



From Dave Cowin, Vice President Contests and Judging. Illinois District 9/5/2014

Our chapters and quartets have responded quite well to our first ever “Annual” Convention format. As of Friday, 9/5/2014, we have 16 quartets and 10 choruses entered in our combination of Illinois District and International Pre-Lim Contests. This includes 1 Collegiate Quartet entered in our International Collegiate Pre-Lims.

This year, I revived our “Most Improved Chorus” chorus contest. The rules for this contest are quite simple. The winner is that chorus whose score this year is the highest percentage improvement on their most recent score from the past 3 years’ contests. If a competing chorus hasn’t competed in the past three years, they will be establishing their base score for future year’s most improved chorus contests.

There are 3 other Districts who have now changed their contest format to an annual, single fall convention. Those Districts are RMD, NED, and SWD. The NSC District only conducts a Fall Quartet contest and has their full conventions in the spring.