

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting Minutes
NDSU Alumni Center
September 24, 2005**

Members Present: Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamy, June Skuza, Kathe Hall, Darcy Lackman, Jan Stoffel, Carolyn Nelson, Deanna Qualley, Sharon Westbrook, Vivian Acuff, Carole Flatau, Arnola Levenson, Dawn Penrose, Doris Lambie, Sallie Nordlie, Odee Maier, Barbara Larson, Carma Kulish, Jacki Keck, Lynda Pearson, and Jann Belanus.

Members Excused: Ruth Heley, Dolores Loberg, Charlotte Lewis, Kitty Overboe, Jane Kalmbach, Betty Carow, Pat Grantier, Eleanor Johnson, Donna Koppenhaver, Gary Lawrence, Dawn Lawrence, Charlene Knoll, and Margaret Marcussen.

Members Absent: Karen Knudsvig, Dee Meisner, Eileen Geske, Susan Lundberg, Joyce Westfall

President Gordon Maier called the State Board meeting to order at 9:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance and NFMC Collect were said. "This is my Father's World" was sung, and invocation by June Skuza (Charlene Knoll was sick).

President's Report was read. He highlighted two areas of focus: 1) increase our presence in College Music Departments, and 2) improve coordination and oversight of our Committee structure (see report). Everyone then introduced themselves and where they were from.

Secretary's Minutes: Carolyn Nelson made a motion to approve the Spring Convention Minutes as they stand, June Skuza seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Brugamy reported that Sr. Club Dues went up as approved at the Spring Meeting; \$3 goes to State, \$2 to National and \$1 Founders Day Pennies for a total of \$6.00 per person. The bulk mailing fees were not correct, we were reimbursed for that. The PPA dues went up to \$2.00 of which \$1 goes to State and \$1 goes to National (see reports).

Kris made a motion that the Standing Rules on page 8 be changed to read that the NCR Travel Expenses will be \$75.00 per person/per year. Odee Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Kris made a motion that the State YA Fund will pay the balance of \$716.75 to cover the expenses from the Young Artist Concert during the Spring Meeting. Barb Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carma Kulish made a motion to file the Reports for Audit, Deanna Qualley seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Reports:

Jan Stoffel reported on the NDFMC Corresponding Secretary and the American Women Composers committees (see report).

Vivian Acuff reported on the Music Outreach committee (see report) and the Public Relations Report (see report).

Carma Kulish reported on the Festival committee (see report). Mayville may not have a festival this year.

No report was available from Karen Knudsvig as the Essay chairperson. A written report was submitted by Eleanor Johnson as historian (see report). A written report was submitted by Ruth Heley as Western VP and College Liaison (see report).

The Musical Interlude was led by Carole Flatau, singing Star Spangled Banner and Polly Wolly Doodle.

Gary Lawrence had submitted that he had audited the Treasurer's books and that everything was correct and in order.

Sharon Wesbrook reported on the Junior Composers Contest (see report). The fees had been changed at the 2003 State Convention meeting.

Carolyn Nelson reported on the NFMC Senior Club Ratings, Archives, Legislation (now known as Arts Advocacy), and as National Board Member and convention (see reports).

Carolyn Nelson also reported on the Junior Composers Institute since Dawn Lawrence was unable to attend. There will be a senior award for returning students and a junior award for new students. The site may change to a different location and that Dawn Lawrence will chair next year's Institute.

Odee Maier reported as the National Board member-at-large (see report), on the NDFMC Fall board meeting reports (see report), and the NFMC Fall Board Meeting, which was held in Minneapolis (see report).

Carole Flatau reported on Poetry and Folk Music (see report).

Election of Executive Committee Members-at-Large:

Nominations were submitted from the floor. The following names were on the roster: Arnola Levenson, June Skuza, Dawn Lawrence and Jan Stoffel. Odee Maier made a motion to close nominations and accept this roster of names. Carolyn Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doris Lambie presented a report on International Music Camp (see report).

Sharon Wesbrook presented the Icelandic Saga and Composition, which was played by Sharon and Deanna Qualley.

Old Business:

The IMC Hosting Schedule (see report) was changed. Carolyn Nelson made a motion to amend the Standing Rules to adopt the changes as stated, Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new schedule will be as follows: Jamestown/Valley City in 2006, Fargo in 2007, and Grand Forks in 2008, Devils Lake in 2009, Minot in 2010, Williston in 2011, Dickinson in 2012, Bismarck in 2013, Jamestown/Valley City in 2014, Fargo in 2015, and Mayville in 2016.

Odee Maier's Dream #1 (see report) on the newsletter will go to all members and be published 2 or 3 times/year. The state roster is getting started and Kris will be working on this project. Dream #2, the Student Auditions in even years, other awards and Jr. Competitions would be funded from the Jr. Division funds. Apple for the Teacher awards was tabled. The website would consist of JCI, NDFMC and NCR. The three groups would have sites and be linked to each other (see report) with more information to follow. Kris moved to take the even year student auditions off the table. Odee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Kris moved that NDFMC would sponsor the even year student auditions at the state level for 2006 and reevaluate thereafter. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion

carried. Dream #3 (see report). Kris made a motion to take Dream #3 off the table. Odee seconded. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Kris made a motion that a committee be appointed to study the viability of Dream #3, regarding the Music Room at IMC, and if found to be viable, determine how funds would be raised, and bring recommendations to the Spring Board Meeting in April 2006. Carolyn Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee members will be as follows: Kris B., Odee M., Darcy Lackman, Jackie Keck and one more person is needed.

The reading of Senior club reports was suspended by consensus. The written reports were from Bismarck/Mandan, Fargo/Moorhead, Grand Forks, Dickinson, and Williston.

New Business:

The 2006 Spring Board Meeting will be held in Bismarck, April 22, 2006. Location to be determined.

The 2007 Spring Convention will be held in Williston. Possible dates are April 19-21, April 26-28, or May 10-12. Minot Club will help with convention planning and execution.

The 2006 NFMC Board Meeting – NCR needs to provide decorations for all lunches. Ten centerpieces for each lunch are needed. "Lake of the Woods" is the theme. Ideas are needed for decorations. Carma Kulish, Doris Lambie, and Kris Brugamyer will be on a committee to come up with ideas. If you have any ideas, please get them to one of the ladies. Then the ideas will be forwarded to Odee Maier to see what will work. Carma will lead the committee.

President Gordon Maier then closed the meeting with the NFMC Benediction. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary