

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 membership 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 and an application is enclosed.

**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.
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.
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. Actions 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 DIRECTOR

The Executive Director 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

Application for single and multi-year Chapter-at-Large and Member-at-Large Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter-at-Large <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 3 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 5 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 10 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime</div> </div> | <input type="checkbox"/> Member-at-Large <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 3 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 5 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> 10 yr</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime</div> </div> |
| Name | Member Number (if current or former member): |
| Address | FOR HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY |
| City, State Zip | |
| Country | |
| Daytime Phone (include area/country codes) | |
| Email | |
| Birthdate (Day, Month, Year) | INTERNATIONAL DUES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE |
| Current or Former Chapter | Region # |

Please tell us why you have chosen to become a Chapter-at-Large or Member-at-Large member:

Referred By: _____ Member's Name

Member's ID# _____

Fees and payments

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| International Dues (U.S. Funds only) At-Large Fees (current members must submit \$10.00 for at-Large dues) | 90.00 <u>10.00</u> | Youth or Satellite members (age 25 and under at join or renewal date) At-Large Fees (current members must submit \$10.00 for at-Large dues) | 45.00 <u>10.00</u> |
| Total Dues Payable | 100.00 | Total Dues Payable | 55.00 |
| 3 year Membership - 10% discount 5 year Membership - 20% discount 10 year Membership - 30% discount Lifetime Membership | 270.00 400.00 700.00 1400.00 | Multi-year memberships are not available for youth or satellite member dues. Multi-year discounts are only available for full memberships. | |

Enclose check, money order, or credit card information for payment. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards. You may fax, mail or email this form to headquarters. Forms will not be processed without funds.

☐ Visa
 ☐ Mastercard
 ☐ Discover
 ☐ Check (payable to Sweet Adelines International)

Full Card Number:

Expiration Date _____ CARDHOLDER'S NAME _____

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