

Sweet Adelines New Member Committee

The New Member Committee is an entity of the Music Staff and is coordinated by a chairperson who reports to the director of the chorus. The New Member Committee consists of six major positions:

- Chairperson
- Co-Chair
- Costume Coordinator
- Membership Liaison and Audition Coordinator
- Correspondence Coordinator
- Vocal Production Coordinator/Chorus Director

The NMC is afforded an annual budget, which is determined by the Board of Directors or Management Team at the beginning of the fiscal year.

THE NMC PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the Chorus New Member Committee is not simply to welcome new members into the chorus and ensure they receive the basic necessities to get them on the risers. Rather, we are a committee brought together for the purpose of guiding our new members into our Chorus and the entire Sweet Adeline Organization.

It is our mission to see to it that every new member be provided all the necessary tools and resources available so that they can immediately become a part of the family without fear, confusion or apprehension. We will educate them and watch over them for an entire year, every step of the way.

To do this, every member of the New Member Committee is committed to giving our new members their undivided attention, sharing the knowledge they have attained through the organization, and keeping their promise to always be aware of our new members.

Being aware of new members means being cognizant of their presence and absence, anticipating problems that new members may encounter, offering suggestions for being successful and never ever allowing a new member to let the fear of unfamiliar surroundings or uncertainty get the best of them.

Our organization is complex indeed. It involves rigorous rehearsals, intense coaching sessions, the use of our own vocabulary, significant expenses, detailed instruction, administrative function and a strong dynamic of many personalities. It also offers opportunities of a lifetime, incomparable education, possibilities of growth, community development, performance exposure, competitive goals and a sisterhood of magnificent proportions. It is our intent to not let the former overshadow the latter.

We are dedicated to keeping the doors of communication open, developing an education plan and following that plan with the understanding that a good product is always a work in progress. For it must continue to grow with the strength of its members.

We are a committee among a larger team and we welcome new members with open arms. We are proud of our chorus and want every new face to recognize that pride which is evident in every person on the committee.