



Dear Sweet Adelines Member,

Looking forward to 2021, the International Board continues to monitor official information about the pandemic, with the health and safety of our members, as always, at the forefront of our minds. With so much uncertainty still surrounding the pandemic and its attendant precautions and travel restrictions, the International Board has made the difficult decision to **cancel regional competition for 2021**.

We realize this decision is disappointing, though not wholly unexpected. Despite the cancellation of regional competition, some regions may choose to continue with their in person convention if allowed by local authorities as it relates to gatherings and safety. Watch for communications from your regions as those decisions are made.

Contingency Plan for Competition

Should conditions allow, we plan to offer a virtual quartet competition with a July 2021 deadline and a virtual chorus contest late in 2021. In this manner, we hope to allow for some competition while keeping everyone safe. We will, of course, keep you updated on the status of these potential competitions.

Hope for 2021

While it is our greatest hope that we will be able to gather in person in 2021, we are excited about the possibilities for education, connection, and fun in the coming year! Over the last several months, we have admired our regional leaders' creativity and dedication and your spirit and enthusiasm as we all learn to navigate this new virtual world.

To support you in the coming year, the International Board has compiled a working group to develop ideas, along with the Education Direction Committee, for dynamic, fun, and inspiring education events and opportunities for Sweet Adelines members around the world to gather virtually - **think education - think connection - think fun! Watch for exciting announcements and details during the upcoming 75th Anniversary Virtual Convention, October 15-17.**

As a Sweet Adeline, as a Director, and as your President, I deeply empathize with your longing to gather in song once again. There truly is nothing like being enveloped in overtones with your chorus or quartet. While we wait for the day that we are able to sing together again, we will continue to work on our individual voices and strengthen our bonds through continued communication so when we do meet, the sound will be glorious and the joy of reuniting in person will be incredible.

Stay Sweet Adelines Strong,

Joan Boutilier
Sweet Adelines International President



[Video Transcript](#)