

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated
April 19, 2015**

Meeting called to order by President Don Fuson at 6:18 p.m. Central Time on April 19, 2015.

The following action was taken:

Quorum: President Fuson confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The following officers were present:

Officers

Society President Don Fuson
Society Immediate Past President Shannon Elswick
Society Executive Vice President Skipp Kropp
Society Treasurer Dwayne Cooper
Society Executive Secretary Marty Monson

The following Board Members were present:

Ed Bittle
Gerry Borden (joined the meeting late)
Doug Brown
Clarke Caldwell, Harmony Foundation President/CEO (non-voting member)
John Donehower
Dick Powell
John Santora

Society Staff

Erik Dove, CFO
Chip Gallent, Director of Operations
Erin Harris, Project Manager
Patty Leveille, Executive Assistant/Office and HR Manager

Guests

President Fuson recognized guests:

- Noah Funderburg, Chair of Governance and Bylaws Committee (joined the meeting late)
- Murray Phillips, DP Moderator (joined the meeting late)

Meeting Appointments

President Fuson appointed Doug Brown as the Parking Lot Attendant.

Additions to the Agenda

One addition was added to the agenda. District President Council report by Murray Phillips DP Moderator.

Minutes

Motion made and passed to approve the March 22nd, 2015 Society Board WebEx minutes as presented.

Parking Lot Review

President Fuson recognized Erin Harris who reviewed with the Board Parking Lot items remaining from previous Society Board meetings.

BUSINESS

Ethics Committee

The Board received the committee's report. President Fuson updated the Board on the kind of ethic complaints being reviewed for possible action by the Board. EVP Skipp Kropp and G&B Chair Noah Funderburg are in the process of reviewing the Society's current Ethics Complaint processes at both the district and Society levels. An update will be presented to the Board at their June 2015 Board meeting.

Hall of Fame

Through the Hall of Fame's committee report, the Board received the committee's recommendations for the 2015 Hall of Fame honorees. Discussion was held.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Hall of Fame's recommendation as presented. The honorees will be announced during the 2015 International convention.

Honorary Membership

The Honorary Membership Committee report was provided to the Board. No action was taken.

Society Board Nominating Committee

President Fuson offered an update to the Board on behalf of the Society Board Nominating Committee regarding the 2016 Board nominations process. The committee is on target to meet all deadlines in the nomination process to the District Presidents, CEO and Board. The committee will recommend at least four candidates to replace the two Board Member-at-Large positions which expires the end of 2015.

CEO Evaluation

CEO Evaluation Committee Chair, Shannon Elswick reported that the committee will be meeting before the Board's May 2015 WebEx meeting and will provide an update to the Board at that their May 2015 meeting.

Year-long Governance Advocate Position

President Fuson is working with the Governance and Bylaws Committee on language to be proposed to the Board for possible adoption by the Board for a new position to the Board, a Year-Long Governance Advocate. Board discussion on this topic will occur at its April 26 2015 Board WebEx meeting.

Board Meetings

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 Board's fall meetings. An update on meeting dates will be provided at the June 2015 Board meeting.

Annual Planning Cycle

The Annual Planning Cycle Committee will be meeting June 27 with key staff to develop the tracking of the 2015 metrics and first draft of the 2016 AIMS.

General Discussions

President Fuson opened for discussion the following topics:

- Mixed Harmony Integration
- Transgender Issues
- District Endowments

Open discussion was held on each topic with no actions taken by the Board.

District Presidents Council

DP Moderator, Murray Phillips updated the Board on the DP Councils priority agendas.

- Society Insurance
 - Permanent chapter guest
- The use of Basecamp by district officers
- All District Senior Chorus Competition for the Midwinter convention.

CLOSING

Parking Lot

Doug Brown reported the following Parking Lot items:

April 26, 2015	ALL SBOD Review and comment upon the APCC's 2015 Aims and metrics tied to programs (as it appears in Basecamp)
April 26, 2015	Fuson/Funderburg Prepare language for Annual appointment of Governance Advocate
May WebEx	Fuson, Borden and Powell Provide training protocol for WEBEX calls (to minimize technical problems going forward)
May WebEx	Elswick CEO Evaluation Committee Process Update for SBOD
May WebEx	Kropp/Funderburg Revise Ethics complaint process documents for Society Board review and comment
May WebEx	Dove Finalize clarifications surrounding our Insurance coverage issues as raised by the DP Council. (One specific question surrounded treatment of "permanent guests")

June 2015 BOD Mtg. Monson, Caldwell and Phillips
Streamline (and then communicate recommendations) Harmony Foundation's solutions for the handling/support of endowments (and endowment funds), regardless of whether it is a district or chapter generated idea. Who has permission to solicit donations from our members?

TBD Monson/Funderburg
Dissemination of new process of the Ethics complaint procedure out to districts or general membership (operational details)

Jan 2016 Funderburg/HOF Chair
Submit recommended changes regarding timing for Society Board's approval of Hall of Fame recommendations for new honorees

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin L. Monson, Executive Secretary

Approved May 17, 2015