

**On a Musical Note  
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**IN MEMORIAM  
Odee Maier**

NFMC Citations Chairman Suzanne Carpenter is currently accepting nominations for the NFMC Citation which is awarded in the biennial year. Nominations for this prestigious award may be submitted by any state federation through its president, by a national board member or a national chairman. According to the standing rules, "Nominees must have achieved nationwide prominence through distinguished service to the cultural, musical and artistic life of the nation, whether it be in the areas of performance, promotion, impresario, artistic manager, composers or authors. The names of active officers and chairmen of the NFMC or state federations may not be considered for citations." The deadline for submitting nominations is November 15. Please refer to NFMC Citations in the 2015-2017 NFMC Manual under Public Relations (page 128) for complete details.

In August Dr. George Keck, chairman of the Nominating Committee for Members-at-Large, sent to all state presidents the form for Members of the Board of Directors for the 2017-2019 Biennium. This election form listing the representative elected by the state to serve on the NFMC Board of Directors and the national board's members-at-large nominees and resumes must be returned to George by November 1, 2016.

The Bylaws Committee has clarified associate group status. Individual members of associate groups (i.e. school orchestras, choral groups, etc.) are eligible to apply for NFMC competitions and awards, but individual members of associate groups are not eligible for participation in NFMC federation festivals. Festival participation requires organization or individual membership status.

Finally, as we begin a new club year, it is my hope that clubs nationwide will expand their community outreach. Get involved and make a difference through music!

**Deadline for NFMC dues is December 1.**

**Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!**

**Michael**