

Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs

HALF NOTES NEWSLETTER — FALL-WINTER 2022

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Official Call

Spring State Meeting: Saturday, April 23, 2022 – Virtual via Zoom at 10:00am to 12:00pm.
Voting on Constitution and Bylaw revisions. (See pg. 4)

MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration: Wednesday, July 20th & Thursday, July 21st, 2022.
In Person - Lakeville Holiday Inn in Lakeville, MN.

President's Message – Nancy's Notes



Nancy Fisher, MFMC State President

Making a list....

I have been a list maker as long as I can remember. Growing up on the farm, the long list of chores my mom would leave for the four of us kids surely made an impression on me. Somehow by the time she would return home, the peas were shelled, the beans were

washed, nipped, and cut, the chickens were butchered, and the field of sweet corn had been hoed. Lists had this magical power of causing things to happen. The first lists I wrote for myself were pretty basic: 1. Get up. 2. Eat. 3. Get Dressed. But the feeling of accomplishment that came from crossing an item off those lists was quite satisfying. I have been guilty of writing tasks on the list after I actually finished them, just so I could cross them off. My list making tendencies continued and evolved into the way I have kept myself and my family organized for many years now.

On my projects list for this week I have some items that involve all of you. One is to prepare for the next meeting of MFMC's 100th Anniversary planning committee. I am so thankful for Mary Wescott, Karen Erickson, Cheryl Schmidt, and Julie Gutzmer and the time and talents that each brings to planning for our summer celebration. Another item on my list for the week is to make hotel reservations at the Lakeville Holiday Inn for July 20-21. I am beyond excited that all five of our Encore Club members are planning to travel with me from Warroad to Lakeville for the big event. I wonder if we will run out of snacks or things to talk about during our 7-hour drive from the top of the state. Also, on my list this week is to write a message for this edition of the Half Notes Newsletter.

I realize you all have your own systems for keeping track of your lives and you do an amazing job! One of my jobs as President of MFMC is to keep encouraging you to make your plans to attend MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Here is a suggested list for you:

1. Mark your calendar for July 20-21, MFMC's 100th Anniversary, Lakeville, MN.
2. Read all about the Celebration in the Half Notes Special Edition emailed to you on February 2.
3. Print off the registration form from the MFMC website – www.mfmc.net.
4. Make plans with your MFMC friends to carpool to the Celebration, and don't forget to plan the snacks.

I think it may be obvious how excited I am about MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration. I know our mission of teaching and promoting music and the arts in our communities will be reinforced as we meet together. Thinking about summer is a wonderful distraction as I look out the window at the mountains of snow. I want to echo the invitation found in the Half Notes Special Edition - Let's all gather to celebrate our history, shared friendships, and love of music!



MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration on July 20th & 21st, 2022 Lakeville Holiday Inn in Lakeville, MN

The Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs is proud to celebrate its 100th Anniversary!

All the information is posted on the MFMC web site at www.mfmc.net and in the recent MFMC's 100th Anniversary Special Edition Half Notes Newsletter.

Let's all gather to celebrate our history, shared friendships, and love of music!

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Hotel Information](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Special Events: Student and Teacher Recitals, Historical Display](#)

[NFMC National Guests, Ouida and George Keck](#)

[NFMC Young Artist Performers, Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector](#)

["You've Come a Long Way, Ladies!" Program by Audrey Johnson](#)

[MFMC's 100th Anniversary Commission, Melody Bober](#)

MFMC Constitution and Bylaws Revision

Based on unanimous approval from the MFMC Executive Committee, the MFMC Bylaw Revision Committee is recommending the following changes to the MFMC Constitution and Bylaws. This notice fulfills the advance notice requirement to the entire membership and voting on the revisions will occur at the state meeting on April 23, 2022.

ARTICLE III (Constitution)

OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

The officers that comprise the executive committee of this organization shall be a president, ~~two vice-presidents~~, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a historian.

These officers shall be chosen by the vote of active membership assembled at the biennial convention. No member may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms of two years, except the treasurer and secretary.

Article II (Bylaws)

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

In the absence of the president, ~~the vice-presidents shall, in their order,~~ the vice-president shall perform all duties of the office.

The ~~first~~ vice-president shall be the insurance coordinator. ~~and the second vice-president shall be the membership coordinator.~~

Explanations:

Discontinuation of the 2nd Vice-President position: The MFMC 2nd Vice President is a very difficult position to fill. Especially when asking someone to agree that in eight years they will fill the position of state president. It is adequate for the Vice President to have 4 years in that position to prepare to be state president. It is not currently typical for boards of organizations to have a 2nd Vice President position.

No term limitations for the MFMC secretary: The current bylaws state two terms max for the MFMC secretary and MFMC, many times in past years, has not complied. Therefore, the MFMC secretary will not have term limitations - same as the MFMC treasurer. It is currently typical for boards of organizations to not impose terms limits on the positions of secretary and treasurer.

Junior Composers Summers Camps/Composers Institute

If you haven't heard from me in a while it's because I've been working on the website announcing the name of a "new" organization that has been around for 20+ years. You know the story: the organization grew out of the imaginations of the leadership of the North Central Region of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

It was known for a long time as **Junior Composers Institute**. Then, it was known as **Junior Composers** for a half minute. And then, to provide an umbrella for a number of summer programs, it was called **Junior Composers Summer Programs** for a number of years. And now we are announcing the formation of a nonprofit called **Composers Institute** at ComposersInstitute.org

Set your clocks for 24 months from now before it becomes a legal, final, certain reality with the IRS. In the meantime we want to share exciting and breaking news. We wanted to share a new website because you are among a small group of leaders who helped this organization survive, grow and prosper. We invite you to learn more about this summer's **THREE** programs.

We just launched the registration/payments page and the current list of faculty and staff. Please share the news with your students, friends, neighbors, partners, colleagues, music clubs and other music teachers. We will be updating the website weekly from now until late July.

We depend on your good will, generosity, and enthusiasm to spread the word. You are our leaders!

Best wishes to you as we emerge from a long stretch of bad road that we've all been experiencing together. Thank you for keeping the faith and for making good happen in the world.
We are all making a difference.

Best always,
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ComposersInstitute.org

[Crazy Ideas Institute](#)

June 20-24, 2022

[Junior Composers Institute](#)

July 10-17, 2022

[Film & Game Music Studio](#)

July 17-23, 2022

MFMC Officers and Chairs

*Thank you to everyone in leadership roles for their dedicated work for MFMC!
Members, please acknowledge their hard work that benefits you and your students!*

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