National Association of Teachers of Singing

The 90s

President Vernon Yenne 1991-1994

- NTTS I 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 Audiences Committee was appointed to revise the Guidelines for Student Audiences.
- The 1994 Convention celebrated the 50th anniversary of NATS.
- A committee chaired by Jay Wilkory was appointed to revise NIDAAA.
- The NATS Intern Program was created by the NATS Foundation and held in 1994 at the University of Minnesota.
- 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 NTTS in St. Louis.
- The NATS Foundation turned over the NATS Intern Program to be operated by NATS with support from the NATS Foundation. Violet Mezrow, VP for Workshops was appointed Director.
- A Job Placement Agreement for BRT was approved by the member organizations and stipulated the financial responsibility for each member organization relating to the funding of BRT events.
- GCTF held in Auckland, New Zealand, July 24-28, 1994. BRT I was held in London, England. By 1996 BRT membership included nine 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 convention began, allowing board members to attend more of the convention sessions.
- The entire membership was surveyed in 1995 regarding a possible name change and preferences of convention times. This resulted in a change in summer conventions every two years following the 1996 Toronto Convention.
- The NATS Journal became Journal of Singing with the September-October 1996 issue.
- Dues increased to $55 with the regional allocation increased to $7.50 per member.
- NATS website was established at www.nats.org.
- John Burgen's Index of NATS publications are placed on the website.

President James McKinnon 1997-1998

- Deborah Guesse was hired as administrative assistant in 2007 replacing Doekle Bosser who retired. Deborah is now Director of Operations for NATS.
- Voice Science Advisory Committee formed, splitting the functions of the Research and Publications Committee.
- Prior to his untimely death on April 12, 1998 following a one-month bout with cancer, McKinnon appointed Carol Kimball as editor for new journal, Journal of Singing.

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 electronic 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 Hurricane Spilane was named Editor.
- From June 1996 to President of the NATS Foundation in 1996 prior to his death on November 24, 1996. Edward Baird became President by the Foundation Board.