

Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association (BQPA)

By Laws and Operational Criteria

Purpose

The Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association (BQPA) is organized to promote, preserve and encourage quartet singing in the traditional Barbershop style, as defined in the style definition page of the BQPA website. (www.bqpa.com)

Membership is open to all, regardless of gender.

Organization

- A. There will be two BQPA Festivals each year with one being in the eastern part of North America and the other in the west.
- B. There will be a General Membership Meeting at each festival for the conduct of official BQPA business. All members of BQPA have voting privileges and a simple majority is required to pass/fail a vote.
- C. Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and possibly 2 Board Member at Large. Officers will serve without compensation for 2 year terms.
- E. Election of Officers shall take place at the Spring Festival on even numbered years. The Board of Directors shall present a slate of nominees. With the prior consent of the nominee, a nomination can be made from the floor. Unscheduled Vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President with the concurrence a majority of the Board. The replacement will be approved/rejected by the membership at the next General Meeting.
- F. All actions of the Board of Directors are subject to review, approval or rejection by a vote of the membership.
- ~~G. The presiding Board of Directors are authorized to make adjustments in the Bylaws and Operating Criteria, as necessary, to assure continued progress of the BQPA.~~

Financial

- A. Lifetime membership in the BQPA shall require a one time fee of \$15.00
- B. The fiscal year shall be on a calendar year basis. At each General Membership Meeting the Treasurer will have a financial status report available for members review that shows the income, disbursements and current status of the BQPA's treasury
- C. Reimbursement for travel expenses as necessary to conduct BQPA business may be authorized by the Board of Directors. Any reimbursement will require an affirmative vote from all members of the BOD.

Communication

- A. The principal means of communication with the membership shall be by means of the Google groups email list and the BQPA website. www.bqpa.com
- B. The names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the Board of Directors will be posted on the BQPA website.
- C. The President shall be the official spokesperson for the BQPA. On matters of significance or controversy the President shall have the consensus of a majority of the Board of Directors before making a public statement.
- D. The President shall be the liaison with the BQPA webmaster and the Moderator of the mail list with authority to make modifications, additions or deletions with the concurrence of the Board on matters of controversy.
- E. The BQPA mail list is to be used exclusively for the promotion of the purposes of the BQPA's mission of quartet encouragement and to convey information to the membership.