

**NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**University of Jamestown, ND** **October 5, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at noon by President Alpha Roeszler. In addition to President Alpha, other members present were Laurie Charette, Eileen Einarson, Glenna Leedahl, Alice Pekarski, Eileen Geske, Don Geske, Kallie Lehr, Kris Brugamy, Jill Post, Sharon Wesbrook, Carol Tschakert, and Robyn Vinje.

We sang *Work, for the Night is Coming* and *Pack up Your Troubles*, and then recited The Collect.

After all attendees introduced themselves, the minutes of the April 20, 2024, Zoom meeting were read. There was one correction regarding the amount of the Evelyn Sampson award (see Standing Rules). The minutes will be filed as amended. Carol will post them on the website.

The first order of business was to approve the appointment of Robyn as interim secretary. Kris moved that she be approved, Jill seconded, and the motion carried.

Alpha passed around the current NDFMC roster for members to make necessary corrections. She then asked for volunteers to fill the offices which are open. She stated that if there is no one in a position, she writes the annual report for it.

Carol reported on her audit of the books from last year. There was a question on the report on the Dickinson Junior Festival; a correction was made by Kris. Kris then presented her yearly Financial Report. There were no questions on the Financial Report. Carol moved that the report be approved, motion seconded by Elaine, and passed. Alpha expressed thanks to Kris and Carol for these reports.

**Nominating Committee:** We need to elect a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, east vice president, and west vice president in April. The committee will report their slate at that meeting, and the membership will vote on it. **Jill moved that the Nominating Committee members be Tim Baumann, Alpha Roeszler, and Deb Eras. Motion carried.** Alpha stated that she had received oral acceptance of nominations from Alice Pekarski for president, Kallie Lehr for VP, Robyn for secretary, Kris for treasurer, and Laurie Charette for east VP. The Nominating Committee will need to find a candidate for west VP.

**Prairie Rose Notes:** Jill stated that she does not want to continue as editor. It has been published twice yearly. The discussion was held on alternative means of conveying information to the membership. **Jill moved that we change to posting the information on our website rather than publishing a separate newsletter. The motion was seconded by Alice, and carried.** Each club president is responsible for sending the information to Carol. Alpha volunteered to email the club news each month as well as their coming programs.

**Ad Hoc Committee for Changes to State Conventions:** Alpha read the report which was submitted by Robyn on the results of their meeting and recommendations for the future. The committee met at Alpha's house in June and consisted of Alpha Roeszler, Alice Pekarski, Carolyn Nelson, Elaine Einerson, Laurie Charette, and Robyn Vinje, and Kris Brugamyer participated by phone. The committee recommended that the convention be shortened and consist of the following:

Morning board meeting  
Lunch, with music performance  
NDFMC convention business meeting  
Entertainment late afternoon (3:00 or 4:00)  
Adjournment

This would eliminate Junior Day. Instead of a Memorial Service, perhaps a short remembrance and reading of the names of the deceased members since the last convention, sometime during the day.

**Bylaws and Standing Rules:** Kris stated that rather than eliminating future conventions, she simplified them, for example:

- 1) Audit committee - one person rather than three;
- 2) Nominating committee - one person rather than three;
- 3) Location of future conventions
  - would have to be Fargo and Grand Forks only.
  - Minot does not feel able to host, and Bismarck club has closed.

Tim Baumann offered to help with arrangements for future conventions, if held in Minot, such as procuring a symphony concert. (But what about other members of the Minot club not wanting to be involved?)

Kris stated that changing the bylaws is a two-step process, while changing the Standing Rules requires action by the board. Any changes to the Standing Rules go into effect after the 2025 convention and only if they apply. **Kris moved that all changes in the Standing Rules as presented today be approved; motion seconded by Alice, and carried.**

**Kris moved, and Sharon seconded, that any approval of changes to the Standing Rules relating to the convention not go into effect until after the 2025 convention, and only if they still apply after the convention-related Bylaws are voted on at the 2025 convention. Motion carried.** The state president is to send these changes to the local presidents.

**Junior Composers' Contest:** Kris reviewed the 2024 report. Keira Matejcek and Trisha Mehta each received \$25 from NDFMC. Sam Ecoff of WI is new national chair of Junior Composers.

**National Music Week Essay Contest:** No chair, no report.

**Gold Cup Report:** Pam Jangula, chair, reported on the Gold Cup winners. She will write a report for *Junior Keynotes*.

**Junior Festival:** Alice Pekarski, state chair, reported that there were 1310 events this year. Devils Lake also had a dance event. Everyone is doing well with Vivace; only one person didn't use it. Alice requested that all teachers please let her know how many certificates they need for the 2025 Festivals.

The Junior Festival rate for hotel reimbursement for judges is now \$107, an increase of \$11. The only Festivals that need this are Bismarck and Devils Lake. **Kris moved that this rate be increased to \$107, Alice seconded, and motion carried.**

**Website:** Editor Carol reported that the biggest problem is keeping the information up to date. Minot doesn't have regular meetings or programs, therefore won't have that to share. Carol wants more Jr. Fest. Info. Kris will give the dates of the various Festivals to Carol as she gets them. Each club can have their own page. No personal contact info, please.

**IMC Federation Day report:** It was Fargo's turn this year, so Alpha and Carol went on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. They had a good time and were well received. (Devils Lake's turn is in 2025.)

**IMC Report:** Tim Baumann, camp director, reported. He thanked us for the scholarship money and Federation Day. He said they are getting near full capacity after COVID. They are having some program changes for next year, pausing some classes, and adding others. Their board increased camp tuition for next year, starting in September, by \$30/week, but still 50% under other arts camps. He said that the scholarship money is "incredibly important". Food expenses are their #1 expense.

He also said that they have two needs: 1) more scholarship money, and 2) follow-up with former campers, needing contact information for them.

It was reported that the Bismarck club contributed \$12,000 to IMC when they disbanded, which they used for:

- 1) Bose sound system;
- 2) 2 Wyndmere conductor podiums;
- 3) ¾ size string bass for students; and
- 4) scholarship endowment funds.

**COI Update:** Pat Grantier is remaining as Sampson chair. Sharon Wesbrook reported that the camp is now being held at the U of WI at River Falls.

**NCR Update:** Alpha reported that the meeting will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

**Junior Festival Bulletin:** Alice reported that there are many mistakes in the new bulletin.

**NFMC Conference in Bettendorf, IA, in June:** Alpha reported on these meetings. ND had nine attendees: Alice, Joann Herman (her friend from Jamestown), Don and Eileen Geske, Carolyn Nelson, Karla Erlandson (Carolyn's daughter), Alpha, Robyn, and Andrea Vinje (Robyn's daughter).

**Announcements:** Alpha stated that there are many copies of the state and club reports that have not been picked up. They will not be mailed out in the future because they are available on line.

Jill announced that Ania and Sophie Druml from Vienna will be presenting a concert on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in the evening, in Fargo. They are the granddaughters of Gene Okerlund and Karen Okerlund (FMAMC member) of Fargo. The concert is free, open to the public, and Music Club members are especially encouraged to attend.

Kris announced that there is reimbursement for elected board members. Please submit a voucher to her.

A definite date for the 2025 convention will be set by the Grand Forks club, and will be announced as soon as a decision is made.

The meeting closed with singing *The Gift of Song*. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Robyn Vinje, recording secretary