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## NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

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### President's Message

Lila Gienger



The calendar says it is spring, but the weather we have been having makes us wonder if it isn't still winter.

At our spring board meeting we learned that 3 young people earned 75 points and 2 earned 90 points in the NDFMC sponsored music festivals. With more and more young people participating in our festivals it shows that North Dakota does have a lot of artistic talent in our state. We may be a sparsely populated state but we do have a great amount of talent among our people. And we as members of the NDFMC should be very proud of all the work we do to encourage music and the arts among our young people.

We have 2 positions on the board that we need to fill. Music Outreach is bringing the gift of music to people in their homes, or in hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, prisons, retirement centers or other places where people are totally

or partially confined. A lot of people do things for people in nursing homes and hospitals, and if it involves music in any way, that is considered outreach.

Joyce Westfall resigned her position as opera chairman at the spring board meeting. The opera chairman should focus on opera/opera/operetta/opera for youth/musical theater for one program each year. If a live or a video performance isn't possible, the opera chairman should present a program about opera. The state chairman also writes up a report about any performances done by any school or community in the state within the year.

Being a member of the NDFMC board is a wonderful experience, so if anyone thinks they would be interested in taking on either the music outreach or the opera chairman position please let me know.

Remember to keep music in your lives.

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Odee Maier, Editor

**WITH MUSIC IN YOUR HEART, YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE**

**CAROLYN'S CORNER      CAROLYN NELSON, NFMFC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

On the road again. Arts Advocacy Days were March 31-April 1 in Washington, DC. Terri Aldrich (Minot Arts Council), Linda Olsrud (Bismarck Arts Council) and I attended the daylong workshop, the Congressional breakfast, and visited our three members of Congress in their offices. We spread the word that the federal budget needs to be "fixed" to provide funding for the Council on the Arts, the Council on the Humanities, Arts in the Schools, and public broadcasting. We also tried to get the message across that the arts have a huge economic impact on our communities and the states. In ND, the impact is estimated as \$101 million. I also spent a day getting mentored by our national president, Lana Bailey, at her home in Virginia.

I wrote articles for Music Club Magazine and the Prairie Arts Newsletter (published by the Lake Agassiz Arts Council) about the music of Lincoln. I serve on the planning committee for the ND Lincoln Bicentennial. The big celebration will be next February at the Capitol in Bismarck.

The Kansas Federation hosted me for several days in Wichita in early April. Their convention had very little business and lots of music. There were about 60 people at the convention

banquet. Their total senior membership is similar to ours however there are far fewer juniors involved in festivals.

On April 26th I was honored to speak at the induction of Dr. Merton Utgaard into the Music Hall of Fame at Valley City State University. Noella was unable to make the trip but their son Michael was there and gave a very nice response upon receiving the award. Joe Alme was the other person speaking about Dr. Utgaard. Joe is looking forward to seeing many of us at the ribbon-cutting for the new Alme Fine Arts Center at IMC on June 21. He has assured me that we will like the new composers center in the building.

In May I'm off to Michigan for their convention. This summer brings our NCR Federation Days in July at Augsburg with the SCR Federation Days the following week at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Arkansas. Yes, I've been busy, but this is fun. Thank you for the opportunity. Oh yes, if you would like to spend a few wonderful days in Denver this summer, check out the NFMFC fall session, August 5-10. The information is in both the Music Clubs Magazine and Junior Keynotes.

**THE EDITORIAL WE PAGE.....**

This month we are celebrating National Music Week. This year's theme: "Music....A Sound Foundation for Life" aptly describes our goals as parents and teachers. We all can only hope we have succeeded.

My musical foundation giver was Miss Lobben (Gertie to her friends), who started me on the piano at age 4 along with 3 other wiggly kids. Those first years were so very fundamental. Miss Lobben had a grading system where one received a sticker when the "piece" was almost right, a red star for perfect, and a gold star for completely memorized. I remember my first favorite, "Trees on a Hillside" by Ada Mae Piagett. Another early favorite was "Sur la Glace a Sweet Briar" - can't remember the composer.

Miss Lobben sponsored a Junior Club called "The B Sharp Sunrise Club". To be a member, one had to practice 30 minutes before school EVERY DAY, and your parents had to sign the sheet EVERY WEEK! I wonder if this still happens.....

After this short trip down memory lane, I wonder how many of us have ever thanked our "foundation givers" be they parents or teachers. Sobering thoughts, right?

Have a good summer. Odee

## NOTES FROM THE SPRING BOARD MEETING....

The NDFMC Board of Directors met in Jamestown April 26<sup>th</sup> with the following actions taken:

MOTION: To increase all Junior Composers Contest entries by \$1.25; \$1.00 to Cup expenses and \$.25 to competition expenses.

MOTION: To make Junior Dues forms in duplicate, not triplicate. The duplicate copy will go to the teacher.

MOTION: To agree to consider hosting the 2015 NFMC Convention in Fargo and to bring information about this to the NDFMC 2009 Convention

MOTION: In the event that President Lila Gienger cannot attend the NFMC August meeting in Denver, Vice President Pat Grantier will be the delegate.

MOTION: To amend the Bylaws regarding the National Board Representative (see page 7).

MOTION: To amend the Bylaws regarding the NDFMC Board Members-at-Large (see page 7).

DISCUSSION: Recommend to Dawn Lawrence, NFMC Festival Cup Chair, that NFMC make laminated posters with pictures of the 6 Festival Cups to be available at the NFMC meetings.  
Rationale: avoid expense for each Festival site for purchasing 6 cups for promotional purposes.

DISCUSSION: Procedure to be followed if a senior club dissolves.

DISCUSSION: Gift to Seniors Clubs at their Centennials

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

AUDITING: Carolyn Nelson and Sharon Wesbrook for 2007-2008

ND COMPOSERS: Carole Flatau, Sharon Wesbrook and Jan Stoffel. Pursue criteria needed for selection of ND Composers to be recognized in our Composers Center room.



**2008 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDEES**

## DATES TO REMEMBER.....

June 21	IMC Alme Building/Composers Center Dedication	Dunseith, ND
July 6-12	Junior Composers Institute	Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
July 10-12	North Central Region meeting	Minneapolis, MN
July 25	Federation Day at International Music Camp	Dunseith, ND
August 5-10	NFMC Fall Session	Denver, CO
September 27	NDFMC Fall Board Meeting	Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND

**JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS****JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST-2008 SHARON WESBROOK, CHAIR**

The following North Dakota Junior Composers were declared 2008 Winners.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>City</u>
<b>Class I</b> (Ages 9 and under)			
Francine Dong	Grand Forks	Gloria Bethke	Grand Forks
Joey Pederson	Moorhead	Judy England	Moorhead
<b>Class II</b> (Ages 10-12)			
Morgan Uriell	Lakota	Amy Jo Paukert	Michigan
Kaden Ferch	LaMoure	D. Eileen Geske	Verona
<b>Class III</b> (Ages 13-15)			
Kate Talley	Minot	Karen Borud	Minot
Nikki Edmiston	Thompson	Gloria Bethke	Grand Forks
<b>Class IV</b> (16-18)			
Emily Custer*	E Grand Forks	Seth Custer	E Grand Forks

**CUPS AWARDED:****1st** (15 points)

Jalyn Staudinger	Richardton	Margaret Marcusen	Dickinson
Aaron Tacke	Fargo	Michelle Kallod	Fargo

**2nd** (30 points)

Emily Custer	E Grand Forks	Seth Custer	E Grand Forks
Kendra Swenson	Lakota	Amy Jo Paukert	Michigan
Lara Vasicek	Lakota	Amy Jo Paukert	Michigan

\*Emily's composition "Stars" was a North Central Region winner and advanced to the NFMC competition.

**JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE KAREN BOURNE, DIRECTOR**

JCI is getting closer and closer. Preparations are being made for bringing in artists and planning activities for the students. Seth Custer will be serving as lead teacher and has been busily preparing a great week. Congratulations to Emily Custer for her composition which was a Regional winner for Level IV and is now in the National Composition Competition.

Be sure to get registrations in soon so that your students are guaranteed a spot in JCI this summer. Contact Karen Bourne with any questions at [kjbourne@cablone.net](mailto:kjbourne@cablone.net)

**2008 FESTIVAL AND CUP REPORTS****CARMA KULISH, FESTIVAL CHAIR - JANN BELANUS AND LYNDA PEARSON, CUP CHAIRS**

Festival entrant numbers were down quite a bit this year; we hope this is a temporary blip and the numbers will rise again in 2009. Not all the Festival data is in as we go to press, so we will wait to print a complete report in the Fall issue.

We do know that there were 3 Grand Cups and 2 President Cups earned. The Grand Cups (75 points) were awarded to Rachel Abbe, Grand Forks; Shaynna Mann, Dickinson; and Asta Lee, Minot. The President Cups (90 points) were awarded to Emily Reitmeier, Fertile, MN (Grand Forks site); and Briana Schwan, Minot. Their information and pictures will be printed in the Fall issue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE MUSICIANS, THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS!



**FROM YOUR STATE TREASURER KRIS BRUGAMYER**

It's that time of year again when our financial year is close to its end. On May 31st I will close the books on the 2007-2008 year. Pretty much everything has been paid that needs to be paid now. One major exception is the national festival fees which I expect will be around \$1,300.00. Other than that, there should only be some miscellaneous expenses from the recent Spring Board meeting left to cover and a couple of interest payments left to receive.

Income and expenses remained within our budget, and non-budgeted income and expenses were a little better than expected. Despite the fact that our membership counts were down this year in both the Senior and Junior Divisions, we did have a good year financially. I have included a breakdown of the membership counts and of the dues and contributions paid to the national organization below as well as a breakdown of our financial activity for the year so far. (I have not separated budgeted items from non budgeted items. Also, please note it is not a year-end report, but it is pretty close.)

We paid our pledge to the International Music Camp in April, and we still have nearly \$3,900.00 left in the fund which will be spent on furnishings for the Composers Center room.

Finally, a special "Thank You" to all the club treasurers who got their reports to me in a timely fashion, and also to all the junior club advisors who paid their junior dues before December 15. Your promptness is greatly appreciated!

**MEMBERSHIP COUNTS, DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS 2007-2008 SUMMARY****NDFMC Membership Counts**

9	Senior Clubs (414 members)
2	Student Clubs
140	Junior Clubs (2300+ members)
34	Senior Individual Members
1	Junior Individual Member

**Dues and Contributions Paid Out to NFMC**

(\$2,807.50)	Member dues (all divisions)
(\$877.00)	Magazine subscriptions (173 JKY, 2 MCM)
(\$448.00)	Founder's Day Pennies
(\$68.00)	Past Nat'l President's Scholarship (9 of 9 Clubs)
(\$67.00)	Past President Assembly dues (9 of 10 chapters)
(\$918.00)	Young Artists contributions

**NDFMC FINANCIAL REPORT  
for JUNE 1, 2007 - APRIL 25, 2008**

<u>Gain (loss)</u>	
\$2,589.10	Dues (includes Club, Ind. PPA)
\$1,971.02	Interest
(\$750.00)	International Music Camp
(\$360.00)	Memberships & Fees
(\$1,857.75)	Travel (State. Region and National)
(\$371.58)	Officers & Committees Expenses
\$1,194.95	Junior Division *
\$4,165.54	Festival & Jr. Composers Cups
(\$133.00)	Past State Presidents Fund
(\$930.69)	Other
<b>\$5,517.59</b>	<b>OVERALL NET GAIN</b>

**FEDERATION DAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP  
LANA SIMONS, NFMC REPRESENTATIVE**

Federation day at the International music Camp will be Friday, July 25. The Grand Forks Thursday Music Club will be hosting the reception for the Agnes Jardine winners, faculty and friends. This will be the second year for the new Camp Director, Dr. Tim Wollenzein and his wife, Lori, who will be there to meet and greet all attending.

Remember, this is a state-wide event and is not limited to members from the club providing refreshments and the NFMC representative to IMC!

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES - 2008

**PROPOSED CHANGES to ARTICLE 3 and ARTICLE 12** were presented to the NDFMC board on APRIL 26, 2008 and were approved to be presented for action at a special session of the NDFMC in September 2008, and are indicated below with underlined typeset (indicates newly proposed language) and ~~struck-through~~ typeset (indicates proposed language deletions). This is the required presentation of the proposed changes to the entire membership. See the Discussion of the Bylaw Changes below.

### Article 3 – Officers and Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The Elected officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Regional Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

**Section 2 – Executive Committee.** The Elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee together with the immediate past president, ~~and four additional Members-at-Large elected by the Board of Directors.~~

### Article 12 – National Board Member

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall, in the Fall of even calendar years, elect one person holding a membership in the North Dakota Federation to serve as the National Board Member from North Dakota. The process will be carried out according to procedures set forth in the National Federation of Music Club Bylaws.

- A. A Past State President shall be the first name considered; the term of office is two years, subject to reelection for an additional term.
- B. If the elected National Board Member is subsequently elected to a position of NFMC president, vice president, treasurer, or secretary, the board member's term limit will automatically be extended to match the end of the board member's time in that elected NFMC office or until NFMC bylaws change the board member's status.
- C. An alternate National Board Member may be elected to serve if NFMC bylaws allow for a new state representative. This will allow for immediate succession upon the election of a National Board member to the office of NFMC president.

## DISCUSSION OF THE BYLAW CHANGES

Carolyn Nelson is the current National Vice President and our State Representative to the National Board. Her term as ND board representative is up June 2009, and her first term as National VP is up August, 2009. The designation of our next state board member must be submitted to national by December 1, 2008. Since our convention is not until April 2009 and bylaws must be voted on at a regular convention or special session, it is necessary for our President to call a special session to accommodate the deadlines.

### Article 3 Section 2:

The NDFMC board has not used the four Members-at-Large in any capacity beyond their presence to vote at NDFMC board meetings. Eliminating these positions will not hinder the work of the Board. Instead, the Board will be streamlined to a more efficient size.

### Article 12 Section 2 B

NDFMC limits the board member to 2 terms. A state board member holding the National office of vice-president, secretary or treasurer must be on the board to be re-elected to a second term, or to the presidency in the case of the vice-president. If the board member's term expires before the election the member would have to run for a member-at-large position at the convention. The object of this amendment is to avoid the risk of a member-at-large campaign. The state term ends when the person is "out of office" and the 2 term limit is reinstated.

### Article 12 Section 2 C

A proposed national bylaws change will make the office of president statutory. By rule, the president may not participate in discussions and therefore cannot effectively represent a state. If the president is a state representative when elected, the proposed change will allow the state to immediately select a new representative to the board. The proposed national bylaw will be voted on at the Denver fall session.

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