

A History of the Midwest Sociological Society¹

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The Origin of The Midwest Sociological Society

Charles N. Burrows

Charles N. Burrows was one of the founding members of the Midwest Sociological Society. Here he describes the difficulties attendant to organizing the first meeting. Reprinted from *The Mid-West Sociologist*, Volume VIII (December, 1945), pages 4-5.

The Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists was organized in 1916, with Dr. Norris A. Brisco of the State University of Iowa as the first President. With the exception of 1918 and 1919, annual meetings of this association were held through 1935. About 1931 or 1932, the Mid-West Economics Association was organized. The first three or four meetings of this association were held outside the State of Iowa. Being held outside the state, this association did not seriously interfere with the attendance of the Iowa Economists at the annual meetings of the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists. The Economists were always considerably more numerous than sociologists in the membership of the Iowa Association.

The Mid-West Economists decided to hold their 1936 annual meeting in Des Moines. I happened to be President of the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists that year. It seemed very doubtful that the Economists of Iowa would be willing to attend the Midwest and the state meeting. I personally conferred with Dr. E.B. Reuter, Dr. F.E. Haynes and Professor Clyde Hart of the State University of Iowa, and with Dr. Ray Wakeley of Iowa State College. The problem of holding the 1936 annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists was considered, with the recognition that the attendance of the Iowa Economists at such a

meeting would most probably be very small. The Iowa Economists would all wish to attend the session of the Mid-West Economics Association. Consideration was given to the advisability of attempting to organize a Mid-West Sociological Society to somewhat correspond to the Mid-West Economics Association. It was agreed that this was probably the only way to meet the situation that year, and it was decided to call a meeting of the sociologists at Des Moines for the dates on which the Mid-West Economists were scheduled to hold their annual meeting at Des Moines. This date was April 9-11, 1936. Letters were addressed to the Head of the Department of Sociology at every University and College in the State of Iowa, and in all the states surrounding Iowa plus North Dakota and Kansas. These included the States of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. A number of letters were also addressed to instructors of sociology at several of the junior colleges. The letter included an announcement of the meeting, an invitation to attend, a request that other members of the staff be brought along, and an inquiry as to what person or persons on the staff might have something to present on the program. A splendid response was received both for attendance and for program material. Some 75 delegates were in attendance, about 40 of these being from outside the state of Iowa. The program was in every way quite superior.

The Roots of the Midwest Sociological Society

It is in many ways difficult to imagine the sense of collegiality, professionalism and sense of purpose that characterized the first meeting of “The Sociologists of the Mid-West.” That was the organizational name that appeared on the program in 1936 when sociologists in the Midwest first came together as a separate organization.

The roots of the fledgling organization rested in the *Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists*. That organization met first in 1916 at the University of Iowa, and met annually through 1935, (with the exception of 1918 and 1919), at colleges and universities across the state. In 1931 or 1932, the economists of the Midwest formed a regional association, an action that seemed to threaten the existence of the *Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists*.

In an effort to preserve the opportunities for professional engagement, Iowa sociologists, led by Charles N. Burrows, contacted sociologists at colleges and universities throughout the nine states that currently constitute the Midwest Region, asking that they

meet in Des Moines to present their research April 9-11, 1936. The Twenty-first Annual meeting of the *Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists* was held “in conjunction with” *The Mid-West Economics Association* and the *Sociologists of the Mid-West* on those dates, at the Fort Des Moines Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa.

The First Programs of the MSS

The “Sociology division” in 1936 offered five sessions, lasting from two to three hour each, a business meeting and a banquet. The banquet was held jointly with the other organizations mentioned above and with the Iowa Branch of the American Association of University Professors.

Sessions in 1936 did not have titles and only one session reflected a theme, with papers on juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, and identification of criminals through fingerprinting. Most participants in the 1936 program were from Iowa schools including the University of Iowa, Iowa State College at Ames, Simpson College, and Grinnell College. But presentations also were made by faculty members from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Nebraska State Normal College at Chadron, Nebraska; University of Missouri at Columbia; Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska; and the College of St. Thomas at St. Paul, Minnesota. Thus, six of the nine states that presently constitute the Midwest region were represented among participants at the first meeting. To the extent that gender can be discerned (in several cases only initials are used), one woman participated in this first meeting. She was Laetitia M. Conard from Grinnell College. That year the association dues were \$1.00.

In 1937 Mid-West Sociologists met at the New Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa from April 15 through 17. The program underwent major changes from the first gathering to the second, with seven sociological paper sessions, and one joint session with the Mid-West Economic Association. All sessions lasted one and one-half hours, and during one time slot, two sessions were held concurrently.

Paper sessions in 1937 were thematic and included “Sections” on Rural Sociology, Social Psychology, The Family, and Ecology and Population; “Forums” on Juvenile Delinquency and on Research; and a “Symposium” on the Social Psychology of George Mead. Participating in these sessions were sociologists from Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Washington. Economists from Minnesota also were

present. Names of several participants might be recognized today, particularly as they relate to disciplinary specialties. Those included E. W. Burgess, Saul D. Alinsky, J. O. Hertzler, Ellsworth Faris, E.A. Ross, S. A. Queen and Noel P. Gist.

In addition to these sessions and the joint session with the economists, the participants in 1937 held a banquet with the economists, a business meeting and three committee meetings - including Committee on Local Arrangements and a General Committee. The still formative nature of the organization is indicated by the title of the third committee - "Character of proposed Mid-West Sociological Society." The agenda for the committee included "Place of Meeting and Nominations. This committee title is the first recorded use of the current organizational name.

Meetings of the MSS were held in Des Moines through 1947, presumably because of its roots in the Iowa Association and because of the geographic centrality of Iowa in the region. No meetings were held in 1943 and 1945. Since then, meetings have been held in various Midwestern cities.²

Early Years through *The Mid-West Sociologist*

Some understanding of the early years of the Midwest Sociological Society can be gained from issues addressed in *The Mid-West Sociologist*, the initial newsletter of the organization. In the February 1939, Volume I, No 1 of *The Mid-West Sociologist*, President Noel P. Gist commented on the state of the society and reflected on the relationship of this new organization to the American Sociological Society.

"Just three years ago the "founding fathers" of the Mid-West Sociological Society were laying plans for a regional organization. Today that organization has become a reality. One of a half dozen regional societies in the country, it has arisen to meet the needs of professional sociologists in the Mid-West region.

While the original problems of the organization have, in the main, been solved, new questions of organization are being raised. So far, the relations between the American Sociological Society and the regional societies have not been worked out satisfactorily. Yet all will undoubtedly agree that some arrangement is highly desirable. For this reason a committee will be appointed to explore the possibilities of a regional-national arrangement and to present its findings and

² See Appendix III for a list of all annual meeting sites from 1937 through the present.

recommendations at the spring meeting. It is hoped that between now and then the members of the Society will give the matter serious consideration and come prepared to deal with the problem.”

The remainder of the newsletter was devoted to information about the Committee on Research, the annual meeting program and to notes about activities at institutions in the Mid-West.

Volume II, Number 1 appeared in June 1939. Notes in that volume pointed to growth in the Mid-West Sociological Society with an estimated 145 persons registered for the meeting in Des Moines, up 25% from the previous year. The MSS already was serving students, as about 40 of the registrants were undergraduate and graduate students, and a Student Sociological Society was mentioned in this and in future programs. The issue also notes that five Past Presidents of the American Sociological Society attended the Mid-West meetings this year, “namely: J. M. Gillette, E. B. Reuter, L.L. Bernard, F.S. Chapin and Ellsworth Farris.” By this 1939 date the MSS claimed 152 members, of which 25 were sustaining and 54% were members of the American Sociological Society.

The relationship to the American Sociological Society was an important issue for this fledgling organization, and apparently for other regional organizations as well. At the 1939 MSS meeting “The following action on Regional-National Relations was taken.

1. That the American Sociological Society should be looked upon as a federation of regional societies as well as a purely national society.
2. That the national society arrange for joint membership at a standard fee, a portion of which is to be returned to the regional society as the regional fee of a member.”

The November 1939 issue of *The Mid-west Sociologist* reported on the continuing work of the “Research Committee” and on the fact that the “Committee on Organization of the National Society” would present a scheme for the reorganization of the American Sociological Society at its meetings in Philadelphia. A focus on teaching in the regional societies already was apparent, as a lengthy report in this issue summarized a report from the Ohio Valley Sociologist Vol. XII, No. 3 on a study of “the development of Sociology curricula.” In addition the 1940 program included two sessions on teaching – one for High School Teachers and the other focused on the role of the Student Sociological Society.

The 1940 meeting was a joint meeting with the Mid-West Economics Association. All sessions carried titles corresponding to fields within the discipline (Criminology, Social Psychology, Rural Sociology, Sociometry, The Family, Sociology and Social Work, Regional Research, Rural-Urban Research, Educational Sociology) with many having specific sub-topics identified. That meeting saw 140 registrants, a 70% increase in attendance. Student attendance increased from 32 the previous year to 83. Dues for regular members was \$1.

During the early 1940s *The Mid-west Sociologist* carried a great deal of news of the activities of members in relation to the war. Volume V, #3 carried news from President James M. Reinhardt that the 1943 meetings were canceled.

“It is a matter of keen regret to me that a decision to abandon plans for the April meeting of the Society became necessary... The decision was made inescapable by advices received at the end of January from the Office of Defense Transportation, and by a consideration of the difficulties confronting the Society in the way of securing hotel accommodations in Des Moines.”

The remainder of the issue focused on news about various research groups that had been working on sessions for the canceled meetings.

In 1944 member sentiment was strong that a meeting should be held, and by 1944 meeting themes emerged. In that November 1944 newsletter, President David Lindstrom presented several ideas received from members for the theme of the meeting. The most support seemed to be garnered by “Social Change in Wartime.” The 1944 meetings were held April 22-23, 1944 at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines. The meeting was held on a Saturday and Sunday due to “the fact that many of our members engaged in military teaching programs could not attend at any other time.” But there was no meeting in 1945. Since 1946 the Midwest Sociological *Society has met annually*.

The Role of *The Mid-West Sociologist*

By June 1941 (Vol. VI, Number 1), the fact that *The Mid-west Sociologist* would move toward scholarly activities was apparent with the listing of an editor, acting editor and seven member editorial board. In that issue, the Editorial Board page carried, among other notes, a request that members “submit for publication brief papers and summaries of research.” From then on, at least one issue of *The Mid-West Sociologist* each year carried summaries of ongoing research. The September 1947 issue, with the exception of reports

from the secretary and treasurer, was devoted entirely to abstracts of papers presented at the previous annual meeting. Many of those papers focused on teaching in the discipline, both content and pedagogy. By 1948, most issues of *The Mid-West Sociologist* were devoted to abstracts of presentations and to short articles. By 1949 *The Mid-West Sociologist* was devoted almost entirely to scholarly pieces. Among articles in the fall 1949 issue was “The Position and Prospects of Sociology as a Professional Field” by Talcott Parsons.” That issue also carried ads from several book companies, a practice that continued for many years.

In spring 1954, Volume XVI, #2 of *The Midwest Sociologist* for the first time carried the subtitle “Official Journal of the Midwest Sociological Society. That is the first issue that appears to be typeset, rather than typed. It carried longer articles and was very much in a journal format. No further issue of *The Midwest Sociologist* are available at this writing. But in January 1960 the first issues of both *The Sociological Quarterly* and *Newsletter: The Midwest Sociological Society* appeared. The early issues of the *Newsletter* were devoted primarily to news about sociology departments and members throughout the Midwest, as well as to news about the annual meetings.

The History of the MSS through Committees

At the time of the first meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in 1937 several committees were listed in the program. From 12:00-1:30 pm on the only full day of the meetings, three committees – “Character of Proposed Mid-West Sociological Society,” “Place of Meeting,” and “Nominations” – met to plan for the future of the organization. The program also listed a “Committee on Local Arrangements,” undoubtedly comprised of those who had planned the 1937 meeting.

Newsletters carried information about committees until 1942. During those years committees that attended to the organization of the fledgling professional society dominated. These include local arrangements, executive and nominations committees, as well as public relations, and transportation committees. Other committees perhaps reflected the dominant issues of the time. A committee first called “Committee on Organization of the National Society” and later “Committee on Regional-National Relations” reflected the struggle over what should be the relationship between the American Sociological Society and the regional associations.

One committee that emerged in 1939 had a great deal of influence on the direction of the MSS, including on the themes of early meetings. In 1941 the Committee took over publication of the *Midwest Sociologist*.

The committee structure evolved with consonant with changing emphases of the organization as well as changes in political culture. But through the years several basic types of committees have guided the MSS; committees charged with ensuring that the Society maintains itself and fulfills its basic functions; committees that deal with issues related to sociologists and their professions; and committees that arise in response to national and international political and social issues.

Committees that Maintain the Midwest Sociological Society

Executive Oversight

Until very recently (about 1999) the Midwest Sociological Society was a totally volunteer organization. Elected and volunteer officers took care of all aspects of the Society's business. An "Executive Committee" appeared in 1940. From 1971 through 1980 the Crisis Committee, comprised of the President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer took care of any unforeseen needs that arose. While no committee is listed in programs from 1981 to 2002, the Crisis committee continued de facto during that time. In 2003 the Executive Committee, comprised of the immediate past president, the president and the president-elect emerged to provide a decision-making body between meetings. The Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer serve as requested on the committee.

Membership

The "Membership Committee" appeared in 1963 and continued through 1970. There was no record of the committee for a few years, but it reappeared in 1982 at which point it was comprised of the elected Directors representing the states of the MSS. It has continued to operate with the MSS Secretary as chair and the state, at-large and student directors serving as the committee charged with recruiting members to the MSS.

In 1972 and 1973 the program listed an "Ad Hoc Sustaining Member Committee." The charge of that committee is unclear but sustaining memberships had been part of the MSS since 1939 when 25 members were listed in that category. For the past few decades sustaining membership has been important for ensuring the financial viability of the MSS.

Finances

Oversight: Committee attention to financial concerns was sporadic for much of the history of the Midwest Sociological Society. An “Auditing Committee” existed from 1962-65 and probably before. In 1963 a “Committee on Business Affairs of the MSS” was listed. Then for many years the financial concerns of the MSS were left solely in the hands of the Treasurer, with varying degrees of success. In 2000, after the unexpected and sudden death of the MSS treasurer, an “Ad Hoc Finance Committee” was formed. And in 2001 the “Finance Committee” became a permanent committee that oversees the financial policies and practices of the MSS. This committee continues to work with the MSS Treasurer to guide financial decisions.

Fundraising: For many year, the primary source of MSS funds was from publisher advertising in the annual meeting program and exhibits at the annual meetings. The “Exhibits and Advertising Committee” (see Planning the Annual Meeting) sought to maximize the number of exhibitors and number of ads in the annual program book. Those revenues became less sustainable as publishing houses merged, the number of publishers declined, and other means of contacting faculty about new books became more effective. In more recent years contracts for publication of *The Sociological Quarterly* have provided significant revenue to support the journal as well as other MSS activities.

Membership dues have long provided financial support for the MSS, even when dues were low. For many years, MSS dues were \$1 per year. This apparently was sufficient to support the activities since in 1943 income was \$224.31 with total expenditures of \$91.33. And when a cash balance of \$315.15 was reported in 1944-45, no dues were charged for 1945-46. But through most of its history the MSS has sought to build financial resources to sustain its programs. In 1970 an “Ad Hoc Committee on Unexplored Sources of Revenue” was appointed and in 1972 the “Ad Hoc Sustaining Member Committee” was established and continued for two years. The committee was charged with increasing the number of members who were willing to support the MSS by paying higher “sustaining” level dues.

The early 1980s brought significant financial challenges for the MSS. For several years expenditures had exceeded income. The 1980 financial report showed income of \$32,563.29 and expenditures of \$36,419.45. While the Society held a small fund balance, concerns arose about the sustainability of the finances. Dues for regular members doubled in two years, from \$10 in 1979 to \$15 in 1980 and \$20 in 1981. Dues increase have been

more gradual in recent years and in 2007 dues were \$44 for regular professional members. In 2011 members voted to raise the dues to \$60.

Annual meeting registration fees also have been a source of income for the MSS. Through the years the MSS has had a philosophy of trying to support meeting expenses with registration fees and other sources of meeting income.

Focused efforts to raise money for the MSS emerged with establishment of the “Endowment Committee” in 1985. The committee benefited from the drive and leadership of Harry Crockett, after whom the MSS Endowment was later named, and later from Helena Zaniecki Lopata. For many years the Endowment Committee sponsored Jazz Night at which MSS members played instruments of choice. Howie Becker was the longtime favorite on the piano, drawing hundreds to listen to music and share social time. The Committee also sponsored various fundraising efforts from selling mugs through T-shirts. For two years, 1985-86, a separate Bequest Committee existed to support the efforts of long-time member Betty Havens to make bequests a significant long-term form of support for the Society.

Planning the Annual Meetings

As was true in 1937, throughout MSS history a primary task for committees has been planning the annual meetings. These committees have addressed four types of tasks – planning the meeting program, planning for local arrangements, organizing exhibits and advertising for the meeting, and planning and contracting for future meeting sites.

Program Planning: The first listing of a “Program Committee” in the meeting program was in 1974. Prior to that time it is likely that programs were planned by program chairs with some assistance from close colleagues. Starting in 1974, a formally constituted committee assisted the President-Elect in the task of organizing sessions and other presentations for the meetings.

Local Arrangements: From the first meeting of the MSS, a “Local Arrangements Committee” has been responsible for on-site arrangements. These responsibilities have included working with the hotel to ensure appropriate set-ups and guest room arrangements, handling pre-registration and on-site registration, generating restaurant guides and staffing employment centers, ensuring that AV needs are met, and generally taking care of member needs during the meetings. In about 2000, the Executive Office assumed responsibility for pre-registration relieving this committee of the most onerous of its tasks.

Exhibits and Advertising: The “Exhibits and Advertising Committee” first appeared in a program listing in 1974 and was listed again in 1991, continuing through 2006. During 1975-1990 an individual ensured that Exhibits and Advertising needs were addressed. During the time that publisher exhibits provided a vital source of income for the MSS, as well as important professional contacts for members, the committee was time-consuming and important to the MSS.

Planning for Future Meetings: Vital to the success of the meetings is the task of planning future meetings. Typically hotel contracts must be signed five to six years in advance, requiring a chair who tracks emergence of new hotels (and closing of old ones) and works carefully to secure the best possible rates and arrangements for the MSS. The importance of this task was recognized early with the emergence in 1972 of an “Ad Hoc Committee on Long Range Convention Contracts.” The next year the “Committee of Consultants on Local Arrangements” appeared, to be in 1974 by the “Committee of Consultants on Future Local Arrangements.” This Committee continued until 1991 when the “Future Sites and Arrangements Committee” was formed. That committee continued until 2007 when the Annual Meeting Committee was formed combining Future Sites and Exhibits and Advertising under the umbrella of a single committee.

Leadership and Planning

Nominations and Elections: Over the years the title of the committee responsible for these activities has changed frequently. A “Nominations and Elections Committee” was among those that appeared in the 1937 program. In 1940 it was titled “Nominations Committee” but by 1962 returned to the original name only to return from 1981 through 1990 once again to “Nominations.” In 1991 reverted to “Nominations and Elections,” the title in use today. This vacillation perhaps reflects attempts to convey the responsibilities of the committee. For many years the committee was charged with bringing forth a slate of nominees for the offices of the MSS and with overseeing the election process. In more recent years, the elections process has carried out by the Secretary and later the Secretary and the Executive Office.

Bylaw and Constitution Committees: In 1962 and again in 1970 “By-Law and Constitution Revision” committees were listed in the MSS programs. Presumably these committees were charged with creating the bylaws in 1962 and revising in 1970. With establishment of the “Long Range Planning Committee” in 1971, these responsibilities were shifted to this standing committee.

Long Range Planning: Planning for the future of the MSS has long been a priority for the MSS. In 1971 a “Committee on Long Range Planning” appeared and continued for three years, then reappeared in 1982. This Committee is staffed, according to the bylaws, with many members who have a long history and understanding of the Society as well as by those who bring fresh perspectives to planning. The LRP Committee reviews bylaw changes and takes actions to ensure the viability of the Midwest Sociological Society.

Definition of the “Midwest” Region and Relation to the ASA

The relationship with the American Sociological Association was from the outset an issue of concern to members of the MSS. In 1939 and 1940 a “Committee on Organization of the National Society” and in 1940 and 1941 a “Committee on Regional-National Relations” appeared in the program, and many comments in the *Mid-West Sociologist* spoke to this issue.

Delineation of the region that comprises the Midwest Sociological Society also has long been a point of contention. When the MSS was formed in 1936-37 nine states were included – Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. These states presumably were selected on the basis of proximity to Des Moines, IA, the home of the MSS meetings from 1937 through 1947.

These states continue to define the Midwest Sociological Society region. But the membership of the Society has always been drawn from a much broader geographic area, and through the years some constituencies have lobbied to expand the MSS to include the states that comprise the Ohio Valley association, and others to include Colorado.

These pressures and dilemmas are reflected by committees listed in annual programs, including in 1962 a “Committee on Expansion of the Region,” in 1966 a “Committee on Organizational Relations,” and in 1968 a “Liaison with Ohio Valley Sociological Society Committee.” In 1970 there was an “Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Joint Meetings” and in 1977 an “Ad Hoc Committee on Extraterritorial Representation.” In 1989 some resolution of the issue was achieved with the addition of an “At-Large Director” to the Board. And in 2007 the MSS and North Central Sociological Association initiated occasional joint meetings.

Publications, Research and Scholarship

Volume 1, #1 of the *Mid-West Sociologist* in 1939 carried a report from the “Research Committee.” It reads

“Following the suggestion of Earnest W. Burgess at the 1938 meeting in Des Moines, the Research Committee has chosen to lay special emphasis this year upon cooperative effort. The program for the Research Section of the 1939 meeting will be built definitely around the idea of cooperation. In addition the Committee is promoting cooperative work on the general problem discussed by Burgess in 1938, namely, The Ecology of Mental Disorders. Work is being done in four cities by members of the Society and their associate in four universities.”

The “Publications Committee” was in place by 1962. This committee has long been an important, and somewhat privileged committee in the MSS in that it is the only committee that independently solicits nominations and selects its own members (with confirmation by the Board). The responsibilities of the Committee have evolved over the years. For many years the committee focused on oversight of selection of editors and publication of *The Sociological Quarterly*. By the 1970s the “Publications Committee” began to sponsor and oversee the Student Paper Awards as part of its core responsibilities. Only in recent years has the Committee assumed responsibility for *The Midwest Sociologist*.

Committees also convey consistent attention by the MSS to enhance research opportunities for members. In 1963 and 1964 the MSS supported a “Committee to Explore New Research, Career and Service Opportunities in Sociology.” In 1966 an Ad Hoc Committee on the State of Field Papers and Special Programs” appeared in the program. In 1973, there was a “Committee on Improving Publications Outlets.” Given its one-year existence it no doubt would have been an Ad Hoc Committee. In 1987 through 2004 “The Scholarship Development Committee” offered small grants to support member research projects.

Committees Governing the Profession

Over the years, a number of MSS Committees have taken on the tasks of providing governance and guidance to member sociologists relating to issues that have dominated the profession.

Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Ethics: The history of MSS Committees reflects consistent attention to ethics as well as to academic freedom and responsibility. Names of committees dealing with these issues reflect more than any other fluctuating values and ideals of MSS members.

The “Committee on Ethics” was listed in the 1963 program and the “Committee on Ethics and Academic Freedom” in 1965 and 1966. After a gap of a few years, the “Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Profession” was identified in 1974, to be replaced from 1975-1990 by the “Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility.” In 1991, this committee was renamed “Academic Responsibilities and Freedom,” a name it maintained through 2001.

In 2002 professional concerns and responsibilities became part of the committee title again with appointment of the “Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Professional Concerns Committee” which lasted for two years. In 2004 and 2005 the “Academic and Professional Standards Committee” appeared, to be followed in 2006 by the “Professional Issues and Standard Committee,” the title that continues at this writing.

Standards of the Profession: Some of these committees have dealt primarily with professional standards. In 1968 the “Committee on the Profession” was established then was replaced in 1975 by the “Committee on Standards, Training and Employment” which continued through 2002, charged with constant review of standards of the profession, including issues of recruitment, patterns of employment, standards of training. In 2006 the “Professional Issues and Standards Committee” appeared again among MSS committees, charged with responsibilities previously assigned to this committee and to the Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committees.

Committees on Application of the Discipline

In addition to research, application of the sociological discipline has occurred primarily through teaching. In more recent years, sociological practice outside of academia has been given significant attention.

Committees on Teaching

As was reflected in some of the very early *Mid-West Sociologists*, teaching has long been a primary focus of MSS members. Yet it was not until 1973 that the first committee focused on teaching, “Innovations in Teaching Sociology Committee” emerged and continued through 1977. In 1978 the “Committee on Undergraduate Education” was

appointed and continued (starting in 1996 the Undergraduate Education Committee—a prime example of a change that probably resulted from a program chair’s preference) through 2002. In 2003 the committee broadened its charge to be inclusive of graduate education by changing its title to the “Committee on Teaching and Learning,” the name it maintains at this writing. This committee has through the years sponsored annual meeting sessions on teaching and learning and has provided opportunities for members to engage with others to share ideas about teaching.

Applied Sociology/Sociological Practice

Commitment to involving and serving sociological practitioners took form as the “Ad Hoc Committee on Applied Sociology” in 1998 and was followed in 1999 by the “Ad Hoc Sociology Practice Committee.” Since 2000, the “Sociological Practice Committee” has been a standing committee of the MSS charged with exploring ways in which clinical and applied sociology can be highlighted within the MSS.

Technology

By 1998 academics generally, and sociology specifically, was pushed to consider the implications of technology for our profession, and to determine how to best use and control these new tools for teaching and practice. During this formative period, committees of the MSS addressed the issues of technology. In 1998 an “Ad Hoc Committee on MSS Website Technology” was appointed largely to make input on the new Society Website. The next year the committee was broadened when it became the “Ad Hoc Technology Issues Committee” and in 2000 the “Technology Issues Committee” became a standing committee. The Committee not only oversaw the Website, but offered sessions designed to acquaint MSS members with new technology-based pedagogical tools. As technology became more integrated in the professions, the committee was disbanded in 2006.

Social Issues and Action Committees

Not surprisingly, members of the Midwest Sociological Society have been involved with the many social and political issues that have surrounded its 75 years of existence. Many of the Society’s committees have reflected commitment to taking stands on such issues and to ensuring that the organization made efforts to ensure that the profession responded to the societal changes as well.

Resolutions: The “Resolutions Committee” was included in the 1962 program. For many years a tradition in the MSS, as in many organizations, was to present and vote on

pro forma resolutions citing the accomplishments and work of the many individuals and groups that had contributed to the meeting.

But more interestingly, the “Resolutions Committee” also served as a conduit for more controversial, often political resolutions. These often related to support for political positions and causes as well as for welfare issues such as supporting union efforts. Resolutions also occasionally were presented and voted on to push the MSS Board to particular actions. The Resolutions Committee ceased to exist in 1998, after a number of years of entertaining nothing but the pro forma resolutions.

Committees on Women: In 1971 the “Subcommittee on the Professions concerning the Role of Women in Society” appeared. This subcommittee, presumably a subcommittee of the Committee on the Profession, was active for three years. In 1974 the “Committee on Women in the Profession” appeared in the program, to be supplanted the next year by the “Committee on the Status of Women” for one year, before returning to its 1974 title. In 1993 the title changed to the “Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession,” a name that was maintained for six years. In 1999 the committee name returned to “Committee on Women in the Profession” then in 2007 was given its current title, “Committee for Women in the Profession.”

Over the years, the committee has taken responsibility for raising issues related to the status of women in the profession through sponsoring sessions on issues related to gender and to monitoring the status of women in the profession. Research by the committee has appeared twice in *The Sociological Quarterly*.

Minority Scholars: In 1985 the Board of the MSS appointed a “Task Force on Minority Scholars” that continued for six years. In 1991 the Minority Scholars Committee emerged as a standing committee of the MSS. The committee has been active in bring to the Society information about issues of underrepresented groups in the discipline. For many years they sponsored the Welcome Night reception, proceeds from which sponsored the MSS/ASA Minority Scholar.

Social Action Committee: The “Social Action Committee” first appeared among MSS standing committees in 1987. It may have been responsible for the demise of the “Resolutions Committee” a few years later as it assumed responsibility for identifying and bringing forward social action recommendations to the members. The committee continues with a charge to take under consideration proposals for social action. It also sponsors and selects recipients for the annual MSS Social Action Awards.

Student Issues: From the earliest meetings of the MSS the *Bulletin of the Mid-West Sociological Society* reported on the number of student members. Volume III, #1 of the *Bulletin of The Mid-West Sociological Society* reported on a session held at the 1940 meeting in Des Moines.

“Approximately one hundred students attended the student session of the Mid-West Sociological Society on Saturday, April 20, 1940. Eighty-three students from sixteen colleges were registered. Forty-one students from fourteen colleges joined the new society immediately. The meeting was characterized by lively discussion.”

The Mid-West Student Sociological Society was formed at that meeting with a President, First and second vice presidents, secretary and treasurer. The new group passed three resolutions: 1) asking that the MSS “establish and maintain a list” of scholarships, fellowships, assistantships and positions for the benefit of the members of the Mid-West Student Sociological Society, (2) calling for expression of appreciation to the Mid-West Sociological Society for the privilege of attending the MSS meetings, and (3) thanking Miss Marguerite Reuss and the student organization committee of Marquette University for working to establish the Mid-West Student Sociological society. In 1941 there was a major initiative to form Campus Sociological Clubs at all Midwest colleges and universities. That group disappeared after a few years.

Through the 1990s and early 200s, student directors of the MSS assumed responsibility for planning activities for student MSS members. Then in 2003 the “Student Issues Committee” became a standing committee of the Society.

Appendix I: Meeting Sites of the Midwest Sociological Society

A. Places: The Iowa Association of Economists and Sociologists

Year	University
1916	University of Iowa
1917	Grinnell College
1920	Iowa State College
1921	Iowa State Teachers College
1922	Coe College
1923	University of Iowa
1924	Grinnell College
1925	Des Moines University
1926	Penn College
1927	Iowa State Teachers College
1928	Simpson College
1929	Coe College
1930	University of Iowa
1931	Iowa State Teachers College
1932	Drake University
1933	Iowa State College
1934	Grinnell College
1935	University of Iowa
1936	Drake University

B. Places: The Midwest Sociological Society

Date	City	Hotel	
1937	April 15-17	Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1938		Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1939	April 20-22	Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1940	April 18-20	Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1941		Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1942	April 16-18	Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1943	No Meeting		
1944	April 22-23	Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1945	No Meeting		
1946		Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel

	Date	City	Hotel
1947		Des Moines	Kirkwood Hotel
1948	Apr 30-May2	Minneapolis	Nicolett Hotel
1949		Madison	
1950	Apr 20-22	Omaha	Hotel Paxton
1951	Apr 12-14	Des Moines	Hotel Savery
1952	April 20-22	Ames	Iowa State College
1953		Omaha	
1954		Madison	
1955		Des Moines	
1956		Kansas City	
1957		Des Moines	
1958		Minneapolis	
1959		Lincoln	
1960		St. Louis	
1961	April 27-29	Omaha	Sheraton-Fontenelle
1962	April 12-14	Des Moines	Savery
	[met jointly with the Midcontinent American Studies Association]		
1963	April 18-20	Milwaukee	Schroeder
1964	April 16-18	Kansas City	President
1965	April 22-24	Minneapolis	Leamington
1966	April 21-23	Madison	Loraine
1967	April 20-22	Des Moines	Savery
1968	April 18-20	Omaha	Sheraton-Fontenelle
1969	May 1-3	Indianapolis	Sheraton-Lincoln
	[Met with Ohio Valley Sociological Society]		
1970	April 16-18	St. Louis	Chase Park Plaza
1971	April 28-30	Minneapolis	Radison
1972	April 20-22	Kansas City	Muehlebach
1973	April 26-28	Milwaukee	Marc Plaza
1974	April 3-6	Omaha	Hilton
1975	April 9-12	Chicago	Hyatt-Regency
1976	April 21-24	St. Louis	Chase Park Plaza
1977	April 13-16	Minneapolis	Radisson
1978	April 12-15	Omaha	Hilton
1979	April 25-28	Minneapolis	Radisson

	Date	City	Hotel
1980	April 3-5	Milwaukee	Marc Plaza
1981	April 8-11	Minneapolis	Radisson
1982	April 7-10	Des Moines	Marriott
1983	April 13-16	Kansas City	Radisson Muehlebach
1984	April 18-21	Chicago	Hyatt Regency
1985	April 10-13	St. Louis	Chase-Park Plaza
1986	March 26-29	Des Moines	Marriott Downtown
1987	April 15-18	Chicago	Hyatt Regency
1988	March 23-26	Minneapolis	Marriott Downtown
1989	April 6-9	St. Louis	Marriott Downtown
1990	April 11-14	Chicago	Hyatt Regency
1991	April 11-14	Des Moines	Marriott Downtown
1992	April 1-4	Kansas City	Hyatt Crown Center
1993	April 7-10	Chicago	Hyatt Regency
1994	March 10-13	St. Louis	Marriott
1995	April 6-9	Chicago ³	Marriott Downtown
1996	April 3-6	Chicago	Marriott Downtown
1997	April 3-6	Des Moines	Marriott Downtown
1998	April 2-5	Kansas City	Hyatt Crown Center
1999	April 8-11	Minneapolis	Marriott City Center
2000	April 19-22	Chicago	Downtown Marriot
2001	April 5-8	St. Louis	Marriott
2002	April 4-7	Milwaukee	Hyatt Regency
2003	April 16-19	Chicago	Downtown Marriot
2004	April 15-18	Kansas City	Westin Crown Center
2005	March 31-April 3	Minneapolis	Marriott City Center
2006	March 30-April 2	Omaha	Omaha Hilton
2007	April 4-7	Chicago	Marriott Magnificent Mile [Joint meeting with the North Central Sociological Association]
2008	March 27-30	St. Louis	Hilton at the Ballpark
2009	April 2-5	Des Moines	Marriott Downtown

³ Originally scheduled at the Marc Plaza in Milwaukee. Marc Plaza decided in September of 1994 to announce that they were closing for renovations. Arrangements were made to go to the Marriott in Chicago where we already were scheduled for 1996. The Marc Plaza was persuaded to contribute a sizable sum to underwrite increased room rates and other activities at the Marriott

	Date	City	Hotel
2010	March 31-April 3	Chicago	Marriott Magnificent Mile
	Joint meeting with the North Central Sociological Association		
2011	March 24-27	St. Louis	Hilton at the Ballpark
2012	March 29-April 1	Minneapolis	Marriott City Center

Appendix II: Officers of the Midwest Sociological Society

A. Presidents of the Midwest Sociological Society

Presidents	Year	Institution When Elected
L. Guy Brown	1937	University of Missouri-Columbia
J. O. Hertzler	1937-38	University of Nebraska
Noel P. Gist	1938-39	University of Missouri
Leslie D. Zeleny	1939-40	Minnesota Teacher's College, St Cloud
Clyde W. Hart	1940-41	University of Iowa
Carrol D. Clark	1941-42	University of Kansas
James M. Reinhardt	1942-44	University of Nebraska
David E. Lindstrom	1944-45	University of Illinois, Urbana
Ernest Manheim	1945-46	University of Kansas City
Howard Becker	1946-47	University of Chicago
T. Earl Suellenger	1947	Municipal University of Omaha
Lloyd V. Ballard	1947-48	Beloit College, Wisconsin
Ray E. Wakeley	1948-49	Iowa State College
George B. Vold	1949-50	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Thomas D. Eliot	1950-51	Northwestern University, Illinois
J. Howell Atwood	1951-52	Knox College, Illinois
Donald O. Cowgill	1952-53	University of Wichita, Kansas
William H. Sewell	1953-54	University of Wisconsin – Madison
John H. Burma	1954-55	Grinnell College, Iowa
Harold W. Saunders	1955-56	State University of Iowa
C. Terrence Pihlblad	1956-57	University of Missouri-Columbia
Paul Meadows	1957-58	Syracuse University
Elio D. Monachesi	1958-59	University of Minnesota
Paul J. Campisi	1959-60	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Ruth Shonle Cavan	1960-61	Rockford College, Illinois
Presidents	Year	Institution When Elected

Arnold M. Rose	1961-62	University of Minnesota
Manford H. Kuhn	1962-63	State University of Iowa
Alan P. Bates	1963-64	University of Nebraska
Robert L. McNamara	1964-65	University of Missouri-Columbia
Marshall B. Clinard	1965-66	University of Wisconsin
William L. Kolb	1966-67	Beloit College, Wisconsin
Raymond W. Mack	1967-68	Northwestern University
Robert W. Habenstein	1968-69	University of Missouri-Columbia
Nicholas Babchuk	1969-70	University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Roy G. Francis	1970-71	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Ira L. Reiss	1971-72	University of Minnesota
Robert F. Winch	1972-73	Northwestern University
Carolyn Rose	1973-74	University of Minnesota
Warren A. Peterson	1974-75	University of Missouri-Kansas City Inst. for Community Studies
Helena Z. Lopata	1975-76	Loyola University of Chicago
Richard H. Hall	1976-77	University of Minnesota
Charles K. Warriner	1977-78	University of Kansas
Scott Greer	1978-79	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Joan Huber	1979-80	University of Illinois-Urbana
Ethel Shanas	1980-81	University of Illinois-Chicago Circle
Hans O. Mauksch	1981-82	University of Missouri-Columbia
Scott G. McNall	1982-83	University of Kansas
James L. McCartney	1983-84	University of Missouri-Columbia
Michael Aiken	1984-85	University of Wisconsin
Peter M. Hall	1985-86	University of Missouri-Columbia
John P. Clark	1986-87	University of Minnesota
Kathleen S. Crittenden	1987-88	University of Illinois-Chicago
Norman K. Denzin	1988-89	University of Illinois-Urbana
Roberta G. Simmons	1989-90	University of Minnesota
Alan Booth	1990-91	University of Nebraska
Susan E. Wright	1991-92	Drake University, Iowa
Clark McPhail	1992-93	University of Illinois-Urbana
Carl Couch	1993-94	University of Iowa
Richard Schaefer	1994-95	Western Illinois University
Presidents	Year	Institution When Elected

Barbara Heyl	1995-96	Illinois State University
Tony Orum	1996-97	University of Illinois-Chicago
R. Dean Wright	1997-98	Drake University, Iowa
Joane Nagel	1998-99	University of Kansas
Joel Best	1999-00	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
John Farley	2000-01	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Gary Alan Fine	2001-02	Northwestern University
Philip Olson	2002-03	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Chris Prendergast	2003-04	Illinois Wesleyan University
Eleanor Miller	2004-05	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Robert Benford	2005-06	University of Illinois-Carbondale
Patricia & Peter Adler	2006-07	2006-07 University of Colorado & Denver University
Helen A. Moore	2007-08	University of Nebraska- Lincoln
Susan Stall	2008-09	Northeastern Illinois University
Diane Pike	2009-10	Augsburg College
Peter Kivisto	2010-11	Augustana College
Mary Zimmerman	2011-12	University of Kansas
Linda Lindsey	2012-13	Maryville University of St. Louis

B. Vice Presidents

In its early years, from 1938-39 through 1962 The Mid-West Sociological Society officers included First Vice President and Second Vice President.

1938-39	First: Ray E. Wakely, Iowa State University Second: Stuart A. Queen, Washington University
1939-40	First: J.M. Reinhart, University of Nebraska Second: Stuart A. Queen, Washington University
1940-41	First: E.T. Hiller, University of Illinois Second: Carroll D. Clark, University of Kansas
1943-44	First: C.N. Burrows, Simpson College Second: G.W. Hill, University of Wisconsin
1944-45	First: C.T. Pihlblad, University of Missouri
1945-46	First: M.W. Roper, Kansas State Teachers' College Second: Noel P. Gist, University of Missouri
1946-47	First: T. Earl Sullenger, University of Nebraska Second: Donald Cowgill, University of Wichita

1947-48	First: Harold Saunders, University of Iowa Second: Reuben Hill, Iowa State College
1948-49	First: George B. Vold, University of Minnesota Second: Harold W. Saunders, University of Iowa
1949-50	First: Thomas D. Eliot, Northwestern University Second: Harold W. Saunders, University of Iowa
1950-51	First: J. Howell Atwood, Knox College Second: William H. Sewell, University of Wisconsin
1951-52	First: Donald O. Cowgill, University of Wichita Second: William H. Sewell, University of Wisconsin
1953-54	First: John H. Burma, Grinnell College Second: Douglas G. Marshal, University of Wisconsin
1961-62	Marvin Taves, University of Minnesota

By 1962 Vice Presidents seem to have been dropped in favor of a President Elect.

C. Secretary Treasurers, Secretaries, and Treasurers

Secretary-Treasurers

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
Lloyd V. Ballard	1937-41	Beloit College, Wisconsin
J. Howell Atwood	1941-47	Knox College, Illinois
Donald O. Cowgill	1947-50	Municipal University of Wichita, Kansas
Herbert F. Lionberger	1950-53	University of Missouri, Columbia
J. Harold Ennis	1953-54	Cornell College, Iowa
Marvin J. Taves	1954-56	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Irwin Deutscher	1956-59	University of Missouri/Syracuse University
Wayne Wheeler	1959-61	Kansas City Study of Adult Life

Treasurers

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
E. G. McCurtain	1961-66	University of Omaha
Jack E. Sigler	1966-83	Institute for Community Studies
George R. Peters	1982-84	Kansas State University
Cornelia Butler Flora	1984	Kansas State University
George Peters	1984-87	Kansas State University
Thomas G. Eynon	1987-98	Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
R. Dean Wright	1998-02	Drake University, Iowa

Sheryl Grana	2002-06	University of Minnesota – Duluth
Zoann Snyder	2007-09	Western Michigan University
Robert Wazienski	2009-	Illinois State University

Secretaries

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
Wayne Wheeler	1961-62	Kansas City Study of Adult Life
J. Richard Wilmeth	1962-67	State University of Iowa/University of Iowa
Vernon C. Pohlman	1967-71	Illinois State University
John J. Hartman	1971-74	Wichita State University
John R. Stratton	1974-77	University of Iowa
Joseph R. Hraba	1977-81	Iowa State University
Barbara S. Heyl	1981-83	Illinois State University
Don G. McTavish	1983-84	University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
Arne Selbyg	1984-87	University of North Dakota
Richard T. Schaefer	1987-92	Western Illinois University
Gerry Cox	1992-95	South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.
John Wade	1995-96	Western Illinois University
Gerry Cox	1996-98	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
Robert Walsh	1998-99	Illinois State University
William Staudenmeier	1999-01	Eureka College
Peter Kivisto	2001-04	Augustana College
Gary David	2004-07	Bentley College
Betty Bullock	2007-09	Johnson County, KS Community College
Peter Parilla	2009-	University of St. Thomas

D. Representatives to the ASA

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
Clyde W. Hart	1941-45	University of Iowa
Noel P. Gist	1945-48	University of Kansas
James M. Reinhardt	1948-51	University of Nebraska
Carroll D. Clark	1951-52	University of Kansas
Thomas D. Eliot	1952-54	Northwestern University, Illinois
Stuart A. Queen	1954-57	University of Washington
George B. Vold	1957-60	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Harold W. Saunders	1960-63	State University of Iowa
Elio D. Monachesi	1963-68	University of Minnesota
Raymond W. Mack	1968-71	Northwestern University, Illinois
Nicholas Babchuk	1971-74	University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Ira L. Reiss	1974-75	University of Minnesota
Robert Winch	1975-77	Northwestern University
Helena Z. Lopata	1977-78	University of Illinois – Chicago
Charles Warriner	1978-82	University of Kansas
Hans O. Mauksch	1982-84	University of Missouri – Columbia
Scott G. McNall	1984-86	University of Kansas
James L. McCartney	1986-88	University of Missouri – Columbia

Since 1988-89 the Immediate Past President has served as ASA Representative.

E. Executive Officers

	Institution When Term Initiated	Years Served
Susan E. Wright	Drake University	1999-2002
Kent Sandstrom	University of Northern Iowa	2003-2007
Lauren Robinson Tiffany		2007-

Appendix III: Publication Editors

A. Editors *The Midwest Sociologist*

From 1939 until 1960 *The Mid-West Sociologist* (or at times *Midwest Sociologist*) was published as the *Bulletin of the Mid-West Sociological Society*. It carried news in its early years, but began quickly to focus on short articles.

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
Lloyd V. Ballard	1939-41	Beloit College, Wisconsin
J. Howell Atwood	1941-43	Knox College, Illinois
Clyde W. Hart, Editor and E.B. Reuter, Acting Ed.	1943-44	University of Chicago, Illinois
Marguerite I. Reiss	1944-45	Marquette University
Joseph G. Gittler	1945-48	Iowa State College
John H. Burma	1948-52	Grinnell College, Iowa
Paul Meadows	1953-56	University of Nebraska
Paul J. Campisi	1956-59	Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

B. Editors of *The Sociological Quarterly*

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
Joseph K. Johnson	1959-60	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Paul J. Campisi	1960-63	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Peter Munch	1963-64	University of North Dakota
Paul J. Campisi	1965-69	Southern Illinois University
Robert W. Habenstein	1969-71	University of Missouri – Columbia
James L. McCartney	1971-77	University of Missouri – Columbia
Jerry Gaston	1978-81	Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
Thomas G. Eynon & Herman R. Lantz	1981-84	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Gary L. Albrecht	1985-88	University of Illinois at Chicago
George McCall	1989-92	University of Missouri – St Louis
Norman Denzin	1992-00	University of Illinois
Kevin Leicht	2000-04	University of Iowa
Peter Kivisto	2005-08	Augustana College, Illinois
Brian Donovan & Willaim G. Staples	2008-	University of Kansas

C. Editors of *The Newsletter*

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
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Wayne Wheeler	1960-62	University of Nebraska-Omaha
J. Richard Wilmeth	1962-67	University of Iowa
Vernon C. Pohlman	1967-71	Illinois State University
John Hartman	1971-72	Wichita State University
David Janovy	1972-80	Mankato State University

D. Editors of The Midwest Sociologist: Newsletter of the Midwest Sociological Society

	Years Served	Institution When Term Initiated
R. Dean Wright, Susan E. Wright	1980-86	Drake University, Iowa
Shirley A. Scritchfield	1986-92	Creighton University, Nebraska
Barbara Keating, Steven Vasser	1992-98	Mankato State University
Gerry Cox, Robert Bendiksen	1998-01	University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse
Kevin Leicht	2001-08	University of Iowa
Karla Erickson	2008-11	Grinnell College, Iowa
Michael Hedicke	2011-	Drake University, Iowa

Appendix IV: Directors of the Midwest Sociological Society[§]
Illinois

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Ruth Shonle Cavan	Rockford College	1938-40
Harriet R. Mowrer	Northwestern University	1940-41
J. Howell Atwood	Knox College	1942-46
C.W. Schroeder	Bradley Polytechnic Institute	1943-45
Judson Landis	Southern Illinois State Normal University	1945-46
Donald Taft	University of Illinois	1946-47
J.E. Hulett, Jr.	University of Illinois	1947-50
William J. Tudor	Southern Illinois University	1950-52
William F. Byron	Northwestern University	1953-54
Benjamin Keeley	State Normal University	1960-62
Rose Hum Lee	Roosevelt College	1962-63
Waldo "Max" Burchard	Northern Illinois University	1963-66

[§] In the early years an Executive Committee, rather than a Board, served the Mid-West Sociological Society. There often would be more than one person on the executive committee from a single state.

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Howard Becker	Northwestern University	1966-68
Robert Winch	Northwestern University	1968-70
Charles Snyder	Southern Illinois University	1970-72
Helena Z. Lopata	Loyola University of Chicago	1972-74
Norman Denzin	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1974-76
Ethel Shanas	University of Illinois-Chicago Circle	1976-78
Emily Dunn Dale	Illinois Wesleyan University	1978-80
Kathleen Crittenden	University of Illinois-Chicago Circle	1980-82
Therese Baker	DePaul University, Illinois	1982-84
Robert Suchner	Northern Illinois University	1984-86
Dorothy Lee	Illinois State University	1986-88
Philip Nyden	University of Illinois at Chicago	1988-90
Kathleen McKinney	Illinois State University	1990-92
Martha Thompson	Northeastern Illinois University	1992-94
Joel Best	Southern Illinois University	1994-96
Judith Wittner	Loyola University of Chicago	1996-98
Chris Prendergast	Illinois Wesleyan University	1998-00
Jim Thomas	Northern Illinois University	2000-02
Susan Stall	Northeastern Illinois University	2002-04
Tom Gerschick	Illinois State University	2004-06
Jennifer Dunn	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	2006-08
Lauren Langman	Loyola University-Chicago	2008-11

Iowa

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
C.N. Burrows	Simpson College	1938-40
Alfred L. Severson	Drake University	1940-41
L.E. Garwood	Coe College	1942-45
Joseph B. Gittler	Iowa State College	1945-47
Mason Olcott	Central College	1947-48
Hugh W. Ghormley	Iowa State College	1948-50
Joseph B. Gittler	Iowa State College	1950-52
David M. Fulcomer	Iowa State College	1953-54
William Kenkel	Iowa State University	1960-62

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Theodore Anderson	State Univ. of Iowa	1962-64
William Kenkel	Iowa State University	1964-66
Ira Reiss	University of Iowa	1966-68
Jon Doerflinger	Iowa State University	1968-69
Audrey Forrest	Drake University	1969-70
John Burma	Grinnell College	1970-71
Sue Titus Reid	Cornell College	1971-72
Mary Alice Erickson	Coe College	1972-74
Gordon Bultena	Iowa State University	1974-76
Edward A. Powers	Iowa State University	1976-78
Ron E. Roberts	Univ. of Northern Iowa	1978-80
Max Burchard	Iowa Wesleyan University	1980-82
Michael Delaney	DM Area Comm. College	1982-84
Charlotte Vaughn	Cornell College	1984-86
John Stratton	University of Iowa	1986-88
Brent Bruton	Iowa state University	1988-90
Stephen Weiting	University of Iowa	1990-92
Gloria Jones Johnson	Iowa State University	1992-94
Joseph Hraba	Iowa State University	1994-96
Cornelia Flora	Iowa State University	1996-98
David Bills	University of Iowa	1998-00
Susan Ferguson	Grinnell College	2000-02
Lisa Troyer	University of Iowa	2002-04
Phyllis Baker	University of Northern Iowa	2004-06
Dan Krier	Iowa State University	2006-08
Marybeth Stalp	University of Northern Iowa	2008-11

Kansas

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Seba Eldridge	University of Kansas	1938-40
Claude Arnett	Kansas State Teachers College	1940-41
Carroll D. Clark	University of Kansas	1942-44
M.W. Roper	State Teachers College, Emporia	1942-45
Seba Eldridge	University of Kansas	1945-47

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Randall C. Hill	Kansas State College	1947-50
Marston McCluggage	University of Kansas	1950-52
Marston McCluggage	University of Kansas	1953-54
E. Gordon Ericksen	University of Kansas	1960-62
William H. Key	Washburn University	1962-64
E. Jackson Baur	University of Kansas	1964-66
E. Jackson Baur	University of Kansas	1966-68
Charles Warriner	University of Kansas	1968-70
Kenneth Kammeyer	University of Kansas	1970-72
Eugene Friedmann	Kansas State University	1972-74
John Hartman	Wichita State University	1974-76
Shirley Harkess	University of Kansas	1976-78
Scott McNall	University of Kansas	1978-80
John Bardo	Wichita State University	1980-82
J. Jack Melhorn	Kansas State University	1982-84
Jill Quadagno	University of Kansas	1984-86
Mary Zimmerman	University of Kansas	1986-88
Charles K. Warriner	University of Kansas	1988-90
Dennis Roncek	Kansas State University	1990-92
Stanley DeViney	University of Kansas	1992-94
Lynn Huff-Corzine	Kansas State University	1994-96
Mehrangiz Najafizadeh	University of Kansas	1996-98
David Wright	Wichita State University	1998-00
David N Smith	University of Kansas	2000-02
Patrick Akard	Kansas State University	2002-04
Betty Bullock	Johnston County Community College	2004-06
William Staples	University of Kansas	2006-08
Shirley Hill	University of Kansas	2008-11

Minnesota

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
George B. Vold	University of Minnesota	1938-40
R.B. Tozier	Winona State Teachers College	1940-41
E.T. Jacobson	Cokato, Minnesota	1942-45
John Phelan	Carleton College	1945-47

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Clifford Kirkpatrick	University of Minnesota	1947-49
Douglas G. Marshall	University of Minnesota	1949-50
Arnold M. Rose	University of Minnesota	1950-51
Samuel M. Strong	Carleton College	1951-52
Elio Monachesi	University of Minnesota	1953-54
William Kolb	Carleton College	1960-62
Paul Gustafson	Macalester College	1962-64
William Kolb	Carleton College	1964-66
Joel Torstenson	Augsburg College	1966-68
Gregory Stone	University of Minnesota	1968-70
Irwin D. Rinder	Macalester College	1970-72
Don McTavish	Univ. of Minnesota	1972-74
Betty Green	Hamline University	1974-76
Marian Deininger	St. Cloud State Univ.	1976-78
Judith Erickson	Macalester College	1978-80
David Janovy	Mankato State Univ.	1980-82
Nancy Parlin	Moorhead State Univ.	1982-84
Robert Leik	University of Minnesota	1984-86
Michal McCall	Macalester College	1986-88
Barbara Keating	Mankato State University	1988-90
Rose Brewer	University of Minnesota	1990-92
Beverly Wesley	Moorhead State University	1992-94
Diane L. Pike	Augsburg College	1994-96
Brad Stewart	University of St. Thomas	1996-98
David Olday	Moorhead State University	1998-00
Susan Smith-Cunnien	University of St. Thomas	2000-02
Debra Peterson	Bemidji State University	2002-04
Collen Greer	Bemidji State University	2004-06
Deborah White	Minnesota State University-Moorhead	2006-08
Susan Smith-Cunnien	University of St. Thomas	2008-11

Missouri

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Homer Williams	Park College	1938-40
Ernest Mannheim	University of Kansas City	1940-45
W.B. Bodenhafer	Washington University	1945-47
R.C. Minor	Lincoln University	1947-50
Chester Alexander	Westminster College	1950-52
C.E. Lively	University of Missouri	1953-54
Warren Peterson	Community Studies Inc.	1960-62
Edward Hassinger	Univ. of Missouri-Col.	1962-64
Robert Habenstein	U.. of Missouri-Columbia	1964-66
Warren Peterson	Community Studies Inc.	1966-68
Robert Hamblin	Washington University	1968-69
Solomon Sutker	U. of Missouri-St. Louis	1969-70
Hans O. Mauksch	U.. of Missouri-Columbia	1970-72
Jean Tomich	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	1972-74
Philip G. Olson	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	1974-76
Peter M. Hall	U. of Missouri-Columbia	1976-78
John Hepburn	U. of Missouri-St. Louis	1978-80
Mary White Stewart	U of Missouri-K.C.	1980-82
Sarah Boggs	U. of Missouri-St. Louis	1982-84
Sharon McPherron	St. Louis Com. Coll. At Florrisant Valley	1984-86
Jack E. Sigler	Central Missouri St. Univ.	1986-88
Cathleen Burnett	University of Missouri-K.C.	1988-90
Deirdre Boden	Washington Univ. St. Louis	1990-92
John Galliher	University of Missouri-Columbia	1992-94
Linda L. Lindsey	Maryville Univ.-St. Louis	1994-96
Donna Jo Jones	Drury College	1996-98
Mary E. Kelly	Central Missouri State Univ.	1998-00
Linda Lindsey	Maryville University – St Louis	2000-02
Tola Olu Pearce	University of Missouri-Columbia	2002-04
Richard Miller	Missouri Southern State University	2004-06
Teresa Guess	University of Missouri-St. Louis	2006-08
Mary Kelly	University of Central Missouri	2008-11

Nebraska

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
L.H. Brown	Creighton University	1938-39
E. Glenn Callen	Nebraska Wesleyan College	1939-41
Laurence H. Brown	Creighton College	1942-44
T. Earl Sullenger	University of Omaha	1944-46
E. Glenn Callen	Nebraska Wesleyan College	1946-48
Joyce O. Hertzler	University of Nebraska	1948-49
John P. Johansen	University of Nebraska	1949-51
George Wilber	University of Omaha	1951-52
Annadora F. Gregory	Nebraska State Teachers College Chadron	1953-54
Alan Bates	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1961-62
G. Gordon Parker		1962-63
Otto Hoiberg	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1963-65
Nicholas Babchuk	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1965-67
Jerry S. Cloyd	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1967-69
Wayne Wheeler	University of Nebraska-Omaha	1969-71
Richard Meile	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1971-73
Elaine Hess	University of Nebraska-Omaha	1973-75
William Clute	University of Nebraska-Omaha	1975-77
Harry J. Crockett	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1977-79
Alan Booth	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1979-81
James Kimberly	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1981-83
Charles Harper	Creighton University	1983-85
Mary Ann Lamanna	University of Nebraska-Omaha	1985-86
Helen Moore	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1986-87
Lynn White	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1987-89
Jean Karlen	Wayne State University	1989-91
Laurie Scheuble	Doane College	1991-93
Paul Campbell	Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln	1993-95
Mary Ann Lamanna	University of Nebraska-Omaha	1995-97
David Iaquina	Nebraska Wesleyan University	1997-98
Daryl Kelley	University of Nebraska-Kearney	1998-99
Shirley Scritchfield	Creighton University	1999-01
Naomi Lacy	University of Nebraska Medical Center	2001-03

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
A. Olu Oyinlade	University of Nebraska-Omaha	2003-05
Julia McQuillan	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2005-07
Monica Snowden	Wayne State College	2007-10
Julie Pelton	University of Nebraska-Omaha	2010-11

North Dakota

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
L.O. Lantis	State Teachers College, Minot	1938-41
John Saathoff	Jamestown College	1942-44
T.W. Cape	University of North Dakota	1944-48
A.L. Lincoln	University of North Dakota	1948-49
J. Walter Cobb	University of North Dakota	1949-51
Courtney B. Cleland	North Dakota State College	1951-52
Peter A. Munch	University of North Dakota	1953-54
Courtney B. Cleland	North Dakota State University	1961-63
Max Burchard	Univ. of North Dakota	1963-64
Robert White	Univ. of North Dakota	1964-65
Seth Russell	North Dakota St. Univ.	1965-67
Arthur Jacoby	Univ. of North Dakota	1967-69
Ronald Johnson	Univ. of North Dakota	1969-71
Joy Query	North Dakota State U.	1971-73
Arthur Jacoby	Univ. of North Dakota	1973-75
Joy Query	North Dakota State U.	1975-77
Elaine Lindgrin	North Dakota State U.	1977-79
Richard Ludtke	Univ. of North Dakota	1979-81
Arne Selbyg	Univ. of North Dakota	1981-83
Daniel Klenow	North Dakota State University	1983-85
Richard W. Wilsnak	University of North Dakota	1985-87
George Youngs Jr.	North Dakota State University	1987-89
Janet Kelly Moen	University of North Dakota	1989-91
Richard Ludtke	University of North Dakota	1991-93
Gary Goreham	University of North Dakota	1993-95
Kevin M. Thompson	North Dakota State University	1995-97
Kathleen Slobin	North Dakota State University	1997-99

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Clifford Staples	University of North Dakota	1999-01
Richard Rathge	North Dakota State University	2001-03
Richard Wilsnack	University of North Dakota	2003-05
Kathleen Slobin	North Dakota State University	2005-07
Gina Aalgaard Kelly	Valley City State University	2007-10
Abdallah Badahdah	University of North Dakota	2010-11

South Dakota

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
John B. Johansen	South Dakota State College	1938-39
W.K. Kumlein	South Dakota State College	1939-41
John Useem	University of South Dakota	1942-44
Edward Saylor	Yankton College	1944-46
Paul Berry	University of South Dakota	1946-48
Richard Seaman	University of South Dakota	1948-50
Albert Blumenthal	University of South Dakota	1950-51
Edward Sayler	Yankton College	1951-52
Howard Sauer	South Dakota State College	1953-54
C.M. Mickey		1961-62
Edwin A. Christ	University of South Dakota	1962-63
Neil Palmer	University of South Dakota	1963-65
Howard Sauer	South Dakota State University	1965-67
Orlando Goering	Dakota Wesleyan Univ.	1967-69
Jon Doerflinger	University of South Dakota	1969-71
Marvin Riley	South Dakota State University	1971-73
Robert M. Dimit	South Dakota State University	1973-75
Rich Anson	South Dakota State University.	1975-77
Harlowe Hatle	University of South Dakota	1977-79
Jon Flanagan	University of South Dakota	1979-81
Knight Hoover	Augustana College-SF	1981-83
Barbara Dunn	Northern State College	1983-85
Jerome Rosonke	Northern State College	1985-87
Harole Hatle	University of South Dakota	1987-89
Linda Baer	South Dakota State U.	1989-91

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Donna Hess	South Dakota State University	1991-93
Olu Oyilade	South Dakota State University	1993-94
Dan Petersen	Black Hills State University	1994-95
Diane Kayongo-Male	South Dakota State University	1995-97
Jack Niemonen	Univ. of South Dakota	1997-99
Larry Landis	South Dakota St. University-Spearfish	1999-01
Robert Friedenbach	University of South Dakota	2001-03
Beth Tracton	Black Hills State University	2003-05
Diane Kyongo-Male	South Dakota State University	2005-07
Laura Colmenero-Chiberg	Black Hills State University	2007-10
Brenda Donelan	Northern State University	2010-11

Wisconsin

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Howard Becker	University of Wisconsin	1939-41
Marguerite Ruess	Marquette University	1942-44
Philip H. Person	Univ. of Wisconsin Extension, Milwaukee	1944-46
L.V. Ballard	Beloit College	1946-47
Philip H. Person	University of Wisconsin	1947-48
Lloyd V. Ballard	Beloit College	1948-49
William H. Sewell	University of Wisconsin	1949-51
Cyril C. O'Brien	Marquette University	1951-52
Charles Curtis	Beloit College	1953-54
Gladys Ishida	Wisconsin State College	1961-63
Irwin Rinder	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1963-65
Staley Lieberson	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1965-67
Donald Summers	Beloit College	1967-69
Douglas Marshall	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1969-71
David Moberg	Marquette University	1971-73
Jack Ladinsky	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1973-75
Donald Noel	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1975-77
Elfriede Massier	U. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	1977-79
Michael Aiken	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1979-81
Joan Moore	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1981-83

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Virginia Kemp Fish	U. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	1983-85
Gale Miller	Marquette University	1985-87
Tim Fiedler	Carroll College	1987-89
Charles S. Green, III	Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater	1989-91
Marlynn May	Beloit College	1991-93
Robert Bendiksen	University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse	1993-95
W. Lawrence Neuman	Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater	1995-97
Richard Salem	Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater	1997-99
Richard Jones	Marquette University	1999-01
Wava Haney	University of Wisconsin – Richland	2001-03
Carol Miller	University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse	2003-05
Annette Kulmann	University of Wisconsin Colleges	2005-07
Wayne Luther Thompson	Carthage College	2007-10
Trisha Davis	University of Wisconsin-River Falls	2010-11

At-Large

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
David Maines	Pennsylvania St. Univ	1989-91
Cornelia Butler Flora	Virginia Pol Tech & St. U.	1991-93
Patricia Adler	Univ. of Colorado	1993-95
Francis Pestello	University of Dayton	1995-97
Virginia Oleson	Univ. of Calif. -San Francisco	1997-99
Randy Stoecker	University of Toledo	1999-01
Timothy Owens	Indiana State University – Indianapolis	2001-03
Anne Eisenberg	State University of New York-Geneseo	2003-05
Julie Harms Cannon	Texas Tech University	2005-07
Ligaya Lindio McGovern	Indiana University	2008-10
Anne Eisenberg	State University of New York-Geneseo	2009-11

Student Directors

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Barbara Moebius	Univ. of Wisc-Milwaukee	1970-71
Conroy Chow	Univ. of Minnesota	1970-71
Kay Michael Troost	Univ. of Minnesota	1971-72

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Barbara Roseblum	Northwestern University	1971-74
Philip Schuchman	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	1973-75
David J. Ross	Loyola University	1974-75
Terry Baumer	Loyola University	1975-76
Herman Milligan	University of Minnesota	1975-77
David R. Dickens	University of Kansas	1976-78
Mary Jo Sprague	U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1977-79
Melanie Brooks	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1978-80
Nancy Kent	U. of Illinois-Chicago Circle	1979-81
Lise Hager	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	1980-81
Paul Bowdre	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	1981-82
Harland Prechel	University of Kansas	1982-84
Barbara Brents	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	1983-85
Carolyn Howe	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	1984-86
Carla J. Weitzel	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	1985-87
Jan Fiola	University of Minnesota	1986-88
Mark Rodeghier	Univ. of Illinois-Chicago	1987-89
Janet Lauritsen	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1988-89
Debra Kelley	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1989-90
Catherine Yamoor	University of Minnesota	1990-92
Janet Wilson	Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln	1991-93
Timothy Buzzell	Iowa State University	1990-92
Marcia Bellas	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1991-92
Linda Detman	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana	1992-93
Mouraine Baker	University of Iowa	1992-94
Jennifer L. Briney	Western Illinois Univ.	1993-95
Kenneth Schaefer	Illinois State University	1994-96
Tracy Sefl	Univ. of Illinois-Chicago	1995-97
Michelle Stover-Wright	Iowa State University	1996-98
Christine Robinson	University of Kansas	1997-99
Lisa Ann Geason	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	1998-00
Robin Peterson	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	1999-01
Tim Hallet	Northwestern University	2000-02
Rajan Pant	University of Missouri-Kansas City	2001-03
Samantha Helm	Illinois Wesleyan University	2002-03

Director	Institution When Elected	Year
Angela Glasker	Illinois Wesleyan University	2003-04
Micah Wojcik	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2003-05
Stephanie Grant	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	2004-05
Geraldine Hendrix	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	2005-06
Allison Hicks	University of Colorado	2005-08
Tanya Gladney	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2006-09
Oana (Panaite) Butnarusu	Northeastern Illinois University	2007-09
Sadie Pendaz	University of Minnesota	2008-11
Chad McPherson	University of Iowa	2008-12
Pooya Naderi	University of Kansas	2010-12
Priya Dua	University of Missouri-Columbia	2011-12

Appendix V: Membership History by State

Information from *The Mid-West Sociologist* provides the following member numbers for some of the early years.

1939	152	1942-43	119	1944-45	83
1941-42	135	1943-44	75	1945-46	126

State	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Illinois	24	37	31	42	37	37	39			
Iowa	33	*32	*35	38	43	51	*65			
Kansas	3	3	3	13	18	23	32			
Minnesota	4	5	4	*7	31	35	42			
Missouri	15	17	24	28	23	21	41			
Nebraska	7	9	9	9	12	*11	19			
North Dakota	3	3	5	5	7	4	6			
South Dakota	2	4	3	6	7	7	9			
Wisconsin	9	9	11	13	*16	25	29			
Other	4	7	4	4	3	9	9			
Total	104	126	129	165	197	223	290			

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.

State	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Illinois	41	49	87	76	55	87	102	116	119	149
Iowa	*48	65	*81	52	62	55	61	*71	72	87
Kansas	57	63	47	36	34	28	40	39	37	48
Minnesota	25	30	35	*56	34	38	39	55	60	67
Missouri	44	*74	108	72	52	*68	65	73	69	*106
Nebraska	19	24	20	31	*37	28	*38	34	42	53
North Dakota	5	2	4	6	4	4	6	5	6	10
South Dakota	9	8	12	33	15	16	13	19	21	20
Wisconsin	23	23	38	58	31	36	44	55	*52	75
Other	11	6	8	22	17	38	42	55	74	53
Total	282	344	440	442	341	398	450	522	552	668

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.

State	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Illinois	152	180	169	199	215	228	199	168	187	242
Iowa	84	92	*123	*120	104	95	101	78	100	147
Kansas	49	58	59	75	73	77	83	81	58	83
Minnesota	105	95	77	75	73	118	*130	110	111	134
Missouri	95	115	102	152	141	*130	117	*109	105	146
Nebraska	53	62	68	71	83	94	100	80	71	*89
North Dakota	15	8	8	17	17	12	19	18	20	26
South Dakota	22	18	21	31	24	20	12	20	33	31
Wisconsin	86	*127	115	109	112	107	104	90	*116	140
Other	64	85	117	148	*187	210	189	201	196	278
Total	725	840	859	997	1029	1091	1054	955	997	1316

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.

State	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Illinois	*268	258	245	154	212	250	209	222	240	*286
Iowa	156	141	136	134	113	116	111	*116	122	123
Kansas	67	77	77	79	67	70	79	86	83	85
Minnesota	130	129	*128	141	*117	121	*168	136	112	135
Missouri	146	*155	146	136	109	113	109	122	*135	132
Nebraska	76	60	66	*98	72	68	54	62	60	61
North Dakota	22	33	30	22	18	14	21	19	27	22
South Dakota	26	26	26	29	21	22	18	20	23	21
Wisconsin	98	109	107	120	109	*157	141	118	112	134
Other	302	353	308	347	275	255	238	275	272	312
Total	1291	1341	1269	1260	1113	1186	1148	1176	1186	1311

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.

State	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Illinois	284	282	*324	316	309	*330	288	274	*206	256
Iowa	135	*139	121	123	126	128	*175	163	127	128
Kansas	93	84	78	83	81	69	92	110	84	81
Minnesota	127	148	161	*161	143	139	133	121	98	103
Missouri	*155	132	123	130	*153	131	145	*158	109	*137
Nebraska	69	65	55	63	70	62	71	77	60	59
North Dakota	24	25	24	26	23	20	25	33	21	21
South Dakota	18	25	29	25	23	20	27	31	21	23
Wisconsin	128	122	122	117	117	126	123	105	108	96
Other	293	273	252	340	309	332	334	340	274	317
Total	326	1295	1289	1384	1354	1357	1413	1411	1108	1221

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State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Illinois	*275	*218	212	214	210	*298	294	281	*295	177
Iowa	134	113	*136	125	122	115	125	107	95	90
Kansas	78	71	64	108	87	64	108	87	99	91
Minnesota	120	92	108	98	*104	114	117	120	117	92
Missouri	105	95	100	*131	107	116	*1158	96	108	*121
Nebraska	72	60	60	78	74	68	59	58	60	59
North Dakota	26	23	24	20	25	16	13	12	11	15
South Dakota	21	26	33	29	29	33	37	28	31	28
Wisconsin	126	78	84	78	65	72	72	*86	98	74
Other	320	261	271	304	283	348	311	258	310	291
Total	1277	1037	1092	1199	1106	1279	1234	1132	1210	1039

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.

State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Illinois	195	191	*339	230	211	*250
Iowa	102	120	113	95	*135	121
Kansas	86	85	87	75	96	96
Minnesota	*167	119	124	113	156	139
Missouri	109	105	105	*119	82	99
Nebraska	65	*94	65	57	74	66
North Dakota	21	24	19	29	17	26
South Dakota	30	45	26	13	21	14
Wisconsin	108	65	92	60	84	80
Other	326	273	409	321	250	369
Total	1195	1117	1037	1092	1199	1260

* The state in which the annual meeting was held.