

**National Federation of Music Clubs  
North Central Region Annual Meeting  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 20, 2012**

Members present: Linda Allebach (IA), Karen Bourne (IA), Bob and Shirley Carroll (IL), Laura Crumbleholme (IL), Seth Custer (SC), Sam Ecoff (WI), Gina Einig (IL), Karen Erickson (MN), Pat Grantier (ND) Jeanne Hryniewicki (WI), Lucinda Lear (IA), Mavis Ness (ND), Pat Steege (MN), Michael Edwards (FL), and Randall Davidson (MN).

The meeting of the North Central Region was called to order by Jeanne Hryniewicki at 10:00 am with 15 members representing 7 states: NCR Vice President, Jeanne Hryniewicki presided with Karen Bourne acting as Secretary/Treasurer.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Sam Ecoff with a selection originally written by Agnes Jardine. Regrets were extended from Carolyn Nelson and Carole Flatau for their absence.

Those present introduced themselves and told their Federation position(s).

**MOTION:** Sam Ecoff moved to accept the amended agenda (JC business will be moved to 11:30 when Randall Davidson and Seth Custer can be present). **Motion passed.**

The 2011 minutes were sent to everyone prior to the meeting. Karen Bourne asked if there were any corrections or changes. There were none.

**MOTION:** Mavis Ness moved to approve the minutes. **Motion passed.**

The financial report was given by Karen Bourne. The June 30, 2012 balance is \$4504.36. The transaction details are on file.

Lucinda Lear questioned if those dealing with financials are bonded. She thought there would be a minimal charge for bond insurance and that the NCR should look into it. Some examples were given of fraud in other states.

**MOTION:** Lucinda Lear moved that NCR secure bond insurance for those handling the money in the NCR and JC accounts. **Motion passed.** Jeanne H will look into obtaining insurance for three persons from JC (TREASURER, REGISTRAR AND DIRECTOR), and two from NCR (VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY/TREASURER).

**MOTION:** Pat Grantier moved that the financial reports be filed for audit. **Motion passed.** Linda Allebach audited the checkbook after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeanne clarified that people will not be required to retain their regional positions, but if they wish to serve a second term, they MUST be nominated and voted on in SC in 2013. She also asked that everyone update their contact information in the NCR Directory.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination forms were presented for National President (Carolyn Nelson) and NCR VP (Jeanne Hryniewicki). Their resumes are available for review. Jeanne asked that two NCR members sign the nomination forms during lunch or after the meeting.

There is an NFMC amendment proposal about the manner of electing the Regional Vice Presidents. Three other regions have unanimously approved this proposal. The proposed motion is as follows:

*Article VIII, SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION TO AN NFMC ELECTIVE OFFICE:*

*A. ~~In order to be considered for nomination as an officer (President, First Vice-President, Vice-Presidents in charge of each of the Five Regions and Recording Secretary) to the office of President, First Vice-President, or Secretary, one does not need to be a current NFMC Board member, but must have served two terms (4 years) on the Board prior to being nominated.~~*

*B. The nominee for Treasurer must have adequate qualifications to serve in the capacity of treasurer but does not need to satisfy the two terms Board requirement.*

*C. Nominees for Regional VP will be elected by their respective regions and sent to the nominating committee for officers by November 1 in the even numbered years. If no selection is received, the nominating committee will fill the position.*

**MOTION:** Pat Grantier moved that the NCR approve the proposed NFMC motion.

Pat Grantier **amended** the MOTION to say “in the even numbered years” for Section C. **Motion passed. The original motion was passed as amended.**

Jeanne reminded us that the NCR dues from each state should remain at \$150 with \$50 going to the Junior Composers.

Junior Composers

The JC Financial Report was shared by Jeanne Hryniewicki and Pat Steege. There are some large bills still outstanding (\$12,000), but the actual balance in the JC account as of July 20 is \$17,571.56. The projected year end is a break even amount.

**MOTION:** Sam Ecoff moved that the 2011-12 report be filed for audit. **Motion passed.** The checkbook balance was audited at lunch by Shirley Carroll. Jeanne Hryniewicki reported the contributors to JC and read the Endowment Report from Carolyn Nelson.

Randall Davidson reported that this year’s JC program featured the Artaria String Quartet. The quartet did readings of the student’s works. Jay Fishman, with the Minnesota Sinfonia, held the composition contest in which Jana Wilkes was the winner. The Junior Composers Studio began July 9<sup>th</sup> and had 7 students in attendance. Junior Composers Songwriters began on July 14<sup>th</sup> and had 5 students. Junior Composers Institute began on July 15<sup>th</sup> with 24 students attending.

There was a question about who is actually on the Junior Composers Board.

Randall felt that the JC board should not consist of staff members. Sam suggested that NCR create a committee to deal with restructuring the board. Pat Steege, Jeanne H., Gina Einig, Randall Davidson, and Shirley Carroll volunteered to be on the committee. A viable plan will be created and presented for a vote in Greenville, SC at the National Convention.

The dates for 2013 Junior Composers will be July 8-20. The JC brand (what makes it unique) is a 4 year cycle of themes. (This year was chamber music, last year orchestra, two years ago film writing). The THEME in 2013: Words + Music with VocalEssence. Choral music will be the emphasis. Stephen Paulus will be the composer in residence.

Junior Composers will remain at the University of Minnesota at this point. Tuition for the JC Institute = \$750 for early registrations and \$850 for regular registration; tuition for the JC Studio \$1500 = early registration and \$1700 for regular registration. The deadline for early registration is March 1, 2013.

Staff:

Administrative Director – Pat Steege

General Director – Randall Davidson

Program Director – Seth Custer

Registrar – Vickie Steenhoek

Treasurer – Jeanne Hryniewicki

The past, present and future JC budgets are as follows: 2009- \$26,000; 2010- \$42,000; 2011- \$76,000; 2012- \$44,000; 2013- \$65,000.

Randall asked for a decision at the meeting: volunteer commitments to fill the gap for 2013, approval of a larger gap budget, approval to investigate forming an independent 501c3 Minnesota corporation and individuals' commitments to serve on the Junior Composers Board. JC does not want to separate from NCR, but needs to move out a bit.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2013 NFMC Biennial Convention will be held from June 25-29 in Greenville, SC.

2013 NCR Days will be held from July 19-20 in Minneapolis, MN

A note from Bob Carroll was read by Karen Bourne, thanking NCR for the cards and emails and good wishes after his recent surgery.

Junior Song Writers will present a 2 pm concert this afternoon.

Tonight's concert at the Lake Harriett Band Shell begins at 7:00PM. Pat Steege asked if there were any who wished to take the bus. Jay Fishman will be giving Jana Wilkes an award tonight for her piece which earned first place in his composition contest.

JC Salons tomorrow: Morning session from 9-12; afternoon session from 1-3.

For the fall NCR newsletter, please send news to Jeanne.

**MOTION:** Sam Ecoff moved to adjourn for lunch. **Motion passed.**

The NCR meeting re-convened at 1:00 PM with Lucinda Lear leading us in singing Simple Gifts, accompanied by Linda Allebach.

Keynote speaker Michael Edwards, NFMC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President spoke after lunch. His topic was "What's it All About?" He encouraged us to spread out into our communities and think out of the box.

**MOTION:** Sam Ecoff moved to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bourne,

NCR Secretary/Treasurer