

April 1, 2010

Dear Chapter Leaders,

I realized I had quite a few updates to send your way, and rather than bombard you with many emails, I figured I'd consolidate it to just 1. So, please read carefully, as there's quite a bit of info here - but at least it'll be all in one place. :)

- **RMT Meeting Summary** - This includes some important summary points from our meeting held at Harmony Weekend in January. Please see the attached .pdf file (if you have any trouble opening the file, let me know). This will also be posted soon on the web under "Chapter Leader Resources" which can be found under the "Regional Mgmt" button.
- **The Beacon Deadline** - A few of you have asked about the deadline for the next issue of The Beacon. I'd like to get an issue out very quickly after contest so we can recognize our wonderful choruses and quartets! Let's set the deadline for articles at May 20. I'll try to have the issue out by June 15, but might be delayed if I need to wait for the Contest pictures to be available. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter! Tell us great things about your choruses or quartets! Tell your story about preparing for contest! Or pretty much anything else you can think of! Please send all articles to me at [elara@umich.edu](mailto:elara@umich.edu) by May 20. Pictures are welcome! Please distribute this widely to your chorus members - articles are welcome from anyone!
- **Liaison with the International Board of Directors** - Kathy Carmody has been assigned as our official Liaison with the SAI Board of Directors (Yay!). She let me know that feedback from the regions is always welcome, so as you read through the updates from the International Board or are just thinking about things, please pass any ideas/suggestions along to me and I'll make sure they make it to International through Kathy. Kathy said she was looking forward to "being a huge fan of your forward-thinking Region 17."
- **International Appointment** - Speaking of the International Board of Directors, our own Deb Ferenc, Marketing Coordinator, has been appointed to International's Membership Committee. She'll be working with Fran Furtner, Chair and Maggie Ryan. Congrats to Deb!
- **Annual Regional Evaluations** - Last month I sent out information on filling out your Annual Regional Evaluation (ARE). We need this feedback from you in order to fill out our State of the Region report for International. If you've not yet submitted your ARE, please complete it by April 15 if possible. If you have any questions on how to do it, just let me know. A big thanks to those of you who have already submitted! (Dogwood Blossoms, Lake Ridge, Laurel Hamrny, Pride of Toledo, River Raisin, Sounds of Pittsburgh and Voices in Harmony)

- **Bad Email Addresses** - We recently received an email from International saying that almost 25% of the emails they have in their member database are bad. Please remind your members that they can update their email address in the SAI system by doing the following:
  1. Click on the Members Only section of the SAI website
  2. Log in using last name, first initial, e.g. doej as the login and member number as the password.
  3. Click the link to Member Profile
  4. Log in again
  5. Any of the contact information can be changed: address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, etc.
  6. Click Post Changes
  7. A verification screen appears. Double check the changes for accuracy. Click Post Changes again

I think that's it for now. If you have any questions at all, please let me know.

Thanks!

-Brenda :)

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