

Sun Cities Chapter D-101  
Barbershop Harmony Society

Chapter Policies

Adopted May 11, 2010

## **Organization**

**Name of Chapter:** Sun Cities D-101

**Chorus name:** Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus

**Corporate Name:** Barbershop Harmony Society (legally known as S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.) – a not-for-profit corporation hereafter referred to as the “Society”.

**Division Affiliation:** Arizona Division

**District Affiliation:** Far Western District

The Chapter is governed by the Standard Chapter Bylaws and Rules and Regulations Handbook of the Barbershop Harmony Society adopted by the Chapter on November 3, 2009.

Reference: [www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org).

## **Chapter Officers**

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice President Public Relations and Marketing

Vice President Chapter Development

Vice President Programs

Vice President Music

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the Immediate Past President and three Members-at-Large elected from the membership at the same time as the election of chapter officers.

Members-at-Large will serve staggered terms of three years with different years of ending their terms. They cannot be re-elected to another three year term until one year has passed after their third year. All board members must be active members of the chapter.

## **Temporary Absence of President**

Should the President be unavailable to chair a Board meeting or Chapter meeting, the Immediate Past President shall substitute for him. Should the Immediate Past President also be absent, the Board shall elect a substitute to preside over the meeting.

## **Dues and Fees**

All members must pay the annual dues of the Society, District and Chapter. All new members, transfer members and dual members will pay a service fee as established in the fee schedule

for the Society. There shall be no charge to members for uniforms or music, but members may purchase, voluntarily, their own supplemental clothing and music. Uniforms are subject to the approval of the Uniform and Locker Management Committee. Uniforms and music are to be returned to the Chapter upon the individual no longer being a performing chorus member.

### **Membership in the Sun Cities Chapter**

Men applying as new members, transfers or dual members with other Chapters shall be oriented to the program and activities of the Society, District and Chapter. Each applicant will be auditioned by persons assigned by the Music Committee to test their voices and part to be sung. Having passed the voice test, the applicant will be given a membership application by the Membership Vice President or designee to complete and return with payment. The applicant shall have a sponsor listed on the application.

The Board will then approve/disapprove the application and assist in orientation. Upon approval, the application and payments will be forwarded to the Society by the Secretary to register the new member. A membership card will be received from the Society and presented by the Membership Vice President at a Chapter meeting.

### **Delegates**

A Delegate and Alternate will be elected at the Annual Meeting when the election of officers occurs. The Delegate/Alternate shall be an active member of the Chapter.

As a traditional practice, the President is often the Alternate.

### **Code of Ethics**

All members are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Society at all Chapter activities and meetings.

### **Social Activities**

The cost of Chapter social activities is not to exceed respective receipts except to the extent that there are monies available in the Social Activities Fund (Chapter dues, member donations and surpluses from previous social activities). This excludes member contributions specifically designated for the Youth in Harmony Foundation.

The Afterglow following the Annual Show is not a Social Activity if the public is invited to attend. Therefore, its cost may then be subsidized from the Show's receipts.

Chapter members singing on the Chapter's annual show or otherwise assisting in the production, and those persons ushering and ticketing as designated by the Show Chairman, shall pay no admission fee to the show's Afterglow.

**Sing-out Policy**

The purpose of Chorus sing-outs is:

- a. To recruit new members to the Chapter
- b. To raise funds to support the Chapter’s on-going fiscal needs
- c. To provide value entertainment in the Northwest Valley
- d. To gain additional performance experience for Chapter members
- e. To provide an opportunity for Chapter quartets to perform

**General guidelines:**

No more than one sing-out in a seven-day period.  
 Free performance by the Chorus must be approved in advance by the Board.  
 Performance fee for the Chorus shall be a minimum of \$150 for 30 minute performance except upon prior approval of the Board.

All performance venues will be visited and inspected by the Sing-out Chairman or designee prior to signing a Performance Agreement.

**Competition**

It shall be Chapter policy that the Chapter competes annually with other Arizona Division choruses.

**Copyright**

The Chapter will not have in its files or distribute to its members any sheet music, CD’s, DVD’s that are reproductions outlawed by U.S. Copyright law. The Chapter shall take action to prevent such illegal materials from being present on Chapter premises.

Approved by the Board:



May 11, 2010

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President

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Date