

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE
May 30-31, 2008

- Rosters (125 copies) will be printed for distribution at SMC. Each Director, President/Team Leader, Faculty and staff member will receive a copy at no charge; additional copies will be available at \$5 each at regional events (including postage if mailed).
- Top Gun School for the regional top five quartets will be held in conjunction with SMC (Jean Barford, Guest Faculty).
- *Drive My Car* will be the SMC song.
- The Incentive Plan theme this year is *Pedal to the Medal*. A racetrack will be used for visually tracking each chorus.
- The Regional Management Team met May 30-31 for In-Region Training with Sally Wallace, Guest Faculty.
- The Marketing Coordinator will meet with Chapter Marketing chairs at SMC to discuss their needs and get their suggestions as to what the Region can do to help them. She is researching the possibility of producing a DVD that can be customized by each chorus.
- The next Heartbeat will be published during the week of SMC.
- Applications are being accepted for Communications Coordinator, Directors' Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and Team Coordinator. The deadline for submitting applications is June 30.
- Eighteen choruses participated in the Regional Evaluation Survey. Responses have been reviewed by the RMT, and results will be submitted to International by June 30.
- Director Mentor visits will be combined with faculty coaching visits this year for efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- Donations will be made to help fund International competitors:
 - 2009 AA Harmony Classic (TOTR)
 - 2008 Chorus Champ (Rich-Tones)
 - 2008 Quartet Champ (Rendition)
 - 2008 Returnee Quartet (Cabaret)
- Criteria for chorus performance privileges will be reviewed by the Education Steering Committee.
- There has been a SAI policy change for chapter visit reimbursement. Reimbursements will be made only to regions. Individual faculty members or choruses will no longer be reimbursed by International but must submit their requests for reimbursement to the region, postmarked within 5 days of each chorus visit.
- Choruses scoring below the B- level will be offered combined Mentor/Coaching visits for \$100. Musical/Mentor visits must be scheduled through the Education and/or Directors' Coordinators. Administrative visits must be scheduled through the Membership Coordinator. Visits not scheduled through the appropriate Coordinators will not be funded by the Region.
- A check list for strengths of faculty members is being developed in order to better serve our chapters.
- The Education Steering Committee has suggested we set a membership goal of **1111 in 2011**. The current membership is 955. A membership plan in line with SAI's new plan will be developed for Region 25.
- Negotiations are underway for regional competition at the Eisemann/Hyatt/Renaissance through 2013.
- Regions 7 and 10 will be invited to participate in the Directors'/Faculty Retreat, September 12-13, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza, Addison, TX (Bev Miller and Molly Huffman, Guest Faculty).
- A two-day RMT meeting with an out-of-region facilitator will be held in May, 2009, to further develop the regional strategic plan.
- Next year's regional song will be *Can You Feel the Love Tonight?*