

# **The Society's Purpose**

“To perpetuate the old American institution, the barbershop quartet, and to encourage vocal harmony and fellowship among its members throughout the world by the formation... of local chapters and districts; to hold annual local, district, state, national and international contests in quartet and chorus singing; to encourage the education of its members and the public in music appreciation of barbershop quartet and chorus singing by publication and dissemination thereof; to initiate, promote and participate in charitable projects and to establish music scholarships and charitable foundations; to initiate and maintain a broad program of musical education, particularly in the field of vocal harmony and related arts.”

Quoted from the International bylaws of:

***the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.*** (SPEBSQSA).

Note: As of 2004, the Society is officially referred to as “The Barbershop Harmony Society”, although SPEBSQSA is still used as our legal name.