

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
274TH (SUMMER) MEETING**

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

The International Board of Directors met on June 11, 2016, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Following is a summary of actions taken.

The charter and chapter membership for the following chapters were authorized:

<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 18, 2016	31	Zero Degrees Show	Louth, Lincolnshire, UK
March 3, 2016	31	No Borders Show	Hellevoetslius, Zuid, Holland
May 2, 2016	32	Telge Harmony	Södertälje, Sweden
May 2, 2016	04	Sound of the Smokies Show	Knoxville, TN

The appointment of the new Membership Retention Committee and its personnel (Chair Sharon Carlson, Melynnie Williams, and Janice McKenna) were ratified and the committee's job description was added to the *Policy Book*.

The number of members serving on the Regional Leadership Committee was changed from three to four.

The request from Region 9 to change its name from Atlantic-Gulf Region 9 to Coastal Harmony Region 9 was approved.

International President Paula Davis announced that she had selected Carole Persinger as the recipient of the 2016 President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Carole Macintyre of Perth Harmony Chapter in Region 34 was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Ann Gooch Award.

Jana Gutenson of Scottsdale Chapter in Region 21 was selected as the recipient of the 2016 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Award.

Patti Thorpe of Westcoast Harmony Chapter, Region 26 was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Canadian Music Education Association (CMEA) Award.

At the request of the U.S. Internal Revenue (tax) Service, the Board approved the insertion of verbiage into Article II – Purpose, of the Standard Form Chapter Bylaws (U.S. Chapters only).

The *Regional Management Team Handbook*, Finance Coordinator Section, page 6-5 was revised to clarify that regions should maintain enough funds in cash reserves to fund the operating and administrative costs of the region for a minimum of one year.

The video recording stipend paid by International to Regions for recording their regional competition was raised from \$800 to \$1,000.

The practice of International printing and mailing membership cards to new members will resume in June 2016.

An image of the newly designed “I Am Sweet Adelines” logo was reviewed.

Young Singers Foundation Grant Applications will be accepted for the 2016-2017 funding year:

- August 1, 2016 is the grant application deadline for grant projects that begin Nov. 1, 2016 or later.
- November 1, 2016 is the grant application deadline for grant projects that begin May 1, 2017 or later.

Young Singers Foundation Bev Sellers Memorial Scholarship Applications will be accepted for the 2017-2018 funding year. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by January 25, 2017.

The CEO Search Task Force reported its objectives and timeframe to begin the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer search process.

A plan for the members of the International Board of Directors to become more proactively in contact with choruses was instituted. Chorus leadership will have the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and concerns, as well as develop relationships with members of the International Board of Directors.

The proposed curriculum and faculty for 2017 IES were reviewed. IES will take place August 2-6, 2017, at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD.

Responses from the Task Force Interest survey were reviewed.

Plans for the October 17, 2016, Regional Management Team Training at International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada were reviewed.