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Fellow Pioneer Barbershopper,

(Adapted from the Barbershop Harmony Society)

After much careful consideration and information gathering, and in order to protect the safety of our members, committed volunteers, and attendees, leaders of the Barbershop Harmony Society have determined all spring District events and International prelim contests will be canceled immediately.

This is a decision they did not make lightly. They recognize the important role that these events play in the lives of our members. But our first priority is the health and well-being of each other and of our communities.

District events obviously have an impact on International qualification for the 2020 International Convention in Los Angeles. While Society leaders are still assessing the likelihood of hosting an in-person International Convention, we will let you know soon about alternate plans for qualification of quartets.

Thank you for your care and concern . We will share updates and information as things develop. Please encourage your members to stay healthy, observe local recommendations for gathering and social distancing, and connect with your fellow barbershoppers virtually, online, or by phone. We can still keep singing, even if we're not able to gather in the usual ways.

Pioneer Information

- **Hotel Room Cancellation** -Convention chair Roger Lewis has cancelled the block of rooms at both hotels. You can confirm that if you feel the need with the hotel. .
- **Convention Registration** - Refunds will be made automatically. The information needed is on file.
- **The April 4 Leadership Summit also has been postponed.** A new date will be announced when it is available.

Many choruses are being affected by decisions of rehearsal venues. We suggest you consider postponing your activities for the next month. Your chapter board should discuss this, make a decision and communicate immediately with your members.

We echo the BHS statement to stay healthy and observe the recommendations of health officials. We shall overcome this and gather together once again, and maybe appreciate one another just a little bit more.

Regards,

Joe McDoanld, Pioneer District President