

President's Message Lucinda M. Lear NCTM

Whew!!! I've just been through my entire library of music pulling out the new festival material from my collection of piano solos, duets, duos, Concertos, even quartets. I trust all teachers in IFMC have made this timely purchase and have begun reading through the new NFMC Junior Festival program starting with the rules on page 1! There are already some corrections that need to be made. These will be published in the Junior Keynotes magazine which is a required subscription for all NFMC teachers. These two items—your Junior Festival Bulletin and the Junior Keynotes magazine—are your lifelines to National if you have students entered into Junior Festival. As you read through the new bulletin, start planning what NEW event you can enter juniors into this year. I'm already planning a couple of duet partners, at least one piano quartet and a concerto entry.

There are many other contests that you as a Federation member can enter whether adult, collegiate or junior member. In this newsletter you will find information about our Junior composition contest, Junior Composers Institute plans, and our junior music essay. Adult clubs can be thinking about outreach opportunities or applications of the Iowa annual Adult Continuing Education award.

Since meeting together in April, I have traveled to Salt Lake City to attend and



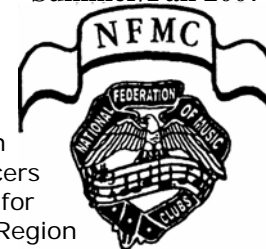
participate in our National convention and election of officers and to Minneapolis for our North Central Region meeting, which included a concert from the Iowa juniors attending on scholarship the Junior Composer Institute 6. Your Iowa NFMC board rep, Jeanne Lueders, and I have many exciting things to share with you from these meetings.

Our fall state meeting will be chocked full of new information. Judy Dixon, the new president of Federated Music Club of Des Moines will be bringing a preview of material from the 2008-2010 Festival Bulletin. Our festival chairman, Lois VanderZee will have a review of the rules and procedures for conducting a Junior Festival as well as the 2008 Festival materials. **It is imperative that ALL clubs hosting a junior festival have a representative at this state meeting. This may be the festival chairman, club president, treasurer or representative. The ability to continue hosting a junior festival center will be contingent on representation at this fall meeting.**

There is much new information in this newsletter so be sure to read through every page and glean from it important dates, changes and opportunities that you as an IFMC member can take advantage of. I look forward to seeing you in Des Moines on September 22, at Riemans music.

Lucinda M. Lear, NCTM
IFMC President

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State and Festival Meeting Rieman Music, Des Moines - September 22

Door Prizes

*Review
Festival
Rules*

Calling ALL club presidents/
representatives and Festival center
chairman, state officers and
chairman to the state planning and
preview meeting. On Saturday,
September 22, we will have fun
previewing music from the new
NFMC Festival Bulletin as we gather
at Rieman Music in Des Moines.

*Preview
New Music*

*Pickup
Festival
supplies*

More information on page 5

2008 IFMC/NFMC Composition Competitions

Joan Strauss Jr. Composition Competition The 2008 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, 2008):

- 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, 2008, to attend the Jr. Composers Institute at Northwestern College, Roseville, MN in July, 2008. 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 22rd, 2008.**

Please send:

1. **CURRENT ENTRY FORM (#JR 7-2, revised Oct. 2006);**
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 an 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 required adult entry form - 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.

2008 NFMC/IFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Competition

Judy Hyland/Lynn Kroeger IFMC Student/Collegiate

The IFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Competition for ages 18-30 will be held in 2008 (biennial in even-numbered years). Without delay, decide to enter and compete for the **Iowa cash award of \$250!**

College groups, music schools, music departments of colleges and universities in the 16-26 age bracket may become a federated Student/Collegiate Associate club with mass enrollment. Membership entitles enrolled collegiate students access to numerous NFMC/IFMC monetary awards. Here are just a few to concentrate on for composition. Most encompass ages 19-25.

1. Young Composers (6 named awards annually): instrumental

sonata, chorus, solo piano, accompanied solo voice

- ... Victor Herbert/ASCAP Awards **\$1200 and \$900**
- ... Hatz Recognition Award 2 @ **\$100**
- ... Nadworney Awards (for accompanied solo voice) **\$350**
- 2. Richter American Music Composition Award **\$1250**
- 3. Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Award (in odd years) - **\$1,500**

To find out more about the thousands of dollars NFMC offers collegiate students in Music Therapy, Music Education and Performance awards visit nfmc-music.org or contact Judy Hyland at hylands4@mchsi.com.



*Collegiate students can audition to receive a **\$1,000** Iowa scholarship award in 13 different performance areas. Repertoire is available NOW for the 2009 Collegiate Student Auditions. In addition, Iowa winners can go on to North Central Regional auditions and finally to NFMC. The 2009 NFMC Collegiate Student and Young Artist auditions will be in Orlando, FL in June 2009.*

2008 NFMC Essay Contest — \$50.00 AWARD!!

Dawn Steggerda
Junior Division Chair

Attention students grade 7 - 12!
Write an essay for the NFMC Essay Contest. A \$50.00 cash award is given to the winning entry in EACH state.

Essay must be written on the NFMC National Music Week theme for 2008: *"Music...A Sound Foundation*

for Life." Entry deadline is February 1, 2008.

Information and entry form can be found on the web at www.nfmc-music.org or by contacting IFMC Junior Division Chariman, Dawn Steggerda, 101 Kentucky Ave. SW, Orange City, IA 51041, 712-737-3565 gregsteg@orangecitycomm.net.

*National Music Week
is May 4 - 11, 2008*

*Essay Theme is:
"Music...A Sound
Foundation for Life"*

IFMC Jr. Essay Contest for Grades 3-6

Dawn Steggerda,
Junior Division Chair

IFMC Juniors grades 3-6, don't miss the IFMC state essay contest! Essay must be written on the NFMC National Music Week theme for 2008: *"Music...A Sound Foundation for Life."* Entry

deadline is February 15, 2008.

One \$50 award will be given to a junior for the essay with the best use of the theme. See the enclosed form for rules.

Sharpen those pencils and begin NOW so this award will not be "lost" because of no entries!

Junior Composer's Institute - Calling all Junior Composers for 2008!

Karen Bourne, Director
Jr. Composers Institute

The 6th annual Junior Composer's Institute (JCI) was held at Augsburg College July 8-14, 2007. Four students and teachers represented Iowa at the Institute: Kristopher Johnson (Karen Bourne, Sioux City), Rachel Frantzen (Joan Strauss, Strawberry Point), Katie Mallon (Lucinda Lear, Cedar Falls), and Mila Ribbeck (Laura Crumbleholme, Moline).

In total, there were 23 students and one Student Counselor in attendance. The teaching faculty consisted of Randall Davidson (Augsburg), Seth Custer (University

of Iowa), Carol Barnett (Augsburg), and Carole Flatau (Noteworthy Publishing). Students worked late into the night for a week to produce compositions which were featured on the final recital. The level of composition was outstanding. Students were challenged at all levels as they were divided into ensembles of varying instruments for which to compose. Ages of the students ranged from entering 8th grade this fall to collegiate sophomores. Friday, students attended Sommerfest in downtown Minneapolis with free concerts including one from the Minnesota

Symphony in Orchestra Hall. Karen Bourne served as JCI Director, assisted by Linda Kleven and Arlene Lewis, both from Sioux City. JCI is sponsored by the North Central Region and Iowa contributes both with financial support for the camp and scholarships to their composition winners.

We spent an evening working with the Gamelan and some used it in their compositions.

Next years Junior Composer Institute will be July 6-11, 2008, at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN. Who do you know that would LOVE this experience?



6th annual Jr. Composer's Institute participants and counselors.



From left to right: Mila Ribbeck, Kristopher Johnson, Katie Mallon, Rachel Frantzen

2007 Festival Centers

Center	Sr. Club Sponsor	2008 Date	Location	Festival Chair
101	Fairfield Music Teachers Jan Hunerdosse, President	March 14-15	McElany House Fairfield, IA	Jan Hunerdosse jandosse@lisco.com
102	Quad-Cities Federated Club Anita Hudson, President	February 29-March 1	Augustana College Rock Island, IL	Sue Strom Strom1406@aol.com
103	Iowa City Independent Piano Teachers Leslie Finer, President	February 23	U of Iowa, Voxman Music Iowa City, IA	Azi Raoufi Azadeh_raoufi@msn.com
201	District 2 Music Teachers Helen Venneman, President	February 23	Kirkwood Community College Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	Wendy Davis subdavis@hotmail.com
202	Waterloo B Natural Music Club Jeanne Lueders, President	February 23	Central Christian Church Waterloo, IA 50701	Jeanne Lueders sjlueders@mchsi.com
301	Siouxland Music Teachers Arlene Lewis, President	March 8	Briar Cliff University Sioux City, IA	Karen Bourne kjbourne@cableone.net
302	Soo Mar Music Teachers Cliff Soodsma, President	February 23	Dordt College Sioux Center, IA	Lois VanderZee dlvdz@mtcnet.net
303	Mills Co. Music Teachers Renee Coffey	March 14 March 15	St. Johns Ev. Lutheran Storm Lake, IA St. Paul Lutheran, Holstein, IA	Deb Reid Dwightr@ncn.net
401	Missouri Valley Marian Eckmann	March 8	Logan, IA	Sharon Shelton sshelton@lowatelecom.net
402	Council Bluffs Cheryl Haines, President	March 29	Iowa Western College Council Bluffs, IA	Berneil Hanson Muscor15@aol.com
404	West Central Professional Teachers Molly Benson, President	April 5, 2008	Carroll Church of Christ Carroll, IA	Tina Boell tinaboell@mchsi.com
405	Tri-County Irene Buckley, President	March 8	Grace Baptist Church Harlan, IA	Bonnie Burton 2bnbburton@fmctc.com
406	Korner Keyboards Paula Sink, President	March 15	Corning Activity Center Corning, IA	Theresa Cruise jcruise@mddc.com
505	Federated Music Club of Des Moines Judy Dixon, President	February 29 March 1	Rieman Music 6501 Douglas, Urbandale, IA Grandview College Des Moines, IA	Diane Lewis Dklmusic@mchsi.com

Paullina Federated Music Club Announces Their Dissolution as a Club

Due to lack of active members it was unanimously voted upon to disband our Paullina Federated Music Club after 73 {February 1934} years. It was a difficult decision to make but felt it necessary

Respectfully yours,
Barbara J. Cullison, Treasurer

Duet CD For New Festival Bulletin Available

DUET FESTIVAL is fast approaching!! If you're going to teach duets, you need to buy the Duet CDs that go with our new Bulletin. Instead of looking at a list of titles-- LISTEN to them, and then know exactly what music you need to purchase!! I have recorded all the Duets from Pre-Primary through Difficult II levels. 91% of these

Duets made it into our new Bulletin, and the others can be used as Choice Duets!! Visit my website at www.judyzpiano.com for complete ordering information, or contact me (Judy Zahrndt) at judyzpiano@yahoo.com. Order now for discounted prices!!

Promote Your Local IFMC Club - Read On For Ideas...

Public Relations

Karen Bourne, IFMC Chair

NFMC/IFMC is one of the best kept secrets and we want to get the word out! We will

again be placing an ad in the Iowa Music Teacher magazine promoting the benefits of IFMC

membership. Other Public relations Ideas for submission or promotion include the following:

Have your clubs--

... had articles in the newspaper

about programs or concerts;
... performed programs in malls or for community events;

... had announcements on radio or TV about some of your programs;

... publicized the Parade of American Music (November) or National Music

Week (May)

... distributed the NFMC PSA video to local radio or TV stations

... participated in NFMC projects and reported their activities to the proper chairmen;

... made contributions to really worthwhile projects;

Karen Bourne has agreed to be the Iowa Newsgatherer and Public Relations chairman and is wanting articles from clubs that can be submitted for publication in either of the two NFMC Official Publications—Music Clubs Magazine or Junior Keynotes. Send her the "news items" from your clubs and include a digital picture; kjbourne@cableone.net



Have you paid your 2007 - 2008 dues?



2007 - 2008 dues deadline

(July 15) 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 needs to include a late fee. The late fee does not apply to new members. **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 2009 to participate in

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!!

junior festivals.

REMINDER: Do not send any money directly to the state treasurer, as all dues must be sent from your senior club treasurer.

SENIOR CLUB TREASURERS: If you have additional renewing or new members, please remember to pay the additional \$5.00 state

dues per member. Thank you for your support of the new arrangement this year.

If you have questions on dues payment, please contact IFMC treasurer, Valerie McInroy at pianomom33@mchsi.com or phone 319-236-3782

Meeting Call *Continued from page 1*

Judy Dixon, president of the Federated Music Club of Des Moines, will start our day at 9 a.m. with a new music review. This will be followed by a review of important information for operating an IFMC/NFMC festival. We had elections in Iowa in April and at the national level in June, so new officers and chairman are in place and soon a new NFMC Manual will be in every president's hands. This is the time to pick up 2008 Festival supplies, too. We will break for a lunch of sandwiches and question and answer time. **It is imperative that ALL clubs hosting a junior festival have a representative at this state meeting.** This may be

the festival chairman, club president, treasurer or representative. **The ability to continue hosting a junior festival center will be contingent on representation at this fall meeting.**

Door prizes of a new 2008-2010, colorful Festival posters, and music from the new bulletin will be given out so mark your calendars now to attend and start planning for an exciting year of Federation activities.

SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. – New Bulletin Music Preview by Judy Dixon,

NCTM

10:30 – Review of IFMC Festival Center policies and procedures

11:45 – Lunch and Question/Answer session

1 p.m. – Officer reports; budget approval; future goals and planning session.

DIRECTIONS:

Rieman Music, 6501 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA. 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's is in between 64th and 66th Street on the North side of the street.

New NFM/IFMC Officers

NFM Officers 2007-2008

... President – Lana Bailey
... First V.P. Elect – Carolyn Nelson
... V.P. in charge of North Central Region – Heidi Olson Hong

NFM President's Theme:
"Music....For All Seasons"
NFM President's Hymn:
America, the Beautiful!

IFMC Officers 2007-2009

... President – Lucinda Lear
... First V.P. Elect – Linda Allebach
... Secretary/Junior composer Chair – Joan Strauss
... Treasurer – Valerie McInroy
... Festival Chair – Lois Vander Zee
... Collegiate Student/Young Artist Auditions – Judy Hyland & Lynn Kroeger

... Adult Advisor –
... Junior Advisor – Dawn Steggerda
... Hymn of the Month Chair - Alice Hager

Iowa State President's Theme:
"Standing on the shoulders of the past to reach into the future."
State President's Song:
You Raise Me Up

2007-2008 Club Presidents

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National Board Member Report

Jeanne Lueders National Board Member

National Board Member Report of the National Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 26 - July 1, 2007.

Follow up announcements:

... Jr Department:

1. Festival Bulletin – page 1, sentence one, ADD “not” after the word “have”.
2. The form JR 3-7 to delete the \$1.25 from the form and will leave a space for the amount to be sent.
3. 12 Year + Certificates will continue to be filled out entirely leaving a space for where the festival is held.

There will be a revision in the Gold

Cup points for the Composition applicants. Higher point values will be explored for

... **Membership:** Iowa made the Top 10 list for new Junior clubs with 54.

... **Student Department:** There is a New Student Handbook available at Headquarters (#NE4-4).



NFMC Young Artist winners are available for bookings as community concert program artists and they are much more affordable!

... **Young Artists:** Terry Blair, Missouri, announced the new Young Artist Inquiry form to be used in bringing an artist to your community. To do so, provide a venue with a properly tuned grand piano of high quality; pay the artist \$300; provide travel, lodging and meals; pay the accompanist \$200; provide travel, lodging and meals as well. Contact Terry Blair, Young Artist Presentation Chr. At 902 E. Gaslight Dr. Springfield MO 65810 for the inquiry form.

... Board of Directors Meeting:

Motions:

1. Moved to establish and create a VIP list honoring mentors by

Tri-County Music Club Welcomes Member from Moldova - Galina Jarrell, Part 2

Dianne Lawson Tri-County Music Club

Galina makes these observations about differences between teaching in Moldova and now in the United States. Her former students were required to prepare a number of memorized pieces twice a year that they had to publicly perform and be graded on. The pieces learned were by classical and well-known contemporary composers.

Students were tested on their ability to play various scales and etudes. Students had two piano lessons per week of 45 minutes each and were to come prepared. Beginning lessons focused on developing good hand position and technique. The commonly used method books in the United States move more slowly than the typical pace for students in Moldova.

Students in Moldova attend regular school classes in the morning, and are free to attend the music school in the afternoon. The School of Music in Chisinau is diversified with various types of instruments for students to study. Courses in dance and theater are also offered. A requirement for all music students is a theory class of one and a half hours per week. In this class students study solfege, music dictation, and ear training.

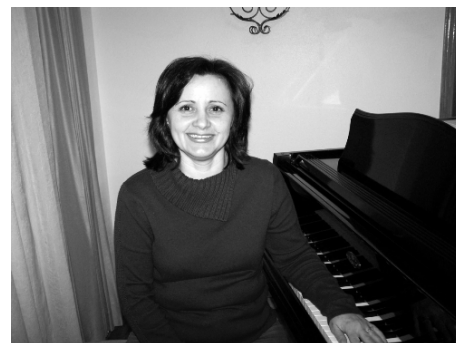
Additionally, all students sing in a chorus.

Teachers in the music school of Chisinau receive salaries from the government. Parents pay a fee for children to study there, but the fees are affordable to most families. The equipment in the music school is not extraordinary. Most studios have old pianos with only one grand piano in good condition in the school.

As for similarities, some students in Moldova as well as in the U.S. are very busy, and practice takes a back seat for some. There are those few, however, who focus and work very hard. Electric keyboards are popular in Moldova as well as in the U.S. and teachers have to explain the difference between practicing on an electric keyboard versus the traditional acoustic piano.

Galina has found the NFMC Festival Bulletin to be very helpful in her preparation of course of study. Through this publication, she has been able to find a number of pieces for beginners that are of a light and fun nature but also promoting the development of proper technique.

Galina's first musical presentation in the U.S. was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan where



she volunteered to play preludes and special music. She has also played for events in Omaha, Nebraska and been an accompanist for students in the Harlan Community High School and the community chorus performance of the *Messiah*.

Galina expresses her gratitude to all those who have welcomed her and helped her in so many ways to adapt and be a part of the community. It has been such a help in alleviating homesickness because of the many new friendships. She hopes to enroll in graduate study at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. For Galina, music and IFMC were bridges which helped her adjust quickly to her new life in America.

Part 1 of this article appeared in the Spring issue of the *Sounding Board*.

IFMC Board of Directors Meeting, April 27, 2007

Elkader, IA

The IFMC Board met at 9:00 a.m. at the Treats, Etc. coffee shop. Ten members were in attendance: Judy Hyland, Joan Strauss, Lynn Kroeger, Debbie Laird, Dianne Lawson, Lucinda Lear, Jeanne Lueders, Valerie McInroy, Rose Oles, and Lois Vander Zee. Also attending the meeting was the IFMC North Central Region Vice President Carolyn Nelson.

President Cindy Lear called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September 9, 2006 board meeting were approved as written in the Spring 2007 *Sounding Board*.

Reports were given by various officers:

Treasurer's Report: Valerie McInroy presented a cash flow report for July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. The balance in the IFMC checking account on June 30, 2006 was \$15,280.50 and the balance on March 31, 2007 was \$11,948.81 for a net loss of (\$3331.69). Valerie explained that more funds will be deposited as proceeds from the 2007 local Festivals are sent to the state treasurer. The fiscal year will end on June 30, 2007.

The Treasurer presented reports on the IFMC investment accounts balances as of April 2007. There are five investment accounts with varying maturity dates and interest rates. There is a total of \$60,000 in principal in these accounts plus accumulated interest.

A detailed summary of actual income and expenses was shown for the current fiscal year as compared to the budgeted amount. Income and expenses are both well below the budgeted amount, but three months remain in the current fiscal year. No awards were given for the collegiate student auditions since there were no entries.

Valerie announced that as state IFMC Treasurer she will no longer accept individual checks for dues. Each local Sr. Club Treasurer should send dues for all members

in one check.

Jeanne Lueders moved to file the treasurer's report for audit. Lois Vander Zee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adult Division Report: Lynn Kroeger reported that two applications had been received for the annual \$500 adult award.

Each application (minus names) was passed around to board members.

After reviewing the blind applications board members voted and selected Judy Hyland as the recipient. Judy agreed to present a statewide IFMC judge's workshop after completing her studies.

Junior Advisor's Report: Dawn Steggarda announced that seven students had applied for a summer camp scholarship. The usual number of camp awards given each year is 5.

Motion: Judy Hyland moved that since IFMC has adequate funds that all seven applicants receive an award this year for the cost of the camp up to \$300. Motion passed.

There were no entries in the Jr. Essay Contest.

A Mission Statement has been written for the biennial Sonata/Sonatina Festival. This Festival will be held in odd years on Junior Day in conjunction with the IFMC Convention. Junior Day activities will also include summer music camp scholarship auditions and an Honors Recital for Gold Cup winners, Sonata/Sonatina Festival winners, Composition Contest winners and Camp Scholarship winners.

Composition Chair Report: Joan Strauss stated that two new students entered the composition competition for a total of 14 entries. These entries came from the studios of five teachers. Seven winning junior compositions were sent on to North Central Region competition. A \$300 IFMC Composition Scholarship has been awarded to Katie Mallon to attend the North Central Region Junior Composer

Institute in July of 2007.

Joan Strauus will continue as Iowa Composition Chair another year. There will be a new North Central Region Composition Chair next year.

Festival Chair Report: Lois Vander Zee reported that all reports from local Festival centers are in. There were 3677 total participants at 14 Festival centers in Iowa in 2007. This compares with 3452 participants in 2006. In 2006 the Sioux City Festival was not included in these figures but was included in 2007. Most local Festivals had fewer entries in 2007 than in 2006.

Lois needs to know the names of all adult teachers who are entering students in Festivals. The state Treasurer will send a dues report to the state Festival Chair showing how many members each junior club has.

Lois requests that all local Festivals use the 2005 NFMC JR3-3 and JR3-4 Festival report forms which can be downloaded from the internet at www.nfmc-music.org. The JR3-4 report should have all the piano solos alphabetized.

Lois will send an email to all local Festival Chairs requesting the dates for the 2008 local Festivals. She requests a reply by July 1, 2007. This will allow the state IFMC President to list all Festival dates for IFMC liability insurance coverage.

Cindy Lear discussed the need for local clubs to account for Festival fees deposited in local club treasuries. The Board thinks a form needs to be designed for local centers' use to report Festival income and expenses.

Festival Gold Cup Report: As state Festival Cup Chair Rose Oles announced that on-line registration for the Gold Cup program has worked well. There are currently 108 participating teachers in the Gold Cup plan. Rose would like to see a Festival Gold Cup chair in each local club. The current balance in the state Gold Cup account is \$5186.90. The cost and shipping expense of the gold cups has increased, resulting in a net loss of \$410.87 for the current year. At some point fees for the cups may need to be increased.

Collegiate/Student Advisor

Report: Carole Thomas was not present at the meeting. She sent her report. Four Iowa colleges paid dues to IFMC this past school year. No entries were received for Student or Young Artist Auditions.

Carole recommends that the current award of \$400 for collegiate winners be raised.

The Board discussed the lack of entrants for the IFMC Collegiate Auditions. The repertoire requirements were set in 2005 and are considered very rigorous. One suggestion was to improve communication about the auditions by sending the auditions information to all college music teachers rather than only the department head. Discussion was held about the amount of the award money.

Motion: Lynn Kroeger moved that the IFMC award for Collegiate/Student Auditions winners in 2009 only be increased from \$400 to \$1000. Motion passed. The motion does not apply to years after 2009.

Sounding Board Editor

Report: Editor Debbie Laird has set July 1, 2007 as the deadline for submission of articles for the fall edition of the *Sounding Board*. The Board recommends sending the *Sounding Board* via email.

National Board Member

Report: Iowa's representative Jeanne Lueders did not attend the 2006 Fall Session of the National Federation of Music Clubs at the Hotel Sofitel in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NFMC gives an Outstanding Junior Counselor Award for one teacher in each state.

NFMC has public service announcements which may be used by state federations for publicity. Iowa has distributed these announcements to television stations around the state.

North Central Region Vice

President's Report: Carolyn Nelson from North Dakota spoke about regional activities. North Central Region had 8 entries in the collegiate student auditions (none from Iowa). Four students were selected to advance to national competition. She recommends

that in the future financial awards be given to winners of the North Central auditions.

The state of Nebraska has only three Sr. NFMC Clubs and few members throughout the state. A state must have at least three Sr. Clubs to have a representative on the North Central Region Board.

Old Business: Under old business discussion was continued from previous board meetings about use of the Membership Development Fund. A suggestion was made that serving as a state officer and attending state board meetings might be encouraged by using some of this money to defray expenses.

Motion: Lois Vander Zee moved that IFMC pay \$40 plus 25 cents per mile to all elected and appointed state officers as well as the immediate past President for registration and mileage expenses to the current state convention. Motion failed.

Motion: Jeanne Lueders moved that funds from the Membership Development Fund be used to reimburse all elected and appointed state officers and the immediate past state president \$40 of their expenses for attending the 2007 IFMC state convention in Elkader, Iowa. Motion passed.

Motion: Lynn Kroeger moved that the IFMC treasury reimburse all elected and appointed state IFMC officers attending the 2007 state conference in Elkader 25 cents per mile for any mileage expenses incurred. Motion passed.

Also under old business discussion was held about the ad promoting NFMC placed in the Iowa Music Teacher magazine. In view of the reasonable cost the Board recommended placing ads in the next two issues of the IMT magazine.

New Business: President Cindy Lear announced that Iowa should select a nomination for outstanding Jr. Counselor in the state. This award is given by NFMC to one teacher in each state.

Motion: Judy Hyland nominated Debbie Laird for this

honor. Debbie is a member of IFMC and serves as state editor. The Board unanimously selected Debbie to receive this award and will submit a qualifications letter to NFMC.

A revision in the Bylaws to provide for progression of state officers was discussed.

Motion: Judy Hyland moved that the office of Vice President of IFMC be changed to be Vice President/President Elect, with the Vice President moving to the office of President after two years in office. This motion passed and will be presented as a recommendation to the Advisory Board at their meeting on April 28, 2007.

Judy Hyland presented the slate of nominations for elected state IFMC officers for 2007-2009 as follows:

- President – Lucinda Lear
- Vice President – Linda Allebach
- Recording Secretary –
Joan Strauss
- Treasurer – Valerie McInroy

A date for the Fall Board meeting in September will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Lawson
IFMC Recording Secretary

Sounding Board deadline for submission of materials for the Winter newsletter is December 1, 2007
Send to Debbie Laird
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IFMC Advisory Council Meeting, April 28, 2007

Elkader, IA

The Advisory Council met at 9:00 a.m. at Peace United Church of Christ in Elkader, Iowa. Twelve persons were in attendance.

The Federation Collect was read and the Federation Hymn sung. Minutes of the September, 2006 Board of Directors meeting were approved as printed in the *Sounding Board*.

Motions: Several recommendations from the April 27, 2007 Board of Directors meeting were read and passed by the Advisory Council. These are summarized as follows:

The Bylaws were changed to allow the election of a Vice President/President Elect with progression of the Vice President to President after two terms.

2007 State IFMC Conference attendees (state officers and past President) will be reimbursed \$40 of their registration fee and 25 cents per mile for travel expense incurred.

Collegiate/Student Auditions awards will be \$1000 for each category in 2009.

For more details see the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting, April 27, 2007.

Reports:

Judy Hyland gave a report from the **Nominations Committee** on the slate of new IFMC state officers:

President – Lucinda Lear
Vice President / President Elect – Linda Allebach
Recording Secretary – Joan Strauss
Treasurer – Valerie McInroy
The Advisory Council elected these new officers.

President Lucinda Lear reported that not all appointed state offices have been filled. A new state Adult Adviser officer is needed.

She reminded the Council that NFMC is a philanthropic organization with many endowments and financial awards available. She also displayed the *Junior Clubs* magazine and the *NFMC Music Clubs* magazine. Cindy related that Public Service Announcements promoting the National Federation of Music Clubs have been distributed to metropolitan areas around the state for use on television and radio stations.

Treasurer Valerie McInroy presented the current financial report as passed at the April 27, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

Valerie also handed out dues forms for local clubs. When these forms are returned they will include a list of local officers. Dues forms for 2007-2008 are available online. Valerie reminded members that an accurate number of Jr. students should be filled in on the dues form, even though basic dues cover fees for 20 Jr. students to enter Festival. The deadline for payment of dues is July 15, and all individual dues must be submitted together with others through a Sr. Club. After July 15 a late fee will be assessed, excepting new members. New members must pay dues by November 1.

Valerie also is the state **Membership Chair** and reported that there are currently 22 Sr. Clubs in Iowa, 252 Jr. Clubs, 4950 Jr. members. There are a

total of 394 adult members in IFMC.

Junior Chair Dawn Steggarda was not in attendance as she was supervising Junior Day activities which include summer camp scholarship auditions and the Sonata/Sonatina Festival.

Junior Festivals Chair Lois Vander Zee encouraged members to find new teachers to participate in Junior Festivals. There are many events available in addition to the piano solo event. She particularly would like to see more local Festival centers having string, vocal and theory events. Festival packets are available for all local Festival Chairs. Updated Festival forms will be available on the IFMC web page.

Gold Cup Chair Rose Oles reported that online registrations for the state Gold Cup plan have increased efficiency. She reminded members that a 75 point Grand Cup is available to students. Rose would like to see national rules amended so that solo event points could be combined with hymn-playing or duet event points towards earning Gold Cups.

North Central Region Vice President Carolyn Nelson spoke about the Jr. Composers Institute which is held at Augsburg College in Minnesota. There are scholarships for students who can't afford the cost. Two levels of compositional training are offered, including ear training, jazz fundamentals, and use of Finale software. Participants must be at least 14 years of age.

Meeting was adjourned to lunch where incoming and outgoing board members were acknowledged. Carolyn Nelson gave a report on the North Central Region summer Junior Composer Institute.

The meeting was adjourned to the honors recital under the direction of Dawn Steggarda.

Did You Know?

IFMC cannot afford to launch the career of a promising Young Artist but we can contribute \$1.00 for every past adult club president and state president to be counted in the \$10,000 which NFMC gives each Young Artist winner.

Debbie Laird Nominated for NFMC Award

The NFMC Outstanding Junior Counselor of the Year award

gives states an opportunity to recognize Junior Counselors who are also real leaders in the Federation. The winners of this award must participate in the state and national organization in ways other than just the Junior Festival and gold Cup programs and help to provide the much needed vitality, enthusiasm and yes, workers for our organization. Iowa was one of only four states that submitted names which were honored at the NFMC Biennial convention held in Salt Lake City in June. The 2007 Iowa Junior Counselor of the year is Debbie Laird, our Sounding Board Editor. Below is the nominating letter for Debbie.

The Iowa Federation of Music Clubs proudly nominates Debbie Laird for the National Outstanding Junior Counselor Award.

As a member of The Iowa Federation of Music Clubs since the mid-1980's, Debbie teaches students of all ages and ability levels, including toddlers enrolled in her Music For Young Children program, school-age students, and adults. She works with 50 – 90 students weekly in both group and individual lessons. Debbie's students consistently receive top ratings in Festivals and in competitive auditions. She is creative, energetic, and enthusiastic when working with

her students.

Debbie has been Co-chair of the Piano Celebration, which is an annual fund-raising weekend-long event to benefit the Ronald McDonald House associated with the University Hospitals in Iowa City, for the five years of the Celebrations' existence. This project not only provides funds for the Ronald McDonald House, but also raises the awareness of the importance of piano study and brain development, as well as the general health benefits of piano study in children and adults.

Debbie has performed for numerous church services throughout the years, including serving as choir director at her church for several years, and continues to provide her church with quality trained musicians who use their talents to serve the Lord. Other community outreach activities include children's programs at the public library and at area preschools. Debbie has performed with the keyboard ensemble "Digital Dames" at Younkers charity nights, Monster Concerts, and local, state, and national conferences. She challenges her colleagues with new and fresh ideas of what can be done musically and with technology.

Debbie has served the local music teachers associations for many years in the offices of Recording Secretary,

Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President, State Webmaster, and Editor of the State newsletter, the Sounding Board. She works tirelessly and is extremely patient with those of us who are not as forward-thinking or as technically gifted as she.

She is constantly thinking outside the box, in an effort to simply record-keeping, communication, and collegiality.

These outstanding characteristics are not limited to the Iowa Federation; Debbie plays a vital role in other music organizations in Iowa as well. She has been a member of the Iowa Music Teachers Association for over twenty years, and has served in leadership roles in that organization as well.

Debbie represents the epitome of what Iowa Federation, and indeed the National Federation of Music Clubs, supports and promotes. We are honored to have her in our association as a professional teacher, colleague, and friend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors of the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs

This is an ANNUAL Award so be thinking now who you could nominate for the 2008 Iowa Junior Counselor of the Year!



*The next NFMC president
will be our own North
Central Region V.P.
Carolyn Nelson, of North
Dakota!!
Whoo-hoo!!*

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members contributing \$50 for each person they wish to honor. A list of honorary members will be publicized in the Music Club Magazine and Jr Keynotes. This is an initiative to support the Young Artist Endowment/Summer awards.

2. Moved to remove from Standing Rules the statement 'the Roster should appear in full in the MCM. There will be a

CD created and orders need to be placed at Headquarters.

... Invitations:

2008 National Fall Session – Denver, CO – August 5-11, 2008
2009 Biennial Convention - Orlando, FL – June 1-9, 2009
2010 Fall Session - Pittsburgh, PA- August 3-8, 2010

... Elected Officers and

Chairmen: (see page 6)
Barbara Hildebrand, Treasurer

Shirley Carroll, Student Division
Jeanne Kish, Junior Division Chr.
Lucinda Lear, Council of State Presidents Vice Chr, NCR Festival Chr, Jeanne Lueders. This is only a partial listing. Publication of a complete list of officers and chairman is available at Headquarters.

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