

A History of the Association  
of Mathematics Teacher Educators  
*The Beginnings through January 2003*

## **2002 AMTE Board of Directors**

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## **THE BEGINNINGS**

In the fall of 1991, at the Baltimore regional National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) meeting, a group met to continue conversations that led to the eventual formation of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE). A group of approximately 15 people met as the National Forum of College and University Mathematics Teacher Educators on Saturday, November 2, 1991, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the McKeldin Room of the Omni Hotel. As Temporary Forum Chairman, Mark Spikell presided.

At this meeting, the group discussed events at the 1992 NCTM Annual Meeting in Nashville and the 1993 NCTM Annual Meeting in Seattle, considered how to determine officers, heard a report on progress of the formal organizational structure for the group, considered affiliation with other organizations including NCTM, National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM), and Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and discussed a mission statement. The following agreed to serve as the first officers of the group: Mark Spikell, George Mason University, as president; Francis (Skip) Fennell, Western Maryland College, as vice-president; Don Balka, St. Mary's College, as secretary; and Judith Jacobs, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, as treasurer. At dinner following the meeting, the name, Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE), was adopted for the organization.

These events were preceded by many informal discussions among small groups of mathematics teacher educators throughout the country who acknowledged the need for a voice for teacher educators within the mathematics education community. One important series of events occurred in Iowa where, beginning in 1978, mathematics teacher educators from the Midwest met every two years at a mathematics/mathematics education methods conference that provided an opportunity to share ideas and common concerns. Among the leaders of these activities were Ed Rathmell, University of Northern Iowa, and Don Balka, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN.

## 1992

An AMTE Advisory Board met on Thursday, April 2, 1992 from 10:30 to noon in Nashville, TN during the NCTM Annual Meeting. At that meeting, a membership count of more than 230 was reported. Those attending heard a report on activities conducted or planned during the NCSM and NCTM Annual Meetings, an update on the bylaws, a report on regional or state teacher education meetings and a proposed Teacher Preparation K-16 Conference organized by Mathematics Education Reform (MER) to be held in 1993, and discussed a newsletter for the organization.

Judith Jacobs offered the services of The Center for Education and Equity in Mathematics, Science, and Technology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to handle the responsibilities of a headquarters for AMTE.

In Fall 1992, volume 1, number 1 of the *Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Newsletter* was published. In that issue, President Mark Spikell noted “the primary goal of our organization which is: To provide a national forum for mathematics educators, mathematicians and school based personnel responsible for K-12 school based staff development programs in mathematics or undergraduate and graduate academic credit courses and programs in methods and related courses in elementary, middle and secondary school mathematics to discuss issues of mutual professional concern [and to] share ideas on effective ways of promoting the NCTM Standards, NCSM and MAA recommendations on teaching school mathematics and developing programs to improve the mathematics education of practicing and future teachers.”

The Fall 1992 newsletter included two letters of support for AMTE; one was from President Mary Lindquist of NCTM and the other was from President Henry Kepner of NCSM. The newsletter also presented the names and addresses of 334 members.

## JANUARY – MARCH 1993

Mark Spikell served as AMTE president until the NCTM Annual Meeting in Seattle when Henry Kepner agreed to serve as interim president until the first election would be held. Francis (Skip) Fennell, Don Balka, and Judith Jacobs continued to serve as AMTE officers.

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*AMTE is ready to make some big moves in Seattle... The AMTE Business Meeting will be held... At that time the organizational proposals and procedures will be presented for discussion and initial action.*

MARK SPIKELL  
*Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Newsletter,*  
March 1993

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### Meetings

On Wednesday, March 31, 1993, the AMTE Advisory Board Meeting was held in Seattle. Mark Spikell presided. Those attending included Doug Aichele, Don Balka, Jerry Becker, Michael Fiske, Lynne Gray, Judith Jacobs, Henry Kepner, Bonnie Litwiller, Eugene Nichols, Ed Rathmell, Mark Spikell, and Phil Wagerich. Membership was reported to be 382. A report on AMTE activities included information on the teacher education sessions at NCSM and NCTM. A draft of the AMTE Constitution and Bylaws was ready to be distributed at the business meeting later that day and published in the newsletter.

On March 31, 1993, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Room West A of the Sheraton Hotel in Seattle, WA, the first business meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators was held during the NCTM Annual Meeting. Approximately 34 people attended.

### Committees and taskforces

A Constitution and Bylaws Committee was established to create a draft document.

### Activities

- The first AMTE-arranged sessions at an NCSM Annual Meeting were presented in Seattle, WA. These three sessions all had similar titles, "Open Forum: Reform in the Preparation of \_\_\_ Teachers: The Methods Component" where the blank was filled in with early childhood and elementary, middle school, or secondary.
- The first AMTE-arranged session at an NCTM Annual Meeting was presented in Seattle, WA. This session on changing teacher education to reflect the Standards involved a panel of mathematics teacher educators, Mark Spikell, Eugene Nichols, Francis (Skip) Fennell, Judith Jacobs, Douglas Aichele, and Nancy Vacc.

### Important developments

- Dues were \$10.
- AMTE headquarters was formally established at The Center for Education and Equity in Mathematics, Science, and Technology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

## APRIL 1993 – APRIL 1994

Henry Kepner served as AMTE interim president. Francis (Skip) Fennell, Don Balka, and Judith Jacobs continued to serve as AMTE officers.

### Meetings

On Thursday, April 14, 1994, the second annual business meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators was held in Indianapolis, IN during the NCTM Annual Meeting. Sixty people signed the attendance record.

### Committees and taskforces

The first Nominations and Election Committee was established and chaired by Ed Rathmell, University of Northern Iowa, to prepare a slate of nominees for all of the members of the Board of Directors. Among the members-at-large, one person would be elected to serve a two-year term while the other two people would serve one-year terms.

A committee on affiliations and connections was created in 1994.

A communications taskforce was appointed in 1994.

### Activities

- The first listserv was established in 1993 at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. The purpose was to encourage AMTE members to communicate electronically on a real-time basis.
- AMTE served as co-sponsor for a Mathematics Education Reform (MER) workshop, Preparation for Teaching Mathematics: Issues, Policies and Programs, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, November 11 – 14, 1993.
- AMTE arranged two sessions during the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE).
- AMTE sponsored sessions in 1994 at both the NCTM and NCSM Annual Meetings in Indianapolis, IN. The sessions at NCSM were organized as working groups on the clinical experiences component of teacher preparation.
- Apple Computer provided each AMTE member with handbooks, *The Macintosh and Curriculum Handbooks for Math and Science*.
- Members received mailings of NSF program announcements and the premier issue of *Math Horizons*, MAA's magazine for undergraduate students.

### Important developments

- The AMTE membership unanimously ratified the Constitution and Bylaws in April 1994.
- The first election was held; nominations were due January 15, 1994 and the election was held in Spring 1994. Those elected were Henry Kepner, president; Judith Jacobs, president-elect; Michael Chappell, secretary; Nadine Bezuk, treasurer; and members-at-large Bonnie Litwiller (2-year term), James Babb (one-year term) and Susan Beal (one-year term).

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*I welcome you to an exciting year for AMTE. The organization is planning activities, completing the organizational tasks, and gaining recognition in a hectic year.*

HENRY KEPNER

Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Newsletter,  
December 1993

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## **APRIL 1994 – APRIL 1995**

Henry Kepner served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Judith Jacobs, president-elect; Michael Chappell, secretary; Nadine Bezuk, treasurer; and members-at-large James Babb, Susan Beal, and Bonnie Litwiller.

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*In the midst of a major mathematics education reform, mathematics educators are placed in an unenviable, often impossible position... The print sources of information and sharing are not fast enough to meet our needs. I strongly encourage you to join and actively participate in the AMTE listserv.*

HENRY KEPNER  
Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Newsletter,  
December 1994

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### **Meetings**

On Friday, April 7, 1995 in Boston, MA, the third annual business meeting was held during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 7, 1995 in Boston, MA.

### **Committees and taskforces**

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Douglas Aichele, Oklahoma State University, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of secretary and two members-at-large.

A committee was established to look at the advantages and disadvantages of institutional membership.

### **Activities**

- AMTE co-hosted an NSF-funded mathematics methods conference June 2 – 4, 1994, at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
- The March 1995 newsletter contained a survey of assessment practices in elementary mathematics teacher preparation courses by DeAnn Huinker and Karen Karp.
- AMTE sponsored sessions at the 1995 NCSM Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

### **Important developments**

- Discussions began about becoming an affiliate of NCTM.
- An election was held in Spring 1995. Michael Chappell was re-elected secretary, and Susan Gay and Mary Hatfield were elected to serve two-year terms as members-at-large.

## APRIL 1995 – APRIL 1996

Judith E. Jacobs served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Henry Kepner, immediate past president; Michael Chappell, secretary; Nadine Bezuk, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Gay, Mary Hatfield, and Bonnie Litwiller.

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*As you can see, AMTE and its members have been busy. We need your help to continue our current level of activity and grow even further in the coming year.*

JUDITH JACOBS  
AMTE News, Spring 1996

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### Meetings

On Thursday, April 25, 1996, the fourth annual business meeting was held in San Diego, CA during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 23, 1996 in San Diego, CA.

### Committees and taskforces

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Henry Kepner, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of president-elect, treasurer, and one member-at-large.

### Activities

- AMTE members received the *CSL Curriculum Orchestrator*, software from Chancery Software during Fall 1995.
- The Exxon Foundation funded a proposal submitted by Jack Price, president of NCTM, and Judith Jacobs, president of AMTE, to hold a conference on major issues in mathematics teacher education and the roles that professional associations can and should play in advancing the state of the profession. The conference, held March 29 – 31, 1996 at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, was attended by 30 leaders in mathematics and mathematics education.
- In February 1996, Ron Ward initiated a listserv discussion about the *Professional Standards for Teaching Mathematics* (NCTM, 1991).

### Important developments

- The AMTE website was created in Summer 1995.
- The AMTE logo first appeared on the newsletter in Fall 1995 and the website in Summer 1995.
- The newsletter was given a new name, *AMTE News*. The newsletter had two editors, Susan Beal and Bob Wolffe.
- AMTE was charged to hold a separate conference for mathematics teacher educators.
- An election was held in Spring 1996. Those elected were Nadine Bezuk, president-elect; Dale Oliver, treasurer; and Ron Ward, member-at-large.

## **APRIL 1996 – APRIL 1997**

Judith E. Jacobs served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Nadine Bezuk, president-elect; Michael Chappell, secretary; Dale Oliver, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Gay, Mary Hatfield, and Ron Ward.

### **Meetings**

The first annual AMTE conference was held February 14 – 15, 1997 in Washington, DC at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators.

The AMTE annual business meeting was held Thursday, April 17, 1997 in Minneapolis, MN during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 17, 1997 in Minneapolis, MN.

### **Committees and taskforces**

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Jack Price, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of secretary and two members-at-large.

Stephen Willoughby chaired a task force charged to investigate possibilities for a mathematics teacher education journal. They found that an international journal had been established by Kluwer Academic Publishers.

### **Activities**

- AMTE sponsored a conference within a conference at the San Jose NCTM regional meeting in March 1997.
- AMTE sponsored a conference within a conference at the NCTM annual meeting in April 1997 in Minneapolis, MN.
- Texas Instruments announced the first special purchase offer for AMTE members.

### **Important developments**

- Dues were increased to \$20 in 1997.
- In Spring 1997, the first membership brochure was created. Copies were distributed at professional meetings.
- An election was held in Spring 1997. Those elected were Susan Gay, secretary, and Susan Friel and Tad Watanabe as members-at-large.

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*I often think of AMTE's development in terms of the birth of a child... The conception and delivery of the organization was relatively painless. ... During my two year term as president, our toddler stage, we have become involved with people outside our own little group. AMTE has grown considerably. This growth is not just in terms of members... We also have grown in visibility... Though we have just begun to talk, people listen to us.*

JUDITH JACOBS  
AMTE News, Spring 1997

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*Greetings! This is a time of great possibilities and opportunities for AMTE. More and more, we are being recognized as THE organization that represents mathematics teacher educators, and we are being invited to participate in important discussions.*

NADINE BEZUK  
AMTE News, Spring 1997

## **APRIL 1997 – APRIL 1998**

Nadine Bezuk served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Judith Jacobs, immediate past president; Susan Gay, secretary; Dale Oliver, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Friel, Ron Ward, and Tad Watanabe.

### **Meetings**

The second annual AMTE conference was held January 30 – 31, 1998 in Pomona, CA at the Kellogg Conference Center on the campus of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. A Thursday evening pre-conference, Exxon Symposium on Algebraic Thinking, and Sunday morning technology workshops were held in conjunction with the conference.

The Board of Directors met January 29, 1998 at the Kellogg Conference Center, Pomona, CA.

The annual AMTE business meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 in Washington, DC during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met March 31, 1998, and April 3, 1998 in Washington, DC.

### **Committees and taskforces**

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Jack Price, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of president-elect, treasurer, and one member-at-large.

Other committees began their work for AMTE. Committees appointed included annual conference, related conferences, website, and membership. In addition, a committee on NCTM affiliation and a committee to review the constitution and bylaws were appointed. Board liaisons were appointed to committees.

### **Activities**

- The Spring 1997 issue of *AMTE News* included a conference survey so that members could provide information on “when, where, what, and how you want your annual conference.”
- AMTE sent two members to participate in the Algebra Symposium in Washington, DC in May 1997.
- AMTE accepted an invitation to participate in a leadership conference organized by the Benjamin Banneker Association in August 1997.
- A 20% discount on the subscription rate for the *Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education* was available to AMTE members.

### **Important developments**

- A membership directory was sent to all AMTE members in Fall 1997.
- At their January 1998 meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved Judith Jacobs as AMTE’s first executive director.
- AMTE’s nonprofit status was approved in Spring 1998.
- In Spring 1998, AMTE received an invitation to apply for membership on the Conference Board for the Mathematical Sciences (CBMS).
- An election was held in Spring 1998. Susan Gay was elected president-elect. Dale Oliver was re-elected treasurer. Doug Owens was elected member-at-large. Nadine Bezuk appointed Linda J.C. Taylor to complete Susan Gay’s term as secretary.

## APRIL 1998 – JANUARY 1999

Nadine Bezuk served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Susan Gay, president-elect; Linda J.C. Taylor, secretary; Dale Oliver, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Friel, Doug Owens, and Tad Watanabe.

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*The two issues of increased need for teachers coupled with the low level of preparation of [the] current mathematics teaching force is of great concern to me, and I believe it should be of great concern to mathematics teacher educators across the nation... What can we do as mathematics teacher educators to remedy this situation? What **can** and **should** AMTE do as an organization to address this need?*

NADINE BEZUK  
AMTE News, Spring 1998

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### Meetings

The third annual AMTE conference was held January 21 – 23, 1999 at the Hotel Sofitel in Chicago, IL in conjunction with the annual meeting of Teachers Teaching with Technology. The business meeting was held Saturday, January 23.

The Board of Directors met January 21, 1999 at the Hotel Sofitel in Chicago.

### Committees and taskforces

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Francis (Skip) Fennell, Western Maryland College, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of secretary and two members-at-large.

### Important developments

- The Spring 1998 issue of *AMTE News* contained statements in favor of affiliation with NCTM and statements in favor of non-affiliation, along with a ballot.
- The AMTE membership voted to support affiliation with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Spring 1998.
- The Bylaws were amended June 30, 1998 with the vote by the membership to establish the annual business meeting during the time and at the place of the AMTE annual conference rather than during the NCTM Annual Meeting.
- Beginning Fall 1998, *AMTE News* had co-editors, Bob Wolffe and Virginia Harder.
- An election was held in Fall 1998. Tad Watanabe was re-elected member-at-large. Linda J.C. Taylor was elected secretary, and Mark Klespis was elected member-at-large.



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*As a member organization [of CBMS], we will work with other professional societies to promote research, improve education, and expand the uses of mathematics. As with our affiliation with NCTM, AMTE's membership in CBMS gives us more national exposure and additional opportunities to participate in the national dialogue impacting mathematics education.*

SUSAN GAY  
AMTE News, October 1999

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## **JANUARY 1999 – FEBRUARY 2000**

Susan Gay served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Nadine Bezuk, immediate past president; Linda J.C. Taylor, secretary; Dale Oliver, treasurer; and members-at-large Mark Klespis, Doug Owens, and Tad Watanabe.

### **Meetings**

The fourth annual AMTE conference was held February 10 – 12, 2000 at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers in Charlotte, NC. The business meeting was held Saturday, February 12.

The Board of Directors met February 10, 2000 at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers.

AMTE held a reception/meeting Wednesday, April 21, 1999, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in San Francisco, CA during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 21, 1999 in San Francisco, CA.

### **Committees and taskforces**

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Robert Reys, University of Missouri, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of president-elect, treasurer, and one member-at-large.

Other committees included constitution and bylaws, membership, related conferences, electronic communications, and annual conference. Committee terms were staggered so that approximately half of the members changed each year.

The membership committee responded to a request from NCTM's Mathematical Education Trust for several ideas for grants that would be of interest to teacher educators.

### **Activities**

- AMTE sent a representative to the Workshop on the Mathematical Content Preparation of Elementary Teachers at the National Research Council in Washington, DC in March 1999.
- AMTE sponsored sessions at the 1999 NCTM Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- As president, Susan Gay was the first representative for AMTE at a meeting of CBMS in December 1999.

### **Important developments**

- In March 1999, the listserv moved to Emporia State University in Emporia, KS, and was managed by Jean Morrow. A set of guidelines regarding collegial discourse was developed.
- Changes were made to the conference registration fee structure and a new reduced fee for graduate students was created.
- In April 1999 during NCTM's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Nadine Bezuk represented AMTE and accepted charter #401 to be an affiliate of NCTM. Nadine Bezuk served as the first NCTM Representative from AMTE beginning in April 1999.
- In July 1999, word was received that AMTE's application for membership on the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences had been approved.
- An election was held in Fall 1999. Those elected were Francis (Skip) Fennell, president-elect; Janet Warfield, treasurer; and Susan Beal, member-at-large.

## FEBRUARY 2000 – JANUARY 2001

Susan Gay served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Francis (Skip) Fennell, president-elect; Linda J.C. Taylor, secretary; Janet Warfield, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Beal, Mark Klespis, and Tad Watanabe.

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*As an organization, AMTE continues to grow in visibility and influence. And we must do more in this leadership role within the broader mathematics education community as we are the ones who prepare the teachers who will educate students of the future.*

SUSAN GAY  
AMTE News, June 2000

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### Meetings

The fifth annual AMTE conference was held January 18 – 20, 2001 at The Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, CA in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Education of Teachers of Science (AETS). The business meeting was held Saturday, January 20. Joe Garofalo, University of Virginia, arranged the first pre-conference technology workshop.

The Board of Directors met January 18, 2001 at The Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA.

AMTE held a reception/meeting Thursday, April 13, 2000, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in Chicago, IL during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 12, 2000 in Chicago, IL.

### Committees and taskforces

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Mary Lindquist, Columbus State University, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of secretary and two members-at-large.

Other committees were constitution and bylaws, electronic communications, membership, and related conferences. March 1 was established as the beginning date for committee terms.

### Activities

- AMTE represented the mathematics teacher education community in the National Technology Leadership Initiative (NTLI), a federal grant led by the University of Virginia.
- AMTE began a partnership with the new on-line journal titled *Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education (CITE)*. The first co-editors of the section on mathematics teacher education were Mark Klespis and Christine Browning.
- AMTE sponsored sessions at the NCTM Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- Members attending the January 2001 conference received a copy of *Before It's Too Late: A Report to the Nation from The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century*.

### Important developments

- The domain name, [www.amte.net](http://www.amte.net), was purchased.
- Dues were \$35.
- The Constitution was amended to define student membership and set dues for student and institutional members.
- Beginning in Spring 2000, the editor of *AMTE News* was Bob Wolffe.
- AMTE began a working relationship with Site Services to locate and contract for conference facilities.
- An election was held in Fall 2000. Mark Klespis was re-elected member-at-large. Jennifer Bay was elected secretary and Margaret (Peg) Smith was elected member-at-large.



*...we must be more active —  
at every level. Think about getting  
involved. Not just in AMTE...,  
but in arenas close to home, your  
region, nationally and beyond...  
Let people know about the  
importance of mathematics teacher  
education and AMTE — every day.*

FRANCIS (SKIP) FENNELL  
*AMTE News*, March 2001

## **JANUARY 2001 – JANUARY 2002**

Francis (Skip) Fennell served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Susan Gay, immediate past president; Jennifer Bay, secretary; Janet Warfield, treasurer; and members-at-large Susan Beal, Mark Klespis, and Peg Smith.

### **Meetings**

The sixth annual AMTE conference was held January 24 – 26, 2002 at The Doubletree Hotel in San Antonio, TX. The business meeting was held Saturday, January 26.

The Board of Directors met January 24, 2002 at The Doubletree Hotel, San Antonio, TX.

AMTE held a reception/meeting Thursday, April 5, 2001, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Orlando, FL during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 5, 2001 in Orlando, FL.

### **Committees and taskforces**

The Nominations and Election Committee was appointed, chaired by Henry Kepner, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of president-elect, treasurer, and one member-at-large.

Other committees were electronic communications, membership, and related conferences.

The AMTE Technology Taskforce was appointed, chaired by David Pugalee, to investigate ideas for future training in the use of technology in teacher preparation.

### **Activities**

- An Internet Discussion Forum was created to promote discussion among mathematics teacher educators.
- AMTE members received a survey developed by Gladis Kersaint about technology beliefs and practices.
- AMTE sponsored sessions at the NCTM Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.
- The June 2001 issue of *AMTE News* included a survey on how Standards 2000 is used in mathematics teacher education. That issue also included a 40% discount offer on the purchase of *Making Sense of Mathematics Teacher Education*.
- Hollylynn Drier Stohl, North Carolina State University, was awarded the National Technology Leadership Fellowship based on her paper presented at the AMTE annual conference. She received a plaque and expenses to the SITE meeting in March 2002 to present her paper.

### **Important developments**

- Nadine Bezuk began her term as AMTE Executive Director in September 2001.
- The AMTE headquarters moved to the Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education at San Diego State University.
- The Board of Directors established the Judith E. Jacobs Lecture to be delivered at each annual conference beginning in 2003.
- An election was held in Fall 2001. Karen Karp was elected president-elect and David Pugalee was elected member-at-large. Janet Warfield was re-elected treasurer.

## JANUARY 2002 – JANUARY 2003

Francis (Skip) Fennell served as AMTE president. Other members of the Board of Directors were Karen Karp, president-elect; Jennifer Bay-Williams, secretary; Janet Warfield, treasurer; and members-at-large Mark Klespis, David Pugalee, and Peg Smith.

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*My sense is that AMTE is very much on the move... We want to continue to offer an interactive conference which affords dialogue among all participants. We also want to continue to serve those who serve teachers – whether it is through preservice or professional development initiatives at large or small, public or private institutions. We would also like to grow our membership... So, how are we doing? What's our next move? What should we be doing better?*

FRANCIS (SKIP) FENNELL  
AMTE News, March 2002

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### Meetings

The seventh annual AMTE conference was held January 30 – February 1, 2003 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott in Atlanta, GA. The business meeting was held Saturday, February 1. The inaugural Judith E. Jacobs Lecture was given by Judith Jacobs, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

The Board of Directors met January 30, 2003 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott.

AMTE held a reception/meeting Monday, April 22, 2002, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Las Vegas, NV during the NCTM Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors met April 22, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV.

### Committees and taskforces

The Nominations and Election Committee was chaired by Barbara Reys, University of Missouri, to prepare a slate of nominees for positions of secretary and two members-at-large.

Other committees were electronic communications, membership, and related conferences.

Committee guidelines were compiled and Board liaisons were required to provide reports of committee work.

### Activities

- AMTE sponsored sessions at the NCTM Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- Members attending events in Las Vegas and Atlanta received the new AMTE pins.
- The mathematics education section of the electronic journal, *Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education (CITE)*, had two new editors, Denisse Thompson and Gladis Kersaint.
- In Fall 2002, a membership directory was distributed.
- Beginning in Fall 2002, AMTE sponsored our first Project NExT Fellow, Tim Hendrix at Meredith College, Raleigh, NC.

### Important developments

- The Board of Directors approved guidelines that will allow state or regional affiliates of AMTE.
- The president appointed an AMTE conference coordinator and a local arrangements chair and program chair for each annual meeting.
- The Bylaws were amended so the document would be in alignment with existing practice with respect to the deadline for nominations and the deadline for proposing amendments.
- The AMTE president, Skip Fennell, was appointed to the Executive Committee of CBMS.
- Principles to Guide Doctoral Programs in Mathematics Education: A joint position statement of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) was approved and published in January 2003.
- In January 2003, AMTE's first publication, *Principles to Guide the Design and Implementation of Doctoral Programs in Mathematics Education*, was distributed to the membership and posted on the website.

## AMTE FIRSTS

First president	Mark Spikell
First newsletter editor	Henry Kepner
First issue of newsletter	Fall 1992
First business meeting	March 31, 1993
First location of listserv	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
First year of listserv	1993
First election	Spring 1994
First nominations & election committee chair	Ed Rathmell
First conference location	Washington, DC
First year of conference	1997
First executive director	Judith Jacobs
First headquarters	The Center for Education and Equity in Mathematics, Science and Technology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATES AND EVENTS

April	1994	Members ratify the Constitution and Bylaws.
Fall	1995	The AMTE website is announced. The AMTE logo is placed on the newsletter.
April	1999	AMTE becomes an NCTM affiliate.
July	1999	AMTE becomes a member of CBMS.
January	2003	AMTE's first publication, <i>Principles to Guide the Design and Implementation of Doctoral Programs in Mathematics Education</i> , is distributed to the membership.

### **AMTE CONFERENCES**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
February 14 – 15, 1997	Washington, DC	125
January 29 – 31, 1998	California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona	140
January 21 – 23, 1999	Chicago, IL	157
February 10 – 12, 2000	Charlotte, NC	135
January 18 – 20, 2001	Costa Mesa, CA	185
January 24 – 26, 2002	San Antonio, TX	171
January 30 – February 1, 2003	Atlanta, GA	???

### **NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

February	1992	132 members
April	1992	230 members
October	1992	334 members
March	1993	382 members
February	1997	400 members
April	1997	468 members
Fall	1997	1200 members
January	1998	1300 members
January	1999	608 members
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The members of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators work together to promote and improve the education of preservice and inservice teachers of mathematics. They include teacher educators in Schools and Colleges of Education and Departments of Mathematics as well as others interested in mathematics teacher education.

### **GOALS**

- Promote leadership among mathematics teacher educators in the broad mathematics education community
- Serve as a clearinghouse for ideas and resources in mathematics teacher education
- Encourage research related to mathematics teacher education
- Encourage and support programs for prospective teachers at all grade levels, especially for members of traditionally underrepresented populations
- Facilitate communication among mathematics teacher educators at the elementary, secondary, community college, and college and university levels
- Coordinate activities and work collaboratively with other associations and organizations concerned with the preparation and professional development of mathematics teachers
- Facilitate collaboration among mathematics teacher educators who are members of different educational administrative units, such as departments of mathematics and departments of education
- Encourage and organize programs and meetings focusing on issues related to the preparation and professional development of mathematics teachers
- Publish a newsletter to provide a forum regarding issues and activities of concern to mathematics teacher educators
- Work cooperatively with state and national certification and testing agencies to enhance the mathematical, pedagogical, and clinical preparation of prospective teachers of mathematics at all levels (kindergarten through grade sixteen) with respect to criteria for credentialing and licensing teachers
- Coordinate activities with local school districts to enhance the preparation and professional development of mathematics teachers
- Foster the incorporation of appropriate technology into teacher education programs in mathematics at all levels

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It is my pleasure to provide this summary of the history of AMTE. As an organization, we have grown rapidly. I hope you enjoyed reading about the accomplishments of YOUR organization and that you will look for ways in which you can contribute to the next ten years.

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