

Dear Members of the Mid-Atlantic Region of NATS,

I hope this message finds you happy and well. Thank you for your participation in our recent survey. We had responses from 141 of our members. I appreciate your time and thoughtful comments.

After careful consideration of the survey data and an assessment of the terms and conditions from our prospective host venue and state, the MAR NATS board has decided to hold all region auditions online for March 2022. In addition to our concerns about everyone's safety and of the ethical responsibilities we have to help slow the spread of the virus, we also want to allow for as many as possible to have fair and equal access to participate. We feel an online event will allow us to make the story as much about the singing as possible and less about the safety logistics that are important and require careful attention. The constraints of mandatory masking in addition to the necessary time and space extensions for live competition were primary factors in this decision.

All of our respective districts will be held or have already been held virtually. We also have experience with virtual auditions from the past two years. Moving forward with fully virtual auditions now will aid in our planning for the region event. We will also host a region workshop online again in conjunction with our student auditions.

More information about applications for workshop opportunities and the region auditions will be coming soon. In the meantime, stay healthy and keep working on wonderful performances! I am excited to connect with you soon.

Sincerely,

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