

AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP

INFORMATION PACKET

Sweet Adelines International offers two at-large membership options.

The international dues are the same for both membership categories.

Chapter-at-Large membership is intended to provide membership affiliation with a region or area and the international organization for nonmembers or members of Sweet Adelines International in good standing who are no longer able or nor longer choose to affiliate with a local chapter. A Chapter-at-Large member retains all privileges of membership except performing or competing with a chartered chorus in the regional competition of the region in which she holds Chapter-at-Large membership; and forming or performing as a Chapter-at-Large chorus or unregistered quartet representing itself as a quartet of Sweet Adelines International.

A Chapter-at-Large member may affiliate with another chartered chorus in another region and is eligible to compete with the chartered chorus in regional or international competitions.

Chapter-at-Large members are responsible for payment of regional dues for the region in which they are a member.

Member-at-Large category is intended to provide membership affiliation with Sweet Adelines International for nonmembers or members in good standing. Members-at-Large may not affiliate with a chapter or region, and may not participate in regional or international competitions.

For your information, the policy for both membership categories is enclosed.

DIVISION B

AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP

1. Chapter-at-Large

1. **Definition:**

The purpose of Chapter-at-Large (CAL) is to provide membership affiliation and participation with the Region/Area and International organization for nonmembers or former or current members of Sweet Adelines International Corporation who are no longer able or who choose not to affiliate with a local chapter. A member applicant must be in good standing with her current chapter on the date of her application to CAL; a former member must have been in good standing (regarding dues or monies owed) with her former chapter at the time of leaving that chapter (or have paid any amount owing subsequently) so that she is in good standing on the date of application to Chapter-at-Large.
2. **Chapter-at-Large Per Capita Fee: (See Appendix F, 3.)**
3. **Regional Assessments**
 - a. Each Chapter-at-Large member is assigned to a Region by the International Board of Directors.
 - b. Chapter-at-Large members must pay Regional assessments to remain in good standing with the International organization and the Region.
4. **Chapter-at-Large Members Receive:**
 - a. A membership card denoting CAL membership status;
 - b. A subscription to *The Pitch Pipe*;
 - c. Mailings concerning International conventions, Internationally sponsored educational classes and music schools, listings of supplies available from International headquarters, and other pertinent information;
 - d. Member rates for registration and sales items including music.
5. **Chapter-at-Large Members (in good standing) Are Eligible To:**
 - a. Attend any events open to members during Regional, Area and International conventions;
 - b. Attend Regional, Area and International educational events, if other criteria for attendance at these functions are met;
 - c. Belong to a registered quartet;
 - d. Compete in quartet competition;
 - e. Belong to a chartered chapter in a region(s) other than the region in which they hold CAL membership, and compete with said chapter(s) in regional or international competitions;

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- f. Attend Regional/Area meetings and the Regional/Area Annual Membership Meeting (if applicable);
- g. Hold positions and offices at the Regional, Area or International level;
- h. Vote in elections for Regional Management Team positions in the Region with which they are affiliated. CAL members' votes are totaled, and the results are counted as one chapter's vote;
- i. Vote in the annual election for members of the International Board of Directors. CAL members' votes are totaled, and the results are counted as one chapter's vote;
- j. Participate in International programs.

6. Chapter-at-Large Members Are Not Eligible To:

- a. Perform with a chartered chorus or compete with a chartered chorus in the region in which they hold CAL membership.
- b. Form, or perform as a Chapter-at-Large chorus or as an unregistered quartet representing itself as a quartet of Sweet Adelines International.

7. Transfers:

- a. A Chapter-at-Large member is eligible to transfer her membership to an established chapter (upon acceptance by that chapter) or Member-at-Large affiliation without paying an additional per capita fee in the same fiscal year. Upon transfer, CAL membership automatically terminates.

2. Member-at-Large

1. **Definition:**

The purpose of Member-at-Large (MAL) is to provide membership affiliation and participation with the International organization for nonmembers or former or current members of Sweet Adelines International Corporation who are no longer able or who choose not to affiliate with a local chapter or Region. A member applicant must be in good standing with her current chapter on the date of her application to MAL; a former member must have been in good standing (regarding dues or monies owed) with her former chapter at the time of leaving that chapter (or have paid any amount owing subsequently) so that she is in good standing on the date of application to Member-at-Large.
2. **Member-at-Large Per Capita Fee: (See Appendix F, 3.)**
3. **Regional Assessments**
 - a. Member-at-Large members are not assigned to a region and are not required to pay regional assessments.
4. **Members-at-Large Receive:**
 - a. A membership card denoting MAL membership status;
 - b. A subscription to *The Pitch Pipe*;
 - c. Mailings concerning International conventions, Internationally sponsored educational classes and music schools, listings of supplies available from International headquarters, and other pertinent information;
 - d. Member rates for registration at International events and sales items including music.
5. **Members-at-Large (in good standing) Are Eligible To:**
 - a. Attend any events open to members during Regional, Area and International conventions;
 - b. Attend Regional, Area and International educational events, if other criteria for attendance at these functions are met;
 - c. Hold positions at the International level;
 - d. Vote in the annual election for members of the International Board of Directors. MAL members' votes are totaled, and the results are counted as one chapter's vote;
 - e. Participate in International programs.
6. **Members-at-Large Are Not Eligible To:**
 - a. Perform with a chartered chorus or compete in Regional, Area or International quartet or chorus competitions.
 - b. Form or perform as a Member-at-Large chorus or as an unregistered quartet representing itself as a quartet of Sweet Adelines International Corporation.

7. **Transfers:**
 - a. A Member-at-Large member is eligible to transfer her membership to an established chapter (upon acceptance by that chapter) or Chapter-at-Large without paying an additional per capita fee in the same fiscal year. Upon transfer, MAL membership automatically terminates.

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
CHAPTER-AT-LARGE BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this chapter, organized by the authority and under the provisions of the bylaws of Sweet Adelines International Corporation shall be the Chapter-at-Large of Sweet Adelines International.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The purpose for which this chapter is formed is to perpetuate and enhance the barbershop music art form through education, thereby benefitting local communities by furthering their artistic enrichment. The Corporation will accomplish this purpose by:

1. Providing education and training for its members in singing four-part harmony, barbershop style, without instrumental accompaniment, the parts being tenor, lead, baritone and bass; this to be accomplished by organizing and maintaining choruses and quartets, and
2. Giving public and private performances to promote an interest in the development and general appreciation of all things pertaining to the art form of barbershop harmony, and
3. Awarding grants and scholarships to individuals and organizations in their pursuit of study and activities in the field of vocal music in order to encourage the development, application, and appreciation of musical talent.
4. Doing any and all things necessary to accomplish said purpose, including the owning and disposition of real and personal property.

In the event of dissolution, to distribute its assets to Sweet Adelines International Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, to be used in such manner as will best accomplish the general purposes for which this chapter is organized.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section 1. - ELIGIBILITY

Any nonmember or former or current member of any chapter of Sweet Adelines International Corporation is eligible to be considered for membership in the Chapter-at-Large of Sweet Adelines International in accordance with the admittance procedure for said chapter established by the International Board of Directors.

Every person who accepts membership in the Chapter-at-Large of Sweet Adelines

International hereby ratifies and agrees to be bound in all things pertaining to said chapter by these bylaws, Chapter-at-Large Standing Rules and to the Corporation by the Certificate of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws, and agrees to faithfully observe the provisions thereof.

Each Chapter-at-Large member is assigned to a region by the International Board of Directors.

Section 2. - CHAPTER DUES AND REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS

The annual dues shall be set by the International Board of Directors. Regional assessments shall be established by the region to which the Chapter-at-Large member is assigned. Chapter-at-Large members must pay regional assessments to remain in good standing with the international organization and the region

Section 3. - TERMINATION

Any member in default in the payment of dues of this chapter or payment of regional assessment shall be suspended from all privileges of membership and, if such default is not remedied within sixty (60) days of written notice thereof, the membership of such member shall terminate.

Section 4. - REMOVAL

Any member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Board of Directors for conduct which is flagrantly detrimental to the harmonious functioning of the chapter, or for other conduct inconsistent with the privileges of membership, or other good and sufficient cause, as determined by the International Board of Directors. Action of the International Board of Directors shall be conclusive, final and binding on all chapters and all members.

**ARTICLE IV
DIRECTORS**

The International Board of Directors of Sweet Adelines International Corporation shall be the Directors of this chapter and they shall have those responsibilities and duties set out in the bylaws of Sweet Adelines International Corporation. During their respective terms of office, the Directors shall be considered members of this chapter in addition to any other chapter affiliation they may have. Meetings of the Chapter-at-Large Board of Directors are integrated into the meetings of the International Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

The President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Sweet Adelines International Corporation shall be the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively of this chapter and they shall have those responsibilities and duties set out in the bylaws of Sweet Adelines International Corporation. During their respective terms of office, said officers shall be considered members of this chapter in addition to any other chapter affiliation they may have.

**ARTICLE VI
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The Executive Management Team of Sweet Adelines International Corporation, under the general direction of the International Board of Directors, shall be responsible for the efficient operation of this chapter.

**ARTICLE VII
FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of this chapter shall begin on the first day of May in each year.

**ARTICLE VIII
STANDING RULES**

Specific operating regulations necessary to carry out the meaning of these bylaws shall be provided for in Chapter Standing Rules which shall be adopted by the International Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting or any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the International Board of Directors. These bylaws may also be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter-at-Large membership or any special meeting called for that purpose by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present in person or by proxy.

**ARTICLE X
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by these bylaws.

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern Sweet Adelines International in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any policies or standing rules, or procedures that Sweet Adelines International may adopt.

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
CHAPTER-AT-LARGE
STANDING RULES**

Section 1. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

A. ELIGIBILITY

Membership shall be open to all women including nonmembers and former or current members of Sweet Adelines International.

B. ACCEPTANCE

1. Applications for membership are automatically approved upon receipt at International if eligibility, paperwork, and dues requirements have been met. However, membership in Chapter-at-Large may subsequently be revoked by the CAL (International) Board upon sufficient proof that at time of transfer a member (1) was not in financial good standing with her former chapter or (2) had not returned chapter property.
2. Revocation of CAL membership will become effective upon two-thirds affirmative vote by the CAL (International) Board.

C. CHAPTER DUES AND REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS

1. Annual membership dues for Chapter-at-Large membership shall be \$90 (\$80 of which is the per capita fee) and payable on the member's anniversary date. Chapter-at-Large members are also responsible for payment of regional assessment fees as may be established by the region to which they are assigned.

The per capita fee for youth and Satellite Area members of Chapter-at-Large is \$40 (one-half the established per capita fee), plus \$10 Chapter-at-Large dues, for a total of \$50.

2. Any member in default in the payment of dues or regional assessment fees shall be suspended from all privileges of membership, and if after notice shall default not be remedied within a period of sixty (60) days, the membership of such member shall automatically terminate.

Sweet Adelines International

Application for At-Large Membership

_____ **Chapter-at-Large Membership**

OR

_____ **Member-at-Large Membership**

CHECK ONE Descriptions of each attached

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Member No. _____

SSN/SIN _____
(Social Security//Insurance Number) OPTIONAL

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____
Home (Include area/country codes) Work or 2nd Number

Email _____

Birth date _____ - _____ - _____
Month Day Year

Current Chapter _____ Region _____

Former Chapter(s) _____

Please give brief reason for leaving chapter and desiring Chapter or Member-at-Large membership

Note: Applications for Chapter or Member-at-Large are automatically accepted upon receipt. However, membership may be revoked by the International Board of Directors for nonpayment of chapter dues and/or failure to return chapter property.

INTERNATIONAL DUES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

Enclose check, money order or credit card information for:
Current members must submit \$10.00 for at-Large dues

International Dues (U.S. Funds)	\$80.00
At-Large Fee	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Dues Payable	\$90.00

Youth or Satellite members (Youth age 25 and Under at Join or renewal date)	\$40.00
At-Large Fee	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Dues Payable	\$50.00

Signature of Applicant Date

Credit Card - MasterCard or, VISA Expiration Date