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This month the newsletter will focus on the new **Choral Submission Requirements for the 2017 Provincial Festival!**

Starting this year, the National Festival requires Choral entries to be submitted as mp3 or mp4 files. As winning choral entries are forwarded to the National Festival, PABC is asking that choral entries be submitted in this format as well. Files may be attached to emails. Each song should be a separate file and should be labelled with the full name of the selection. For festivals that send multiple choral entries, each choir must be sent as a separate email, with the Subject line of the email including both the Choir name and the Festival name. The actual music performed may also be scanned and attached to the same email. Scans must include the title page, which may not have any identifying marks on it. Please do not send music scans as Jpegs, but rather convert them to PDFs before sending. A designated email address for choral submissions will be sent out early next year.

Unfortunately original entry forms and entry fees must still be sent by mail, although to keep everything simple, a scan of the entry form may also be attached to each choral email.

For this year only, PABC will accept CDs and original music and will make the conversions in the office. By 2018, only digital files will be accepted. If CDs and sheet music are submitted, only one copy of each need be sent.

**Choral Entries in a nutshell:**

**Email: Subject line: name of choir and festival**

**Attach two choral files, one for each piece, each titled with name of piece only**

**Attach complete scans of music as PDFs, including title page**

**Attach a scan of entry form.**

**Submit entry fees with original entry form by mail**

FCMF, the National Festival, is trying to track down life members that were nominated by BC festivals as some point in the past. If any festivals recognize the names **Yolande Fitzgerald** or **Dr. D. Seyward Smith** please let me know, so that I can pass on information to FCMF.

And finally, the board of PABC wishes everyone involved with festivals and their families, all the best wishes for the season and for the New Year.