



Dear Region 13 Members,

Your Convention Team had our in-person meeting on February 4, 2022 and, after much deliberation, made a very difficult decision: we are changing from a live convention to a video convention.

Sweet Adelines International (SAI) is aware of this change, and we were told other regions also have recently decided to move from live to video for their conventions.

Our decision was based on several factors. First, the estimated number of attendees has decreased dramatically. We lost nearly 200 participants between our survey last fall and our most recent one. Due to this decrease in attendees, the financial loss would be devastating as we would incur a huge penalty for not meeting the room block, plus face revenue loss from ads due to a reduced program size. Also, the payments due for the webcast and photography are set, regardless of the group size. These are just a few of the many examples of the areas affected, and it just doesn't make financial sense for Region 13 to move forward with the smaller numbers, all the while hoping that they don't decrease even further in the next three months.

The other factor in our decision is obviously the current COVID numbers and the impact it is having on other live singer events. So many have had to either cancel, reschedule or have experienced major attendance drops.

Since our Region has changed to a Video Only Contest, any video submitted has the option to compete at the International Level, Open Division, or for Evaluation Only. Information is available on the SAI Website: [Video Submission Procedures](#). This means that all competitors who were going to be attending in-person will now have to submit a video instead. And, this still allows the choruses and quartets who



Videos submitted will be adjudicated during our regular Convention Dates which are May 12-14, 2022. We are planning on a Virtual Convention May 19-21, 2022 so that we may share the videos and results. Further details will follow from your Convention Team. Details will also be posted as they are available on the [convention website](https://r13convention.org) / <https://r13convention.org>.

For Chorus and Quartet Contacts: Region 13 Chorus and Quartet Contacts were notified January 28 that SAI Registration for Convention is open. For any chorus or quartet already registered with SAI, you will be contacted by the SAI Competition Department to update your registration. Alternatively, you can email the Competition Department directly at competition@sweetadelines. Any other choruses and quartets who now wish to compete or be evaluated will need to register with SAI for convention by March 15.

Your Convention Team is very disappointed we will not be able to have a live contest in 2022. Please direct any questions to your team at the emails below.

In Harmony,
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Chair of the Regional Convention



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