



Greetings Region 19!

It sounds like Singer's School was a smashing success and a great way to get everyone excited for the 2023 contest season!! Congratulations to ALL who helped make it a great weekend of singing and friendship.

Our new [Regional Convention website](#) has launched! Gone is the traditional 'handbook' – in its place, we have created a space for all things Regional Convention and Competition. Each section of the handbook can be found with a click using the jump buttons at the top of the page! Check it out [here](#) – bookmark the page, and check back often as information will be updated as plans are solidified.

Quartet competitors or chorus events coordinators should **read each section carefully and note all deadlines.**

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

Chapter Leaders: if your chorus is required to compete this year, you should have received an email from Lori Jo Whitehaus, Education Coordinator.

Function Space: if your chorus is planning on a chorus breakfast/meal please reach out to the hotel contact listed in the Deadlines grid under "Function Space". There are a limited number of rooms to have a chorus meal and they will be first come first serve.

Bringing Back "Convention" to Our Regional Contest Weekend:

- **Thursday Evening Activities:**
 - Please remember the Joint Briefing (for quartets and choruses) will be held at 7pm Thursday, May 18.
 - Immediately following the Briefing there will be a Regional Awards Ceremony where Regional leaders will acknowledge those who have made great achievements in our region (these have been traditionally handed out at the Saturday Night Show of Champions). We are also

- planning some additional new acknowledgements like first timers and longevity awards.
- Following the ceremony, there will be a Social Hour for you to mix and mingle with your regional friends.
 - **Friday Activities:**
 - The Education Team is working on some exciting classes for Friday:
 - A 'newbie class' hosted by Sherry Stanton for those new to the regional experience
 - "Putting together an Entertainment Package" with Lustre Quartet.
 - Additionally, we will also have dedicated time to run through the Mass Sing songs before we go out to the square and perform for the public.
 - **Saturday Evening Activities:**
 - The RCSC is moving the awards from the Saturday Night Show to the Regional Awards Ceremony; thereby, shortening the length of the Show to allow for time for the Regional Afterglow, which will take place immediately following the Show of Champions in the function space outside of the contest venue.
 - More information regarding Thursday's Awards Ceremony and the Show will be posted on the regional website once plans are fully solidified.
 - This year, choruses may host a hospitality room using the warm up rooms used during the contest (located on the second floor). To reserve a room, contact [Sally Kelly](#), Events Coordinator. Room rental fees will be \$100 for the evening. Once Sally has confirmed that your chorus has a hospitality room reserved, you will then work with the hotel regarding food and beverage options.

That is all for now! And, as always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

In Harmony,

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Chair - Regional Competition and Convention Steering Committee