



PIECES OF 8 - JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year! Hope 2019 is starting off great for everyone!

We are in full swing with the Directors' and Quartet Workshops coming up in a few weeks, and then regional convention in Cheyenne in May. It'll be here before we know it!

Please be sure to "like" the Region 8 Facebook page as we post a lot of stuff there as well as sharing with your chapter leaders and through this newsletter.

As we propel into this new year, there will be A LOT of information with contest coming up.

Thank you!

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Region 8 Website



Upcoming Events

Listed here are the next couple of months of events. We hope to see you at a show or event soon!

Click on the link below to see all info for each event, as well as any links to tickets, etc.

[View the entire calendar](#)

JANUARY 2019

- **January 25** - Directors' Workshop - Denver, CO
- **January 26** - Quartet Workshop - Denver, CO

FUTURE 2019

- **May 16-19** - Region 8 Convention - Cheyenne, WY
- **July 12-14** - Rocky Mountain Round-Up - TBD
- **July 25-28** - SAI Int'l Education Symposium - Manchester, England
- **August 8-10** - SAI Directors' & Visual Leaders' Seminar - San Antonio, TX
- **September 16-21** - SAI International Convention - New Orleans, LA
- **September 27-29** - BHS Rocky Mtn. District Convention - Cheyenne, WY

Shop Amazon and give back to Region 8!

Big News! For those of you who aren't

already participating with your own chorus, you can now support Rocky Mountain Region 8 with every order you make on Amazon!

You will need to go to www.smile.amazon.com (rather than www.amazon.com) - but you are able to use your normal Amazon login and password. Once logged in - you can select a charity to support. Search for "Sweet Adelines International - Rocky Mountain Region 8".



amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Thanks for shopping and supporting us! We will put the proceeds toward things like the webcast for Regional Contest.



Attention all quartets and potential quartets!

Quartets planning to compete at our Regional Competition in May 2019 must be registered with Sweet Adelines International as a quartet by January 15th to avoid an additional \$50 processing fee.

You now have access to the [Regional Quartet Competition page](#) on the SAI website. This page gives you access to all the information you need to know to compete at our regional competition. Please be sure you read and understand the rules from Sweet Adelines International.

Entering the 2019 Competition - Rules to enter:

- In order to compete, the quartet name and personnel must be registered with Sweet Adelines International.
- Members must be in good standing with their chapter(s)

Regional Governance Vote

As most of you know, Region 8, along with 13 other regions, has been participating in the SAI Regional Governance Pilot Project for the last 2 years. The Regional Executive Committee governance pilot will be completed in January 2019. Now a vote will be taken first within each region and then all regions combined to determine if the entire organization will fully transition to this new way of regional management.

To find more information about the Governance Pilot Project please go to the Sweet Adelines website.

- Login and go to the Members Only Menu
- Click on the orange heading "Operations"
- Click on the blue heading "Regional Governance"
- By clicking on the links, all documents are there and available for your information regarding the Regional Governance Pilot Program.
- Of particular interest is the information in the Pilot Surveys #1 and #2

The Regional Management Team structure along with Bylaws and Standing Rules remained in place as the pilot was happening so the following members of the Regional Team will vote (by secret ballot) in the

and region(s) and current on international per capita fees and regional assessment dues by the regional entry deadline.

- New quartets registering after January 15th will be charged an additional \$50 processing fee.
- Your competition entry will not be processed until the quartet registration is complete.
- Refer to the Quartet Handbook and Competition Handbook for a complete list of competition policies and procedures.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Dow (Competition Coordinator) at kr_dow@yahoo.com or the Sweet Adelines Competition Department. Email: competition@sweetadelines.com or call Toll Free: 800-992-7464

first round:

Comm. Coordinator - Heather Reimnitz
Marketing Coordinator - Susan Mann
Events Coordinator - Sue McCormick
Education Coordinator - Marilyn Cox
Finance Coordinator - Brenda Hershiser
Membership Coordinator - Pati Bouman
Director Liaison - Mel Horgan

A 2/3 majority (or 5) of this group voting yes is needed to approve the change of management structure including new Regional Bylaws and Standing Rules. Then there must also be a 2/3 majority of regions voting yes for the final change to occur at the International level.

The first round of voting will occur after December 8th and the second round will occur between January 8-11, 2019.

We will keep you posted on the outcome of the final vote and what it means for our region! Stay tuned!

More importantly if you have any questions or concerns about the pilot project and/or the vote, please contact me, Marilyn Cox, or Pati Bouman—we'd be happy to help you!

In harmony,
Sue McCormick
Administrative Director



Pictured Left: Region 8 members Jennifer Zucker and Heather Reimnitz along with other visioning retreat participants.

Visioning Retreat Recap

In November, the International Board of Directors and 25 members representing

diverse perspectives, and the Sweet Adelines International Executive Management Team gathered in Tulsa, OK, to develop an organizational vision for the next 10 years. Two Region 8 members, Jennifer Zucker and Heather Reimnitz, were invited to attend and participated in the weekend. Their experiences of the weekend are below.

From Jen & Heather:

First, we were honored and humbled to be invited and participate in this amazing weekend! It was an unforgettable weekend that came at a critical personal time for ourselves and others. International headquarters brought in a specialist to facilitate SAI's future. She attended our International convention in St. Louis to understand who we are as an organization and as individual members.

25 members represented different points of view with varying experience and knowledge in the organization, and we worked along with the International Board of Directors the whole weekend. ALL voices were heard! This group was very diverse and very global with several other countries represented from New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, and Sweden.

We all discussed the past, present, and especially the future with big picture ideas of what we see for the organization in 10+ years. Conversations were sometimes tough, but everyone was heard and respected as we all showed up to the weekend with open minds and open hearts.

The group drafted ideas for a new vision statement and guiding principles to support the vision, and the International Board of Directors will be working to take these ideas and finalize the strategic plan. As this continues, the visioning retreat participants will be utilized in the process, so that every voice continues to be heard. Communication will come from SAI throughout the process to keep everyone updated. Change is always a process....trust the process and know that things are happening even though it may not seem like it immediately..

It was a very exciting and emotional weekend (in a great way!). We wish every member had the opportunity to participate in something like this, and hope everyone will! The future is bright and extremely EXCITING! Everyone should also go to Tulsa sometime and tour the headquarters building....it is a wonderful experience!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Heather Reimnitz (hreim6@gmail.com) and Jen and her can get an answer back to you!

**Director's Workshop & Quartet
Workshop Coming in JANUARY!**

**January 25-26, 2019
Denver, CO**

The faculty for both of these events will be our own **SHARON BABB** and **TORI POSTMA!**

[Directors' Workshop](#)

[Quartet Workshop](#)

Check out the links to each page to see more information! It is not too late to register and attend!

Help with Sales Area needed!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Each year at our Regional Convention, we have a Sales Area where we sell goodies! We're trying to increase the number of vendors we have participating, so would appreciate contact information for vendors who we could approach to participate!

We also could use someone to coordinate the Sales Area! It's not a hard job and most of the "work" will be done prior to Regional Contest!

If anyone has vendor information or would like to help coordinate the Sales Area, please contact Andrea Hass at HassAJ@aol.com. Thanks in advance for your help!



Leslie Galbreath was appointed to a 1-year term on the International Board of Directors.

Congratulations, Leslie! We are so proud to have you represent Region 8!



Administrative Director
Sue McCormick

Education Director
Marilyn Cox

Membership Director
Pati Bouman

See all other RESOURCE STAFF members on the [Regional Executive Committee](#) page.

SAVE THE DATE

The link below will take you to our region's FOUR-YEAR educational plan.

This will show you all of the planned and the tentative dates we have educational events going on so that we can all plan ahead!

[Take a look!!](#)

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