

HISTORIC TIMELINE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION 1950-2005

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- 1950 The Mid Atlantic Region was founded as the first region of the National Association for Music Therapy. It was formed at Teacher's College, Columbia University in New New York City. 177 persons were in attendance. (Minutes of the organizational meeting 3/21/53.)
- Original states included in MAR- Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. Later that year, West Virginia and Virginia were included. (Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report 1953.) The first MAR Constitution was written on January 23, 1953
- 1953 Official document of the establishment of the MAR was signed by MAR President Myrtle Thompson, E.Thayer Gaston and M. Thompson in March 1953, confirming the establishment of the MAR. Myrtle Thompson served as President until 1955.
- 1954 First regional constitution was signed on January 23, 1954.
First Annual NAMT Conference was held in New York City.
- 1955 Herminia E. Browne served as the MAR President until 1957. There were 55 paid up members at this time.
- 1956 At this time MAR has 68 members who belong to MAR.
- 1957 Arnold S. Bowman served as President of MAR until 1959.
- 1958 Florence Tyson founded the Music Therapy Community Center while she was the Director of the Rehabilitation Center of the Musician's Emergency Fund. Later the Center was renamed the "Creative Arts Rehabilitation Center".
- 1959 Marian Chace served as MAR President until 1961. A newsletter was published by Herminia Browne.
- 1960 Eleanor Wallace served as President of MAR from 1961 - 1963.
- 1962 Revised constitution and by-laws are adopted. (Perspectives Article by Golden and Wheeler)
- 1963 Dr. Clyde Kreutzer served as MAR President until 1965.
- 1965 Dorothy Hall served as President until 1967.
- 1967 Florence Tyson served as MAR President until 1969.
- 1969 Uncertain who was President? Montclair MT ED Program started.
- 1970 Uncertain who was President? Was it Dick Gray or Helen Bonny?
- 1971 Montclair College's Educational Program in Music Therapy established in New Jersey by Wanda Lathom.
- Urban Federation of Music Therapy (UFMT) and incorporated in New York City, Dr. Jerrold Ross named President and Dr. Leo Shatin present at meeting.

- 1972 Helen Braun served as MAR President until 1975.
- Dr. Kenneth Bruscia CMT is elected President of the Urban Federation of Music Therapy (UFMT).
- Edith Hillman Boxhill CMT, member of the UFMT and one of the original members of the American Association of Music Therapy's Board of Directors.
- Duquesne University's Educational Program in Music Therapy established in Pittsburgh, PA by Richard Gray.
- 1974 UFMT votes to change its name to American Association for Music Therapy (AAMT) a Music Therapy Conference in Loeb Student Center, New York University. Historically, this is the first AAMT's Conference.
- Barbara Hesser, CMT becomes the Vice President of AAMT.
- 1976 MAR Constitution adopted. 10 Educational Programs are in place.
- Edith Boxhill's Long Playing Album with her own original musical compositions that are improvised as well becomes a Folkways' publication issued by the Smithsonian Institution. It later became a cassette series.
- The first Music Therapy Journal Volume 1 No. published by the AAMT was edited by Barbara Hesser and Alice Schiller.
- 1977 Richard Gray served as MAR President until 1979.
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Association of Music Therapy Students (MARAMTS) is formed at a meeting in Elizabethtown, PA.
- 1978 Barbara Wheeler elected as the MAR representative to the National Executive Board. Sandy Golden was appointed as a member-at-large to the National Budget Committee.
- 1979 Gerri Davis served as MAR President of until 1981. Madelaine Ventre appointed as National Council Coordinator of the Council on Ethics and Standards. Barbara Wheeler served on the NAMT's Executive Board.
- Marywood 's Music Therapy Degree program was started. Sr. Donna Marie Beck CSJ, served as Director and Sr. Mariam Pfeifer IHM as Director of Clinical in the St. Joseph's Home.
- Ruth Lee Adler and Caorlyn Sonnen appointed as NAMT representatives to the Legislative Alliance for Creative Arts Therapies (LACAT).
- Phyllis Boone's Diagnostic Assessment of Music Related Expression and Behavior is funded by the MAR to promote music therapy.
- 1980 Lawrence Haight chaired the Judicial Review Committee. He is now appointed as the newly formed National Judicial Review Board Chair.
- 1981 Connie Willeford served as President until 1983. Barbara Wheeler appointed to national task force to study the proposed move of the national office to Washington, D.C. Michael Rohrbacher heads the NAMT Government Relations.

- 1982 Joseph Scartelli appointed to the Education Committee. JoDelle Waller appointed to the position of the national Treasurer of NAMT. National office is moved to Washington, D.C.
- Michael Rohrbacher chairs the NAMT's Baltimore Conference. It is the first time that the conference is under the guidance of a management firm. It is also the first Conference after NAMT moved to Washington, D.C.
- 1983 Madelaine Ventre served as MAR President until 1985.
- Sr. Mariam Pfeifer and Connie Willeford elected to serve on the newly formed Certification Board.
- 1984 Karen Morgenstein publishes "Action Songs for Severely and Profoundly Impaired". This was funded by the MAR to disseminate materials on Music Therapy.
- Dr. Mary Boyle initiates the concept of Continuing Education to the MAR in order to offer opportunities at MAR Conferences to encourage the member's further study in Music Therapy.
- 1985 Sandy Golden served as MAR President until 1987.
- "Music Therapy for the Developmentally Disabled", 1st edition written by Edith Boxhill was published by the Aspen Publishing Co.
- 1986 Edith Boxhill's next publication was "Music Therapy for the Living: Principles of Normalization Embodied in Music Therapy." Published by Magna Music Baton in St. Louis, MO.
- Music Therapists for Peace Inc. (MTP) was founded and established by Edith Boxhill at a Music Therapy Conference in Boston, MA
- 15 Educational Programs in Music Therapy are now in place. 14 Under Graduate programs and 3 graduate programs.
- 1987 JoEllyn Berky served as MAR President until 1989.
- "NAMT and Its Mid-Atlantic Region: Changing Together" an article in Perspectives outlining the history of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the NAMT as it intertwines with the history of the NAMT written by Sandy Golden and Barbara Wheeler.
- Phase I Training in Guided Imagery and Music is offered at the MAR Conference.
- 1988 Cheryl Maranto is elected as the President of the NAMT ("NAMT and MAR are intertwined from the very beginning." (Golden, S. and Wheeler, B. in MT Perspectives p. 56.)
- 1989 Mary Boyle served as MAR President until 1991.
- 1990 Leslie Hunter served as MAR President until 1993.
- 1993 Sr. Mariam Pfeifer IHM served as MAR President until 1995. Sr. Donna Marie Beck CSJ elected As Chair of newly formed National Committee Chair of Affiliate Relations in Orlando, FL.
- 1994 Robert Krout served as MAR President until 1997.
- 1997 Barbara MacLean served as MAR President until 1999.
- 1998 Gretchen Patti served as MAR President until 2001.

2001 Michael Rohrbacher served as MAR President until 2003.

2003 Gary Verhagen served as MAR President until 2005.

2005 Kathy Murphy served as MAR President 2007.