

# National Association of Teachers of Singing

## The 2000s

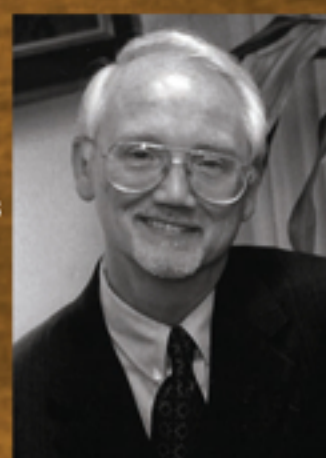


### President Roy Delp 2000-2002 (Pro Tem 1999-2000)

- Kathleen Spillane Wilson resigned as Editor of *Journal of Singing*. Richard J. Sjoerdsma named Editor in 2001.
- Edward Baird, President of the NATS Foundation and former NATS President, died on August 2, 2000. Louise Lerch elected President.
- ICVT V held in Helsinki, Finland, August 13-17, 2001.
- Susan Grizzard joined the NATS staff in November, 2001. Susan currently serves as Membership Services Coordinator.
- In celebration of former President Louis Nicholas' 90th birthday and his extended service to NATS, a certificate for free lifetime convention registration was approved.
- William Vessels began as full-time Executive Director in May 2002 following his retirement from Jacksonville University.

### President William McIver 2002-2003

- The National Executive Office moved to a newer, more secure, and larger facility.
- The board approved gradually adjusting the budget to allow for the hiring of a full-time Executive Director no later than 2006.
- Dues raised in two stages and by 2006 member dues became \$80 for U.S. Members and \$90 for Canadian and international members. Regional allocations were raised to \$8 per member.
- McIver advocated stronger communication between the NATS Foundation and NATS.
- McIver submitted his resignation as President on September 1, 2003 due to ill health. McIver died September 15, 2003 of pancreatic cancer.



### President Pro Tem Roy Delp 2003-2004

- Past-President Delp assumed the role of President per the bylaws. He also served as Director of the Intern Program and Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- The board approved the process of the President-Elect submitting all appointments for his/her term of office for board ratification at the convention board meeting.
- NATS membership surpassed 6,000!



### President Jane Dillard 2004-2006

- William Vessels announced his retirement effective December 2005. A national search was conducted and Kandie K. Smith named Executive Director effective January 2006.
- Joan Adams joined the NATS staff as a part-time employee in March, 2006
- A committee approved to investigate the purchase of an office space for executive offices.
- The NATS Young Leaders Program, jointly sponsored by NATS and the NATS Foundation, was established by president Dillard and designed to recognize, support, and assist young NATS teachers age 25-35 with no more than ten years of teaching experience in attending national conferences.
- E-mail voting policy approved by the NATS Board.
- Nashville was selected as site for the 50th NATS Conference.
- Board approved changing NATS Conventions to NATS Conferences.
- ICVT VI was held in Vancouver, BC.

### President Martha Randall 2006-2008

- NATS undertook a major bylaws revision approved by the membership.
- NATS moved into new offices and for the first time owns its own facility.
- Kandie Smith resigned as Executive Director effective August, 2007.
- Secretary/Treasurer Allen Henderson appointed Acting Executive Director. Henderson was appointed permanent Executive Director effective July 2008.
- A Vocal Pedagogy Committee appointed by President Randall conducted a major study on how institutions are teaching vocal pedagogy.
- Committees revised the Student Auditions Guidelines and Regional Governor's Handbook, and created the NATS Board Policy Manual.
- NATS collaborated with the National Opera Association on a workshop in Los Angeles.
- NATS began using Asynchronous Email Board Meetings to conduct some Association business between annual board meetings.

