

**On a Musical Note  
October 2017**

**IN MEMORIAM  
Sophie Albrecht**

I attended the National Music Council Board meeting in New York City on September 28. The NMC Board is considering a new copyright education program developed by the National Federation of State High School Associations. The aim of this project is to educate teachers by providing in detail all facets of copyright. NFMC will be supporting this initiative.

The National Music Week brochure for 2018-2019 has been mailed. Please use this guide in preparing for your observance of National Music Week to be held May 6-13, 2018. The theme for 2018 is "Music...The Universal Language."

Jennifer will be out of the office for a two-week vacation beginning October 16 and returning October 30. Response time may be a little slow while she is away, so please have patience when contacting NFMC.

A software developer has been chosen to design and implement a new festival online system. Once the contract has been reviewed and approved by the NFMC Executive Committee, we will move forward on this project. The new developer will be announced in the November newsletter.

Finally, I was preoccupied with Hurricane Irma last month. South Florida was preparing for a 150 mph storm before it shifted further west. We were fortunate that the main damage was downed trees and power outage. I was without power for two days. Thanks to all of you who contacted me before and after the storm. I checked on Florida Federation members, and we seem to have survived this storm with minor damage. After what happened in Puerto Rico with Hurricane Maria, we realize that we have no reason to complain. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by Harvey, Irma and Maria.

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

**Michael**