

Membership Coordinator Report  
RMT Meeting  
Aug.16, 2020

1. Thanks to all that worked to put together the Virtual Leaders' Retreat last month. I think it went very well for our first attempt. Good responses and generally constructive criticism. I have work to do to improve, since I don't have much experience in this kind of format, but thanks to Jeanne for presenting with me, sharing her knowledge and making it all look great!

2. I forwarded a message I had received from Toula Oberlies, who has been handling the Revitalization program, regarding her health status and need to step down from this position. I have spoken with a potential candidate for this position but was turned down due to current life responsibilities.

I have also been looking at a program to connect in a better way with our CAL members. Specifics not yet fully developed, but in process. I have also talked with a possible candidate for this position who said she appreciated being considered but this wasn't a good time to take on more responsibilities.

For both of these positions I am looking for people with some SAI and regional longevity and some leadership experience, with the ability to encourage and motivate their "charges".

For Revitalization the candidate will be working with Almost Heaven to help them through the process toward full charter status again, and for the CAL position to increase the connection to our CAL members that don't have an active chorus affiliation at this time.

I am happy to have conversations with qualified women that you think would be good at these jobs.

3. Molly Huffman currently sits on a committee with International for Membership Retention and Fran Furtner sits on a committee for Membership Growth. I have had conversations with both Molly and Fran to discuss the work of their committees and to gather information that may be helpful to Region 4 during this time. We will continue to have conversations and share information.

### CHORUS BUDDY STATUS

Ohio Heartland—They still do not use ZOOM or any other technological communication system. We did set up a ZOOM visit in June, and they had 7 members present. At this time they continue to have a written monthly newsletter and telephone the members for announcements and birthday wishes.

Spirit of Evansville—They had been using ZOOM to conduct weekly meetings, and were grateful to the Region for this service. They have begun meeting in person in a park with social distancing and masks for singing and socialization with about 14 members present and are no longer using ZOOM.

Scioto Valley—I visited their ZOOM rehearsal on Aug 10. 50+members present for vocal and physical warmups, socialization, working on music. A couple of other guests present besides me. They are doing well, continuing a variety of approaches to keep connected and engaged.

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