

IFMC Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 2016
NFMC Headquarters – Greenwood, IN

The board of directors met at NFMC headquarters in Greenwood, IN. Those in attendance were: Catherine Kling, Josie Lukey, Ginny Jones, Virginia Kleeberg, David Mannell, Lynae Stafford, Sarah Sabatino, Linda Sabatino, Sarah K. Sergesketter, Paula Alles, Helen Arffa, Ronda Rosenbaum, Rebecca Sorley, June Brumley, Marta Hassfurder, Lisa Cremer, Peg Bryan and Andrea Schweizer.

Virginia Kleeberg called the meeting to order and the group began by reciting the NFMC Collect and singing the National Anthem. Josie Lukey gave the invocation.

Catherine Kling reported on the acceptance of the minutes of the January 16th meeting by the reading committee consisting of Lisa Cremer and Marta Hassfurder. Minutes from today's meeting will be submitted for approval by the reading committee and, upon approval, they will be posted on the website.

The treasurer's report was given. For the time period July 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016, total income was \$6006.70 and total expenses was \$8882.00, leaving a net balance of -2875.30. However, this net amount does not include income from junior festivals. Current assets as of May 31, 2016 equaled \$137,640.21. Helen Arffa moved to accept the treasurer's report and Andrea Schweizer seconded.

David Mannell continued with a report on changes to junior and senior club dues. National federation dues increases take effect July 1, 2016. David Mannell gave a specific breakdown of the increases and options for dealing with the increases. For senior clubs with 1-10 members, the increase was from \$30/club (\$3.00 for each additional member in each club) to \$60/club (\$6.00 for each additional member in each club). For junior clubs, the increase was from \$15/club (.70 for each member over 20) to \$22/club (\$1.00 for each member over 16).

Previously, of the (e.g.) \$70 collected from senior clubs with 1-10 members, the state received \$20 and \$20 would be allocated to scholarships. Of the \$25 previously collected from junior clubs, the state received \$10. Three options were detailed. The only option allowing the state to receive the same as it received in prior years was option 3. Under this option, senior clubs pay \$90.00 (state receives \$10.00) and junior clubs pay \$42.00 (state receives \$20.00). The executive committee recommended the board choose option 3.

There was a discussion about this topic. One question was why the national dues were doubled and Virginia Kleeberg said it was, in part, to cover the cost of the publication of the magazines. Another question was why investments cannot be used to cover some of the operating costs. Virginia Kleeberg answered that investments are required to cover scholarships as they are from monies bequeathed to the organization for a particular scholarship and are not available

for any other use. A third question was whether clubs can still combine. Virginia stated that that has not changed.

Rebecca Sorley moved to accept the executive committee recommendation to choose option 3 and June Brumley seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Dues are due October 1st (senior clubs to Mark Wiedenmeyer and junior clubs to David Mannell). Please let David Mannell know if there have been changes to club presidents and/or treasurers.

Les Bryan reported on Investment Committee recommendations that were passed by the Executive Committee.

As of April 29, 2016, the portfolio, which includes assets held at Edward Jones (totaling \$100,061.77) and assets held at Money Concepts Capital (totaling \$65,149.32) had a total value of \$165,211.09. The estimated annual income from these investments (dividends and interest) was \$3,900.97.

The investment committee recommended, and the Executive Committee passed motions:

- (1) That 80% of the estimated annual income from the investments (i.e. dividends plus interest) be used to fund scholarships. David moved to accept the investment committee's recommendation and Peg Bryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- (2) That junior and senior vocal and instrumental awards be brought to the level of the junior and senior piano awards.

Lynae Stafford moved to approve the Investment Committee recommendations and Andrea Schweizer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next Executive Committee action addressed concerned the standing rules on reimbursement of officers attending national meetings. The Executive Committee recommended that IFMC reimburse the Indiana President and the Indiana representative to the national board their reasonable expenses (consisting of transportation, registration, lodging and meals) for attending the 2016 meeting in Tulsa as well as those same expenses for the president in attending the 2016 northeast regional meeting in Chautauqua. Lisa Cremer moved that the board accept the Executive Committee's recommendation and Marta Hassfurder seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was also noted that the state pays for the registration for anyone else who attends the national meeting.

In other reports:

Mark Wiedenmeyer reported as assistant treasurer. He stated that in the Fall of 2013, he was first tasked with soliciting and gathering updated membership roster information from Senior

Clubs throughout the state of Indiana, as well as receiving membership dues checks from these clubs. Then generating the updated roster master file, and forwarding all dues checks and membership application forms to the Treasurer. He also became acquainted with current Treasurer David Mannell. Continuing discussion with David regarding annual Senior Clubs membership renewals lead to his suggestion of moving up the deadline date for club submissions one month earlier to October 1st of each year.

Lisa Cremer reported that she had been working on the State convention and honors recital and thanked everyone for attending.

Helen Arffa gave a festival chair report: there were 5437 festival entries reported to national. She also reported on moving to electronic forms for junior festival summary and accounting.

Rebecca Sorley, Student-Collegiate Chairman, reported that she started this position as of the January meeting. Her goal over the summer is to make a list of scholarships available for collegiate students. She also said Butler and Indiana University have collegiate members and she will encourage U Indy to join as well.

Marta Hassfurder reported from the Standing Rules Committee that progress on the revision of our IFMC Standing Rules is moving slowly but surely. Much of the information that belongs in Standing Rules had previously been included in the By-laws. Such information was removed from the By-laws with our recent revision and is now being included in the Standing Rules.

President, Virginia Kleeberg, would also like to model our Standing Rules after National's, which requires much time to study and alter for our State needs. The committee hopes to have a draft of the Standing Rules ready for the membership to consider by the fall 2016 meeting.

Josie Lukey requested that if anyone is aware of the death of a member or former member, to let her know.

It was reported that Donna Thiele resigned as junior composer chairman and that Charis Vander Plaats is the new chairman. She is moving to make submissions electronic. Last year the national federation raised the entry fee for junior composers from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Virginia Kleeberg reported that the Executive Committee recommended that our fee (which includes the national fee) be raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00 and that we eliminate the requirement of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Sarah Sergesketter moved to accept this recommendation and David Mannell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was reported that Teresa Kirkbride resigned as website manager and that our new website manager is Drew Worthen.

Previously Juliana Edwards was appointed National Music Week and Essay Chairman but she has not responded to any e-mails so it is assumed that she has resigned. Therefore we need a new person for this position.

We also need a newsletter chairman. Finally, we need a replacement for Donna Thiele on the investment committee (this does not have to be a musician).

Virginia Kleeberg agreed to draft a job description for the positions that are vacant so that club presidents can send out requests to their members to volunteer.

Lisa Cremer reported that the nominating committee selected David Mannell for Treasurer and Catherine Kling for Secretary. Peg Bryan moved to accept the nominating committee's slate and vote by acclamation and Andrea Schweizer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The board intends to thank Donna Thiele for her many years of service by presenting her with a plaque at the Honors Recital on Saturday.

Dates were set for future board meetings: September 10th and January 21st. Next year's convention will be June 2nd and 3rd.

Lisa Cremer moved to adjourn the meeting and David Mannell seconded. Meeting adjourned.