

Affiliation with NCTM



THE EXECUTIVE discussed possible affiliation with the National Council of Teachers of

Mathematics (NCTM) in December 1962 and agreed to get more information. In October 1963, a motion was made to proceed with affiliation, after checking with the ATA.

In February 1964, Mel Sillito reported that the ATA would encourage affiliation, and the necessary forms were sent to NCTM. In September, the reply from NCTM was read into the minutes, informing "us that our application for affiliation with the NCTM was approved by the Board of Directors, and that we [would] receive our Certificate of Affiliation at the Detroit NCTM Meeting." Plans were made to send President Len Pallesen as our delegate to the Detroit meeting in April 1965. At the executive meeting in May, Len reported he was

greatly impressed with the large attendance, the excellent facilities and the interesting speakers [and that a] recommendation was made to the Board of Directors, through the Delegate Assembly, that it continue and intensify a study of ways and means of improving service to the Canadian membership of NCTM.

Len reported that his overall impression "was that the state of mathematics in Alberta need not be apologized for in any part. The preparation of our elementary

teachers, and our systematic handling of modern mathematics, compares favorably with the state-wide picture in any state." Since that meeting in 1965, MCATA has sent a delegate to every NCTM annual meeting and delegate assembly.

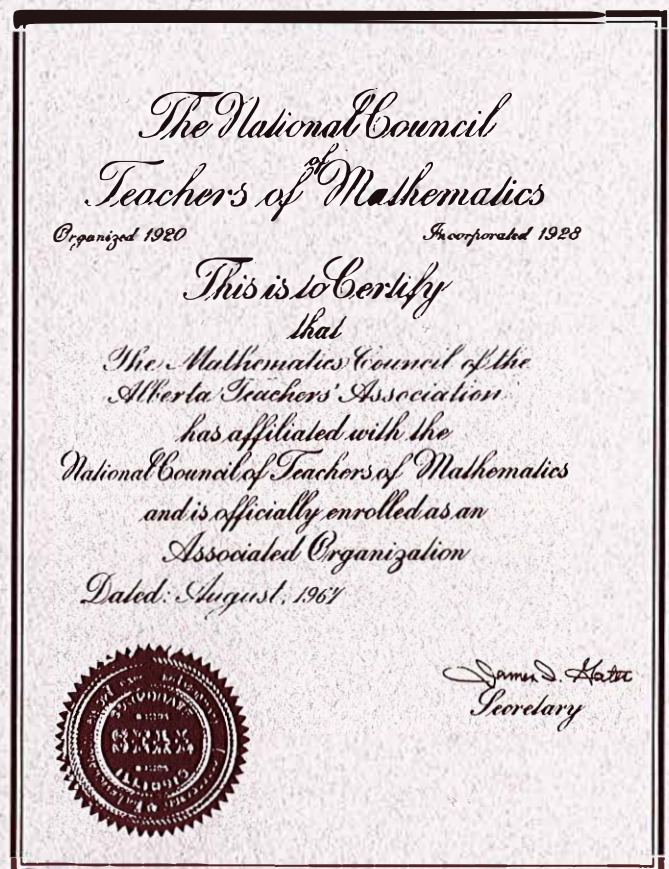
At the same time it applied for affiliation (September 1964), the

AD 1795

France adopts the metric system.

AD 1800

Set theory, a key element in modern mathematics, is introduced and developed.



executive expressed an interest in sponsoring an NCTM summer meeting in Alberta. In November 1964, council heard that a summer NCTM meeting could be held in Alberta in 1966, subject to approval of facilities. The possibility of holding the meeting at the Banff Springs Hotel was investigated by the executive but did not prove feasible because of space availability, so the

executive recommended that the meeting be held on the university campus in Calgary, August 25–27, 1966. Ted Rempel was appointed general chair and Sid Lindstedt as program chair. Plans were well under way by November 1965, and, at executive meetings from then on, a good deal of time was spent planning the meeting.

A Joint MCATA-NCTM Membership Drive was held in September 1966. Copies of the MCATA brochure, the NCTM brochure and list of current publications, a copy of either *The Arithmetic Teacher* or *The Mathematics Teacher* and a covering letter were distributed to every school in the province using the professional development mailing list.

Two other NCTM services were used: MCATA regularly applied for an NCTM “underwrite” of annual meetings, which meant that, in the event of a financially disastrous meeting, NCTM would cover the losses; and NCTM materials were ordered on consignment and sold at every opportunity, such as local ATA conventions, with MCATA keeping 20 percent of sales receipts.

All monies made from the sale of NCTM materials in 1971 were donated to the NCTM Building Fund. In addition, a \$200 donation was made in honor of M. E. LaZerte. The executive asked Doyal Nelson and Joan Kirkpatrick to organize a western Canada campaign to collect money for the building fund in Dr. LaZerte’s name. Enough money was raised so that both MCATA and Dr. LaZerte’s names appear on the Honored Mathematics Educators plaque hanging in the new NCTM building.

Another NCTM meeting was held in Alberta, October 4–6, 1973, this time in Edmonton at the Château Lacombe. The general chair was

MCATA president Dick Daly; the program chair was Stu McCormick. The MCATA paid for meetings of the planning committee, so there was much less detailed discussion of this second meeting at executive meetings.

Other NCTM Meetings

Calgary, 1979	Lyle Pagnucco <i>general chair</i>
Edmonton, 1986	Joan Worth <i>general chair</i>
Calgary, 1990	George Ditto <i>general chair</i>
Edmonton, 1994	Florence Glanfield <i>general chair</i>

MCATA Executive Members Who Served NCTM

- Doyal Nelson, Board of Directors
- Joan (Kirkpatrick) Worth, Canadian representative and chair of Committee of Affiliated Groups; Board of Directors; Publications Committee; member and subsequently chair of *Arithmetic Teacher* Editorial Panel
- George Cathcart, member and subsequently chair of Publications Committee
- George Ditto, Canadian representative on Meetings Committee
- Dick Kopan, Canadian representative and subsequently chair of Regional Services Committee (formerly CAG)
- Florence Glanfield, Canadian representative on Regional Services Committee
- Tom Schroeder
- Marshall Bye
- Al Neufeld
- Art Jørgensen
- John Percevault

AD 1833



Charles Babbage invents differential calculating machine.

AD 1847

George Boole publishes *Mathematical Analysis of Logic*, which shows logic to be a branch of mathematics.