

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated
August 24, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Shannon Elswick at 8:00 p.m. EST

The following action was taken:

Quorum: The Secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The following were present:

Officers

Society President Shannon Elswick
Society Immediate Past President Alan Lamson (absent for the first vote)
Society Executive Vice President Don Fuson
Society Treasurer Dwayne Cooper
Society Executive Director and Secretary Marty Monson (non-voting member)

Board Members

Gerry Borden
Doug Brown
Clarke Caldwell, Harmony Foundation President/CEO (non-voting member)
Skipp Kropp
Randy Loos

The following were absent:

Gary Plaag
Dick Powell

Guests

Noah Funderburg, Governance and Bylaws Chair
Chris Buechler, Governance and Bylaws Committee
Kevin Keller, SCJC Chair
Murray Phillips, DP Moderator
John Donehower, Society Board Member-at-Large Elect
John Santora, Society Board Member-at-Large Elect

BUSINESS

Waiver of Notice Requirement

Motion made, seconded, and passed to waive the notice requirement regarding reports and documents in support of this meeting's agenda. Motion was passed by roll call vote.

SCJC Rule Discussion

Discussion was held regarding the Contest and Judging rules surrounding the topic of out-of-district quartet qualification and official quartet representative(s) to the International Convention.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to modify the International quartet qualification rules as presented by SCJC and G&B for a new quartet to post district fall conventions as follows:

Proposed rule change - New quartet not needing any permission from home district (SCJC and G&B Joint Proposal)

4. Out of District Competition

- a. Request: Under normal circumstances, quartets are expected to compete in their home districts. In exceptional circumstances, however, a quartet may request to compete in a district other than their home district.
- b. Action: Such requests by quartets to compete in a district other than their home district must be unanimously approved by the requested district's district representative for contest and judging and district president, and the home district's district representative for contest and judging and district president. However, if a new quartet initially registers with the Society Contest and Judging office (Art.I.A.1.d) after its home international preliminary contest deadline, it only needs approval of the requested district's district representative for contest and judging and district president. In this case, the home district's district representative for contest and judging will receive an information copy of the request.
- c. Deadline:
 - (1) For international preliminary quartet contests and international preliminary seniors quartet contests, this request must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the official entry deadline for the earlier international preliminary contest of the affected districts, regardless of the international preliminary contest in which the quartet is planning to compete, ~~unless the quartet initially registers with the Society Contest and Judging office (Art.I.A.1.d) after the earlier international preliminary contest deadline.~~ or, in the case of a new quartet registered after its home district preliminary contest deadline, at least 30 days prior to the requested district's preliminary contest official entry deadline.

Motion was passed by roll call vote.

Parking Lot

No additional Parking Lot items were added during this meeting. Items remaining in the Parking Lot from previous meetings are as follows:

Governance and Bylaws

1. G&B to run the proposed language for the revised Chapter Suspension and Charter Revocation process by the full G&B Committee and present final language to the Board for approval.
2. Board to hold further discussion regarding the G&B June 2014 Youth Protection Policy
3. Wording for Society membership application regarding men of good charter question and/or convictions

Board

1. Governance and Bylaws Committee will develop language for the Board's consideration, regarding Nominating Committee candidate selections. Sections involved are as follows: 7.01 (c) (3) (4) and (5) of the Society's Bylaws
2. For future discussion: Chapter naming: how does Society ensure compliance with chapter naming?
3. 8.02 C&J. Reference Doug Brown's questions as to word changes to 8.02 and 8.03 b as appointed by CEO suggested by Alan Lamson
4. G&B to work with Honorary Membership Committee for clarification of how the committee functions with regard to presentation and approval of nominees
5. District in good standing regarding ASCAP and BMI

Treasurer

1. Treasurer to offer clarification as to numbers reported, regarding ASCAP, BMI etc. Are they accurate and/or appropriate?
2. Marketplace...when to report markdowns for 2013 or 2014? (Monson)

Finance Committee/Treasurer (to address):

1. Program fund balance
2. Program fund...what are allowable (future) uses
3. Should investment returns be treated differently and how they are currently treated?

Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee to provide recommendations to Executive Limitation regarding EL dealing with finances.

Executive Limitation Task Force

1. Executive Limitations Task Force report to be presented at a future date.

Adjournment

There being no further business President Elswick declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin L. Monson, Executive Secretary