

On a Musical Note September 2016

The NFMC is back at the United Nations! Dr. Liana Valente contacted the U.N. and discovered that we are in **good standing** with the U.N. Department of Public Information (**DPI**). We must submit an Annual Review for this year. Once that is approved, our representative will receive an annual pass to the UNHQ and will be permitted to attend monthly meetings scheduled from September through June. I have appointed Liana to serve as NFMC representative to the U.N. Funds have been designated for Liana to attend two meetings this fiscal year, and we wish her the very best as our new representative to the UNDPI. Liana's "official title" is NGO Representative to the United Nations Department of Public Information.

Under the direction of Dr. Ouida Keck, NFMC division chairmen have revised and standardized the forms on our website. Application forms have been downsized to one page and are now writable. Junior Division Chairman Linda Lind revised 81 forms during the summer, and we are indebted to everyone who worked so diligently on this project. We would appreciate your feedback on these much-needed changes.

Everything that you need to know about festival rules, regulations, and procedures has been combined in one document. Beginning September 1, the *Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual* will be available at nfmc-music.org. As updates and revisions are made, they will be noted in the document, and the front cover will indicate the date of current changes

Ohio celebrated its centennial anniversary last month in Dayton, Ohio. As part of the celebration, OFMC President Christy Smith and NE Regional Vice President Jeannine Morris presented a historical timeline of their first one hundred years which included a brief narrative of Ohio's state presidents. Did you know that five of these presidents became NFMC presidents? At the banquet, Christy Smith was presented an NFMC certificate recognizing Ohio's centennial year. Congratulations, Ohio!!!

Because of the Delta Air Lines flight meltdown last month, it is necessary for me to return to Dayton September 8-9. Christy Smith and I will meet at the Crowne Plaza to work on the NFMC Biennial Convention which will be held June 20-24, 2017.

As you know, Louisiana suffered devastating floods recently. Kay Hawthorne, Irene and Mark Vile and Melanie Perez are fine; however, Melanie's daughter-in-law's family lost an antique grand piano in the flood. A district festival in Texas will be holding a fundraiser for the flood victims. Contact Mary Thomason (nfmcjrkeynotes@gmail.com) if you wish to donate or send your contribution to Mary at 130 Creekside Drive, Boerne TX 78006. Please keep our Louisiana members in your thoughts and prayers.

Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!

Michael