

Great Gulf Coast Region 10 of Sweet Adelines International Policy Book

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Section A – Culture of Belonging

1. We create harmony where every voice matters. We foster a culture that provides a joyful place to share our uniqueness within a global community united in song.

Section B- Annual Education and Convention Fees

1. Member dues are \$75.00 for regular and \$25.00 for youth.
2. Non-member fees for regional events registration is \$30.
3. Contest Registration fees are the same for competing, non-competing and non-members, and is established by the Contest Steering Committee then approved by the RMT.

Section C – Member/Chorus Awards

1. Hall of Fame (HOF) is awarded by the Regional Management Team (RMT) every year, prior to the regional convention and announced then. This person is recognized by their exemplary service to the region.
2. Regional Sponsored Contest Awards
 - a. Audience Choice Award is presented at the Show of Champions, to a chorus and quartet, selected by an audience ballot vote. Any audience member given a ballot book must attend the entire contest.
 - b. Most Improved Quartet is awarded by the Winner's Circle (unlike the Most Improved Chorus, sponsored by Sweet Adelines). The guidelines are that no more than two members are replaced from the previous contest.
3. Young Women in Harmony Quartet Contest is sponsored by Region 10. Monetary support is provided to the quartet champions.....
4. The Nancy Carter Award is presented to the chorus who had the most non-paid performances in the previous year. The winning chorus receives \$50, along with a certificate.
5. The Mission Belle award is given to the chorus with the largest percentage of attendance at Regional events. They receive \$50, along with preferred seating at regional meetings.
6. The Membership Growth Award recognizes the chorus with the most member percentage increase. Awards are

Section D – Reimbursements

1. Per diem is a daily stipend designated to cover expenses incurred during business travel, which includes meals and snacks, not to exceed the allowed days set forth in the areas listed.
2. Regional Management Team
 - a. Management Team meetings, if not held via Zoom, will be reimbursed as:
 - i. .40 cents per round trip mile or lowest airfare.
 - ii. Hotel is ½ of double occupancy not to exceed two (2) days.
 - iii. \$30 per diem, if needed, not to exceed two (2) days.

- b. Regional meetings mileage, hotel and per diem shall be reimbursed in the same way as Management Team meetings. [Section D, 2, a]
 - c. Site inspections by the RMT Events Coordinator or designee for future regional events shall be reimbursed in the same way as Management Team meetings. [Section D, 2, a] with the exception of:
 - i. Actual cost of hotel stays, all of which will not exceed one hotel night.
 - d. Regional Education Faculty and designated Committee members, when invited to attend regional meetings or workshops to teach or otherwise serve in official capacities, shall be reimbursed (based on the number of hours working/teaching/serving in official capacities during the meeting).
 - i. Less than two hours: \$60 per day expense for one (1) day.
 - ii. More than four hours: \$60 per day expense for two (2) days plus travel expense at the rate established by the Region #10 Management team per round trip mile or lowest air fare.
 - iii. Three to four hours: \$60 per day expense for two (2) days.
3. Committee Meeting members shall be reimbursed for travel to pre-planned/authorized meetings at the rate established by the Regional Management Team shall be reimbursed in the same way as Management Team meetings. [Section D, 2, a]
4. Education and Membership Programs
- a. Chapter visits are generally funded by SAI.
 - b. If not paid by SAI, the Region shall reimburse in the same way as Management Team meetings. [Section D, 2, a]
5. Regional Convention
- a. Historian reimbursement is \$30 per day, up to two (2) days, plus actual costs for printing and mailing, to be approved by RMT Marketing Coordinator.
 - b. Site inspections by the RMT Events Coordinator, Contest Events Chair or designee for future convention sites shall be reimbursed in the same way as Management Team meetings. [Section D, 2, a] with the exception of:
 - i. Actual cost of hotel stays, all of which will not exceed one hotel night.
6. Financial Assistance to quartets and choruses in the region shall be made at the discretion of the regional working budget amounts.