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Iowa Federation of Music Clubs Lucinda Lear, NCTM, President Official Call to the 2007 State Convention April 27 & 28, 2007 Elkader, IA

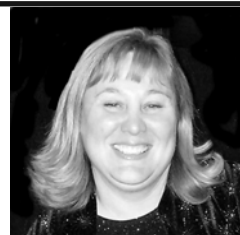
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The Silent Majority....

Is this you? In this issue you will find the official call to our biennial convention. Every two years we meet so that you—our voting body of the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs—can make your voice heard on issues that concern you. You say the leadership of this organization does not concern you and is not something you want to become involved in because you only belong to enter students into festival? Think how decisions at the National and state level trickle down to effect you and your students. Everything from fees to required repertoire in the Junior Festival Bulletin to award amounts is determined by those who have volunteered to take a leadership role in either the national or state organization. It is a

volunteer position and a sacrifice on the part of those who are willing to help shoulder the responsibility but a very worthwhile one.



Many hands make light work.

This is true whether raising a barn or raising funds, whether pulling in a crop or educating children. The Federation of Music Clubs is a philanthropic organization that seeks to promote American music and support those that strive to make music whether adult, college student or junior. Every member of this Federation has benefited in some way—if not you, then your students or your community—and has an important role to play. We NEED workers. Please

consider how you may help further the mission of the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs by volunteering to serve in a leadership role that will benefit many.

I want to encourage you to attend the biennial convention in Elkader on April 27-28. Joan Strauss, Judy Hyland and the convention planning committee has put much work into making this an enjoyable experience for all. Please check out the schedule to see the number of opportunities both you and your students can take advantage of at this time. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

**Lucinda M. Lear, NCTM
IFMC President**

IFMC Welcomes Members to the Biennial State Convention

Calling all members of Iowa Federation of Music Clubs to attend the State Biennial Convention and Election of Officers on Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28, at historic Elkader Opera House, and Peace United Church of Christ, Elkader, IA.

The 2007 IFMC convention will feature NFMC 2005 Young Artist Winner, pianist Christopher Atzinger, in concert on Friday evening at the Elkader Opera House. There will be a Master Class

with Dr. Atzinger on Saturday afternoon.

Joining us at the two-day event will be Carolyn Nelson, NFMC Vice President of North Central Region.

Saturday, April 28 is our IFMC Youth Day with Summer Campship Award Auditions, Sonatina-Sonata Festival in the morning and an Honors Recital in the afternoon.

The IFMC Advisory Council meeting and election of officers will be held Saturday morning. This is your opportunity to

participate in the organization's leadership and receive an accounting of the past years IFMC activities.

Conventioneers can reserve lodging at the Barn on the Bluff.

Plan to have an enjoyable time meeting your fellow teachers from across Iowa in support of the goals and functions of IFMC, to encourage and support your students in pursuit of music.

Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, April 27, 2007

- 9:00-11:30 AM** Board meeting at Peace United Church of Christ, 207 N. Main, Elkader
- Noon** Lunch at Peace Church
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM** Registration at Peace Church
- 1:30 - 3:00 PM** Workshop--*The Importance of One Voice*, Carolyn Nelson, NFMC Vice President of North Central Region
- Following workshop** Check in at Barn on the Bluff
- 5:00 PM** Dinner at Schera's, downtown Elkader
Special Guest Carolyn Nelson
Optional after-dinner River Walk
- 7:30 PM** Concert by pianist Dr. Christopher Atzinger, 2005 Young Artist Winner, at Elkader Opera House, 207 N. Main, Elkader, followed by reception in basement of Peace Church

Saturday, April 28, 2007

- 8:30 - 10:30 AM** Advisory Council Meeting at Peace Church
- 8:30 AM - noon** Registration
- 9:00 AM - noon** **Youth Day activities at the Opera House**
- 9:00-11:00 AM** Sonatina/Sonata Festival
- 11:00 AM-noon** Summer Campship Auditions
- 11:00-11:45 AM** Bell Choir Performance at Peace Church
This concert is in partial fulfillment of Adult Award requirements
- Noon-1:30 PM** Lunch at Peace Church
Installation of 2007-2009 IFMC officers by Carolyn Nelson
- 1:30-2:30 PM** Master Class at Peace Church
- 3:00-4:30 PM** Junior Honors Recital at Peace Church

Youth Day activities at the IFMC Convention Saturday, April 28, 2007

Dawn Steggerda
Junior Division Chair
IFMC Youth Day offers performance opportunities for the youth of our state. Students are welcome to participate in the **Honors Recital, Sonata/Sonatina Festival, and Summer Campship Auditions.**
Youth who have participated in their local Junior Festivals and achieved honors are welcome to come and perform in our **Honors**

Recital. Students who have received 3, 6, 9, or 12+ consecutive Superior ratings during the 2006 or 2007 Festivals are honored.
Auditions for the **Sonata/Sonatina Festival** are open to any student studying with an IFMC teacher. Check the entry form included in this issue for guidelines and time limits. Awards for each level will be \$25 for first place and \$15 for second place.

IFMC Summer Campship Auditions are held annually. Five summer music campship awards, up to \$300 each, will be offered to attend a summer music camp.
See the enclosed entry form for details on each event and NOTE ENTRY DEADLINE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS.

2007 IFMC Convention Registration & Meal Reservations

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____ Telephone _____

Registration fee does **NOT** include meals or lodging. **Reservations are due by April 15, 2007.**

Number		Cost	Total Amount
Registration			
	Registration for 2 days For all concerts, workshops, and events on Friday and Saturday.	\$75.00	\$
	Registration for 1 day For all workshops and events on Saturday only.	\$50.00	\$
Concert Tickets - Dr. Christopher Atzinger, April 27, 7:30 PM Elkader Opera House Ticket is included in the registration price above. Purchase additional tickets below.			
	Adult	\$6.00	\$
	Student	\$3.00	\$
Meals: Please indicate the number attending each meal. Spouses are welcome.			
	Friday noon lunch	\$5.00	
	Friday dinner Schera's - downtown Elkader, all-you-can-eat walleye, soup and salad bar, choice of potato or rice, and beverage; tax and gratuity included in the price	\$13.00	\$
	Saturday noon lunch Parents and students are also invited. Teachers: make reservations for them and indicate number attending on Junior Day Registration form. Do not include on this form.	\$5.00	\$
Lodging at Barn on the Bluff per night per person Indicate number of persons and nights below			
	Friday night	\$50.00	\$
	Saturday Night	\$50.00	\$
	Total for registration, meals and lodging		\$

Send registration form and payment to: Joan Strauss, PO Box 213, Elkader, IA 52043

*****Checks should be made payable to IFMC** (Iowa Federation of Music Clubs).

Deadline for registration: April 15, 2007.

Questions: call Joan Strauss (563-245-8486) or email: tstrauss@alpinecom.net

2007 Junior Composers Winners

Joan Strauss Jr. Composition Competition

In the 2007 Iowa Junior Composers Competition, there were 3 entries in Class I, 8 entries in Class II, 4 entries in Class III, and 1 entry in Class IV from the studios of five teachers.

The judge was Brooke Joyce, Professor of Theory and Composition at Luther College in Decorah, IA.

The 1st place winners will receive \$20.00 awards and the 2nd place winners will receive \$15.00 awards.

Class I

1st: Alayna McCafferty
Jeanne Nelson, Teacher
2nd: Kristen Mossman,
Angie Flaucher, Teacher

Class II

1st: Mari Howard-McGuire
Jeanne Nelson, Teacher
2nd: Alora Kraus
Jeanne Nelson, Teacher

Class III

1st: Katie Mallon
Lucinda Lear, Teacher
2nd: Mila Ribbeck
Laura Crumbleholme, Teacher

Class IV

1st: Dylan Huntington,
Jeanne Nelson, Teacher

Adult Category

1st: John Gere
The seven winning junior compositions were sent on to the North Central Region Competition. The IFMC Composition

Scholarship for \$300 to attend the North Central Region's Junior Composer Institute 6 in July has been awarded to Katie Mallon.

Congratulations to all Students and Teachers who entered the 2007 IFMC Composers Contest.

2006 Campship Winners

Winners of the 2006 Campship Auditions were:

... Taylor Huseman, piano
... Mia Kornelis, piano
... Kevin Lufkin, piano
... Claire Kapustka, vocal
... Anna Laurenzo, vocal
... Emilie Seda, vocal
... Katie Mallon, composition

New Festival Bulletin Coming

Lois VanderZee IFMC Festival Chair

As promised last year, a new Junior Festival Bulletin will be available after May 1. If clubs choose to order a quantity for their member teachers they will be able to save on shipping. Each club will need to make this decision. The state will not have a quantity on hand. These will be the only required repertoire accepted for 2007, 2008, 2009 NFMC Junior Festival events.

The Bulletin can be ordered from National Federation of Music Clubs, 1336 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2481 or from the web site: www.nfmc-music.org.

The cost for each bulletin is \$7.00 plus shipping. Every teacher entering students into any Junior Festival event needs to purchase a bulletin and review the rules.

Yes, everyone was a winner! A total of 6 campships were given this year. Congratulations to all of our campship winners for some wonderful piano and vocal numbers!

Do you have students that participated in Jr. Festival and would be interested in attending a summer music camp? See the information about the upcoming 2007 Campship Auditions.

2007 IFMC Festivals

Lois VanderZee IFMC Festival Chair

Congratulations to the music teachers of Iowa who prepared their students for IFMC Festivals of 2007. Sharing our joy of music will continue with our junior members after the final notes are played, and continue to lead them to a lifetime of musical enjoyment.

The Festivals are held during the months of February and March at Iowa's fourteen Festival Centers. Planning and preparation has been

processed by your local Festival Chair. Be sure to thank your Chair for the work involved for your festival.

The Siouxland Federated Club of Sioux City rejoined Iowa last fall, so the number of students participating is expected to be up from the numbers of 2006. Last year 3452 students entered into 22 Events.

Area Festival Chairs should complete the #JR 3-3 *Summary Report* and #JR 3-4 *Report of Festival Participants - Ratings* soon

after their Festival is concluded. Both forms can be found online at www.nfmc-music.org. Please read instructions carefully on both reports for accurate reporting. A computer print-out is acceptable, but use the same format as the form. **All reports are due to me no later than April 30th.**

Thank you to all Festival Chairs of last year for your fine reports. It was a pleasure to work with all of you.

Dr. Christopher Atzinger, Pianist, Convention Guest Artist

2005 NFMC Young Artist Winner

Joan Strauss

Local Events Coordinator for the 2007 IFMC Convention

The 2007 IFMC convention will feature NFMC 2005 Young Artist Winner, pianist Christopher Atzinger, in concert on Friday evening at the Elkader Opera House, 207 North Main, Elkader, IA.

A native of Jackson, Michigan, Dr. Atzinger has performed extensively here and abroad, and has won numerous awards. He earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University and is presently serving on the faculty of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. More information about him may be found at the NFMC website www.nfmc-music.org.

The historic and recently renovated Elkader Opera House with its two year old Schimmel Grand Piano will be the perfect setting for this exciting concert which is open to the public. This concert is free for convention attendees with the public welcome at \$6.00, for adults and \$3.00 for students at the door.

The City of Elkader recently applied for and received "The Cultural and Entertainment District Designation" from the State of Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, the smallest city in Iowa ever to receive this honor. I hope that many IFMC members will take advantage of the opportunity to visit Elkader and attend the concert as well as the other events of the 2007 convention.



*Christopher Atzinger, pianist,
2005 NFMC Young Artist Winner*

Directions to Convention

Joan Strauss

Local Events Coordinator for the 2007 IFMC Convention

Elkader is in the north-east corner of Iowa. For information, directions and maps visit these websites:

- ... www.elkader-iowa.com
- ... www.barnonthebluff.com

The Barn on the Bluff website gives directions from Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Decorah and Dubuque. Elkader is north of Barn on the Bluff.

For questions or further information contact Joan Strauss by email at tstrauss@alpinecom.net or her phone number is 563-245-8486.

Sounding Board deadline for submission of materials for the Summer newsletter is July 15, 2007. Send to Debbie Laird 1118 Deer Run Rd Port Byron, IL 61275 laplus5@mchsi.com



There have been 15 IFMC Adult Continuing Education Scholarship award recipients. If you have needs and interests in professional development as a music educator, don't delay to make application for the 2007 Adult Continuing Education Award of \$500.00.



Time of Remembrance at Convention

Cindy Arbogast, IFMC Chaplain

We will have a time of remembrance at our noon lunch for those members of our Federation who have passed away in the last two years.

Senior Club Presidents please send your names and/or

remembrances concerning deceased members to:
Cindy Arbogast
201 SE Peterson Dr
Ankeny, IA 50021-3445.
singasong27@hotmail.com

Let's continue to honor these past leaders of our Federation.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Calling all composers

Karen Bourne, Director Jr. Composers Institute

I would like to encourage you to send students to the **Junior Composers Institute** which is July 8-14 this year at Augsburg College. The week is fabulous and the instruction is really great. I will be the Director this year and would love to see lowans attending! There is a great recital/salon at the end which showcases the students and their work. Minneapolis would make a great weekend trip. I am amazed every year at the accomplishments created in just one week.

If you would like brochures or more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at kjbourne@cableone.net. And check out the website: www.juniorcomposers.org.



Last year Katie Mallon participated. Here she is enjoying a field trip to a sound studio.

Karen Bourne, Kris Johnson (student from Sioux City), Dawn Lawrence (Former Director) and Carol Goranson (President of Nebraska FMC, deceased)



Tri-County Music Club Welcomes Member from Moldova - Galina Jarrell

Dianne Lawson Tri-County Music Club

The Tri-County Music Club, a senior federated club in the small town of Harlan, Iowa had the unusual opportunity to welcome a new member from the country of Moldova.

Galina and Mike Jarrell met through an internet website about a year and a half before meeting in person in Moldova in August of 2003. It took little time for the two to realize that there was a special connection and so they decided to marry. Galina knew that her life was about to change as she prepared to travel to the United States. It meant leaving her family, friends and her students.

Moldova is a small country located in Eastern Europe, bordered on the west by Romania and on the east by Ukraine. It is noted for wine production and is esteemed in artistic culture. In the capital city of Chisinau Galina was a teacher for 20 years in a school of music. She served as

department head for the school's piano department with oversight of 16 piano teachers. As a graduate of the College of Music in Chisinau, she holds a degree in teaching piano and accompaniment, but she most enjoys being with students.

In July of 2004 Galina moved to Harlan, Iowa where her husband Mike was administrator of Elmcrest Retirement Community. On her arrival Galina spoke very little English and knew no one but her new husband. One of Galina's biggest concerns of course was the language. This however was resolved when she met Clarice Andersen, her new neighbor, friend and fortunately retired elementary school teacher. Clarice took Galina under her wing and tutored her through reading, writing and conversation. Clarice introduced Galina to the local piano teachers.

It was not long before Galina began attending meetings of the Tri-County Music Club. The local teachers assisted her by letting

her observe lessons, discussing method books, sources for buying music, and rules for Federation events. With a shortage of piano teachers in the Harlan area, the Tri-County Music Club members gladly referred students to Galina and donated music to help her start her library.

Together with her husband, Galina remodeled their home to create a music studio. With the help of Melissa Dinesen, the local piano tuner/technician, Galina was able to locate a baby grand piano to fill the vacant space. Soon she began giving lessons and now teaches 30 students. Galina entered students in the IFMC Festival in 2006 and has become an active member of the Tri-County Music Club.

See the next issue of the *Sounding Board* for the second part of this article. Galina shares her observations of the differences in teaching in Moldova and the United States.

Sonata/Sonatina Festival

Mission Statement:

The Sonata/Sonatina Festival encourages students in the study and performance of sonata/sonatinas within their ability of piano playing. Students are challenged to excellence in performance by being judged and competing for awards at each level. Winners are acknowledged and are given the opportunity to perform before a larger audience during the Honors Recital.

Auditions will be held in odd years in conjunction with the IFMC Convention. Auditions for the Sonatina Festival are open to any piano student studying with an IFMC teacher. Entrants must play one or two movements of a Sonatina in Level A, two movements in Level B (one slow and one fast movement), and one Allegro movement in Level C, staying within the time limitations for each level. Music must be memorized. Entrants must provide a copy of the music selections for the judge, with measures numbered. No arrangements, photocopies, or transcripts. Entry fee is \$5 per entrant. Teachers, please send one check for all of your students, made payable to IFMC. Winners are encouraged to perform at the Honors Recital.

Levels and time limitation are as follows:

Level A: Primary 1- Elementary 2 (play 1 or 2 movements)	5 minutes
Level B: Elementary 3 – Moderately Difficult 3 (play any 2 mvt.)	8 minutes
Level C: Difficult 1 – Musically Advanced 2 (play Allegro mvt.)	10 minutes

Awards for each level are as follows: 1st - \$25.00
2nd - \$15.00

IFMC Summer Campship Auditions

The Iowa Federation of Music Clubs Campship Auditions will be held at the Elkader Opera House, 207 N. Main, Elkader, IA, on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

IFMC annually offers five summer music campship awards of up to \$300 per individual to attend a summer music camp. Applicants must:

- ... Have performed in a solo category at an IFMC Festival during the current year and received a Superior rating.
- ... Include a copy of the 2007 Festival Judges Rating Sheet with a "Superior" rating circled.
- ... Be entering grades 7-12 in the current school year.
- ... Be an IFMC Junior member through membership in a junior Club or through payment of individual Junior member dues to IFMC.
- ... Be studying with a music teacher who is a member of the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs.
- ... Vocalists and pianists must sing or play their Festival repertoire from memory at the audition. Vocal entrants must provide their own accompanist.
- ... Applicants should select a music camp they plan to attend in the summer of 2007 and must include the estimated cost on their application. If private lessons are billed separately from the general camp costs, do not include in the cost of your campship. Information for music camps can usually be found on line.
- ... Only one music camp may be chosen per entrant.
- ... Provide an original score with measures numbered for the judge. No photocopies, arrangements, or transcriptions.
- ... Have their application in to the Junior Advisor by Monday, April 9, 2007.
- ... 2006 IFMC campship winners are ineligible for competition in 2007. In no case will a student be awarded a scholarship in excess of the cost of his chosen music camp.

Auditions will begin at 11:00 AM at the Elkader Opera House, 207 N. Main, Elkader, IA.

If awarded a campship, winners must send a completed music camp application to the IFMC state treasurer by May 15, 2007. In the event winners do not follow through with their camp application, alternate winners will receive the award money. The state treasurer will forward money to the camp after receiving a completed camp application from the winners.

Honors Recital

An Honors Recital will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 3:00 PM at Peace Church in Elkader, IA. All students who are 3, 6, 9, or 12 year Festival winners are eligible to perform one of their Festival pieces from memory. Winners of the Sonata/Sonatina Festival, the Campships, and the Composition Contest are also invited to play one piece. Students who enter more than one event are asked to choose one piece to perform at the Honors Recital.

Registration Form for Junior Events on p. 8

Registration Form for Junior Events

For information and requirements for each event see page 7

Name of entrant: _____

Address (street, city, zip) _____

Email address: _____

Grade in school: _____ Age: _____

Are you a member of an active Junior Club? _____ yes _____ no

Name of your Junior Club: _____

Name of your Federated teacher: _____

Teacher's address (street, city, zip) _____

Teacher's email address: _____

Check all events you wish to participate in:

_____ Sonata/Sonatina Festival (*\$5 entry fee) 9:00-11:00 AM – Elkader Opera House

_____ Campship Audition 11:00 AM-12:00 noon – Elkader Opera House

_____ Noon lunch *\$5/person: _____ adults, _____ students. 12:00 noon – Peace Church

_____ Honors Recital 3:00-4:00 PM – Peace Church

*Mail to Dawn Steggerda by Monday, April 9, 2007.

Name of piece _____ Composer: _____

Name of piece _____ Composer: _____

Check one: _____ Piano Solo; _____ Vocal Solo

Summer Camp choice: _____

Camp Address: _____

Estimated Cost: _____

Mail your entry form to: Dawn Steggerda, Junior Advisor, 101 Kentucky Ave. SW, Orange City, IA 51041 (phone 712-737-3565) or email gregsteg@orangecitycomm.net by Monday, April 9, 2007. A schedule for the Sonata/Sonatina Festival and Campship Auditions will be emailed to each participant.

IFMC Board of Directors Meeting, September 9, 2006

Judith Dixon Residence, Des Moines, IA

The IFMC Board met on September 9 at 9:00 a.m. with eleven members in attendance: Judith Dixon, Gregory Golz, Janice Golz, Judy Hyland, Jean Johnson, Debbie Laird, Dianne Lawson, Lucinda Lear, Valerie McInroy, Rose Oles, Joan Strauss.

President Cindy Lear called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 29, 2006 meeting were published in the Summer/Fall 2006 *Sounding Board*. Judy Hyland moved to approve these minutes and Valerie McInroy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports were given by various officers.

President's Report: Cindy Lear announced that state Festival Chair Lois VanderZee was unable to be present because of illness. Members signed a get well card for Lois.

In August Cindy attended the National Federation of Music Clubs convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. She had pictures from the last two national conventions which will be given to Jean Holman, the IFMC Historian.

Three IFMC members were honored at the convention Memorial Service:

Dorothy Lowell, Della Spurgin, and Jeanne Lueders' mother Eunice Cordes.

Iowa must select a member for the NFMC Board and submit the name by December 1. The precedent in Iowa is that the national board member be a past state president. Our current board member, Jeanne Lueders, is willing to serve again and will be our state's nominee.

Cindy brought back videotapes prepared by NFMC for public service announcements. These tapes will be dispersed to various television stations around Iowa. Taped radio announcements are also available. NFMC posters advertising Jr. Festivals may be ordered from the NFMC national office for \$2.

Cindy said that a new national rule is that in the future there can

be no closed session meetings at NFMC conventions. Closed meetings have been held in the past. Another new national rule is to make all national deadlines occur on the first day of the month.

Some state Federated Music Club organizations have been involved in litigation for such things as sexual abuse and violations of rules for nonprofit organizations. State and national organizations are considered parent organizations in litigation and can be sued for local infractions. Cindy reminded board members that local club events are covered for accidents and personal liability insurance by IFMC if the date is submitted to the state organization. Lawsuits involving sexual abuse are not covered by our current IFMC insurance. Proof of IFMC insurance coverage can be faxed to any contact person. Insurance coverage for local Jr. Festivals is included in the entry fee cost. Additional events will cost \$17.00 per event for NFMC insurance coverage.

Any local IFMC club can apply for nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue Service using the umbrella provided by the nonprofit status of the NFMC. Any gifts to a local IFMC club cannot be claimed for income tax credit unless the local club has a nonprofit status with the IRS.

Cindy mentioned that local clubs with substantial treasuries should consider bonding their local treasurers.

The printing of the new NFMC Festival Bulletins was delayed, resulting in the use of the 2004-2006 Bulletin for one more year. The new Festival Bulletins will be available on May 1, 2007 and may be officially used for Federation events beginning January 1, 2008.

The next NFMC convention will be June 24 – July 1, 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cindy mentioned that the Past Presidents Assembly is not

currently supported in Iowa. This is a fund which may be used for Young Artist awards. Iowa does not currently have a PPA chair. Past presidents of local clubs may send dues to PPA but at the present time very few Iowa local clubs do this.

Cindy reminded board members that Senior Clubs in Iowa are now called Adult Clubs. She also stated that local Adult Club NFMC yearbook requirements only apply to clubs who wish to have their yearbooks judged.

She also reminded board members that National Music Week is in November.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Valerie McInroy passed copies of her report which included the June 30, 2004 - June 30, 2005 Annual Financial Report, the June 30, 2005 – June 30, 2006 Annual Financial Report, the September 2006 Investment Report and the fiscal 2006 – 2007 proposed IFMC Budget. The checkbook balance for June 30, 2006 was \$15,280.50. Investments with principals of a total of \$55,000 are invested in four accounts. Highlights of these reports were that fiscal year 2005-2006 had income exceeding expenses by \$2616.75 and that in fiscal year 2005-2006 IFMC gave \$2255 in awards monies.

Valerie mentioned that many expenses occur only biannually so checkbook balances can fluctuate quite a bit from year to year.

Board members made some changes in the proposed 2006-2007 budget. Estimated advertising expense was changed from \$0 to \$125. Jr. Composer Awards estimate was changed from \$105 to \$140. Collegiate Composer Awards estimate was changed from \$250 to \$0 because there will not be awards given in 2006-2007 for this event. Adult/Adult Club Awards estimate was changed from \$1000 to \$500.

Student Audition Awards estimate was changed from \$400 to \$800. The changes in awards estimates were primarily made because of re-examining current rules for prizes and expenses.

Judy Hyland moved that the 2006-

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2007 proposed budget with the changes be approved. Debbie Laird seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Valerie asked Board Members for input regarding the Dorothy Lowell investment account. It was suggested that accumulated interest be used to increase the principal amount from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Valerie will look for a certificate of deposit paying higher interest. Currently the Dorothy Lowell fund is in a Flexible Investor Account paying 2.5% interest.

Valerie encourages each local Adult Club treasurer to send in Jr. Club dues for all members of the Adult Club. In 2007, Adult Club treasurers will be required to send in Jr. Club dues for all teachers in the Adult Club instead of individual teachers sending in forms one at a time. Valerie needs to be kept informed of names and addresses of treasurers of the Adult Clubs.

Valerie also requested that when paying Jr. Club dues, the actual number of Jr. Club members in each teacher's club be listed accurately. Some teachers are listing the number of Jr. members in their studio as 20 when actually it is less. The numbers reported with the Jr. Club dues form a data base which is used by the state and national organizations.

Junior Chairman Report:

Dawn Steggarda sent a written report which was presented by President Cindy Lear.

This year Iowa students may enter the Stillman Kelly competition. Requirements are in the Summer/Fall 2006 *Sounding Board*.

Seven students auditioned for campship awards in April, 2006. Six of the entries received campship awards, and the seventh entry had received an award in the composition contest to attend composition camp.

Youth Day at the 2007 IFMC Convention will include the Sonata/Sonatina Festival, Summer Campship Auditions, and an Honors Recital. Deadline for entries in any of these events will

be April 3, 2007. There will be a \$5 entry fee for the Sonata/Sonatina Festival. Rules and forms for the events will be similar to those used in 2005. Entries may be submitted via regular mail or email.

Collegiate Report: Carole Thomas was not present but President Cindy Lear announced that this is the biannual year for Student/Collegiate auditions. There are 13 possible awards available in various categories. Applicants will submit compact disc recordings which will be judged between February 15 and March 10, 2007. Rules are printed in the Summer/Fall 2006 *Sounding Board*.

Reports from Local Adult

Clubs: Local Adult Clubs represented at this meeting were the following: Original Music Students Club from the Bettendorf area, Quad Cities FMTA, Waterloo B Natural Club, Tri-County Music Club from the Harlan area, District 2 Music Teachers from the Cedar Rapids area, Des Moines Jr. Club, Music Students Etude Club from the Davenport area. Each adult club gave a brief summary of areas of emphasis. Several clubs emphasize Jr. Festival but other clubs sponsor educational activities and performance activities for students and club members.

Vice President Report: Judy Highland reported that the 2007 biannual IFMC convention will be on April 27 and 28 in Elkader, Iowa. The convention will begin Friday afternoon and conclude Saturday afternoon. Judy and Joan Strauss are coordinating the convention. The convention will include a Friday evening recital by a Federation Young Artist winner or winners, two business meetings on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and Youth Day activities on Saturday.

Performance facilities will include a local church and a restored opera house in Elkader, each of which has a grand piano. Motels are available in Elkader and in nearby communities and meals will be catered locally.

IFMC will need to pay a fee for use of the opera house and a fee for the convention artists. IFMC will also pay for printed programs. There is a \$1200 budget for the IFMC convention.

Business:

After discussion Judy Hyland moved that IFMC place an ad in the Iowa Music Teachers magazine for general publicity and as a recruiting tool for new members. Joan Strauss seconded the motion. Motion passed. Judy Dixon and Joan Strauss will check on prices and space.

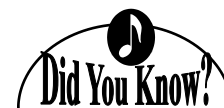
Discussion was also held concerning the upcoming elections of new IFMC state officers at the state IFMC convention in April, 2007. There was general agreement that IFMC needs to choose a president-elect at the same time a new president takes office so that there can be a smooth progression to the presidency. As Vice President Judy Hyland is chair of the nominating committee for new officers. She will select other members for the nominating committee.

The problem of attendance at IFMC Board Meetings was discussed. Time, no travel companions and travel expense keep some state officers from attending.

The meeting was adjourned by President Lucinda Lear at 1:30 p.m.

The next IFMC Board Meeting will be in April, 2007 at the IFMC convention in Elkader, Iowa.

Dianne Lawson
Recording Secretary



The new Festival Bulletins will be available on May 1, 2007. Every teacher entering students into any Junior Festival event needs to purchase a bulletin and review the rules.

IFMC 2006-07 Budget

Valerie McInroy, IFMC Treasurer

Date: September 8, 2006 –

Checkbook Balance 6/30/06 - \$15,280.50

Expenses	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Approved
Sounding Board Printing	\$637.49	\$675.00
Sounding Board Postage	\$135.08	\$195.00
NCR Dues & Jr. Composer	\$200.00	\$200.00
Bulk Mail Permit	\$150.00	\$150.00
Misc. Postage	(-47.43)	\$100.00
Public Relations	0	\$300.00
Membership Development	\$0	\$500.00
Legal & Professional	\$111.00	\$411.00
Officer Expense	\$66.65	\$200.00
Honorarium (Treasurer)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Charitable Donations	\$125.00	\$125.00
Travel & Meals (officers)	\$1,969.99	\$2,500.00
Event Insurance	\$340.00	\$300.00
Festival Chair (forms/supplies, postage)	\$665.37	\$675.00
Advertising (MCM)	0	\$125.00
Jr. Composition (Chair exp, judge)	\$164.32	\$200.00
Misc. (refund late fee, bank charge)	\$0	\$35.00
Jr. Chair	\$0	\$25.00
Adult Chair	\$0	\$25.00
Collegiate Chair	\$0	\$10.00
Convention	\$0	\$1200.00
Sonata/Sonatina	\$0	\$100.00
Campship/Award Expenses	\$40.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$4,904.90	\$8,451.00

Income	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Approved
Dues (Sr., Jr., Student)	\$2798.00	\$3000.00
Checking Interest	\$26.05	\$25.00
Benevolence Income	\$1850.10	\$1900.00
Contest Entry Fees	\$73.50	\$100.00
Event Insurance	\$120.00	\$120.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0
Festival Fees	\$5192.00	\$5500.00
Misc.	\$217.00	\$200.00
Total Income	\$10,276.65	\$10,845.00

Awards	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Approved
Jr. Campships	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Jr. Composer	\$105.00	\$140.00
Jr. Essay	\$50.00	\$50.00
Adult Composer	\$0	\$100.00
Collegiate Composer	\$0	\$0.00
Adult/Sr. Club Award	\$500.00	\$500.00
Student Auditions	\$0	\$800.00
Sonata/Sonatina	\$0	\$100.00
Total Awards	\$2,755.00	\$3,790.00


2005-06 Summary	
Total Income	\$10,276.65
Total Expenses & Awards	\$7,659.90
Difference between Income/Expenses	+2,616.75

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