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REPORT FOR WINTER BOARD MEETING 2008

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Composition Commissioning Chair

The Executive Board of FSMTA, in an email vote, has confirmed the selection of Dr. Gary Smart of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville as the Commissioned Composer for the year 2008.

My thanks to those who acted expeditiously so that this could be accomplished within a month following the Conference in Boca Raton.

Due to the re-scheduling of the annual conference from next fall to the preceding summer, this gives Dr. Smart approximately six months to complete the project.

He will be composing a trio for clarinet, cello and piano with the title "Flagship Fancy".

To be considered at the next conference will be suggestions for the 2009 commissioned composer. One name has already been submitted, but this person is presently on sabbatical, and I have not as of this writing, yet contacted him.

I would like to receive names and curricula vitae of nominees prior to the conference. Bear in mind that after the conference, people are likely to head for parts unknown, and I would like to give this next nominee as much time as possible for his/her work. Therefore, I plan to submit names to be voted on at the conference.