

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of  
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated  
December 16, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Alan Lamson at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2012.

**The following action was taken:**

Quorum – Through the process of roll call a quorum was confirmed.

**The following were present:**

Officers Present:

Society President Alan Lamson

Society Executive Vice President Shannon Elswick

Society Treasurer Dwayne Cooper

Society CEO and Secretary Marty Monson (non-voting member)

Board Members

Rick Ashby

Joe Cerutti

Clarke Caldwell, Harmony Foundation President/CEO (non-voting member)

Don Fuson

John Miller

Jim Sams

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Society Immediate Past President Bill Biffle

Gary Plaag

**Guests:**

Gerry Borden, SBMAL (elect)

David Calland, SBMAL (elect)

## **Status of Task Force Reports**

### **Information Technology Policy Task Force**

The report of the Information Technology Policy Task Force has been submitted for consideration at the Board meeting.

### **Mixed Harmony Affiliate Task Force**

The report of the Mixed Harmony Affiliate Task Force will be delayed. The chair, Joe Cerutti, is seeking couples who will agree to be part of the first administrative structure of the task force and assist with preparation of the organizational documents for presentation to the Board for possible adoption. C&J has looked at the proposal and feels that they are okay with supporting mixed harmony efforts in the future for competitions. Chris Buechler has been working on the organizational documents.

### **Foundation for a Lifetime of Learning Task Force**

The report of the Foundations for a Lifetime of Learning Task Force will be delayed. The chair, Dave Calland, has been in touch with several people outside of the task force who are barbershoppers with home schooling experience who might be willing to assist in material preparation.

## **2013 Board Committee Appointments**

President elect, Shannon Elswick reported that committee appointments for the 2013 Board Committees should be completed within a week.

## **Parking Lot Items**

There was a general discussion of the November 2012 Board meetings “Parking Lot” items that will be on the Board’s January 2013 Board meeting agenda.

## **2013 Midwinter Board Activities**

Mr. Elswick reminded the Board of the scheduled Board activities to be held at the January 2013 Midwinter Convention. The Board will start on Wednesday evening with a reception followed by an informal meeting with CEO Marty Monson to discuss his first four months with the Society. Thursday morning will include Board photos, installation of the 2013 new Board members and officers, and a general session for all convention attendees that will include a ‘State of the Society’ message by Marty Monson. There will be a working lunch with the District Presidents and the Board. The Board is expected to conclude its business Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Elswick also provided the Board with a general overview of a new 23K Task Force that will initiate a call to every Society member within the first half of 2013. CEO Marty Monson endorses the program and will be speaking with the technology team to ensure the data collected can be integrated into Aptify for future programs and other engagements with members.

## **CEO**

CEO Marty Monson joined the teleconference late after completing a teleconference with the District Presidents where he had discussed the proposal from C&J for allowing districts to restructure their conventions and contests as well as his discussion with the District Presidents regarding 2013 sub-aims for the Society's Annual Plan.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin L. Monson, Secretary