

## Regional Management Team Update February 2009

- The RMT Coordinators for the 2009-2011 term will be:  
Communications Coordinator – Connie Light  
Directors' Coordinator – Robin Curtis  
Education Coordinator – Annette Gary  
Events Coordinator – Elizabeth Brite  
Finance Coordinator – Pat Brazell  
Marketing Coordinator – Nancy Nortz  
Membership Coordinator – Sarah Montgomery  
Team Coordinator – Sharon Hightower
- Applications for EC, EVC, Membership and Marketing positions for the 2010-2012 term should be submitted before June 30, 2009.
- The RMT approved the purchase of the following AV equipment: Kodak Zi6 video camera and tripod, lapel mic, handheld mic, 2 free-standing speakers, and a power amp and receiver.
- The policy requiring the annual evaluation of choruses that do not compete will be added to the regional Standing Rules. The deadline for the evaluation by a member of the Education Faculty will be June 1 of the following fiscal year.
- The policy of providing regional awards for the Most Improved Quartet and the highest scoring Novice Quartet (minimum score of 400 points, and no more than 2 members who have previously competed together) will be added to the regional Standing Rules.
- The agreement for borrowing materials from the regional library is on the regional web site.
- A contract has been written to be signed by guest faculty for Region 25 events.
- SMC will continue to be held every year, regardless of IES Global Schools. Directors' Retreat will be held on alternate years (the "off years" of SAI Director Schools).
- A \$200 stipend will be offered to Region 25 Directors to attend the 2009 SAI Directors School this year. The deadline this year for early bird registration (\$450) is March 16. Funding will be reimbursed to the chapter/director after their director attends the event.
- The Presidents'/Team Leaders' Luncheon will be moved from Prelude I & II to Sonata II & III to accommodate the ACJ Workshop.
- The Family Chorus this year will be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with the ACJ Workshop and other special events scheduled during the competition weekend. It will be scheduled for next year and will be held during the Show of Champions.

- Faculty funding/reimbursement for SMC and Quartet Retreat will added to the regional Standing Rules:

**SMC Faculty:**

**Teaching 2 Sessions** – transportation reimbursed; registration fee, housing, and meal costs waived

**Teaching 1 Session** – registration fee waived (pay only housing and meals)

**Teaching 0 Sessions** – pay full registration (fee, housing and meals)

**Quartet Retreat:**

Regular faculty coaches –reimburse transportation, housing, per diem

Non-faculty coaches (4 hr minimum) – transportation, housing, per diem

Non-faculty coaches (less than 4 hrs) – 2 days per diem

Faculty not in a quartet -- registration fee waived

Faculty in a quartet being coached -- quartet pays the entire fee

Current Quartet Champion – Registration fee waived

International Qualifiers – Registration fee waived

All Mock Quartet entries must pay entry fee – no exceptions

- The May meeting of the RMT will include a Strategic Planning session facilitated by International faculty member, Sally Wallace.
- A list of RMT individual strengths is being compiled to be provided to choruses in order for them to request faculty best able to meet their specific needs.
- The total membership is 953 as of 2/5/09. The regional membership goal is **1111 in 2011.**
- We have groups interested in forming choruses in Wilburton, OK; Ponca City, OK; and West Helena, AR.
- Region 25 will submit a proposal to SAI volunteering to serve as a pilot region for a membership campaign based on ***real women. real harmony. real fun.*** Stay tuned for more information!
- Don't miss the RAMM! There will be contests, door prizes, and awards! SMC registrations will be awarded to
  - Name drawn from first timers
  - Winners of membership awards (2007-2008)
  - Chorus with highest percentage RAMM attendance