

BQPA/PIONEERS



Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association

2011 Bylaws

PURPOSE:

The Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association (BQPA/PIONEERS) has been organized to encourage, promote and participate in quartet singing in the barbershop style as it is defined in the Style Definition on the official BQPA Website.

ORGANIZATION:

a. Officers: Officers of BQPA/PIONEERS are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. These officers shall also constitute the Board of Directors. The President may propose additional Board members. Upon approval of the existing Board they shall become full members of the Board. The officers and Board members shall serve for a two-year term. Their names and positions shall be posted on the BQPA website. They shall serve without compensation.

b. Election: The Board of Directors shall present a slate of officer nominees for vote at the even numbered years of the Spring Festival. Nominations from the floor may also be made by the membership at that festival, with the prior approval of the candidate.

c. Duties: The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President may assign duties to the officers and board

members as deemed appropriate. The President may also appoint a replacement officer or board_member in the event of incapacity. The President may establish committees and committee chairmen as deemed appropriate. The President is the official spokesperson for BQPA/PIONEERS.

d. Board of Directors: The Board shall meet in advance of each Quartet Festival. A majority of the board is a quorum. A majority of the quorum is needed to take official action on any measure. A board member may participate and vote in person, by telephone, or electronically.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in BQPA/PIONEERS is open to all men and women who share our love of traditional barbershop harmony. Upon submittal of an application and payment of the initial \$15 fee they become members for life and are entitled to vote and become officers or board members of BQPA/PIONEERS.

Festival attendees, both members and guests, will be encouraged to make a modest donation suggested by the Board of Directors at the time of registration for each semi-annual festival. The donations will be used to defray the cost of the festivals and the expenses of the organization, as authorized by the Board of Directors.