

Report of the First Vice President
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This has been, and will continue to be, a learning process as your First Vice President. I appreciate the support and encouragement of members who have offered helpful suggestions, constructive criticism, and ways to improve our organization.

My duties are to: distribute insurance documents for the fiscal year, oversee allocation distribution, be a part of the Finance Committee, Chair the Policy Resolution Committee which prior to the convention, and to be a part of various committees, including: Festival Bulletin, Office Committee, and Vivace. A priority job is being the Budget Chair, so I work closely with Deborah Freeman, Suzanne Carpenter, Carolyn Nelson, and Ashley Mattingly. I am a member of the NFMFC Meeting Planning Committee. I perform other duties as assigned by our NFMFC President.

In addition, I began quarterly Chat Sessions with our five Regional VPs in order to stay connected, as well as share ideas and concerns. Our time together at National meetings passes so quickly we decided as a group to meet more than once a year. We now have more time to communicate needs, wants, and successes, plus answer questions, share newsletters, and voice opinions as a group. I have begun the process of writing a handbook specifically for our Regional Vice Presidents, as well as written materials that review our election process and other materials that will be helpful to our Regional VP's.

In the coming year, I hope to review and write handbooks, handouts, and other materials to help our State Presidents in their leading roles. I will write other materials as I am requested.

I thank Sarah Twedt, President, Minnesota FMC, for the invitation to attend the Minnesota FMC State Convention. I always enjoy driving to the 'next door' state and seeing friends and sharing stories. I thank Anne Gassel, President, Missouri FMC, for the invitation to the Missouri FMC State Convention. I truly enjoyed meeting with dedicated members and sharing news of the NFMFC. I thank Kristin Ivers, President, PFMC, for the invitation to the Pennsylvania FMC State Convention. Wonderful to see those who I've come to know over the years in this state. All three states invited Misha Galant to perform as the Young Artist guest. He did a fantastic job – so enjoyable to hear his piano concerts. I was not able to accept all the invitations to meetings this spring; I hope to see you at regional/state meetings another year! Having an opportunity to address members live and in-person at conventions and regional meetings helps us all to understand the challenges ahead, as well as explore viable solutions to problems that may occur. We learn from one another. I am grateful for the invitations so that I may visit with you.

I thank our NFMFC President, Deborah Freeman, who includes and involves me as a team member of the Executive Committee. I greatly respect what she has to offer in her leadership role, the countless hours she devotes to music clubs, and the dignified and gracious way she conducts business.

I continue to learn and listen to our NFMFC membership in preparing for ongoing meaningful change, while respecting our past leadership, honoring our legacy, and planning for the success of the Federation as well as insuring our existence into the future.