<<Insert Chorus Mission Statement or Vision>>

Membership in <INSERT CHORUS NAME> provides unlimited opportunities and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Some of the many programs and services our members benefit from are:

* Quality weekly education in the areas of vocal production, visual performance, musicianship, personal growth & empowerment, leadership and more.
* Exciting opportunities to entertain audiences throughout our community
* Participation in educational events provided by our parent organization, Sweet Adelines International, an international women's *a cappella* singing organization.
* Sheet music and part learning tracks for a wide variety of enjoyable songs
* Training and support from our experienced musical staff
* Helpful publications about what is going on in our chorus, our area, and our international organization, as well as informative educational resource materials.
* Fun social activities and a supportive community of friends.

The chorus year runs from May 1 to April 30th. Our activities throughout the year are intended to fulfill our mission statement. They focus on education, performing and maintaining the connection between the members that makes the chorus unique.

**A Year in The Life of the chorus …**

* Rehearsal every XX from XX pm to XX pm – We operate throughout the year but generally take a break for a few weeks in the summer and in December.
* Board Installation – A social event in May of each year to thank the Board of Directors for their work over the previous year and to recognize the new Board that will manage the administrative activities of the chorus for the next 12 months.
* Chorus Coaching sessions – Additional rehearsals at various times in the year where experts in the art of Barbershop work with us to move our skills to the next level
* Performances in the community – We accept invitations to perform in the community when enough members are available to give our audience the XX chorus experience.
* Annual Pool Party – Held on a Wednesday night in the summer. Need we say more?
* Regional Music School – Region 16 brings in Internationally recognized experts each fall to provide classes on all things Barbershop to all the choruses in the region
* International Convention – Generally held in October each year, this is where the best of the best in Sweet Adelines International gather to participate in competitions and classes. Members attend to watch or if we are lucky enough to qualify to participate in the chorus competition.
* Annual Show – Often held in late November/early December. This is a great opportunity to experience the joy of performing and is an excellent fundraiser for the chorus.
* Annual Holiday Party – Held on the last rehearsal night before our December break.
* Chorus Retreat – A weekend of coaching and social time, generally held in January or March at a local hotel
* Regional Convention – Held in April or May each year, we attend to participate in the competition and to connect with our sisters in harmony throughout Region 16

**2019 – 2020 Dates (based on information available as of XX)**

* List any events that prospective members would be invited to/ expected to attend
  + Performances
  + Coaching
  + Regional Events

**Membership Costs**

* Monthly Chorus Dues are $XX CAD per month due on the first day of the month and cover the cost of the basic operation of the chorus (rent, music and administrative expenses)
* Sweet Adelines International Membership – All members of the chorus must also be members of Sweet Adelines. Dues are $100 USD per year and are due upon joining
* Lake Ontario Region 16 Membership – All chorus members pay an annual membership fee to our Regional organization. Dues are $100 USD per year and are due upon joining
* Chorus Retreat –$XX - $XX CAD depending on how many are sharing a room. This is generally due 1 month before the retreat.
* Regional Convention – $XX - $XX CAD for rooming depending on the number of nights and number of roommates.
* Members are provided with all the current chorus costumes for a rental fee of $XX. The chorus maintains ownership of all costumes.
* Members purchase dance shoes, make-up and earrings as indicated by the costume and make-up chairs. Typical total cost is $160 and are required for performances and competition.

**Operating Tools**

* The chorus maintains a member only website with a calendar of events, library of current music, member directory and upcoming performance details.
* A Chorus Handbook describing all aspect of chorus operation is available on the member website
* Email is used to provide key information between rehearsals. Members are expected to read and act upon their email between rehearsals