

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
270TH (SUMMER) MEETING – JUNE 2015**

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

The International Board of Directors met on June 12-13, 2015, 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>
January 18, 2015	31	Singing Unlimited	Hoofddorp, Netherlands
February 20, 2015	31	Moor Harmony	Wadebridge, Cornwall, UK

The consolidation of Heartland Harmony Chapter into Northern Blend Chapter, Hale, Michigan, Region 2 was authorized.

Staff announced that a block of rooms had been secured at the Hilton DoubleTree Tropicana Hotel Las Vegas to accommodate any 2015 International convention attendees who could not be housed at the sold out MGM Grand.

An Open Division question and answer session has been scheduled on Monday morning of the 2015 International Convention in Las Vegas.

The results of a survey were reviewed which revealed that no matter the country of origin, age or profession, all members of Sweet Adelines International were looking for the same things: to sing and perform, exhibit a high skill level, develop strong friendships and personal bonds, and forge a habit of lifelong learning in their chosen past time.

Logos for Las Vegas 2016, Las Vegas 2017, and St. Louis 2018 International Conventions were approved.

Staff announced that regions will be offered the opportunity to buy logoed merchandise, at wholesale prices, from the International Sales Department for resale at their regional events.

Mari Pettersson of Harmony Heights Chapter, Region 32 was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Ann Gooch Award.

Amanda Sky Harris of Spirit of Syracuse Chapter, Region 15 was selected as the recipient of the 2015 NAFME Award.

International President Marcia Pinvidic announced that she had selected Karen Breidert as the recipient of the 2015 President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Arranger Joe Liles has gifted his original song, *One Song At A Time*, to Sweet Adelines International. It will be introduced in 2015 at International Convention in Las Vegas and the music will be made available to all members at no charge.