



Hello All!

It's been a crazy year to say the least! All of the International Prelims of the BHS were canceled this spring and arrangements were started to provide other ways for quartets to qualify for the 2020 International Convention in Los Angeles. Those plans were short lived as the International Convention was canceled. Six quartets across the Society had qualified for the LA Convention in their respective fall conventions in 2019 (note: IL did not have a qualifying quartet), so those quartets will be able to compete in the 2021 International Convention in Cleveland. In addition, the choruses that qualified for the 2020 Convention in LA will be invited to compete in Cleveland in 2021 as well.

This spring and summer also kept the IL district board busy with decisions. In June, it was decided to cancel the 2020 Fall Convention. Around the same time frame, the rest of the districts of the BHS canceled their conventions as well.

Through much planning and legwork, the IL District has decided to have a Spring Convention in Bloomington, IL on March 19-21, 2021. It will be a full convention with all of our normal quartet and chorus contests. This will include high school, mixed, seniors, men's, choruses, and any other contests we normally have in the fall. There will be district champions named and International qualifiers will punch their ticket to Cleveland.

Now, of course all of this planning is dependent on what conditions the world is in with regard to this virus and the social gathering rules that will be in place next spring. We will definitely keep everyone posted on all the developments as they arise.

Currently, the IL District has no current participants in the judging community within the Society. We do, however, have a candidate judge in the music category. That candidate is Dan Wessler, bass of After Hours, 2010 IL District Champs and 2018 International Champs. I'm sure Dan will do a fantastic job and we wish him our best.

We hope to see everyone at the Spring Convention on March 19-21, 2021 in Bloomington!!!

Respectively submitted,

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