Memories of Conferences Past
On April 7, 1988, U.S. Association for Computational Mechanics was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization to promote and organize activities in computational mechanics in the U.S.

- Designated as members of the Founding Board of Directors were Ted Belytschko, Richard Gallagher, and J.T. Oden.

- The following officers were elected by ballot:
  - President: J. Tinsley Oden
  - Vice-President: T.J.R. Hughes
  - Treasurer: T. Belytschko
  - Secretary: A.K. Noor

In 1991, the first U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics was held in Chicago, Illinois and was organized by Ted Belytschko, W.K. Liu, and Brian Moran.
Background

The IACM (International Association for Computational Mechanics) was organized several years ago to promote and organize activities in the general area of computational mechanics. Since its inception, there have been an increasing number of national committees on computational mechanics organized in various countries, as a result of increased interest and to better organize and represent that country's interests and to better foster its participation in IACM affairs. The national committees on computational mechanics elect representatives to serve on the IACM Governing Council.

For years there has been interest in forming a U.S. Association for Computational Mechanics (USACM). J. T. Oden, who serves as Vice-President of IACM representing the Americas, always encouraged from a number of other U.S. specialists in computational mechanics, invited a group of IACM members and guests to a dinner meeting in Boston on December 13, 1987, to discuss formation of a USACM.

T. H. H. Pian made arrangements for a meeting of the group over dinner at a restaurant close to the Boston Sheraton, where most participants were attending the Winter Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Twenty-one people attended the meeting, and after some discussion, agreed on a general format and plan for establishing the USACM. The following officers were elected by ballot:
1996 ASME Meeting - Atlanta
Congreso Internacional de Métodos Numéricos en Ingeniería y Ciencias Aplicadas, in Guanajuato, Mexico January 17-19, 2002
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2002-06 ICES Board of Visitors - Austin
2004-06 NSF SBES Blue Ribbon Panel

NSF SBES Workshop, April 2004
2009 USNCCM - Columbus
Professor Oñate received the Ted Belytschko AMD Award; Professor Bazant received the Timoshenko Medal; ASME Meeting, Orlando, November, 2009
Ken Chong Received the Ted Belytschko Award, 2011
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Happy Birthday, Ted!

May our scrapbooks continue to fill with mementos of you and your smile in many conferences and meetings long into the future.