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ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be Reno *Silver Dollar Chorus*, Nevada Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.).

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE & Mission

Section 2.01 The purposes of this Chapter

- a. Shall be to perpetuate the old American institution, the Barbershop Quartet, and to promote and encourage vocal harmony and good fellowship among its members; to encourage and promote the education of its members and the public in music appreciation; to initiate, promote and participate in charitable projects; and to promote public appreciation of barbershop harmony.
- b. The chapter activities shall be conducted without personal gain for its individual members and any profits or other inurnments to the chapter shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Society, District or Chapter.
- c. The Corporation shall have no power to engage in activities not in furtherance of its exempt purposes, to more than an insubstantial extent.

Section 2.02 The Mission of the Chapter

- a . The chapter shall strive to serve the musical needs of all current and potential members by providing and actively supporting a wide variety

- of barbershopping opportunities, which may include organized quartetting, pickup quartetting, and chorus singing.
- b. The Mission “Bringing men together in harmony and fellowship to enrich their lives through singing.”
 - c. Our Vision is to be “Nevada’s premier harmony group.”

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.0 Qualifications for Membership:

- a. Any adult male person of good character and reputation may be considered for membership or for transfer from another chapter, subject to the applicant's agreement to abide by the Society's governing documents and Code of Ethics and subject to such further and reasonable restrictions as may be adopted by the chapter and incorporated in its By-Laws.
- b. A "Member" is one whose chapter, district and international dues are fully paid and who is not under suspension by his chapter or the International Board of Directors. A "Former Member" is one who has not paid his yearly dues by his membership expiration date.

Section 3.02 There shall be but one membership classification, that of active membership. No honorary memberships shall be allowed.

Section 3.03 Manner of Admission:

- a. Applications for membership, including applications for transfer from another chapter, shall be submitted in writing upon forms furnished therefore and must be supported by two members in good standing. Such applications must be accompanied by the initiation fee and initial dues. A favorable report from an interview with the chapter membership committee and after signing the Chapter Membership Agreement (Chorus Policies and Procedures - Section 6). Also, he must receive a majority favorable vote of the chapter board of directors after passing a vocal audition by the chorus director. Following such approval, the applicant's admission to membership in the Society shall become effective upon receipt and approval at the International Office of a report of the chapter approval of the application, and his expiration date shall be set

accordingly.

- b. A Former Member seeking to renew his membership shall be required to reapply for membership, which application shall be subject to the approval of the chapter board of directors or as provided above. A Former Member who renews shall pay the fees and charges set forth in Section 4.02.

Section 3.04 Suspension or Expulsion:

- a. A demand to suspend or expel a member shall be in writing, shall state clearly the charge against such member and shall be signed by the complainant, except when initiated by the International Executive Committee or the chapter executive committee or board of directors. A refusal to accept renewal dues tendered by a member prior to the expiration of his current membership shall be deemed to be a demand to suspend or expel the member.
- b. A member may be suspended or expelled only for such acts or omissions as shall constitute conduct unbecoming a member or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Society in the fulfillment of its objects and purposes, or, for willful violations of the Code of Ethics of the Society or of the rules, regulations or statements of policy promulgated by the International Board of Directors of the Society.
- c. Non-attendance at regular chapter meetings may be considered such conduct at the discretion of the chapter board of directors. A member charged with wrongdoing, and facing suspension or expulsion by his chapter therefore, shall be informed of the charges in writing; shall be accorded a hearing upon demand therefore, and shall be suspended or expelled only following two weeks' notice to chapter member of the pending proceedings and upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board of directors which a quorum is present. Suspension or expulsion of a member may also be affected by the International Board of Directors of the Society pursuant to Section 3.01(c) of the International By-Laws, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- d. Any member, having been suspended by the chapter, as provided in (b) above, shall lose all privileges of membership except the receipt of the Harmonizer (unless the chapter shall qualify the conditions of the

suspension with specific restrictions and not all privileges), during the period of his suspension, and shall be reinstated automatically at the end of such suspension, unless his actions warrant an extension or expulsion, which action shall be taken as above provided.

Section 3.05 Appeal: Any person aggrieved by suspension or expulsion may appeal the same within thirty (30) days to the International Board of Directors whose decision in the matter shall be final.

Section 3.06 Re-admittance of Expelled Members:

- a. No former Society member having been expelled for cause by the chapter, or having resigned to avoid expulsion for cause, shall be readmitted to membership except by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the chapter board of directors.
- b. Re-admittance of members expelled by the International Board of Directors shall be governed by the conditions of Section 3.01(e) of the International By-Laws, that is, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
DUES, FEES, FISCAL YEAR

Section 4.01 Initiation Fee: The initiation fee shall be set by the chapter board of directors, but in no case shall it be less than that required by the International By-Laws.

Section 4.02 Service Charge and Reinstatement Fee: Any member who Former members who renew their membership within six months of their expiration date must pay, in addition to the Society dues, the late renewal service charge set by the Society Board. Former members who renew their membership later than six months following their expiration date must pay, in addition to the Society dues, the reinstatement fee set by the Society Board.

Section 4.03 Annual Dues:

- a. The annual dues of this chapter shall be such amount as may be decided by the chapter board of directors, from time to time, and shall include

international dues, the Harmonizer subscription, district dues and shall be payable in advance.

- b. Dues are fully earned when paid, and there shall be no refund of any portion of the dues in the event of the resignation, death, suspension or expulsion of a member.

Section 4.04 Finances:

- a. All finances and monies collected by the chapter from dues, penalties, donations or payments for shows and performances shall be under the control of the chapter board of directors and shall only be used in promoting the purposes of the Society without personal gain to any individual members.

Section 4.05 Fiscal Year:

- a. The fiscal year of the chapter shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 5.01 Membership Meetings:

- a. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held *weekly* at such time and place as the chapter shall designate.
- b. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting or by the president, and notice of such special meeting shall be mailed to the members not less than ten days prior to the date of such meeting.
- c. The annual meeting for the election of officers and directors shall be held prior to October 15th of each year and notice of the date of such meeting shall be given notice to the members at least two weeks prior to such date.

Section 5.02 Board of Directors:

- a. The board of directors shall meet at least once each month at a time and place determined by the president.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS & DIRECTIORS

Section 6.01 Officers:

- a. The officers of this chapter shall be president, two or more vice-presidents, one of whom shall be designated membership vice-president and another as music and performance vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the chapter.
- b. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined. Officers shall be elected annually, shall take office on January 1st of the following year and serve until their successors are duly elected and installed.
- c. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their office and such other duties as the board of directors shall direct and are outlined in the Chapter Policies and Procedures – Section 2.

Section 6.02 Directors:

- a. The board of directors shall consist of the officers, the immediate past president and three other active members of the chapter, called board members-at-large, who shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the officers.
- b. The board members-at-large may be elected annually, or they may be elected for terms of two or not more than three years in such combination groups that the chapter will be provided with staggered terms of office among this group of directors.
- c. In any event, the board members-at-large shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified; provided, however, that there shall be not less than seven directors, including officers, on the board of directors.

Section 6.03 Removal of Officers or Directors:

- a. Any officer or director of this chapter may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting when a quorum is present; provided, however, that notice of such meeting and the purposes of same has been given to the membership at least two weeks prior to the date of said meeting.

Section 6.04 Vacancies:

- a. Vacancies among officers or directors shall be filled by the board of directors for any unexpired term.

- b. A vacancy in the office of the president may be filled automatically by any vice-president at the option of the chapter.
- c. In the event that any officer or director, after election at the annual meeting, shall be unable to take office and serve after January 1st of the following year, a vacancy shall be declared, the nominating committee shall propose another member for such office and a special election shall be held after a notice of not less than two weeks and such elected officer or director shall take office on January 1st following his election.

Section 6.05 Delegates:

- a. Chapter delegates and alternates to the district House of Delegates shall be the president or a member he appoints to be his replacement.

Section 6.06 Duties of the officers are outlined in the Chapter Policies and Procedures - Section 2.

ARTICLE VII
ELECTIONS

Section 7.01 Nominating Committee:

- a. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three members of the chapter. This committee shall select one nominee for each elective office and directorship and shall submit its report at a regular meeting or by email at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- b. This shall constitute the placing of the names in nomination.

Section 7.02 Opposing Nominations:

- a. Opposing nominations may be submitted by any member, provided, however, that consent of any nominee must be first obtained, and provided further, that notice of such nomination shall be given at a meeting or by email at least one week prior to the annual meeting.

Section 7.03 Voting:

- a. When there is more than one nominee for an office, voting shall be done by written ballot.
- b. Each member in good standing is entitled to cast one vote, and voting by proxy is not permitted.
- c. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES & Appointments

Section 8.01 Committees:

- a. On or before January 1st of each year, the president-elect shall have appointed the following standing committees: membership; program; community service; public relations; and nominating.
- b. During the year the president may appoint such other regular or special committees as he shall deem necessary or which shall be approved by the board of directors.
- c. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall instruct them in their duties.
- d. Duties for the committees are outlined in the Chapter Policies and Procedures.

Section 8.02 Appointments:

- a. On or before January 1st of each year the following appointments are to be made: Executive Vice-president; Editor of the Chorus newsletter, “The Silver Dollar Bill”; Chapter Historian, and the Music Liberian.
- b. Duties for appointees are located in Policies and Procedures section 3.

ARTICLE IX
QUORUM

Section 9.01 Chapter Meetings:

- a. Thirty (30) percent of the membership of the chapter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the chapter. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the membership, and there shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 9.02 Board Meetings:

- a. At board meetings, a simple majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X
AFFILIATION

Section 10.01 Affiliation:

- a. This chapter shall be affiliated with the International Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in

America, Inc., a non-stock, non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and shall be a member of the Far Western District association of chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

Section 10.02 Policy:

- a. This chapter shall be subject to all of the rules and regulations contained in the International Society's Charter, By-Laws, and Statements of Policy adopted and promulgated from time to time, and shall adopt no rule or policy inconsistent therewith.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION

Section 11.01 In the event of the dissolution:

- a. This chapter, voluntarily or otherwise, the person or persons having custody of the chapter funds, property, and assets, after payment of all obligations, within thirty days of such dissolution, shall give, convey, assign, transfer and set over to the district association of chapters of which it is a member, all of said chapter funds, property, and assets.
- b. All such property accruing to said district shall be used to promote the aims and purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Section 12.01: Amendment by Chapter

- a. These By-Laws may be amended by this chapter only as may be necessary to comply with the laws of any nation, state or province. Any such amendment shall not become effective until approved by the International Board of Directors.
- b. Notice and Voting: Proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be mailed, together with notice of the meeting, to each chapter member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which they are to be voted on.
- c. Amendments may be considered at any regular or special meeting of the chapter at which a quorum is present, and shall be adopted upon two-thirds vote of the members present.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned, being a Director of the above named corporation, do hereby consent to the foregoing By-Laws and adopt the same as and for the By-Laws of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25 day of MARCH, 1985.

Richard L. Cornell, Esq.

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, I the undersigned, being a Director of the above named corporation, do hereby consent to the foregoing By-Laws and Amendments and adapt the same as and for the By-Laws of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10 day of MARCH, 2015

Fred B. Watson, PhD