



The Future of Region 10

Challenges we face . . .

- Large geographic area
- Majority of our choruses are small
- Losing membership for various reasons
- Costs going up everywhere - hotels, faculty, expenses
- Providing education events that draw our members to them and make them want to be a part of them again and again

RMT's COMMITMENT TO YOU!

- To continue to provide quality education programs
- To do all we can as your Regional Management Team to support your choruses - musically and administratively
- To be fiscally responsible when planning activities for the region

Education Plans

- We will be developing a Steering Committee to plan all education events in the upcoming year.
- A visual "task force" has been created that will make suggestions regarding more training in the visual area.
- All educational events will have "tracking" so that all who attend will find something of interest to them.
- Our own regional faculty will be teaching more at the education events. Not "in place of" but in addition to guest faculty.

More Education Plans

- January (Winter) meetings will have a quartet focus.
- October (Fall) meetings will have a visual focus.
- With IES ending, we are planning to bring back Summer Music Camp (June 26-27, 2009)!
- Color-coded choruses will be returning to the regional education events!

And even MORE Education Plans

- Future faculty already scheduled: Judy Pozsgay, Sandy Nason, Lynnell Diamond, Harriette Walters, Tori Postma.
- More surveys like the one we just did through Survey Monkey will be created so that we can get YOUR input on what is happening in the Region.

And MORE . . . Education Plans

- The Star Chorus, or an entity like it, will be returning to our Regional events!
- We will be singing more at education events! We will learn a new song every year to add to our regional song list. There will be learning tracks available, section rehearsals at the events, and lots of fun in learning songs together!

Education Goals for Region 10

- More members attending education events.
- More specific education opportunities for our directors.
- More singing at education events.
- More communication regarding education events and more in advance.

Education Goals for Region 10 Continued . . .

- Fan the flames of enthusiasm for a greater sense of accomplishment in performing the barbershop craft for both choruses and quartets.
- Bring our contest scores for all choruses and quartets up to a C+ level or higher.

How will these goals be met?

- More people will be involved in planning with the creation of the Education Steering Committee.
- More thorough training for all levels of Musical Leaders at each and every education event.
- More thorough training for directors.
- More training at the regional level on the connection of the vocal and visual products.

How will these goals be met?

- Plan each education event so that it is FUN and EDUCATIONAL at the same time!
- Get more of YOU involved at the regional level. YOUR enthusiasm is contagious to your chapter members!

2008-2009 Plans

- Area School in San Marcos, June 28, 2008: Faculty = Vickie Dennis & other education faculty members
- Area School in Beaumont, August 2, 2008: Faculty = Janie Macchiaroli & other education faculty members

2008-2009 Plans

- Fall Meeting, October 3-4, 2008: Faculty = Judy Pozsgay (Lions Gate & Pacific Sound, Mojo Quartet); visual focus but there will be classes for everyone! First new regional song will be introduced!
- Winter Meeting, January 16-17, 2009: Faculty = Sandy Nason (Canadian Showcase Chorus #16); quartet focus; continued learning on new regional song; color choruses.

2008-2009 Plans

- March 19-22, 2009 = Competition; Houston - Hilton Greenspoint (formerly known as the Wyndham)
- May 15-16, 2009 = Leadership Workshop (should we continue these?)
- June 26-27, 2009 = Summer Music Camp returns!

How can you help?

- Encourage your members to attend education events!
- Participate with an open and positive mind **EXPECTING** good things to happen.
- Fill out the evaluations at the end of each education event.
- Complete surveys when they are presented.
- **WANT** to get better as an individual, as a quartet and as a chorus.

More ways you can help . .

- Support your Regional Management Team.
- Let us know in what areas you would like to work.
- Realize that everything isn't going to change overnight but we are committed to recharging our Region with enthusiasm for attending education events!

The make up of your RMT . . .

- Six choruses are represented
- From Dallas/Fort Worth (2), Austin (2), San Antonio (1), Corpus (1) and Houston (2)
- Experienced team members and some who have only served one year or less
- All serve at your pleasure . . .

One final thought

*All decisions made by the Regional Management Team are made with the interests of **ALL** of our members foremost in our minds. Our goal is to serve you in the best way we can within the limitations we have (specifically geographical and financial). Thank you for allowing us to serve you in this capacity. When would you like to become part of the RMT?*