

OFFICERS AND NOMINATIONS

NFMC CONVENTION

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2025-2027 SLATE OF NFMC OFFICER NOMINEES

President	Deborah Freeman	South Carolina
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	Christine Vitt	Missouri
Vice President Western Region	Wilma Hawkins	Oregon
Recording Secretary	Dr. Liana Valente	Virginia
Treasurer	Suzanne Carpenter	Florida

This is the report of the NFMC Officer Nominating Committee. The committee members were Lori Jessen, George Keck, Ellen Leapaldt, Laurie Marshall, Cheryl Poe, Dr. Zuill Bailey (chair), Jeanne Hryniewicki (secretary).

2025-2027 NOMINEES FOR NFMC BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

South Carolina	Dale Clark
South Carolina	Harriet Coker
Virginia	Liana Valente
Texas	Lois Armor
Texas	Cathy Neidert
Tennessee	Mary Ellen Nolletti
Missouri	Julie Watson
Missouri	Christine Vitt

Missouri	Connie Craig
Louisiana	Melanie Perez
Pennsylvania	Linda Flick
Arkansas	Gloria Grilk
Florida	Lisa Moore
Virginia	Dr. Zuill Bailey
Virginia	Cynthia Elmore

This is the report of the NFMC Member-at-Large Nominating Committee. The committee members were Ron Marenchin and Lucinda Lear (Chair).





OFFICER NOMINEE BIOS



NFMC PRESIDENT



DEBORAH FREEMAN
NATIONAL
Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, Life Member, NFMC President, 1st Vice President, American Music Division Chair, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, 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

and Treasurer, Festivals Chair, Festivals Treasurer, American Music Chair, Media Chair.

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

NFMC 1st VICE PRESIDENT



HEIDI OLSON HONG
NATIONAL - Rose Fay Thomas National
Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, NFMC 1st Vice President, 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 Group, Orientation and Leadership Chair, Directory Coordinator, Part of the Arts, American Music and Membership Division, appointed and assigned

positions by five NFMC Presidents.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION
Vice President, Executive Committee, founding member Junior Composer Summer Camps, Secretary of the Board of Directors, Opera Chair, Bylaws Committee, National Music Week, Folk Music various committees as appointed or assigned.

STATE (WI)
President, Executive Committee, Opera Chair, National Music Week Chair, Bylaws Committee, Founders Day, Senior Club Reporting, Music Outreach, Student/Collegiate Auditions, various committee positions appointed or assigned by six WFMC Presidents.

LOCAL
Barron FMC President, Executive Committee, Festivals Chair, Junior Club Counselor, Community Hymn Sing Chair, Program and Planning Chair, Music Outreach Chair, Together We Sing Chair.

VICE PRESIDENT NORTHEASTERN REGION



LINDA MAURHOFF
NATIONAL
PA State Board Rep, Board Member-at-Large, Planning Committee 2024 Conference, 2023 Convention and 2022 Conference, Stillman Kelley/Byrum Awards Chair, Policy Resolutions Committee, Nominating Committee for Officers Chair, Bylaws Committee, Convention Rules Committee Chair 2013-2016, 2010 Fall Session Planning Committee, 2011 Strategic Planning Committee, 2010 Fall Session Co-Chair.

NORTHEASTERN REGION
Secretary, Investment Committee, Bylaws Committee, various committees and chair positions appointed.

LINDA MAURHOFF (CONTINUED)

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 1 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, Rose Thomas Smith Award Chair.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION
Treasurer, Music in Schools and Colleges Chair, Opera Chair, Beth McAuley Award Chair.

STATE (NC)
President, Treasurer, Hinda Honigman Fellows Award was created during his presidency, Student/Collegiate Scholarship Awards Chair.

LOCAL
Raleigh Music Club President and Vice President, Scholarship Auditions Chair.

VICE PRESIDENT NORTH CENTRAL REGION



MARY WESCOTT
NATIONAL
Board of Directors.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION
Vice President, Festivals Chair, State News Chair.

STATE (MN)
President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Membership Chair, MN Convention Chair.

LOCAL
MFMC member since 1998.

VICE PRESIDENT SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION



CHRISTINE VITT
NATIONAL
Missouri State Representative, Board Member-at-Large, Vivian Menees Nelson Music Award Chair, Marilyn Caldwell Scholarship Chair.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
American Music South Central Region Chair, South Central Region Servant Leadership Award Recipient.

STATE (MO)
State President, State Festival Chair, Junior State Competition Chair.

LOCAL
President and Treasurer-Kansas City Federated Teachers, President>ShowMe Music Club, Co-Chair of District 2 Federation Festival.

VICE PRESIDENT WESTERN REGION



WILMA HAWKINS
NATIONAL: OR Board Rep

NATIONAL
Oregon Board Rep.

WESTERN REGION
Vice President, Editorial Board, Music in Schools and Colleges.

STATE
OFMC President, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair.

LOCAL
Portland Federation Festival Chair.

RECORDING SECRETARY



DR. LIANA VALENTE
NATIONAL
Committee Member NFMC Convention and Conference, Austin, Bettendorf, Indianapolis, Chairperson NFMC Convention Norfolk, Member-at-Large, Representative to the United Nations, FAMA, Student/Collegiate Competition Chair, Music in Schools and Colleges Chair, Festival Bulletin Advisor, Protocol Committee, Arts Advocacy Committee.
Southeastern Region
Arts Advocacy Committee Chair,
Music in Schools and Colleges Chair.

STATE (VA)
Student/Collegiate Instrumental and Vocal Performance Awards Chair, Student/Collegiate Extension, Music in Schools and Colleges Chair, Student/Collegiate Competitions and Awards Chair, Arts Advocacy Chair.

LOCAL
Scherzo Music Club Fundraising Committee Chair and Music in Schools and Colleges Chair, Co-Chair NVMITA annual Strings Achievement Awards Competition, Lakeland Music Club Programs Committee Chair and member of Yearbook Committee.

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. Florida State Music Teachers Association.

LOCAL
Gainesville Festival Chair and Federation Cup Chair



AT-LARGE NOMINEE BIOS









NAME	NATIONAL	REGIONAL	STATE	LOCAL
 DALE CLARK	Chair of Lucile Parrish Ward Brevard SMC scholarship, RFT Chair, BOD At-Large member, RFT Fellow.	Planning committee for SER weekend, Ellis Duo Competition committee	Current SCFMC Recording Secretary, RFT Fellows chair, and Sacred Music Chair, state treasurer, Co-chair of SCFMC state convention, Caroline Jessamine Fellow	Secretary and treasurer of Orangeburg Music Club, past president, V.P., handbook preparer.
 HARRIET COKER	Life member, RFT Fellow, CODA Chair, Executive Committee, Policy Resolutions Committee, At-Large Board member, Ellis Duo Piano Committee, Protocol Committee, Endowment Earnings Committee, NFMC 2013 Convention Committee, Members-At-Large Nominating Committee Chair.	SER National Music Week Chair	Carolina Jessamine Fellow, Recording Secretary, VP of Central/Eastern Region, Nominating Committee Chair, Protocol Chair, 1st VP, Executive Committee, BOD	Apollo Music Club, program committee, Elizabeth Carter Scholarship Committee chair, past president, recording secretary, program committee chair, club representative to SCFMC BOD
 DR. LIANA VALENTE	National Planning Committee (2022-2025), National Biennial Convention Chair 2023, NFMC Representative to the UN, NFMC Board Member-at-Large, FAMA Committee, Student-Collegiate Biennial Competition chair, NFMC Festival Bulletin voice advisor, protocol Committee, Arts Advocacy Committee.	SER Arts Advocacy Committee chair, SER Music in Schools and Colleges chair	Student-Collegiate awards chair, Student-Collegiate Extension membership, Music in Schools & Colleges chair, VA state Arts Advocacy chair, Florida Arts Division chair, Florida Federation Jr. Festival judge	Scherzo Music Club Fundraising committee chair, Music in Schools & Colleges chair, Friday Morning Music Club member performer, Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland program committee chair, Yearbook committee, 1st V.P., TMC web designer, web master, logo creator and Facebook page moderator
 LOIS ARMOR	NFMC Opera in the Ozarks Award chair, Folk Music chair	SCR Arts Advocacy Committee chair.	District VI Texas Music in Schools & Colleges chair, District President, Texas Arts Advocacy chair, 3rd VP (membership/Lifers), 1st V.P., Texas President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Auditor	Etude Music Club recording secretary, treasurer, president
 CATHY NEIDERT	Festivals and Arts Advocacy committee, Legacy software development committee	SCR Festival chair	Texas Arts Advocacy chair, All-State Festival chair, Junior Division chair, state festival chair	Founding member of Bluebonnet Music Club.
 MARY ELLEN NOLLET	NFMC Board Representative, NFMC Summer Music Centers Awards chair, Sewanee Music Center Festival award chair		National Music Week committee	Past president of Thursday Music Study Club, Yearbook committee co-chair
 JULIE WATSON	NFMC Public Relations Division chair, NFMC Media chair, Social Media chair, NFMC Board Representative	Member of Opera in the Ozarks	Missouri state president, yearbook editor, International Music Relations chair	Past president of Federated Music Teachers of Kansas City, yearbook editor, webmaster
 CHRISTINE VITT	NFMC Board Representative, NFMC Board Member-at-Large, Vivian Menees Nelson Music Award chair, Marilyn Caldwell Scholarship chair	SCR American Music chair	Past Missouri state president, state festival chair, Junior state Competition chair	Past president and treasurer of Kansas City Federated Music Teacher, past president of ShowMe Music club, District Federation Festival co-chair



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 CONNIE CRAIG	NFMC Life member, NFMC Board member and Board Member-at-Large, Glad Robinson Youse Adult composition award chair, Recording Secretary	SCR American Music chair, SCR Opera Chair	Past state president, VP, Recording secretary and historian, Board rep to Inspiration Point Fine Arts Center, International Music Relations committee chair, Thelma Robinson award in conducting chair	Past president and recording secretary of Evening Etude Music Club, chair of membership, National Music Week, Founders Day, and Opera
 MELANIE PEREZ	NFMC Life member, RFT Fellow, Recording secretary, Executive committee, NFMC Board representative, NFMC Convention co-chair, Summer Music Awards chair, Young Artist chair, Young Artist Presentations chair, Martha Marcks Mack Award chair		Past state president, VP, recording secretary, Parliamentarian, Executive committee, District Director, C & A Division chair, website chair, convention chair, Junior Composers Contest chair, Junior Convention Piano and Judging chair	Past president, VP, recording secretary, Corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, executive committee, program chair, historian, scholarship chair, Founders Day chair, Website chair, Junior Festival chair, Junior Composers Contest chair, Junior club counselor, Metairie Music Club Melodears Outreach Chorus
 LINDA FLICK	NFMC Membership & Education Senior Club Rating chair	NER Wendell Irish Viola Award chair	PFMC V.P., News sheet editor, Roster Director Editor, Festival area Co-chair, Celebrate Strings chair, Philadelphia District chair, PFMC Board or Directors, Sacred Music chair, Senior Club Rating chair, Music in Poetry chair, Choral Music chair	Recording Secretary of Musical Art Society, Past president, V.P. corresponding secretary, Yearbook chair, Sacred Music chair, Awards committee, Program committee
 GLORIA GRILK	Life Member, RFT Fellow, NFMC Music in Schools & Colleges chair, NFMC Gretchen Van Roy Music Education Award chair, Legislative chair, NFMC Board representative and Board Member-at-Large, NFMC Leadership & Orientation chair, Elizabeth Grieger Wiegman Competition chair, Student-Collegiate Division chair,	SCR V.P., Board of Opera in the Ozarks V.P., Life member of OIO	Arkansas Council of Presidents, President and V.P. of Arkansas Federation, Recording Secretary and Past President of Iowa FMC,	Founding member of 3 Arkansas clubs and 2 Iowa Music clubs, member of 5 local music clubs.
 LISA MOORE	NFMC Life Member, NFMC Dance Awards chair	SER Webmaster	Missouri state president, yearbook editor, International FFMC Jr. composition chair, Vocal Collegiate committee, Facebook co-administrator, Lake District president, Lake Central Festival co-chair, financial secretary, state Federation cup chair, Newsletter editor, IT/WebmasterRelations chair	Orlando Music Club treasurer, past state president, Parade of American Music Competition chair, Founders Day co-chair, OMC Awards Competition co-chair, Workshop series coordinator for "Meet the Composer"
 DR. ZUILL BAILEY	NFMC Life Member, RFT Fellow, NFMC Board Member-at-Large, Young Artist Chair, American Music in the Armed Forces Award Chair, AV Chair and committee, Centennial Chamber Music chair, Budget and Investments committee, Nominations for Officers committee chair	SER Investments Committee	Virginia Directory chair, Anne Gannett Award for Veterans chair, Lucile Ward Veterans Award chair, Audio committee, Assistant treasurer of VFMC	Woodbridge Music Club president, yearbook chair, Co-Sr. Scholarship chair, Audio chair, Treasurer, Instrumental Music Award chair
 CYNTHIA ELMORE	RFT Fellow, Music Clubs Magazine state news editor, Founders Day chair, NFMC Conference Co-chair, NFMC Board Representative, Nominating Committee for Members-At-Large chair.	District Director, Nominating Committee	Recording Secretary, Founders Day chair, Education chair, Protocol chair, Chaplain, Liability Insurance Coordinator, Senior club & Jr. Club Achievement Record Books chair, VFMC state convention chair, state nominating committee	Past president and Co-President of Woodbridge Music Club, recording secretary, senior scholarship chair