

Sweet Adelines International

Frequently Asked Questions

Election of International Board of Directors (IBOD)

How can I become acquainted with the IBOD election candidates?

Biographical information for each candidate is included in the Nominee Flyer, available on the website.

What qualities should an ideal potential IBOD nominee possess?

- The ability to think strategically, analytically, critically and creatively
- The ability to effectively express thoughts and the reasons for them, via both verbal and written communication
- Positive, objective attitude
- The ability to work well on her own and with others as a member of a collaborative group with group decision-making authority and an understanding of the fiduciary duties of loyalty, care, and obedience to the mission and policies of Sweet Adelines International
- Good listening skills
- Knowledge of and ability to use available resources
- Computer skills, with ability to communicate electronically
- Possession of earned respect of other key stakeholder group members (for example, International Board of Directors, Regional Leaders, committee/task force chairs, etc.)
- Demonstrates an understanding of the difference between “oversight” and “supervision”
- Vision and long-range planning experience
- Ability to adapt easily to different environments
- Ability to relate to and interact with a variety of personality types
- Earned reputation for emotional maturity, personal integrity, confidentiality and honesty
- Training and experience in a field which could be of value to the International Board
- Experience in Sweet Adelines International as a chapter, regional or International officer, committee/task force chair or member
- A demonstrated understanding of Sweet Adelines bylaws, policy and working practices, related to both governance and the mission of Sweet Adelines International
- Thorough understanding of the mission and vision of Sweet Adelines International to define and pursue goals, and to carry out the aims of the international organization
- Will make a personal financial contribution to SA to nurture the culture of philanthropy
- Professional appearance and dress
- Availability to travel and attend the three annual meetings of the International Board of Directors

Are there term limits for IBOD members?

No member may be elected to more than four consecutive three-year terms (see Corporate Bylaws, Article V, Section 2).

Does each Sweet Adelines member vote individually?

Chorus members vote at a regular or special meeting for the specific purpose voting for the IBOD. The Chorus President/Team Coordinator or her designee then casts the chorus’ eVote.

Chapter-at-Large (CAL) members cast their eVote individually. The ballots of all CAL members are totaled, and the results are counted as one chapter’s vote (see Policy Book, Section III, Div. B, 1).

Members-at-Large (MAL) cast their eVote individually. The ballots of all MAL members are totaled, and the results are counted as one chapter’s vote (see Policy Book, Section III, Div. B, 2).

Are absentee or proxy votes allowed?

ABSENTEE ballots are allowed as long as they are received by the President/Team Coordinator/Election Meeting Chair prior to the election meeting. PROXY ballots are not allowed. See the Standard Form Chapter Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, C, paragraph 2.

Where do dual members vote?

Dual members vote with their primary chorus.

Can I encourage others to vote for my friend via email, social media, etc.?

Campaigning is not permitted, with or without the IBOD candidate's knowledge or consent (see Corporate Bylaws, Article V, Section 6).