



**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
 INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 251ST (MIDYEAR) MEETING
 SEATTLE, WA
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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

- The minutes of the 250th (Summer) Meeting of the International Board of Directors were ratified.
- Sylvia Alsbury was granted Emerita status in the International Judging Program.
- All-events convention registration will now include the Rising Star quartet contest; registration fees were increased by \$10, effective with the 2011 Houston convention.
- The charter and chapter membership for the following prospective chapters were ratified:

Charter Date	Region	Chapter Name	Location
July 14, 2010	34	Vocal Vibes	Victoria, Australia
August 23, 2010	24	Syringa Sound	Meridian, ID

- Prospective Savannah Sings! Chorus was given permission to relocate from Region 23 to Region 9.
- The job description for The Overtone Society Management Committee was adopted as International Policy.
- Policy was amended to give the Director of Music Services authority to approve routine requests from choruses and quartets to use competition recordings for promotional and educational purposes.
- The virtual tour of the headquarters building has been completed.
- A new folio of easy competition music, including learning media, is completed and

available for sale in Harmony Bazaar in Seattle.

- Printed copies of the digital issues of *The Pitch Pipe* are available for \$5, which covers cost of printing and shipping.

- The following registration fees were approved for attending the 2011 Director/Judge/Arranger Training:

Member early	\$450
Non-member early	\$550
Member	\$550
Non-member	\$650
Novice Director extra day	\$75
Judges/Arrangers extra day	\$150

- Directors Coordinators and Education Coordinators may register to audit the Novice Director training for an additional fee of \$100.

- The following international education plan/calendar was adopted:

- 2011:** Directors, Judges, Arrangers
E-learning for general members
- 2012:** General Members
E-learning for general members
- 2013:** Directors, Judges
E-learning for general members
- 2014:** General Members
E-learning for general members
- 2015:** Directors, Judges, Arrangers
E-learning for general members
- 2016:** General Members
E-learning for general members
- 2017:** Directors, Judges
E-learning for general members

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- The biennial school for general members will be named the Sweet Adelines International A Cappella Harmony Academy.

- A grants program was approved for worldwide regions to develop their own education events to be held after the school (A Cappella Harmony Academy) is presented in North America; some of the same resources (scripts) can be used.

- The audio recordings of the International Quartet and Chorus Semifinals and Finals will be sold electronically beginning in 2010. CDs will continue to be sold as well.

- Competition policy was amended as follows:

A member may sing in only one quartet, *including the mic-testing quartet*, in the same competition.

A five-point penalty will be assessed against any Rising Star quartet competitor that wears crowns, beginning with the 2011 contest in Houston.

- An ACJ Scholarship Program was established.

- The Membership Committee updated the Board on membership activities including offering the pilot program to all regions, an international barbershop “open house” in January 2012, ongoing webinars, creating broader awareness of the organization.

- The Membership Committee’s proposal for the 2011 YouTube contest was approved as follows:

Choruses, quartets, and/or non-members may participate.

Participants will be required to perform a song or tag featuring a local celebrity (e.g., newscaster, sports star).

The winner will be determined based on the number of views each entry receives on YouTube.

The winner will receive \$1,000 cash and the celebrity will receive \$1,000 for a charity of her/his choice.

- The Coronet Club is planning the next round of Queens’ Colleges in the fall of 2012.

- The Board determined that Sweet Adelines International will participate and support the 2012 World Choir Games, to be held in Cincinnati, OH, July 4-14, 2012, as follows:

Choruses that have won their regional contest in the past five years will be eligible for the Champion competition category; all choruses are eligible for the Open category.

Sweet Adelines and other barbershop judges have been recommended.

Sweet Adelines has the opportunity to present workshop(s).

Sweet Adelines choruses will be notified about the opportunity to compete in either the Champion or Open category as well as performance opportunities.

