

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
294TH (SUMMER) MEETING**

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

The International Board of Directors met on June 9-12, 2021, via videoconferences. Following is a summary of actions taken.

The charter and chapter membership for the following chapter was authorized:

- Blue Sky Harmony Chapter, Region 34, Nundah, Queensland, Australia

The Board ratified an electronic ballot to amend the Corporate Bylaws to remove the requirement that an Associate Member must be a current or former member, and to add that if the Associate Member is also a Dual Member, voting for the International Board of Directors election takes place in the Associate Member's primary chorus.

The Board was pleased to learn that, as of May 14, 2021, 483 songs had been submitted via the Song Assessment Tool and that, of that number, 317 were admissible, 27 were inadmissible, 86 were assigned for assessment, 46 were unassigned, and seven had been returned to the submitter. *(Information about the Song Assessment Tool is available on the website: **Education** tab, **DEI Member Resources** dropdown.)*

The Board approved a Small & Midsize Chorus Director Scholarship to provide scholarships to frontline directors of small and midsize SA choruses to attend SA sponsored events that include director education *(information about the Small & Midsize Chorus Director Scholarship will be posted on the website).*

The Board reviewed the organization's current financial status *(copies of the latest yearly audit reports with financial statements can be found on the website **Operations** tab, **Financials** dropdown).*

International President Joan Boutilier announced that Marcia Pinvidic had been selected as the recipient of the 2021 President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Joanne Oosterhoff of A Cappella West Chorus, Region 34 was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Ann Gooch Award.

Sarah Shapiro of Harborlites Chorus, Region 21 was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Sweet Adelines' National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Award.

The Board was pleased to learn that the 2020-2021 75 Years of Life on a High Note Campaign had exceeded the goal of \$200,000 USD and raised \$309,631 USD.

The Board reviewed reports of Headquarters departments.

The Board reviewed reports of International committees *(a list of committees with personnel is available on the website: **About** tab, **Our Board** dropdown – near the bottom of the page).*

The Board reviewed reports of the task forces currently serving the Organization *(a list of task forces with personnel and mandate is available on the website: **About** tab, **Our Board** dropdown – at the bottom of the page):*

- Chorus Growth Incentive Program Task Force
- Diversity and Inclusivity Task Force
- Leadership Development and Certification Program Task Force
- Small-Medium Chorus Value Proposition Initiative Task Force
- Song Assessment of Organizational Materials Task Force

The Board reviewed reports of the task forces that had concluded their work:

- History/Archival Task Force
- New Membership Options and Research Task Force