

President's Message Lucinda M. Lear NCTM

Ah...summer!
Time for recharging
and refreshing. I
trust you have
carved out some
time in your
schedule thus far to
do just that.

In June, I was
able to attend the
NFMF convention in
Austin and learn
from other state presidents
as well as our national
officers of more
opportunities to take
advantage of and procedures
to clean up. Of course, it is
always a time for information
exchange and your national
board member, Jeanne
Lueders, will do some of that
in her report to the board.

Federation offers many
opportunities to ALL its
members from the youngest
junior to the most "senior"
adult. With a smorgasbord
of activities, I encourage
each club and club member



to choose those
which you want to
embrace and
support. For
some, it might be
American Music—
look through the
awards adult and
junior clubs can
receive for a
program of
American Music.

For others it may be the
competitions. We heard
many impressive
performances of collegiate
students ready to embark on
a performance career and
hope to help some of these
fledgling professionals by
inviting them to perform at
our state conference.

A good majority of
members choose to only
focus on the junior festival
program. Festivals are a
good evaluative tool for our
teaching and for students
learning....but how about
enlarging the vision for your

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junior students to include a
summer camp experience, or
writing an essay on the
theme of music, or
composing an original work.

There are many, many
opportunities out there and
they will keep going around
like the ferris wheel at the
local county fair. Step out
and grab that brass ring for
you, your community and
your students. I guarantee
the odds are better than the
carnival midway of winning
that prize award!

Lucinda M. Lear, NCTM
President

MEETING CALL - SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 at Reiman's Music, Des Moines

**IFMC STATE BOARD
MEETING: Saturday,
September 17, 2005** at
Rieman Music in Des Moines.
Board of Directors 9 a.m.-
11:30; Advisory Council/
Festival Workshop 12:00-
3:30 p.m.

Presidents of Iowa Adult
clubs, Festival chairman,
officers and board members
are asked to join together
for the Fall IFMC session and
Festival Workshop on
September 17 at Rieman's
Music in Des Moines (515-
278-4685), 6501 Douglas
Ave., just east of Merle Hay
Mall. All Adult Clubs and
Festival Centers are asked to
have representatives at this
meeting to pick up
necessary materials and

have input into decisions
that will affect you, your club
and/or your students.
Please check the list of
Festival dates and sites in
this newsletter and plan to
pick up 2006 supplies at this
meeting. This saves the
Federation a great deal of
money and will also provide
you with the latest changes
in 2006 as we look forward
to the issue of a new bulletin
in May 2006.

Directions: Take Merle Hay
Rd. exit off I-80/I-35. Travel
south past Merle Hay mall to
Douglas Ave. Turn right on
Douglas Ave. Rieman is in
between 64th and 66th Street
on the north side of the
street.

Meeting Schedule, September 17, 2005

**Executive board meeting
9:00 a.m. - 11:30**

**Advisory Council/Festival
Workshop
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

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Centers are asked to have
representatives at the
Advisory Council/Festival
Workshop meeting to pick up
necessary materials and have
input into decisions that will
affect you, your club and/or
your students.

Events for Juniors, Collegiates and Adults



2005 IFMC Jr. Composition Contest Winners

Joan Strauss

Jr. Composition Competition

Congratulations to all students and teachers who entered the IFMC Junior Composers Contests this year. Entries were: Class I - 3, Class II - 10, Class III - 2, Total - 15 from the studios of 3 teachers and Adult - 1. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you again next year! I would especially like to see compositions entered in Class IV (ages 16-18).

Winners were:

Class I - Age 9 and under

1st Place: Rebecca Shipan,

Jeanne Nelson, teacher

2nd Place: Bethany Frantsen,

Joan Strauss, teacher

Class II - Age 10 - 12

1st Place: Katie Mallon,

Lucinda Lear, teacher

2nd Place: Jeffrey Shipan,

Jeanne Nelson, teacher

Class III - Age 13 - 15

1st Place: Elizabeth Mastalio,

Jeanne Nelson, teacher

2nd Place: Dylan Huntington,

Jeanne Nelson, teacher

Class IV: NO Entries

Adult Class: John Gere, Original Music Students, Davenport

Dylan Huntington of Iowa City was awarded a \$300.00 campship to attend the North Central Region's Junior Composer Institute IV held on the campus of Northwestern College in Roseville,

MN in July. First place winner, Elizabeth Mastalio, was unable to use the scholarship.

I want to thank all teachers and students for their effort and hard work in making the Iowa Federation of Music Club's Composition Contest a success this year. This year's adjudicator was Jonathan Mondardt, Professor of Theory and Composition at Luther College in Decorah, IA.



2006 IFMC/NFMC Jr. Composition Competition

Joan Strauss

Jr. Composition Competition

The 2006 NFMC Jr.

Compositions Competition is open to all members of NFMC in good standing, as either Active Junior Club members or an Individual Junior Special Member.

The competition includes four age categories (as of March 1, 2006):

Level I: 9 years and under;

Level II: 10-12;

Level III: 13-15; and

Level IV: 16-18.

Original compositions will be judged at the state level, with all composers receiving constructive comments from a qualified judge. First and second place winners in each level will receive a cash prize of \$20.00 and \$15.00. First and second place compositions will be sent on to the Regional Competition.

There will be a scholarship, up to \$300, awarded to a participant between the ages of 14 and 18 as of March 1, 2006, to attend the Jr. Composers Institute at Northwestern College, Roseville,

MN in July, 2006. If you are eligible and wish to be considered for this scholarship, please indicate this on the back of your entry form.

The **entry deadline** for compositions to be received by the State Chair at the address below is **on or before Tuesday, January 24th, 2006.**

Please send:

1. **CURRENT ENTRY FORM (#JR 7-2, revised Aug. 2003);**
 2. Original composition (hand-written or computer generated by composer);
 3. \$1.25 NFMC Fee and the \$5.25 State Fee (**Total: \$6.50 per entry**), with all checks made out to IFMC;
 4. Self addressed stamped envelope for each entry; and
 5. tape or CD recording of composition. This is highly recommended for Levels 1 and II, and required for Levels III and IV as well as for compositions for multiple instruments at any level.
- Iowa also has a Senior Adult

Competition with cash prizes of \$50.00, \$35.00, and \$15.00 awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. There is no regional or national competition. The adult entry fee is \$5.00. **There is a new, required adult entry form this year - available only from the State Chair.**

For more information and entry forms please contact:

Joan Strauss, IFMC

Composition Competition Chair

Phone: 563 245-8486 (vivo)

E-mail: tstrauss@alpinecom.net

Mailing Address: PO Box 213, Elkader, IA 52043

Junior Composition Entry forms are also available online at www.nfmc-music.org.



The new 2007, 2008, 2009 Festival Bulletin will be available May 1, 2006

2006 IFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Competition

Carole Thomas

IFMC Student/Collegiate

COMING IN THE FALL 2005 ISSUE OF THE SOUNDING BOARD: the requirements and application for the IFMC Collegiate/Student Composition Competition (2006) and a listing of the many NFMC Annual

Awards and Scholarships for collegiates.

Carole Thomas, Student/Collegiate Advisor, 1614 13th St., Coralville, Iowa 52241.
Phone: 319-351-6987.
Email info: carole-thomas@uiowa.edu.



Student/Collegiate competitions are for those age 19-26.

2005 IFMC Summer Music Campship Winners

Dawn Steggerda

Junior Division Chair

Iowa awarded 5 summer campships for juniors to attend a summer music camp. The scholarship award winners were:

Rebecca Buseman

Pat Reuter, teacher

Kevin Lufkin

Diane Smith, teacher

Megan Maller

Gloria Olson, teacher

Erica Pham

Ho Youn Yang, teacher

Allison Smith

Gloria Olson, teacher

Kristopher Johnson 1st alternate
Karen Bourne, teacher

Sue Hudson was adjudicator for the campship auditions.

Congratulations to all the entries in the 2005 Campship Auditions!

Sonatina Festival Winners

Dawn Steggerda

Junior Division Chair

Sonatina Festival was held at the IFMC Biennial Conference in April. The winners received \$25 for 1st place and \$15 for 2nd place.

They are:

Level A 1st place - Carl Peterson

Arlene Lewis, teacher

2nd place - Aaron O'Leary

Lucinda Lear, teacher

Level B 1st place - Cindy Sui

Lucinda Lear, teacher

2nd place - Katie Mallon

Lucinda Lear, teacher

Level C 1st place - Kevin Lufkin

Diane Smith, teacher

2nd place - Erica Pham

Ho Youn Yang, teacher

Level D 1st place - Evan O'Leary

Lucinda Lear, teacher

2nd place - no entry

2005 Iowa NFMC Essay Winner

2005 Iowa Winner of the National Music Week Essay Contest for grades 7 - 12 was, student of Gloria Olson. Read her winning essay in the *Junior Keynotes* magazine.

2005 IFMC Essay Winner "Music Helps Freedom Ring Around the World"

Dawn Steggerda

Junior Division Chair

Hannah Vestal is the winner of the 2005 IFMC 3rd-6th grade music essay contest. She is 11 years old and is a 5th grade student of Gloria Olson from Des Moines. She won \$50 for writing the best essay on the theme. Thank you to all of the students who took the time to write an essay! Following is her winning essay:

Music Helps Freedom Ring Around the World

Hannah Vestal

In Budapest, Hungary, some people play flutes and cellos. In Poland people play the recorder, piano, and they sing. In France, people enjoy singing and listening

to Hard Rock and Jazz music. In Botswana and Accra, Africa, people enjoy singing. In Tamil Nadu, India, people enjoy listening to music. Each culture's song has a story to tell if you listen closely to the words. In America, we do all sorts of instruments. Even in sign language you can "talk" about music. This shows that our world might at times be fighting or disagreeing, but our world does have one thing in common, most of us play instruments. It's one of the great things our world can share together.

Music is one thing that everyone around the world hears. It's something that anybody in any country, state, town, school, or home can enjoy. It's something that we don't have to fight

about. I think music is a great thing that our whole world should do so we can get an understanding about other cultures.



2006 Music Week Essay theme is

"Music ... A Great Joy in Life"
IFMC Essay Contest for grades 3 - 6

NFMC Essay Contest for grades 7 - 12

Entry deadline is December 1 so start your essay now!

Meet the New IFMC Adult Advisor - Kim Reisinger

Kim Reisinger is currently Director of Music and Lay Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. She is finishing her music degree at UNI with an emphasis on conducting and organ. She has been married 30 years to Jim and they have 3 grown children, all still living within 2 hrs of home. As a child, Kim was a member of B Natural Junior Music Club and took piano lessons from Jean Hunerberg. Kim considered herself a 'recreational' pianist until

she was introduced to the organ in 1990. She was hooked and hasn't looked back since! Kim is currently a member of Waterloo B Natural Adult Music Club, Ladies Musical Improvement, American Guild of Organists, Presbyterian Association of Musicians, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and Choristers Guild. She also volunteers at Waterloo West High as accompanist for Solo/Ensemble contest in the spring, and in her spare time, she loves to read and sew.



IFMC Adult Club/Individual Award

Kim Reisinger **IFMC Adult Advisor**

Be thinking now how you could use the 2006 Adult Award to further your own professionalism or your club. This award did not have a recipient in 2005, so if your request

follows the guidelines of the award, your chances are even better of receiving award money. Information and application will be in the next issue of the Sounding Board.

Meet the New IFMC Recording Secretary - Dianne Lawson

Dianne Lawson, NCTM, an independent piano teacher from Harlan, Iowa and a member of the Tri-County Music Club, is the new IFMC Recording Secretary. She is the accompanist for the 6-12 vocal music program in Harlan Community Schools. Dianne served previously on the state

board as Junior Adviser in 2001 and 2002. In 1998, she received the Master of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Dianne's husband Steve is a retired band instructor, and they have a grown daughter and son and one grandson.



Meet the new officers in IFMC -
Dianne Lawson -
Recording Secretary
Kim Reisinger -
Adult Advisor

Memorial and Recognition

Cindy Arbogast,
IFMC Chaplain
Senior Club Presidents please send information concerning deceased members to 201 SE Peterson Dr Ankeny, IA 50021-3445. singasong27@hotmail.com

Dorothy Lowell, Past IFMC President, Passes Away

Dorothy Edna Dawson Lowell was born July 29, 1909 in Sumner, Iowa. She was the daughter of Henry and Emma (Fuller) Dawson.

Dorothy was a music teacher of piano and voice from 1924 to 1991. She graduated from Sumner High School in 1926 and the University of Northern Iowa in 1929. Dorothy had post-graduate studies at Drake University and Columbia University, including a six-week tour of Europe with a select chorus from Columbia in 1953.

With previous residences in

Postville and Eldora, Dorothy arrived in Fairfield in 1937. Her many memberships include the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs President 1964 - 1968, Iowa National Board Member to NFMC, and club president for Fairfield Women's Adult Club. Dorothy had a heart for students and in particular helped to raise funds to provide monies for support of collegiate student auditions and Young Artist winners. She organized and assisted with auditions for students and young artists. Dorothy was the coordinator for Iowa State Day a

the NFMC Convention in the bi-centennial celebration of 1976 in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include her husband Merle and daughters, Patricia McDonald and Barbara Lowell, both of Sun City, AZ, five grandchildren, Kathy Foster, Kelly McDonald, Lisa, Darrell and Lauri Scott and 5 great-grandchildren.

IFMC is very grateful for the contributions Dorothy made both monetarily and in her leadership. An article highlighting memories of her and her IFMC accomplishments will be in the next Sounding Board.

Carrie Spronk Winner in State and Regional Biennial Student Auditions

Carole Thomas IFMC Student/Collegiate

The Finals of the NFMFC 2005 Biennial Student Auditions (regional winners) were adjudicated by CD on May 7 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. There were 9 classifications and 17 entrants. IFMC is pleased to announce **Carrie Spronk** as the **Iowa and North Central Region** winner in the organ classification of the 2005 Biennial Student Auditions. The state auditions were held by CD on Saturday, March 5 at the University of Iowa. Professors Delbert Disselhorst, Brett Wogast, and Robert Yeats judged the organ classification. As winner Carrie received \$400 from IFMC. Her CD was then forwarded to the regional competition. The 2005 North Central Region Auditions were held Saturday, April 23 at the Minnesota State University, Moorhead Music

Department. Of the 6 entries, the regional judges declared the following 4 as winners:

- Classical Guitar
Thomas R. Flippin, Jr., Illinois
 - Piano
Alan Berg, Minnesota
 - Organ
Carrie Spronk, Iowa
 - Men's Voice
Nathan Herfindahl, Minnesota
- Carrie, a resident of Edgorton, Minnesota, attends Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa and studies organ with Dr. Joan Rigerwole.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF THEM!



ALL teachers entering students into Junior Festivals (even if only 1) MUST subscribe and receive "Junior Keynotes" magazine.



Carrie Spronk - State and Regional winner in the organ classification of the 2005 Biennial Student Auditions

From a Judge's Point of View

Judy Hyland, NCTM IFMC Vice President Presented at the IFMC Conference, April 2005

The Student:

- ... Emphasize the process of learning and performance rather than winning
- ... Help students adapt to unfamiliar instruments and in unfamiliar settings
- ... Enlist parents to ensure proper rest and food prior to the event, to wear comfortable clothing (especially shoes), and to arrive in plenty of time
- ... Help student to listen critically to themselves - they should exhibit competence in note-reading, rhythm reading, dynamics and expression, planned pedaling, memory, stage presence, including how to walk in, sit quietly and leave calmly
- ... Prepare students to WAIT, and to possibly perform "cold"
- ... Prepare students for disappointment, reminding

them that "perfection" is impossible, and that they should be proud of their accomplishments regardless of the rating

- ... Accept the judge's decision as final

The Literature:

- ... Be sure to follow all guidelines in Bulletins - check them and then recheck them!
- ... Choose music appropriate for the student's age, maturity level, and technical ability
- ... Choose music of varied styles for each student
- ... Choose different repertoire for each student in the studio
- ... Music's relevance: depict an event, an experience, or a scene; tell a story, etc.

The Judge:

- ... Set a positive and friendly atmosphere
- ... Know the requirements published in the Bulletin; be qualified!
- ... Know what is appropriate for

age, maturity level, and technical ability

- ... Reinforce the teacher's and the student's work with positive comments; discuss overall strengths and weaknesses
- ... Support your final rating with comments; be honest and objective, open-minded in regard to interpretations, and tactful
- ... Strive for consistency within each level
- ... Stay on time!

Notes compiled from:
NFMFC Workshop presented by Dr. Mia Kim Hynes at the NFMFC Fall Board Meeting, Wilmington, DE, August 2004
"Prepare Now For Festivals", by Sandra Preysz, NFMFC Festivals Chairman, as printed in Junior Keynotes, Vol. 77, No. 1, Autumn, 2004
"From the Adjudicator's Desk" presented by Dr. Cassandra Carr at MTNA National Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2005

2006 Festival Centers

Center	Sr. Club	Chairman	Date	Location
101	Fairfield MTA Women's club	Jan Hunerdosse jandosse@kdsi.net 503 E. Adams, Fairfield	3/18/06 3/19/06	McElany House Fairfield
102	Federated Quad-Cities	Sue Strom strom1406@aol.com 1406 West Garfield, Davenport	3/3/06 3/4/06	Augustana College, Rock Island, IL
103	Iowa City	Catherine Burke cawburke@msn.com 102 Montrose Ave., Iowa City	3/25/06	University of Iowa Iowa City
201	Cedar Rapids Grant Wood Independence	Angie Flaucher amflaucher@indytel.com 811 North View Dr., Independence	3/4/06	Coe College Cedar Rapids
202	Waterloo	Jeanne Lueders sjlueders@mchsi.com 1901 Baltimore, Waterloo	2/25/06	Central Christian Church, Waterloo
302	Sioux Center	Lois Vander Zee dlvdz@mtcnet.net 741 - 2nd St Circle SE, Sioux Center	2/25/06	Dordt College Sioux Center, IA
303	Morning Musicale Mills Co.	Joyce Galvin jegalvin@frontiernet.net 1822 Carriage Ave, Holstein	3/18/06	St. Paul's Lutheran Holstein, IA
401	Mo. Valley	Sharon Shelton sshel- ton@unitedwestern.net 107 Pine St., Mondamin	3/11/06	Logan, IA
402	Council Bluffs	Cheryl Haines 17762-440 th St., Oakland 712.482.6703	3/11/06	Iowa Western Comm. College Council Bluffs, IA
404	West Central Professional	Tina Boell tinaboell@msn.com 1747 Marcella Hgts. Carroll 712.792.6162	4/7/06 4/8/06	Church of Christ Carroll, IA
405	Tri-County	Irene Buckley naturjoy@fmctc.com 1612-16 th St., Harlan	3/11/06	Harlan, IA
406	Korner Keyboards	Theresa Cruise 600 Grove, Corning 641.322.3218	3/18/06	Corning Activity Center Corning, IA
501	Des Moines Indianola Winterset	Susan Rhodes Susarn24@aol.com 5504 Shriver Ave., Des Moines	3/4/06 3/24/06	Grandview College, Des Moines

Have you paid your 2005 - 2006 dues?

2005 - 2006 dues deadline has passed. If you are receiving this newsletter that means you are on our membership list. Any renewing member that has not paid by now (July 15) needs to include a late fee. **BE AWARE that the dues**

cut-off date is November 1. ALL dues including any and all juniors that might want to be entered into Junior Festivals needs to be paid for by this date or they will have to wait until 2007 to participate in junior festivals.



*Missing the DUES deadline for Junior clubs will make you ineligible to enter students into any IFMC events, including Junior Festivals.
Deadline is NOVEMBER 1 for ALL dues!!*

IFMC History

**Jean Holman
State Historian**

Attention, teachers! Send information that would be important to save in an IFMC scrapbook to 2117 Walnut Street West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 515-223-6364 jjmcjsj@aol.com

IFMC Board of Directors Meeting, April 9, 2005

St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA

The meeting was **called to order** by President Cindy Lear at 7:50 a.m. Those in attendance were Cindy Arbogast, Karen Bourne, Jean Holman, Judy Hyland, Debbie Laird, Cindy Lear, Arlene Lewis, Valerie McInroy, Dawn Steggerda, Joan Strauss, and Lois VanderZee.

Minutes from September 18, 2004 meeting as printed in the Sounding Board were approved. Minutes from July 1, 2003 through April 9, 2005 will be bound and forwarded to the incoming Secretary.

Treasurer's Report was given by Valerie McInroy for 7/1/04 through 3/30/2005:

Checking account balance as of July 1, 2004	\$10,035.86
Income 7/1/04 – 3/30/05	+ \$7,058.04
Expenses 7/1/04 – 3/30/2005	- \$8,755.21
Checking account balance as of 3/30/2005	\$8,338.69

Valerie stated that because there is considerable principal in the Dorothy Lowell account and it is earning minimal interest, she will find a better interest rate. Interest earned will still remain liquid and available for proper use. All reports will be filed for audit. Valerie will hand out packets for each Adult Club at noon (membership) meeting; they contain 2005-2006 dues forms. There are approximately 8 college members, 22 Adult Clubs, and 239 Junior Clubs.

Convention: Lois VanderZee presented a report on convention thus far:

21 registrants for sessions (\$1475), 18 registrants for Friday dinner, 37 for Saturday lunch, and 17 for Saturday dinner.

A complete income and expense report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Nomination of Officers: Lois VanderZee presented the following slate of officers for election for 2005 – 2007 term:

President: Cindy Lear
Vice President: Judy Hyland
Secretary: Dianne Lawson

Treasurer: Valerie McInroy
Sonatina Festival: Dawn Steggerda reported the following: 4 students in Level A, 6 in Level B, 2 in Level C, and 1 in Level D.

Sonatina Festival rules are sketchy; Dawn will make copious notes for discussion before next Festival.

Campships: Dawn Steggerda reported the following:

7 students entered; there will be 5 winners, a 1st alternate, and a 2nd alternate named.

Sue Hudson was judge for both Sonatina Festival and Campship Auditions.

****MOTION:** "Today's Judge for Sonatina Festival and Campship Auditions to be paid \$25 per hour" by Cindy Arbogast, seconded by Karen Bourne. Discussion followed, motion passed. Treasurer Valerie McInroy will pay Sue Hudson \$75.00.

Essay Contest: Dawn Steggerda reported that 10 students entered; the winner of State Competition (\$50) for grades 3 – 6 is Hannah Vestal.

Honors Recital: Dawn Steggerda reported that 23 students signed up to perform, along with winners of Campships, Sonatina Festival, and Composition Contest. Certificates will be made for winners/ participants in today's Sonatina Festival and Campships, and for Composition Competition winners.

Adult Award: In Chairman Lynn Kroeger's absence, President Cindy Lear reported that only one application had been received, and that it was a request for subsidizing a local scholarship. Since the criteria for the award was not met by that request, the award was denied. Monies set aside for the 2004 award will be added to the funds for 2005 award.

Collegiate Auditions: In Chairman Carole Thomas' absence, President Cindy Lear reported that only one entrant participated in the Biennial Student Auditions: an organ

student of Joan Ringerwole.

Festivals: Karen Bourne reported that 14 centers have reported; Center 102 needs to submit one report rather than separate ones for each division. Theory tests used this year will be practice tests for next year; they are available for purchase from Karen. Karen also presented a spreadsheet of Festival information. Of particular interest is the number of centers who do use the theory tests, and the percentage of Superiors awarded per center. Most centers awarded 70% - 80% Superiors, while 3 centers awarded 81 – 84% Superiors. This spreadsheet is filed with the minutes.

Composition: Joan Strauss reported that 3 teachers entered 15 students in this year's competition, and there was 1 Adult entrant. A complete report is filed with these minutes. Joan noted that all dues MUST be paid in advance; the adult winner did not pay dues prior to entering. Joan also noted that all entries MUST be received on time according to the guidelines. Joan would like to have at least 10 teachers and 25 students enter next year!

National Board Member: In Jeanne Lueders' absence, President Lear reported that the 2005 NFMC Convention will be held June 19 – 26 in Austin, TX. Iowa's ad was printed in the National Music Clubs Magazine.

Directory: Debbie Laird has created a new Directory! Whoo-hoo!! At least each Senior Club President and each Festival Chair should have a copy.

Sounding Board: Editor Debbie Laird reported that deadline date for Summer issue is July 15; deadline date for Fall issue is October 15, and deadline date for Spring issue is February 15. Debbie prefers that articles be submitted electronically.

Website: Check on website (www.ifmc-music.org) for the latest IFMC information.

Public Relations: Karen Bourne reported on Iowa ad in the National Music Clubs Magazine; she noted

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IFMC Annual Meeting, April 9, 2005

St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA

The meeting was **called to order** by President Cindy Lear at 11:30 a.m. Those in attendance were Board of Directors members Cindy Arbogast, Karen Bourne, Jean Holman, Judy Hyland, Debbie Laird, Cindy Lear, Arlene Lewis, Valerie McInroy, Dawn Steggerda, Joan Strauss, and Lois VanderZee, and several IFMC adult and student members, parents, and teachers.

Highlights from the Annual Meeting included:

..Reports by Treasurer Valerie McInroy, Convention Chair Lois VanderZee, Junior Day Chair Dawn Steggerda, Festival Chair Karen Bourne, Composition Chair Joan Strauss, Webmaster/Corresponding Secretary/Sounding Board Editor Debbie Laird, and Historian Jean Holman. President Lear presented reports for absent members Lynn Kroeger, Adult Chair; Carole Thomas, Collegiate Division Chair; and Rose Oles, Gold Cup Chair.

..Chaplain Cindy Arbogast

memorialized two IFMC members, Ann Winjun and Diane Brimmer.

..National Board Member Heidi Hong was introduced and installed the new IFMC Officers for the 2005-2007 Term:
President - Cindy Lear
Vice-President - Judy Hyland
Secretary - Dianne Lawson
Treasurer - Valerie McInroy

..President Lear presented appreciation gifts of NFMC earrings to outgoing Vice President Lois VanderZee, and of a John Deere toy tractor, an Isabel Bloom angel, and other Iowa memorabilia to Heidi Hong.

..CD's of NFMC Festival Bulletin Piano Duets; please contact Cindy Lear for details.

..Adult clubs need to secure 501c3 status to be considered non-profit and allow for any tax deductions of gifts received from members.

Sounding Board deadline for submission of materials for the Fall newsletter is October 15, 2005. Send to Debbie Laird 1118 Deer Run Rd Port Byron, IL 61275 laplus5@mchsi.com

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that three pictures could be printed in the magazine for the same price (\$60) as an ad and would receive more attention, so please send photos to her either electronically or by mail.

Chaplain: Cindy Arbogast reported that two members will be memorialized at the noon Convention luncheon: Ann Winjun and Diane Brimmer. For a fee of \$10 each, both former members may be memorialized at the National Convention.

Historian: Jean Holman has 6 boxes of archival material already, and would gladly accept more! She will archive the documents in Des Moines with the assistance of Joyce Templeman and a student whose father is a curator at the Des Moines Museum.

Festival Cups: In Rose Oles' absence, President Cindy Lear reported that Debbie Laird is working on putting all Gold Cup information into a data base. Some members reported receiving Gold Cups quite late.

Old Business: Items tabled for next meeting include: Membership Development Award guidelines, and progression of elected officers

New Business: Items for discussion at next meeting include: Reprinting of By-laws and Standing Rules, and donation to Des Moines Metro Opera and/or IAAE Dues.

Adjourned: 9:10 A.M.

Judy Hyland,
Recording Secretary.

Heidi Hong Thanks IFMC

Dear Lucinda:

Thank you so much for inviting me to the Iowa State Convention it was wonderful and I so enjoyed myself!

I hope that I was able to help as far as bringing NFMC greetings, programs, and ideas to your state as well as some encouragement.

Thanks again, and thank you to the Iowa Federation for the lovely gift basket.

Sincerely,

Heidi O. Hong
Chairman, Council of State Presidents

PS See you soon in the hot city of Austin!



*Heidi Hong, Chairman,
Council of State Presidents
accepts gift*

2005 IFMC Biennial Conference, April 8 & 9, 2005



Annual Report to NFMC - June 2005

Lucinda Lear, NCTM IFMC President

The President's theme for 2003-2005 was "Communicating through Word and Music". One of the goals for this administration was to improve the efforts of communicating. By getting the word out we have seen a marked increase in the participation of events by IFMC members. These include National and state activities in all divisions of membership. Because of the communication efforts on behalf of the officers, these first two years of my administration experienced many firsts:

- ... First Junior Composition Campship awarded for a junior to attend the North Central Region's Junior Composer summer camp, 2004 and 2005
- ... First Iowa Collegiate Composition award winner in last 4 years
- ... First Gretchen Van Roy Music Education collegiate scholarship award winner
- ... First Iowa Junior Music Week Essay awards--\$50.00 to Iowa youth in grades 3-6
- ... First Iowa \$50.00 winners in NFMC Music Week Essay contest in last 4 years
- ... First quarterly printing of Iowa's premiere newsletter: *The Sounding Board*
- ... First revised Festival Participation packet for all IFMC teachers
- ... First Club President's folder and NFMC Publicity video given to each club president
- ... First IFMC website with domain name: ifmc-music.org
- ... First State Directory printed in six years with all members listed.
- ... First North Central Region Student Audition award winner in organ.
- ... First state Federation convention at which Young Artist winner, Zarina Melik-Stepanova received flowers following her concert.

... First professional ad placed in both Junior Keynotes and Music Clubs Magazine

In addition to these firsts our membership has continued to support the adult members by offering a \$500.00 annual award for continuing education. Two awards were given in 2004 to members for continuing education in music lessons and in technology. Iowa continues to award \$1500 annually in summer music campships and was pleased to have the Abild Simpson College scholarship recipient. As well, Iowa held a Sonata/Sonatina Festival in conjunction with their Junior Day where awards were given in 4 age categories to students performing a movement of a sonata or sonatina.

By making a concerted effort to publicize awards, deadlines and requirements, Iowa's members benefited monetarily while bettering themselves or pursuing musical interests for themselves and others. The Iowa Sounding Board, e-mail and personal contacts helped to promote communication that in turn helps to promote relationships and programs.

A Festival packet was put together for each junior club counselor to have and refer to in addition to the Bulletin. This was a compilation of materials from previous Junior Keynotes magazines, workshops and Festival centers. This packet arose from an infraction of the rules that pitted teacher against teacher in a local club. Through the efforts of a wonderfully diplomatic club

president and the compilation of this Festival packet the club has a reference manual to turn to and a heightened awareness of proactive behavior that prevents damage to teachers and students.

Most of all, a strong leadership base has produced good results. New members are being drawn into board positions that will make an excellent and qualified pool from which to choose at election time. Besides the new, it is rewarding to have a continuity of leadership through retention of officers.

This past fall I experienced the "community" spirit of the Federation like none other. After being in the hospital for the entire month of September, my mother passed away on September 27 following heart by-pass surgery. I was so grateful for the expressions of sympathy from clubs around the state of Iowa. More importantly, I am profoundly indebted to the leadership of the state of Iowa. The board meeting was planned and held in the midst of the angst I was going through and they made my job doable by their superb handling of responsibilities. Never underestimate or take for granted the strong leadership necessary for a smooth running and successful organization. I thank all the faithful officers of IFMC who operate with the highest of professionalism, efficiency and expertise.

Lucinda M. Lear, NCTM
IFMC President

2005 IFMC Festival Cup

Elaine Rosene Oles Festival Cup Chairman

2005 Festival Cup had 93 teachers participating, which is an increase of 2 teachers. 1702 students were entered this year, which is up 81 from last year's total. Festival Cups earned this year were: 249 - 15 point cups, 79 - 30 point cups, and 6 - 45 point cups.



There were no 60 or 75 point cups earned this year. Festival cup is a very easy and economical way to reward your students for their achievements in Festival and the points transfer if that student moves anywhere in the nation. Shouldn't your students be enrolled in the NFMC Festival Cup Plan at Festival time?

SUMMARY OF THE BIENNIAL NFMC CONVENTION

JUNE 20-27, 2005 AUSTIN, TX

Jeanne Lueders National Board Member and NCR Festival Chair

"GALAXY OF STARS"

The 2005-2007 Young Artists winners are Christopher Atzinger, Piano; and Mela Dailey, Soprano and are available for concerts.

Ellis Duo Piano Winners performed in concert. Stephen Varney and Naomi Sanchez, both from San Francisco.

Board of Directors Meeting

- ... Liability insurance will remain the same at \$17.00 per event. Please refer to the MCM magazine.
- ... Invitation was made to the Fall Session, August 1-7, 2006 in Minneapolis.
- ... Invitation was made to the Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City, UT in 2007. Dates TBA.
- ... Following the preliminary report by the chairman of the special committee studying representation in NFMC, this special committee recommends that the President appoint a committee to study the subject of restructuring, and, if feasible, develop a plan for implementation; said committee to consist of representatives from each region, from the general membership, and from officers and/or board members. This recommendation passed unanimously.
- ... Mary Alice Cox Scholarship in Cello and Bass are awarded annually.

General Session Notes

- ... Stillman Kelley Winner was Anne Wycoff, 16-year-old vocalist from Kansas. She received a \$1,000 award. The Joyce Walsh Disability Award for the Handicap and Blind was Lucy Sirianni, vocalist from Wisconsin.
- ... There was a report of decreased membership of 197 members. Total membership in NFMC is 164,196.
- ... States need to be more

attentive to the addresses of members. There are many duplicated and incorrect addresses that result in higher costs to NFMC.

- ... The Joyce Walsh Disability Award for the Handicap and Blind has been lowered. \$1,500 first place, \$1,000 second; and 5 regional awards of \$250. North Central Region is now funded.
- ... PPA charter application fee is now \$2.00; yearly PPA dues are \$2.00 with \$1.00 staying in the state.
- ... An Evelyn Sampson Award, member from North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs, was established to the Junior Composers Institute.
- ... NFMC Gold Cup prices are increasing this year.
- ... The name of the Legislation Department will be changed to Arts Advocacy and the name of Legislation Action committee to Arts Advocacy Committee.
- ... Student/Collegiate (new name) division is age 19-26.

NFMC Officers 2005-2007

President – Elizabeth Paris
VP North Central – Carolyn Nelson
Secretary – Kay Hawthorne
Treasurer – Barbara Hildebrand

As the National Board Member from Iowa, I will continue to inform you of other pertinent business as Iowa continues to uphold its standards set forth by President, Cindy Lear.

Let us "lure you to MINNESOTA" for musical and natural wonders in the North Star state, August 1 – 7, 2006 at the Hotel Sofitel, Minneapolis. Iowa's responsibility will be decorating one of the 5 Regional Luncheons. We will need your help! Decorations, physical help and most of all, attendance to this Fall Session is for everyone and appreciated.

I am excited to be a part of the North Central Region on the NFMC Board holding the positions of Festival and Dance chair.

North Central Region Festival Report

- ... The new 2007-2009 Festival Bulletin will be available at Headquarters in May 2006. Price to be announced at a later date.
- ... Look for the NFMC Ad in the *Clavier* Magazine.
- ... A subscription to *Junior KeyNotes* is required for every teacher involved in the Junior Festival.
- ... The NFMC Junior Department will rework Junior Composer Awards with an increase in amounts.
- ... Theory revisions will be made to the Theory category of Festival. The guides should be similar to the final test.
- ... Adult Festival entrants MUST be reported separately on the Festival report.
- ... Teachers may be barred from participation in festival due to unprofessional behavior detrimental to the rules of the NFMC.



National Board Member Heidi Hong installed the new NFMC Officers for the 2005-2007 Term:

*President - Cindy Lear
Vice-President - Judy Hyland
Treasurer – Valerie McInroy
And not present
Secretary – Dianne Lawson*



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What are they doing at that table?

Don't be the one to miss the next meeting--Saturday, Sept. 17 Be "in the know" with the answers to these and many other mind-boggling IFMC questions.

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