

Hello Greater NY/NJ Region 15!

Your Regional Convention Committee (RCC) has been working in the background since the end of contest 2019. Here is a little update.

- The hotel has promised that this year that the air conditioning will be working, no matter what the date is. All air conditioning units are being updated.
- The Hilton is replacing the elevators with brand new ones, which should eliminate the breakdown problems that we have had in the past.
- The elevators on Friday and Saturday night will be staffed with hotel employees who have keys to control them. This should make our travel up and down much smoother.
- We will once again pack the floors at each hotel to ensure our hospitality suites remain unaffected while we celebrate.
- The stairs will be plainly marked with signage in case someone wants to use them.
- We'll have buffets in the hotel on Thursday and Friday night to end the long, long, long waits.
- The Hampton will make sure that their elevators are available to use for any Quartets that want to entertain choruses with hospitality rooms at that hotel.
- At the ESPCC, a white curtain will be provided to cover the black concrete wall behind the risers for both the Quartet and Chorus contest.
- Our riser configuration will be the same as last year.
- Friday's Mass Sing will now – and from now on – be inside in the Concourse.
- The first Regional Handbook will be sent out on January 12.
- Competition Packet emailing from International will be on January 24.
- Online Quartet and Chorus registration will begin January 24.
- Entry deadlines: Quartets March 9, Choruses March 10.
- Late entry cutoff dates: Quartets March 24, Choruses March 25.
- The Late Fee, in addition to standard entry fees, for both Quartets and Choruses is \$100.00
- Order of Appearance will be drawn on March 16.
- We will have a Webcast again in 2020.
- 2020 Judging Panel: Valerie Taylor (Sound), Corinna Garriock (Music), Joan Boutillier (Expression), Renee Porzel (Showmanship and Panel Chair), and Linda Gummerson (Panel Secretary).
- CCL contact for questions or concerns is Diane Ostrander, Capitaland Chorus
dlostrander@nycap.rr.com
- Once chorus rooms are booked for contest, there will be no moving and rebooking for the weekend, so please make sure that roommates know that once they are in a room, that room is theirs for the weekend, no changes will be made.

As changes and additions happen, we will do our best to keep you informed.

It is a pleasure to serve you,

Your Regional Convention Committee

P.S. We are still looking for a [Convention Services Chair](#), it's not too late to join this wonderful team.