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N.B. If adopted, a main motion authorizing the executive committee to make such editorial changes could be made, authorizing the executive committee to make such editorial changes as are required for purpose of consistency with bylaws amendments adopted at the May 2007 convention. ARTICLE XIII Strike out the entire title of this article and insert the following: “XIII Divisions and Committees” N.B. If approved, we need to eliminate the word “departments” wherever this appears in the FFMC bylaws. ARTICLE XIV FINANCES Sections 2 and 3 Section 2. Finance Division. Strike out “Financial Committee” in the second sentence And insert “Finance and Investment Committee.” Section 3. Investment Committee. Strike out all of Section 3.

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The 2007 nominating committee has unanimously approved the following slate of nominees: President: Connie Tuttelle-Lill Vice-President: Wanda Wiranis Secretary: Philip LeGrand Treasurer: Suzanne Carpenter

Resumes:

CONNIE TUTTLE-LILL
Currently serving as FFMC President
On the NFMC level: Connie served a two year term as Board member representing Florida 2003-2005 At that time she served as the Southeastern Regional Chairman of the Wendell Irish Viola Award and a member of the Development Committee. Became a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow, August 2005 On the FFMC level: FFMC Member of the Year 2004 FFMC President 2001-2003 FFMC Vice President 1999-2001 FFMC Florida Fellow Royal Poinciana District President 1997-98 Royal Poinciana District Vice-President 1996-97 Boca Delray Music Society President 1994-1998 Numerous Fundraiser Chairmanships Owner of C. L. Tuttle Interiors, Inc. since 1979, a residential and commercial design firm in Delray Beach, FL. Connie is a licensed interior designer She served as Florida President of IFDA 1992-1994 Member of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1979. Served on the Board of Directors from 1982-85. Vice-President 1984-85. Sat on numerous boards including fund raising, holiday lighting fund raising, Atlantic Avenue Association Member of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Delray Beach 1984-90 Chairman 1988-90 Graduate of the University of Wisconsin Married to William W. Lill Residing in Delray Beach, FL.

WANDA WIRANIS
Former FFMC Offices held: Florida State Junior Festival Chairman Morning Musical of Ft. Lauderdale President Royal Poinciana District President State Student/Colleague Chairman Member of RDF District Festival Committee Junior Counselor of Frisky Fingers Junior Music Club Served as Judge for District Festival and the Florida State Junior Convention Bachelor of Music Education from University of Louisville Master Classes at Indiana University

Attended many Master Classes and Pedagogy Classes over the years

Vice-President of Plantation Junior Woman’s Club PTA President of Plantation Park Elementary School Pioneer of the year for Plantation Historical Society President of Broward County Music Teachers Association 1995-1997 Maintains a private piano studio Married to Richard PHILIP J. LEGRAND

Graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Masters Degree from Boston University Retired Air Force Officer with 27 years Currently employed by leading engineering firm Treasurer of Chocotaw Bay Music Club 1992 Treasurer of Capital District since 1999 FFMC Recording Secretary May 2002 to May 2005 Since 2005 he has been the FFMC Festival Cup Chairman Married to Karen SUZANNE LAPHAM CARPENTER

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