - b. Business/personnel manager - appointed by the Corps Director with approval of Board of Directors.
 - c. Transportation manager - appointed by business manager with Corps director approval.
 - d. Rosters manager - appointed by the business manager with Corps Directors approval.
 - e. Equipment manager/quartermaster - appointed by Corps Director with approval of Board of Directors.

AMMENDMENTS - Continued

- f. Wardrobe manager - appointed by Quartermaster with Directors approval.
- g. Music Manager - appointed by the Corps Director.
- h. Horn Instructor - appointed by Music manager with Directors approval.
- i. Percussion Instructor - appointed by Music manager with Directors approval.
- j. Drill manager - appointed by the Corps Director.
- k. Color Guard Instructor - Appointed by the Corps Director.
- l. M & M Consultants - recommended by the drill manager and contracted for by the Corps Director.
- m. Drum Major - recommended by staff and approved by Corps Director.
- n. Guard Captains - recommended by staff and approved by Corps Director.
- o. Section Leaders - recommended by staff and approved by Corps Director.
- p.. Council Representatives - chosen by section members, approved by council.

Horn Line

Agnello, Sam	780 Piper Ln. Wheeling 60090	459-1745
Boyd, Pat	741 S. Ardmore Villa Park 60181	834-5799
Bronson, Jim	414 Meadowbrook Ln. Wheeling 60090	537-4777
Deguisne, Larry	218-D Rose Dr. N. Aurora 60542	892-8024
Ferrara, Chris	1113 S. Broadway McHenry 60050	815-344-2876
Gengler, Doug	4028 N. Hermitage Chicago	528-3646
Hegji, Art	307 Suffolk Palatine 60172	991-0178
Hill, Larry	8801 Carleah Des Plaines 60016	297-7590
Hunt, Jim	7441 Roosevelt Rd. Forest Park 60130	771-2924
Johnson, Mike	1380 S. Elmhurst #219 Mt. Prospect 60056	437-8545

Koeing, Will	380 N. Grace Lombard 60148	620-8697
Krueger, Phil	207 N. Beverly Ln. Arlington Hts. 60004	398-2999

Kulik, Dennis	189 Willow Rd. Wheeling 60090	537-6004
Lesniewski, Dennis	7870 S. Coles Chicago 60649	375-6021
Miller, Carl	178 Meyer Rd. Hoffman Estates 60172	885-1683
Nelson, Larry	2600 Wright McHenry 60050	815-455-3506
Olker, John	1607 Cedar Lake Rd. Round Lake Beach 60073	546-0345

Pawlowski, Larry	3322 Pacific Chicago 60634	625-4958
Polark, Carl	6450 King Dr. Chicago 60637	955-0167
Schroeter, Fred	802 Portsmouth Westchester	344-3198
Smith, David	5818 S. Merrimac Chicago 60638	735-8374
Smith, Ray	1021 Des Plaines Ave. Forest Pk. 60130	366-3024
Stanzak, Rich	1647 Cornell Dr. Hoffman Estates 60144	822-7813
Szadowski, Ken	820 Ollie Ct. Carpentersville 60110	426-4945
Szlagowski, Stoney	4027 W. Oakdale Chicago 60641	736-8968
Thomas, Jeff	770 Harvest Lake Zurich	438-3548
Tomas, Craig	6949 N. Medford Chicago 60646	774-1835
Walker, Tom	2911 W. Argyle Chicago 60625	878-0160
Waninski, Bob	4212 Luella Calumet City 60409	862-8436
Zick, Steve	519 Woodlawn Aurora 60505	859-3456

Drums

Berg, Ted	Touhy Ave. Chicago 60626	973-5932
Evans, Dennis	7500 N. Elmhurst Lot 218 Des Plaines	827-1601
Hitchcock, Greg	7500 S. Elmhurst Lot 528 Des Plaines	
Leo, Paul	4404 N. Ottawa Norridge 60656	453-7220
Maggio, Mike	316 N. Washington Park Ridge 60068	692-3899
Milano, Paul	2600 Golf Rd., Apt. 809 Glenview 60025	729-2585
Morgan, Bill	222 W. Central Lombard 60148	629-4853
Scheidt, Steve	Rt. 2 Box 220 Maple Park 60157	
Swoverland, Paul	501 Preston Dr. #111 Bolingbrook 60439	739-1488
Taylor, Fred	" " " " " " " "	" "
Tomaszek, John	845 E. Grant Dr. Des Plaines 60016	299-3866

CHICAGO CONNECTION

Feb. 11, 1977

Color Guard

Beshekas, Cookie	1380 S. Elmhurst #219 Mt. Prospect 60056	437-8545
Clark, Steve	1212 E. Algonquin Schaumburg 60195	397-1615
Dunne, Bill	706 Marilyn #108 Glendale Hts. 60137	469-2156
Ferrara, Linda	1113 S. Broadway McHenry 60050	815-344-2876
Gallagher, Debbie	13407 Mackinaw Chicago 60633	646-3660
Glander, Jean	308 W. Euclid Arlington Hts. 60004	255-3497
Glander, Terrie	" " " " " " " " " "	" "
Hartowicz, Lenette	5311 N. Lynch Chicago 60630	736-5199
Heinz, Rita	615 E. Oakwood Aurora 60505	897-0643
Helms, Dave	193-B Cottonwood Buffalo Grove 60090	537-1263
Hitchcock, Donna	7500 S. Elmhurst #Lot 528 Des Plaines 60018	
Johnson, Amy	Rt. 2 Box 220 Maple Park 60151	
Kotwas, Jamie	714 W. Vermont Villa Park 60181	832-4353
Larson, Debbie	803 W. Miner Arlington Hts. 60005	255-1074
Nelson, Maureen	2600 Weight McHenry 60050	815-455-3506
Place, Sherry	733 Dulles Apt. C Des Plaines 60016	640-7290
Smith, Janice	5818 S. Merrimac Chicago 60638	735-8374
Szadowski, Sharon	820 Ollie Ct. Carpentersville 60110	426-4945
Tekip, Donna	6333 N. Neenah Chicago 60631	763-6659
Thomas, Barb	2600 Golf Rd. #809 Glenview 60025	729-2585
Tiggins, Dawn	428 N. Stewart Lombard 60148	620-8145
Zick, Cathy	519 S. Woodlawn Aurora 60506	859-3456

Instructing Staff

HORNS

Knebl, Jay	359-7148
Agnello, Sam	459-1745

DRUMS

Berg, Ted	973-5932
Milano, Paul	729-2585

GUARD

Kruszecki, Lenny	545-3690
Hartowicz, Chris	736-5199

Management

Bryson, Robert	537-0728
McNulty, Jack	223-5051
Nelson, Larry	815-455-3506
Niermeyer, Dallas	398-1732
Day, Tom	965-1882
Walker, Tom	878-0160
Agnello, Bill	459-1745
Johnson, Mike	437-8545
Milano, Paul	729-2585

AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Secretary's report. Approval of the minutes of the July 31, 1977 and the October 30, 1977 meetings.
4. Treasurer's report.
 - a. Financial status.
 - b. List of all accounts payable.
5. President's report.
40,000.00 *Chas. Cost*
500.00 *10,000*
1,500 *7,000*
Director's Report - Director's Report *12-15-77*
6. Election of officers.
7. Old business.
 - a. Vote on change in Article III, Section A, of the By-Laws. (Refer to Item IV, E, of the minutes for the executive session held October 30, 1977.)
 - b. Vote on ammendment to the By-Laws. (Refer to Item VI, A, of the minutes for the meeting held September 30, 1977.)
 - c. Vote on ammendment to the By-Laws. Refer to Item XI, A, of the minutes for the meeting held May 1, 1977.)
 - d. Legal use of 'Chicago Connection' name.
 - e. Insurance.
 - 1) Truck.
 - 2) Membership.
 - f. Corps Banquet.
 - g. Rehearsal Sites.
 - h. DCA meeting. (Mr. McNulty)
 - i. Standards for Corps membership and a review committee to enforce them.
 - j. Horns for sale from the Cavaliers.
8. Fund raising.
 - a. Dues collection.
 - b. Village of Wheeling's promise of \$1,500.
 - c. Wheeling Trust & Savings promise of \$1,000.
 - d. Randhurst Corp. (Mr. Buerger)
 - e. Merlite Industries. (Mr. Clark)
 - f. Other areas. *AD Bldg SALE*
9. New Business. *A.C.O.*
10. Date of next meeting. *12-15-77 - 7:30 P.M.*
11. Adjournment.

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty
Mr. Bryson Mr. Day
Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler

Guests: Ms. Beshekas
Ms. Johnson
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Smetana

Not Present: Mr. Nelson
Mr. Walker

- I. Mr. Bryson, President, called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.
- II. Approval of the agenda.
Mr. Bronson requested an executive session be immediately called.
Mr. Bryson granted the request and asked all guests to leave the meeting room.
- III. Executive session was convened at 2:20 pm.
Mr. Bronson took the floor to discuss the following points.
 - A. After looking through the official minutes held by the Secretary, the following minutes were missing even though there were agendas: February 27, June 18, and July 31, 1977.
 - B. At the May 1, 1977 meeting of the Board, a motion was made to ammend the By-Laws so that any potential Board members would be interviewed in executive session by the complete Board prior to their placement. The motion was seconded, but never brought up at the next regular meeting for final vote to become part of the By-Laws. However, as a pending ammendment to the By-Laws, it takes precedent over affected business transpired after the motion. This means that Messrs Ritsert and Smetana are not legally on the Board since they were not interviewed.
 - C. There is a question as to whether or not there is a charter to legally use the name 'Chicago Connection' in the state of Illinois. The First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Incorporated does have a charter. It is illegal to collect money under an unincorporated name which had been done by the Corps. Mr. McNulty stated that this becomes important when trying to raise large dollar amounts from corporations that will be charging it off on their taxes as a donation to a non-profit organization. Mr. Day noted that if a big donation comes along, it will be put through the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Incorporated. Mr. Bryson stated that he wants all legal areas to be in proper order as the Corps is now approaching the time when it will be handling large sums of money. Mr. McNulty, as a comment on his feelings and as a backup for Mr. Bronson, stated that the purpose of these points is to bring some professionalism and improved management to the Board for the betterment of the Corps.
 - D. The meeting held on April 19, 1977 was illegal and should be thrown out of the permanent record. Mr. McNulty, in executive session on May 1, 1977, moved to allow the minutes to stand.

- Mr. Clark stated that if a meeting is illegal, it should be thrown out of the records and it is not at the discretion of an individual or individuals whether or not it should remain.
- E. The September 9, 1977 meeting of the Board to elect officers was illegal because not all Board members were notified of the elections to be held. Therefore, the election was not valid and all persons holding offices prior to the meeting should be reinstated.

IV. Board action on Mr. Bronson's points.

A. Missing minutes.

February 27 - minutes lost

June 18 - no meeting was ever held

July 31 - Mr. Bryson had the original and copies were never made for distribution.

B. Mr. Day moved to accept the appointments of Messers Ritsert and Smetana.

Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Smetana could be voted on because the Board is now in executive session, and can interview him. However, since Mr. Ritsert is not present, and Mr. Clark would like the opportunity to question him, he cannot be approved as a member.

Mr. Day ammended his motion to only accept Mr. Smetana.

Mr. Bronson seconded.

Motion passed.

C. Mr. Buerger moved to direct the Secretary to petition the state for authorization to use the name 'Chicago Connection' as a Corporate name.

Mr. McNulty volunteered to seek the legal opinion of the Secretary of State's office and a private lawyer regarding our collection of funds and operating under 'Chicago Connection'. Mr. Bryson directed him to do so along with Mr. Gabler and to report to the Board.

Mr. Buerger withdrew his motion.

D. Mr. Day moved to eliminate the minutes of the April 19, 1977 meeting in their entirety.

Mr. Buerger seconded.

Motion passed.

E. Mr. Day moved to approve all that transpired during and since the September 9, 1977 meeting because it was accepted by the majority present.

Mr. Clark questioned how the Board could authorize any meeting that was illegal.

Mr. McNulty stated his preference as being to go back to the illegal meetings, appointments and elections and start over again legally and professionally.

Mr. Day withdrew his motion.

Mr. Bryson declared the elections voided. They will take place at the next regular meeting of the Board and all members will be notified. The officers prior to the election are reinstated.

Mr. Clark moved that the By-Laws, Article III, Section A, be ammended to say that elections will be held at the announced annual meeting instead of the first Sunday in October.

Mr. Day seconded.

Motion will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. McNulty, in summary, wanted this meeting to be a start for a stronger organization. Every Board member should be questioning themselves as to why it got out of hand and what can be done about it so that it doesn't happen again.

V. Mr. Bryson declared the executive session adjourned at 3:43 pm.

ALL GUESTS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE MEETING ROOM AT THIS TIME.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty
Mr. Bryson Mr. Day Mr. Smetana
Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler

Guests: Ms. Beshekas
Ms. Johnson
Mr. Johnson

Not Present: Mr. Nelson
Mr. Walker

- I. Mr. Bryson, President, called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.
- II. Mr. Bronson moved that the agenda be approved as written.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Day asked that the minutes of the September 30, 1977 meeting be changed as follows:
 - A. Item VII, C - should be National Endowment instead of Cultural Enlightenment.
 - B. Add guests: Carl Culotta
Linda Kaminski
John Olker
Rich Stanzyk
 - C. Item VII, G - should be 'Carl Culotta' not 'Carol Calotta'.
 - D. Mr. Ritsert was not present but was shown so.
Mr. Smetana should be shown as a guest.
 - E. Item VI, A - delete - members not notified.Mr. McNulty moved to accept the minutes as modified.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
Mr. Bryson supplied several handouts of past and present months financial statements.
Mr. Clark noted that though the accounts show a positive Net Worth, the Corps liquidity is not good. The figures showing the Corps in the black are only in the case of liquidation of all assets.
Mr. Clark stated that, as directed, a letter was sent to Mr. Greer in answer to his request for payment.
Mr. Smetana noted that a bill from the ad book came to the American Legion when the Corps actually owes them more than the bill.
Mr. Bryson will look into the matter.

Mr. McNulty moved that whereas the Corps is deeply in debt, that the Board suspend payment of bills until after the instructors are paid. Mr. Bryson noted that the note payment is equally important. Mr. McNulty modified his motion to put the note first and then the instructors and all other expenditures be approved by the Board. Mr. Bronson seconded. Mr. Clark wanted a discussion of what bills were owed and how damaging they could be to the Corps if not paid. It was determined that the instructors and note payments were to take priority. Motion passed.

Mr. McNulty requested that the Treasurer prepare a list of everyone to whom money is owed. He further commented that for the Board to allow the Corps to get so far in debt is disgusting and never should have been allowed.

Ms. Beshekas voiced concern that personal expenditures by members on Corps business would not be reimbursed. Mr. Day stated that expenditures will be reimbursed when and as money is available.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Mr. Buerger seconded. Motion passed.

V. President's report.

A. July 2, 1978 has been set as the date for the Parade of Champions by direction of Mr. Pesceone.

Tentative corps: Santa Clara
Madison Scouts
Cavaliers
Kilts
Crossmen
Spirit of Atlanta
Guardsmen
Troopers

The Rockford show will be the same day.

B. There is a new corps forming called the Firemen. Vanguard will possibly merge with them.

Mr. McNulty moved that the Secretary send a letter to welcome them to the area.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

C. Dues collection by Ms. Beshekas is going along very well.

VI. Old Business.

A. Truck insurance. No new information.

B. Color Guard Show report.

Tentative date is January 3, 1978. As a fund-raising project this type of show is not good. The primary purpose would be for exposure.

Mr. Bryson appointed Mr. Bronson as Liason Officer. His duties will be to provide assistance to Mr. Nelson and open information flow between the Corps and the Board.

Mr. Bryson commended Mr. Bronson for his work on behalf of the Quartermaster.

C. Corps banquet is still scheduled for December 3, 1977 and plans are moving along smoothly. Tentative cost per person is \$4-5.

Mr. Smetana suggested that prior ticket sales be \$1.00 lower than at the door to know what they have to work with moneywise. Messrs Bronson and Day will work together on awards from the Board. Master of Ceremonies is being discussed. Wendel Porter's name was mentioned as a possible outside man. It was also suggested that someone from the Corps other than the Corps Director be MC. Having a local church leader to say grace was also discussed.

D. Rehearsal sites.

Mr. Johnson stated that the current rehearsal site is too small. Mr. Walker is seeking other Posts to try and find a larger area. Schools were approached but they demand that we be out by 10:00 pm. Glenview ~~AFB~~ was mentioned as a possible place. Mr. Day will check with AMVETS to see what days are not available for practice. Mr. Smetana stated that the days were November 18 and December 16.

VII. Fund raising.

- A. Dues book. Mr. Day had outlined each member's backlog of dues. Total amount owed is \$439.00. Mr. Day also mentioned that any items for the November Newsletter should be turned in soon.

Mr. Bryson directed Mr. Bronson to contact Mr. Nelson about a Dues Coordinator.

- B. Federal funds. Mr. Day contacted Governor Thompson and Senator Stevenson and Representative Annunzio as well as W. Clement Stone for help. Responses were handed out to the Board members.

Two local commitments that have not yet been met are the \$1,500 from the Village of Wheeling and the \$1,000 promised from the Wheeling Trust & Savings.

- C. Tag days. Tabled until Spring.
D. McDonald's coupons. Mr. Bryson is trying to contact Mr. Conally.
E. Las Vegas night. Mr. Larry Hill is trying to schedule it sometime in April.
F. Mayor Bilandic. A report should be in from Mr. Hill this week.
G. Other areas.
1. Mr. Smetana suggested that we start selling Ad Book now.
2. Mr. Bryson stated that Wicks, thought to be dead as a source of funds, called him and assuring him that the possible donation is still very much alive.
3. Ms. Beshekas' father is willing to set the Corps up with a Bingo Night but a place is required and we must supply the people needed to run the affair weekly.
4. Mr. Buerger will contact Mr. Paul Dasso of Randhurst Corp.

VIII. New business.

- A. Mr. McNulty has been attending the DCA meeting on the east coast and will report after the final meeting on November 20.
B. Ms. Beshekas believes that standards should be set for Corps membership. A committee should be set up from the Corps to accept or deny membership. Section leaders and Instructors would be responsible for evaluating musical ability.
C. The Cavaliers have horns for sale. Mr. Nelson will develop.

- IX. Date of next meeting will be Sunday, November 17, 1977, at 7:30 am,
at the Masonic Lodge.
- X. Mr. Day moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Smetana seconded.
Motion passed at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven D. Clark", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven D. Clark, Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

FUND RAISING ITEMS TABLED UNTIL NEW INPUT IS RECEIVED.

1. Color Guard Show. (Mostly for exposure.)
2. Federal funds.
3. Tag Days.
4. McDonald's coupons.
5. Las Vegas Night.
6. Mayor Bilandic.
7. Wicks' sponsorship.
8. Bingo night.
9. Brewery sponsorship.
10. Weber-Stevens.
11. Promotional items.
12. Civic organizations.
13. 'Sponsor a Member' program.

FRANK ANNUNZIO

11TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

COMMITTEES:

BANKING, CURRENCY AND
HOUSING

SUBCOMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN, CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISION,
REGULATION AND INSURANCE

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

SUBCOMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN, PERSONNEL AND POLICE
ACCOUNTS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 19, 1977

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Chairman Joseph Duffey
National Endowment
for the Humanities
806 15th Street
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mr. Duffey:

I am contacting you in behalf of the members of the Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, 6019 North Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois 60631, who have applied for a grant of \$50,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Enclosed please find information on the organization, history, activities, sponsorship program, and goals of the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. You will note from these enclosures that the Corps is a not-for-profit organization composed of about 100 adult musicians who represent a cross section of race, creed, color, and ethnic background. It is my understanding that they have received support from the community and from local businessmen, including a \$3,000 donation of equipment from the Slingerland Drum Company, Niles, Illinois. Furthermore, the Corps has performed not only in the four state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Michigan, in which they are the only senior corps, but is attracting growing attention across the country.

I know you will agree with me after reviewing the attachments that the members of the Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps are dedicated and enthusiastic about their organization, and I feel they are worthy of the financial support they are requesting. Therefore, I am writing to urge that all possible favorable and expeditious consideration, consistent with Endowment regulations governing grants, be extended to their application.

I await hearing from you regarding the decision rendered on the request for a \$50,000 grant made by the Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, and thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

FRANK ANNUNZIO
Member of Congress

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October 19, 1977

Mr. Thomas J. Day
6021 N. Northwest Highway
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Tom:

In response to your letter of October 10, I was pleased to express my interest in behalf of the request made by the Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps for a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Joseph Duffey, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, for your information, and I shall certainly let you know of any response I receive.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,



FRANK ANNUNZIO
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Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 20, 1977

Mr. Thomas J. Day
Director
The Chicago Connection
Senior Drum & Bugle Corps
P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Dear Mr. Day:

Thank you for sending me copies of your letter and enclosures to the National Endowment for the Humanities describing the Drum Corps and asking for a grant.

I am glad to do what I can and am asking NEH to give your request every consideration. When I have a reply, I will be in touch with you again.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Adlai Stevenson

AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE AMVET HALL, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Secretary's report
4. Treasurer's report.
5. President's report. *D.F. July 2nd 1978 WHEELING show.*
6. Old Business.
 - a. Truck insurance.
 - b. Color guard show report. *- Jan - 3 - 1978 - show*
 - c. Corps banquet - December 3, 1977. *✓ 4005-R (ARMS)*
 - d. Rehearsal sites. *✓*
7. Fund raising. *✓*
 - a. Dues book. *✓*
 - b. Federal funds. *✓*
 - c. Tag days. *✓ 7280.*
 - d. McDonald's coupons. *← 2000 - 100*
 - e. Las Vegas Night. *✓ Jan. 12, Feb. 1978*
 - f. Mayor Bilandic's office. *✓ Date coming next*
 - g. Other areas. *✓ (AR. BOOK.)*
8. New Business. *✓*
9. Date of next meeting. *11-13th 1978 - 9:30 AM*
10. Adjournment.

Nov. 14th & Dec 16th

*(First meeting) 2000
b.c.*

*102001 show
Sgt Vanguard
K. B. E.
C. Rossman
T. Ruppel
A. L. L. S.
V. A. A. S.
G. R. B. S. M. E. D.*

*70M ORV
6019 - MARSHALL
21 NORTH WEST Hwy.
41st WARD
11th CON. DIST*

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE AMVET HALL, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Day Mr. Ritsert
 Mr. Bryson Mr. McNulty Mr. Smetana *Guest*
 Mr. Clark Mr. Nelson Mr. Walker

Guests: Ms. Beshekas
 Mr. Hill
 Mr. Huber
 Ms. Maria _____

Not Present: Mr. Buerger
 Mr. Gabler (out of town)

- I. The meeting was called to order by ~~Mr. Day, Vice President,~~
at 8:57 pm. *TAKAS*
- II. Mr. Day moved to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Clark seconded but changed the date to the 30th instead of the 23rd. Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Smetana moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 1977 meeting as written.
Mr. Day seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
Mr. Day stated that the Corps had approximately \$2,000.00 in cash and approximately \$8,000.00 in accounts payable.
No formal report was given for approval.
- V. President's report.
In lieu of Mr. Bryson, Mr. Day pointed out that the Corps budget is in quite a precarious position as compared to other corps. Park Ridge, for example, has an instructoral staff being paid \$43,000.00 whereas we have a budget of \$13,000.00. The problem of paying debts in priority was raised. This will be handled on a case by case basis. The Secretary was directed to respond to Mr. Greer's letter requesting payment for monies owed to him.
- VI. Old business.
 - A. Vote on the ammendment to the By-laws.
Mr. Nelson wanted an explanation of "Honorary Board" prior to the vote. The portion of the minutes of the last meeting pertaining to the Honorary Board were read.
Regarding additional discussion, no other alternatives were offered.
Mr. Day called for a vote.
Yea vote - 6
Nay vote - 1
Abstentions - 1
Motion passed. The By-laws are officially ammended.

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- B. Truck insurance.
None has been obtained as of yet but people are still reporting on their findings. Mr. Nelson will store the truck at his farm. Anyone with contacts in the insurance business should pursue getting coverage at the earliest possible date. Liability will be obtained shortly, but we need theft and comprehensive coverage badly.
- C. Mr. Olker's acceptance as Quartermaster.
Mr. Bryson noted that the appointment of a Quartermaster is Mr. Nelson's responsibility and does not require Board approval.

VII. Fund raising.

- A. The Wheeling Trust & Savings has apparently backed out of their agreement to match funds that the Corps can raise. They instead say they will donate \$1,000.00 but further hedged by saying that we would only get the money after it was demonstrated that we could raise other funds on our own. We have demonstrated that we can, indeed, raise funds but to this date the \$1,000.00 has not been received.
- B. Mr. Day will make up a Dues Book to determine who has and who has not paid their dues from last year. The offenders will then be contacted and asked to pay immediately.
- C. Funds might be available from the federal government under the Cultural Enlightenment program. Investigation is being made and will be reported on at a later meeting.
- D. It was pointed out that when a person starts coming to the rehearsals he (or she) starts paying dues the first time and every following time whether or not they are present.
- E. Tag days were discussed where members or boosters stand on street corners, at stop lights, in shopping centers, etc. to raise donation funds. The program would require city approval but it has been demonstrated that it is a good money maker.
- F. Messrs Bryson and Day are working on the door to door sales of McDonald's \$1.00 coupons that were offered by Mr. Conelly. All money obtained for the coupons would be the property of the Corps.
- G. Color guard show is being developed by Linda Kaminski and ~~Carol~~ Carol Calotta. *JOHN OLKER*
- H. A Las Vegas Night will be held in February. Mr. Larry Hill is heading up the program.
- I. Mr. Hill is in contact with Mayor Bilandic's office trying to set up a meeting to discuss funds and other support.

VIII. New business.

- A. Mr. Nelson announced that Mr. Ron Herman has been appointed as a consultant to the Corps.
- B. The Corps banquet will be held December 3, 1977 at the AMVET Hall, Wheeling, Illinois. The catering is being ironed out at the present time. Discussion followed about expenses and if the members should be assessed for the actual cost of the dinner and then have a cash bar.
- C. Messrs Bryson and Clark met with Mr. Phillips of the Park District to determine the possibility of using Chevy Chase as a rehearsal site. Mr. Phillips was quite negative about the prospects and definitely did not want to be committed to anything. He believes better arrangements could be made for

the benefit of the Village of Wheeling as far as money goes, by trying to rent out the two main rooms for parties and meetings. He mentioned the prices to rent the hall were \$300.00 during the week and \$500.00 on the weekends. We suggested that he consider the benefits to be derived from a long term contract but again he was very negative. He suggested that we contact the Village Board to see if they might be interested in letting the Corps use the Facility.

- D. A representative of Mary Kay Cosmetics (Maria) spoke about a fund raising scheme with her company. Mr. Day pointed out that most schemes of this type offer a much larger percentage return on the volume sold. The return on the cosmetics sales would be 10% or less.

IX. Date of next meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Board will be October 28, 1977, at 8:00 pm, AMVET Hall, Wheeling, Illinois.

- X. Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Nelson seconded.

Motion passed at 11:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark, Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps,
Incorporated

AGENDA FOR THE JULY 31, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE COEPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE
MASONIC LODGE IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order -
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Secretary's report. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
 - a. Cash position.
 - b. Sources of donations.
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Old business.
 - a. Letters of appreciation to individuals or organizations that helped with the Parade of Champions.
7. Corps report. (Mr. Walker)
8. Analysis of Parade of Champions.
 - a. Ticket sales by group. \$17,024.25 ^{5.10}
 - b. Concessions.
 - c. Ad Book sales.
 - d. The above as they apply to Senior Show. ✓
9. Senior Show.
 - a. Name.
 - b. Ad Book sales.
 - c. Concessions.
 - d. Ticket sales.
10. New business.
11. Date of next meeting.
12. adjournment. -

AGENDA FOR THE JULY 24, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE
MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Secretary's report. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Corps report. (Mr. Walker)
 - a. Membership.
 - b. Instruments.
 - c. Uniforms.
 - d. Music.
 - e. Drill.
 - f. General status.
 - g. Schedule changes.
7. Parade of Champions. Analysis.
8. Senior Show.
9. New business.
10. Date of next meeting.
11. Adjournment.

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 31, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bryson Mr. Clark Mr. Walker
 Mr. Buerger Mr. McNulty
 Guest: Mr. Smetana

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 9:44 am.
- II. Mr. Buerger moved that the agenda be approved as written.
Mr. McNulty seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. McNulty moved that the minutes of the July 24, 1977 meeting be approved as written.
Mr. Day seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
 - A. Cash position.

Cash on hand-----	\$ 227.69
Net worth-----	6905.20
Assets-----	26905.20

Handouts of the complete financial statements will be distributed at the next regular meeting.

- B. Sources of donations.
 1. Mr. Buerger gave a \$100.00 check that was donated by Mr. Smetana from the American Legion.
 2. Dues are now coming in steadily through the efforts of Mr. Walker.
 3. The Village of Wheeling has had to delay voting on their donation of \$1500.00 until August 8, 1977.
 4. No push has been made by either the Wheeling Trust & Savings or the Corps for repayment of the \$20,000.00 note. Our major backers will be contacted this week to determine if they will back up their support of the note with an actual donation in the amount backed.
 5. Mr. Conley has offered 2000 \$1.00 tickets that are redeemable for \$1.00 in merchandise at McDonald's Restaurants. The Corps may keep all proceeds from the sale of the tickets. The possibility of having the Scouts sell the tickets and offering a percentage to the troop as well as prizes for the kids will be looked into. Mr. Buerger will contact the Scouts and Mr. Bryson will contact the Norwood Cadets, Imperials. As a note on the Senior Show, Mr. Bryson will invite the Cadets to participate in the Show for \$100.00 plus a percentage of the tickets that they sell. We would also benefit from having a larger show which would draw in more people.

6. Mr. McNulty contacted two beer distributors and there is definite interest in sponsorship. Mr. Day will have a prospectus prepared for the next regular meeting to be presented to them as well as other interested parties. If necessary, a presentation will be made at their home offices on the west coast.

V. President's report.

Mr. Bryson reiterated that our major sponsors would be contacted this week to determine if they would make an actual cash donation in the amount that they backed the \$20,000.00 note from the bank.

VI. Old business.

Mr. Day will prepare a certificate of appreciation form to be sent to those individuals or groups that helped out with the Parade of Champions.

Recipients: American Legion
Historical Society
Alert Squad
Wheeling High School
The Gablers
Bill Haddock
Bob _____ (Mexican fellow at the school)
Wendell Porter
Mary Harty and June Jackson
Don Pesceone & associates
Masonic Lodge

VII. Corps report.

A circular magazine will be in shortly for the Tommy gun which will make it more authentic for the period.

VIII. Analysis of Parade of Champions.

A. Ticket sales.

Total sales were \$17,024.25. Individual corps took the largest blocks of seats. Biggest source of sales came from the ad in the DCI newsletter. There was also an ad in Drum Corps World. No local advertising was done, but for the Senior Show, it might help.

B. Concessions.

Total sales were \$1,653.47. Ice tea turned out to be a very big seller. Having only one type of soda, Coke, was no problem at all and made for less confusion. There does not seem to be enough people to justify more than the main concession stand for the Senior Show. It was also suggested that hot dogs would not be necessary since it is an afternoon show. Shirley Miller will be contacted to see if she will run the concessions for the Senior Show.

C. Ad Book sales.

Total sales were approximately \$5,700.00. A list of all the advertisers was handed out so that they would not be contacted again for a new ad. Mr. Bryson noted that \$2,400.00 was collected in the last five days of sales. If that is any indication of how untapped the area was, then we should be able to collect at least \$2,000.00 more for the Senior Show. Ads can be collected until August 21.

D. The above as they apply to Senior Show.
(Covered in discussion of each item.)

IX. Senior Show.

A. Name.

It was decided that it should be: "The Chicago Connection Presents....."

The Connection Invitational
The Wheeling Invitational
The Wheeling Senior Classic
The Wheeling Senior Contest
The _____ Annual Connection Open
The _____ Annual Wheeling Open
The Last Chance Drum & Bugle Corps Show
The Drum Corps Open

Mr. McNulty moved that the official name of the Senior Show be 'The _____ Annual Wheeling Open'.

Mr. Day seconded.

Motion passed.

Mr. Clark was instructed to send two registered letters to himself indicating that the name had been officially adopted by the First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Incorporated.

B. Ad Book sales.

Covered under VIII, C above.

C. Concessions.

Covered under VIII, B above.

D. Ticket sales.

Covered under VIII, A above.

X. New business.

A. Mr. Bryson commended Mr. Smetana for sitting in on our Board to help out for so long.

Mr. Clark moved to elect Mr. Smetana as a full voting member of the Board as Director at Large.

Mr. Buerger seconded.

Motion passed.

B. No new promotional items will be ordered until there is money available for such a program. These items require cash up front in order to receive material. Our current cash position will not allow this.

C. Mr. Bryson asked for a motion to appropriate \$400.00 to do body work and paint the truck, even though the cash situation is tight. Discussion brought out the fact that Mr. Smetana believes that he can get the truck painted for only the cost of materials. He will investigate and report at the next meeting. Mr. Walker also stated that putting swinging doors on the back of the truck will cost approximately \$150.00.

D. The appearance scheduled for the Beer & Bratwurst Festival at Chevy Chase has been cancelled.

E. As a side note, Mr. McNulty noted that he had not seen the corps perform together for approximately one month and that in that time, when he saw them Friday night, the difference was astounding. He said that the improvement was great.


XI. The next meeting will be held August 7, 1977, at 9:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, Illinois.

XII. Mr. McNulty moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Clark seconded.

Motion passed at 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


Steven D. Clark, Secretary

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 24, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. Walker
 Mr. Bryson Mr. Gabler
 Mr. Buerger Mr. McNulty

Guest: Mr. Smetana

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President at 9:34 am.
- II. Mr. Buerger moved that the agenda be approved as written.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Mr. Buerger moved that the minutes of the July 3, 1977 meeting be approved with the following change: The actual amount received from the Legion and the Historical Society was \$1653.47 of which \$900.00 is from the Legion and will therefore be matched by the Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank. The balance of \$753.47 is from the Historical Society and it has not been decided whether or not the Bank will match it.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report.

\$1653.47	-----	Concessions
900.00	-----	Bank matching of above
1000.00	-----	Weber donation (not yet received)
2300.00	-----	Receivables (approximate figure)
1500.00	-----	Anticipated donation from the Village of Wheeling
17.00	-----	Cash on hand
<u>\$7370.47</u>	-----	TOTAL

- A. DCA trip will cost approximately \$5000.00.
- B. Senior Show looks like the best source of income in the near future. There are four weeks in which to sell ads (August 21 is the cutoff date) and promote ticket sales. Both sides of the covers in the Ad Book are available at \$200.00 for an outside cover and \$150.00 for an inside cover.
- C. Donation sources.
 1. Lions are now putting the bulk of their funds into community activities.
 2. Hardware show at McCormic Place. Mr. McNulty to follow.
 3. Reinlander Beer is making a big push in the Chicago area and Mr. McNulty will see if they want promotion with the Corps. He will also contact Olympia Beer.
 4. Mr. Buerger will contact the Old Style Beer distributor to see if they would consider sponsorship.
- D. Mr. Smetana suggested that possibly there could be some involvement by the Corps with the 'Eggs & Answers' program in September.
- E. Mr. Bryson has almost completed a brochure aimed at soliciting donations throughout the Chicagoland area.

V. President's report.

In general, Mr. Bryson commented on the necessity of obtaining additional funds if the Corps is to make the DCA trip in September. It is necessary that the trip be made or much interest will be lost. The whole push for this season has been with our eye on this trip and the other Senior Corps will be watching as well.

VI. Corps report.

A. Membership.

45-----Horns
20-----Color guard
20-----Percussion

B. Instruments.

Present inventory will be sufficient.

C. Uniforms.

An additional 12-13 will be required. New source will be Hart Schafner & Marx at \$39.00 per uniform.

D. Music.

Messrs. Ritzert and Kneibl are looking at established arrangements for use in concert. They will be proven tunes that will be easy to learn.

E. Drill.

Mr. Larry Case has been hired at \$50.00 per rehearsal to come in and clean up the drill starting 7/24/77. Mr. Greer is still with us as well as the Phantom Regiment.

F. General Status.

Touchy but very good. Ted Berg has resigned from the Corps (and as Drum Instructor) for family reasons. A new Drum Instructor has been hired, Mr. Skip Swoverland. A new Rifle Instructor has also been hired. Mr. McNulty went on record as saying that we need a concert arrangement right now and we should have had one much sooner than five weeks before DCA.

VII. Parade of Champions. Analysis.

None made.

VIII. Senior Show.

A. Mr. McNulty suggested that we actively try to contact a sponsor for the show and then name it after them.

B. Next meeting will be devoted to discussing the show.

IX. New Business.

Mr. Clark moved to give Ms. Dori Gabler and Ms. Dreama Hans \$20.00 each for their fine efforts in making the 200 garters worn by the Corps.

Mr. Buerger seconded.

Motion passed.

X. Date of next meeting. July 31, 1977, Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, Illinois, 9:30 am.

XI. Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. McNulty seconded.

Motion passed at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark, Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, I

AGENDA FOR THE JULY 3, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE
MASONIC LODGE IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Secretary's report. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Corps report. (Mr. Nelson)
 - a. Membership
 - b. Instruments
 - c. Uniforms
 - d. Music
 - e. Drill
 - f. General status
 - g. Schedule changes
7. Parade of Champions. Analysis.
8. Senior Show
9. New business
10. Date of next meeting.
11. Adjournment.

(NEEDED) QUARTERMASTER
PERSONAL MANAGER

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 3, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bryson Mr. Clark Mr. Walker
 Mr. Bronson Mr. Day
 Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler
 Guests: Mr. Ed Smetana

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President at 9:44 am.
- II. Mr. Buerger moved that the agenda be approved as written.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Buerger moved that the minutes of the June 12, 1977 meeting be approved.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report.

An abbreviated cash report was given as follows:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 402.00
Receivables (Ad's & tickets...)	3191.50
Total current liabilities.....	\$5400.00 (approx.)
Total net worth.....	\$7080.40

Donation from Historical Society and American Legion from operation of concession stands (and which is not figured into the above figures)...\$1650.00 (to be matched by the Wheeling Trust & Savings)

Donation from the Village of Wheeling (which must be approved by the Trustees but which was verbally promised by the Mayor, Billy Hein).....\$1500.00 (which may or may not be matched by the Wheeling Trust & Savings)

The remaining \$4000.00 of the \$20,000.00 note with the Wheeling Trust & Savings was drawn by Mr. Bryson in order to meet the expenses of the Parade of Champions.

V. President's report.

(Note: the balance of the meeting was discussion based on the following basic areas.)

- A. The Corps' showing in the Parade of Champions was extremely good with many people signing up as new members. (Approximate expected increase is 50%.)
- B. It will be necessary to provide instruments and uniforms for the new members so as to not lose their interest.
- C. The Corps is definitely a viable organization with a very bright future.

- D. The major thrust of the Board and Sponsors should now be to raise the necessary funds for continuation throughout this current season. All attempts at gaining new sponsors will be fully explored and even expanded on. Mr. Bryson is preparing a brochure to be used primarily for fund raising. A new push will be made to sell more ads for the ad book for the upcoming Senior Show.
- E. Our current financial situation dictates that the plans outlined above be carried out as soon as possible or we will not be able to meet our current expenses.
- F. A critical analysis will be made of the teaching staff to determine which instructors should remain and which should be let go.

VI. Date of next meeting.

This will be announced through phone calls and letters.

VII. Mr. Buerger moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Clark seconded.

Motion passed at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark
Secretary, First Illinois Drum &
Bugle Corps, Incorporated

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, JUNE 12, 1977, AT THE MASONIC
LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order. - 7:47 AM.
2. Approval of the agenda. ✓
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of the June 5, 1977
meeting. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. Abbreviated cash report.
(Mr. Day)
5. Parade of Champions. ✓
 - A. Uniforms.
 - B. Show committees.
 - 1) Concessions. - COKE, STAGDS - \$4.90¹⁰ - .30 + 50
 - 2) Stadium. - OPEN. 5 PM
 - 3) Box office. - 2 PM.
 - C. Ticket sales. ✓ MAIN STAGE 200 TIC. LEFT
 - D. Ad Book. ✓
 - E. Door prizes. ✓
 - F. Fan fare. (e.g. ^{out} balloons, etc.) ✓
6. New business. ✓
7. Date of next meeting. - 6-18 ~~77~~ - 5:30 PM
8. Adjournment. - 11:53

MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 12, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bryson Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler
 Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty

 Guests: Ms. Shirley Miller
 Mr. Bob Strom

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 9:47 am.
- II. Mr. McNulty moved that the agenda be approved as written.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. McNulty moved that the minutes of the June 5, 1977 meeting be approved.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
An abbreviated cash report was given showing the following:

Cash on hand	- \$2,400.00
Receivables (Ad Book and Tickets)	- 5,800.00
TOTAL	- <u>\$8,200.00</u>

- V. Parade of Champions
- A. Uniforms. Mr. Gabler brought in a sample of a garter that he had made up. Since he has private individuals who can make up the required quantity of 200, he was given approval to proceed. Hats should be delivered to Mr. Bronson's store the week of the 13th.
- B. Show committees.
1. Mr. Strom from the American Legion ordered two (2) Coke trailers. Total cost is \$490.00 delivered and includes capacity to dispense 4000 drinks. Cups will be extra. Mr. Conley will be contacted about donating cups as well as sugar packets for coffee. Ms. Miller, Mr. Strom and Mr. Bronson will coordinate efforts to set up the required concession stands. Packaged items will be sold in the Coke trailers as well as soft drinks. Ms. Miller has contracted for thirteen (13) different packaged items. Price list from last year will change as follows:
- Candy up to \$.25
 - No Dolly Madison Cakes
 - Coffee up to \$.30
 - No orange drink
 - No ice cream
- Ms. Miller contacted Mr. Tom Walters of Tasty Pup who said that 2000 hot dogs would be too many. 1600 have been ordered at the following prices:
- \$7.60/case, 10 lbs./case, 8 hot dogs/lb. - i.e. \$.095/dog
 - \$0.46/dozen rolls - i.e. \$.039/roll
 - TOTAL COST - \$.134/dog & roll - selling price - \$.60/ea.

2. Mr. Buerger will be at the stadium on Saturday, June 19, to mark the seating in the stands. Mr. Bronson will contact Mr. Lauret to see if he still has the row signs from last year. If not, Mr. Buerger will have signs made. Mr. Gabler suggested using backs of advertising signs which are readily available. Mr. Bronson also has people to letter the needed signs.

An appeal was made to have everyone having anything to do with the show be present on Saturday, June 19, to make sure each and every one knows what their function and location will be on the 26th. This includes all concession people, security people, ushers and gate people.

Mr. Buerger requested that an official letter be sent to the Wheeling Fire Department, Attn. Mr. Bernard Koepper, Fire Chief, 312 East Dundee, Wheeling, IL, 60090, to confirm Mr. Buerger's conversation with him regarding having an ambulance on the premises during the show. The letter should include the hours during which we wish to have the vehicle there.

Mr. Bryson will contact Mr. Pacione about a 'DCI Nurse' that has a mobile home set up as a medical assistance unit.

3. Box office. The small gate at the west end of the concession stand will be open for entry-exit of persons wishing to use the bathrooms in the school. It will not be used to let people in originally. They must enter through the main gate first in order to use the small one. Mr. Gabler will order a rubber stamp to be used to identify people who have entered legally through the main gate, and half of the ticket stub will also be required.

C. Ticket sales.

There are only 250 reserved seats left in the main section and another 300 left in the 'Y' section.

D. Ad Book.

A new sales record was hit of over \$5,700.00. \$2,400.00 of it was gathered in the last five days. It was agreed that next year, a concentrated effort will be made in the form of a good sales team so that we can hit that very possible mark of \$10,000.

E. Door prizes.

Mr. Bryson has outdone himself in obtaining door prizes on a grand scale. Over two hundred (200) items will be given out this year marking an all time high. It proves that he is not chicken to go out and ask for the Corps. Make no bones about it, people are cackeling about how fowl things had been going, but this puts us right back in the pecking order.

F. Fan fare.

Two spotlights will be used at Mr. McNulty's suggestion, the lights will be darkened in the stadium, and a special entrance by the Corps will be made as well as the DM.

VI. New Business. None.

VII. Date of next meeting. June 18, 1977, Wheeling HS, 5:30 pm. (Saturday)

- VIII. Mr. Buerger moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed at 11:53 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark, Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, JUNE 5, 1977, AT THE MASONIC
LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order. - 9:55
2. Approval of the agenda. ✓
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of the regular May 1, 1977 meeting and the minutes of the executive session meeting May 1, 1977. (Mr. Clark) ✓
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day) ✓
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson) ✓ *HATS WILL BE SHIPPED TO BRONSON.*
6. Parade of Champions. ✓
 - A. Uniforms ✓
 - B. Rehearsals - *wicks. or dominiks*
 - C. Show Committees ✓
 - 1) Concessions ✓
 - 2) Stadium ✓
 - 3) Box office ✓
 - D. Ticket sales - *600 RESERVE O.*
 - E. Ad Book ✓ *FRI, 10th CUTOFF*
 - F. Flags ✓
 - G. General status ✓
7. New business.
8. Date of next meeting. - *6-12-77.*
9. Adjournment. - *1145*

MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 5, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bryson Mr. Clark Mr. Gabler
 Mr. Buerger Mr. Day Mr. McNulty

Guest: Ms. Shirley Miller

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 9:38 am.
- II. Mr. Buerger moved to approve the agenda as written.
Mr. Day seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Day moved to accept the minutes of the May 1, 1977 regular meeting and the May 1, 1977 minutes of the executive session of the Board.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
No formal report was prepared but a cash report was given.

Cash on hand	- \$2,110.00
Receivables	- 4,711.50
Ticket sales outstanding	- 1,140.00
TOTAL	- <u>\$7,961.50</u>
- V. President's report.
All items will be covered in the regular course of the meeting.
- VI. Parade of Champions.
 - A. Uniforms.
 1. Hats are now ready to ship.
 2. Vests and pants should be ready to pick up on June 17th.
 3. Shirts. Long sleeved white shirts will be worn for the Wheeling show. Mr. Day got a price of \$15.00 per shirt for quianas from Nik-Nik, but we must have cash in advance. Mr. McNulty got a price of \$6.50 - 7.50 for a quiana type from Arrow. Mr. Day will follow with Arrow.
 4. The Board of Directors will have the following as their uniforms: white blazers; yellow shirts (same as the corps); and black pants. Mr. McNulty will find a suitable source for the blazers.
 5. Shoes & boots.
 - a. Kotz Shoes in Wheeling has a leather shoe for \$18.50 that we will be using for the men.
 - b. Boots have been acquired for the girls. The wearer will pay \$20.00 and the corps will pay \$21.00.
 6. Mr. Gabler will follow up on finding red garters (200 pcs.).
 7. Mr. Day will get fresh red carnations at wholesale price for the show.
 8. We do not plan to have spats until DCA or until we can afford them.

B. Rehearsals.

No change in current schedule.

C. Show committees.

1. Concessions. Ms. Miller of the Historical Society and her group will handle the purchasing and dispensing of all concession items except promotional items. The Legion will buy their supplies from Ms. Miller in order to simplify operations. At the present time, the expected profit split will be 60% for the Historical Society and 40% for the Corps.

Ice has been a problem in the past so we will attempt to have three sources available. Mr. Bryson will contact the school to see about using their ice machine, Mr. Bronson will contact Hein's for their cooperation, Mr. Clark will contact the AMVET Hall for the use of their machines.

Mr. Gabler will check to see if he can get hot dogs on consignment, Ms. Miller will contact Mr. Tom Walters who owns Tasty Pup for a possible donation of the hot dogs, and she will also contact Mr. Nelson at Super Dog for the same possibility.

Mr. Buerger will get together with the Legion to demand a commitment for their part in operating the remote Coke stands.

Everyone who has a camper type light is requested to bring it to the show to help light the concession stands.

2. Stadium. Mr. Buerger will arrange for the following personnel for the show:

2 on the main gate at least (Mr. Gabler & family)

2 at the 'narrows' entrance to the reserved seat area so that only ticket holders may enter.

3 per isle to act as ushers. (6 isles)

1 capable person at the Corps gate as security.

3. Box office. Will open at 2:00 pm for sales. Gates open at 5:00 pm for spectators. Mr. Gabler is handling.

D. Ticket sales. Mr. Bryson announced that only 600 reserved seats are still available.

E. Ad Book. 1500 copies will be printed, 300 for advertisers, 1200 to sell at \$.50 each. Messrs. Gabler & Buerger will get girls to sell the books at the show. Cut off date for all copy is the 10th (this Friday).

F. Flags. Status is okay.

G. General status. Mr. Sig Palowski will set up a booth to sell promotional items for the Corps. Mr. Bryson has secured many door prizes to be given out at the end of the show.

Mr. Clark will develop information on helium filled balloons to be sent up as the Corps starts off the line. Contact at the school is Bill Haddock. Balloons will be released from behind the east fence.

VII. New business. None.

VIII. Date of next meeting. June 12, 1977, Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, 9:30am.

IX. Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Day seconded.

Motion passed at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Secretary, First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Incorporated

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, MAY 1, 1977, AT THE MASONIC LODGE,
WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of the April 3, 1977 meeting. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Old business.
 - a. Discussion pertaining to the replacement of Mr. McNulty as Corps Director. ✓
 - b. Promotional items. ✓
 - c. New sources of donations.
 - d. Mr. Mostowski's report on the promotional show involving motorcycle jumper. ✓
 - e. Mr. Buerger's report regarding the beer & bratwurst festival on August 7, 1977. ✓
7. Corps report.
 - a. Membership. ✓
 - b. Attendance. ✓
 - c. Music. ✓
 - d. Uniforms. ✓
 - e. Flags. ✓
 - f. Drill. ✓
 - g. Corps camp. - 5-21-77 - GEMDA - wis ✓
 - h. Rules & regulations. ✓
 - i. Dues & fees. ✓
 - j. Publicity. ✓
 - k. Appearance schedule. ✓
 - l. Instruments. ✓
8. Parade of Champions.
 - a. Ticket sales. ✓
 - b. Show committees. ✓
 - c. General status. (Mr. Bryson) ✓
9. Ad book. ✓
10. Senior show. ✓
11. New business. ✓
12. Date of new meeting. - FR. - 13 - MAY - 1977 - 11PM
13. Adjournment. - 1110 AM.

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 1, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, FOR THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE
CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty
Mr. Bryson Mr. Day Mr. Walker
Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 11:13 am.
- II. Purpose. For Mr. McNulty to address the Board regarding his replacement as Corps Director.
- III. Mr. McNulty stated that he is not out to change what happened at the April 19, 1977 meeting. What he is concerned with and definitely does not agree with is the methodology used to call the meeting and the way it was executed. In his words it was unprofessional, kangaroo, clandestine, and rather a 'back stabbing' situation. He agrees that there were negatives in his performance of his duties, but that is a job that is done by a man who makes human errors.
Two charges in particular were very deep wounds for him:
 - a) drunk and obnoxious
 - b) 'fondling' the womenThese were very possibly damaging remarks or charges that could affect his job and his marriage.
Mr. McNulty summed up by wanting each and every Board member to think about the situation very carefully so that hopefully it would never happen again.
- IV. Mr. Bronson moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed at 12:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark
Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 1, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty
Mr. Bryson Mr. Day Mr. Walker
Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler

Guests: Ms. Beshekas
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Milano

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 9:30 am.
- II. Mr. Bronson moved to accept the agenda as written.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Bronson moved to accept the minutes of the April 3, 1977 meeting.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
 - A. The item of 'Instructor's fees' under Expenses for 4/1/77 to 4/30/77 was discussed and broken down as follows:

Jay Knebl	\$30.00	per rehearsal
Ron Ritzer	30.00	" "
Lenny Kruszecki	40.00	" "
Chris Hartowicz	20.00	" "
Ted Berg	30.00	" "
Dallas Niermeyer	1000.00	" year
M&M staff	1000.00	" " plus expenses
		plus \$25.00 for assistants
 - B. The receivables of \$5,017.50 are made up of Ad Book and Ticket sales.
 - C. Mr. Clark moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
- V. President's report.
All items will be covered in the regular discussions.
- VI. A. Mr. Bronson stated that the Board meeting held on April 19, 1977 was not legal because not all the Board members were notified of the time, place and purpose.
Mr. Clark moved to accept all the minutes of the meeting with the exception of item II which pertained to Mr. McNulty's replacement as Corps Director.
Mr. Walker seconded.

Mr. McNulty modified the motion so as to include item II with the rest of the minutes and that they all be approved.

Mr. Day seconded the amended motion.

Motion passed.

Mr. Bryson invited Mr. McNulty to remain as a voting member of the Board. Mr. McNulty accepted.

Mr. McNulty requested that a full discussion be held in executive session immediately following the regular meeting.

B. Promotional items.

1. Mr. Day will pick up the button machine and Mr. Clark will make up the buttons as required.

2. Tee-shirts will be available in three weeks.

3. 60 more patches were ordered through Mr. Dick Hein, 30 of which are the small style.

4. As many promotional items as possible will be sold at the Parade of Champions.

C. New sources of donations.

Mr. Bryson will be in contact with Deefield Savings & Loan this week.

Mr. Buerger will be in contact with the American Legion.

D. There will be no motorcycle jumper as a promotional show.

E. Beer & bratwurst festival.

Mr. Buerger wants the Corps at Chevy Chase for exposure.

As it now stands, August 7 is an open date so far.

Discussion will be held to see about free food and drink for our appearance.

Mr. Day suggested that we do the appearance as a PR gesture since the Corps would like to use Chevy Chase as a rehearsal site.

VII. Corps report.

A. Membership. Improved in the horn line. Drum line may look small at rehearsals but there are many who are committed for the shows.

B. Attendance. Guard attendance is up. Ms. Audry Johnson has joined as Color Guard Instructor. Field School will be used for CG rehearsals.

C. Music. All music is ready except Rocky and the end of Ponteaoo. Chicago will be modified.

D. Uniforms. Hats will be glossy white straw, fedora type, at a cost of \$4.00 per copy.

Boots are \$43.00 per pair through Dallas Niermeyer out east.

Men's shoes - Mr. Bryson will contact Wheeling Shoe Store and Mr. Day will contact Corafam.

The Corps will pick up the difference between the men's shoes and the women's boots.

E. Flags. They have been ordered but not delivered to date.

F. Drill. The first drill was on Friday night.

G. Corps camp. May 21, 1977 - Schedule:

Friday night	- horn rehearsal until 11:00 pm
Saturday	- drill most of day
Saturday night	- ensemble
Sunday	- drill most of day

Transportation will be the individual's responsibility.

- H. Rules & regulations. All are covered in the "CHICAGO CONNECTION STORY".
- I. Dues & fees. There are many dollars outstanding and Mr. Milano will be making a push for collection.
- J. Publicity. Mr. Day is handling this area and all is working smoothly.
- K. Appearance schedule. Changes:
 - 7/3/77 - Racine. Corps will not appear.
 - 7/9/77 - Legion State. Will depend on the amount of money involved.
- L. Instruments. There are now only three (3) sopranos left to issue. Contras are alright for the time being; we will have people play baritones where possible.

VIII. Parade of Champions.

- A. Ticket sales. Very good so far. We are down to the two end sections of reserved seats.
- B. Show committees. Stadium Committee. Mr. Buerger signed a contract with the Police to handle traffic, disturbances, etc., for \$196.35.
- C. General status. All looks very promising at the present time.

IX. Ad Book. Sales have dropped off drastically. There have been no new sales in the past two weeks. We must have a new push at trying to obtain orders.

X. Senior Show. No new business.

XI. New Business.

- A. Mr. Bronson moved that the By Laws be modified to state that all potential Board members be interviewed in executive session by the complete Board prior to their placement.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- B. Mr. Day stated that Mr. Mostowski was fired as Quartermaster.
- C. Mr. Bob Ohrmby, the new Personnel Director, is being broken in by Mr. Milano.
- D. Meetings will be held every other Friday an 11:30 pm at the AMVET Hall, Wheeling, Illinois, starting May 13, 1977.
The agendas will be modified to only cover areas of immediacy.

XII. Date of new meeting. The next abbreviated meeting will be held May 13, 1977 at 11:30 pm, at the AMVET Hall, Wheeling, Illinois.

XIII. Mr. Bronson moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark
Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING (REGULAR) OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, APRIL 3, 1977, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of the March 20, 1977 meeting. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Old business.
 - a. Mr. Bryson will report on the status of the availability of the additional \$4,000.00 from the bank.
 - b. Progress on finding additional sources of donations.
 - c. Alternate rehearsal sites.
 - d. Progress on decal.
 - e. Progress on jacket. - \$16.50 WITH patch
 - f. Progress on obtaining contras.
7. ^{G, OPEN HOUSE.} Corps report. ^{8 PM - TALK?} (Mr. McNulty) - ^{T. WALKER}
 - a. Membership. - SAME
 - b. Attendance.
 - c. Music. - Chicago - Rudy - God Father
 - d. Uniforms. - 3.99 PER YARD - COST ?
 - e. Flags.
 - f. Drill.
 - g. Corps camp. - NO CHANGE.
 - h. Rules & regulations.
 - i. Dues & fees.
 - j. Publicity. 7. DAY
 - k. Appearance schedule.
8. Parade of Champions.
 - a. Ticket sales.
 - b. Show committees. - THREE Cops. Box - OFFICE 2 PM OPEN
 - c. General status. (Mr. Bryson)

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, APRIL 3, 1977 (continued)

9. Ad book.
 - a. Sponsor participation.
 - b. Ad sales.
10. Senior Show.
11. New business.
12. Date of next meeting. - 5-1-77-09:30-
13. Adjournment.

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 3, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. Mostowski (guest)
 Mr. Bryson Mr. Gabler
 Mr. Buerger Mr. Walker

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 10:05 am.
- II. Mr. Buerger moved to accept the agenda as written.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Bronson moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 1977 meeting.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
Mr. Buerger moved to accept the treasurer's report as written.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- V. President's report.
All pertinent items will be discussed during the course of the meeting.
- VI. Old Business.
 - A. Mr. Bryson stated that the \$4000.00 is available from the original note with the Wheeling Trust & Savings, but the bank wants to see us not have to use it. They reiterated their offer to match any donations we receive proving that they are still totally behind the Corps.
 - B. Mr. Larry Hill found and will develop the following possible sources of donations: Slingerland Drum
Ludwig
Deerfield Savings & Loan (Mr. Bryson will meet with them this week.)
Other hot sources: Legion
Park District
 - C. The Chevy Chase bond issue passed but the facility would not be available until June. Meetings will be held to discuss the possibility of the Corps using the area.
 - D. Decals have been ordered.
 - E. A suitable jacket has been found by Mr. Clark that can be sold with a Corps patch sewn on for \$16.50 which yields the Corps over \$5.00 profit per sale. Summer jackets are also available.
 - F. One contra was bought new and one has been borrowed for a short time. Brass, Inc. has a Ludwig which they might be willing to lease. Mr. Walker will contact them and report.
 - G. Open House.
 1. Invitations sent out by Mr. Day to news media, public officials and sponsors. Additional ones will be sent to:

Mr. Ted Scanlon	Rotary	Kiwanis
Bruno & Sons	Jaycee's	Historical Society
Masonic Lodge	Lions	Jaycee Jills
Village Board	VFW	Wheeling Women's Club

2. We have a DCI film that will be shown in the basement to any interested parties.
3. Mr. Clark will coordinate the program for the evening.
 - a. Mr. Gabler - cheese tray
 - b. Mr. Clark - chips, popcorn and pretzles
 - c. Mr. Day - contact all news media
 - d. Mr. Mostowski - business cards and guest card printing
4. There will be a Corps party after rehearsal with a half keg of beer being put on by the Corps. Mr. Bronson will bartend.
5. All Board members will wear white shirt, Corps jacket, name tag, and dark pants.
6. A photographer will be present to record the evening.
7. Rehearsal will go from 8:00 to 10:00 and then all sections will get together to play ensemble.
8. A table will be set up at the front door with a girl to issue guest tags when and as they arrive.

VII. Corps report.

- A. Membership. Same as last report.
- B. Attendance. Has been improving. A good nucleus of players is showing up each week. More baritones are needed.
- C. Music. Chicago - lead in
Ponteao
Rocky
Godfather with swing into Chicago
- D. Uniforms. Material has been selected at \$3.99 a yard but Mr. Larry Hill may be able to improve on the price. Prices for tailoring will be \$19.25 for pants with reinforced crotch, \$20.75 for vests. Mr. Clark believed that the prices were too high and will follow up other sources. Mr. McNulty found Arrow shirts for \$9.00 each in the bright yellow 'satine'. Only problem is that no extra large will be available. Straw hats, black shoes, red roses and garters will complete the outfit.
- E. Flags. On schedule.
- F. Drill. No one hired.
- G. Corps Camp. No change. Lake County Fairgrounds may be available.
- H. Rules & regulations. New member package is in process by Mr. Milano and should be out soon.
- I. Dues & fees. Being collected on an accelerated basis.
- J. Publicity. No director.
- K. Appearance schedule. (See handout of tentative schedule for complete year.)

VIII. Parade of Champions.

- A. Ticket sales. Sales are going extremely well with receivables around \$5000.00.
- B. Show committees.
 1. Stadium. Police - 3 at the door and several scattered about the area.
Ushers - 3 per isle.
 2. Box office. 2 will be selling in the box office and 2 will be walking down the line selling general admission tickets.
 3. Concessions. 2 Coke bin have been ordered, food vending sponsors to advise on ordering edibles. Hans offered his services.
- C. General status. All areas are proceeding so well that it may be possible to completely pay off the bank note and still have enough left to show a modest profit.

- IX. Ad Book.
- A. Ad sales are going extremely well. An additional page will be added to the book called a 'well wisher' page. For \$2.00 anyone can have their name (or whatever) printed.
 - B. Mr. Bryson asked every board member to push as hard as possible to sell ads. Much of our expected success will depend on this area.
- X. Senior Show. Nothing new will be worked on to any great extent until after the Parade of Champions. To get people interested in the coming show, handouts will be given out at the P of C as well as announcements and a one page ad in the book.
- XI. New business.
- A. Mr. Frank Mostowski has a contact who is a motorcycle jumper. He will perform free of charge for a non-profit operation as a fund raising venture. Mr. Mostowski will find out what type of area would be required to make a jump.
Mr. Clark moved to approve the purchase of a crash helmet with the logo of the Chicago Connection on the sides to be used as an extra inducement for the jump.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
 - B. Mr. Bryson officially welcomed Mr. Mostowski as the new Quartermaster replacing Mr. Nelson who will continue as Assistant Corps Director.
 - C. Ms. Kared Gabler will be using the sabre loaned to her by the Corps Thursday, April 7, 1977 at the Cub's opening.
 - D. Mr. Walker stated that he will be organizing a jazz group to start up next year after the Corps season. This will be an extra curricular activity.
 - E. On August 7, 1977 there will be a beer & braughtwurst festival in Wheeling. The Corps might possibly participate in an exchange for free food and drink. This might work out to be a good Corps picnic. Mr. Buerger will develop and report.
 - F. Mr. Bryson announced that future Board meetings will start at 9:30 am sharp on the perscribed dates, and that all Board members are to be present at that time.
- XII. The next regular meeting will be held on May 1, 1977 at 9:30 am at the Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, Illinois.
- XIII. Mr. Buerger moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark
Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING (REGULAR) OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, MARCH 20, 1977, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of the February 27 meeting. (Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Old business.
 - a. Vote on changes in the By-laws that were discussed at the last meeting.
 - b. Report on new meeting sites.
 - c. Current status of the sponsorship offer of \$1000.00 from Wheeling Legion Post 1968.
 - d. New information regarding a CC decal.
 - e. New information regarding CC jackets.
 - f. (Mr. McNulty)
PALATKA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND (MR. DAY)
7. Corps report. (Mr. McNulty)
 - a. Membership
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Music
 - d. Uniforms
 - e. Flags
 - f. Drill
 - g. Corps camp
 - h. Rules & regulations
 - i. Dues and fees
 - j. Publicity
 - k. Appearance schedule
8. Parade of Champions
 - a. Report on actions to date. (Mr. Bryson)
 - b. Ticket sales
 - c. Show committees

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, MARCH 20, 1977 (continued)

9. Ad book.
 - a. Sponsor participation
 - b. Ad order forms
10. Senior Show.
11. New business.
12. Date of next meeting.
13. Adjournment.

MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 20, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty
 Mr. Bryson Mr. Day Mr. Walker
 Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryson, President, at 9:43 am.
- II. Approval of agenda. Mr. Clark ammended the agenda to add the Palatine Community Concert Band (Mr. Day) under Old Business. Mr. Day moved that the agenda be accepted. Mr. Bronson seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report. Mr. Gabler moved that the minutes of the February 27, 1977 meeting be accepted. Mr. Bronson seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report. A discussion was held regarding the various debits and credits on the balance sheet. It was also stated that the July 1, 1977 payment to Wheeling Trust & Savings on the \$16,000.00 note would be decided on at that time by negotiation with the bank. Mr. Buerger moved that the report be accepted. Mr. Bronson seconded. Motion passed.
 - A. A letter was circulated from Sears & Roebuck turning down our request for sponsorship.
 - B. Wheeling Legion Post 1968 was to have a representative at this meeting but he did not show up. Mr. Day believes that the CC will have no trouble in getting their \$1,000.00 donation. He further stated that Mr. Hill, Vice President of the Wheeling Trust & Savings, has promised to match any donations we are able to generate. In essence, this means that the Legion donation will actually amount to \$2,000.00. Mr. Hill has taken this approach, rather than an outright donation, because the bank has been "burned" in the past by other organizations.
 - C. Mr. Day recommended that the CC march in the Wheeling parade without uniforms and possibly pass the hat along the parade route to dramatize our need for peoples' support. Mr. McNulty stated that this was already established and that June 26, 1977 Parade of Champions would be the first time the corps would appear in uniform and with new flags.
 - D. The Park District has decided to become one of our sponsors.
 - E. Possible sources of donations:
 1. Jaycees
 2. Rotary
 3. VFW - Des Plaines
 4. Lions - Mr. Day will contact Mr. Ted Brake to set up a

meeting to discuss possible donations.

F. In connection with the current need for monies, Mr. Larry Hill and Mr. Bryson will try to push the ad books as much as possible. Every board member was also encouraged to sell ads.

G. Mr. Day moved that the corporation utilize the \$4,000.00 which is still available from the bank under the original agreement to take care of our immediate cash problems. Mr. Buerger seconded.

Discussion of the motion led Mr. Day to comment that he was not at all sure that the \$4,000.00 was actually available. Mr. Bryson believed that the original draft of the note was for \$20,000.00 and since only \$16,000.00 had been utilized, the balance of \$4,000.00 should be available with no problem. Mr. Clark questioned our need for the additional loan at the present time. Mr. Day stated that without any income very shortly, and considering our need for contras and uniforms, we would be out of cash within a month. Mr. McNulty commented that the show will cost us approximately \$11,000.00 and therefore all income from ad book and ticket sales is already committed up to that point. Because of this, we cannot consider funds generated in the short term as useable for other than show-related expenses. In considering other sources of funds, Mr. Bryson mentioned that dues from the members are not being collected on a regular basis. It was agreed that there was a problem with dues collection, but there were reasons for it. Rather than sour a member of the corps into quitting because of a \$1.00 dues charge, the CC would rather have the player. As the corps gets more stable, it will get much easier to collect on a regular basis. All dues in arrears will be collected, but for our short-term cash flow problem, they should not be considered as an expected source.

Mr. Day rephrased his motion by moving to make sure the \$4,000.00 is available as a loan from the bank, by means of a written guarantee from the bank. Mr. Bryson to contact the bank.

Mr. Buerger seconded.

Motion passed.

V. President's report. All pertinent items will be discussed during the course of the meeting.

VI. Mr. McNulty moved that Mr. Bryson and Mr. Day be officially commended by the board of directors for their outstanding work for the corps.

Mr. Buerger seconded.

Motion passed.

VII. Old business.

A. Mr. Bronson moved that the proposed changes in the by laws be accepted as discussed at the February 27, 1977 meeting. Mr. Day seconded.

Motion passed.

B. Meeting sites. The possibility of utilizing Chevy Chase thru the Park District was discussed and the outcome depends on the referendum passing next week. Also, available times would have to be worked out.

- C. Mr. Day moved that the board accept the Park District as a sponsor in name.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Mr. Buerger abstained from voting as he is a Park District officer.
Six yes votes, one no vote, motion passed.
- D. Wheeling Legion Post 1968 was covered in the Treasurer's report.
- E. Decal. In deciding what design should be on a decal, Mr. Day noted that we still do not have an official logo. It was decided that we will go with the same design as the patches, but on a smaller scale, and it would specify the displayer as a booster of the CC. Mr. Bryson recommended that we have several promotional items for sale at the show. This was agreed on and we will also be playing up our sponsor participation in certain promotional items as well.
Mr. McNulty moved that Mr. Day proceed with obtaining a decal as well as any other promotional items that he deems appropriate.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
- F. Jackets. Jackets were worn to the meeting that were the proposed style, color and with the CC patch. They were found to be very acceptable, and it was generally agreed that the jackets should be sold with the patch already sewn on.

VIII. Corps report.

- A. Membership. A few members have been lost, but new members are coming in each week. Two \$10.00 payments from new members was received on Friday. Advertising is going in Drum Corps publications to recruit new members. Press releases are in print and TV announcements have been aired. Mr. Day has contacted the Palatine Community Concert Band but has not has any activity so far. He will contact them again.
- B. Attendance. Usually 20 - 24 horns with 38 on the roster. Most are calling in if they cannot make it to rehearsal. 12 - 13 drums with a 50% attendance record. Due to the poor facilities at the AMVET hall, Mr. Bryson is trying to get an additional room at the school where the CG is practicing, to be used by the drums.
- C. Music. Mr. Cliff Colnot is our arranger and he is proceeding well with the repertoire. Mr. Ted Berg, Drum Instructor, is getting arrangements at \$50.00 each. Two numbers will be ready for the open house on April 15.
- D. Uniforms. Straw hat (fedora type), yellow shirt, no tie, arm garters, striped vest and pants, black shoes and white or yellow spats if price is reasonable.
Mr. Clark will contact the high schools and colleges in the area to determine their ability to sew 75 - 80 uniforms by no later than May 30. All other sources will also be pursued.
- E. Flags. Next Friday the mock-up will be ready for approval.
- F. Drill. No Drill Instructor hired as of yet.
- G. Corps Camp. Mini-camp is scheduled for April 23 & 24.
Overnight camp is scheduled for May 13, 14 & 15.

Mr. Bryson will check Wheeling High School for use of their field for drill on Sundays.

- H. Rules & regulations. All of the handouts by Mr. McNulty are being adhered to well
- I. Dues & fees. Covered in the Treasurer's report.
- J. Publicity. Covered under Membership.
- K. Appearance schedule. No changes from before with the exception of the Corps Camp dates. Mr. Walker stated that buses were already arranged for on the dates required.

IX. Open house. This will be held on Friday, April 15, 1977, at the AMVET hall, Wheeling, Illinois. It is for all members, their families, interested people, radio and TV people and, of course, our sponsors. There will be a regular rehearsal from 8:00 to 10:00 in ensemble. The CC will then play their two numbers, some of the officers will speak and a half-barrel of beer will be opened. Light snacks will also be available. There will be a big push for new members as well. Mr. Clark and Mr. Day will contact the TV stations for coverage on such shows as 2 on 2, Mini-cam, etc. Mr. Clark and Mr. Bronson will work out any problems with the AMVET hall.

X. Parade of Champions.

- A. Present status. The approximate cost has been estimated at \$11,000.00 for the show with another \$300.00 for advertising.
- B. Ticket sales. 1070 tickets have been sold for \$4620.00.
- C. Show committees.
 - 1. Concessions. Mr. Bronson will have Coke stands at each end of the main concession stand, one on the north end of the field, and one on the south end of the main field. Staffing may be available from the Legion which tentatively offered 17 people.
 - 2. Stadium. Mr. Buerger is in the process of getting ushers lined up.
 - 3. Ad book. Mr. Hill and Mr. Bryson have all the material ready to give to salesmen. Copies were handed out to the board members. Offset printing will be used and ads sold for the Parade of Champions book will automatically be included in the Senior Show book. (June 26 and August 28 respectively.)

XI. Senior Show.

- A. Estimated costs:
 - \$580.00 - Contest Directors and Judges
 - 50.00 - Tabulation fees
 - 200.00 - Field rental
 - 100.00 - Ticket printing
 - 350.00 - Advertising
 - 100.00 - Exhibition corps
 - 75.00 - Trophies
 - 50.00 - Miscellaneous expenses
 - \$1505.00 - TOTAL
- B. CC gets 10% of the net proceeds for holding the show.
- C. All concessions are for the benefit of the CC.
- D. CC gets a percentage of the net proceeds for participating.

E. Ad book proceeds are for the benefit of the CC.

XII. New business.

A. As previously determined, all literature pertaining to The Parade of Champions or the Senior Show will lead off with "The Chicago Connection Presents".

B. Mr. Ron Ritchert has been hired as a Horn Instructor.

C. At least two contras must be obtained immediately. Mr. Walker will contact the '76 for any unused ones for lease.

Mr. Clark moved that Mr. McNulty be given authority to obtain contras in the best and most reasonable way including purchase of new ones if necessary.

Mr. Bronson seconded.

Motion passed.

D. Mr. Gabler expressed Ms. Karen Gabler's appreciation for the saber loaned to her by the CC.

E. Mr. Clark moved that the board purchase 20 tickets to the Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast at \$1.50 each to show our appreciation for the use of the Lodge by the board.

The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 26, 1977, at the Lodge.

Mr. McNulty seconded.

Motion passed.

XIII. The next regular meeting will be held on April 3, 1977, at the Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, Illinois.

IXV. Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Bronson seconded.

Motion passed at 12:40 pm.

Submitted by:



Secretary

First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (REGULAR)
9:30 AM, FEBRUARY 27, 1977
CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT, WHEELING, ILLINOIS

AGENDA:

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Secretary's report. Minutes of 1-16-77 meeting.
(Mr. Clark)
4. Treasurer's report. (Mr. Day)
5. President's report. (Mr. Bryson)
6. Old business.
 - a. Amendments to Constitution and By-laws.
submitted for discussion. To be voted on at
next board meeting as per Article VI, Section A.
of By-laws.
 - b. Report on meeting sites (Mr. Buerger)
(Others)
7. Corps report. (Mr. McNulty)
 - a. Membership
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Music
 - d. Uniforms
 - e. Flags
 - f. Drill
 - g. Corps Camp
 - h. Rules & Regs.
 - i. Dues and fees structures
 - j. Publicity
 - k. Appearance schedule 2 DRILL Re. April -17-24

*ARRIVE post parents - may 30th
JUNE 18th Exposition
START July 3rd Reunion
2:10 A.M. Start*

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 2-27-77

AGENDA - continued

7. Corps Report - continued
 - l. Transportation
 - m. Committees - social activities
 - n. Press and sponsor open house - APRIL - 15TH - AMUND'S HALL
FROUS, TU & OTHERS
 - o. Promotional items
8. Parade of Champions
 - a. Report of actions to date. (Mr. Bryson)
 - b. Ticket sales.
 - c. Show committees.
 1. Stadium committee. *USNEAS - 104075 - WEST & EAST STANDS
3rd FLOOR - 26TH JUNE*
 2. Box office committee. *- 1PM - ONE GARDEN*
 3. Concessions committee. *- PROSSER*
 4. Ad book committee
9. Ad book.
 - a. Page size.
 - b. Ad price schedule.
 1. Prices for combined programs - Parade of Champions and Senior Show.
 - c. Commissions. - 15% overall.
 - d. Sponsor participation.
 - e. Ad order forms.
10. Senior Show. *- Aug - 1975 - Wheeling High School - (Cost 1600)*
11. New business.
12. Date of next meeting. *- 3RD SUNDAY 9:30 AM 26TH MARCH.*
13. Adjournment.

Notes on sponsors (Advisory Board) meeting Jan. 26, 1977.

A luncheon meeting was held on January 26, 1977 at Hans' Bavarian Lodge, Wheeling.

Present were: R. Bryson
T. Day
H. Ammelounx
J. Metzger
C. Geane
R. Calfa

A general discussion was held in which we reported to the sponsors the general condition of the Corps and our activities to date.

Mention was made of problems at AMVET meeting hall. There were no immediate suggestions as to other possible meeting places. Comments about vacant buildings in area generally agreed that such facilities were priced well beyond the means of the Corps.

A discussion of our truck followed and suggestions were made as to the proposed plans for painting same. It was the opinion of those present that the best color for the vehicle would be a gloss white with appropriate billboard type lettering on box. Mr. Metzger offered to oversee the painting and decorating of the truck, and will handle this as soon as weather permits. It was agreed by all that this should be done as soon as possible.

Corps finances were discussed and it was the general opinion of all that we should not limit ourselves to the Wheeling area but seek financial support from whatever sources become available. Mr. Calfa suggested we contact Deerfield Savings & Loan as a possible sponsor, also all of the local service and business clubs in the area. It was agreed that the name "Chicago Connection" would have widespread appeal but suggestions also were made that we also use the slogan "From Wheeling Illinois as a positive means of identifying our home base area. Suggestions were made on Corps promotional items. Buttons, T-shirts, records seat cushions, jackets, sweaters and derby hats (If we wear them) Mr. Calfa will check various novelty suppliers for other ideas.

Mr. Calfa is currently working on insurance package for the corps to include vehicle liability and theft or damage for contents, also liability insurance to cover corps for personal injuries etc during meeting and outings.

Ad book for show was discussed. Generally suggested that size and prices remain about the same as last year. It was felt that these would be easy to sell. Mr. Calfa suggested that we try to tie some gimmick into the ad book such as a calendar or large coupon section which would encourage people to keep the book and use it throughout the year. It was felt that by

ADVISORS MEETING - continued.

so doing this would serve as an additional inducement for selling ads. It was also suggested that we offer a combined deal for having the ad appear in both books. The suggestion was made that we NOT try to sell the two different books but rather concentrate on one sales call to cover both programs. Suggestion offered that it might be wise to hire salesmen to sell ads. It was agreed by all that personal contact was the only way to promote the program book. No mail solicitation. Suggested we meet again in late March or early April.

In another meeting held on February 17, 1977 with Don Conley, Bob Bryson, Tom Day and Rochelle Baum (Conleys ad agency) publicity items pertaining to the corps and show were discussed.

Suggestions were offered for various VIP's to attend the show in June and how to get publicity for the Show. Mrs. Baum will contact various celebrities from the radio and television fields and also from the government such as Governor Thompson, Mayor Bilandic etc. to see if they will attend show. She will prepare some news items for publication in all area newspapers and for radio and TV announcements. Mostly want to be involved with promoting show. Mention was also made that they are applying for donation from Chicago McDonalds dealers association for Bulls basketball donation program they have. Rochelle will report back to us on progress and will clear releases before submitting for publication.

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & FUGLE CORPS INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1977,
9 A.M., HELD AT CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT, WHEELING, ILLINOIS

AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda and call to order 1-16-77
2. Secretarys minutes - 1-16-77 TO BE READ later
3. Treasurers report ✓ Payment in Sub-12
4. Appointments to Board ✓
 - a. Mr. Day okY
 - b. Mr Clark okY
5. Election of officers ✓
6. Discussion of By-laws ✓
7. Discussion of Chicago Connection and afternoon meeting.
8. Parade of Champions show
9. Committee appointments ✓
10. Advisory Board ✓ - NOON - 1-26-77-
11. Other Business
12. Ajournment

PRYS. B. BRYSON
VIC. PRS. J. BRUNSON
TREAS. GUY DAY
SEC. CLARK

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JANUARY 16, 1977, AT THE MASONIC LODGE,
WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Sam Agnello Bob Bryson Gene Gabler Larry Nelson
 Cookie Beshekas Steve Clark Mike Johnson Tom Walker
 Bob Beurger Tom Day Marty Marecek
 Jim Bronson Dennis Evans Jack McNulty

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bob Bryson, Chairman of the First Illinois Corporation Board (henceforth shown as FIC) at 1:30 pm.
- II. Mr. Bryson initiated discussion of the constitution and by-laws of the FIC.
 - A. Elimination of the non-permanent FIC board members from the cadet booster club and the cadet corps.
 - B. Possibility of having the Chicago Connection (henceforth shown as CC) Corps Director as the only non-permanent, voting member of the FIC board. This was challenged by Mr. McNulty and it was decided to discuss the matter in a closed session of the FIC board. Mr. McNulty wants more CC members on the FIC board.
 - C. Authority for expenditures is set as follows:
 1. Corps Director - \$200.00 petty cash account; single expenditures over \$50.00 to be approved by the FIC board.
 2. CC Quartermaster - \$200.00 petty cash account; single expenditures over \$50.00 to be approved by the FIC board. EXCEPTION: All necessary and reasonable expenditures over \$50.00 are automatically approved if required to maintain the FIC - CC truck in proper operating condition. Discretion by the Quartermaster is expected and required in making these expenditures.
 3. All petty cash accounts will be replenished monthly or as required upon receipt by the FIC of receipts covering every expenditure.
 4. All other expenditures must have FIC approval.
- III. Mr. Marecek moved that Mr. Jack McNulty be appointed CC Corps Director. Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion unanimously approved.
- IV. Mr. Day moved that Mr. Larry Nelson be appointed CC Quartermaster and Purchasing Agent.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion unanimously approved.
- V. Mr. Day moved that approval to purchase ten (10) rifles at approximately

\$11.00 each be granted. Discussion followed and it was decided that the rifles definitely were needed and that the price was in order. Mr. Bronson seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

VI. Mr. Day moved that Mr. Nelson, Quartermaster, be allowed to set up a charge account at McCormick's for musical supplies. All purchases on charge will be approved by Messrs. McNulty and Bryson. Mr. McNulty seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

VII. Mr. Bryson requested a Corps Report from Mr. McNulty.

A. Practice sessions.

1. January 7, 1977:

32 horns - received deposit on 24

8 drum

5 CG

2. January 14, 1977

27 horns - received deposit on 3

8 drum

14 CG

3. First practice was run excellently and professionally by Mr. Jay Kneibel as stated by Mr. McNulty. Mr. Agnello did an excellent job at the second practice.

B. Paid members of the CC

1. Mr. Dallas Niermeyer - Music Director at approximately \$1000.00 per year.

2. Mr. Jay Kneibel - Horn Instructor - \$125.00 per month

3. Mr. Gary Moore - Assistant Horn Instructor - \$125.00 per month

4. Mr. Sam Agnello - Alternate Horn Instructor - \$30.00 per rehearsal when instructing.

5. Mr. Lenny Krusecki - CG Instructor - \$40.00 per rehearsal when instructing.

6. Mr. Chris Hartowicz - Assistant CG Instructor - \$20.00 per rehearsal when instructing.

7. Payments to these individuals will be made monthly.

C. Mr. McNulty moved to pay Mr. Paul Leo and Mr. Paul Mallano \$20.00 each for their part in the first rehearsal. There was no second and no vote as discussion changed.

D. M&M person must still be hired.

E. Phone contacts need improvement to generate attendance at practices and new members. This will be worked on and reported on at the next meeting.

F. Mr. Clark requested that a CC representative call on the Palatine Community Concert Band for new members. Mr. Day was given the pertinent information and will follow through.

G. The CC's first public appearance might be April 24, 1977 at

Belvedere, Illinois. Payment for this standstill, no-dress competition would be approximately \$350.00 out of which \$200.00 should be profit. Details are still to be worked out.

- H. Mr. Dennis Kulich (unsure of spelling) is working on an appearance at Mt. Prospect Plaza.
- I. It is imperative that CG be provided with a suitable place to practice on Friday nights. Mr. Marecek will check the school district and Mr. Beurger will check through an airport contact for locations.
- J. Mr. Bronson will release to Mr. Nelson the flags that are in storage for FIC.
- K. Advertising
 - 1. DC publications are being looked into for ads.
 - 2. Mr. Day will prepare a press release with pictures for the newspapers.

- VIII. Mr. Day moved to join the association and pay all required fees as follows:
- \$100.00 - Bond
 - 50.00 - Mixdorf
 - 100.00 - Dues

Mr. McNulty seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

- IX. Messrs. McNulty and Nelson condemned the AMVET bartenders' lewd actions on January 14, 1977 during practice. They further expressed that the corps would lose members since those actions were not conducive to wives and children. Other problems were voiced such as no heat, lack of management co-operation, waiting time to be served and hostility on the part of AMVET patrons. Mr. Clark pointed out the lack of communications between post and corps as well as attitudes by corps members not conducive to friendly relations. Personality conflicts were also evident. It was agreed that Messrs. Clark, Bronson, McNulty and Nelson would sit down with AMVET management to iron out specific and general problems.

- X. Practice location. As a result of the general conditions at the AMVET hall and the previous discussion above, it was unanimously agreed upon that the CC needs its own building or hall for practices and storage of instruments. Mr. Bryson will contact the Wheeling Trust and Savings, Wheeling, Illinois about the old bank building next to the Masonic Lodge in Wheeling. It is vacant, not a highly desirable business location, and provides the bank with a nice write-off as a donation to a non-profit organization.

- XI. Parade of Champions. Mr. Pacione deleted four (4) corps in favor of the Madison, Wisconsin show. This is not definite and may be reversed. Final word will be known in February. Mr. Bryson pointed out that the show would not suffer appreciably, and, in fact, the FIC would make an additional \$5,400.00 in profit by the abbreviated show.

- XII. Mr. McNulty moved that all future publicity for the CC or Parade of Champions be shown with the CC as sponsor instead of FIC.
Mr. Day seconded.
Motion unanimously approved.
- XIII. FIC will meet at 9:30 am at Charlies Restaurant, Wheeling, Illinois, on the third Sunday of each month. Officers of the CC are invited to attend as they desire.
- XIV. Mr. Marecek moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 pm.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion unanimously approved.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven D. Clark", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven D. Clark
Secretary
First Illinois Corporation

SENIOR CORPS MEETING - SEP. 26, 1976 - 2 PM
WHEELING MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS

AGENDA

REPORT OF MEETING 9-12-76

Informal get-together to discuss possible formation of a senior corps. No formal minutes were taken. The following items were brought up to be looked into.

1. MEETIN PLACE ✓
2. AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT ✓
3. FINANCING ✓

OLD BUSINESS

1. MEETING PLACE REPORT ✓
2. AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT ✓
3. FINANCE REPORT ✓

NEW BUSINESS

1. MANAGEMENT STAFF ORGANIZATION
 1. Positions to be filled
 2. Committees
2. LEGAL
 1. Incorporation
 2. Name
3. SET UP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
 1. When
 2. Where

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - OCTOBER 31, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$	938.80
PETTY CASH RB		100.00
" " JM		200.00
" " LN		213.47
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		820.50
VEHICLES		2,270.20
HORNS		10,659.00
DRUMS		6,743.40
COLOR GUARD		1,360.05
UNIFORMS		8,676.24
MISC. EQUIPMENT		421.34

TOTAL ASSETS: - - - - - \$ 32,403.00

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$11,951.98
NOTES PAYABLE	19,722.22

TOTAL LIABILITIES - - - - - \$ 31,674.20

NET WORTH 10-1-77	\$ 4,787.97
LESS DEFICIT OCT.	<u>4,059.17</u>

NET WORTH 10-31-77 - - - - - \$ 728.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH - - - - - \$ 32,403.00

Bank Bal. 600.49 Nov. 1977

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE 10-1-77 to 10-31-77

INCOME:

APPEARANCES	\$	500.00
DUES & DEPOSITS		220.50
DONATIONS		826.50

TOTAL INCOME - OCTOBER 1977 \$ 1,547.00

EXPENSES:

INSTRUCTORS	\$	447.00
INTEREST		180.63
MEETING EXP.		90.00
OFF. SUP & STAT.		74.34
POSTAGE		49.50
PRINTING		85.23
PROMOTIONAL		356.36
SHOW EXPENSE		267.58
TELEPHONE		87.89
TRAVEL		3,418.41
UNIFORM CLEAN & MAINT.		549.23

TOTAL EXPENSES OCT. 1977 \$ 5,606.17

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR MONTH (\$ 4,059.17)

10-31-77

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BREAKDOWN

1	2	3	4	5	6		
						PAY TO	AMOUNT
1	J. BRANSON	57957	54923			5034	
2	R. BRANSON	23736	23736				
3	R. CALFA	552-				552-	
4	S. CLARK	11889	11889				
5	COCA COLA	565-		565-			
6	COLLINS MUSIC	1530				1530	
7	T. DAY	36259	36259				
8	DEERFIELD TOWNS	495545	311945	1836-			
9	GEO WASH MTL LEADS	7396		7396			
10	R-GREENE	247-		247-			
11	R. HEIN	9793				9793	
12	McCORMICK'S	247069	3505	7284		156740	
13	R. NIKO	36-			26-	10-	
14	THUR CARLOS ORTIZ	28-	28-				
15	G. PERIE (MLOW)	6480				6480	
16	J. SMITH -	45-		45-			
17	R. STANCZYK	8789	6366	2423			
18	WH. AM LEIGON	250-				250-	
19	WH. HIGH SCHOOL	200-		200-			
20	WH. HIST. SEC.	77497				77497	
21	WH. POLICE	16958				16958	
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24	TOTALS	1195198	451423	249903	591-	189971	244801
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WHEELING OPEN

1977 SUMMARY

INCOME:

TOTAL TICKET SALES	\$	505.00
AD BOOK SALES		165.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$	670.00
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EXPENSES:

SHOW EXP. PSI	\$	907.50
SCHOOL RENTAL		200.00
TICKETS		36.00
ADVERTISING		18.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	<u>1,161.50</u>
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TOTAL LOSS 1977 WHEELING OPEN	\$	<u>490.50</u>
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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

1977 SUMMARY

INCOME:

TOTAL TICKET SALES	\$17,078.25
TOTAL AD BOOK SALES	6,081.45
FROM CONCESSIONS	1,674.97

TOTAL INCOME FROM SHOW \$ 24,834.67

EXPENSES:

SHOW EXP (DCI OTHER CORPS)

	\$11,875.93
AD BOOK EXP	1,874.03
INSURANCE	213.00
CAPITOLAIRES	600.00
COCA COLA	565.00
TICKETS	36.00
HISTORICAL SOC. RET.*	774.97
WHEELING POLICE *	168.00

TOTAL SHOW EXPENSES \$ 16,106.93

NET PROFIT FROM SHOW \$ 8,727.74

+ Additional from Legion &
Wheeling Bank matching funds 750.00

OVERALL SHOW PROFIT \$ 9,477.74

*Verify amounts (may be slightly less)

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$ 2,153.61
PETTY CASH RB	100.00
" " JM	200.00
" " LN	213.47
ACCOUNTS REC.	865.50
VEHICLES	2,270.20
HORNS	10,659.00
DRUMS	6,743.40
COLOR GUARD	1,251.05
UNIFORMS	8,357.19
MISS. EQUIPMENT	421.34

TOTAL ASSETS: \$33,234.76

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 8,446.79
NOTESPAYABLE	20,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$28,446.79

NET WORTH 9-1-77	\$ 8,872.87
LESS DEFICIT SEP.	<u>4,084.90</u>

NET WORTH 9-30-77 \$ 4,787.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH: \$33,234.76

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE 9-1-77 TO 9-30-77

INCOME:

APPEARANCES	\$ 2,250.00
DUES & DEPOSITS	66.00

TOTAL INCOME - SEPTEMBER 1977 \$ 2,316.00

EXPENSES:

INSURANCE	\$ 552.00
INTEREST PAID	63.79
MEETING EXP.	155.20
MUSIC	150.00
PROMOTIONAL	97.93
SHOW EXPENSE	3,253.47
TRAVEL	2,069.07
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	29.44
CR. SHOW INCOME REFUND	30.00

TOTAL EXPENSES SEP. 77 \$ 6,400.90

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR MONTH (\$ 4,084.90)

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - AUGUST 31, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$ 1,108.32	
PETTY CASH RB	100.00	
" " JM	200.00	
" " LN	213.47	
ACCOUNTS REC.	1,150.50	
VEHICLES	2,270.20	
HORNS	9,141.00	
DRUMS	6,672.60	
COLOR GUARD	515.05	
UNIFORMS	8,292.39	
Misc. equipment	409.34	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$30,072.87</u>

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

ACCOUNT PAYABLE	\$ 1,200.00	
NOTE PAYABLE	20,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$21,200.00
NET WORTH 8-1	\$ 9,110.43	
Less DEFICIT	<u>237.56</u>	
NET WORTH 8-31-77		<u>8,872.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$30,072.87</u>

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE 8-1-77 TO 8-31-77

INCOME

DUES	‡	56.00	
DONATIONS		2,656.00	
SHOW		514.00	
TOTAL INCOME - AUGUST 1977			‡ 3,226.00

EXPENSES

AD BOOK	‡	1,473.00	
EQUIP. MAINT		6.00	
FEES & LICENSES		90.00	
INSTRUCTORS FEES		440.00	
MEETING		310.00	
PRINTING		148.58	
PROMOTIONAL		60.00	
TELEPHONE		58.00	
TRAVEL		735.50	
VEHICLE MAINT.		142.48	
TOTAL EXPENSES - AUGUST 1977			‡ 3,463.56

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR AUGUST 1977 (‡ 237.58)

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - AUGUST 31, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$ 1,108.32	
PETTY CASH RB	100.00	
" " JM	200.00	
" " LN	213.47	
ACCOUNTS REC.	1,150.50	
VEHICLES	2,270.20	
HORNS	9,141.00	
DRUMS	6,672.60	
COLOR GUARD	515.05	
UNIFORMS	8,292.39	
Misc. equipment	409.34	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$30,072.87</u>

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

ACCOUNT PAYABLE	\$ 1,200.00	
NOTE PAYABLE	20,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$21,200.00
NET WORTH 8-1	\$ 9,110.43	
Less DEFICIT	<u>237.56</u>	
NET WORTH 8-31-77		<u>8,872.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$30,072.87</u>

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC,

BALANCE SHEET - July 31, 1977

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 1,098.05
Petty Cash RB	100.00
" " JM	200.00
" " LN	213.47
Accounts Receivable	1,731.50
Vehicles	2,270.20
Horns	9,141.00
Drums	6,672.60
Color Guard	384.00
Uniforms	6,890.27
Misc. Equip.	409.34

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$29,110.43

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

Note Payable \$20,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$20,000.00

Net Worth 7-1 \$ 6,905.20
+ July Surplus 2,205.23

NET WORTH 7-31

\$ 9,110.43

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH:

\$29,110.43

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME AND EXPENSE 7-1-77 TO 7-31-77

INCOME

APPEARANCES	\$ 1,050.00	
DUES & DEPOSITS	179.00	
DONATIONS	3,615.97	
AD BOOK	40.00	
SHOW	54.00	
TOTAL INCOME - JULY 1977		\$ 4,938.97

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING	\$.38	
FEES & LICENSES	2.00	
INSTRUCTORS	1,680.00	
MEETING	238.78	
MUSIC	200.00	
OFFICE SUP	94.82	
PROMOTIONAL	417.76	
SHOW EXPENSE	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES - JULY 1977		<u>\$ 2,733.74</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR JULY 1977		\$ 2,205.23

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE 8-1-77 TO 8-31-77

INCOME

DUES	\$	56.00	
DONATIONS		2,656.00	
SHOW		514.00	
TOTAL INCOME - AUGUST 1977			\$ 3,226.00

EXPENSES

AD BOOK	\$	1,473.00	
EQUIP. MAINT		6.00	
FEEES & LICENSES		90.00	
INSTRUCTORS FEES		440.00	
MEETING		310.00	
PRINTING		148.58	
PROMOTIONAL		60.00	
TELEPHONE		58.00	
TRAVEL		735.50	
VEHICLE MAINT.		142.48	
TOTAL EXPENSES - AUGUST 1977			\$ 3,463.56

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR AUGUST 1977 (\$ 237.58)

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - APRIL 30, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$ 2,310.09	
PETTY CASH RB	100.00	
" " JM	200.00	
" " LN	250.00	
RECEIVABLES	5,017.50	
VEHICLES	2,020.20	
HORNS	7,470.00	
DRUMS	3,778.80	
COLOR GUARD	384.00	
UNIFORMS	1,189.50	
MISC. EQUIPMENT	330.92	
TOTAL ASSETS - - - - -		<u>\$23,051.01</u>

LIABILITIES:

NOTE PAYABLE	\$16,000.00
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NET WORTH:

CAPITAL	\$ 7,051.01*
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH - - - -	<u>\$23,051.01</u>
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* CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT:

CAPITAL MARCH 31, 1977	\$ 6,778.70
SURPLUS FOR APRIL	<u>272.31</u>
CAPITAL - APRIL 30, 1977	\$ 7,051.01

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORP. INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE - 4-1-77 to 4-30-77

INCOME:

DUES & DEPOSITS	\$ 135.00
DONATIONS	186.50
AD BOOK	930.00
SHOW TICKET SALES	1,833.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR APRIL 1977 \$3,084.50

EXPENSES:

AD BOOK EXPENSE	\$ 185.00
ADVERTISING	130.00
INSTRUCTORS FEES	860.00
MEETING EXP.	167.75
MUSIC	100.00
PRINTING	138.25
PROMOTIONAL	844.19
TELEPHONE	187.00
VEHICLE MAINT.	200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR APRIL 1977 \$32812.19

OPERATING SURPLUS FOR APRIL 1977 \$ 272.31

NOTES:

YEARLY TOTAL OF EXPENSES TO DATE

AD BOOK	\$ 285.00
ADVERTISING	190.00
DONATIONS	50.00
EQUIPMENT MAINT.	194.41
FEES & LICENSES	277.00
INSTRUCTORS FEES	1,440.00
MEETING EXP.	620.11
MUSIC & DRILL	285.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	245.61
POSTAGE	73.26
PRINTING	143.85
PROMOTIONAL	1,702.63
SHOW EXP.	875.93
TELEPHONE	353.35
TRAVEL	328.53
VEHICLE MAINT.	326.96

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - MARCH 31, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$ 3,562.78
PETTY CASH RB	100.00
PETTY CASH JM	200.00
PETTY CASH LN	250.00
RECEIVABLES	4,682.00
VEHICLES	2,020.20
HORNS	7,470.00
DRUMS	3,778.80
COLOR GUARD	384.00
EQUIP. MISC.	330.92
TOTAL ASSETS - - - - -	<u>\$ 22,778.70</u>

LIABILITIES:

NOTE PAYABLE	\$16,000.00
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NET WORTH:

CAPITAL	\$ 6,778.70*
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH - - - -	<u>\$ 22,778.70</u>

* CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT

CAPITAL FEBRUARY 28, 1977	\$ 1,947.18
INCOME SURPLUS FOR MARCH	4,831.52
CAPITAL - MARCH 31, 1977	<u>\$ 6,778.70</u>

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE - 3-1-77 to 3-31-77

INCOME:

DUES AND DEPOSITS	\$ 163.00
DONATIONS	7.25
AD BOOK SALES	1,202.50
SHOW TICKET SALES	5,034.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR MARCH 1977 \$ 6,406.75

EXPENSES:

AD BOOK EXPENSE	\$ 100.00
DONATIONS	50.00
FEES & LICENSES	25.00
INSTRUCTOR FEES	330.00
MEETING EXPENSE	44.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES	57.49
POSTAGE	73.26
PRINTING	5.60
PROMOTIONAL	406.00
SHOW EXPENSE	349.00
TELEPHONE	134.38

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR MARCH 1977 \$ 1,575.23

OPERATING SURPLUS FOR MARCH 1977 \$ 4,831.52

NOTES:

YEARLY TOTAL OF EXPENSES TO DATE

AD BOOK	\$ 100.00
ADVERTISING	60.00
DONATIONS	50.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	194.41
FEES & LICENSES	277.00
INSTRUCTORS FEES	580.00
MEETINGS	452.36
MUSIC & DRILL	185.00
OFF. SUPPLIES & STATIONERY	245.61
POSTAGE	73.26
PRINTING	5.60
PROMOTIONAL	858.44
SHOW EXPENSE	875.93
TELEPHONE	166.35
TRAVEL	328.53
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	126.96

BALANCE SHEET 3-18-77

ASSETS:

CASH	2922.83
PETTY CASH R.B	100 -
" " JM	200 -
" " LN	250 -
AC. REC.	4085 -
EQUID. VEHICLES	2020 -
" HORNS	7470 -
" DRUMS	3778.80
" COLORGUARD	384 -
" MISC.	<u>330.92</u>
	<u>\$ 21,541.55</u>

LIABILITIES:

NOTE PAYABLE 16,000.00

NET WORTH:

CAPITAL - 2-28-77 -	1947.18	
+ INCOME 3-1 TO 3-18	3594.37	<u>5541.55</u>
		<u>\$ 21,541.55</u>

INCOME & EXPD. 3-1 TO 3-18

<u>INCOME</u> - DUES	85 ⁰⁰	
DONATIONS	7.25	
SHOW TICKETS	<u>4326⁰⁰</u>	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>4418.25</u>

EXPENSES

DONATIONS	20 -	
INSTR. FEES	330 -	
MEETING EXP	21 -	
OFF. & POSTAGE	89.94	
PRINTING	5.60	
SHOW	322.50	
TELEPHONE	<u>34.84</u>	
<u>TOTAL EXP</u>		<u>823.88</u>

<u>SURPLUS TO CAP.</u>		<u>\$ 3594.37</u>
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FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - FEBRUARY 27, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$3,108.26*	
PETTY CASH RB	100.00	
PETTY CASH JM	200.00	
PETTY CASH LN	250.00	
RECEIVABLES	305.00	
VEHICLES	2,020.20	
HORNS	7,470.00	
DRUMS	3,778.80	
COLOR GUARD	384.00	
MISC EQUIP.	330.92	
TOTAL ASSETS	-----	<u>\$17,947.18</u>

LIABILITIES:

NOTE PAYABLE	\$16,000.00	
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NET WORTH:

CAPITAL	\$ 1,947.18**	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		<u>\$17,947.18</u>

NOTES:

*CASH	-	AVAILABLE	\$2,286.26
		TICKET ESCROW	822.00

**CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT

BEGINING CAPITAL 1-31-77	\$1,869.46
SURPLUS - FEB. 1977	77.72
CAPITAL 2-27-77	<u>\$1,947.18</u>

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE - 2-1-77 to 2-27-77

INCOME:

DUES & DEPOSITS	‡	146.00	
DONATIONS		80.25	
SHOW TICKETS		762.00	
TOTAL INCOME			‡ 988.25

EXPENSES:

ADVERTISING	‡	60.00	
EQUIP. MAINT.		141.55	
INSTR. FEES		250.00	
MEETINGS		169.50	
MUSIC & DRILL		185.00	
OFF. SUP. & STAT.		64.76	
TELEPHONE		21.19	
TRAVEL		18.53	
TOTAL EXPENSES			‡ 910.53
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR FEBRUARY 1977			‡ 77.72

NOTES:

YEARLY TOTAL OF EXPENSES TO DATE:

ADVERTISING	‡	60.00
EQUIP. MAINT.		194.41
FEES & LICENSES		252.00
INSTRUCTORS FEES		250.00
MEETINGS		407.86
MUSIC & DRILL		185.00
OFF. SUP & STAT.		188.12
PROMOTIONAL		452.44
SHOW		526.93
TELEPHONE		31.97
TRAVEL		328.53
VEHICLE MAINT.		126.96

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

BALANCE SHEET - JANUARY 31, 1977

ASSETS:

CASH	\$3,497.26*
PETTY CASH JM	200.00
PETTY CASH LN	200.00
A/C REC.	325.00
VEHICLES	2,020.20
HORNS	7,470.00
DRUMS	3,704.00
COLOR GUARD	254.00
MISC. EQUIP.	199.00
TOTAL ASSETS - - - - -	<u>\$17,869.46</u>

LIABILITIES:

NOTE PAYABLE	\$16,000.00
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NET WORTH:

CAPITAL	1,869.46**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH - - - -	<u>\$17,869.46</u>

NOTES:

*CASH - AVAILABLE	\$3,437.26
TICKET ESCROW	60.00

**CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT

BEGINING CAPITAL 1-1-77	\$3,165.13
DEFICIT - JAN. 77	<u>1,295.67</u>
CAPITAL 1-31-77	\$1,869.46

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

INCOME & EXPENSE - JAN. 1, 1977 to JAN. 31, 1977

INCOME:

DUES & DEPOSITS	\$	220.00	
SHOW TICKETS		60.00	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 280.00

EXPENSES:

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$	52.86	
FEEES & LICENSES		252.00	
MEETINGS		41.12	
OFF. SUPP. & STAT.		123.36	
PROMOTIONAL		452.44	
SHOW EXPENSE		526.93	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		126.96	
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$1,575.67</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT FOR JANUARY 1977			(\$1,295.67)

NOTES:

YEARLY TOTAL OF EXPENSES TO DATE

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$	52.86
FEEES & LICENSES		252.00
MEETINGS		238.36
OFF. SUPPLIES & STAT.		123.36
PROMOTIONAL		452.44
SHOW		526.93
TELEPHONE		10.78
TRAVEL		310.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		126.96

February, 1977

WHEELING ANNOUNCES ITS PLANS FOR A NEW ADULT MUSIC PROGRAM

Let us introduce ourselves. We are the "Chicago Connection" a Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. We are based in Wheeling, Illinois and have thus far been funded with over \$20,000 by members of the Chamber of Commerce. We have also been gifted with tremendous physical and spiritual help to put a viable Senior Corps together, and on the field in 1977 here in the Chicago-land area.

We have acquired over 62 horns, a full set of drums, some color guard equipment, and a newly reconditioned truck. We are also a member of a new Six Corps Midwest Senior Association. Through our parent corporation the "1st Illinois Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc.", we sponsor the largest D.C.I. show in the country. In summation of our current activities, we have also recruited over 85 involved members, and had our first practice, which, I might add, was very successful. Our practices are open to anyone eighteen and above and take place every Friday night from eight to ten-thirty at the Amvets Hall, Wheeling, Illinois, Route 83.

What we are now in need of is additional monetary support for uniforms and Legion sponsors so that we can enter American Legion State and National contests as the representative from Northern Illinois.

Due to the high cost of funding a championship Drum & Bugle Corps we would like to offer Legion and non Legion sponsorship to as many posts and organizations interested. By making this conglomerate sponsorship, many organizations can benefit from the national advertising and exposure at a smaller fee.

We are interested in bringing a championship Senior Corps back to Illinois.

Due to the timeliness of our need and the upcoming season, we would like to hear from your post or organization at the earliest convenient time. Any support or suggestions you are able to give will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. All donations are tax deductible.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Day

Any publication of our efforts through your media sources will also be appreciated.

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connection

Senior
Drum & Bugle
Corps

P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Illinois
60090

T.J. Day
Advisor-Director-
Treasurer
6525 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Niles, Ill. 60648
312-965-1882
763-7798

*"Give me one good reason
why my company should support
the Chicago Connection Drum & Bugle Corps."*



1. WHAT'S GOOD FOR CHICAGO IS GOOD FOR YOUR BUSINESS. One of the signs of a first-class city is a strong cultural life. And the arts are flourishing in Chicago. The prestige of the Chicago Connection rubs off on all businesses in Chicago.

2. WE CAN HELP YOU ATTRACT AND HOLD CORPORATE TALENT

Here are 9.

7. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOU'RE GIVING TO THE BEST. The Chicago Connection is unmatched in discipline and refinement in the competitive music field.

8. WE'VE GOT THE PEOPLE BEHIND US-BUT WE NEED YOU. Last year more than five thousand people attended our show. In the last four years alone, public support has doubled. The people of Chicago are with the Connection. We still need the broad support from the Chicago business community.

9. NOBODY WILL TAX YOUR

Charlie's Restaurant
43 W. Dundee Rd.
Wheeling, Ill. 60090
December 13, 1976

First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.
P. O. Box 463
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Gentlemen:


It is my understanding that you have discussed projections and cash flow estimates for your new senior drum corps with representatives of the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank for the purpose of obtaining a loan, I am given to understand in the amount of \$30,000.00

Allow me to offer for your consideration, as well as all those concerned, the following proposition:

Solicit the endorsement of fifteen (15) local businessmen who singularly will be responsible financially for one-thirtieth (1/30th) of the pro-rata share of any part of the \$30,000 bank loan should a deficiency accrue after all activities have been performed and resolved.

I offer myself as one of fifteen local businessmen should such a plan be feasible and acceptable to all parties concerned.

Very truly yours,


Charles Geane, Pres.
Charlie's Restaurant.

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FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

P.O. Box 463 Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Phone: 537-0728

December 3, 1976

Dan Leonard
Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

As we discussed at our meeting last week, attached are financial statement and and projections and cash flow estimates for our new senior drum corps.

I hope this information will be of use to you when our loan application is being considered.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.



Robert Bryson, president

PURPOSE, AIMS AND GOALS OF OF WHEELING'S SENIOR DRUM CORPS

With the formation of an all-adult senior competition drum and bugle corps, Wheeling can claim the distinction of being one of the finest music-orientated communities in the nation. A senior corps will give graduating members of the Wheeling High School Band an opportunity to continue their musical pursuits. A wealth of available talent to field a nationally competitive unit is at hand in the surrounding Chicagoland area. Our senior unit will be able to attract marching members from all of the area junior drum corps. Our present "Parade of Champions" drum corps annual competition is already well known on a national level and is regarded as one of the country's major competitions. The formation of our new senior corps along with already established Parade of Champions annual show and the great Wheeling High School Band would indeed offer Wheeling an outstanding musical reputation.

The unit will be Wheeling based and under the direction of local Wheeling people. Our home will be located at the Wheeling AMVET Hall. We will conduct weekly rehearsal meetings year round and it is hoped that our patronage of their facilities will help them financially. All of our eligible members will be encouraged to join the AMVET Post and we feel that this joint association will greatly benefit both units.

Our major area sponsors at the time of this writing are

Phillip Carpenter AMVET Post, Wheeling
Hans' Bavarian Lodge, Wheeling.

Other civic and service groups and members of the business community are currently being contacted for sponsorships. We are seeking to make this a truly "Wheeling" organization and outside sponsors are not being sought.

Our organization will be dedicated to aiding any of the junior corps in the area. We will develop a "Bank" of talent which will be available to assist junior corps with problems they might have. This "Big Brother" relationship will return dividends to us in the form of cooperation and a continuous stream of new members.

In the past Wheeling's image has suffered greatly. We have great hopes that our presence will help show another side of our village. We shall proudly represent the Village of Wheeling and our sponsors at all times.

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS
P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 1, 1976

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH (Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank)	\$1,657.65	
RECEIVABLES (1976 Program book)	<u>462.50</u>	
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>		\$2,120.15

FIXED ASSETS

HORNS

Olds Soprano Ser.015940 (new)	\$	198.00	
(11) Soprano mouthpieces (10) @8.00		80.00	
(4) Fr Horn " (3) @10.00		30.00	
Baritone " (5) @11.00		55.00	
Horn Maint. & repair kit (1)		50.00	

DRUMS

2 Snare Type TDR Chrome (new)			
	@145.00	290.00	
1 Triple Tenor Chrome (new)		394.00	
1 Tenor bass (used)		20.00	

COLOR GUARD

20 Leather slings (new)		130.00	
8 " " (used)		24.00	
10 Alum. pikes		50.00	

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 1,321.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$3,441.15

LIABILITIES

None

NET WORTH

\$3,441.15

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED INCOME AND OPERATING COST FOR FIRST
YEAR OF OPERATION (1977)

(I) ESTIMATED INCOME FOR YEAR 1977 (See detail notes)

(A)	MEMBERSHIP DUES (Annual) @ \$50.00 x 100 members	\$ 5,000.00
(B)	EQUIPMENT BOND @ \$25.00 per horn Est. 47 horns	1,175.00
(C)	WHEELING D.C.I DRUM CORPS SHOW 7th Annual Parade of Champions	7,000.00
(D)	SENIOR CORPS CIRCUIT SHOW	2,000.00
= (E)	REVENUE FROM CORPS APPEARANCES (Est. net)	2,300.00
	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME 1977</u>	<u>\$17,475.00</u>

(II) ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1977 (See detail notes)

(A)	INSTRUMENT PURCHASE	\$10,000.00
(B)	MISCELLEANOUS EXPENDITURES	2,300.00
(C)	MUSICAL SCORE AND DRILL FEES	800.00
(D)	LOAN RETIREMENT	12,000.00
(E)	INSTRUCTOR FEES	4,800.00
	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES 1977</u>	<u>\$29,900.00</u>

DETAIL NOTES - SECTION (I) ESTIMATED INCOME

- (A) MEMBERSHIP DUES. The 100 member figure represents what we believe will be a minimum membership. The Corps at full strength will be much closer to a 150+ membership. All Corps members will pay dues, both marching members and non-marching members as management and equipment personnel.
- (B) EQUIPMENT BOND. Each horn player will furnish a bond of \$25.00. This bond will be used to cover any careless damage to the instrument that is judged to be caused by the individual involved. If a player should leave the Corps and equipment is returned in proper condition the bond will be refunded.
- (C) WHEELING D.C.I. DRUM CORPS SHOW. The \$7,000.00 which we estimate as the earnings for the 1977 "Parade of Champions Show" is considered to be a conservative estimate. The 1976 show showed a net profit of over \$7,000.00 and this was realized without any revenue from the concession booth. Our 1976 program book had a total sales figure of \$4,790.00. This figure was reached with only three persons handling the entire sales. The 1977 book will have the benefit of having the full corps membership of 100+ all involved with the promotion of selling ads for the program. We hope to realize a minimum goal of at least \$10,000.00 in sales for the program book alone. Also, the price of reserved tickets for the 1977 show will be raised \$1.00 which will bring an additional \$2,400.00 over the 1976 figure if the same number of tickets are sold. Our booking arrangements for the 1977 show have just been completed and we are being blessed with a "Powerhouse" line-up of competing units and are anticipating a sell-out standing room only crowd.
- (D) SENIOR CORPS CIRCUIT SHOW. As a member of the Midwest Senior Drum Corps Association we are obligated to appear in the competitions staged by each of the five association members and they in turn will compete in a separate senior corps show hosted by our group. This show is in addition to our big Parade of Champions competition and will be held in August of 1977. While this show in this our first year will not be expected to draw a sell-out crowd as the Parade of Champions show we do feel that earning a net profit of \$2,000.00 should be very easy, and in fact could very well be much higher than that.
- (E) REVENUE FROM CORPS APPEARANCES. The \$2,300.00 is estimated as a very conservative earnings. This represents a NET earning amount. The Corps will command about a \$500.00 appearance figure but out of this amount will come the travel expenses, bus and truck rental etc.

DETAIL NOTES - SECTION (I) ESTIMATED INCOME - continued

In addition to the five items mentioned, we also have many intangible sources. These include revenue from the sale of promotional items, souvenir buttons, T-shirts, phonograph records etc. Also there will be numerous internal income projects such as social events, dances, Las Vegas nites and the like. No value has been placed on these items as of now but we feel that once these projects have been started the revenue brought in could be considerable,

DETAIL NOTES SECTION (II) - ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(A) INSTRUMENT PURCHASE. We have been fortunate in finding a source to purchase instruments, horns and drums which are available at what we consider an excellent price. They horns and drums are to be purchased from a unit in Alabama. All are in a like-new condition having been purchased new this year and used only this past summer season. We are informed that some of the horns have not been used at all. The detailed list of 37 horns and 22 drums with their current prices (new) are as follows:

17 - Soprano horns	@ \$200.00	-	\$ 3,400.00
4 - Mellophone	@ 300.00	-	1,200.00
4 - French Horn	@ 300.00	-	1,200.00
10 - Bass Baritone	@ 400.00	-	4,000.00
2 - Contra Bass	@ 1000.00	-	2,000.00
5 - Snare drums	@ 150.00	-	750.00
4 - Trip. Tenor	@ 400.00	-	1,600.00
4 - Bass (Matched)	@ 170.00	-	680.00
4 - Tymphanni (Matched)	@ 300.00	-	1,200.00
4 - Cymbal (Matched)	@ 125.00	-	500.00
Total - - -			\$16,530.00

We have agreed with the seller on a purchase price for the entire above listed set of \$10,000.00.

(B) MISCELLEANOUS EXPENDITURES. Our estimate of \$2,300.00 for miscellaneous expenses break down as follows:

Meeting room renovation costs - \$1,000.00. This cost is primarily for the erection of partitions in the basement of the Wheeling AMVET Hall for a storage room to house Corps equipment and a room for holding drum section rehearsals.

Midwest Senior Circuit Dues - \$300.00. This is the annual fee for membership in the Senior Drum Corps Association.

Miscellaneous costs - \$1,000.00. This amount to cover misc. operating expenses such as printing, stationery, postage telephone expense etc.

(C) MUSICAL SCORE AND DRILL FEES. \$800.00 this cost is to cover professional fees for the writing of our field show original drill and music arrangements.

DETAIL NOTES SECTION (II) - ESTIMATED EXPENTITURES, continued

- (D) LOAN RETIREMENT. \$12,000.00. This amount was mentioned as the approximate payment ammount on a \$30,000.000 loan as per our conversation with Mr. Leonard. \$1,000.00 per month x 12 months.
- (E) INSTRUCTORS FEES. \$4,800.00. These fees are paid for the services of professional music (horn and drum) instructors and professional drill instructors. The instructor positions are the only paid positions in the Corps. The instructors hired by the corps are qualified professional music teachers.

CASH FLOW PROJECTION - THREE YEAR PERIOD - 1977, 1978, 1979

Based on income levels remaining constant we foresee the cash flow as follows:

<u>1977 IN</u>	Current Cash Balance	\$ 2,100.00	
	Rec'd from bank loan	30,000.00	
	Estimated income for year	<u>17,475.00</u>	
	TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE 1977	- - - - -	\$49,575.00
	(Loan balance incl interest \$36,000.00)		
<u>1977 OUT</u>	Equipment purchase	\$10,000.00	
	Loan retirement	12,000.00	
	Operating expenses	<u>7,900.00</u>	
	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES 1977	- - - - -	\$29,900.00
	BALANCE AT END OF 1977	- - - - -	\$19,675.00
	(Loan Balance now \$24,000.00)		

<u>1978 IN</u>	BALANCE CARRYOVER	\$19,675.00	
	INCOME 1978	<u>17,475.00</u>	
	TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE 1978	- - - - -	\$37,150.00
<u>1978 OUT</u>	Loan retirement	\$12,000.00	
	Operating expenses	<u>7,900.00</u>	
	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES 1978	- - - - -	\$19,900.00
	BALANCE AT END OF 1978	- - - - -	\$17,250.00
	(Loan balance now \$12,000.00)		

<u>1979 IN</u>	BALANCE CARRYOVER	\$17,250.00	
	INCOME 1979	<u>17,475.00</u>	
	TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE 1979	- - - - -	\$34,725.00
<u>1979 OUT</u>	Loan retirement	\$12,000.00	
	Operating expenses	<u>7,900.00</u>	
	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES 1979	- - - - -	19,900.00
	BALANCE AT END OF 1979	- - - - -	\$14,825.00
	(Loan balance now -0-)		



FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

P.O. Box 463 Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Phone: 537-0728

December 27, 1976

Mr. J. Hill
Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Dear Mr. Hill:

The following is a list of persons who have offered to sign as guarantors on our proposed \$20,000.00 loan from the bank.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hans Ammelounx Hans' Bavarian Lodge 537-4141	\$ 5,000.00
Charles Geane Charlie's Restaurant 541-7891	1,000.00
Richard Calfa RJC&A Insurance 537-0118	1,000.00
Jack Metzger 46 Holly Court, Wheeling 537-8114	1,000.00
William Hein Wheeling Auto Parts 537-2433	1,000.00
Donald Conley McDonald's in Wheeling and Northbrook 541-1360	6000.00 or Balance needed.

JOHN GREGORNIK
BROWNS CHICKEN
537-4770

5,000.00

First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps Inc.
P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Mr. J. Hill
Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Dear Mr. Hill:

Following is a list of serial numbers for the horns and drums as you requested.

All horns are chrome-finished "Ultratone" model as manufactured by F. E. Olds & Son, Fullerton, California.

HORNS:

<u>Soprane</u>	<u>Mellophone</u>	<u>Baritone (Bass)</u>
3619	3193	4921
3534	3199	4237
3568	8003	4929
3571	8018	4940
3583	3204	4943
3591	11957	7356
3594		7371
3598		7405
3616		11614
3618		
3658		
7607		
7619		
7631		
7640		
7641		
7664		

	<u>French Horn</u>	<u>Contra-Bass</u>
	3510	
	3511	4339
	3527	4344

DRUMS

<u>Snare</u>	<u>Bass</u>	<u>Typanni</u>
80062	147099	(No serial numbers)
80634	143690	(1) - 23"
80693	151610	(2) - 26"
87008		(1) - 28"

<u>Triple-tenor</u>	<u>Cymbal</u>
1. - 194770, 196019, 194374	1 set of 4 matched
2. - 194370, 192887, 194317	(No serial numbers)
3. - 192895, 194374, 194310	
4. - 184374, 194310, 192895	

2.

In addition to the above we also offer the serial numbers on the equipment we already own.

Soprano horn

5940

Snare drums

165090
165338

Triple Tenor

1. - 158405; 159512, 160301

I hope this informations is what you needed. If you have any questions please call me at 537-0728.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.


Robert Bryson, president

Equipment to be purchased from:

Charioteers Junior Drum & Bugle Corps
Richard Beasley, director
2213C Little Valley Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

Phone: (205) 823-2214



p.o. box 463, wheeling, illinois

[312] 537-0728

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NEWS RELEASE

"CHICAGO CONNECTION"

DRUM & BUGLE HOLD AUDITIONS

The "Chicago Connection" Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. of Northern Illinois is holding auditions for qualified horn, percussion and color guard personnel every Friday night at the Wheeling Amvets Hall 8:30 P.M., 700 Old McHenry Road (Route 83) Wheeling, Illinois 60090.

The newly organized competitive music group has already recruited over seventy members age 18 and over from all over Chicagoland. Their new uniforms have already been designed and they are planning to compete through-out the Midwest and East coast this summer.

Come on out and enjoy the fun and self-satisfying hard work. For more information call Tom Day 965-1882 - 763-7798 or Bob Bryson 537-0728.

Pictured above at last weeks practice are:

2/25/77

NOTICE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAVE SET FORTH THE
FOLLOWING RULES FOR
CONDUCT DURING REHEARSAL -

- 1- NO DRINKING OR SMOKING
IN THE REHEARSAL HALL
- 2- DRINKING AND SMOKING ONLY
BEFORE + AFTER PRACTICE -
AND DURING A BREAK -
- 3- DO NOT BRING ANY DRINKS
INTO THE REHEARSAL HALL
AFTER BREAKS -

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS
APPRECIATED -

THANK YOU
Jack

"HELP" 2/25/77
HELP

THE STAFF WOULD LIKE
YOUR IDEAS ON WHAT MUSIC
WE SHOULD PLAY IN 1977 -
PLEASE HELP US WITH
YOUR INPUT - FILL OUT
BELOW AND RETURN TO ME.
TONIGHT.

THANK YOU
- Jack -

SONG ARTIST ALBUM

I THINK THE SONG SHOULD BE
USED AS A _____

TO ALL MEMBERS OF
THE "CHICAGO CONNECTION"

WITH THE WAY THE "CONNECTION"
HAS MADE PROGRESS, THERE IS
NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT
WE CAN ATTAIN THE GOALS
ORIGINALLY SET FORTH BY
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THAT
BEING TO DOMINATE THE
MIDWEST SENIOR ASSOCIATION
AND TO MAKE D.C.A. FINALS

- BUT -

THERE IS A PROBLEM THAT
WE MUST FACE NOW.
THE MEMBERS OF THE
"CONNECTION" ARE THE ONLY
ONE'S THAT CAN MAKE OR
BREAK THE CORPS. BECAUSE
WE DID NOT START REHEARSING
UNTIL JANUARY, WE ARE
FIGHTING A TIME PROBLEM.
THEREFORE ALL OF US
MUST MAKE A COMMITMENT.
ALL WE ASK, IS TO LET
US KNOW WHEN YOU
CANNOT MAKE A PRACTICE

OR JACK Mc NULTY - 223-5051

Paul Milano - 729-2585

REHEARSALS WITHOUT CONTRACTING

OR IS LATE FOR 3

IF ANYONE, EITHER MISSES -

3/4/77 -

THE REHEARSAL ON FRIDAY

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FOLLOWING POLICY WILL BE

DEPENDENT ON THIS, THE

OF OUR CORPS IS

THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE

TO BE LATE. BECAUSE

OR WHEN YOU ARE GOING

2-25-77

DIRECTOR

Bob G. [unclear]

PLEASE DO SO

OPPORTUNITY TO CO-OPERATE

WE ARE GIVING YOU EVERY

OF THE "CONNECTION"

BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS

THEM AND WILL NO LONGER

THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO

RETURN ALL EQUIPMENT

THEY WILL BE ASKED TO

HELLO;

2-22-77

The Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps is now entering its seventh week of rehearsal. Attendance is good in all sections but spots are still available in every area. Equipment is bought and ready for use.

Rehearsals on Fridays at 8:00 P.M. have turned out a dozen flaps and four rifles, a good nucleus. We would like to double these numbers by the first of April. We in the guard are fortunate to have the talents of Lenny Kruszecki (ex-Royal-Aire, instructed Cavaliers and Guardsmen) and Chris Hartowicz (instructed Guardsmen and Golden Knights) at our disposal.

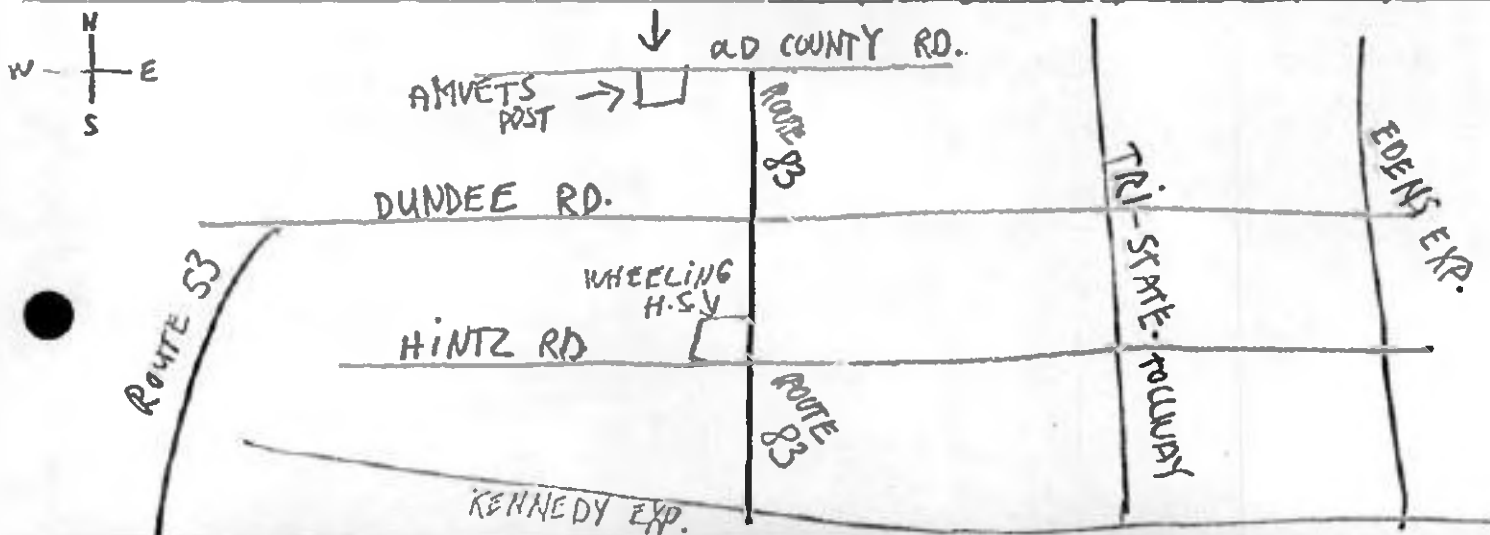
We invite you to visit our rehearsals. You needn't feel obligated to join. Participate if you wish, and join in the festivities afterward. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Barbara Thomas
Asst. Personnel Mgr.

P.S. This is a Senior Corps. You will find it requires much less time and money than any Jr. Corps with which you may have been affiliated.

REHEARSAL SITE (WHEELING AMVETS HALL)



Form Chicago Connection

Take note! Bugle corps grads are playing again

By JOANNE KANTER
Correspondent

WHEELING—Dreams of a parade field drenched in sunlight on a warm summer day keep the Chicago Connection, a recently formed drum and bugle corps, going these days. Their debut will take place at the Parade of Champions Sunday, June 26 at Wheeling high school.

The Chicago Connection is the first senior drum and bugle corps (over 18 years old) to be organized in northern Illinois in the last 10 years, according to Thomas Day, Niles, one of the members of the band and a moving force behind the formation of the corps.

Day and Bob Bryson, Wheeling, got together last summer to send out feelers to former junior drum and bugle corps members. "The response was tremendous," said Bryson, who does not play, but says he got hooked on drum and bugle corps competition seven or eight years ago.

BRYSON HAS BEEN running the competition in Wheeling for the past seven years. He said last summer he heard comments that no senior corps had existed in the Chicago area for 10 years.

Day, who spent many years in the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Park Ridge, said the Chicago Connection has members from all over the Chicago area, northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. "It has worked out real well," he said.

According to Day, the Chicago Connection has been practicing since Jan. 7. Over 47 people have

signed up to play the horn and 10 drummers are in the drum line thus far. In addition, Day said there are already 22 women in the color guard.

Dallas Nelmyer, head of the music program at Forest View high school, will be the show co-ordinator with drill choreography being done by group members. Day said there is about 500 years of corps experience in the Chicago Connection. Day began when he was seven years old and will be 37 this year.

THE GROUP HAS at least 10 shows planned for this summer. Day said the corps will continue to raise money for the competition. The costs of a drum and bugle corps competition are more than the lay person would believe. Each corps competing receives about \$1,000 with \$2,000 allotted for judges. The sponsor of a competition has to pay for room, board and transportation for judges.

"We have to come up with nearly \$12,000 to put on the show June 26," noted Day. However, Bryson said interest in drum and bugle corps competition is tremendous in Wheeling. This year's Parade of Champions is already half sold out, he said. He added that only reserved seats are on sale presently. No general admission seats have been put on sale yet..

DUES FOR CORPS members cost \$48 per year which go to pay for instructors. According to Day, the Chicago Connection pays about \$500 per month for instructors. He said the group is looking for a conglomerate group of backers to help with annual expenses of about \$20,000.

Average age of the Chicago Connection is 25 years. "It is a great social function if you like competitive music," said Day. "We play hard and work hard." He added that fans are also "infected with this disease."

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce president William Alexander said the chamber asked businessmen in the community to support and encourage the Chicago Connection. Many businesses in the community have already helped out.

The Chicago Connection practices every Friday evening at the Amvets Hall on Route 83. They are working hard to bring a championship senior corps back to the Chicago area.

'Chicago Connection' steps to beat of bugle and drum

The partnership of a former bugler and a long-time marching music fan produced northern Illinois' only senior drum and bugle corps.

The "Chicago Connection," based in Wheeling, will march in competition for the first time this spring. More than 75 persons, 18 and older, are participating.

"The interest is overwhelming," Robert Bryson, 260 W. Wayne St., Wheeling, said. Bryson founded the group six months ago with Thomas Day, 8525 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

Day, 36, a tax research analyst, formerly marched with a junior drum and bugle corps. Bryson, a printer for General Telephone Directory Co., has enjoyed corps music for a long time. Their interest in the corps brought them together to coordinate an annual

junior corps championship at Wheeling High School.

AFTER SEVERAL unsuccessful attempts to form another junior corps in the area, they decided to try a senior corps.

"There hadn't been a senior corps around here since 10 years ago," Day said.

The senior corps consists of buglers, drummers and a color guard. Many Chicago Connection members are former junior corpsmen, who had nowhere to go when they reached 21.

The age range on the senior corps is "18 to death," Day said, adding ages now range to 45.

MEMBERS PAY minimal monthly dues and a returnable deposit for horns. The dues pay for instructors, who coach the corps 8-10:30 p.m. Fri-

day evenings at the Wheeling Armvets Hall.

Day and Bryson are appealing to area American Legions to help pay for other costs, such as uniforms and travel. At least one Legion sponsor is required for the corps to participate in state and national Legion contests.

"Due to the high cost of funding a championship Drum and Bugle Corps, we would like to offer Legion and non-Legion sponsorship to as many posts interested," Day said in a letter mailed to area organizations.

Day said he expects the Chicago Connection to become a championship corps.

"We thoroughly intend to go and compete with the better corps out East. Most of us have been junior champions before and don't like to come in second or last."

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Date _____

NAME _____
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ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

AGE _____ PHONE _____

EMPLOYMENT _____ PHONE _____
Name and Address

Are you married? _____ How many children? _____

Do you attend classes nights? _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____
Specify

Do you work nights? _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____
Specify

Date _____ Signed _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF ALL YOU WISH IS TO BE ADDED TO OUR MAILING LIST
YES NO

As a marching member, what position would you prefer? _____

As a booster, could you devote some time or ideas toward our
Special Events? IE - our Wheeling Show, social activities, etc?

As a staff member, what positions interest you most; staff,
transportation, equipment, business, publicity, etc? _____

chicago connection

Hello Drum Corp Enthusiast:

We'd like to thank everyone who braved three inches of snow and below zero temperatures to attend the Chicago Connection party on December 3rd. The meeting was a success, despite the weather, with over 125 people in attendance.

For those who couldn't attend, here are some answers to a few questions.

- The Chicago Connection will compete in 1977
- Our current financial status is double what was anticipated to fully furnish the corps.
- A top quality staff is currently being hired under the direction of program coordinator Dallas Niermeyer.
- A new senior corps association has been organized to include seven competitive corps. The Mid-States Association's primary purpose is to increase the amount and quality of senior corps competitions in the mid-west.
- A comfortable summer schedule is being put together with at least one free weekend per month.
- Baby sitting services will be offered at all corps turn outs and rehearsals.
- Music will be handed out at the first rehearsal.

Due to all the planning, work, and the success of the first meeting, a good membership nucleus has been formed. With all the drum corps talent available, Chicago can again become an influential drum corps city.

Become a charter member of the Chicago Connection on Friday, January 7th. Instruments to be issued at 7:00 p.m. All rehearsals will start at 8:00 p.m. until 10:30.

Wheeling Armvets Hall
700 Old McHenry Rd. (Rt. 83)
Wheeling, Illinois

Have a safe and happy holiday season.
The Chicago Connection

If interested but unable to attend, contact Mike Johnson, 437-8545; Dennis "Dog" Evans, 827-1601; Sam Agnello, 459-1745; Tom Walker, 878-0160; or write: P. O. Box 463, Wheeling, Ill.

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Hello Drum Corp Enthusiast,

Let's welcome the newest addition to Senior Drum Corp Circles, "The Chicago Connection". The Chicago Connection is based in Wheeling, Ill., with all their music rehearsals being held at the Wheeling Amvet Hall.

To say the least, they will be blaring the sounds and style of the many talented Drum Corp people in the Chicago and Wisconsin area, (people from such corps as the Royal-Airs, Cavaliers, Vanguard of Des Plaines, Norwood Park Imperials,) and many other top quality Jr. Corps in the Chicagoland area. Which is one reason why the name **Chicago Connection** has been chosen.

The Chicago Connection has been assured of excellent sponsorship and backing from the same people who have made the Wheeling Junior Drum Corps show one of the best Junior shows in the Mid-West. These people, along with many other respected individuals, would like nothing more than to have the Connection's home base in Wheeling, Illinois.

To make a long, not to mention interesting, story short, let's look at just a few facts:

- There is enough support from Wheeling and ex-Junior Corps members, that in just a few weeks the Connection has attained music rehearsal facilities large enough to accommodate both the Drum and Bugle sections.
- New drums, and the new two valve piston bugle have already been ordered for the 1st music rehearsal scheduled for the 1st week in January.
- Uniforms are presently being designed by Craig Tomas, which will have a new look unrelated to any corps in the area.

These reasons along with many others too numerous to mention, indicate that in just a short time, the Connection may very well be the best corps the Chicago area has had to offer in years.

December 3, 1976 has been chosen for the "Fun, Festivities Party" to be held at the Wheeling Amvet Hall, 7:30 P.M. on 700 Old McHenry Rd. (Route 83), Wheeling Ill., 60090.

There will be free beer, food, snacks and entertainment.

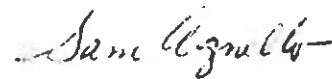
Even if you'd like to join, but don't have the time right now, come down to the party and meet old and new friends. There may be a suggestion you have that could help.

There will be a short meeting at the party for suggestions, and questions concerning the Corps. Applications for membership and staff (for men and women) will also be available.

Your friends as well as anyone interested are also welcome.

Hoping to see you there!

Sincerely,



Sam Agnello
Public Relations & Publicity

For information regarding the Fun & Festivities Party, please feel free to contact myself at 459-1745 or Business Mgr. Tom Walker at 578-0166



CHICAGO
CONNECTION
SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

BOOSTER 1977
WHEELING, ILL

ABOUT THE CHICAGO CONNECTION

The CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum & Bugle Corps was formed at it's first rehearsal meeting on January 7, 1977.

The CONNECTION is a senior (all adult members) competitive drum and bugle corps. Age requirements are that members must be at least eighteen years of age. The average age of present corps members is about twenty-six. Membership is drawn from the northern Illinois general area. Over thirty cities and villages are represented in our membership.

The CHICAGO CONNECTION is the ONLY senior competition drum and bugle corps in the State of Illinois. Our name was chosen as a symbol of unification, joining all of our midwest area's great junior drum corps alumni into one outstanding senior division drum corps of national championship calibre.

The CONNECTION meets weekly, year round. Present "Home" of the corps is the Phillip Carpenter Post 66 Am-Vets Hall in Wheeling. Meetings are held every Friday starting at eight p.m. Outdoor rehearsals are held (weather permitting) at various sites throughout the area. With regular full corps rehearsals and individual and section practice CONNECTION members average more than fifteen hours a week in rehearsal time alone.

The CONNECTION made their first public appearance at the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies on May 30, 1977 in Wheeling. Since then the CONNECTION has made numerous appearances in parades and show exhibitions throughout the area. In their first competitive judged parade the CONNECTION won the two top honors. "Best Performance by a Marching Unit" and "Best in Parade". The CONNECTION enters national competition in August 1977 and will appear in the National Championship competition in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Labor Day weekend.

The marching and playing members of the CONNECTION are well qualified and talented. We fully expect to be a serious contender for the National Championship title by 1978.

GOALS OF THE CHICAGO CONNECTION

To represent with pride, our home community, the Chicagoland area and the State of Illinois.

To entertain through our medium of music, in parades, exhibitions and other appearances, all people young and old throughout the nation.

To earn the title of Senior Corps National Champion and be the finest drum and bugle corps in the nation.

To always, through our actions, deeds and accomplishments be a source of pride to our sponsors, community, state and nation.

To these goals the membership and management of the CHICAGO CONNECTION are dedicated.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The CHICAGO CONNECTION is a not-for-profit organization operating under the auspices of the FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC. which was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit musical civic organization on January 13, 1971.

Certificate number: 13689

Corporation number: 21 381 747

CHICAGO CONNECTION SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

The various levels of contributions and sponsorship are defined as follows:

- \$1.00 to \$100.00 "BOOSTER" contributors receive CONNECTION decals for window or automobile display.
- \$200.00 "SUPPORTING MEMBER" This contribution covers the corps costs of one member for a period of one year. Contributors will receive in addition to booster decals a framed certificate of appreciation and framed color photo of the individual member in uniform your contribution is supporting.
- \$1,000.00 "CONTRIBUTOR" Contributors to the CONNECTION will receive the following: Booster decals, a framed certificate of appreciation, a framed color photo of the CHICAGO CONNECTION. Photographs of the donation ceremony will be taken and submitted with news story releases to all area newspapers and specific journals as may be desired by the contributor. This donation will also entitle the contributor to one full-page size advertisement in the corps annual program books distributed at our national junior and senior shows.
- \$5,000.00 "SPONSOR" The term "Sponsor" will be reserved exclusively for individuals or firms whose donations total \$5,000.00 or more. The sponsor will receive the maximum publicity the corps can generate. DETAILS OF SPONSORSHIP CONDITIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGES.
- \$10.00 Annually "INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP" Associate memberships for individuals will be available for a dues fee of \$10.00 annually. Associate (non-active) members will receive window decals, a special membership card which will entitle members to a 20% discount on corps items.

CHICAGO CONNECTION SPONSOR

As a sponsor of the CHICAGO CONNECTION the full resources of the corps publicity potential will be available. These include the following:

1. Exclusive designation as "Sponsor". There shall be one and only one sponsor in a given business or trade field. Example, One only financial institution, one only automotive field firm, etc..
2. All news releases by the corps will carry the lines sponsored by.....
3. Corps stationery, letterheads and release forms etc will carry sponsor names.
4. Sponsors name will appear on our equipment truck body in lettering prominently displayed. The equipment truck is on public display at all corps activities. In parades the equipment truck follows the corps down the street and is seen by all parade watchers. Truck lettering is being designed to be as attractive and eye-catching as possible to attract notice, especially by TV cameras etc.
5. Verbal announcements will be aired at all corps appearances. In parades, announcements are distributed to the reviewing stand announcers and various media announcers, reporters etc. Sample as follows:

"Passing the reviewing stand is the CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. The CONNECTION is the only senior competition drum corps in the state of Illinois and are undisputed American Legion State senior champions. The CONNECTION is sponsored by the ABC Company of Wheeling and the XYZ firm of etc. etc. Ladies and gentlemen, we are proud to present for your enjoyment today, THE CHICAGO CONNECTION....".

Similar announcements are made at all corps exhibitions and competitive appearances.

6. A sponsor flag will be carried in our American flag color section in all parade appearances. Also in local parades a special banner can be carried in front of the corps. In local parades sponsor vehicles suitably marked may follow the corps along the parade route.

SPONSOR - continued

7. Sponsor will be entitled to cover position ads at no additional charge in our own show and competition program books. Three cover positions are available - outside back, inside front and inside back. These shall be available on a first come basis to our sponsors. Our first sponsor shall have his choice of positions, next sponsor choice of remaining positions etc. If there are more than three major sponsors additional sponsors may have choice of ad positions on inner pages.
8. Special appearances by the corps will be available to the major sponsors for special promotions or events. Various appearances such as standstill concerts by the full corps or various ensembles, color guard etc. can be arranged.
9. The corps is available to sponsors for special advertising promotions such as TV commercials, still photos etc. Details to be arranged with mind to corps schedule and available dates.
9. The corps already has won impressive trophies and awards. Sponsors are encouraged to supply a place where these can be shown in an attractive display which will build interest both for the sponsor and the corps.
10. The CONNECTION membership as a whole will be urged to support the sponsor by using their goods and services as much as possible.
11. A firm in sponsoring the CONNECTION and the CONNECTION in accepting such sponsorship become a team dedicated to the support of each other. The CONNECTION will do all we can to promote the sponsor and his product or service. We hope the sponsor will also in his advertising or news releases will also promote the corps.
12. Sponsors are requested to furnish a responsible representative to serve as an advisor to our Board of Directors and attend our meetings so we may work hand in hand for our mutual benefit.

The above items represent promotional returns the corps can offer a sponsor. The corps is also open to suggestions as to how we can additionally benefit a sponsor.

SPONSOR - continued

In the past three months the CHICAGO CONNECTION has become the most publicized drum corps in the nation. Our organization has turned eyes from the drum corps world to Chicago. In this short period of time we have recieved over 2½ full pages of feature stories in the Chicago Tribune, feature stories in the Reminder paper, Paddock papers, Lerner publications locally and have had feature stories in the drum and bugle corps national publications Drum Corps World and Drum Corps News. The corps was featured on WGN-TV Channel 9 with a six minute special coverage at the American Legion State convention in July. The Corps has also appeared on news telecasts on channels 2 and 5.

Currently feature articles are in the works for the Chicago Daily News, Chicago Sun Times and another feature article in Paddock Publications.

Future appearance this year include national competitions in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the National Championships in Pennsylvania. The corps will be appearing in major Chicago parades in the fall and will be seen by over 1 million people by the end of the year.

The CONNECTION during the course of a year will make many appearances throughout Chicago and it's suburbs. We have invitations from almost all of the major parades and festivals in the area, and offer an outstanding opportunity for sponsor promotion not only in this area but also in our nation-wide travels.





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TO: All Board Members
FROM: Tom Day
DATE: 11/17/77
SUBJECT: 11/3/77 Memo from Steve Clark on Management

Response:

As a result of the above memo and actions by some board members it has become painfully apparent that there is a feeling that our board allowed the Corps to fall into some kind of a degenerate state.

Well, to this statement I say - BUNK!

Since this Corps started all present at Board Meetings were aware of all moves to run the Corps. We took a group from nothing and built not only a local champion but an 11th place national contender. This has never been done in the history of drum corps. It was done by marching board members, ad selling board members, all in all hard working board members. We are in debt, and I might add, not as much as many other corps with less distinction. All our debts went to put this corps on the field in uniform. We have plans to pay all debts and move into 1978 at what ever level our finances will take us.

The Corps it self is generating over 40 horns to every practice with people standing on the side lines because we don't have the money to get more equipment. This board also got over \$3,000 in drum equipment free. We have 11 snare drummers. The biggest corps yet. Had we the support from all board members from Wheeling with there many supposed contacts perhaps it would help get the promised money from the City and Bank.

In 1977 we did perpetuate a corps and did this by using whatever means of expenditures possible. I see our job as well done. Perhaps we made a few constitutional errors but they were made with everyones knowledge. I do propose that we stick more to the by-laws in 1978 and beyond.

We have in the past month begun to set up a corps working board of one corps representative on board. An internal staff of one member per section to help the corps directors run the corps.

I would suggest we have our elections tonight 11/17/77 and table the 11/3/77 suggestions for review. Those that fit our future program could then be put into operation during the year.

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I feel it's time again to say let's forget our titles and white jackets and those really interested in working with this corps getting behind the team that put the program together in 1977. I cannot see taking two hard working members of the corps. and board and eliminating them off the board.

I now submit the following slate for re-election when the nominations open:

President	Bob Bryson
Vice President	Tom Day
Treasurer and	Tom Walker
Business Mgr.	Tom Walker
Secretary	Ms. Clark
Director of Corps.	Mr. Larry Nelson
Directors	1. Mr. Buerger - Contest Comm.
	2. Mr. Gabler - Photo
	3. Mr. Bronson - Uniform & Equipment Comm.
	4. Mr. G. McNulty - Sr. Show Coordinator and D.C.A. Mid-West Rep.
	5. Mr. Smetana - Fund Raising & Legion Rep.
	6. - Corps Rep.

All of the above really have the qualifications that would best suit them to the position.

There is no need for any liason between corps board and Director of Corps as I feel direct communication the best way to complete management projects.

What-do-ya-say we all get off our tails and help the corps even go further.

The real bottom line is that it was no (piece-of-cake) in 1977 and will be no (pie-in-the-sky) in 1978. More like more hard work, sometimes missed church - sometimes missed family meals - sometimes missed a date with the wife and/or girl friend - sometimes a broken finger or a pinched nerve and sometimes, well those are the times we reach down pull up our sox and say - Hey! I'm in a fraternity of real men and women making a self-sacrifice to make my hobbie, my avocation the best it can be, if I help it'll be just that much better.

Sincerely,

Tom Day

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CURRENT PROGRAMS

Since our last board meeting the P.R. department has worked on the following projects:

1. Contacted Alderman Pucinski, 41st Ward, Chicago about working with corps. Will re-work and sit down with Roman after the first of the year.
2. Worked on and got Glenview NAS for alternate practice site. Helped by Larry Dequisne member of Corps. and USN. See Attached letter.
3. Alternate practice sites and sponsors.

Chicago Park District - possible 294-2200

St. Josephs Church, Wheeling - N.G. 537-4181

Navy Pier, Commr. Quinn, Chicago - N.G.

Chicago Armory - Possible

Continental Ill. Bank - Possible

American Legion Post - Possible

In an effort we called on and wrote to Niles Post 7712 V.F.W.

Letter attached, awaiting reply.

Taft High School awaiting reply. -- 775-4808

Norm Becall

Other sponsors to be called - Joe Tobias, Blue Island Post 385-9817

4. Called Mayor of Wheeling and after a short run-around and several calls one also made by Jim Bronson the Mayor said call the City Finance director. Called Bill Lewis at City 537-2141. He said there was never any record of the City proposing or voting any funds for corps. He was aware that the Mayor did say something about this at our show and that board member Powers also said we could get \$1,500 or more. All in all we were led to believe we would get a check for \$1,500 on June 26, 1977. We are now told we will be on the board agenda on 11/21 as announced in Corps. bulletin. We'll see.
5. Collected \$400.00 from Mexican parade after a few calls.
6. Went to lunch with Sam Geati of McCormicks paid \$500.00 on executive decision with corps President so we could save credit and get future instruments at our only source. We also set up a possible monthly payment of \$100.00 monthly or more.

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7. On November 15th, Tom Walker and I met with Amvets Board and they said they would go along with basement remodeling job if all conformed to City rules, etc. This looks good. We have some bids now we need material and help.
8. Spoke to Kurt Freedland of Governor Thompsons office regarding request to State for help. He tracked down the letter and brochure and said he personally will look into possibilities and get back to me. 217-782-6830
9. Got up-date answers from U.S. Government Performing Arts. Our request has been moved to the Arts area for review. Letters were sent to Arts Director and our biggest Congressional supporter Frank Annunzio and Senator Stevenson.
10. Corps News up-date sent out and banquet plans proceedings.
11. Guard show looks like it's out now due to a bad date and draw of guards. It looks like if we send \$360.00 on judges we might not be able to make it back.
12. Booster items - 100 small patches due in by mid December 1977. Bill Morgan got us about 75 old style corps. which will have a corps button attached and be sold at our show for \$3.50. Our thanks to Bill.
13. Dues collections by Cookie coming along very well. It's whats making the point.
14. Called Wheeling ~~Bank~~^{Bank} over ten days straight after second promise to have \$1,000 put into account by Rob Ferrera of the Bank. Started calling November 1st as of November 15th no money in account and now, Rob after not returning calls, goes on vacation. We have a message into Mr. Gripenrog on November 15th and he also failed to return call. It's one hell of a way to run a bank. Maybe we could call Burt Lance and find out how to get thru to these guys for our promised and witnessed donation. On November 15th we were officially informed by Jack Hill of the bank that we are being stiffed on our promised \$1,000 donation. (See attached letter)
15. October 31, 1977 Jack Metzger of Wheeling also looking for donation and talking to Mayor. He said he is also trying to get us another machine gun.
16. Had open house at DCI Hyatt House and entertained many people from other Junior and Senior Corps. We can thank Mike Johnson, Cookie, Cathy O'Connell and Pat Korn for this effort.

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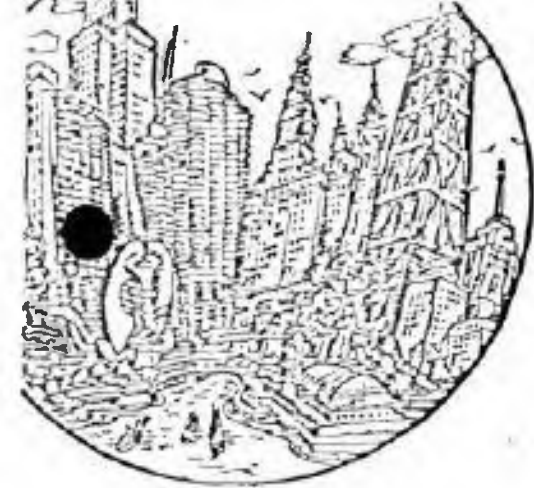
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17. We also made a package up for the new Chamber President who is Executive Vice President of Acco in Wheeling. He is going to the Chamber with our plan of having a parade around Wheeling, shown for a set figure and the Chamber to get behind and have sales advertising, etc. to kick off a 1st combined effort of the Chamber to get back together again.

18. John Schaller of WMM 92 FM has promised to send John Lyday of News Room to cover the November 21st City Council meeting.

The above is submitted from the relatively potent P.R. Director from the most publicized Corps in 1977.

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A "ROCKY" SUCCESS STORY HERE IN WHEELING 1977

The "Chicago Connection" a Senior Drum & Bugle Corps organized in January, 1977. The goal was to get musical equipment - members and support. Then put it all together with hard training and road work to compete in Pennsylvania, and at least be in the top twelve in National Competition. Well, with 38 brass horns, 13 percussions, 16 flags, 8 rifles, 2 drum majors and a 4 man national flag section they went into battle. They did what no other drum corps in history has done. They put it all together and took the 11th spot nationally. They went up against corps that have been around for 20 or 30 years. Corps that have played Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, half time for pro-football, corps that have people like Doc Severenson with them. Yet with all these odds against them and very little cash help, they proved that Chicagoland could build a good Senior Drum & Bugle Corps.

They aren't stopping at this though, the corps is now building and setting the stage for even bigger accomplishments. They have already been invited to appear on State Street, September 17th, not only once but twice! Just another first for the "Chicago Connection". They will march in the Steuben Parade at 1:30 p.m. and then in the Mexican Day Parade at 3:30 p.m. - both to be covered by Chicago T.V. Then on the 24th they will appear at Northpoint Shopping Center to kick-off the '78 season.

The corps wants to keep building so sponsors are still needed as well as new members. The members will start practice on October 7th, 1977 at Wheeling Amvets, 8:00 p.m.

The corps thanks its members and groups like Wickes of Wheeling, Weber Grills, The Wheeling Bank, McDonalds, Wheeling High School, The Park District, The City Council, The Mayor, all the News Media, WMM FM, The American Legion, Slingerland Drum, The Amvets, O'Flynn & Verity and countless others who have helped put Wheeling and the "Chicago Connection" on the map.

In 1977 the corps has appeared before a half million people from St. Paul, Minnesota to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was covered by 80 PBS Stations. Won't you be part of the 1978 success story?

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To Commander
V.F.W. Post 7712
% Mr. John W. Stack
Perk Foods
1580 N. Northwest Hwy.
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Dear Sirs:

The "Chicago Connection" requests that your V.F.W. post review the attached portfolio on our above mentioned Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.

We are the only Senior Corps in Illinois and are looking for sponsorship. The Corps needs a suitable home and place for winter inside practice. Financial support after we prove ourselves to the Post and the City of Niles would be at the discretion of the Post, however any future help in any form is appreciated.

We are interested in Friday night practice because we have about 100 members all over 18, average age 26 but, any other available time can possibly be used. Yours is the first V.F.W. Post we have approached to sponsor Illinois only Senior Drum Corps. as we also receive a great deal of support from Slingerland Drum Company your neighbor to the South.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Day
Vice President

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November 9, 1977

Commanding Officer
Glenview NAS
% Chief Hutchinson
Glenview, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The "Chicago Connection" Senior Drum & Bugle Corp hereby request the use of the Drill Hall on November 18, and December 16, 1977 from 7:00P.M. to 10:30P.M.

Members of our Drum & Bugle Corps are also active members in the U.S. Navy and will be present while we are there. These members are Mr. Lany Deguisne and Mr. Bill Morgan.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Day
USNR

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
COMMANDER NAVAL AIR RESERVE FORCES GLENVIEW/
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL AIR STATION
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60026

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Code 044:bh
11 November 1977

Mr. Thomas J. Day
The Chicago Connection
6019 N. Northwest Hwy.
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Sir,

Your request, as contained in your letter of November 9, 1977 to utilize the Naval Air Station Drill Hall on November 18 and December 16 between 7:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting drum and bugle corp practice, is approved.

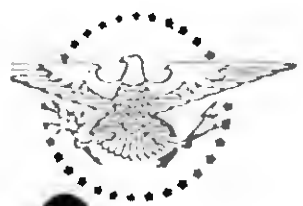
Your sponsor for the event will be TDAN LARRY DEGUISNE, who is an active duty member of our Special Services organization as well as a member of your group. Your contact and coordinator for both programs will be the Assistant Special Services Officer, Chief W. R. Hutchinson at 657-2120/2313.

If I can be of further service to you, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. D. Fitzgerald".

M. D. FITZGERALD



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November 15, 1977

Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson
 Illinois Only Senator
 Senate Office Building
 Room 456
 Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: "The Chicago Connection Senior Drum & Bugle Corps."

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of October 20th, 1977.

I just want you to know that the over 100 members of the "Chicago Connection" know and appreciate all the work you and your staff are doing in an effort to help us get 1978 funding for Chicago's and Illinois only competitive musical group of it's kind. We understand our request has been transferred over to Mr. Michael Straight, Acting Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts for further review.

Should you need us to support any of your other causes, we are ready. If we succeed over a million Drum & Bugle Corps fan's will be aware of your help. Thanks again.

Sincerely

Thomas J. Day
 Vice President

CC: Michael Straight



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Mr. Frank Annunzio
 Member of Congress
 11th District, Illinois
 Suite 2303
 Rayburn Office Building
 Washington, D. C. 20515

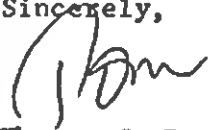
RE: "The Chicago Connection" Senior Drum & Bugle Corps.

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of November 4, 1977.

I just want you to know that the over 100 members of the "Chicago Connection" know and appreciate all the work you are doing in an effort to help us get 1978 funding for Chicago's and Illinois only competitive musical group of it's kind.

Should you need us to support any of your other causes we are ready.

Sincerely,

 Thomas J. Day
 Vice President

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November 15, 1977

Mr. Michael Straight
 Acting Chairman
 National Endowment for the Arts
 2401 E. Street N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20506

RE: Request for Financial Support "Chicago Connection"

Dear Mr. Straight:

We are informed by Congressman Frank Annunzio that our request for financing has been directed from Mr. Duffey to your area for review.

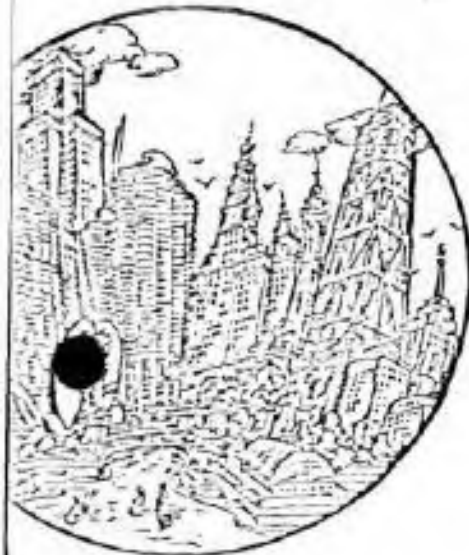
Should you need any additional information regarding our program please do not hesitate to call.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated by over 100 men and women of every race, creed and color in the Chicagoland area.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Day
 Vice President

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November 4, 1977

Mr. Michael W. Straight
Acting Chairman
National Endowment
for the Arts
2401 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Straight:

I have just received the attached letter from Joseph D. Duffey, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, indicating the grant request of the Chicago Connection Senior Drum and Bugle Corps comes under your jurisdiction.

Accordingly, I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the current status of the Corps' request as well as the final action taken on it.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FRANK ANNUNZIO
Member of Congress

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Mr. Thomas J. Day
6021 N. Northwest Highway
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Dear Tom:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the letter I received today from Joseph D. Duffey, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as a copy of my letter to Michael Straight, Acting Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts. You will find this correspondence self-explanatory, and I shall be back in touch with you when I receive any reply.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,



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November 16, 1977

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Mr. Neale A. Gripentrog
 President
 Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank
 Corner of Dundee Rd. & Milwaukee Ave.
 Wheeling, Illinois 60090

RE: Promised Donation

Dear Sir:

During the year 1977 a group of residents and non-residents of Wheeling started a musical community performing arts project called the "CHICAGO CONNECTION" Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. During the year we carried the name Wheeling into competition from Minnesota to Pennsylvania from local parades to State Street, Chicago. We did what no other group has ever done in seven months.

During the year we met with Mr. Jack Hill who said the bank is always approached by groups looking for donations. He said the bank would like to see the Corp get these groups to work outside for some money and then the bank would match the donation. We got the American Legion of Wheeling not only new members but they worked along with the Historical Society to earn over a \$1,000 to the Corps. This was donated and the bank matched the funds and said - that's nice but don't think we want to match anymore as this could get too big.

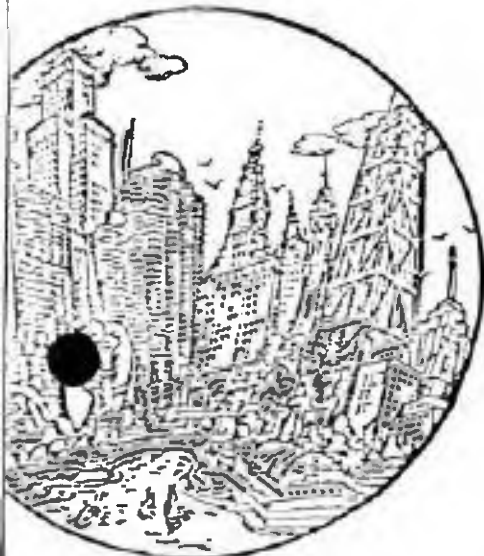
The Corp was then approached by Deerfield Savings to sponsor the Corps as our Financial Sponsor. We came to the bank because it's a Wheeling Institution. Thru Rob Ferrera we were told that the bank would like to be the only Financial Institution sponsoring the Corps for \$5,000 a year.

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Rob Ferrera then came back to us and said the bank changed it's mind and they will make a \$1,000 straight out donation.

We the Corps then came in to set up a payment schedule for the \$20,000 loan for equipment and in front of the Manager of your Consumer Loan Department, Mr. Smetana of the Legion, Mr. Berger, Mr. Bryson and myself that the Bank would only give the \$1,000 if they could see someone else give a donation. Because we marched in the 4th of July parade Weber Grills donated \$1,000 and this was shown to Mr. Ferrera. He said the Bank would put the \$1,000 into our account. This was never done. On November 1st, 1977 I called Rob Ferrera and was told all was okay and the \$1,000 was on your desk and it would be taken care of by the 4th. On the 4th a call was made to Ferrera and again on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th -always- okay it's with other donations and will be coming down. Now on November 15, 1977 we are told by Jack Hill that it's all wrong and there is no donation and that the Bank is always bothered by groups.

Well sir, we have done what the Bank said would help the City by pulling groups together and more recently offering to help the Chamber of Commerce rally around our Mid-West Youth show to help there efforts. Somewhere along the line I think we did and are doing everything we can to give Wheeling a group they can be proud of.

Now along with the actions of the City we get the feeling that Wheeling doesn't want to be known for it's Community effort but rather a lack luster group of housing projects financed by other area financial institutions. I like to think I was wrong but it sure doesn't appear that way. These of course, are my own feelings as I was there when the donations were promised.

Thanking you for your attention to the efforts of 100 dedicated men and women, I am

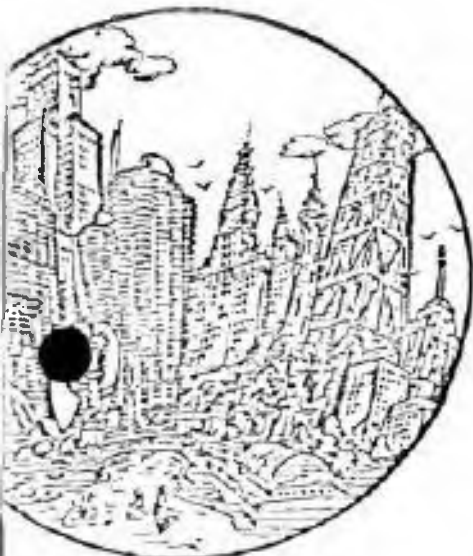
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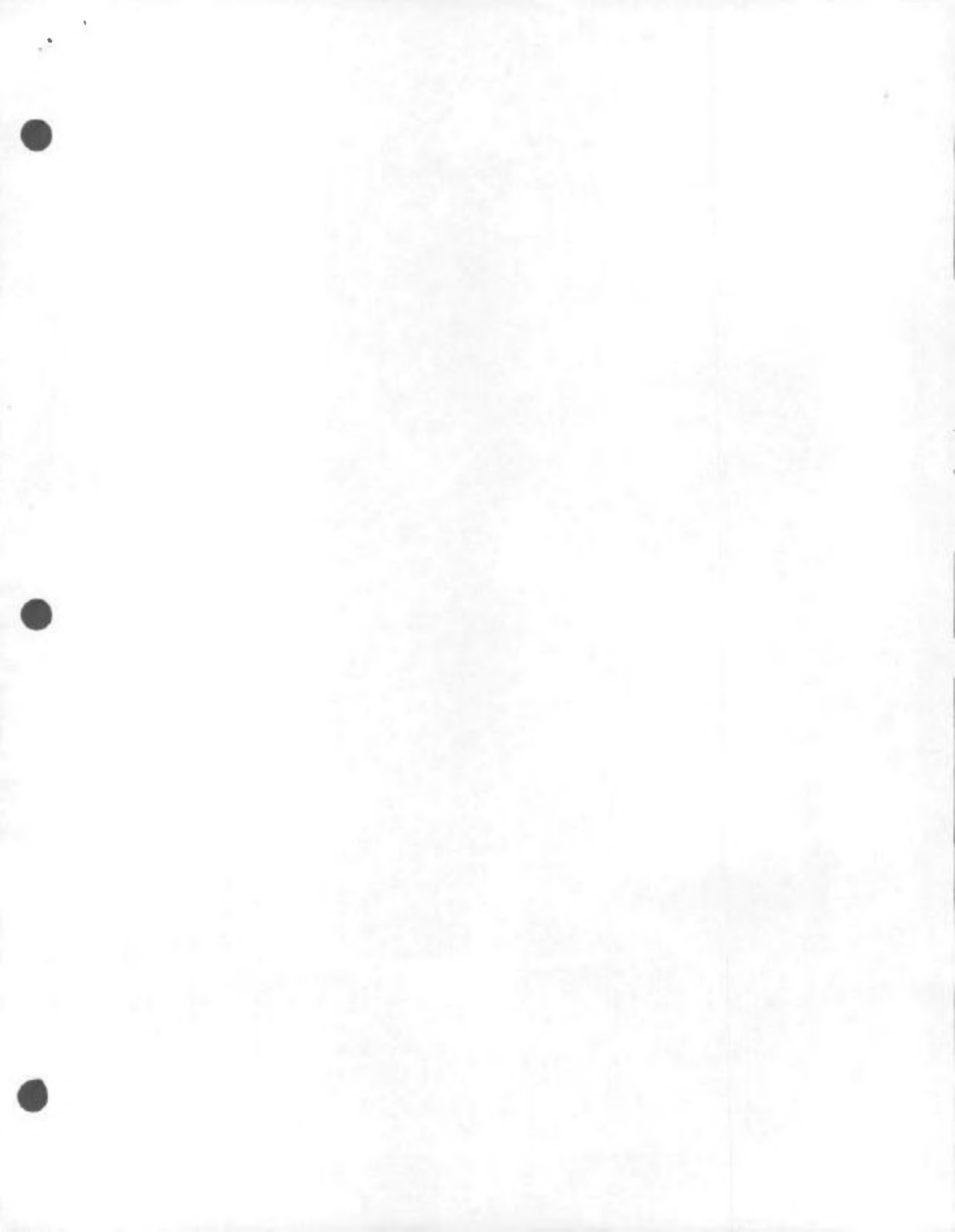
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It is January, 1977. Santa is carefully put away and the champagne of New Years Eve consumed. In this Winter issue of the Contest Guild, we normally talk about it being that snowy time of the year where you live, but it is Summer in the DCI offices. But in 1977 that is old hat, and like so much of old time drum corps, it just will not sell anymore. There is a great, exciting new spirit afield in drum corps land, and this issue will give you something to talk about for months and months to come.

1977 will be the year that DCI corps and almost all of drum corps go to the new two-valve soprano bugle. 1977 will see the DCI Championship pack up and move all the way West across the Mississippi to the Mile High cities of Denver and Boulder, Colorado. 1977 will see DCI spread further across the map of the South bringing entertainment our way to more and more people. 1977 will see four major regional DCI Championships dotting the landscape from Boise, Idaho to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1977 will see the first DCI show ever in the State of Texas. 1977 will see the growing popularity of the activity spreading even further into the broad mainstream of the U.S. and Canada.

But before we gallop into the Summer of 1977, this might be the right place to pause for a minute.

Drum corps has come so far so fast. It is no secret that we are growing, and the national television exposure is gaining us fans in every part of this continent.

This past Summer, sitting on a street curb in Phoenix, Arizona, well after midnight, waiting for a corps to arrive, the conversation drifted to that very thought. Where are we going? You only have to let your imagination wander.

In the Summer of 1977, we are doing shows in Commerce, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona. Can the first truly International show in Juarez, Mexico be far behind?

Will the Summer of 1979 see the Blue Devils marching down the streets of Kyoto, Japan, or the Kilts waiting to enter the field at the famed Edinburgh, Scotland Festival?

Or better yet, some cold Winter night Howard Cossell introducing Wide World of Sports featuring the highlights of the 1981 Summer DCI season in an hour special produced by Roone Arledge.

Or a somewhat homesick GI in the outbacks of Australia settling down by his squadron's TV set to watch, via Telstar, the 1984 DCI Championship from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Fantasy??? Maybe...But who thought we would be doing things we are doing in 1977, way back in 1972, when DCI began.

This might just be the issue of the Contest Guild to put away and save for another day to see if all we said came true. Either way, it is certainly something to think about.

But enough!! The 1977 Summer season is not that far away. Tickets need to be ordered. Motels need to be reserved. Plans have to be made. Before you start packing the car for Colorado, read on and be excited.

SUMMER IS COMING!!

DCI ANNOUNCED 1977 CHAMPIONSHIP PLANNING UNDERWAY!!! PLENTY OF DENVER-BOULDER
DCI SPECTATOR HOUSING AVAILABLE

Spectator housing for the 1977 DCI Championship in Denver and Boulder, Colorado is still plentiful. However, DCI Championship Contest Committee member, Doris Wentland warned that fans should begin making their reservations as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush. Denver is a major metropolitan area, with abundant hotel and motel housing. There are still plenty of places convenient to all contest locations available, but because of the back-to-back situation with the American Legion, people should make their choices NOW!!!

Spectator housing information for Denver is available by mail from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, 225 Colfax West, Denver, Colorado 80202. Boulder information should be sent to the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, Box 73, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

Several companies have put together group travel packages from various parts of the United States for spectators interested in attending the 1977 DCI Championships in Boulder/Denver. If you are interested in this type of program, contact your choice of the following:

Breitenbach Travel Agency
3594 N. Oakland Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211
414/962-0848

Consolidated Music Company
111 Merman Drive
DeWitt, NY 13214

Drum Corps World
P. O. Box 130
Golden, CO 80401

United Airlines has a new convention assistance and reservation service that is set up to take care of your travel (air & ground) arrangements. They have a toll-free number to call if you are interested in this service. It is 800/323-0639. Residence of Illinois call 312/569-3375.

As now planned, the DCI Class A and All-Girl prelims will begin on Tuesday, August 16 at 8:00 AM in Folsom Field on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder.

Wednesday August 17, will see the Class A and All-Girl prelims end, and the DCI Class prelims begin. A full twenty-five corps will compete on Wednesday, starting at 8:30 AM and running through 4:30 PM, with the action continuing in Folsom Field.

Thursday, August 18, will see twenty-five DCI Class corps in the final day of Folsom Field prelim action.

At 7:30 PM that night in Recht Stadium on the Boulder High campus in downtown Boulder the five DCI Class A finalists and five DCI All-Girl finalists will compete for the 1977 DCI Championships in their respective classes. This event will be a joint DCI-Boulder Chamber of Commerce project, assuring a capacity crowd.

Friday August 19, is a unique day in drum corps competition history. It will provide the spectator with numerous opportunities to see Championships in several different areas.

Starting at 9:00 AM on August 19, and for the first time, the DCI Individuals and Ensembles competition will be open to the public. No admission will be charged, as the event will be held in Pioneer Park on the banks of scenic Boulder Creek. Spectators will find the natural bandshell arena a perfect place to see one of the more interesting sides of Championship competition.

At 1:00 PM August 19, in the Boulder High fieldhouse, the DCI Championship Color Guard competition will be held. Eastern, Midwestern and Western guards will seek the 1977 Championship, with the defending Champion St. Anthony's Imperials of Everett, Massachusetts coming to Colorado to defend their title.

Just across the greenbelt, the DCI Drill Team Championship will be taking place in Boulder High Stadium.

All three daytime events on Friday, August 19, are within easy walking distance of each other in the tree shaded heart of Boulder. Good restaurants as well as fast food operations are located throughout the area.

Friday night August 19, is the night of nights, when the twelve top corps in the country face-off in 77,000 seat Mile High Stadium in Denver.

Centrally located just off Interstate 25 in the heart of Denver, Mile High Stadium is currently undergoing a major overhaul which is expected to be completed just days before DCI.

Don Whiteley and the Championship Committee are hard at work furthering plans for the event. On one of the competition days, 16th Street the main shopping area in downtown Denver, will be blocked for two hours while corps perform for noontime crowds. This project and several others will be jointly run by Downtown Denver, Inc., and KHOW Radio.

Downtown Denver is also planning a "Light Up Denver" night for Friday, August 19, so that thousands of TV viewers at home can see the skyline saluting that night's Championship event.

And Boulder is not to be outdone by its sister city Denver. Merchants are planning a "Go Drum Corps" campaign with signs of welcome throughout the city.

Tickets for the DCI Championship and the DCI All-Girl Class A Championship may be ordered by mail now. Reserved seats for the DCI Denver Championship are \$7.70. Boulder DCI All-Girl Class A Championship reserved seat tickets are \$4.00. Both can only be ordered by mail from DCI, Box 192, Villa Park, IL 60181. Spectators should include a stamped self-addressed envelope to speed delivery.

Spectators are also cautioned not to expect ticket delivery until May 15, 1977, due to the tremendous number of ticket orders expected. All ticket orders will be filled by postmark date.

The Spring issue of the Contest Guild Newsletter will contain a complete information roundup on the 1977 Championship event.

DCI CHAMPIONSHIP CORPS HOUSING STILL AVAILABLE

Housing for competing corps in the 1977 DCI Championship is still readily available through the housing chairman in the Denver DCI office. Chairmen Frank Foerst for Boulder, and Steve Ogden for Denver, have jointly announced that although corps requests are flowing in there is still plenty of corps housing available.

Housing request forms were passed out at the recent DCI Management Seminar in Chicago. They are also available by mail through DCI, Box 5551, Denver, CO 80217.

Bed roll housing in area schools and dorm housing is available through the Denver Championship Committee. Corps not needing housing help, having secured housing on their own, should notify the Denver committee of their intended location for the master housing file.

Over 100 drum corps, drill teams and color guards are expected for the August 15-19, 1977 Championship in Denver and Boulder, Colorado.

DCI ANNOUNCES FOUR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1977

Planning is well underway for four regional DCI Championships for the 1977 Summer competitive season.

After a years absence, DCI East will return to the contest scene, and DCI North will switch locations, moving forty miles West in the State of Michigan. The DCI Eastern Championship has been set for Saturday, July 9, in Philadelphia's Franklin Field.

Franklin Field is very familiar territory to drum corps fans, having been the site of the 1975 and 1976 DCI Championships. The Eastern title show will see a meeting of Midwestern and Eastern drum corps powers. Corps expected for the event include the Madison Scouts, Phantom Regiment, 27th Lancers, Oakland Crusaders, Bridgemen, Garfield Cadets, and the Muchachos. This show will be the last stop on the expanded Southern tour. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be ordered from the DCI office in Villa Park. Philadelphia area box offices will open after April.

Eastern Michigan University and the college towns of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be the site for the 1977 DCI Northern Championship. The date is Thursday, August 4, with a twenty-five corps prelim and an eight corps finals.

In making the site selection, Don Pesceone said that Ypsilanti was chosen for its outstanding facilities, both on and off of the campus. The new DCI North location will give DCI another Whitewater-like atmosphere, and hopefully provide a permanent home for the event. Ypsilanti will be a Westward bound show with the units headed toward DCI Midwest and the Championship in Denver.

Units expected include the Phantom Regiment, Kilts, Guardsmen, Oakland Crusaders, 27th Lancers, Seneca Optimists, among others. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be ordered by mail from the Villa Park DCI office.

Celebrating its fifth year of competition and fourth year in Whitewater, Wisconsin, will be the 1977 DCI Midwest Championship. Two days of prelims are planned again this year, with competition scheduled on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6.

Corps scheduled include the Bridgemen, Cavaliers, Madison Scouts, Phantom Regiment, 27th Lancers, Kilts, Precisionnaires, and the Colts. Over forty competitive corps are expected. Fans are encouraged to order their Midwest tickets as soon as possible, as stadium seating on the concert side is limited to 10,400. Tickets will be \$6.00 and are available by mail through the DCI Villa Park office.

DCI West in Boise, Idaho will celebrate its fourth anniversary in 1977 with a Thursday, August 11th date. Corps from all over the Western U.S. and Canada are expected as the title event falls directly before the Denver DCI Championship. Plans call for the largest number of competitive corps in its history.

The Blue Devils will return to defend their 1976 title. Other units include the Blue Stars, Santa Clara Vanguard, Capital Freelancers, Kingsmen, Argonauts, Commodores and Knight Raiders, among others.

Chairman, Ted Hanford and his committee have already begun work on the 1977 event. They have much to celebrate, as 1976 marked the turning point for the Western show, firmly establishing it as a true success story in a former non-drum corps market.

Prelim start time for Boise is governed by the number of entrants. The Spring issue of the Contest Guild Newsletter will have additional information on this and all the Regional shows.

Boise reserved seat concert side prices are \$6.00. The Boise State University Bronco Stadium is one of the best places in the U.S. to watch a drum corps show.

Reserved seats for all four Regionals may be ordered only by mail from DCI, Box 192, Villa Park, IL 60181. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for quicker ticket processing. Box offices in Regional cities will begin to open in April or early May.

EXPANDED 1977 DCI SOUTHERN TOUR SET FOR JUNE 27 THRU JULY 7

You only had to be in Georgia Tech Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia last August 3rd, to know that the first DCI Southern tour was a smashing success!! Over 9,400 band members and spectators welcomed drum corps, DCI Championship style, to the South with enthusiasm and cheers. The slowly circling Goodyear blimp only added to the beautiful night. Responding to that success, the DCI Board of Directors put together an extensive tour schedule of the South and Southeast United States.

As now planned, the 1977 tour will open in Indianapolis on Monday, June 27th. Readers may not think of this Midwest city as South, but you have to start somewhere.

Corps hoping to start off the tour in Indianapolis are the Blue Devils, Madison Scouts, Oakland Crusaders, Blue Stars and the Kilts.

Tuesday night June 28, the tour moves to Louisville, Kentucky, and WLKY-TV's "Drums Across America" show in the Fairgrounds Stadium. Revere's 27th Lancers expect to join the five DCI member corps.

Wednesday June 29, is a travel day, with Thursday June 30, set for Gadsden, Alabama, and Joe Hamilton's "Alabama's Battle of Brass".

Friday July 1, is a day off with many corps enjoying the day at Atlanta's "Six Flags over Georgia" amusement park, famed for the world's highest and fastest roller coaster the "Great American Scream Machine".

Just like General Sherman years before them, DCI and "Drums Across America" march back into Atlanta on Saturday night July 2nd. Chairman Jon Beacher of WXIA-TV and co-chairman Fred Martin of the South Cobb High Band are planning for a crowd of 16,000 for the second-year event.

The move to Atlanta Stadium, home of the baseball Braves and football Falcons, will allow for a spectacular finale fireworks show, better sightlines and greater spectator comfort. At the new location parking will no longer be a problem, with hundreds of school buses from throughout Georgia, Alabama and Florida expected.

Several other major Eastern drum corps will join the tour in Atlanta, bringing the Championship list up to eight for the 7:30 PM event.

The growth and success of the Atlanta show directly parallels the popularity of WXIA-TV. The Channel 11 "Drums Across America" show will also be going head-to-head with WSB-TV's "Salute to America" parade. Not all the competition will be on the football field that July 4th Atlanta weekend.

Sunday July 3, is a day off for all units with many expected to see the many tourist attractions in the area, with one or more probably slated for a visit to Plains, Georgia.

As now planned, the DCI Southern tour will split on Monday July 4, with the Blue Devils among others, going to Sevierville, Tennessee, while the 27th Lancers, Madison Scouts, Oakland Crusaders, and the rest moving to Columbia, South Carolina.

From Sevierville, the Blue Devils will continue across the U.S. for the July 8, 9, and 10, "Drums Along the Rockies" in the Colorado and Wyoming area.

Tuesday July 5, will see the other units in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Wednesday July 6, is set for Lynchberg, Virginia on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Thursday July 7, clear across the State of Virginia in Virginia Beach.

The next issue of the Contest Guild Newsletter will contain more complete information on all Southern tour shows.

ONTARIO DRUM CORPS ASSOCIATION MAKES PRESENTATION TO DCI

At the DCI Management Seminar in Chicago, the Ontario Drum Corps Association, represented by Robert Duggan of the Oakland Crusaders, and Al Tierney of the Seneca Optimists, made a presentation to Don Pesceone, Executive Director of DCI.

"The formation of DCI was a major milestone for Canadian drum corps", the presentation read. "After many years of international competition, we had for the first time, the right to take part in the rules deliberations, and for the first time, had the right to express our feelings in the open forum provided by this organization". "For this reason, we would like to acknowledge our indebtedness, and take this opportunity to materially show our recognition and appreciation".

"We would also like to recognize another historic milestone. The year 1976 celebrated the American Bicentennial, and our country presented as their official gift, a pictorial presentation highlighting the 5,000 mile border that stands as a symbol of the unique friendship that exists between our two countries".

"Our Prime Minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, on the occasion of the presentation of this book said, 'No one should think it strange that Canadians should involve themselves in the observance of an American anniversary. For two hundred years we have worked and played together, laughed and mourned together, fought side by side against common enemies. Our two peoples have helped each other repair the havoc of natural disaster, inspired and applauded each other, opened our hearts and our homes to each other, as to valued and welcome friends'".

"In keeping with these thoughts, we would like to present a copy of this Bicentennial gift appropriately called "Between Friends/Entre Amis", a Bicentennial present from Canada to the United States of America. But, more specifically we would like to present this book to our American drum corps friends, from your Canadian drum corps friends".

In response, Don Pesceone said, "I am delighted to accept this beautiful Bicentennial memento on behalf of not only the American drum corps fraternity, but on a larger scale, the magnificent spirit of friendship generated by our own drum corps activity that knows no national boundary".

The book is on display at the DCI office in Villa Park, Illinois.

GEORGE BONFIGLIO RETIRES AS DCI CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - NEW OFFICER SLATE ELECTED

1977 marked the end of an era in DCI and drum corps history. George Bonfiglio, Director of the 27th Lancers of Revere, Massachusetts, retired as Chairman of the Board of Drum Corps International. From that first historic DCI meeting in Indianapolis, in October 1971, George has been the first and only Chairman that the organization has ever had. He has presided over every Board meeting and took part with the other member managers in the decisions that have greatly affected DCI and the activity. He will be missed at the gavel, but his leadership will be ever present.

Meeting in Chicago, the fourteen Board members of DCI elected William Howard, Director of the Madison Scouts, as the new Board Chairman. Bill has served DCI for a number of years as Vice-Chairman.

David Kampschroer, Director of the Blue Stars, joined Bill in the officer panel, having been elected Vice-Chairman.

Salvatore Ferrera, Executive Director of the Park Ridge Cavaliers will take over the reins as Treasurer.

Jerry Seawright, Director of the International Champion Blue Devils became the new Secretary of the Board.

CONTEST GUILD ANNOUNCES EXPANDED PLANS FOR ADVERTISING

With the continued growth of DCI's Contest Guild Newsletter, DCI has announced new advertising rates and information for the publication.

Over 18,000 proven drum corps spectators and ticket purchasers read the four-time a year publication. As one of the leaders in the activity, the Contest Guild brings the fan wherever he or she may be, the most accurate up-to-date information on shows, plans, and news-making events. Contest sponsors and corps booster clubs, looking to reach this market should contact DCI, P. O. Box 5551, Denver, Colorado 80217 or call 303/424-1338 now to reserve advertising space for the Spring and Summer issues of the Newsletter.

REGIONAL CONTEST MANAGEMENT-PROMOTION SEMINAR

Drum Corps International, in conjunction with Drums Along the Rockies, will hold a Regional Contest Management-Promotion Seminar in the Mile High City on February 4 thru 6. Denver's Holiday Inn Sportscenter will be the site.

The second-year event, held last January for Drums Along the Rockies shows only, will be opened in 1977 to all interested contests in the Western U.S. It will be an expanded version of the workshop sessions at the recent DCI Management Seminar in Chicago.

A reception and video-tape screening will open the workshop on Friday night. Saturday, will be devoted to a full day of modular sessions in all phases on contest management, promotion and publicity. The workshop sessions will conclude on Sunday morning.

Members of the DCI Championship Contest Committee will take part in the Seminar. Registration is \$25.00. It includes the Friday night reception, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday, as well as all seminar materials.

Hotel registration and seminar registration should be made with name, address, etc. Rooms at the Sportscenter are \$20.00 for single, \$25.00 for double.

CENTRAL STATES JUDGES ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The Pheasant Run, just 45 minutes from downtown Chicago, on Route 64 in St. Charles, Illinois, has been announced as the site for C.S.J.A.'s 1977 Judges and Instructors Seminar.

The dates for this important event are March 5 and 6. As in the past, the subject agenda will include judges and instructors sessions for drum corps, color guards and bands.

For further information, contact Loren Dahnke, 3521 N. Oconto, Chicago, IL 60634 or call 312/237-0633.

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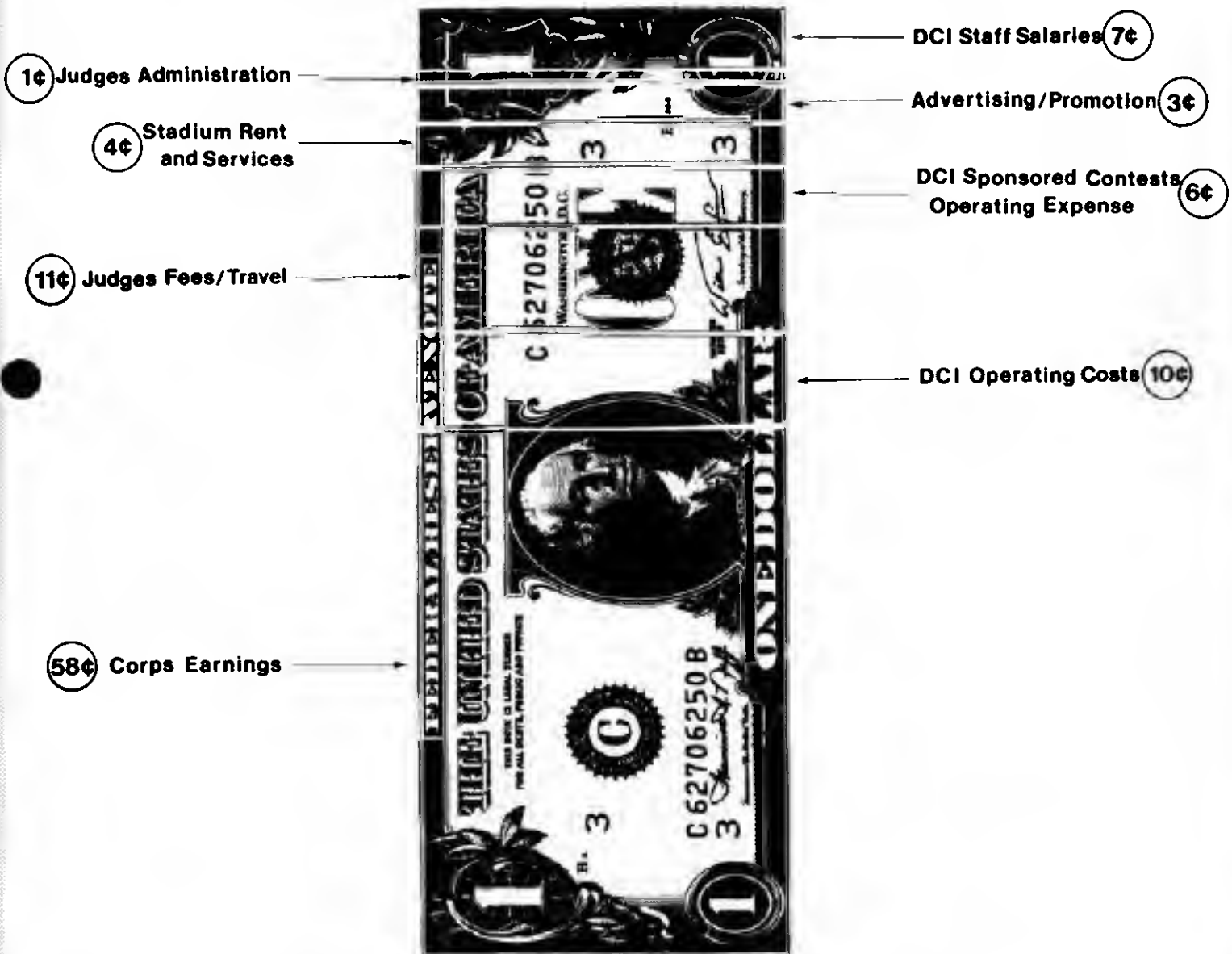
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Drum & Bugle Corps holding auditions

The "Chicago Connection" Senior Drum & Bugle Corps of Northern Illinois is holding auditions for qualified horn, percussion and color guard personnel every Friday night at 8:30 in Wheeling Amvets Hall, 700 Old McHenry Rd.

The newly organized competitive music group has already recruited 70 members age 18 and over from the Chicagoland area. Anyone interested may call Tom Day, 965-1882, or Bob Bryson, 537-0728.

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CHICAGO CONNECTION BRINGS SENIOR
CORPS BACK TO CHICAGO!

The formation of The CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum & Bugle Corps on December 3rd last year marked the return of the seniors to the Chicagoland drum corps scene.

After four months of planning and preparation the December "Open House" meeting at the Corps hall in Wheeling saw over 125 senior corps devotees in attendance and the CHICAGO CONNECTION was born. In the short time since its inception, the CONNECTION has made great strides forward. With their home base in Wheeling, Illinois the corps has acquired a permanent meeting place at the AMVET hall, purchased a complete set of sixty-two horns, twenty-four drums, bells, color guard equipment and an equipment truck. The CONNECTION has gathered excellent financial support from the business community in Wheeling and this support along with proceeds from the annual Wheeling "Parade of Champions" junior show has enabled the CONNECTION to come this far so soon.

The corps went into their first rehearsal on January 7th and despite being plagued with the worst winter on record in the Chicago area, rehearsals have been solidly attended and new members have been coming in every meeting. The corps is currently rehearsing between thirty-five and forty horns, seventeen drums and twenty-seven are currently active in the guard.

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Director of the CONNECTION is Jack McNulty of Wildwood, Illinois. McNulty, a professional recruiter and account executive with Salesworld in Rosemont Illinois has over eighteen years of corps experience in marching, instructing and management, and spearheaded the early organization of the CONNECTION. Jack's organizational expertise is credited with the saving of the oldest junior corps in the nation, the Imperials of Skokie. Jack stepped in when the corps was on the verge of collapse and guided them back on to their feet and this year we find them back on the field once again. McNulty is also responsible for the corps name "CHICAGO CONNECTION". The name "CONNECTION" signifies a connecting link joining together alumni from all junior corps in the Chicagoland and northern Illinois area.

Over two hundred years of experience is assembled in the CONNECTION management staff. Tom Walker, business manager has marched with the Cavaliers, Boys of 76 and the old Skokie Indians. Larry Nelson from McHenry, Illinois is currently serving as equipment manager. Tom Day of Niles, Illinois is financial director and corps advisor. Day, with thirty years of corps experience marched with the Cavaliers and Skokie Indians, was judged in the All-America Association and has worked in management with many corps including Santa Clara Vanguard and Anaheim Kingsmen. Jim Bronson, vice-president marched with Racine Scouts and the Kenosha Kingsmen. Corps president is Bob Bryson of Wheeling who has directed the Wheeling Parade of Champions show since its inception in 1971. Other members who were instrumental in the forming of the corps are: Mike Johnson, Cookie Beshekas, "Dog" Evans, Bill and Sam Agnello and Steve Clark, all of the Chicagoland area.

CHICAGO CONNECTION - ADD 2

Music is under the direction of Dallas Niermeyer. Horn instructors are Jay Knebl and Sam Agnello, drums, Ted Berg and Paul Milano.

The CONNECTION staff is currently planning a schedule that will be realistic to the typical senior corps member. One weekend each month is being kept completely free, dues are nominal, and a social program featuring family-type participation is being developed.

While many wives are marching in the color guard, others are forming service groups such as the corps baby-sitting service, and an entertainment committee to plan outside social events, dances, picnics and other activities that will appeal to wives and children of corps members.

The CONNECTION will make its premier performance in their home town of Wheeling at this years PARADE OF CHAMPIONS show on June 26th. Other appearances are planned as exhibitions at some junior shows, parades, and a full competition schedule in the newly formed Mid-States Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Association. The new senior circuit is currently made up of seven mid-west senior corps; Brass Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn., the Governairs of Richfield, Minn., Brass Unlimited from Belleview, Ill., Spirit of 76 of Racine, Wis., Spirit of St. Louis, from St. Louis, Mo., and the Chicago Connection of Wheeling, Ill. Any senior corps who would like to become members of the new association are urged to contact Jerry Hardy, president, Mid-States Senior Drum & Bugle Corps Association, 1414 N. Wisconsin Ave., Racine, Wis., telephone (414) 632-8782. The first Mid-States senior championships are slated for August 27th in Racine.

CHICAGO CONNECTION - ADD 3

Men and women who would like to march with the CONNECTION are invited to stop by any corps rehearsal. The corps meets every Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the AMVET Hall, Route 83, Wheeling Ill. Information may also be had by writing the CHICAGO CONNECTION P.O. Box 463, Wheeling, Illinois 60090. or phone in the daytime Bob Bryson at (312) 537-0728 or evenings Tom Walker (312) 878-0160.

Director McNulty outlined the goals of the corps as follows:

1. To bring senior drum corps back to Chicago.
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3. To field a competitive that will compete on a national level.
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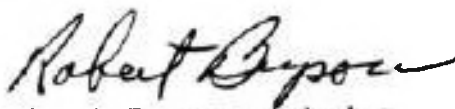
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| 7:34 | <u>SPIRIT OF ATLANTA</u> , Atlanta, Ga. |
| 7:51 | <u>COLTS</u> , Dubuque, Iowa |
| 8:08 | <u>KILTS</u> , Racine, Wis. |
| 8:25 | <u>CAVALIERS</u> , Park Ridge, Ill. |
| 8:42 | <u>PHANTOM REGIMENT</u> , Rockford, Ill. |
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The competition segment of the show will feature as a starter, the first appearance of the new corps out of Atlanta, the Concourse. Fantastic reports have been coming out of Atlanta about this new corps which has a TV network for a sponsor. The corps members were selected from a group of over 400 high school and college musicians who auditioned for the corps. The Concourse management reports of 100% attendance at rehearsals and has enough faith in their ability (many bands in the Atlanta area march corps style shows) to place the corps in competition in this their very first show. Other units in competition will be the Colts of Dubuque Iowa, a DCI affiliate member and the following DCI corps: Cavaliers of Park Ridge Illinois; Guardsmen, Schaumburg Illinois; Kilts, Racine Wisconsin; Phantom Regiment, Rockford Illinois; Freelancers, Sacramento California and the reigning DCI champions The Blue Devils of Concord California.

Following the competing corps as a finale to the evening will be the appearance of the host corps from Wheeling, Illinois, America's newest senior corps, the Chicago Connection. The Connection is the first senior corps to come out of the Chicago area in almost ten years

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS - ADD 2

since the demise of the old Skokie Indians. After its Wheeling debut the Connection will appear in exhibition at some area junior shows and will compete in the newly organized Mid-States Senior Drum & Bugle Corps Association. The Connection is planning to go to DCA in August where their season goal will be to place in the finals.

Tickets for the Wheeling show have been selling at a very fast clip with over half of the reserved seats (concert side) already sold in March. Bob Bryson, Wheeling show director reports that if ticket sales continue at the same rate they are now going, the reserved seats could be sold out by May 30th. Fans who are planning to attend this show are urged to order their seats early. Reserved seats cost \$6.00 each and may be ordered from Parade of Champions, P.O. Box 463, Wheeling, Illinois 60090. Mail orders will be filled strictly in the order in which they are received. General admission tickets are \$3.00 each and there is no shortage of these at ~~this~~^{the} present time. The Wheeling stadium box office will open at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the show. Stadium gates will open at five.

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The annual Wheeling competition has grown into one of the premier early shows in the nation and this years show certainly has to rank with the best. DON'T MISS IT!

OUR BEST SHOW EVER

CORPS INVITED.....

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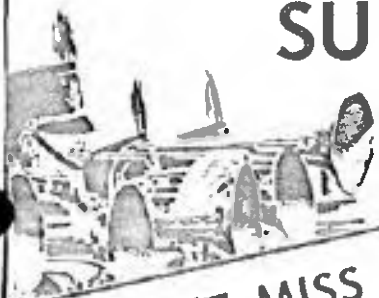
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The DEBUT of the CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Corps

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1977

WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL



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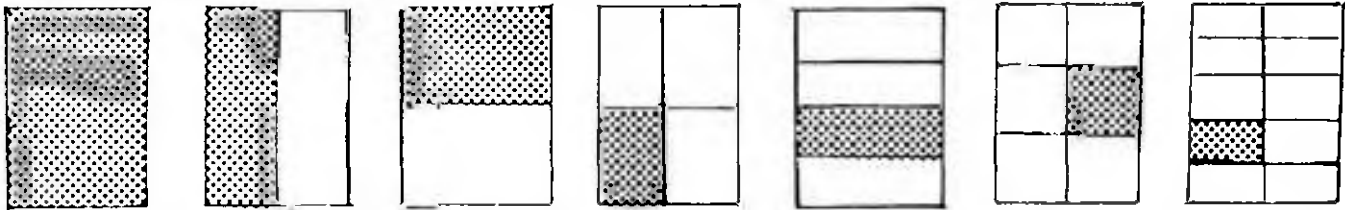
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IN EXHIBITION:

★ IMPERIALS SKOKIE IL ★ CAPITOLAIRES MADISON WI

IN COMPETITION:

★ BLUE DEVILS CONCORD CA	★ KILTS RACINE WI	★ FREELANCERS SACRAMENTO CA
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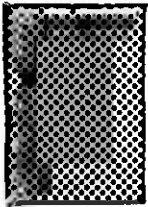
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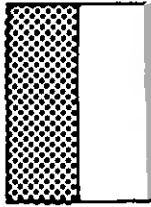
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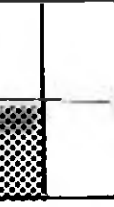
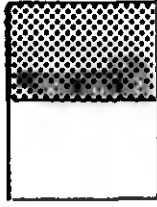
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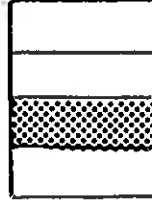
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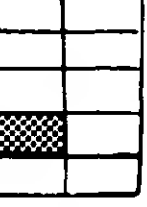
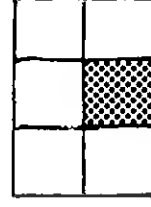
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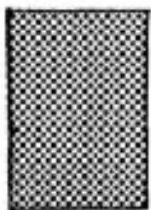
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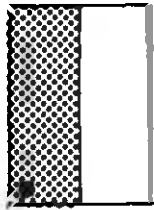
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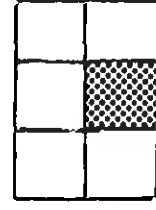
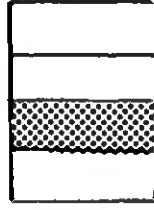
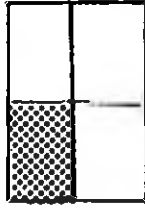
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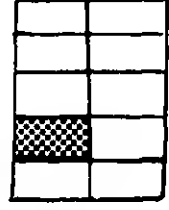
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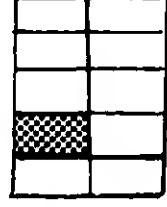
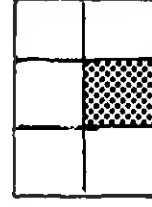
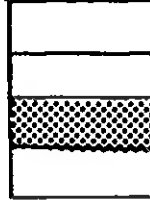
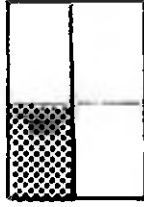
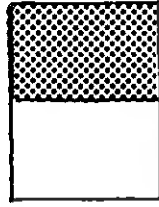
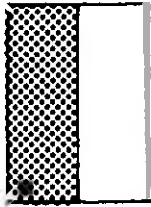
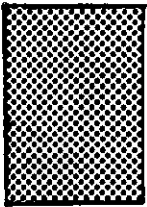
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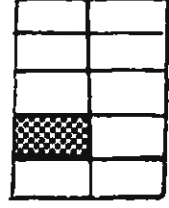
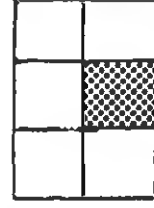
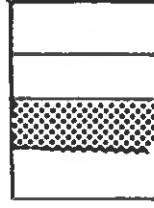
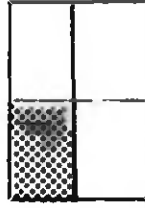
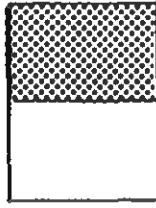
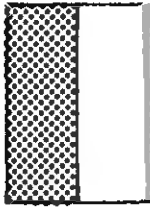
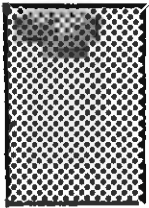
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We have acquired over 62 horns, a full set of drums, some colorguard equipment, and a newly re-conditioned truck. We are also a member of a new Seven Corps Midwest Senior Association. Thru our parent corporation the "1st Illinois Drum and Bugle Corps. Inc.", we sponsor the largest D.C.I. show in the Country. (see enclosure.) In summation of our current activities we have also recruited over 85 involved members, and had our first practice, which I might add was very successful. Our practices are open to anyone eight-teen and above and take place every Friday night from eight to ten thirty at the Armory Hall, Wheeling, Illinois. Please

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CHICAGO CONNECTION TENTATIVE SUMMER SCHEDULE

DAY & DATE	TYPE OF TURNOUT	
FRIDAY - 4/1	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 4/2		
SUNDAY - 4/3		
FRIDAY - 4/8	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 4/9		
SUNDAY - 4/10		
FRIDAY - 4/15	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 4/16		
SUNDAY - 4/17		
FRIDAY - 4/22	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 4/23	MINI CAMP - MUSIC & DRILL *	10 TO 6
SUNDAY - 4/24	(NOT OVERNIGHT)	1 TO 6
FRIDAY - 4/30	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 4/31		
SUNDAY - 5/1	REHEARSAL - - DRILL	1 TO 5
FRIDAY - 5/6	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11
SATURDAY - 5/7		
SUNDAY - 5/8	REHEARSAL - - DRILL	1 TO 5
FRIDAY - 5/13	} SPRING CAMP (OVERNIGHT) *	
SATURDAY - 5/14		
SUNDAY - 5/16		
FRIDAY - 5/20	REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC	8 TO 11

* SITE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

TURDAY - 5/21

SUNDAY - 5/22

FRIDAY - 5/27

SATURDAY - 5/28

SUNDAY - 5/29

MONDAY - 5/30

REHEARSAL -

- DRILL 1 TO 5

REHEARSAL -

AMVETS

- MUSIC

8 TO 11

* MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - WHEELING - DRILL

FOLLOWING PARADE

FRIDAY - 6/3

REHEARSAL -

AMVETS

- MUSIC

8 TO 11

SATURDAY - 6/4

SUNDAY - 6/5

REHEARSAL -

- DRILL

1 TO 5

FRIDAY - 6/10

SATURDAY - 6/11

SUNDAY - 6/12

} FREE WEEKEND

FREE WEEKEND

FRIDAY - 6/17

REHEARSAL -

AMVETS

- MUSIC

8 TO 11

SATURDAY - 6/18

SUNDAY - 6/19

REHEARSAL -

- DRILL

1 TO 5

FRIDAY - 6/24

REHEARSAL -

AMVETS

- MUSIC

8 TO 11

SATURDAY - 6/25

SUNDAY - 6/26

EXHIBITION - WHEELING

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REHEARSAL 11 TO 4

* SITE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

MONDAY - 7/1
 SATURDAY - 7/2
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 SUNDAY - 7/31

REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
 WHEELING PARADE, SPIRIT OF 76 SHOW (TENTATIVE)
 RACINE, WISC.
 CHICAGO AREA PARADES *
 REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
 EXHIBITION - LEGION STATE - ELK GROVE VILLAGE
 LEGION STATE PARADE - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

} FREE WEEKEND

REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
 OVERNIGHT BRASS UNLIMITED SHOW - BELLEVILLE, ILL.
 SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS SHOW - ST. LOUIS AREA

} FREE WEEKEND

FRIDAY - 8/5
 SATURDAY - 8/6
 SUNDAY - 8/7
 FRIDAY - 8/12
 SATURDAY - 8/13
 SUNDAY - 8/14
 FRIDAY - 8/19
 SATURDAY - 8/20
 SUNDAY - 8/21

REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
 OVERNIGHT BRASS INC. SHOW - MINN., MINN.
 GOVERNORS SHOW - MINN., MINN.

} FREE WEEKEND

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FRIDAY - 8/26
SATURDAY - 8/27
SUNDAY - 8/28

REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
MIDWEST SENIOR CHAMP. - RACINE, WISC.
CHICAGO CONNECTION SHOW - WHEELING, ILL.

FRIDAY - 9/2
SATURDAY - 9/3
SUNDAY - 9/4
MONDAY - 9/5
FRIDAY - 9/9
SATURDAY - 9/10
SUNDAY - 9/11

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} FREE WEEKEND

FRIDAY - 9/16
SATURDAY - 9/17

REHEARSAL - AMVETS - MUSIC 8 TO 11
PARADE - CHICAGO, ILL. *

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Am-Vets Post 66 (Wheeling)
American Family Insurance
American Legion Post 1968
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Applegate Realty
Around The Clock Restaurant
Artistic Barbers

B

Bank of Buffalo Grove
Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream (Wh)
Beef N Stein Pub
Bill Sullivan Pontiac
Billie's
Bill's Grove Florist
Bolger Realtors
Brandt-Reid Insurance
Bristol House Restaurant
Brown's Fried Chicken
Buffalo Grove National Bank
Buffalo Grover Striker Lanes

C

CMI Photography
Calpa, Richard J. Insurance
Carpet Bonanza
Cavalier's
Chalet Ford
Clark, Steve
Clayton House Motel
Colonial Chevrolet
Craig's Barber Shop
Culligan Water Softening

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Day, Lt.Col. Kenneth J.
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Deerfield Savings & Loan
Democrat Organ. (Wh. Twsp)
De Napoli Jewelers
Des Plaines Chamber Commerce
Diamond Black Paving
Diamond Outdoor Advertising
Doetsch & Assoc.
Dog N Suds of Wheeling

D Cont.

Don Roth's Restaurant
Don Russ Insurance
Domas Plumbing
Doris' Tree Top Inn
Dundee Discount Camera
Dundee-Wolf Standard
Duo Sign
Duro Pave

E

EMCB (Elec. Man. Credit Bureau)
Eds Barber Shop
Edward A. Fox Insurance
Ekco Products
Enrico Brothers Restaurant
Evanston Heating & Air Cond.

F

Family Pride Cleaners
First Impression Company
First National Bank Mt. Prospect
For Goodness Sake Natural Foods
Four Stars Restaurant
Fox, Ed. Insurance
Foxie's Hot Dogs
Fulton Street Market Restaurant
Fluid Power Systems

G

General Car Care
Gene's Standard
Glenbriar Realty
Glenview Guarantee Savings
Grand Spaulding Dodge

H

Hackney's Restaurant
Hand-In-Hand
Hans' Bavarian Lodge
Hapsburg Inn
Hein Specialties Inc.
Heller Lumber
Henry's Drive-In
Herrold Carpets
Hilltop Inn
Homefinders (Ritchie Inc.)
Hoyne Savings & Loan

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JNR Fund Raising
Jakes Pizza Wheeling
Kakacki Bag & Barrel
Joe's Pizzeria

K

Kinder-Haven
Kolssak Funeral Home
Kotz Shoes

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L-Nor Cleaners
Lamar Cleaners
Lions Club (Wheeling)
Little Villa Restaurant
Local Loan (Wheeling)
Ludwig Industries
Lum's Restaurant (Wh)

M

Mark Drugs
Mark Twain Press
May Funeral Home
McDonalds (Wh-Northbrook)
Mel Lange Landscaping
Metzger, Jack
Meyer Material
Midwest Insulation
Mister B's Restaurant
Morgan, Kim Photography
Mount Prospect State Bank
Music Shoppe

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North Side Tractor Sales
Northside International

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Old Neighborhood Rest.
One Hour Martinizing (AH)

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Paddock Publications
Palwaukee Bank
Palwaukee Sun Drugs
Paragon Pools
Park Manor Cleaners
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Prime Minister Restaurant

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Quality Door

R

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Rich's Place
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Route 12 Rental
Royco Radiator

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Soundz Music
Strauss, Robert Insurance
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Strom, Robert C.
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T M Cartage
Tahoe Village Pharmacy
The Traveler
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THE CHICAGO CONNECTION

SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

P.O. BOX 463, WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090
(312) 537-0728 965-1882 763-7798

August 1, 1977

Dear Legion Commander:

The year of 1977 brought Illinois its only Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. The "CHICAGO CONNECTION" now has over one hundred (100) members, is fully uniformed and equipped. The Connection has put together, or shall we say connected, junior drum corps members from all over Chicagoland, Northern Indiana and Southern Wisconsin and made it into a competitive unit. To-date we are the most publicized Drum & Bugle Corps in the United States. We were covered exclusively on Channel 9 T.V. in the Legion parade. Our pictures and story have appeared twice in the Chicago Tribune and scores of local media. We have help from WMM an FM station. As you can see our moral support is fantastic.

We now must turn our attention to an ad campaign to raise funds to run the Corps. As you know it is a very expensive program but, with your help we can continue to grow. We are seeking the sponsorship of as many Legion Posts as possible, which I might add has been approved by the State Commander of Uniformed Organizations. Your Post can help by placing an ad or sending a direct donation to the Chicago Connection, P. O. Box 463, Wheeling, Illinois 60090. If you wish to make personal donations our tax exempt number is 13689. Any amount from \$1.00 on up is appreciated, and you will receive a donation certificate suitable for framing for home, Post or office. Won't you help Illinois only Senior Drum & Bugle Corps.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Day
Jr. Vice-Commander
Wheeling Post 1968

.....chicagoland's only senior drum & bugle corps



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AN APPEAL FOR HELP

The "Chicago Connection" based in Wheeling, Illinois has been together now for eight months. During this eight months we have gotten enough support to get a \$16,000 loan from the banks signed for by seven local businessmen. This money was spent to buy instruments and a truck. The Corps itself raised enough money to pay for most of it's uniforms and instructors for the first part of the year.

Now with ninety members and a show to perform along with over twenty-five appearances scheduled across the nation, we are still in need of additional financial support due to growing inflation. Music is, for music's sake sufficient justification, but there are many additional reasons for men and women to join a music organization. Music makes life more enjoyable, and experience in music makes the enjoyment last a lifetime. Music, particularly as learned in bugle corps, teaches discipline, because every member must train themselves to attain perfection to the limits of their ability. Bugle Corps teaches democracy. The ability to play musical instruments and the enjoyment derived from it know no class, creed, or racial distinction. Music belongs to everyone.

Music builds confidence. Self-confidence is perhaps the most important attribute that can be developed. Music participation is one of the easiest and surest ways to develop self-confidence and, if for no other reason, justifies it's efforts and it's costs.

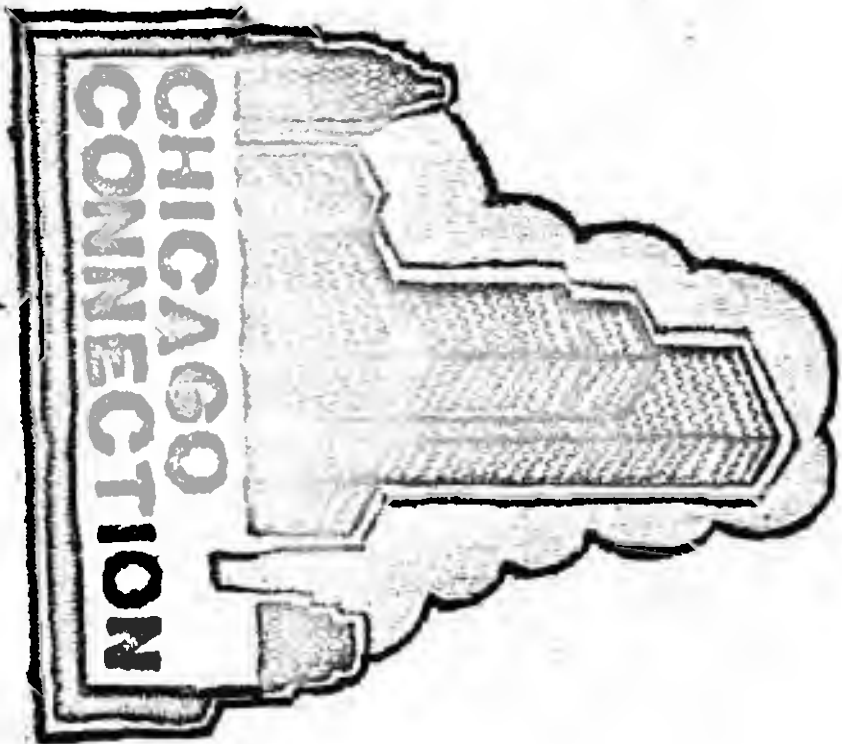
For all these reasons, and more, music is a basic part of everyones education. The "Chicago Connection" Chicagolands only senior drum and bugle corps needs your donation in any amount. All donations are tax deductible as the Connection is a not-for-profit registered organization. Our tax number is 13689.

Donations can be sent to "Chicago Connection" P.O. Box 463, Wheeling, Illinois 60090. For more information you can call Bob Bryson 537-0728, Tom Day 763-7798, 965-1882 or Mike Johnson 437-8545. Won't you please support this worthwhile cause.

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Tom Day
Bob Bryson

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THE CHICAGO CONNECTION
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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 1978 - Wheeling High School Stadium

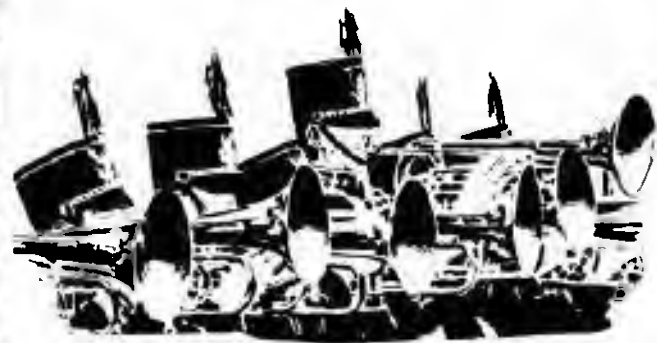
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The Chicago Connection Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7 P.M.. SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1978

On Sunday evening, July 2, 1978, the CHICAGO CONNECTION will host the 8th Annual Parade of Champions drum and bugle corps competition which will feature the finest drum corps in the nation coming from California, Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Indiana to compete with our local Illinois units. As in years past, this great youth activity will be viewed by a standing room only crowd of over five thousand people. Orders are now being taken for display ads in the program book for this annual event. All proceeds will benefit our own CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. As the ONLY senior competition drum corps in the state the CONNECTION will be representing not only our Chicagoland area but the State of Illinois in national competition this coming year. We ask your help and wish to express our thanks for your support.

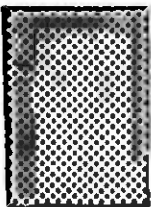
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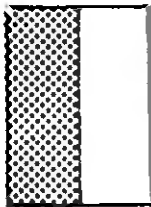
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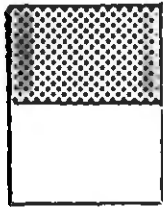
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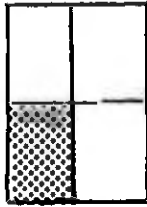
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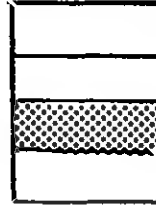
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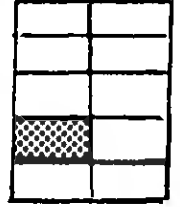
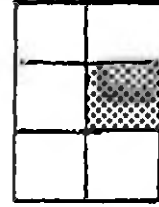
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MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 1977 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INCORPORATED, AT THE MASONIC LODGE, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

Attendance: Mr. Bronson Mr. Clark Mr. McNulty Mr. Walker
Mr. Bryson Mr. Day Mr. Nelson
Mr. Buerger Mr. Gabler Mr. Smetana

- I. Mr. Bryson, President, called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.
- II. Approval of the agenda.
Mr. Clark changed the date to the 17th.
Mr. Nelson added item 5a - Corps Director's report.
Mr. Bronson moved that the agenda be accepted as modified.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed.
- III. Secretary's report.
Mr. Bronson moved to accept the minutes of the July 31, 1977 meeting as written.
Mr. McNulty seconded.
Motion passed.
- Mr. Bronson moved to accept the minutes of the October 30, 1977 meeting as written.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Mr. Day asked to change the word 'Quartermaster' to 'Corps' in section VI, paragraph B. He also asked to change the wording 'Glenview AFB' to 'Glenview Naval Air Station' in section VI, paragraph D.
Mr. Bronson moved to accept the minutes as ammended.
Mr. Buerger seconded.
Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's report.
Mr. McNulty wanted to discuss any new income. Mr. Day noted that the only income expected in the near future is from dues collection.
Mr. McNulty moved to accept the report.
Mr. Bronson seconded.
Motion passed.
Mr. Smetana offered to follow up on open bills from the Ad-Book.
- V. President's report.
- A. Mr. Bryson stated that the fur is really flying now what with Mr. Clark's letter and Mr. Day's letter. The Corps has been a team effort and what we should be after are the things that are best for the good of the Corps. Personalities should be put aside, and petty conflicts erased and we should go forward and keep the successful program going.
- B. Wheeling Show. Last year's cost was just over \$16,000. This year's show can be put together as follows:
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|---------------------|---------|
| Santa Clara----- | \$1,600 |
| Crossmen----- | 1,600 |
| Madison Scouts----- | 1,300 |
| Kilts----- | 1,300 |
| Cavaliers----- | 1,300 |
| Guardsmen----- | 800 |
| Atlanta----- | 800 |
| Velvet Knights----- | 800 |

Troopers-----	800
Florida Vanguard-----	500
Chicago Connection-----	-0-
Judges-----	1,500
Ad Book-----	1,500
School-----	500
Tickets-----	150
Advertising-----	500
Indiana Corps-----	100
Surplus-----	500
	<u>\$15,500</u>

This is approximately \$600 less than last year. The cost for touring and local groups has gone up to boot.

INCOME FROM SHOW:

Reserved tickests (\$6.00)-----	\$16,272
GA tickets (\$3.00)-----	4,500
Ad Book-----	6,000
(Add'l Ad Book expected)-----	4,000
	<u>\$30,272</u>

PROFIT FROM SHOW-----\$14,772

Discussion was held as to what ticket prices should be for the 1978 show.

Mr. Clark moved that the reserved seat tickets be sold for \$6.00 ea.

Mr. Day seconded.

Motion passed.

V.-A. Corps Director's report.

- A. Mr. Nelson stated that there should always be a Corps Director's report at each meeting.
- B. Campaign is now on to collect all past due horn deposits. Mr. Clark asked why it was not done in the past and how they got so overdue. Mr. Nelson explained that for the first year members were needed badly enough that no one was pressed for the deposit so that they would not get discouraged and leave.
- C. Messrs Day and Nelson met with the Degg Company. They were looking for a possible deal or sponsorship for horns which are desperately needed. People are at practices without instruments to play. It was determined that there would be no future with Degg as sponsors. Mr. Nelson stated that there was an immediate need for three Baritones and two French Horns over the next 30 days. He asked that \$235 be authorized for their purchase.
- D. All the instructors will wait for their payment until the Corps is in a better financial position.
- E. The present rehearsal site is inadequate. Mr. Nelson directed Mr. Walker to pursue the use of rooms at schools for sections.
- F. The Corps Board will be created to assist the Corps Director in his functions. Monthly meetings will be held and members will be elected by sections.

VI. Election of officers.

Mr. Clark asked for the floor to discuss his proposal for reorganizing the management of the Board of Directors. He reviewed the handout

that he had prepared and which was already in the hands of most of the Board members, and offered his own personal views. Messrs Nelson and Walker offered their views on both Mr. Clark's comments and Mr. Day's letter. Mr. Day noted that in Drum Corps, sometimes the only reward is a pat on the back. Mr. Clark agreed that that is necessary, but professionalism in any organization, especially any chartered, not-for-profit group dealing with large sums of money (hopefully) is a good idea. Well structured management with effective channels of communication are a benefit to everyone concerned, including morale. Mr. Nelson stated that the Corps, in his opinion was not in a sorry state, and that a Corps cannot be run as a business. He further was totally against any changes in the management setup, adding that he needs no help in running the Corps.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the elections until needed revisions could be made to the By-Laws to change the management structure of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Bronson seconded.

Yea votes - 4

Nay votes - 5

Motion passed.

Election of officers.

Mr. Day nominated Mr. Bryson for President.

Mr. Smetana seconded.

Mr. Bryson elected as President.

Mr. Smetana nominated Mr. Day as Vice President.

Mr. Nelson seconded.

Mr. Clark nominated Mr. Bronson as Vice President.

Mr. McNulty seconded.

By ballot vote: Mr. Day - 5

Mr. Bronson - 4

Mr. Day elected as Vice President.

Mr. McNulty nominated Mr. Clark as Secretary.

Mr. Nelson seconded.

Mr. Clark elected as Secretary.

Of the remaining permanent Board members, all declined the nomination for Treasurer. Mr. Bryson appointed Mr. Clark as temporary Treasurer.

Mr. Day nominated Mr. Nelson as Corps Director.

Mr. Walker seconded.

Mr. Nelson elected as Corps Director.

Mr. Clark moved to amend the By-Laws to allow any member whether permanent or non-permanent, to hold an elected office.

Mr. Day seconded.

Motion will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

VII. Old Business.

A. Vote on change in Article III, Section A, of the By-Laws.

Motion passed.

B. Vote on amendment to the By-Laws regarding Honorary Board.

Yea votes - 3

Nay votes - 6

Motion defeated.

- C. Vote on ammendment to the By-Laws regarding review of new potential Board members in executive session prior to voting on their election.
Yea votes - 8
Nay votes - 1
Motion passed.
- D. Mr. Gabler reported that the Corps can legally use the name Chicago Connection to collect funds, and a member of the CC may sit on the Board.
- E. Insurance.
 - 1. Truck. Mr. Walker has obtained minimum coverage which is standard liability, for \$350. This does not cover the contents.
 - 2. Membership. Mr. Walker reported that a minimum number of people must be covered to make the system work. More will be developed.
- F. Banquet. All is proceeding well.
- G. Rehearsal sites. Covered in Corps Director's report.
- H. DCA meetings. Tabled until next meeting when Mr. McNulty will report.
- I. Standards for Corps membership and review committee. This area of responsibility falls under the Corps Director.
- J. Horns for sale from the Cavaliers. None.

VIII. Fund raising.

- A. Dues collection. All proceeding well.
- B. Village of Wheeling. November 21, 1977 is a Village Board meeting and the Corps is on the docket for the \$1,500.
- C. Wheeling Trust & Savings. Being sought by Messrs Bryson and Day. The Bank states that they already gave the Corps the donation when they matched the funds donated by the Legion.
- D. Randhurst Corp. Nothing new.
- E. Other areas.
 - 1. Early start on the Ad Book.
 - 2. Give tickets away with ads such as, 4 with a full page and 2 with a half page (Gen. Adm. only).
 - 3. ACCO Corp. Messrs Bryson and Day investigating.

IX. New Business. None.

- X. Date of next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 1977, at the Masonic Lodge, Wheeling, Illinois, at 7:30 pm.

- XI. Mr. Buerger moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Mr. Clark seconded.
Motion passed at 12:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Steven D. Clark
Secretary
First Illinois Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

The Chicago Connection Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7 P.M.. SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1978

On Sunday evening, July 2, 1978, the CHICAGO CONNECTION will host the 8th Annual Parade of Champions drum and bugle corps competition which will feature the finest drum corps in the nation coming from California, Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Indiana to compete with our local Illinois units. As in years past, this great youth activity will be viewed by a standing room only crowd of over five thousand people. Orders are now being taken for display ads in the program book for this annual event. All proceeds will benefit our own CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. As the ONLY senior competition drum corps in the state the CONNECTION will be representing not only our Chicagoland area but the State of Illinois in national competition this coming year. We ask your help and wish to express our thanks for your support.

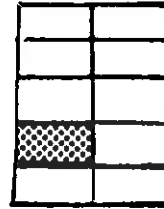
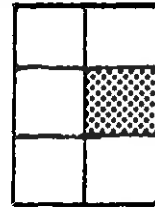
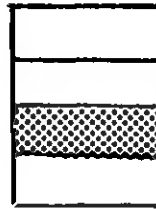
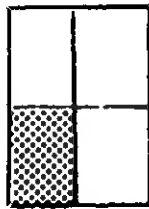
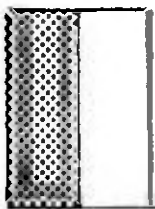
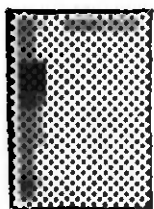
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"CHICAGO NEWS-UPDATE"
November 1977

Practice nites of Nov. 18th and Dec. 16th, will be at the Glenview Naval Air Station. See enclosed map. Because of the limited use of the drill hall we must start on time. Thanks.

Mis-spelled names from the last bulletin, Ms. Linda Kaminski and Mr. Carl Cullotta.

Should you have a free moment please write, call, or visit Linda Kaminski of the previous paragraph who is now at St. Therse Hospital 2615 W. Washington Waukegan, Illinois 60085 Room 489⁺ Bed 2 Phone# 688-6489.

We're still looking for a fulltime Quartermaster!

*** The City Council of Wheeling will be voting on a donation to the corps on Nov. 21st at City Hall 7:30 PM. The meetings are open. We're told that this meeting will be especially covered by our own station WMM FM 92 and the Countryside Reminder News, the nations finest suburban news paper.

Corps jackets are expected in about Mid Dec.

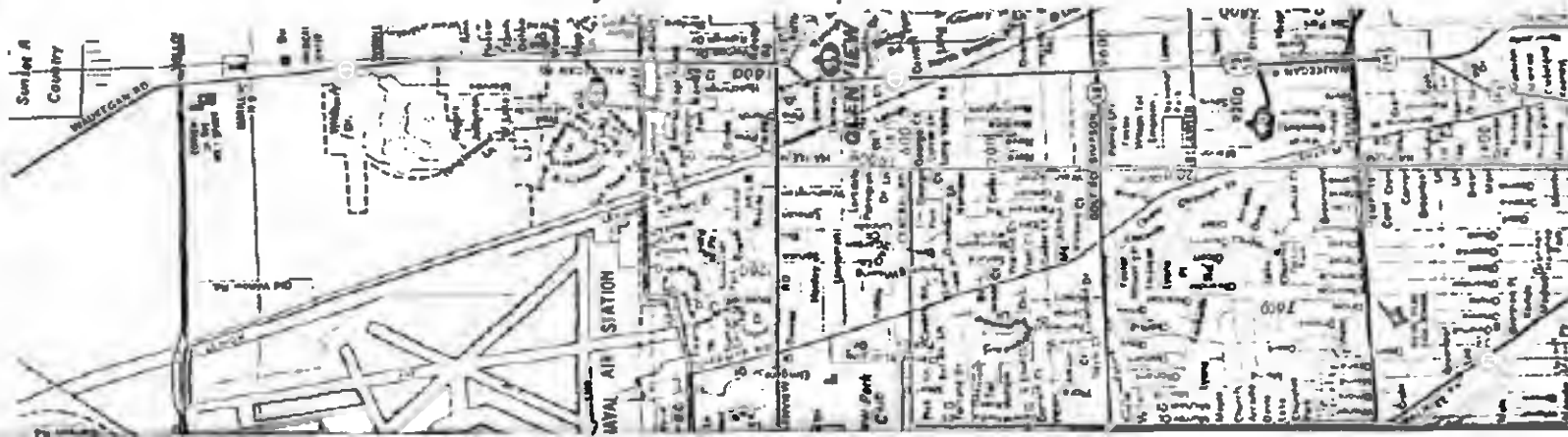
Mike and Carl's Birthday Party on the 12th was a great success.

DUES COLLECTIONS ARE GREAT---- IT'S WITH THIS GREAT COLLECTIVE EFFORT THAT THE CORPS REMAINS THE BEST IN THE MIDWEST. THANKS.....

Ms. Denise Moriarity and Mr. Paul F. Milano are working on the year book which should be ready by the Banquet. Denise did the art work for cover and it is hopefully our plan to use this same art work for one of next years T- Shirts. There is also some talk of another original idea, something like painting Sams beard with black paint and picture him holding his famous horn in-hand.

Mike Johnson has recently been elected Vice President of the Senior Mid States Association.

Sunday, Nov.20th, 1977 10am Clayton House Resturant, 1019 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling. All invited to our Legion Sponsored Breakfast. Guest speaker will be Tom Tully, Cook County Assessor. Tickets Are \$4.00. Commander Ed Saetana and Jr. Vice Commander T.Day will also be present.



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YOU AND YOUR GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

1ST ANNUAL BANQUET

of the

CHICAGO CONNECTION SENIOR DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

to be held: Saturday December 3, 1977

at: AMVETS POST, Route 83
Wheeling, Illinois

The Program for the evening to include:

6:15 - 7:15	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
7:15 - 9:00	Buffet Dinner
9:00 - 10:15	Awards Ceremony
10:15 - 1:15	Dancing (Music to be performed by 'Mirage' - A six piece dance band from Evanston, IL)

Ticket price: \$5.50 per person (This price does NOT include any beverages.)

Please make your reservations in advance by completing the form below and return it to either Linda Moyer or Linda Kaminski by November 28, 1977.

I wish to attend the Chicago Connection Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps
1st Annual Banquet.

My name is: _____

No. of Guests(Including yourself) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



THE CHICAGO CONNECTION
SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

P.O. BOX 463 • WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090 • PHONE: (312) 537-0728

December 30, 1977

Shirley Mueller
Wheeling Historical Society
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Dear Shirley:

I am writing this letter to explain our position regarding the \$665.98 which the Connection still owes the Historical Society for you concession stand work at our Parade of Champions show in June.

We apologise for the long delay but we have been unable to pay you simply because we have not had the funds available. We had counted on receiving two major contributions which failed to materialise and this has hindered us severely. .

Please be assured that the debt will be honored in full just as soon as we possibly can. If we get the donation that the Village had indicated that we would be receiving we will pay you immediately. Meanwhile, we are starting various fund raising projects to raise money for our 1978 season and when we can will start to get some payment to you.

Thank you again for your help and work.

Very truly yours,

THE CHICAGO CONNECTION
FIRST ILLINOIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS INC.

Robert Eryson
Robert Eryson, president



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TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: STEVE CLARK - SECRETARY
DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 1977
SUBJECT: A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT

As a result of our last Board meeting, it has become painfully apparent that we have allowed our Corps to degenerate into a very sorry state. Important tasks have not been carried out, communication is all but non-existent, debts have mushroomed and management coordination and drive are at low tide. To quote from our constitution, Article III, Section A, "The primary responsibility of the Board shall be to perpetuate the Corps, establish policy and regulate expenditures." To that extent, we have lost our purpose. All too often we find ourselves devoting much time to relatively unimportant matters best left to the Corps Staff, debating items that should have been evaluated prior to meetings and, in general, not living up to the professional standards set forth in our constitution.

This all sounds very pessimistic, but the purpose is to make you aware of the need for change. We still have an award-winning Corps to keep going and we can by channeling our efforts in the proper direction. A very good start was made at the October 30 meeting and the purpose of this letter is to keep that trend going. The points that follow came basically from seeing the same problem crop up over and over again. Think about each one as you read it and keep in mind how it strengthens the organization.

Every one of us has a special talent or ability that could be used to enhance our support of the Corps through work on the Board. Think of these talents as they appear in others as well as yourself and start to visualize who could best serve in each of the available positions.

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1. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - FUND RAISING AND ADVERTISING

This newly created position is extremely important to the continued existence of the Corps. It would replace the old, and relatively impotent, position of Public Relations Director. It would also be an elected position and carry the added responsibility of being an officer of the Board who would assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of same and the First Vice President. The individual holding this office should have a good knowledge of drum corps in general and understand the complex problems involved with raising funds from large corporations, civic organizations and government. He must be responsible for all major presentations and all contacts for possible donations will be referred to this position for handling. The duties of the Second Vice President - Fund Raising and Advertising would be as follows:

- a. In the absence of the President and First Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of their positions.
- b. Shall evaluate all fund raising proposals for merit and recommend to the Board those that should be undertaken. Any and all plans or ideas will be referred to him.
- c. Be Chairman of all committees set up for fund raising activities.
- d. Shall be responsible for all pictures and copy released to the news media to publicize the Corps or its activities.
- e. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- f. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
- g. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.

2. DIRECTOR OF SHOWS

This position would replace one of the Directors at Large and provide a single clearing house and coordinator for the two annual shows. Much of the Corps' promotion and fund raising is done at the shows and, with year-long attention to detail and new ideas, could be much improved. Duties of the position would be as follows:

- a. Coordinate and direct all activities pertaining to the two annual shows.
- b. Shall evaluate all ideas for changes or improvements in the shows and recommend those with merit to the Board on a year-'round basis.
- c. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- d. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
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3. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - LIASON OFFICER

This particular expansion of the duties of the office of Vice President is a most important step in the management plan.

It is virtually impossible for one individual to simultaneously march in the Corps, direct all staff of the Corps and be a functioning member of the Board of Directors. The First Vice President - Liason Officer will relieve a portion of this burden by working closely with the Board on problems that arise and, when needed, will work directly with staff personnel to expedite solutions and systems. This will be a vital link in the communication area which is desperately needed. This position, more so than certain others, requires drum corps knowledge at the membership level as well as management ability in order to make effective decisions and properly delegate responsibilities. Because of the size of the job, another member of the Board would also serve as co-officer and both would be of equal responsibility. Duties of the First Vice President - Liason Officer are as follows:

- a. Coordinate all Corps Business with that of the Board maintaining a direct communication link.
- b. Assist the Field Manager (see item 5 below) with staff management where required.
- c. In the absence of the President shall assume all responsibilities of that position.
- d. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- e. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
- f. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.

4. LIASON OFFICER

This position is appointed by the Chairman of the Board and the duties would be identical to the First Vice President - Liason Officer except for the fact that he would not be an officer of the Board. Both the 1st VP-LO and the Liason Officer would work as a team to smooth the operations of the Corps staff, provide fast decision-making ability and keep constant communications between the Corps and the Board. Duties are covered in items a, b, d, e and f of the duties of the 1st VP - LO.

5. FIELD MANAGER

To date, our experiences with the position of Corps Director have been difficult. It has been a powerful position but maybe too much so. One individual cannot be expected to effectively delegate authority, make Corps decisions, run the staff and instructors, sit on the Board of Directors and even play an instrument at times. Two positions were previously mentioned, that of First Vice President - Liason Officer and Liason Officer, which are instrumental to the position of Field Manager. The Field Manager replaces the old title of Corps Director. The responsibilities are basically the same except that instead of sitting on the Board, he reports to the Liason Officers. He is to be the Corps figurehead to the membership as always. The Liason Officers will aide him behind the scenes with staff, but they will not have the power to appoint or dismiss staff as that will be the prerogative of the Field Manager. This

will provide smoother operations by having, in effect, three people to work through instead of one. Expeditious handling of important matters and communication will be greatly enhanced.

CHANGES REQUIRED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

I. CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE III, SECTION A.

Under 'PERMANENT MEMBERS' change to:

2. First Vice Presedent - Liason Officer - Elected by the members of the Board of Directors.
3. Second Vice President - Fund Raising and Advertising - Elected by the members of the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer - Elected by the members of the Board of Directors.
5. Recording Secretary - Elected by the members of the Board of Directors.
6. Liason Officer.
7. Director of Shows.
8. Director-at-large.

Under 'NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS' change to:

9. Board member - Member of the Chicago Connection elected by the membership of the Corps.
10. Board member - Elected by the Board to aid in carrying out the purpose of the Board.
11. Board member - Elected by the Board to aid in carrying out the purpose of the Board.

Eliminate items 12, 13 and 14.

II. CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, SECTION A.

Change item numbers as follows:

2. First Vice President - Liason Officer
 - a. Coordinate all Corps business with that of the Board maintaining a direct communication link.
 - b. Assist the Field Manager with staff management where required.
 - c. In the absence of the President shall assume all rewnsibilities of that position.
 - d. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
 - e. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
 - f. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.
4. Treasurer
(Title change only, all duties remain the same.)
Change item number 3 to item number 4 for proper sequential order.
3. Second Vice President - Fund Raising and Advertising
 - a. In the absence of the President and First Vice

- President shall assume the responsibilities of their positions.
- b. Shall evaluate all fund raising proposals for merit and recommend to the Board those that should be undertaken. Any and all plans or ideas will be referred to him.
 - c. Be Chairman of all committees set up for fund raising activities.
 - d. Shall be responsible for all pictures and copy released to the news media to publicize the Corps or its activities.
 - e. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
 - f. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
 - g. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.
5. Recording Secretary
Change item number 4 to item number 5 for proper sequential order.
6. Liason Officer
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- a. Coordinate and direct all activities pertaining to the two annual shows, and any others that occur.
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 - d. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
 - e. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.
8. Director-at-large
No change.
9. Board Member - Member of the Chicago Connection elected by the membership of the Corps.
- a. Shall provide a major communication link between the Board of Directors and the Chicago Connection membership.
 - b. Shall bring Corps grievance matters before the Board.
 - c. Shall uphold the charter of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.
10. Board Member - Elected by the Board.
- a. Shall serve in a capacity designated by the Chairman

of the Board to aid in furthering the purpose of the Board.

- b. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- c. Shall uphold the Charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.

11. Board Member - Elected by the Board.

- a. Shall serve in a capacity designated by the Chairman of the Board to aid in furthering the purpose of the Board.
- b. Shall act on Ad Hoc committees and special assignments as directed by the Chairman of the Board.
- c. Shall uphold the Charter of the Board of Directors.
- d. Shall have one vote in Board balloting.

Eliminate items 12 and 13.

III. BY-LAWS OF THE CHICAGO CONNECTION, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1.

Change the titles 'Corps Director' and 'Assistant Corps Director' to 'Field Manager' and 'Assistant Field Manager.'

IV. BY-LAWS OF THE CHICAGO CONNECTION, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1 and SECTION 4.

Change item numbers as follows:

1. Field Manager. The Field Manager shall be the Chief Executive Officer and Operating Officer of the Corps. He shall preside at all Corps meetings and he shall appoint and dismiss with the approval of the Executive Board, all committees.

He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

He shall sign for the Corps, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, all agreements and formal instruments.

He may suspend any member until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

4. Assistant Field Manager. The Assistant Field Manager shall preside at all Corps meetings in the absence of the Field Manager. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Executive Board and the Field Manager.

- V. Every mention of 'Corps Director' or 'Assistant Corps Director' shall be changed to 'Field Manager' or 'Assistant Field Manager.'

Due to the need for each of us to work in a capacity best suited to our talents, and taking an overall look at the available personnel and the positions open, I strongly recommend that the Board vote, and elect its members as follows:

Chairman of the Board and President - Mr. Bryson

First Vice President - Liason Officer - Mr. Bronson

Second Vice President - Fund Raising and Advertising -

Mr. Day

Treasurer - Mr. Buerger

Secretary - Mr. Clark

Liason Officer - Mr. McNulty

Director of Shows - Mr. Gabler

Director-at-large - Mr. Smetana

All of the above have the qualifications that would best suit them to the position. At any time I would be happy to justify each and every one of them as opposed to another having the position.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

"WHEELING'S ANNUAL DRUM CORPS COMPETITION"

P.O. Box 463 Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Phone: 537-0728

Dear Corps Fan:

We would like to express our thanks for your support of the annual Wheeling Snow. We hope you enjoyed last years competition.

Demand for reserved seat tickets for the 1977 snow was way beyond our anticipations. The center section sold out within 10 days of our first advertisement. We were sorry to note that many old friends (names familiar to us over the years) ordering tickets in March and April were forced to take seats far removed from the center. To you, our supporters who purchased tickets in advance of the 1977 snow, we are offering FIRST CHOICE for the 1978 show tickets. Our first public advertising will appear in January and block orders by participating units will not be filled before January 1st.

The 1978 snow will be held on Sunday evening, July 2 1978 starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Units scheduled to appear are:

SANTA CLARA VANGUARD * CAVALIERS * MADISON SCOUTS
KILTS * CROSSMEN * GUARDSMEN * TROOPERS *
SPIRIT OF ATLANTA * VELVET KNIGHTS * FLORIDA VANGUARD
and of course, our own CHICAGO CONNECTION

Ticket prices remain the same as lat year. Individual reserved seats \$6.00 and general admission \$3.00. As in past years, all orders will be filled strictly in the order in which they are received. (Earliest postmarks)

As you know, the seating at Wheeling Stadium is extremely limited. The center secten has less than 450 seats. If you are planning to attend the 1978 show we urge that you place your orders now. Tickets are at the printers now and will be mailed out in January after the holiday season.

It is our desire each year to produce the finest, most entertaining show we can. We would welcome your comments and suggestions which would help us attain this goal.

Thank you.

Mall order ticket form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

_____ reserved seats at \$6.00.

_____ gen. admission at \$3.00

ENCLOSED TOTAL \$ _____

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS
P.O. BOX 463
WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090

THE CHICAGO CONNECTION
PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE 8TH ANNUAL

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 1978 - Wheeling High School Stadium

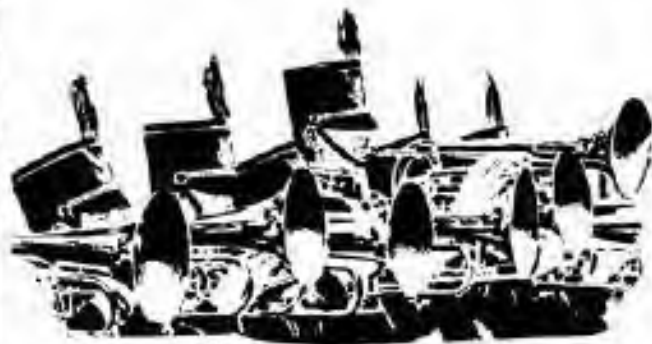
IN COMPETITION:

Santa Clara Vanguard ● **Madison Scouts** ● **Cavaliers**
Santa Clara, California Madison, Wisconsin Park Ridge, Illinois

Kilts ● **Crossmen** ● **Guardsmen** ● **Troopers**
Racine, Wisconsin Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Schaumburg, Illinois Casper, Wyoming

Spirit Of Atlanta ● **Velvet Knights** ● **Florida Vanguard**
Atlanta, Georgia Anaheim, California Miami, Florida

IN EXHIBITION: **Chicago Connection**
Wheeling, Illinois



DON'T MISS THIS
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The Chicago Connection Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7 P.M.. SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1978

On Sunday evening, July 2, 1978, the CHICAGO CONNECTION will host the 8th Annual Parade of Champions drum and bugle corps competition which will feature the finest drum corps in the nation coming from California, Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Indiana to compete with our local Illinois units. As in years past, this great youth activity will be viewed by a standing room only crowd of over five thousand people. Orders are now being taken for display ads in the program book for this annual event. All proceeds will benefit our own CHICAGO CONNECTION Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. As the ONLY senior competition drum corps in the state the CONNECTION will be representating not only our Chicagoland area but the State of Illinois in national competition this coming year. We ask your help and wish to express our thanks for your support.

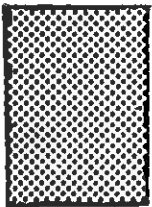
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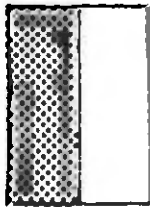
Book is being printed by the photo-offset method. Printed copy suitable for reproduction is requested whenever possible. Copy from a printed letterhead, envelope, business card or other printed material is acceptable.

Attache printed copy to this form. If you want changes made in printed copy please write on the back of this form your ad copy exactly as you wish it to appear in the program.

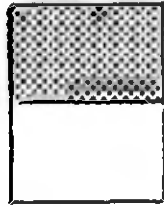
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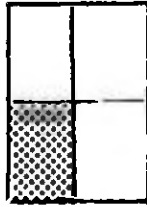
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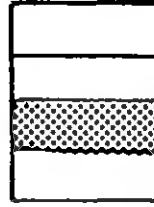
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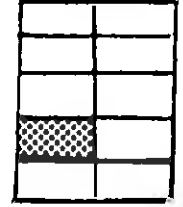
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SQUARE - \$20.00



BUSINESS CARD



\$12.50

CHICAGO CONNECTION SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS
P.O. BOX 463, WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090

PHONE: 537-0728

Firm/name _____

Please make checks
payable to:
CHICAGO CONNECTION

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

Authorized by: _____

"BIG LOOIE" invites all
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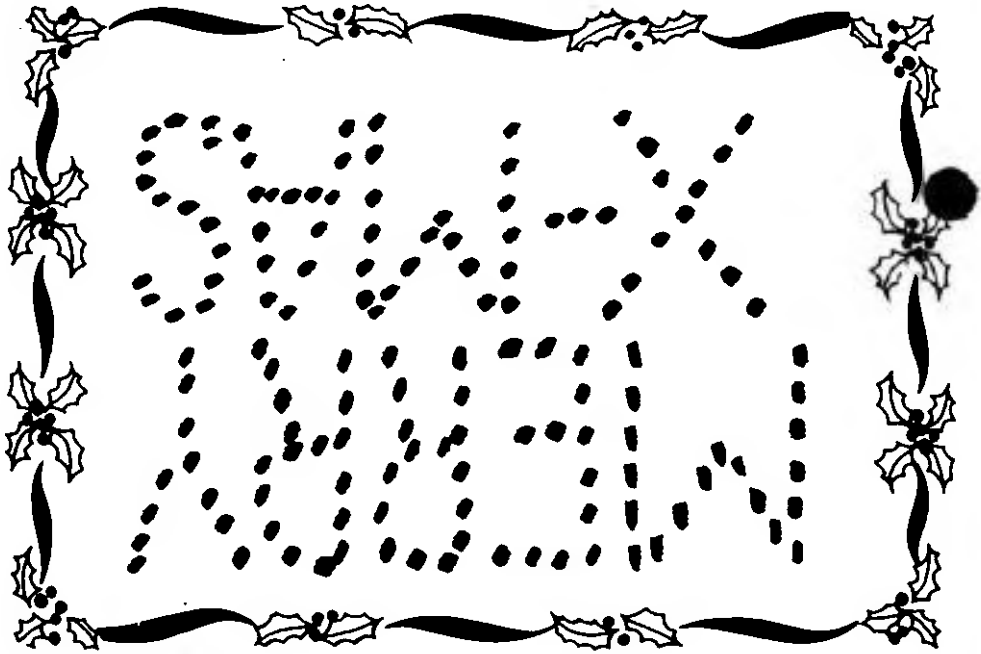
Connection Association Membership

annual dues \$10.00 enclosed

please enroll:

CONNECTION ASSOCIATION
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Bob Gupton

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Chicago Connection Proudly Presents The 7th Annual

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p.m. Sunday, June 26, 1977 - Wheeling High School Stadium

OUR GREATEST
SHOW EVER!

IN EXHIBITION: ★ **CAPITOLAIRES**
MADISON WI

IN COMPETITION:

★ **BLUE DEVILS**
CONCORD CA

★ **KILTS**
PACIFIC WI

★ **FREELANCERS**
SACRAMENTO CA

★ **CAVALIERS**
PARK RIDGE IL

★ **COLTS**
DUBUQUE IA

★ **GUARDSMEN**
SCHAUMBURG IL

★ **PHANTOM REGT.**
ROCKFORD IL

★ **SPIRIT OF ATLANTA**
ATLANTA GA

PLUS: The premier performance of
America's newest senior corps
from Wheeling Illinois...

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LAST CHANCE
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BONUS SPECIAL ATTRACTION!

C Corps Show starts at 5:30
starring the:

CAVALIER CADETS
GUARDSMEN CADETS
IMPERIAL CADETS

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GATES OPEN AT 5 P.M. _____ FIRST CORPS ON LINE AT 7:00 P.M.
Come early and enjoy our pre-show entertainment



THE CHICAGO CONNECTION

SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

P.O. BOX 463, WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090
(312) 537-0728 965-1882 763-7798

NEWS RELEASE

If you missed the Wheeling show of Drum & Bugle Corps on June 26th, you can now see the Midwest Senior Corps battle it out for the Championship on Sunday afternoon August 28, 1977. Five Corps will compete in the afternoon to determine the best in the Midwest title for 1977. The winners go on to Allentown, Pennsylvania for the National contest on Labor Day. Your own CHICAGO CONNECTION is going, so come on out. The admission is \$3.00 for adults and we're sure you'll have a great time.

The Connection's fund drive is still in progress, please send your tax exempt donations to -

CHICAGO CONNECTION
P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Ill. 60090

or call TOM DAY - Chicago - 763-7798 or BOB BRYSON - Wheeling - 537-0728

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-----chicagoland's only senior drum & bugle corps



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NEW RELEASE

The "CHICAGO CONNECTION" based in Wheeling, Illinois has an opportunity to compete nationally on Labor Day weekend in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Connection organized in January of 1977, has to-date been made Illinois only American Legion Representative as a Senior Drum & Bugle Corps.

Their membership now totals over one hundred (100) and recently they topped the Wheeling band in a local parade competition. The Corps can be seen Friday nites at the Wickes parking lot. The Corps desperately needs funds to make this trip, all donations any size are tax deductible as the Corps is a non-profit group. The Corps provides a musical outlet for High School grads and above. Please help by sending your donations to the -

CHICAGO CONNECTION
P.O. Box 463
Wheeling, Ill. 60090

The group is authorized by the City and Chamber of Commerce. For more information call TOM DAY of Chicago (763-7798) or BOB BRYSON (537-0728).

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The photo shows the Corps in uniform - membership is from Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

.....chicagoland's only senior drum & bugle corps

A PERSONAL INVITATION



THE "CHICAGO CONNECTION" BASED IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL MEDIA PREVIEW OF CHICAGOLANDS ONLY SENIOR DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS.

THE GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN NOW NUMBERS 80 MEMBERS AND HAS BEEN IN THE PLANNING SINCE NOVEMBER, 1976. THE AGES OF THESE DETERMINED CITIZENS CAN RANGE FROM 18 TO 80.

THE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TRUCK HAVE BEEN PURCHASED THRU THE EFFORTS AND FINANCING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE WHEELING TRUST & SAVINGS BANK AND SEVERAL OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE WHEELING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE CORPS THUS FAR HAS HAD TERRIFIC COOPERATION FROM THE PRESS, RADIO AND T.V. IN ITS EFFORT TO OBTAIN NEEDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND MEMBERS AND FOR THIS WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT OUR EFFORTS HAVE BUILT TO DATE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO OUR FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE GIVEN APRIL 15TH, 1977 AT 8:00 P.M. THE LOCATION IS THE WHEELING AMVETS HALL, JUST ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE NORTH WEST OF THE K-MART ON OAK CHENRY ROAD WHEELING, ILLINOIS. CHAMPAGNE AND HORS D' OEUUVRES WILL BE SERVED. A SHORT FILM ON DRUM CORPS NARRATED BY STAN KENTON WILL BE SHOWN ALONG WITH A BRIEF LIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE CORPS. WE HOPE TO SEE A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION THERE. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL MR. BOB BRYSON 537-0728 OR TOM DAY 763-7798, 965-1882.

SINCERELY,

TOM DAY
A DIRECTOR

TJD/dg

THE 1977 SHOW THEME HIGHLIGHTS "CHICAGO" AND THE "MY KIND OF TOWN" SPIRIT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY.

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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

"WHEELING'S ANNUAL DRUM CORPS COMPETITION"

P.O. Box 463 Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Phone: 537-0728

Dear friends:

Thank you again for your generous support. Your invoice for this year's program book is enclosed.

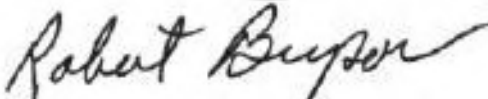
All proceeds from this year's program are being used to purchase uniforms for our great new senior drum corps... THE CHICAGO CONNECTION. In order to have uniforms in time for our Parade of Champions debut on June 26, they must be ordered now! Our uniform trousers (the most expensive part) have to be custom made and as such require full payment with our order. In order to have proper funds in hand to cover this expense we would like to ask if you could process this invoice as soon as possible. Your help in this matter would be most appreciated.

If you would like to see this year's pageant we would strongly advise that you order your reserved seat tickets now. Our advance ticket sale has been such that we are anticipating a sell-out of the reserved seat tickets long before June 26. If you would like tickets please write or call me at the above number and they will be set aside for you.

Thank you again for your support and consideration.

Very truly yours,

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS.


Robert Bryson, chairman