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Here are a few Convention items we want you to be aware of as we continue planning for our live Convention in May. Please be sure to read everything as these are all pertinent items.

After much discussion, in an effort to keep our members as safe as possible, we have decided to also require proof of vaccination and/or a negative PCR COVID test in order to attend Convention. We are still working on the details of how this will be handled and we are also looking at having an onsite rapid test option. Once we have finalized the details, we will be sending that info to all members after our February 4th meeting, so please watch your email!



We will not be offering single event tickets this year. An AET badge (All Events Ticket) is required for entrance into all Convention events. Further details about AET registration to follow.

The Double Tree Hotel has informed us about two items: They currently do not have shuttle service, so that means that you will need to arrange for your own transportation from the airport, bus station, train depot, etc. They are also no longer offering valet parking. Hotel room reservation details will be coming your way in the February Convention News.

**Arlene Blackmer**, our Official Panel Liaison (OPL), is happy to announce we have received notice of our contest judges panel:

- **Marcia Pinvidic**, Expression, and Panel Chair
- **Betty Clipman**, Sound
- **Cydney Wentzel**, Music
- **Tori Postma**, Visual Communication (previously Showmanship)
- **Heather Reimnitz**, Panel Secretary

**Reminder:** A survey email was sent out to Chorus leaders and Quartet contacts to update contest attendance. Please be sure to respond no later than **Wednesday, February 2nd**. If you have already responded, thank you!

In Harmony,  
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## What about the 3-year competition requirement? Will video submissions count?

At the March 2020 International Board of Directors (IBOD) Meeting, the decision was made to institute a presidential waiver for the 3-year competition requirement for a chorus to re-charter. Under this waiver, a chorus would have to compete in-person during either 2022 regionals or 2023 regionals, which would restart their 3-year competition requirement.

Because of COVID-19, a further presidential waiver has been granted that allows any chorus participating in the 2022 regionals, in either a live contest setting or by video, in any division, will have fulfilled their competition requirement and would not have to compete at a live contest again until 2025. Any chorus that does not participate in 2022 regionals will need to compete at a live contest in 2023.

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## Will there be a Harmony Emporium at our 2022 regional convention?

The short answer is “yes!” Several of our vendors have already inquired about our contest and hope to attend. Choruses and quartets are invited to purchase a table to raise funds as well. Additional information regarding applications and pricing will be coming soon; we are still gathering up details.

Crafters, get busy! We would love to shop with you!

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