

NDFMC Convention 2015
June 15-16, 2015
Holiday Inn – Fargo ND

Members Present: President - Vivian Acuff, Secretary - Darcy Lackman, Treasurer - Kris Brugamy, National President – Carolyn Nelson, National First Vice President – Michael Edwards, Sue Clambey, Karen Dalager, Debbie Eraas, Marian Fagerholt, Carole Flatau, Eileen Geske, Ginny Geston, Pat Grantier, Agnes Hamerlik, Sally Harmon, Marge Johnson, Michelle Kallod, Carma Kulish, Em Laskey, Joan Lazorenko, Donna Lemar, Gordie Maier, Odee Maier, Janet Nelson, Mavis Ness, Sally Nordlie, Jill Post, Deanna Qualley, Alpha Roeszler, Lana Simons, Jan Stoffel, Bonnie Stromme, Norma Swanson, Carol Tschakert, Gergloit Turmo, Robyn Vinje, Sharon Wesbrook

1. Call to Order by President, Vivian Acuff

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Federation Collect

Federation Hymn

Together We Sing – Carole Flatau – “I Ride an Old Paint”

Invocation – Carole Flatau

Welcome – Jill Post Fargo- Moorhead co-president, & Mallory from Convention and Visitors

Introduction of attendees

2. Minutes of the 2013 convention were read by Darcy Lackman. Motion by Carolyn Nelson to approve minutes as corrected, second by Mavis Ness. All in favor, minutes approved.

3. Reports

Carma Kulish – IMC

Alpha Roeszler – Sr. Club Reports, Music Outreach

Carole Flatau – Together We Sing – new book coming out this week at National Convention

Club Presidents: Agnes Hamerlik – Grand Forks

Jill Post – Fargo-Moorhead

Pat Grantier – Bismarck Mandan

Lana Simons – Minot

Past President’s Assembly – Sally Nordlie

State Festival Chair – Michelle Kallod 18 events, 2055 entries, Superiors 1666

4. Treasurer’s report: Kris Brugamy presented and read

- membership statistics
- 2013-2014 Financial report which has been audited was presented
- 2014-2015 Financial Report Kris Brugamy moved that it be filed for audit, second by Pat Grantier. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2013-14 and 2014-15 Junior Division Financial Reports
- Proposed NDFMC budget for 2015-2017 Biennium was explained.

5. Odee & Gordie Maier – Ideas of how to give the Evelyn Sampson Award. People aren’t applying for it.

Suggestions: 1. Broaden parameters? 2. change the way we reach applicants?

Committee will discuss and try to brainstorm over lunch to come up with a proposal.

Committee members: Pat Grantier, Alpha Roeszler, and Sharon Westbrook.

6. Carolyn Nelson – National Guest Speaker

a. changes since 2011.

- Shorten national convention – 5 to 4 days.
- Alternate teaching years with more music
- 2.5 employees in Indianapolis.
- Color publications
- Streamline divisions – public relations consolidated
- Facebook added.
- 48 newsletters put out by Carolyn Nelson
- She visited 25 states, 5 regions, Chitaqua, Brevard, Inspiration Point, Ozarks
- New awards, bigger awards
- Gold name tags
- \$25,000 in scholarships given out

Still need to

- Stop decrease in membership
- Work at a more supporting, teamwork atmosphere among members
- Work at effective, constructive communication with correct people
- Connect with applicants for scholarship awards.
- Convince people that our mission is important

b. Young artist competition going on now.

c. Thank you to Odee for fund raising for the Past National President Scholarship

7. Tribute to Janet Miller – Marj Johnson

8. Acknowledgement of 50 year members – Jill Post

Janet Miller, Em Laskey, Ginny Geston, Lynda Pearson

9. Acknowledgement of National Board Members from ND attending the NDFMC convention–
Robyn Vinje

10. Presentation of flowers to Vivian Acuff for her service as NDFMC president

11. [Kris moved that the “NDFMC Budget for 2015-2017 Biennium” be approved. Second by
Carma Kulish. All in favor.](#)

12. [Nominating committee presented a slate of officers:](#)

[President: Robyn Vinje, Fargo Moorhead](#)

[Vice-President: Alpha Roeszler, Fargo Moorhead](#)

[Eastern Region Vice-President: Sandi Kerr, Grand Forks](#)

[Western Regional Vice President: Debbie Eraas, Minot](#)

[Secretary: Carol Tschakert, Fargo-Moorhead](#)

[Treasurer: Kris Brugamy, Dickinson](#)

[Vivian Acuff called for nominations from the floor, hearing none for any of the positions, nominations ceased. Ballots were passed out according to bylaws of NDFMC. There was a unanimous ballot for all candidates. All nominees were elected to officer positions.](#)

13. Performing artist Christina Erb, Xylophone, accompanied by Darcy Brandenburg.

14. Vacant spots on the state roster of committee chairs (pg. 16-17 of convention booklet);

Gordie is trying to give up his webmaster job and his Evelyn Sampson award chair.

15. Discussion about the possibility of a standing audit committee; if we were to have one, we would need to change the bylaws.

16. Corrections were made to the convention booklet.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Darcy Lackman

North Dakota Federated Music Clubs
Business Meeting - June 16, 2015, 8:20AM

1. President Vivian Acuff called the meeting to order. There were 16 present at the start of the meeting. Several others joined later.
2. Reports
 - a. Alpha Roeszler (Chair) presented the report from the **Credentials Committee**:

Number of Senior Clubs in the state	9
Number of Senior Clubs represented in convention	5
Number of Senior Club delegates	15
Clubs w/ 75 or more members: 3 + president (Bis,Far,GF)	
Other clubs 2 + president	
National Guests	2
Carolyn Nelson, Michael Edwards	
NDFMC Executive Committee Members	6
NDFMC Appointed Position Members	
Past State Presidents	5
NDFMC Senior Club Presidents	5
Other members present	3
TOTAL MEMBERS AT CONVENTION	38
 - b. Bonnie Stromme presented the 2015 **ND Gold Cups Awarded** report.
 - c. Jan Stoffel presented the **American Women Composers** report.
Club members were encouraged to report information to Jan so we can get credit for our efforts. She distributed applications and encouraged folks to get them submitted.
 - d. **Invitation from Minot**: The 2017 State Federation convention will be held in Minot on April 27, 28, 29. The theme will be **Best Come North**. The convention site will be **Grand Hotel**. They got the inspiration for free concerts from the Fargo convention.
 - e. There was no **Resolutions Committee** report.
3. Announcements
 - Junior Composers - July 24-25, 2015; U of M Campus, St Paul – encouraged members to consider attending
 - Still have some open positions in State that need to be filled.
4. Vivian called for round table discussions on what we should do, or what we could do in future. She particularly suggested the group to share ideas about membership, what has worked in your club. Thoughts from open discussion:

As we make changes, make sure you preserve your traditions.
5. Robyn Vinje, new State President, talked about getting some open positions filled. The fall board meeting will be in Jamestown (in Sept). She is thinking about what would make the board meetings better. Membership is also an important topic. Also National music week. She would like to visit each of the clubs in the state.
6. **Award of Merits** were presented to:
 - Noteables (Jill Post accepted)
 - Silver Follies (Joyce Westfall accepted)

Joyce Westfall
Em Laskey

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Following the meeting, the biennial Memorial Service was held. Carole Flatau, Chaplain, presided over the service and presented the meditation. Special music was provided by Barbara Schramm, soloist, accompanied by Sally Harmon. White roses were presented in honor of thirteen deceased state members in the past two years.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Carol Tschakert