

# History of the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

## 1986 Convention I ~ Kindermusik Teachers Association

Location: Winston-Salem, NC

Offered by the Southeast Region

Hosted by Barbara Fisher

Keynote Speaker: Audrey Sillick

100% of membership in attendance: 99 people

Officers of Kindermusik Teachers Association:

President: Linda K. Robinson



Vice President: Donna Cooper

Secretary-Treasurer: Leilani Miranda

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Eleanor Neal

Southeast Region: Carol Harris

Central Region: Alesia Byrd

Western Region: Barb Toth

Administrative Director: Frankie Cain

1986 Convention Agenda:

1. Formed the organization and adopted By-Laws
2. Appointed committees to set up certification process
3. Appointed Chairmain Cave Editor of Kindermusik Teachers Association News ~First edition: September 1986
4. Officers elected
5. Lorne Heyge gave history of Kindermusik in Germany and United States
6. Audrey Sillick introduced to teachers and gave keynote speech.

# 1988 Convention II ~ Kindermusik Teachers Association

Location: Princeton, NJ

Hosted by the Northeast Region

Convention Chair: Donna Cooper

Officers of Kindermusik Teachers Association:

President: Leilani Miranda

Vice President: Charmaine Cave Dersham

Secretary-Treasurer: Barb Toth

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Anita Cooper

Southeast Region: Beth Maisonpierre

Central Region: Diane Colin

Western Region: Suzanne Tipps

Past President: Linda Robinson

Administrative Director: Valerie Shondel

1988 Convention Agenda:

1. Introduced new North American curriculum
2. Overview training sessions on new curriculum
3. Certification process adopted
4. Newsletter named The Path
5. Appointed new editor of The Path: Gailanne Hubbard

# 1990 Convention III ~ Kindermusik Teachers Association

Location: Estes Park, CO

Hosted by the Western Region

Keynote Speaker: Dee Coulter

Convention Chair: Barb Toth

Officers of Kindermusik Teachers Association:

President: Barb Toth

Vice President: Suzanne Tipps

Secretary-Treasurer: Diane Colin

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Susan Wilkins

Southeast Region: Sheila Lawson

Central Region: Sherry Grimsby

Western Region: Molly Beiningen

Past President: Leilani Miranda

Administrative Director: Judy Ropp (1991)

1990 Convention Agenda:

1. New *Musial Beginnings* curriculum introduced by Linda Swears
2. Dee Coulter gave keynote speech
3. Adopted a statement of ethics
4. National organization begins to focus on developing regional strength
5. Appointed new editor of **The Path**: Martha Hallquist

# 1992 Convention IV ~ Kindermusik Teachers Association

Location: Chicago, IL

Hosted by the Central Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Sherry Grimsby

Officers of Kindermusik Teachers Association:

President: Barb Toth

Vice President: Molly Beiningin

VP for Convention: Sheila Lawson

Secretary-Treasurer: Elaine Harris

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Kathleen Bullivant

Southeast Region: Sandy Barber

Central Region: Carol Farris (R.I.P)

Southwest Region: Cathy Mathia

Western Region: Marilee Evans

Past President: Leilani Miranda

Administrative Director: Judy Ropp

The Path Editor: Martha Hallquist

1992 Convention Agenda:

1. Divided Western region into two regions
2. More focus on regional and local groups
3. Updating of By-Laws
4. Responded to members' requests for Kindermusik Year 2 training workshops in western and southwestern regions

STATISTICS JUNE 10, 1993

867 members

48 states represented

(lacking Idaho & Hawaii)

39 members in Canada

12 members outside North America

Growth rate: 100 members per year

# **1994 KTA becomes Early Childhood Music Association (ECMA)**

## **Founding board Spring 1994**

President: Barb Toth

Vice President: Molly Beiningin

Second Vice-President: Sheila Lawson

Secretary-Treasurer: Elaine Harris

## **Regional Representatives:**

Northeast Region: Kathleen Bullivant

Southeast Region: Sandy Barber

Central Region: Carol Farris (R.I.P.)

Western Region: Marilee Evans

Southwestern Region: Cathy Mathia

# 1994 Convention V ~ Early Childhood Music Association

Location: Asheville, NC

Hosted by the Southeast Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Sheila Lawson

Officers of Early Childhood Music Association:

President: Cathy Mathia

First Vice President: Carol Farris (R.I.P.)

Second Vice President: Lorna Singer

Secretary-Treasurer: Caroline House

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Grace Kidney

Southeast Region: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Central Region: Vickie Wills

Western Region: Chris Duncan

Past President: Barb Toth

ECMA News guest editor: Ray Robertson

## 1994 Convention Agenda:

1. Officially changed name to Early Childhood Music Association
2. Musikgarten's *Cycle of Seasons* introduced
3. **Early Childhood Connections Journal** introduced from Foundation for Music/Movement Based Education
4. ECMA officially attained a 501-C-3 status, an IRS non-profit designation

# **1996 Convention VI ~ Early Childhood Music Association**

Location: Santa Fe, NM

Hosted by the Southwest Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Lorna Singer

Officers of Early Childhood Music Association:

President: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

First Vice President: Lorna Singer

Second Vice President: Judy Lewis

Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Pudewa

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Jill Hannagan

Southeast Region: Carla Quintero

Central Region: Susan Morrison

Southwest Region: Leslie Kowalski

Western Region: Jeanette E. Keyser

Past President: Cathy Mathia

Administrative Assistant: Karen Hornyak

**ECMA News** Editor: Beverly McGahey

# 1998 Convention VII ~ Early Childhood Music Association

Location: Baltimore, MD

Hosted by the Northeast Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Judy Lewis

Officers of Early Childhood Music Association:

President: Lorna Singer

First Vice President: Leslie Kowalski

Second Vice President: Jeanette Keyser

Secretary-Treasurer: Judy Lewis

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Ruth Schechter

Southeast Region: Lynn Luce

Central Region: Mary Beth Hauser

Southwestern Region: Warren Henry

Western Region: Angie Leprohon

Past President: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Administrative Assistant: Joyce Korgan (R.I.P.)

## 1998 Convention Agenda:

1. The Early Childhood Music Association (ECMA) became the Early Childhood Music & Movement Association (ECMMA)
2. Secretary – Treasurer was split into two positions
3. Forms for Local Chapters, Membership, Certification, were standardized
4. An ECMMA website was launched



**Early Childhood Music Association becomes**  
**Early Childhood Music and Movement Association**  
**2000 Convention VIII ~ Early Childhood Music and**  
**Movement Association**

Location: Portland, OR

Hosted by the Western Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Jeanette Keyser

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Lynn Luce

First Vice President: Ruth Schechter

Second Vice President: Mary Scripps

Secretary: Warren Henry

Treasurer: Judy Lewis

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Janet Silburn

Southeast Region: Aviva Enoch

Central Region: Jan Vidruk

Southwest Region: Mark Turner

Western Region: Dorothy Tish

Past President: Lorna Singer

Administrative Assistant: Joyce Korgan (R.I.P.)

**ECMMA News** Editor: Joy Galliford

2000 Convention Agenda:

1. A sixth region added: NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW
2. Members-At-Large are added to the Elected Board
3. Past President became voting member of the Board
4. A Board Visioning weekend retreat was held at Lynn Luce's home in Florida

# 2002 Convention IX ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Hosted by the North Central Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Mary Scripps

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Lynn Luce

First Vice President: Ruth Schechter

Second Vice President: Aviva Enoch

Secretary: Janet Silburn

Treasurer: Mary Scripps

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Jacqueline Huffman-Krizsa

Southeast Region: Jan Boner

North Central Region: Jan Vidruk

South Central Region: Diane Lange

Southwest Region: Judy Blakeney

Northwest Region: Linnea Hillesland

Members-At-Large: Mark Turner and Pamela Pinter Parsons (could not fulfill her position)

Past President: Lorna Singer

Board Advisor – Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Office Administrator – Nancy Lanning ('02); Victoria Stratton ('03)

ECMMA News Editor: Joy Galliford

2002 Convention Agenda:

1. Payment of all debts
2. Board of Advisors was established

# 2004 Convention X ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Lake Junaluska, NC

Hosted by the Southeast Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Aviva Enoch

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Jan Boner

First Vice President: Jan Vidruk

Second Vice President: Sharon Mello

Secretary: Jacqueline Huffman-Krizsa

Treasurer: Adina Lambert

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Jennie Mulqueen

Southeast Region: Tamara Albrecht

North Central Region: Lianne Brewer

South Central Region: Penny Caskey

Southwest Region: Julie Goodro

Northwest Region: Donna Sookraj

Members-At-Large: Judy Blakeney and Lorna Singer

Past President: Lynn Luce

Board Advisor: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton

ECMMA News Editor: Joy Galliford

2004 Convention Agenda:

1. Promote more Local Chapters
2. Add more Members-At-Large to correspond with growing Board responsibilities.
3. Replace **Early Childhood Connections** with other member benefits:
4. \*enhanced publication – **ECMMA News** becomes **Perspectives**
5. \*website expansion – wider range of services and resources – with paid webmaster

# 2006 Convention XI ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: San Diego, CA “Soaring Through a Rainbow of Music”

Hosted by the Southwest Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Sharon Mello

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Jan Vidruk

First Vice President: Mary Louise Wilson

Second Vice President: Jan Revkin

Secretary: Julie Goodro

Treasurer: Adina Lambert

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Laurie Mueller

Southeast Region: Ruth Prevette

North Central Region: Karri Gregor

South Central Region: Dena Register

Southwest Region: Marilu Briseno

Northwest Region: Virginia De Vries

Members-At-Large: Lara Davis, Sharon Mello, Lorna Singer, Judith Sullivan

Past President: Jan Boner

Board Advisor: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton

ECMMA News Editor: Joy Galliford

Content Editor: Judith Sullivan

## 2006 Convention Agenda:

1. Hire an administrative director
2. Continue to develop member benefits
3. Hire an Editor for the new Perspectives
4. Hire a Webmaster
5. Develop the website further

# 2008 Convention XII ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Providence, RI **“Waves in Motion: Sailing Through Learning Connections”**

Hosted by the Northeast Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Jane Revkin

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Jan Vidruk

First Vice President: Mary Louise Wilson

Second Vice President: Lorna Singer

Secretary: Julie Goodro

Treasurer: Adina Lambert

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Laurie Mueller

Southeast Region: Lara Davis

North Central Region: Judy Panning

South Central Region: Ekanem Ebinne

Southwest Region: Kathy Azari

Northwest Region: Susan Kirton

Members-At-Large: Sally Guerrero, Sharon Mello, Jane Revkin, Judith Sullivan

Past President: Jan Boner

Board Advisor: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton / Managing Director: Dr. Rick Townsend

Webmaster: Jeremiah Calvino

*Perspectives* Editor: Suzanne Burton / Layout: Karen Greer

## 2008 Convention Agenda:

1. Work with Dr. Townsend to develop new long-range goals
2. Create a new membership brochure
3. Make new contacts with other like-minded organizations
4. Continued development and use of the website
5. Campaign for more Supporting Business Members

# 2010 Convention XIII ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Leavenworth, KS “Sing Me a Story, Dance Me a Song”

Hosted by the South Central Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair: Lorna Singer

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Judy Panning

Vice President: Membership: Thom Borden

Vice President: Convention: Beth Gunshor

Vice President: Editorial: Diana Dansereau

Secretary: Sally Guerrero

Treasurer: Tami Biggerstaff

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Jane Revkin

Southeast Region: Judy Sullivan

North Central Region: Dorothy Denton

South Central Region: Leilani Miranda

Southwest Region: No Candidate

Northwest Region: Susan Kirton

Members-At-Large: Hannah Gruber, Lisa Gruenhagen, Sharon Mello,  
Lorna Singer, Mary Louise Wilson

Past President: Jan Vidruk

Board Advisor: Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton / Managing Director: Dr. Rick Townsend

Webmaster: Jeremiah Calvino

*Perspectives* Editor: Suzanne Burton / Graphic Artist: Karen Greer

2010 Convention Agenda:

# 2012 Convention XIV ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Green Lake, Wisconsin “Hear, Feel, Move, Sing”

Hosted by the North Central Region

Keynote Speaker:

Convention Chair:

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President: Judy Panning

Vice President: President Elect: Jennie Mulqueen

Vice President: Membership Chair: Steven Elmore

Vice President: Editorial Chair: Dr. Diana Dansereau

Vice President: Website Chair: Sharon Mello

Secretary/By Laws: Diana Greene

Treasurer: Tami Biggerstaff

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region: Karen Sloneker

Southeast Region: Suzanne Suris

North Central Region: Beth Ford

South Central Region: Dr. Brian Faulkner

Southwest Region: Linda Marie “Lyn” Codier

Northwest Region: Amoriza Gunnink

Past President: Jan Vidruk

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton / Managing Director: Dr. Rick Townsend

Webmaster: Heath Benedum

*Perspectives* Editor: Dr. Angela Barker

2012 Convention Agenda:

Graphic Artist: Karen Greer

# 2014 Convention XV ~ Early Childhood Music and Movement Association

Location: Atlanta, GA      “Grow in harmony”

Hosted by the Southeast Region

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Joyce Jordan-DeCarbo

Convention Chair:

Officers of Early Childhood Music and Movement Association:

President:

Vice President: President Elect:

Vice President: Membership Chair:

Vice President: Editorial Chair:

Vice President: Website Chair:

Secretary/By Laws:

Treasurer:

Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region:

Southeast Region:

North Central Region:

South Central Region:

Southwest Region:

Northwest Region:

Members-At-Large:

Past President: Judy Panning

Board Advisor:

Office Administrator: Victoria Stratton / Interim Managing Director: Tami Biggerstaff

Webmaster: Heath Benedum

*Perspectives* Editor:

/ Graphic Artist: Karen Greer

2014 Convention Agenda:



