

A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT made this 28th day of February, 1948, between the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated, an international fraternal order incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, hereinafter designated as "Society"; and Bloomington Chapter No. 1 of SPEBSQSA, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, hereinafter designated as "Chapter",

W I T N E S S E T H :

That WHEREAS, Society has been incorporated to protect its name and organization and to promote its purposes;

AND, WHEREAS, Chapter has been incorporated with the consent of Society, which consent was conditioned upon Chapter agreeing to observe and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and rules from time to time promulgated by the Society for the conduct of the affairs of the Society, its Chapters and Members;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Chapter hereby specifically acknowledges and agrees that it is affiliated with Society and intends to continue such affiliation, and that it and its members will at all times recognize, abide by and observe as effectively binding upon itself and its members the Constitution and By-Laws of Society and rules governing the conduct of the affairs of the Society, its Chapters and Members, now in force or as hereinafter amended, and that it will from time to time, upon request of Society, amend its By-Laws to conform to those of the Society.

2. Chapter further covenants and agrees that upon termination of its affiliation with Society for any reason, or whenever required by Society, Chapter shall cause itself to be dissolved or, at the direction of Society, shall cause its name or form of organization to be changed; and that no amendment to its Articles of incorporation or change in its name or purposes shall be made without consent of Society.

3. Society covenants and agrees that it shall not at any time seek to enforce against Chapter any obligations, duties or liabilities inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of Society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed.

The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated

By Charles A. Carroll
International President

Carroll P. Adams
Attest: International Secretary

BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1 OF SPEBSQSA

By John F. Dickinson
Chapter President

E. M. Lebkuecher
Attest: Chapter Secretary

Rec'd 3/8/48
1 copy sent to
J. T. Dickinson
3/15/48

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Chapter, SPEBSQSA is a chapter in good standing of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated, an international fraternal order incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a corporation not for profit, (hereinafter called the "SOCIETY");

AND WHEREAS, said Chapter recognizes and acknowledges that its right to use of the Society name, emblems and organizational program derive from its affiliation with said Society and that it is subject at all times to its obligation to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and to regulation by the officers and Board of the Society under penalty of revocation of its Charter and loss of its privileges as a chapter;


AND WHEREAS, it is now, by the members of said Chapter, deemed proper and for its best interests that it assume the form of a corporation without stock and not for profit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that subject to prior consent of the Society John T. Dickinson, John McFee, and E. M. Lebkuecher, members of this Chapter, be and they hereby are authorized and directed as incorporators to take such steps as may be necessary to effect the incorporation of this chapter under the laws of the State of Illinois under the name and style of Bloomington Chapter No. One of SPEBSQSA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of said Chapter, do hereby acknowledge to the Society that this chapter, in corporate form, shall in its relation to the Society, be subject to all obligations, direction and penalties of an unincorporated chapter and agree that as members of said incorporated chapter we shall authorize and direct the proper officers of said corporation immediately upon incorporation to confirm formally this acknowledgement and undertaking by executing and delivering to the Society a written agreement with the Society in the form of Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part of these Resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Society together with copies of proposed Articles of Incorporation and Corporation By-Laws, to serve as an application by this chapter for Society approval of our plan of incorporation.

I, E. M. Lebkuecher, Secretary of the Bloomington Chapter, SPEBSQSA, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolutions passed by said chapter at its regular meeting held at Illinois Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, on the 2nd day of February, 1948; that two weeks written notice of said meeting was regularly given to all members of said chapter.



E. M. Lebkuecher - Secretary

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Attest: _____
International Secretary

BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1 OF SPEBSQSA

By _____
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER NO. 1
OF SPEBSQSA, INCORPORATED

1. **NAME:** The name of this organization shall be the Bloomington Chapter No. 1 of SPEBSQSA, Incorporated, a corporation without stock and not for profit, organized under The General Not For Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of this organization shall be: To perpetuate that old American institution, the barber shop quartet. To promote vocal harmony and good fellowship among its members. To render, through the medium of good singing, altruistic service to community in which it is located. To perform all acts necessary to carry into effect the purposes hereinbefore set out.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Any male white resident of Bloomington or the immediate vicinity, who is interested in the aims and purposes of the Society, is eligible to be considered for membership.
4. **DUES, FEES AND FISCAL YEAR:** The initiation fee shall be \$3.50 for each member, in return for which the member shall receive from the Chapter a membership certificate and a membership pocket card. The annual dues shall be \$12.00 per member, subject to change only by a majority vote of the membership (See Section 8). The fiscal year shall start July 1st.
5. **OFFICERS:** The officers shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. These three officers shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter for a one-year term at the annual business meeting, which shall be held in April of each year, shall take office on July 1st, and shall perform the usual duties of their offices. At this same meeting there shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter for a one-year term a representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the Illinois District Association to which this Chapter belongs, such representative to take office on May 1st and perform the usual duties of that office.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Executive Committee shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall consist of the officers, and nine other active members of the Chapter, to be appointed by the President immediately after the annual meeting. This Committee shall function as the governing body of the Chapter. Matters of special importance shall be submitted to the membership of the Chapter for action.
7. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The President shall each year, on or before March 15th, appoint for the annual meeting a Nominating Committee of three active members, which Committee, through its chairman, shall present to the membership a slate of three eligible and qualified officer candidates, consisting of one for each office (See Section 5). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
8. **AMENDMENTS:** Amendments to, or changes in, this Constitution may be made by a majority vote of assembled members at any regular meeting of the Chapter, providing notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the membership at least seven days in advance.
9. **BUSINESS MATTERS:** Matters of business, other than those already provided for, may be acted upon at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter. Proper notice of any special meeting shall be given by the Secretary.
10. **VOTING POWER:** Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on all matters acted upon when he is present.

11. SUPERVISION BY INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY AND BY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: This Constitution, and any subsequent amendments thereto, as well as all rules and regulations of the Chapter, shall be subject to approval of the International Executive Committee of the Society and the Board of Directors of the Illinois District Association of Chapters.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
UNDER THE
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT

(These Articles Must Be Filed in Duplicate)

(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)

Date Paid
Filing Fee \$
Clerk

To EDWARD J. BARRETT, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

We, the undersigned,

(Not less than three)

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
John T. Dickinson	1202	North Park Street,	Bloomington,	Illinois
John McFee,	1112	East Grove Street,	Bloomington,	Illinois
E. M. Lebkuecher	319	North Main Street,	Bloomington,	Illinois

being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is: Bloomington Chapter No.1 of SPEBSQSA
2. The period of duration of the corporation is: Perpetual
(Please state "perpetual" or a definite number of years)
3. The address of its initial Registered Office in the State of Illinois is: 319 North Main Street,
in the City of Bloomington (_____) County of McLean and
(Zone)
the name of its initial Registered Agent at said Address is: E. M. Lebkuecher
4. The first Board of Directors shall be twelve in number, their names and addresses being as follows:
(Not less than three)

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