National Association of Teachers of Singing

The 2000s

- Edward Bard, President of the NAFS Foundation and former NAFS President, died on August 2, 2000. Louise Leech elected President.
- IYV held in Helsinki, Finland, August 13-17, 2001.
- NAFS Board approved the NAFS staff in November, 2001. Susan currently serves as Membership Services Coordinator.
- In celebration of former President Louis Nicolaus’ 90th birthday and his extended service to NAFS, a certificate of free lifetime convention registration was approved.
- William Yee joined as full-time Executive Director in May 2002 following his retirement from Jacksonville University.

President William Medbert 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.
- DOE raised in two stages and by 2006 members dues became $90 for USS Members and $90 for Canadian and international members. Regional allocations were raised to $8 per member.
- Medbert advocated stronger communication between the NAFS Foundation and NAFS.
- Medbert submitted his resignation as President on September 1, 2003 due to ill health. Medbert died September 15, 2003 of pancreatic cancer.

President Pro Tem Roy Delp 2003-2004
- Past President Delp assumed the role of President pro tempore. He also served as Director of the Future 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.
- NAFS membership approached 6,000.

President Jane Dillard 2004-2006
- William Yee announced his retirement effective December 2005. A national search was conducted and Pamela Smith named Executive Director effective January 2006.
- Juan Adams joined the NAFS staff as a part-time employee in March, 2006.
- A committee was appointed to investigate the purchase of an office space for executive offices.
- The NAFS Young Leaders Program, jointly sponsored by NAFS and the NAFS Foundation, was established by President Yee and designed to recognize, support, and assist young NAFS teachers age 25-35 with no more than ten years of teaching experience in attending national conferences.
- E-mail voting policy approved by the NAFS Board.
- Nashville was selected as site for the 90th NAFS Conference.
- Board approved changing NAFS Conferences to NAFS Conferences.
- JOY VI was held in Vancouver, BC.

President Martha Randell 2006-2008
- NAFS undertook a major bylaws revision approved by the membership.
- NAFS moved into new offices and for the first time owns its own facility.
- Pamela Smith resigned as Executive Director effective August, 2007.
- Secretary/Treasurer Alice Henderson appointed Acting Executive Director. Henderson was appointed permanent Executive Director effective July 2008.
- A Social Pedagogy Committee appointed by President Randel 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 NAFS Board Policy Manual.
- NAFS collaborated with the National Opera Association on a workshop in Los Angeles.
- NAFS began to hold Boston Renaissance Festival Meetings to conduct some Association business between annual board meetings.