

CAPMT History Brief Version

In January 1968, a small group of people decided that California should have an organization that was affiliated with the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA.) Thus, with the encouragement and assistance of MTNA, the California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) was born, although the official name was not settled until later that same year.

Marlowe Wilcox, president pro tem, wrote in January 1968, “The CMTA officers pro tem come from the ranks of both the private music teaching field and our college music departments.” This group “...consented to serve you until our first State Convention, which we are tentatively planning for January or February of 1969.” The first CAPMT officers were:

Marlowe Wilcox	President
Preston Stedman	VP Conventions
John Norman	VP Publications
Hazel Monfort	Secretary
Isabelle Brotsma	Treasurer

The first State Convention was held at USC in February, 1969. The pre-convention registration fee for members was \$3.00. The second State Convention was held in Long Beach in 1970, the registration fee was raised to \$4.00 and a full board was elected and installed. That board consisted of:

Dr. John Norman	President
Dorothy Bishop	VP Conventions
Frances M. Ihle	VP Auditions
Sylvia Shepherd	VP Certification
Jean Young	Secretary
Dr. Stacey Carpenter	Treasurer

By August 1970, Dr. Erno Daniel became VP Conventions, Dr. Frank McGinnis became VP Auditions, and Andrew Clemmons became VP Editor. At this same convention District Presidents were named and installed. They were:

Vernon W. Hillmer	Sunnyvale District
Lorraine K. McKinley	San Diego District
H. Joyce Wade	Palm Desert District
Dr. Richard Carpenter	Sacramento District
Alice F. Kitchen	Santa Monica District

Later, the Districts were re-zoned and they became the nine Districts of CAPMT.

Early in 1968, an invitation was sent to all California residents who were members-at-large of MTNA inviting them to charter membership in CMTA (not yet with the name “CAPMT” as later designated by MTNA.) The membership dues were \$8.00.

The complete list of dedicated members serving as CAPMT State President is as follows:

Marlowe Wilcox	1968-1969
John Norman, NCTM	1969-1973
Frank McGinnis, NCTM	1973-1977
Katherine B. Hull, NCTM	1977-1981
L’rayne Teasdale, NCTM	1981-1983
Clara Jean Curzon	1983-1985
Sandra Bostrom	1985-1990
Rita Fuszek	1990-1992
Louise Savage, NCTM	1992-1996
Janet M. Davidson, NCTM	1996-2000
Sumy Takesue, NCTM	2000-2004
Darlene Vlasek, NCTM	2004-2007
Stephen Cook	2007-2009
Scott McBride Smith, NCTM	2009-2010
Sue Field	2010-2014
Jennifer Snow	2014-

CAPMT was named “MTNA Local State Association of the Year” in 2004.

In 1988, CAPMT established the Lifetime Achievement Award to be bestowed annually on individuals and/or associations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in the music community over a significant period of time.

In 2012, the CAPMT Chapter or District of the Year Award was established to encourage and reward chapters and districts that exemplify excellent leadership and member participation.