

National Association of Teachers of Singing

The 90s



President Vernon Yenne 1991-1994

- ICVT II was held in Philadelphia from July 21-25, 1991.
- President-elect Jean Westerman Gregg chaired a committee to address a possible name change for NATS. The current name was affirmed.
- A Student Auditions Committee was appointed to revise the *Guidelines for Student Auditions*.
- The 1994 Tampa Convention celebrated the 50th anniversary of NATS.
- A committee chaired by Jay Wilkey was appointed to review NATSAA.
- The NATS Intern Program was created by the NATS Foundation and held in 1991 at the University of Minnesota.
- Harvey Ringel, author of the published history of NATS died in 1992.
- NATS membership surpassed 5,000!

President Jean Westerman Gregg 1994-1997

- An Investment Advisory Committee was established to manage NATS investments.
- A Mission Statement Committee was appointed to develop a mission statement. It was approved at the 1995 St. Louis Convention.
- The NATS Foundation turned over the NATS Intern Program to be operated by NATS with support from the NATS Foundation. Violet Mesrop, VP for Workshops was appointed Director.
- A Joint Venture Agreement for ICVT was approved by the member organizations and stipulated the financial responsibility for each member organization relative to funding of ICVT events.
- ICVT III held in Auckland, New Zealand, July 24-28, 1994. ICVT IV was held in London, England. By 1996 ICVT membership included twelve international organizations with several other countries in the organizational phase.
- Until 1995 board meetings had occurred during the conventions. In 1995, the practice of holding a majority of the board meetings prior to conventions began, allowing board members to attend more of the convention sessions.
- The entire membership was surveyed in 1995 regarding a possible name change and preference of convention times. This resulted in a change to summer conventions every two years following the 1998 Toronto Convention.
- *The NATS Journal* became *Journal of Singing* with the September-October 1995 issue.
- Dues increased to \$55 with the regional allocation increased to \$7.50 per member.
- NATS first web page was established at www.nats.org.
- John Burgin's indexes of NATS publications are placed on the website.



President James McKinney 1997-1998

- Deborah Guess was hired as administrative assistant in 2007 replacing Dorine Bower who retired. Deborah is now Director of Operations for NATS.
- Voice Science Advisory Committee formed splitting the functions of the Research and Publications Committee.
- ICVT IV held in London, England.
- Prior to his untimely death on April 12, 1998 following a one-month bout with cancer, McKinney appointed Carol Kimball as Editor Pro Tem of *Journal of Singing* and Jean Westerman Gregg as President Pro Tem.

President Pro Tem Jean Westerman Gregg 1998-1999

- Executive offices were moved from Jacksonville University to a rented office space in Jacksonville in 1998.
- An official archives was established at Special Collections in the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland.
- Dues were increased to \$65 for U. S. members and \$95 for international members.
- Carol Kimball resigned as Editor of the *Journal of Singing*. After a search Kathleen Spillane was named Editor.
- Bruce Lunkley resigned as President of the NATS Foundation in 1998 prior to his death on November 20, 1998. Edward Baird named President by the Foundation Board.

