



In Tune with NFM

June 2025

National Federation of Music Clubs

Greetings!

Beat the heat and come to Texas! Well, you may not beat the heat, but you will be enjoying workshops, concerts, great food, and fellowship with your Federation friends.

As I write this greeting, I'm preparing for a trip to Arkansas for the *Opera in the Ozarks* 75th Anniversary Gala – then on to Texas!



NFMC 2025 Convention in Austin

Lynn McNew, 2025 Convention Chair

Are ya'll **READY?**

Are your plans all **SET?**

It's time to **GO!!!!**

To Austin....down in the great state of Texas...

for the NFMC National Convention.



[Click here to Register for the Convention](#)

There will be:

- music. music, music
- interesting workshops
- informative meetings
- lovely luncheons
- a beautiful banquet
- a touching memorial service.

For those that qualify as NFMF Life Members, there will be a fun-filled breakfast, complete with a real live judge! And don't forget to bring your cowboy boots for an evening of "boot-scootin'!" a real Texas Experience.

Don't dilly dally around: Registration closes June 1st, Join us June 10-14 for **MUSIC** in the **HEART of TEXAS. YA'LL COME!!!!**

Division Reports

Arts Division

Ellen Leapaltdt, Chair

The **Arts Division** is eager to meet with you at our NFMF Conference in Austin; our Division meeting is **Wednesday at 2:00 pm**, room to be announced in your Convention booklet. I will also address the Presidents Council on Thursday about 11:10 am. *We have much to share!*

Reports have been written and sent to NFMF, check them out too! We've had a thoughtful team, working hard to make all departments of our Division reach out to all members of NFMF. The only reports not complete are for National Music Week; if your club, state or region celebrated the 102nd National Music Week, May 4-11th be sure to complete AR12-1 and send it in by the due date of June 1st.

American Music Division

Ruth Morrow, Chair



Get ready to line dance in your cowboy boots!!

I am so excited to see all of you at the NFMC Convention in wild Texas! Be sure to come to the American Music Meeting on **Thursday, June 12th from 2-3. You will receive a prize for coming!**

The American Music Division will be introduced that morning at the General Session so watch for the red, white and blue! The American Music Division will also be presenting at the President's Council Meeting on **Thursday June 12th at 11:40 AM. Join me in dressing up in your best American costume!** See you soon!

Membership and Education Division

Natlynn Hayes, Chair

The Membership and Education Division is looking to see many friends at the Austin, TX Convention. Membership is difficult to predict but I do know that our membership goals of supporting American music and composers makes me feel **patriotic** and **proud to be an American**. We promote these ideals in our Junior Festivals by acquainting our youth and new teacher members with our **American music roots**. I'm sure our hearts will be full of our NFMC heritage as we meet in Austin to have a **rootin'-tootin' (enthusiastic) good time** with our NFMC friends of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.



Junior Division

Laurie Marshall, Chair

Don't miss the Junior Division meetings at the Convention!

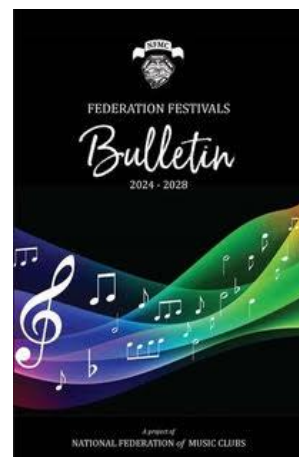
- Tuesday, 10 AM: Festival Bulletin Committee
- Wednesday, 2 PM: Festival Committee
- Thursday, 2 PM: Junior Division
- Friday, 10:30 AM: Competition and Awards (includes all Junior Awards Chairs)

All meetings will be hybrid: both in person and via Zoom (watch for links in Guidebook app)

Festival Bulletin Committee

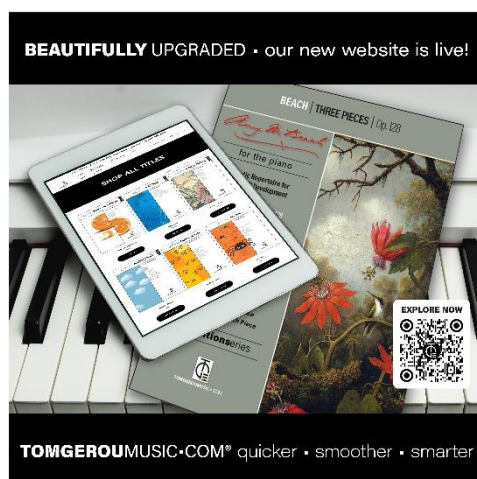
Janice Flinte, Chair

In just a few days, many of you will be assembled for our gathering in Austin, Texas at the NFMF National Convention. What a joy it will be to renew former relationships and greet those in person whom we have met since the last conference through emails, phone calls, and social media. As the Bulletin Editor and Chair, all-things-Bulletin are foremost on my mind even as I tidy up remaining loose household ends and try to pack just “one more thing” in my bulging suitcase.



Immediately following the Investment/Finance Committee meeting at 8:00-10:00 AM **Tuesday**, the Festivals Bulletin Committee meeting will convene at **10:00**. Just a reminder—it is not a committee-only meeting! **All state festival chairs, area admins, and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend.** Whether you are a newbie or a veteran in your position, it is imperative for you to have and use the Festivals Bulletin! *This meeting is designed for you!*

After a review of the hardcopy, we will **preview the online Bulletin!** The beta testers are busy finishing up testing functionality and reviewing the rules. You may have questions covering a variety of Bulletin-related topics, and we will be there to answer. We’re excited to be premiering the online for you at this convention! I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday at 10:00!**



Public Relations Division

Julie Watson, Chair



As club years are winding down, it's never too soon to start thinking about next year and inviting your music friends to join you! I don't know about you, but as my club year winds down, I get excited about participating in the NFMF Convention and my regional meeting. As we know, ***Music is...unstoppable - and the Federation never stops.***

We all hope to see you at the NFMF Convention in Austin. Postmark deadline for registration for tickets is June 1st. In addition to seeing and making new friends, we will hear from **Mark Hayes, Martha Hilley, Mela Dailey, Invoke**, our **new Young Artists** - not to forget our **Texas Experience!** I'm really looking forward to it.

Music Club Magazine and *Junior Keynotes* should be hitting mailboxes now. If you haven't received yours in the next week, please reach out to info@nfmf-music.org.

Looking ahead, we are looking for front cover artwork from Juniors. Submissions should be 8.5 x 11, pen and ink with color drawings, collages, and/or photography. Please email high resolution JPG or PDF files to JRK@nfmf-music.org.

Arts Advocacy

Valerie Harris, Chair



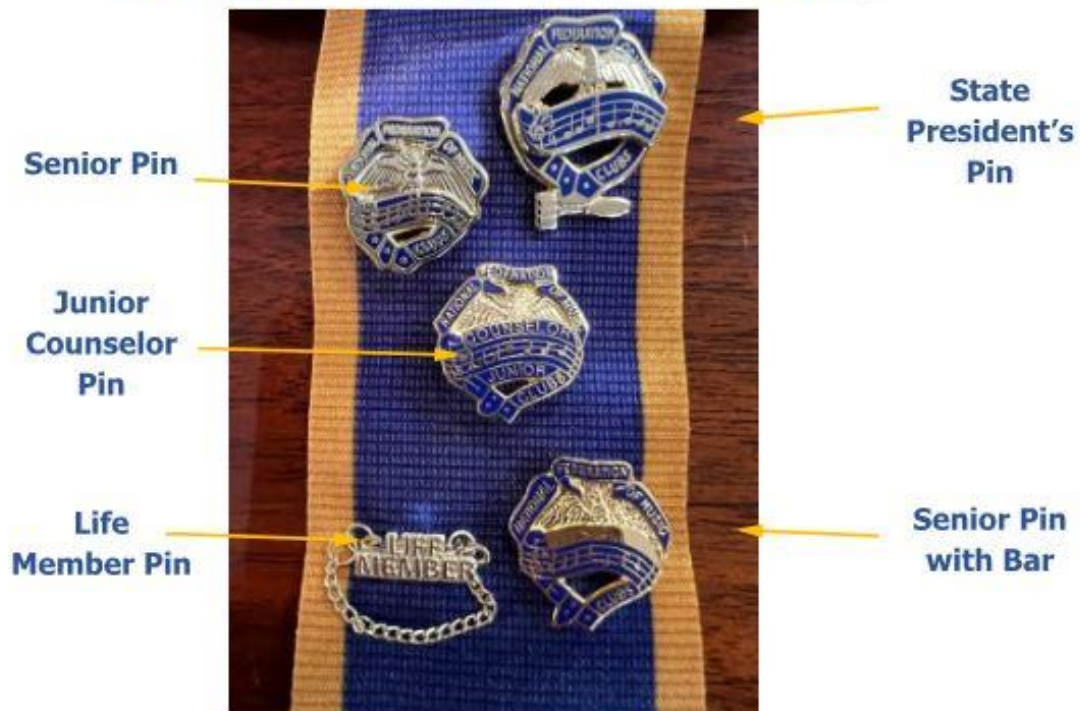
Arts advocacy is essential in preserving and advancing music education, public performance opportunities, and funding for the arts at all levels. As members of the NFMC, we are uniquely positioned to speak out for the value of the arts in our communities and schools. Advocacy can be as simple as writing to a local representative, attending school board meetings, sharing arts events on social media, or collaborating with other organizations to amplify our message. ***Every voice matters—by raising awareness and demonstrating the impact of music in our lives, we help ensure that future generations continue to benefit from rich cultural and educational experiences.*** Let's use our collective influence to keep the arts strong, vibrant, and accessible to all.

Find out how YOU can help your club, state or region advocate for the arts. Share your voice! Come to the Arts Advocacy meeting at the convention on **Friday, June 13 at 2:30!**

Insignia

Janie Gilliam, Chair

**For special events in the Federation,
a commendation or commemoration,**



Our “Pin-signia” fits every occasion!

Visit the Exhibit Hall at the Austin Convention – or
<https://www.nfmc-music.org/publicationcategory/insignia/>

In Closing

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

- J.K. Rowling