

Central CAEYC History, Decade 1960-1969

1960-1963

Local Level: Central California was one of the five regional associations of CANE.

State Level: CANE State presidents were Helen Frederick (1959-1961) and Bettie Boyd (1961-1963). November 27-29, 1961, the CANE Conference was at Miramar, Santa Monica. November 9-11, 1962, the CANE Conference was at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. November 8-11, 1963, the CANE Conference was at Disneyland, Anaheim. "California increased its scope of membership by incorporating the name adopted by NAEYC in 1965-1966. The five regional associations of CANE (Northern California, Southern California, Central California, San Diego, Tri-Counties) became the California Association for the Education of Young Children. The members gradually accepted the new name and scopes to serve education of children from birth to age 8 years." Source; Brief History of CAEYC and the Board of Directors published in the CAEYC Board of Directors Manual, 1991.

National Level: Ralph Leo Witherspoon was president of NANE-NAEYC from 1963-1966. In 1964 NANE was reorganized as the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "Also that year, the federal Head Start program was launched, focusing public attention on preschool education." Source: History of NAEYC, Historical Overview, downloaded 2/5/2009.

The NANE conference was October 18-21, 1961, in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme was "Children in Focus." Source: 1961 NANE President's report by Edith M. Dowley.

1964-1966

Local Level: Maxine Prastka was Central California Association for the Education of Young Children (CCAIEYC) President from 1964 thru 1966. (She passed away June 26, 1999 at the age of 84.)

State Level: During the transition from CANE to California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) the State presidents were Alma Green (1963-1965) and Sarah Foot (1965-1967).

November 20-22, 1964 the CAEYC Annual Conference was held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove. November 13 to 15 [or 12-14], 1965, the CAEYC conference was held at the Miramar Hotel, in Santa Barbara. At this 1965 conference, it was announced that each of the sections in California became affiliated with National. The next CAEYC conference was on November 18 to 20 [or 11-13], 1966 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

National Level: Ralph Leo Witherspoon was president of NANE-NAEYC from 1963-1966. November 3-11, 1967, was a CAEYC and NAEYC joint conference at the Sheraton Hotel in San Francisco.

1966-1967

Local Level: Doris Taylor began as CCAEYC president in 1966 but resigned (Doris passed away September 3, 2014 at age 92.) [Historians' note: There are conflicting references to when Doris Taylor was actually president.] The first minutes available were in 1966 with Marie Whiteside as President. She was listed as president from 1966 thru 1968. Four meetings were held with the executive board and with the membership. Officers were President,

Marie Whiteside; Vice President, Alice Downing; Treasurer, Pauline Shubin; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Souza.

In May, 1966 the group reported \$306.11 in the treasury. A membership tea was planned to invite all Head Start Teachers and Aides, along with private and co-op teachers.

State Level: CAEYC State president was Sarah Foot (1965-1967). The California conference was in Los Angeles at Disneyland, November 11-13 with the theme, "Exploring on Behalf of Young Children."

National Level: Ralph Leo Witherspoon was president of NANE-NAEYC from 1963-1966. The NAEYC conference that year was held in Chicago on Nov. 2-5. The theme was: "The Young Child Rediscovered." In accordance with the new constitution, dues were sent directly to NAEYC. Plans were made to have the new constitution available to all members at the October meeting.

1967-1968

Local Level: CCAEYC President Doris Taylor hosted a meeting in the Sarah McCardle Room at the Fresno County Library. Hazel Lamber from Fresno State College (FSC), proposed classes in nursery education for the summer. Mrs. Story stressed the importance of Nursery Education classes for Teachers' Permits and Renewal of permits. Dr. Arnie Nixon, FSC was the speaker on "Children's Literature," and "Techniques in Story Telling."

The Treasurer reported \$266.95 in February, 1967. It was approved that the group pay transportation, lodging and food for officers who were in attendance at State Board meetings.

Vera Taylor from Fresno State College was the speaker on the topic, "Children's Play." Ruth Georgian, Speech consultant, Fresno County Dept. of Education, was the speaker in November, 1967. Brochures were distributed for CAEYC.

State Level: Marian Anderson was CAEYC State President from 1967-1969. On November 3-11, 1967, there was a CAEYC and NAEYC joint conference at the Sheraton Hotel in San Francisco. The local central group voted against hosting the State Conference in Fresno during 1968, and notified the State President.

National Level: Eveline Beaver Omwake was president of NAEYC from 1967-1970. The NAEYC Annual Conference was November 8-13, 1967, at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California.

1968-1969

Local Level: CCAEYC President Marie Whiteside, along with Vera Taylor and Nancy Mallory presented highlights from the National Conference. Ideas for the month were presented by Margaret Ginet, Leona Fryer and Carol Brammer. Plans were made for the National Nursery Education week. The treasurer reported a balance of \$375.43. Billie Bowers, kindergarten teacher from FSC presented, "Activating an Individualized and Interrelated Curriculum." A film, "The New Nursery School," was shown.

State Level: Marian Anderson was CAEYC State President from 1967-1969. Vera Taylor, Coral Edquist and Nancy Mallory reported on the California Association for the Education of Young Children's State convention held in San Diego.

In a March 1969 summary report of a teacher standard survey, the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools presented the following:

Director's salary range was \$720-195.85 per month, and a Masters Degree was required. Director Teachers got \$480-260 per month, and a Bachelor Degree was required. Teachers got \$348-200 and were also required to have a Bachelor's Degree. Assistant Teachers got \$150-135, and substitute Teachers got \$19.50 to \$5 a session. They all worked for 10 months, from 2 ½ to 4 hours per day for 5 days a week. The number of children in groups was from 15 to 40.

National Level: Eveline Beaver Omwake was president of NAEYC from 1967-1970.

1969-1970

Local Level: In May, 1969, Marie Whiteside resigned as CCAEYC President. Vera Taylor, Vice President, moved into the President's position and Nancy Mallory became Vice-President. Patricia Booth served as chapter recording secretary. The group began plans for hosting the California State CAEYC Conference to be held in 1970. The Del Webb Town House was booked. A variety of keynote speakers were proposed. Irene McClung accepted the position of Registrar. Minutes for the balance of the year were filed with the 1970 conference report.

State Level: Marian Anderson was CAEYC state president from 1967-1969. Agatha Cohee was State President from 1969-1970. On November 8-10, 1969, the CAEYC conference was at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego.

The next state conference was on March 6-8, 1970 at the Del Webb, in Fresno. This was the first CAEYC state conference held in Fresno. At this time the five sections of the state organization took turns hosting the state conference. Half the profits were sent to CAEYC and half were kept by the hosting section. The conference was held at the Del Webb hotel in downtown Fresno. CCAEYC had around 50 members at this time. One thousand people attended the conference, this was at least 300 more attendees than expected so it was necessary to close registration. There was a \$7319.22 profit from the conference which put CAEYC in the black for the first time. Joyce Huggins had come to Fresno and she was put to work selling publications from a card table set up at the bottom of the stairs.

National Level: Eveline Beaver Omwake was President of NAEYC from 1967-1970.