

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of  
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated  
March 9, 2014**

Meeting called to order by President Shannon Elswick at approximately 9:00 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  
Society Executive Vice President Don Fuson  
Society Treasurer Dwayne Cooper  
Society Executive Director and Secretary Marty Monson (non-voting member)

Board Members

Gerry Borden  
Clarke Caldwell, Harmony Foundation President/CEO (non-voting member)  
Skipp Kropp  
Dick Powell

The following were absent:

Doug Brown  
Gary Plaag  
Randy Loos

Guest

Noah Funderburg, Governance and Bylaws Chair

Staff

Patty Leveille, Executive Assistant/Office and HR Manager

**BUSINESS**

**Notification Requirements**

Motion made, seconded, and passed to waive the notice requirements of the issues before the Board on this date.

### Senior Quartet Qualification Waiver Request

President Elswick opened for discussion a request from the Mid-Atlantic District for a waiver of Senior Quartet Qualification rules. Motion made, seconded, and passed: to grant the waiver request from the Mid-Atlantic District to allow them to qualify, for this year only, their district's International Senior Quartet representative by using all of their spring division competition scores and then ranking the senior quartet competitors by score.

### Closing Reports

#### Parking Lot

Parking Lot item being carried over from earlier Board meetings:

1. G&B and Ethics Committee will update the Board on the issue of defining the phrase “men of good character”.
2. By May, WEBEX, G&B will complete all pending changes to the Board Policy Manual and present to the Board for review.
3. By July, G&B will present recommendations to the board for changes to the Bylaws and/or Board Policy Manual with a schedule for accomplishing those recommendations.
4. The CEO/CFO will present a financial summary of the Midwinter Convention to the Board as soon as possible.
5. The Governance and Bylaws Committee is to review their recent recommendations (to the Board) regarding Society Youth Safety Policies and confer with the President. The president will send the document (or a summary of the document) to the DP Council.

### Adjournment

President Elswick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Martin L. Monson, Executive Secretary