

# BARBERSHOP QUARTET PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS

Adopted 4/10/2010

### PURPOSE:

The Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association 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 of BQPA are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. There will also be two Members at Large to be populated as necessary. These officers shall also constitute the Board of Directors. The officers 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 Quartet Festival. Nominations from the floor may also be made by the membership at that festival. Members are encouraged to suggest candidates to the Board of Directors, with the prior approval of the candidate

c. Duties: The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors. The President may assign such duties to the officers deemed appropriate. The President may also appoint a replacement officer in the event of the incapacity of an officer to serve. The President may establish committees and committee chairmen deemed appropriate. The President is the official spokes person for BQPA.

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 agreeing members of the Board (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 is open to all male/female 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 of BQPA.

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.

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### FESTIVALS AND MEETINGS:

It is anticipated that there will be two Quartet Festivals every year. One will be held in the eastern and one in the western part of the United States. At each Quartet Festival there will be a general meeting of the membership chaired by the President. The President will review the past actions taken by the Board and any other matter thought to be significant. The President may request ratification of any pending decisions. This may be done by a majority vote of those members attending the meeting and that vote will take precedence over any action of the President or the Board. Members may bring up matters pertinent to BQPA at either of these meetings.