

**PAPPYS Bylaws
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ARTICLE I

Name-Organization

1.01 Name;

The name of this organization shall be **PRESENT AND PAST PRESIDENTS OF YOUR SOCIETY (PAPPYS)** (hereinafter called the "PAPPYS"). PAPPYS is organized as envisioned by its charter members also being past presidents in the Sunrise Division of the Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Mission

2.01 Purpose

The purpose of PAPPYS shall be to support Chapters Quartets and members of the Sunrise Division, 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.

PAPPYS activities shall be conducted without personal gain for its individual members and any profits or other inurnments to PAPPYS shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Sunrise Division.

2.02 Mission

PAPPYS' mission is to promote the activities of the Sunrise Division Chapters by actively supporting a wide variety of Barbershopping opportunities, which may include organized quarteting, chorus singing.

ARTICLE III

Membership

3.01 Qualifications for membership

Any male person who has been elected President of his Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter is eligible to be a member of PAPPYS.

3.02 Classification

There are 2 classifications of membership. Active means a member whose dues are current. Associate means a member whose dues are not current.

3.03 Manner of admission

All Present and Past Presidents of a Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter are eligible to join PAPPYS.

ARTICLE IV

Dues, fees and fiscal year

4.01 Annual dues

The annual dues shall be such amount as may be decided by a majority vote at a PAPPYS meeting.

4.02 Finances

All finances and monies collected by PAPPYS from dues, donations or payments for shows and performances shall be under the control of PAPPYS membership and shall only be used in promoting the purposes **OF** PAPPYS without personal gain to any individual members.

4.03 Fiscal year

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

ARTICLE V

Meetings

5.01 Membership meetings

- (a) Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held at such time and place as PAPPYS membership shall designate.
- (b) Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting or by the GRANDPAPPY, and notice of such special meeting shall be given 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 November meeting of each year and notice of the date of such meeting shall be given to the members at least two weeks prior to such date.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and directors

6.01 Officers

The officers of PAPPYS shall be GRANDPAPPY, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary to conduct PAPPYS affairs. Officers shall be elected to two-year terms and may succeed themselves. Officers shall take office on January 1 of the following year and serve until their successors are duly elected and take office. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their office and such other duties as the board of directors shall direct. Each officer shall be an active member of PAPPYS.

6.02 Directors

The board of directors shall consist of the officers, the immediate PAST GRANDPAPPY and 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. 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. 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 that number of directors required by provincial law.

6.03 Removal of officers or directors

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

6.04 Vacancies

- (a) Vacancies among officers or directors shall be filled by the board of directors for any unexpired term. A vacancy in the office of the GRANDPAPPY may be filled automatically by a VICE GRANDPAPPY. In the event of a vacancy in the position of immediate past GRANDPAPPY, a successor may be elected from among those past presidents who are able and willing to serve. A GRANDPAPPY who resigns or is removed during his term of office does not thereby become the immediate past GRANDPAPPY.
- (b) In the event that any officer or director, after election at the annual meeting, shall be unable to take office and serve after January 1 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 1 following his election.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

7.01 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall consist of the GRANDPAPPY and 2 PAST GRANDPAPPYS. This committee shall select one nominee for each elective office and directorship and shall submit its report at a regular meeting or by mail and/or electronic transmission at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. This shall constitute the placing of the names in nomination.

7.02 Opposing nominations

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 mail and/or electronic transmission at least one week prior to the annual meeting.

7.03 Voting

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

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

8.01 Appointment

On or before January 1 of each year, the GRANDPAPPY shall appoint the nominating committee and such committees and task forces as he deems necessary. During the year, the president may appoint such other committees and task forces as he shall deem necessary or which shall be approved by the board of directors. The GRANDPAPPY shall be ex officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall instruct them in their duties.

ARTICLE IX

Quorum

9.01 PAPPYS meetings

- (a) PAPPYS meetings: the membership present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the membership, and there shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot.

ARTICLE X

Affiliation

10.01 Affiliation

PAPPYS is a not for profit Society incorporated under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, whose members are or have been members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (BHS) however is not go governed by the BHS.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

11.01 By PAPPYS

- (a) **Amendment:** These bylaws may be amended at any time subject to (b) AND/OR as may be necessary to comply with the laws the Province of Nova Scotia.
- (b) **Notice and voting:** Proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be mailed and/or electronically transmitted, together with notice of the meeting, to each PAPPYS active member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which they are to be voted on. Amendments may be considered at any regular or special meeting of PAPPYS and shall be adopted upon two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XII

Quartet Fund (Suspended Feb 2007)

12.01 Definition

- (a) This fund was established by PAPPYS in 1998 to provide assistance to our Division (Sunrise Division) Quartets who are planning to compete at a District Competition. The fund is used as financial assistance to help defray quartet travel costs. Therefore encouraging more quartets to attend and compete at the District level. To keep this program funded each chapter is asked to contribute \$3 per member, once per year. If your chapter contributes, then any quartet from your chapter is eligible to receive assistance in that year.
- (b) **How the fund works:**
Each eligible quartet would receive \$ 100 per person (maximum \$ 400) except for Newfoundland Labrador who can receive \$ 150 per person (maximum \$ 600), depending on available funds.

12.02 Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the fund the Quartet's Chapter must be current in its donations to the fund.

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