



## CHORUS TEAM LEADER/PRESIDENT MEETING NOTES

Saturday, October 2, 2021

### Agenda

- 1) Welcome / Introductions
- 2) Regional Communications & Events
- 3) International News
- 4) Around the Room
- 5) Available Assistance

### Attendees

Boissonneault, Susan – Eastside Harmony  
Boyd, Marion – Harmony North  
Buott, Nancy – Northumberland  
Crowe, JD – Canadian Showtime  
Dieter, Carolyn – Image City Sound  
Dubois, Sue – York Harmony  
DiFederico, Jacquie – The Heartland Singers  
Gordon, Robyn – Limestone City Voices  
Melvin, Sue – Region 16 RMT Team Coordinator, Limestone City Voices  
Morris, Alex – Circle of Harmony  
Parker, Heather – North Metro  
Spina, Tamar – Barrie Soundwaves  
Street, Cheryl – Bay of Quinte  
Young, Karen – Bytown Beat

**Presentation** (Contains links to additional resources): [Click here](#)

### Regional Info

- For your convenience, slide #4 of the meeting PowerPoint contains a list of regional communications since the last meeting in case you may have missed any of them.
- We have become aware of many regional, International and other emails going to SPAM, Junk or “Promotions” folders due to recent filter changes by some major email providers. Please check those folders regularly so you don’t miss important emails.
- If any member has any difficulty accessing the Members Only Area of the regional website with their new personal login and password, contact Leila Brown (Webmaster) at [leilajbrown@gmail.com](mailto:leilajbrown@gmail.com).
- Upcoming events are listed in the PowerPoint & also be viewed on the [regional website calendar](#) .
- Region 16’s intention to compete survey will be issued in November.
- Slide #24 contains links to past Team Leader-President meeting notes.



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### International Highlights

- See slide #16 of the PowerPoint for a list of all recent International communications.
- Reminder that IBOD votes are due no later than 12/1 at 3pm Central.
- DE&I toolkit was issued, and additional regional sessions planned to assist choruses with implanting.
- Team Leaders-Presidents should make sure all members receive/read the new Sweet Adelines International [Code of Conduct](#).

### Around the Room

- *Canadian Showtime* – Started 8/17 rehearsing outdoors at a park (required double vaccination and masks.) Moving inside 10/5 to a large space in an arena that has proper ventilation. Must be masked there as well. Has 2 prospective members!
- *Northumberland* – Took break most of summer. A couple have taken LOA. Have 9 active members at present. Held outside get-together with no singing. Decided not to rehearse in person for now per member survey, at least until January. Now meeting every other week on Zoom.
- *Acapella North* – Had been meeting outdoors until 2 weeks ago when it got too cold. Now rehearsing in person in a large church sanctuary with masks and mask inserts. Roughly half of members are in person each week. Held a dish-to-pass event. Working on contest pieces but have not officially polled chorus or made contest decision.
- *Bytown Beat* – Took a 6-week break and has been back virtually since 8/9. Zooming 3 times/month with 100% attendance! Surveyed members re. vax status and will be surveying this week re. member feelings for in-person rehearsal. If decision is made to rehearse in person, will continue to livestream as well. The chorus has 3 more members than they had last year!
- *York Harmony* – Currently Zooming at an average of 80-85% attendance. Had planned to hold outdoor rehearsal(s), but the weather did not cooperate on either of the days this was scheduled. Working with venue to get back indoors. All but 1 member vaccinated; have singers' masks. Concentrating on their International pieces; have not talked about Regional contest yet.
- *Bay of Quinte* – Took 7-week summer break and came back 9/16 to rehearsing in-person outdoors, until it got too dark out. Rehearsal church will allow them back for in person rehearsals starting 10/18 (with masks.) 1 guest is visiting.
- *Image City Sound* – Started rehearsing in person, but the location was not convenient to everyone and also local COVID cases started to rise. Now Zooming weekly since mid-August. Regular (pre-COVID) rehearsal site is not ready to have them back yet. Until they get a director, Section Leaders are leading rehearsals.
- *North Metro* – Took a summer break for most of August. Launched their [I Believe video](#). Resumed weekly Zoom rehearsals in September with some new songs. Plan to continue Zooming until at least January. Excited to host the [Fall Fling](#) virtual event for Region 16 choruses on Wednesday 10/27.
- *Circle of Harmony* – Took July off and started rehearsing outside in August with great attendance. Rehearsal venue now will allow them to meet inside fully vaccinated, so will be doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> member survey re. inside rehearsals. Looking into streaming the in-person rehearsals.



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### Around the Room (cont.)

- *Limestone City Voices* – Took July break, then had a few outdoor rehearsals – Otherwise Zooming. Spending some time at rehearsal discussing stamina-building exercised. Exploring a couple different venue options and hope to start some (fully vaxed) in-person rehearsing by end of October. Have not determined contest plans yet. Exploring opportunities with the Townsman (BHS.)
- *Barrie Soundwaves* – Met outside for most of August in a park. As of this Tuesday, they will be rehearsing inside in their rehearsal space (fully vaxed, masked, social distanced.) No definite answers re. contest.
- *Eastsides* – Took a summer break and started Zooming again in September. Lost director in August and have a director search underway. Have one (1) active Section Leader at this time due to various issues with the other 3. Will soon be going back to rehearsing in person but will be alternating between 1 week on Zoom and 1 week in person until at least Christmas. Had planned to compete, but don't know at this point.
- *Harmony North* – Director back from LOA. Rehearsed outdoors through August and September. Searched for new indoor venue and will be starting masked rehearsals there next week. Require vaccination, have only 1 not vaxed (but who may be getting vaccine soon.) 20-22 members generally come out weekly and have lost only 1 member during COVID. Currently working on increasing stamina and reviewing contest songs (but a decision has not yet been made about competing.)
- *Heartland Singers* – Have had 1 outdoor gathering, but did not sing. Sadly, had a member death (Monica.) Changed from weekly rehearsals to 3 times/month. Erin is coming this Tuesday for a parking lot choreo session. Tentatively hoping to sing indoors by January.

### From Recent Director-Assistant Director Meeting

- *Greater Kingston* – Hopes to rehearse inside beginning in November.
- *Orangeville* – Plans to rehearse inside a church, totally masked, starting in October.
- *Kawartha* – Has had 3, one-hour outdoor rehearsals but has otherwise been Zooming thus far.

### Back to Rehearsal Materials

- After our August Team Leader-President meeting, several choruses generously shared some of their materials (member survey forms, protocols/guidelines/safety plans, etc. We have updated this folder with a few new things that were received and will continue to post materials if/when our chorus leadership shares them with us. [Click here](#) **Please send materials you are willing to share to Sue or Christine.**
- Sweet Adelines International materials again here: [Click here](#)
- Region 16 resource links: [Click here](#)

### Next Meeting

- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10-11:30 am.
- Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8473056850?pwd=eEpMK0E5ZkhTN0tpRlhM3doTHpRUT09>