

# OFFICERS & NOMINATIONS

## NFMC CONVENTION

JUNE 12-17, 2023 • NORFOLK, VIRGINIA • SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL

### 2023-2025 SLATE OF NFMC OFFICER NOMINEES

President	Deborah Freeman	South Carolina
First Vice President	Starla Blair	Missouri
First Vice President	Marcia Chaplin	Virginia
First Vice President	Heidi Hong	Wisconsin
Vice President Northeastern Region	Linda Maurhoff	Pennsylvania
Vice President Southeastern Region	Joel Adams	North Carolina
Vice President North Central Region	Mary Wescott	Minnesota
Vice President South Central Region	Jean Moffatt	Texas
Vice President Western Region	Wilma Hawkins	Oregon
Recording Secretary	Connie Craig	Missouri
Treasurer	Suzanne Carpenter	Florida

*This is the report of the NFMC Officer Nominating Committee. The committee members were Natlynn Hayes, Nancy Eckert, Ellen Leapaldt, Lucinda Lear, Lori Jessen, Sara Kellar (secretary), and Laurie Marshall (chair).*

### 2023-2025 ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NFMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alabama	Carol Larkins
Arkansas	Dr. George Keck
Arizona	Dr. Valerie Harris
California	Karen Hutchinson
Florida	Cheryl Poe
Georgia	Leslie Kennedy
Idaho	Judy Prescott
Illinois	Gina Einig
Iowa	Cindy Lear
Kansas	Melba Maechtlen
Kentucky	Sue Reeves
Louisiana	Melanie Perez
Michigan	Mary Jane Timmer
Minnesota	Mary Wescott
Mississippi	Ann Kay
Missouri	Connie Craig

New Jersey	Rebecca Eng
North Carolina	Norma Alexander
North Dakota	Robyn Vinje
Ohio	Ron Marenchin
Oklahoma	Natlynn Hayes
Oregon	Wilma Hankins
Pennsylvania	Linda Maurhoff
South Carolina	Karen Herndon
South Dakota	Lori Jessen
Tennessee	Mary Ellen Nolletti
Texas	Carla Johnson
Utah	Sandra Preysz
Virginia	Cynthia Elmore
Washington	Debbie Wiser
Wisconsin	Heidi Hong
Wyoming	Jodie Jensen

### 2023-2025 NOMINEES FOR NFMC BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Virginia	Wendell Anderson
Virginia	Dr. Zuill Bailey
Missouri	Starla Blair
South Carolina	Dale Clark
South Carolina	Harriet Coker
Tennessee	Barbara Hildebrand

Wisconsin	Jeanne Hryniewicki
South Carolina	Janice Flinte
Florida	Elaine Knight
Washington	Ellen Leapaldt
Virginia	Dr. Liana Valente
Missouri	Christine Vitt

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### NFMC PRESIDENT



#### DEBORAH FREEMAN

NATIONAL: Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Life Member, President, First Vice President, American Music Division Chair, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Member-at-Large Nominating Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, 2013 Convention Planning Committee, National Music Council

STATE (SC): Vice President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Convention Co-chair & Treasurer, Board of Directors, Festivals Chair,

Festivals Treasurer

LOCAL: Greenville Woman's Music Club Co-Founder, President, Junior Clubs Coordinator and Counselor; Crescent Music Club President, American Music Chair, Parliamentarian; The Music Club of Greenville American Music Chair.

### NFMC 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



#### STARLA BLAIR

NATIONAL: Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Life Member, Executive Committee, Board Member-at-Large, MO Board Rep, Young Artist Presentation Chair, Council of State Presidents Chair, Membership & Education Division Chair, Public Relations Division Chair, Federation Cup Chair, Co-chair - 50th Biennial Convention

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION: Vice President

FORMER CENTRAL REGION: Vice President, National Music Week Chair

STATE: President, First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary

LOCAL: Springfield Music Club President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Club Counselor



#### MARCIA BEENEN CHAPLIN

NATIONAL: Executive Committee, State Board Member, Board Member-at-Large, Protocol Chair, Protocol Committee, Student/Collegiate Competition Chair, Clair Ulrich - Whitehurst Piano Award Chair

SOUTHEASTERN REGION: Vice-President, Advisory Council

STATE: President, First Vice President, Music in Poetry Chair, Mary Smart Competition Chair, Protocol Chair, District Director, District Treasurer,

Mary Smart Preliminary Competition Chair

LOCAL: Springfield Music Club President, Vice President, PPA Chair, Festivals Chair, Leestma Scholarship Chair, Yearbook Chair, Hospitality Chair.



#### HEIDI OLSON HONG

NATIONAL - Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Executive Committee, WI Board Representative, Board Member-at-Large, Planning Committee Member or Chair of Conventions and Conferences Council of State Presidents Chair Courtesy Resolutions Committee, Course of Study Chair, Orientation and Leadership Chair, Directory Coordinator, part of the Arts, American Music and Membership Divisions appointed and assigned positions by five NFMC Presidents.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION- Vice President, Executive Committee, founding member Junior Composer Summer Camps, Opera Chair, National Music Week Chair, Bylaws Committee, various committees as appointed & assigned

### HEIDI OLSON HONG (CONTINUED)

STATE (WI)- President, Executive Committee, Opera Chair, National Music Week Chair, Bylaws Committee, various committee positions as appointed or assigned by six WFMC Presidents.

LOCAL - Barron FMC President, Executive Committee, Festivals Chair, Junior Club Counselor, Community Hymn Sing Chair, National Music Week Chair, Program & Planning Chair, Music Outreach Chair, Together We Sing Chair

### VICE PRESIDENT NORTHEASTERN REGION



#### LINDA MAURHOFF

NATIONAL- PA State Board Rep, Board Member-at-Large, 2023 Convention Planning Committee, 2022 Conference Planning Committee, Stillman Kelley/Byrum Awards Chair, Policy Resolutions Committee, Nominating Committee for Offices Chair, Bylaws Committee, Convention Rules Committee Chair - 2013-2016, 2010 Fall Session Planning Committee, 2011 Strategic Planning Committee

NORTHEASTERN REGION: Secretary, Investment Committee, Bylaws Committee, Festivals Chair, various committees and chair positions appointed

STATE (PA): President, Vice President, Treasurer, Council of Club Presidents Chair, Finance Committee Chair, State Festivals Chair, organized state's 1st Festivals Competition

LOCAL - Founding President of Opus I Music Society, Served in all elected offices, Governor's Citation

### VICE PRESIDENT SOUTHEASTERN REGION



#### JOEL ADAMS

NATIONAL: Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Board Member-at-Large, Chair of Music in Schools and Colleges, Finance Committee

SOUTHEASTERN REGION: Treasurer, Beth McAuley Award Chair

STATE (NC): President, Treasurer, Hinda Honigman Fellows award was created during his presidency,

Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions Chair

LOCAL - Raleigh Music Club President, Scholarship Auditions Chair

### VICE PRESIDENT NORTH CENTRAL REGION



#### MARY WESCOTT

NATIONAL- Board of Directors

NORTH CENTRAL REGION: Festivals Chair, State News Chair

STATE: President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Membership Chair, MN Convention Chair

LOCAL: Federation member since 1998

### VICE PRESIDENT SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION



#### JEAN MOFFATT

NATIONAL: Board of Directors, Editor Music Clubs Magazine, Editor Junior Keynotes

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION - Vice President, Governing Board, Opera in the Ozarks, Recording Secretary OIO

STATE (TX): President, District President, Editor Musical Messenger

LOCAL: Seminole Music Club, President, Vice President, Secretary

### VICE PRESIDENT WESTERN REGION



#### WILMA HAWKINS

NATIONAL: OR Board Rep

WESTERN REGION: Music in Schools & Colleges & Editorial Board

STATE: President, OFMC Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

### RECORDING SECRETARY



#### CONNIE CRAIG

NATIONAL: Life Member, Board Member-at-Large, Glad Robinson Youssef Adult Composition Award Chair

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION: American Music Division Chair, Opera Chair

STATE (MO): President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Historian

LOCAL: Evening Etude Music Club President, Recording Secretary, various other appointed positions

### TREASURER



#### SUZANNE LAPHAM CARPENTER

NATIONAL- Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Life Member, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Finance Committee

STATE (FL): Charter Florida Fellow, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Suwannee District- Foundation for the Promotion of Music, Festivals Chair, Member of the Year 2002

LOCAL: Festivals Chair, Federation Cup Chair



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### WENDELL ANDERSON

Is NFMC Chair of the Investments Committee and Just JAZZ Committee. Anderson is a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, member of the NFMC Audio-Visual Committee and member of the NFMC Festival Chorus. Anderson's state activities include Finance Chair of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and Audio-Visual Chair. Anderson is Bylaws Chair of the Rappahannock Music Society.



### DR. ZUILL BAILEY

is NFMC Board Member-at-Large and a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow. Bailey serves as Chair for numerous committees including Printing, American Music in the Armed Forces Award, Directory, Audio, Centennial Chamber Music, and Budget & Investments. Bailey is member of the American Festival Chorus.

Since 1992, Bailey has participated in the Southeast Region Federation Weekend and serves on the Southeast Region Investments Committee.

Bailey is a member of the Virginia Federation of Music Club (VFMC) where he serves as VFMC Directory Chair, Anne Gannett Award for Veterans Chair, Lucile P. Ward Veterans Award Chair, Audio Committee and is Assistant VFMC Treasurer. Bailey is a member of Woodbridge Music Club where he has served as Club President, Yearbook Chair, Co-Sr. Scholarship Chair and Treasurer.



### STARLA BLAIR

has been an active member the National Federation and South Central Region of NFMC since 1993. Blair served on the NFMC Board of Directors as Missouri State Representative and Member-at-Large. Additional NFMC Division and Chair positions included Young Artist Presentation Chair, Council of State Presidents Chair, Membership & Education Division Chair, Public Relations Division Chair, National Gold Cup Chair, National Co-Chair, 50th Biennial Convention (St. Louis).

Blair's numerous leadership roles in the South-Central Region from 1993 to the present include Vice President and Chairing Regional Meetings. Blair served as Missouri FMC State President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and chaired numerous committees. Blair's service at her local Springfield Federated Music Club began in 1982 when she served as president. Her dedicated service has continued for the past 40 years as Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Club Counselor, Gold Cup and Festival Chair.



### DALE CLARK

Dale A. Clark is a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow Honoree. Clark currently serves as Chair for the Lucile Parrish Ward Summer Scholarship/Brevard Music Center in North Carolina. Clark regularly attends national events. South Carolina state activities and honors include Carolina Jessamine Honoree; SCFMC recording secretary and treasurer; SCFMC Chair of Sacred Music and Rose Fay Thomas Fellows.

Clark joined the Orangeburg, South Carolina Music Club in 1994 at the request of her first grade teacher. Clark has served as president of her local club several times, as well as treasurer. Clark provides vocals on a regular basis at Club programs. Clark also helped plan several SCFMC State Conventions hosted by Orangeburg area music clubs. Clark regularly attends state events.



### HARRIET COKER

is NFMC Life member, Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Coordinator of Divisional Activities (CODA) Ellis Duo Piano Committee, Policy Resolutions Committee, Protocol Committee, Endowment Earnings committee, Members-at-Large Nominating Committee Chair.

Coker also served as South Carolina Representative Board of Directors, Individual Membership Chair and on the NFMC 2013 Convention Committee.

### HARRIET COKER (CONTINUED)

Coker served as the Southeastern Regional National Music Week Chair. At the South Carolina state level, Coker is a Carolina Jessamine Fellow, First Vice President, on the Executive Committee, and on the Board of Directors. Coker also served as South Carolina recording secretary, vice president of Central/Eastern Region, nominating committee chair and protocol chair. Coker is a member of her local Apollo Music Club and serves on the program committee, and Elizabeth Carter Scholarship committee. She also has served as Apollo Music Club president, recording secretary, program committee chair, club representative to SCFMC Board of Directors.



### BARBARA HILDEBRAND

is an NFMC Life Member and Rose Faye Thomas Fellow. Hildebrand serves on several NFMC Committees including Festival Bulletin, Southeastern, Protocol, Policy & Resolutions, Finance & Investment. Hildebrand was the Host Chair for the 2003 National Convention, served as NFMC Treasurer, and NFMC Member-at-Large. She currently serves on the following committees: Ellis Duo,

Protocol, Budget, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

At the regional level, Hildebrand served as Southeastern Regional Vice President and Southeast Regional Festival Chair; Southeast Region Bylaws Revision Committee. Hildebrand served on the planning committee for the Tennessee Sewanee Southeast Region meeting in 2019. Hildebrand's service to her state includes Tennessee State Executive Secretary/Treasurer, State Representative to the NFMC Board, State Conference Chair, State Wendall Irish Chair, State Nominating Chair, Vivace Online committee and State Festival Chair. Hildebrand served her local senior club as secretary/treasurer, festival chair, nominating committee and archives committee.



### JEANNE HRYNIEWICKI

is a life member of NFMC and a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow. Hryniewicki has served in numerous NFMC leadership capacities including Chair of Council of Presidents, Recording Secretary, Vice President of the North Central Region, Junior Division Chair, was Chair of State Representatives and Member-at-Large Nominating Committee and on the nominating committee for NFMC officers. Hryniewicki

is a member of the NFMC Board of Directors and was vice-chair of the NFMC Council of State Presidents 2005-2007. Hryniewicki served as Chair of the 2018 NFMC Conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Arkansas, Colorado, Florida and Iowa have welcomed Hryniewicki as their National Guest at State Conventions. North Central Region leadership roles included serving as North Central region Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and on the Board of Directors for Junior Composers in the North Central Region and treasurer for Junior Composers from 2012-2014.

Hryniewicki is currently serving as recording secretary for the Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs (WFMC). Her past leadership roles in Wisconsin include 1st Vice-President of WFMC, Festival Chair, State Treasurer, Membership Chair and President. Hryniewicki also served as co-chair of the WFMC State Festival Competition and Junior Composer Chair. Currently Hryniewicki is District Federation Festival Chair and an adjudicator for Federation Festivals, MAPTA auditions, WMTA auditions and Lake County K-8 Festival in Wisconsin.

At the local level, Hryniewicki has served as President of the Cascio School of Music Senior Club and Junior Counselor. In addition, Hryniewicki holds membership in the Milwaukee Music Teachers Association and the Lake Country Music Club.



### JANICE FLINTE

serves NFMC as Festivals Bulletin Editor, Vivace Team Member, Vivace Support Center Co-Editor, and Vivace "Mail Chimp" Memo Editor. Flinte is the Southern Regional Vivace Coach. At the South Carolina state level she is serving as State Festivals Director and SCFMC Northwestern Area II Festivals Administrator. Flinte serves crescent Music Club as corresponding secretary, is assistant chair of the scholarship

committee, yearbook typographer and "mail chimp" communications editor.



### ELAINE KNIGHT

Before moving to Florida, Elaine Knight held many leadership roles in Tennessee. Knight has served on the following national committees: Ellis Duo, Membership, Protocol and as Vice President for the Southeast Region. Knight's Southeast Region activities included planning and hosting the SE Region conventions. Knight served two terms as Tennessee State President and chaired numerous state meetings. She was very active in the Philharmonic Guild in Martin, Tennessee. Shortly after moving to Florida, Knight joined the Orlando Music Club and is currently serving as President of the Orlando Music Club.



### ELLEN LEAPALDT

currently serves as NFMC Board Member-at-Large and has served as Washington representative to the NFMC Board of Directors for more than ten years. Leapaldt is on the Executive Board serving as Western Region Vice President. Currently Leapaldt serves on the NFMC Finance Committee and is Chair of National Music Week and the Blum Flute Award.

Leapaldt is Western Region Vice President and Chair of Music for the Blind and National Music Week. Since the early 2000s Leapaldt has served as Washington State Federation President and WA state representative to Board of Directors. For more than fifteen years, Leapaldt has been on the Executive Board of the Washington State Federation of Music Clubs.

Leapaldt currently serves as President of the Puyallup Federated Music Club and is Chair of the Puyallup Federated Music Club Festival.



### DR. LIANA VALENTE

is NFMC Board Member-at-Large and is the 2023 Biennial Convention Chair (Norfolk). She was a member of the NFMC Indianapolis Conference Committee and currently serves as the NFMC Representative to the United Nations Department of Global Communications. Valente is Recording Secretary of the FAMA Board and is the Student/Collegiate Biennial Competition Chair. From 2015 to 2017, she was

Southeastern Region Chair of Music in Schools and Colleges and sat on the Arts Advocacy Committee. Valente has been an active leader in Virginia since 2013, serving as 2nd VP from 2017 to 2018, and on numerous committees including Student/Collegiate Instrumental & Vocal Awards, Student/Collegiate Extension (Membership), Music in Schools and Colleges, and Student/Collegiate Competitions & Awards Coordinator.

Valente is a performing member of the Friday Morning Music Club, is past co-chair of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association (NVMTA) Strings Achievement Awards Competition, and is a frequent judge of the NVTMA Musical Theater and Classical Voice Competitions. She is a past vocal judge for Florida State Festival and the Springfield Music Club Junior Competition and serves as a vocal advisor for the Federation Bulletin.



### CHRISTINE VITT

Christine Vitt served from 2013-2017 as NFMC Board member representing Missouri and from 2017-2019 as NFMC Board Member-at-Large. Vitt was the South-Central Region American Music Chair from 2015-2017. She was Missouri State President from 2011-2015 and is currently as Missouri State Festival Chair. Vitt chaired the Junior State Competition from 1999-2011. Vitt held several leadership roles at the local club level.

She was president of the Kansas City Federated Teachers from 2000-2008. Vitt currently serves as president of the ShowMe Music Club in Columbia Missouri and is Co-Chair of the District 2 Federation Festival.