



2017 FVA SUMMER CONVENTION

Hilton Orlando– Altamonte Springs

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Adjudicator Training Session**

This full day course is for those who wish to begin the process to become Board Approved Adjudicators (formerly referred to as “Certified”), or those who would like to learn more about the adjudication process and rubrics. Mail registration form and \$35 pre-registration fee by July 12; onsite registration is \$45. Board Approved Adjudicators who wish to renew may attend 1:00 – 5:00 pm without charge. Contact Dale Choate (adjudication@fva.net) for more information.

7:00 – 9:00 pm **FVA Awards Chorale Rehearsal**

Help honor FVA’s finest as a member of the Awards Chorale. Contact Jason Locker (jason@fva.net) for more information.

Friday, July 28

11:00 am **Registration Opens – Conrad Room**

1:30 pm **We Win When We Love! – Brian NeSmith**

Building a choral program is more than achieving a Superior sound. We’ll explore how connecting people improves all areas of a program.

2:45 pm **Beverage Break**

3:00 pm **Creating Choral Artistry Through Vocal Refinement – Dr. Melinda Doyle**

This session will explore the importance of the “choral director as the voice teacher” within the choral setting. Discussions will include the necessities of proper vocal technique and the basics of tone production to create healthy vocal sound. In addition, the session will give insight on choral singing vs. solo singing. Music examples will be provided to incorporate the techniques that are being addressed. The session will conclude with Q & A.

4:30 pm **FVA General Business Meeting – Tommy Jomisko, President**

Meet your District Chair and find out about what’s new in the 2017-2018 school year! All Fall Meeting locations and times will be announced.

5:00 pm **FVA Hall of Fame & Awards Ceremony, Concert, and Reception**

Join FVA as we honor the remarkable careers and contributions of Keitha Bledsoe, Dale Choate, Danny Compher, Beth Cummings, and Deborah Wong Mar. The 2017 Middle & High School Choirs of Distinction will also be recognized. The Awards Ceremony and Concert are followed by a Reception in Salon A/B/C.

Saturday, July 29

7:30 am **New Member Breakfast – Dogwood Room**

First-year teachers and those new to Florida or new to teaching secondary choral music are invited to join the FVA Board for a welcome breakfast. Contact Mark Scott (exec@fva.net) for more information.

9:00 am **Reading Session: Selected Works for Middle School & High School Choirs – Dr. Melinda Doyle**

10:00 am **Song Choice or Re-Voice? Choosing Music for Beginning Mixed Choirs – Andrea Peacock**

Does your beginning mixed choir have significantly less boys than girls? Not enough changed voices to sing the “Baritone” part? This session explores how you can make published music work for your situation – or compose/arrange music yourself for your own group – all within the confines of FVA MPA rules and procedures! (No, you won’t be disqualified if you follow these steps!)

10:45 am **Beverage Break**

11:00 am **Unpacking All-State 2018 – Tommy Jomisko, Jason Locker, Jeannine Stemmer, Elizabeth Phillips**

Hear about the 2018 All-State conductors, sample the music, and learn about changes to this year’s audition cycle. All-State music packets may be borrowed and/or purchased before the session at the Head’s House of Music office.