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To: Illinois District House of Delegates

From: Don Leonard

Re: C&amp;J Fall Report

Late summer and early fall have been very busy getting ready for the Fall Convention. This is my first year as your C&J person and it has been a steep learning curve. Dave Cowin has been a huge, huge help to me when I needed him.

We will have 10 choruses and 16 quartets competing. Of the quartets, we will have one Mixed Quartet, one Youth Quartet, 4 Seniors Quartets, and 2 Novice.

Mike Bagby, Jim Waldorf and I worked to offer a new chorus award. The Very Large Quartet (VLQ) is meant for small choruses that don't have enough members to put 12 or more participants on stage. The criteria for this new award is to have at least 6 participants on stage but not more than 11. Unfortunately, we did not get any interest for this fall. It could have been that we didn't get notification out to the choruses in enough time for them to prepare. Hopefully, we will have more interest for next fall. We believe this could be a fun event.

This year we also added a Mixed Quartet award. We initially had two quartets interested but only one was able to put a quartet together. The only criteria is that at least one member must be of the opposite sex. We hope to have more interest next year. Six other districts offer this award and more are planning to. One district recently had eight participants requiring them to run a separate contest.

We have had some discussion about adding a Super VLQ Contest. This award would potentially allow, for example, two quartets to combine and under the guidance of a director, perform 2 songs on stage. More discussion is needed and criteria created if we desire to move forward with this award. This award could also be a fun event.

Yours in Harmony!

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