

## **Pride of Kentucky Chorus Emeritus Membership**

Emeritus membership is bestowed as an honor upon a member of the chorus who intends to end their membership within the chapter, region or organization. For those who meet the stated criteria, as detailed below, it demonstrates the chorus' appreciation for this former member's dedication and contributions to our chapter.

Granting Emeritus Membership:

- The Chapter Board of Directors shall be the nominating body for those considered for this membership status.
- By majority vote, the Chapter Board of Directors shall grant Emeritus Member status.
- The Emeritus Membership shall be presented to the recipient as an honor or gift versus being offered as an option that the individual may accept or reject.

Those being considered for Emeritus Membership must meet the following criteria:

- Total length of membership in Pride of Kentucky Chorus of 10 years or longer
- Contributed in a significant way to the leadership, morale, or general operation of Pride of Kentucky Chorus
- Represent the "spirit" of Pride of Kentucky through words and deeds

Guidelines for Emeritus Membership:

- May attend all Pride of Kentucky events and rehearsals as a member
- May participate in "sing out" opportunities in which guests would be allowed, such as Christmas caroling and National Anthem performances
- Shall remain a member of all Pride of Kentucky communication methods (including but not limited to email, Facebook POKY Sings page, Lifelines, Ledger Lines, Board Buddies, etc.) unless removed by member's request
- Will remain on the chorus website roster as a "chorus member" until the time that another status is developed to accommodate this emeritus status
- May obtain and proudly wear informal POKY clothing
- Will not be included in future stage costuming needs of the chorus and shall return all stage costuming components
- May not participate in the chorus voting process. (Examples include changes to standing rules, election of Board members or approval of new members)
- May not participate as a competitor at regional or international competitions
- May not perform as a chorus member on chorus shows
- Is not required to pay chapter, regional, or international dues, and is no longer an official member of SAI or our SAI Region

These guidelines shall reside in Pride of Kentucky Chorus membership files. The Emeritus Member status will not be reflected in Pride of Kentucky Chorus Standing Rules as those rules are subject to external review periodically