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INTRODUCTION

This is the final publication covering the history of the National Association for Court Administration. The following pages feature the years October 1982 through July 1985. Two issues preceded this one: a ten-year history, and a five-year supplement.

Since the printing of the supplement, the major topic of discussion between the National Association for Court Administration and the National Association of Trial Court Administrators has been the question of merger.

Representatives from both associations were selected to serve on a Merger Committee and charged with studying the question of merger. After many meetings and much deliberation, the committee presented a proposal to the members at the joint meeting of NACA and NATCA in August 1984, in Boston, Massachusetts. A vote of each membership was taken, and each body elected to merge the two associations.

In July 1985, in Fort Worth, Texas, the new National Association for Court Management was born, and the unifying of NACA and NATCA was completed.

The officers and directors elected at that meeting are as follows:

President
Donald Cullen (Minnesota)

President-Elect
Bernard A. Scally III (Pennsylvania)

Vice-President
Judith Cramer (Ohio)

Secretary/Treasurer
John Clarke (New Jersey)

Urban Director
Rose Nugent (Wisconsin)

Rural Director
Linda D. Lovelace (Ohio)

Large Court Director
Robert A. Cannon (Washington)

Small Court Director
Karen Wick (Washington)

Elected Director
Ray Hardy (Texas)

Appointed Director
E. Marie Gardner (Colorado)

General Jurisdiction Director
K. Kent Batty (Michigan)

Limited Jurisdiction Director
G. Terry Aragon (Colorado)

Closing ceremonies for NACA were conducted by Gus Licari, and the members voted to transfer all files and records to the National Center for State Courts, to be stored for future historical purposes.

The president’s plaque was presented to President Kathy Gehring. The NACA banner was returned to the St. Louis Chapter through their president, Donna Johnson. NACA’s gavel, given to the association by the Washington State Association for Court Administration, was presented to the new president, Don Cullen.

The 1985 Award of Merit was awarded to Jean Mathias, who is from Virginia.

In NACA’s seventeenth year, the curtain came down on its history with a Texas-style send-off from Conference Chairman Dianna Heiner. And now, we venture into a new beginning with NACM.
William D. O’Leary was elected president at the 1982 annual meeting, held September 28-October 1 in Mobile, Alabama. He was installed amid the gala Mardi Gras Awards Banquet and Ball, and in keeping with the spirit of the evening was dressed as a sheik.

Bobby Branum served as chairman for this fourteenth annual meeting.

President O’Leary’s administration began with the filling of seven board seats instead of the usual four. This allowed more members to receive training for office, and was made possible because some dedicated, experienced members agreed to chair key committees.

The midyear board meeting was held in Reno, Nevada. In addition to the necessary business handled by the board of directors, plans for the following annual meeting in Reno, Nevada, (August 28 to September 2) were finalized.

This annual meeting marked the fifth joint meeting with NATCA.

The educational program was adapted to accommodate both groups, with a full 40 hours of education offered to participants. The program featured sessions on personal liability for administrative acts, group dynamics and friendly persuasion, verbal and nonverbal communications, paper simplification, making use of statistics, recent trends in court budgeting, and recent court trends in personnel.

A highlight of this meeting was the memberships’ adoption of a resolution to form an ad hoc Merger Study Commission. Other events of note were: (1) a letter of recognition from Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to Bea Boone from Olympia, Washington, for years of fine service both in her own court and in NATCA; (2) presentation of the NATCA Award of Merit to Gus LiCari; and (3) the address given at the closing banquet by Peter D. Robinson, deputy secretary to the Lord Chancellor of England, in London.

Hopes were high at the end of this year that the work of the Merger Study Commission would lay the controversial issue to rest, one way or the other.
Bobby T. Branum was installed into office in Reno, Nevada, as the fifteenth president of NACA.

During his term of office Vernon Fishback, secretary, resigned before the midyear board meeting. Director Vergie Wente was appointed to that position, from which she resigned in July 1984, before the annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

During his tenure, President Branum was invited to and attended the midyear meeting of the Conference of State Court Administrators, held December 8-10, 1983, in Williamsburg, Virginia. While there, he attended the meeting of the board of directors, and meetings of the membership and various other committees.

In February, he attended the annual meeting of the St. Louis Chapter and was warmly received at their banquet. Everything went very well, with the exception of nearly being snowed in.

The question of merging NACA and NATCA and the work of the Merger Commission highlighted this presidential term. The Merger Commission met three times this year: in Reno, in September; Denver, in January; and Chicago, in April.

NACA was a cosponsor of the National Conference on Court Technology, held April 26-29, 1984, in Chicago. The association was assigned the task of presenting three segments at the conference: (1) cash registers; (2) answering machines/telecomputers; and (3) active and inactive filing systems (paper-based filing systems).

President Branum enthusiastically endorsed three surveys proposed during his term: one measuring the salaries of court managers nationwide; another determining the expectations of new members; and a third seeking information from members who did not renew their membership. It was thought the results of the surveys would be highly informative and would greatly benefit our association.

After the annual board and membership meetings, President Branum’s term ended—and the question of merger had been decided. As he left office, his hope and expectation were that the new organization would better serve our profession.
Kathleen M. Gehring was installed as NACA's sixteenth president at the 1984 annual meeting, held August 26-31 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

This year proved historic, and it was fitting that the final president of NACA assumed her office in the city of Paul Revere, Bunker Hill, and the Boston Tea Party.

At the annual business meeting of the members, Bobby Branum passed the gavel to Kathy Gehring, who made a personal commitment to guiding NACA smoothly toward the coming merger. The membership, on a motion by Lewis Collins, voted to accept Jacque Menke as an honorary member of NACA.

Additional NACA meetings were required to prepare for the merger, and President Gehring traveled extensively during her term. She also attended numerous meetings of other organizations interested in court management: the annual conference of the Texas Association for Court Administration; the midyear meeting of the Conference of State Court Administrators; and the annual meeting of the St. Louis chapter, where she installed the newly elected officers and presented an award of appreciation to Jacque Menke. She was invited to represent NACA at the 1985 annual meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices, held in Lexington, Kentucky.

President Gehring established a scholarship/fellowship award for NACA. When the merger proceedings required an initial board of directors for the new organization (to serve until formal dissolution of NACA and NACTA), Kathy was selected to serve as president. When her term of office concluded at the 1985 annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, she thus presided over the last meeting of NACA and over the first conference of NACM, and she installed the officers and directors of the new association.

For her work in guiding NACA to the final merger, her pivotal role in laying the foundation for the new organization, and her dedication to the improvement of court administration, the National Center for State Courts bestowed on President Gehring its 1985 Distinguished Service Award.
Officer, Directors, and Annual Meeting Chairmen 1983-85

Joyce M. Allen
Administrator
Municipal Court
Westminster, Colorado
Director 1982-85

G. Terry Aragon
Administrator
Municipal Court
Boulder, Colorado
Organizational Committee Member
Treasurer 1968-69
Second Vice-President 1969-70
President 1970-72
Director 1976-78
Annual Meeting Chairman, August 17-23, 1980, Snowmass, Colorado
Annual Meeting Chairman, August 28-September 2, 1983, Reno, Nevada

Kathryn Barrett
Administrator
Mesa City Court
Mesa, Arizona
Director 1983-85

V.J. Beninati, Jr.
District Clerk
Galveston Co. District Court
Galveston, Texas
Director 1981-83
Vice-President 1983-84
President-Elect 1984-85

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Clerk
Municipal Court
Fairborn, Ohio
Director 1980-82
Director 1982-83 (appointed to fill unexpired term of Todd Barton)
Treasurer 1983-84

Eric M. Coeitl
Clerk
Municipal Court
Oshawa Falls, Ohio
Director 1982-84

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Director 1980-82
Treasurer 1982-83
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Circuit Clerk
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Treasurer 1984-85

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Circuit Court
Talladega, Alabama
Director 1984-85
Vice-President 1984-85

Ray Hardy
District Clerk
Harris County Civil Court
Houston, Texas
Director 1984-85

Dianne L. Heimer
Administrator
Municipal Court
Fort Worth, Texas
Director 1982-83
Annual Meeting Chairman,
July 20-28, 1985, Fort Worth, Texas

Donna M. Johnson
Court Clerk
21st Judicial Circuit
Municipal Division
Overland, Missouri
Director 1984-85

Linda D. Lovelace
Clerk of Court
Butler County Courts
Hamilton, Ohio
Director 1984-85

Rosie C. Nugent
Chief Administrator
Municipal Court
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Director 1983-85

Charles H. Perenick
Clerk/Magistrate
Concord District Court
Concord, Massachusetts
Director September 1981 to
February 1982
Annual Meeting Chairman
August 28-31, 1984,
Boston, Massachusetts
Joan F. Reagan
Clerk
Municipal Court
Clayton, Missouri
Treasurer 1981-82
Secretary 1982-83

Sarah B. Sowell
Chief Deputy Clerk
Gainesville, Florida
Director 1984-85

Vergie Rente
Chief Clerk
15th Judicial District
Hoxie, Kansas
Director 1982-84
Secretary January 13, 1984
to August 1984

Karen A. Wick
Administrator
Evergreen District Court
Monroe, Washington
Secretary 1984-85

Virginia Young
Clerk
Municipal Court
Florissant, Missouri
Director 1982-84
Honorary Members

Winslow Christian

Ernest Friesen

Justice Tom Clark (deceased)

Glenn Winters

Jacque Mencke

The membership voted Jacque Mencke an honorary member at the August 1984 annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. From Overland, Missouri, Mencke was elected president at the 1975 annual meeting, held at the Sheraton Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas. She organized the only chapter of NAGA in St. Louis.
Charter Members

Carl A. Acker, Rocky River, OH
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G. Terry Aragon, Boulder, CO
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Frank W. Karrick, Lorain, CA
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Betty K. Matthews, Camarillo, CA
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Audrey L. Wensinger, Fremont, OH
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Marion G. Wright, Reno, NV
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