



Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs

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As part of my duties as your president, I attended the NCR meeting at the University of Minnesota in July. Once again, it was held in conjunction with the Junior Composer's Institute at the University of Minnesota. If you are interested in the Junior Composer's Institute, I refer you to the JCI web site at www.juniorcomposers.org for more information.

In August I attended the NFMC Convention in Pittsburgh. I went to 12 meetings and 6 workshops and numerous concerts. It is a marathon race to see how much information you can absorb in a limited amount of time. I have notified all of the WFMC volunteers and committees that were affected by the various changes to rules, reporting dates and alike.

I am pleased to say Wisconsin is way ahead of most states in computerizing our festivals, handling membership, reporting information to National, dues reporting and collections, budgeting practices, gold cup ordering and procedures and our website. And we are ahead of National on many more things.

Texas Festival Management System of Rockwall has been selected for the national festival data base. Texas has been selected for the Online Project and an Official contract is being written to include a time table and both alpha and beta testing.

I have included a list of activities presented at the presidents meeting.

Marlene Cook wrote a letter to the national chairman for composition, Gloria Grill. We now are trying to change the national bylaws to include 18 year olds or college freshman for the student collegiate award. I have contacted the NFMC bylaws committee with my suggested changes to Article 11, Membership, Sections 4, 5 and 6. The changes I have proposed will open the door to all college students under the age of 26. They will also clarify junior members to be inclusive of your senior year in high school.

It should be noted that National has done away with regional judging. Therefore any Wisconsin winners will go directly to the National competition.

Congratulations to the Wisconsin winner of two awards in the NFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Awards Competition. He is:

Garth Neustadter, of Manitowoc, a student at Lawrence University in Appleton has won the NFMC Young Composers Award of \$1100. and the NFMC Devora Nadworney Award for Vocal Solo, \$400. His winning composition is: "By the Open Window," for Tenor and Orchestra.

Our membership activity is quickly nearing a close and that means that the various junior festival chairmen are quickly getting things in order for the up coming festival in February and March of 2011.

All junior clubs and senior clubs have been notified of a very special event to take place in 2011. Your WFMC has invited Melody Bober to speak and showcase her music on April 9, 2011. On the web site you will find a form to print and return as your reservation for this event. Please mark you calendars and plan to join us. We are thankful for the generosity and financial support by Milwaukee Music Teachers Association, Oconomowoc Music Club, Lake Country Music Club, The MacDowell Music Club of Janesville, and the Waukesha Area Senior Club (White House of Music).

From our initial response I am pleased to see the interest expressed by our membership. If you have not replied and need a copy of the form it is available on the web site. I am asking that individuals reply so we have an idea on the attendance. A number of door prizes are promised and those winners will be selected from the returned slips.

At our September meeting the WFMC board passed a senior club grant as a financial assistance motion to make available to WFMC affiliated senior clubs up to \$200.00 to help defray expenses for a visiting guest or workshop. Requests should be submitted to the board for approval prior to the event.

It was passed that a one-half tuition scholarship would be offered to any student entering the Junior Composer's event through the WFMC.

Also, passed at the board meeting, was an increase in WFMC's "Apple for the Teacher" award. This award was increased to \$300.00. In addition up to 10 teachers may receive the award in any given year. Any WFMC member who is a member of an affiliated senior club may nominate a teacher from a private, parochial or public school in the K-5 level to receive the award. Incidentally, all adult WFMC members are members of affiliated senior clubs in Wisconsin.

In ending I wish you all a very successful Junior Festival and of course a Merry Christmas.

Margaret Radmer
WFMC State President