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Fellow Barbershop Leaders,

I am pleased to confirm that after discussions between myself, NZABS President Andy Hutson, Sounds of Aloha Pan Pac Chairman Don Raymond, and others, the 2011 Pan Pac Convention has been awarded to the River City Clippers in Brisbane, Australia.

We know that the previous Australian Pan Pac Convention, held in Melbourne under the leadership of Tom Smith, was a huge artistic and financial success. I offer that result to the enthusiastic team of the Clippers as a challenge to emulate and try to exceed.

In just over two weeks many of us will be experiencing the spirit of Aloha as we participate in the Great Pacific Harmony Convention in Hawaii. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the men of Sounds of Aloha that conceived the idea of a Convention for barbershoppers around the Pacific Rim. The result has been inspiring Conventions in New Zealand, Australia, and Hawaii. As the field of participants keeps widening we may soon have Pan Pacific Conventions in other great barbershopping venues.

Aloha, G'day, and see y'all,

In Harmony,

Mike Donnelly

Proud Alumni of Sounds of Aloha

President, World Harmony Council

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Native Texan ☺



In affiliation with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (Inc.).

AAMBS – PAN PACIFIC BARBERSHOP CONVENTION BRISBANE 2011

The Brisbane River City Clippers Barbershop Chorus (The Clippers) was established in 1991 and have been part of every AAMBS convention since then.

With a current membership of 70 and a desire to extend awareness of the wonderful art-form we call barbershop to a greater area of society here in Brisbane, it was decided, after consultation with all members, that we prepare a bid to host the AAMBS 2011 convention. To add a further dimension to the bid, we agreed to take our ambitions a stage further by also applying to host the Pan Pacific Convention which would be run in conjunction with the AAMBS event. (Sometime mid-September to early October 2011) Both bids proved to be successful.

From this embryo stage “The Clippers” will commence the preparation of all that’s involved in hosting a successful dual convention.

The facilities we have available here in Brisbane are world class with The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (situated almost on the Brisbane River) already tentatively booked as host venue for competition and other functions. Convention related organisations are keen to assist with providing advice on travel and a wide range of accommodation to all prospective delegates.

The weather at this time of the year will be perfect, the city will be alive, the opportunity to explore Brisbane and the exciting State of Queensland, post or pre convention, will be made available via Queensland Tourism, Brisbane Marketing and similar organisations.

Now for the most important ingredient to make this convention successful:

YOU!

Start your planning now to join us here in Brisbane in 2011, Give “The Clippers” the opportunity to welcome you to Brisbane as we strive to host the best convention possible.

Here is a link to the Clipper's web site about the 2011 Pan Pacific Convention.

<http://www.rivercityclippers.org.au/dbpage.php?pg=dbpage.php?pg=hawaii>