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May 2021 — Carol Ann Bone, President

Greetings to my great music-teacher friends!

This is my last letter to you, as I will be "handing the gavel" to a new MTACA President. It has been a wonderful four years. It was also a wonderful four years during the first decade of the 21st Century. Eight years total — I can't believe it!

We have had our oddest year this time due to the global pandemic. Every single one of us, plus all of our friends and relatives, have had to change our ways of going about our day to day business.

We've still had great programs, although they were by Zoom. Plus, we managed to have the Playathon online and the Honors Recital with masks and distancing. We even had our yearly workshop with a composer. We've proved that we can survive!

Your incoming President, Dr. Scott Carrell, will bring some new ideas to our group beginning June 1st. Let's all get mentally prepared for whichever direction he leads us as we work to be an important music organization for our part of the state.

My wish is that each of you will try to either do something brand new in our association, or else do an old job in a new way. Stretch your minds and welcome the future. And while you're at it, have some fun!

In harmony and peace,
Carol Ann

"Fine" ~ this program is over

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A few facts from the June 2020 Newsletter,
Spotlighting Scott Carrell, PhD — Member since 1991:

Scott has been on five continents during childhood and adulthood, living in North America, Africa, and Europe while visiting Asia and South America.

He was greatly inspired by the ragtime revival of the 1970's to begin piano lessons and study. Even his earliest compositions were rags. He still enjoys returning to this literature and sharing it with audiences.

One of his classical inspirations from this early time period was hearing a recording of the Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1. It was a dream of his to perform it someday with an orchestra, and he was blessed with that opportunity in 1998 with a group in west Texas.

"Dabbling in original composition for many years has resulted in the occasional completed work," he says. A half-sabbatical was taken in 2010 and time was spent composing several works. Even today he still enjoys the compositional process.

He has an affinity for French music, which has been included on many of his programs and recitals. The harmonies and melodic ideas of the French composers are very appealing to him.

He and his wife, Cindy, visited Florence, Italy in 2011 and performed in several venues in that area - she on trumpet and he on piano. Harding University selected them to lead a study abroad program for two months in Paris, France in 2014. He is definitely a world traveler!

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