

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL  
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
276<sup>TH</sup> (ANNUAL) MEETING**

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**

*The International Board of Directors met on March 3-4, 2017, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Following is a summary of actions taken.*

Authorized the charter and chapter membership for the following choruses:

- The Harmonix Chapter, Satellite Area, Tokyo, Japan
- Vocal Standard Chapter, Region 5, Kansas City, Missouri
- Bakersfield Blend Chapter Region 11, Bakersfield, California (a consolidation of Bella Nova Acapella and South Valley Sound Chapters)
- Motor City Blend Chapter, Region 2, Detroit, Michigan (a consolidation of Great Lakes and Spirit of Detroit Chapters)

The awards for the Sweet Adds Membership Incentive Campaign were refined:

- Add five members – waived international dues for a year, recognition in *The Pitch Pipe*, and a \$5 gift card to International Sales.
- Add 10 members – waived international dues for a year, recognition in *The Pitch Pipe*, and a \$10 gift card to International Sales
- Add 15 members – waived international dues for a year, recognition in *The Pitch Pipe*, and a \$15 gift card to International Sales
- Add 20 members – waived international dues for a year, recognition in *The Pitch Pipe*, and a \$20 gift card to International Sales
- Add 25 members – waived international dues for two years, recognition in *The Pitch Pipe*, acknowledgment on the jumbotron at International Convention, and a \$25 gift card to International Sales

The procedure for granting International convention function space and riser rehearsal was refined:

- Beginning after the 2017 Las Vegas Convention, choruses choosing not to stay in one of the official Sweet Adelines International contracted hotels will only be granted function space or international riser rehearsal times if there is space and time available after the requests of choruses staying at one of the official Sweet Adelines International hotels have been fulfilled. Any chorus staying outside of the official housing block that is assigned function space, must pay an hourly rate to Sweet Adelines International based on the size of the room requested.

Registration prices were set for the 2018 International Convention:

2018 International Convention Registration Type	Early Bird Price	Regular Price
Competitor/Member All Events	\$225	\$275
Convention Assistants All Events	\$160	\$185
Non-Member All Events	\$250	\$300
Youth Competitor Member/Non-Member All Events	\$175	\$200
Harmony Classic Single Event	\$65	\$65
Chorus Semi-Finals	\$65	\$65
Quartet Semi-Finals	\$65	\$65
Chorus Finals	\$70	\$70
Quartet Finals	\$70	\$70
Youth Single Event (any)	\$35	\$35

The Board noted that the 2019 Directors' Seminar would be held August 8-10, 2019, at the Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter Hotel.

The Board was pleased to learn that eleven grants, totaling \$14,991, had been awarded by the Young Singers Foundation Advancement Committee for events that support the advancement of barbershop harmony for young women.

The 2017-18 Sweet Adelines International committee members were appointed.

The Board approved the advancement of Bev Miller to the level of Emerita in the International Faculty Program.

The Board acknowledged that Regional Executive Committees had been appointed for the Regions participating in the May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019 Regional Governance Pilot (information about the pilot can be found in the Members Only section of the SA website under the Regional Governance tab):

<b>Regional Executive Committee Members – May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019</b>			
<b>Region</b>	<b>Administrative Director</b>	<b>Education Director</b>	<b>Membership Director</b>
1	Wendy Davies	Heidi Zacchera	Debra Richard
4	Bev Miller	Natalie Allen	Sue Pelley
5	Paula Land	Annette Wallace	Karen Matthews
8	Sue McCormick	Marilyn Cox	Pati Bouman
9	Fran Russ	Elizabeth Green	Debbie Dennis
11	Debbie Curtis	Jolene Forzetting	Lou Burgess-Schroff
13	Nancy Kurth	Debra Aungst	Sharon Stockstad
14	Missy Wurthmann	Nancy Field	Jan Goldbach
16	June Donovan	Sue Melvin	Cathy Stovold
17	Deborah Ferenc	JoAnn Wilson	Ruth Bates
25	Courtney Robinson	Melynnie Williams	Karen Phillips
26	Marsha Fulton	Lynda Elliott	Yvonne Meyer

The Board agreed that Regions could be considered for late entry into the Regional Governance Pilot if their application was received by September 30, 2017, for entry into the pilot on January 1, 2018.

The 2017-18 budget was adopted.