



Hello Region 19!

Your Regional Convention and Contest Steering Committee (RCSC) is hard at work planning next year's Regional Convention and Contest, which is themed **Together! Wherever We Go!** We're also adding some new and exciting changes for an even better experience for all. We will be sending out periodic email updates, like this one, to alert you to updates, deadlines, and new content which will also be added to the website.

Our Regional Convention and Contest will be held **Thursday, May 18-Sunday, May 21, 2023**, at the same location as last year, Lancaster Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, PA.

We are changing the format for several things, starting with the 'traditional' contest handbook. A new contest website will be your go-to place for all things regional contest, and you'll be notified when this has been added to our [regional website](#).

This first email is to alert you to **VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES** to the contest weekend schedule. The most important change is the change in the Quartet and Chorus Briefing:

- Quartet and Chorus Joint Briefing will now be **7:00 - 8:00pm, Thursday, May 18**, (choruses: please ensure you will have representatives attending the briefing).
- The Usher Briefing and Pattern Walk-Through for anyone involved (Quartet Hostesses, Ushers, Pattern Workers) will be **7:00 - 8:00pm, Thursday, May 18**.

The Judges Inspection will still be held at **9:00am, Friday, May 18**; however, Quartet and Chorus Stage Walk Ons will now start at **10:15 am, Friday** (which is the time the Briefing used to start).

Also **NEW THIS YEAR:**

- There will be **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** on **Friday, May 18** after the Quartet and Chorus Stage Walk Ons. Details to follow in future emails.
- We are changing the format of the Saturday Night Show of Champions; in order to make these changes we will be holding the **REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY** on **Thursday, May 18** after the joint briefing (more information to come).

Other important information regarding contest:

- There will only be one riser configuration, utilizing 11 sets of inverted risers.
- There will be two handheld mics and one stationary mic available for those doing Open Division.
- Information regarding hotel pricing and rooming information, along with forms and deadline information, will be sent in the December email.

**The RCSC is excited to bring the 'convention' aspect back to our contest weekend!**

In Harmony,

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Chair- Regional Contest and Convention Steering Committee

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