

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of  
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated  
September 20, 2015**

Meeting called to order by President Don Fuson at 8:01 p.m. CT on September 20, 2015.

**The following action was taken:**

**Quorum:** The Executive Secretary, Marty Monson, confirmed the presence of a quorum to President Fuson.

**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

**Board Members:**

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

**Absent Board Members:**

Doug Brown

**Society Staff:**

Erik Dove, CFO  
Chip Gallent, Director of Operations  
Erin Harris, Project Manager  
Patty Leveille, Outgoing Executive Assistant/Office and HR Manager  
Kevin Lynch, Chief Strategy Officer  
Michele Niec, Incoming Executive Assistant/Office Manager

**Guests:**

Murray Phillips (BMAL-elect)  
Matt Mercier (BMAL-elect)  
Kevin Keller, Society Contest and Judging Committee Chair  
David Leeder, Society Contest and Judging Committee member  
Barry Towner, Society Contest and Judging Committee member

Chris Buechler (G&B)  
Noah Funderburg (G&B)

### **Meeting Appointments:**

President Fuson appointed:  
Noah Funderburg as Parliamentarian  
Don Fuson as Parking Lot Attendant  
Ed Bittle as Governance Advocate

### **Waiver of Notice Requirement:**

Motion made and passed to waive any additional material that were not sent in within 5 day period.

### **Minutes**

Motion made and passed to approve the August 16, 2015 Society Board WebEx meeting minutes as presented.

### **Governance Advocate:**

President Fuson moved to receive the Governance Advocate Report. The motion was not called for a vote.

### **Addition to Agenda**

Financial update added to agenda.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **SCJC**

President Fuson recognized Kevin Keller SCJC Chair who introduced SCJC committee members David Leeder and Barry Towner to the call before highlighting notes on the following SCJC topics: pseudo random drawing, non-member judges, and presentation category name change.

**The Pseudo Random Draw:** The pseudo random draw would pertain to choruses, and not quartets, to place top competitors side-by-side at end of contest round to create excitement. The SCJC raised the possibility of a pseudo random draw in Nashville in 2016, but no action was taken and no specific decision has been made as yet. Board approval would need to happen before FAM trip (November 20-22, 2015).

**Open Judging Community to Non-Members (affiliates, music educators, and women):** Discussion to remove the need to be a BHS member in order to serve the Society as a certified judge was held.

**Presentation Category Name Change:** Mr. Keller presented a brief history of the category.

A timeline for the Board to ask questions and gather information was agreed upon:

1. September 20, 2015 until the 2015 Fall Forum - Board to ask SCJC questions
2. Nov. 13-15- 2015: SCJC will request a vote of confidence from Society Board
3. Jan. 15, 2016: Materials deadline for SCJC for BOD approval at Midwinter meeting (Jan. 26-31, 2016)

This topic was carried forward and will be included in the Fall Board of Directors meeting on November 13, 2015.

### **FINANCE**

Erik Dove, Society CFO provided a brief financial summary report Through July 2015 prior to the Finance Committee's Q3 report. Discussion was held. President Fuson asked the Finance Committee Chair, John Santora, to again review the timing, content and schedule for monthly/quarterly financial (short) reviews versus detailing reporting.

## **CEO**

Marty Monson discussed action items including HOD and District Boards messages:

- The HOD bulletin was sent and attached to Basecamp. It is actionable and relevant to the chapter level and the chapter leader attending HOD meetings
- The annual report and letter are being sent out the week ending 09/26/2015
- There is a brief survey going to Chapter Leaders at the end of October to gauge the value of the Society to its members

Mr. Monson announced the new Society-Only Membership is on target and set to launch on 10/01/2015. President Fuson asked DP Moderator Murry Phillips about the DPs general knowledge regarding the Society-Only Membership. Mr. Phillips stated the DP council is very supportive of the new membership option. Mr. Monson reported that the DP Council was given a presentation in New Orleans and it was well received.

## **APCC**

Skipp Kropp walked the BOD through a presentation to refine AIMS to the proposed term Pillars. Discussion was held. The Board will discuss the APCC final AIMS proposal during their October WebEx call and again at the Fall Forum Board meeting. Board members are encouraged to address their thoughts and questions to the committee prior to the October meeting.

President Fuson discussed with the Board the possibility of changing the structure of the APCC. The Annual Planning Cycle Committee is currently a three-person, three-year committee. President Fuson may introduce a proposal to change the committee to a five member committee. No action was asked for or taken at this time.

## **CLOSING**

### **Parking Lot**

President Fuson reported the following Parking Lot items for October:

1. The Finance Committee will review and modify, if necessary, the schedule of reporting financial information to the Board. (Santora)
2. G&B to bring resolution to Ethics Process; Standard By-Laws (Funderburg)
3. President Fuson to discuss proposed change to APC Committee (Fuson/Funderburg)
4. CEO to provide Outreach summary (Monson)
5. Murray Phillips will provide a DP Council summary (Phillips)
6. Skipp Kropp will report on APCC feedback from the DP Council briefing (Kropp)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin L. Monson, Executive Secretary