

**A History of the Iowa Section  
of the Mathematical Association of America:**

**The First Hundred Years**

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In early November of 1915, six disgruntled Iowa mathematics professors sat down to dine together in a restaurant in downtown Des Moines. The group consisted of Professors Baker, R. B. McClenon, Isaac F. Neff, John F. Reilly, A. G. Smith, and Wester, each of whom had travelled from his respective institution to attend a meeting of the Iowa State Teachers Association (ISTA), only to be disappointed by the programs offered. Much to their dissatisfaction, the ISTA had had little to contribute to the discussion of problems particular to college education. As the small group conversed about the unique challenges of teaching mathematics in colleges and universities, Smith suggested that a new organization could be established to fulfill these needs. Eagerly endorsing the idea, the professors agreed to return home and rouse interest among their colleagues for such an association.<sup>1</sup>

Meanwhile, events at the national stage were conspiring to form an organization far larger than that intended by the aforementioned Iowan professors. In 1894, mathematician and teacher Benjamin Finkel had founded the *American Mathematical Monthly*, a journal designed to reach a wider audience of mathematicians than many of the highly technical mathematical journals of the day. After two decades, it became clear that, in order to ensure the continued success of the publication, it would be necessary for an association to support the journal.<sup>2</sup> Rejecting an offer to host *American Mathematical Monthly* itself, the American Mathematical Society proposed the establishment of a new

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<sup>1</sup> R. B. McClenon, "Early History of the Iowa Section" in private collection of the Iowa Section of the Mathematical Association of America, n.d., 1.

<sup>2</sup> Kenneth O. May, ed., The Mathematical Association of America: Its First Fifty Years (Washington D.C.: Mathematical Association of America, 1972), 18-19.

organization to serve the purpose, and, as December of 1915 drew to a close, the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) was founded at a meeting in Ohio.<sup>3</sup>

Professor Baker attended this meeting, and before long, news of the MAA reached the other Iowa professors who had endeavored to stir support for a new organization.<sup>4</sup> Several months later, at their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in Des Moines, the Iowa Academy of Science called for the establishment of a section of the MAA in Iowa. In response, MAA members met the next day in Room 19 of Memorial Hall at Drake University to organize and petition the MAA for the creation of the Iowa Section.<sup>5</sup> The group elected A. G. Smith as president, G. A. Chaney as vice-president, and Isaac F. Neff as secretary-treasurer, and appointed R. B. McClenon and John F. Reilly to a committee overseeing the petitioning process. After sending the petition to all thirty-two members of the MAA residing in Iowa for signing, the appeal was delivered to the MAA Council. The Council granted the petition that September, and the Iowa Section was “duly constituted as the fourth section of the Mathematical Association of America.”<sup>6</sup>

The structure of the newly founded Iowa Section underwent numerous changes in its first few years. Originally, the leading officer, who was limited to a term of one year, was known as the ‘president’, but the title was soon changed to ‘chairman.’ Another early attribute of the Iowa Section was that it met twice a year, once in April and once in

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid., 20.

<sup>4</sup> McClenon, “Early History of the Iowa Section,” 2.

<sup>5</sup> Minutes of April 1916, Iowa Section Meeting, Records of the Iowa Section of the Mathematical Association of America [hereafter Records of IS of MAA], State Archives of Iowa, Des Moines, IA.

<sup>6</sup> McClenon, “Early History of the Iowa Section,” 2-3.

November. This practice, however, proved to be impractical, as many members only attended one of the meetings and more of them preferred to present their papers at the April meeting.<sup>7</sup> As a result, the Section ceased to hold November meetings in 1923 so that they could concentrate efforts on one well-attended meeting every year.<sup>8</sup>

Perhaps the most significant of the early changes for the organization occurred in April of 1921 when the Iowa Section became formally affiliated with the Iowa Academy of Science by agreeing to act as the Academy's math division; as a result, the chairman became a member of the Academy's executive committee.<sup>9</sup> Yet another notable deviation from the original design was the precedent set by John F. Reilly as secretary-treasurer. Originally, the secretary-treasurer, like the other officers, was generally elected anew every single year. This was not, however, set in stone, and when Reilly became secretary-treasurer in 1921, he remained in the position for twelve years, initiating the trend of long-serving secretary-treasurers that continues to this day.

In the earliest years, the discussions at the meetings of the Iowa Section were focused entirely on matters of mathematics education. Indeed, the papers presented at the first regular meeting, in April of 1917, were "A Unified Course for Freshman Mathematics," "The Foundation of Freshman Mathematics in Technical Schools," and "Putting Life into Dry Bones," all of which addressed contemporary teaching issues.<sup>10</sup> At that same meeting, a motion was made to recommend that all high school math teachers

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid., 3

<sup>8</sup> Minutes of April 1923 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

<sup>9</sup> Minutes of April 1921 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

<sup>10</sup> Minutes of April 1917 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

take, at minimum, one year of college-level mathematics. In keeping with the aim of improving education, a three-member committee was appointed in November of that year to explore options for the freshman mathematics curriculum. As the Iowa Section matured throughout the 1920s, though, the number of papers concerning education decreased, and by the end of the decade, papers on education had become scarce, as they were replaced by papers on mathematical research. Nevertheless, education remained a key focus of the organization throughout the thirties, as evidenced by the adoption of math subject matter requirements for Iowa's teaching certification in 1930.<sup>11</sup>

While the First World War had had little effect on the function of the Iowa Section, the same cannot be said of the Second. When the United States entered World War II in 1941, the Section cancelled its planned meeting for April of 1943, though the specific reasons for the cancellation are not stated. The Iowa Academy of Science, with which the Iowa Section had its meetings, had also planned to cancel the meeting for 1944. Undeterred, the Iowa Section held its 32<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting at the Montrose Hotel in Cedar Rapids without the Academy, where a total of only three papers were presented.<sup>12</sup> Unfortunately, late in the war, the Office of Defense Transportation banned unauthorized conventions. Unable to attain a permit in time, the Iowa Section did not meet in 1945.<sup>13</sup>

With the end of the war, the Iowa Section resumed its regular patterns, but not without incident. Between the 1943 and 1946 meetings, Chairman J. H. Butchart had left the state, compelling E. N. Oberg to preside over the April meeting, the first vice-

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<sup>11</sup> Minutes of April 1930 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

<sup>12</sup> Minutes of April 1945 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

<sup>13</sup> General letter, 1945, Records of IS of MAA

chairman to do so.<sup>14</sup> Another occurrence was the addition of a new officer, the governor. In December of 1939, the Board of Trustees for the national body of the MAA was replaced with the Board of Governors.<sup>15</sup> Newly created regions, which consisted of multiple sections, were to elect a number of the governors biennially, starting in 1941.<sup>16</sup> In 1945, the bylaws were amended to allow for the triennial election of a governor for each section.<sup>17</sup> The governor has been, since its establishment, a prestigious position, and has often been occupied by former chairmen.

The period immediately following the war was characterized by debate over education. With the beginning of the Cold War, scientific research gained a new significance for the United States, and with this came an increased demand for improved mathematics education. In 1961, the Iowa Section contributed to a report on teacher certification, which recommended significant increases in the number of math credits above calculus required for high school teachers.<sup>18</sup> A 1965 MAA report highlighted many of the questions in math education at the time: Should colleges/universities teach courses beneath calculus? Should math departments teach computer science classes? Should math courses be altered to use computers for homework? Should analysis or number theory be

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<sup>14</sup> Minutes of April 1946 Iowa Section Meeting, Records of IS of MAA

<sup>15</sup> Kenneth O. May, ed., The Mathematical Association of America: Its First Fifty Years (Washington D.C.: Mathematical Association of America, 1972), 24.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 42.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, 81.

<sup>18</sup> 1961 Report in private collection of IS of MAA.

taught at an undergraduate level? Such questions were heavily discussed in meetings of the Iowa Section.<sup>19</sup>

The first structural change in over half a century occurred in 1972 with the replacement of ‘vice-chairman’ with ‘chairman-elect.’<sup>20</sup> From this point onward, the chairman-elect would perform the duties formerly belonging to the vice-chairman and would serve, the year thereafter, as chairman. As the decade closed, many members of the Iowa Section became dissatisfied with their relation to the Iowa Academy of Science. Although the Iowa Section’s April meeting had been held jointly with the Academy since 1921, the meetings could not authentically be considered ‘joint.’<sup>21</sup> The Academy would unilaterally select the date and location, and allocate a small amount of time for the Iowa Section to have discussions and present papers every year.<sup>22</sup>

In 1979, frustrated Iowa Section members who wished for a greater say and more time for meetings began to discuss breaking away from the Iowa Academy of Science. A committee was appointed to deliberate the Section’s relationship with the Academy and to explore the possibility of associating with the Iowa sections of the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) or the American Statistical Association (ASA).<sup>23</sup> In April of 1980, the Iowa Section ended its 58-year affiliation with the Iowa Academy of

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<sup>19</sup> A General Curriculum in Mathematics for Colleges, 1965, in private collection of IS of MAA, 8-10.

<sup>20</sup> Officers of the Iowa Section of the Mathematical Association of America, List through 1994, in private collection of IS of MAA.

<sup>21</sup> A. M. Fink, e-mail message to author, April 27, 2014.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Minutes of April 1979 Iowa Section Meeting, in private collection of IS of MAA.

Science. That same meeting was also the first to be held jointly with the aforementioned groups, SIAM and ASA.<sup>24</sup>

The organization of the Iowa Section would not change again until the substantial reform of two Executive Committee positions that took effect in 2006. In the newly amended bylaws, the ‘secretary-treasurer’ was divided into a ‘secretary’ and a ‘treasurer’, both of which now had term limits, while the ‘chairman-elect’ was split into a ‘vice-chairman’ and a ‘vice-chairman-elect.’ The implementation of the reforms resulted in Allen Hibbard serving as the chair for a second consecutive year, an occurrence that otherwise was and remains prohibited in the bylaws.<sup>25</sup> One further modification was enacted in 2009 when, for the first time in its history, the Iowa Section did not have an April meeting, having instead moved it to October.<sup>26</sup>

In the past century, the Iowa Section of the Mathematical Association of America has undergone many changes. It has weathered the Second World War and has proven its resilience after breaking with its longtime partner, the Iowa Academy of Sciences. In spite of these struggles, the Section has not only endured, but thrived. With a history that extends back even to before the foundation of the MAA, it is only reasonable to presume that as its first century draws to a close, the Iowa Section is poised to experience yet another hundred years of success.

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<sup>24</sup> Minutes of April 1979 Iowa Section Meeting, in private collection of IS of MAA.

<sup>25</sup> “Past Meetings and Officers of the Iowa Section of the MAA,” accessed May 10, 2014, <http://sections.maa.org/iowa/People/History.php>.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid.

**Appendix A: Lists of Officers**

**Chairmen**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
A.G. Smith <sup>†</sup>	1916-1917	State University of Iowa
I.F. Neff	1917-1918	Drake University
Maria Roberts	1918-1919	Iowa State College
Ira S. Condit	1919-1920	Iowa State Teachers College
H.L. Rietz	1920-1921	State University of Iowa
W.J. Rusk	1921-1922	Grinnell College
C.W. Emmons	1922-1923	Simpson College
F.M. McGaw	1923-1924	Cornell College
E.R. Smith	1924-1925	Iowa State College
Ira S. Condit	1925-1926	Iowa State Teachers College
J.V. McKelvey	1926-1927	Iowa State College
Roscoe Woods	1927-1928	University of Iowa
C.W. Wester	1928-1929	Iowa State Teachers College
E.W. Chittenden	1929-1930	University of Iowa
G.W. Snedecor	1930-1931	Iowa State College
C.W. Strom	1931-1932	Luther College
Le Roy M. Coffin	1932-1933	Coe College
John F. Reilly	1933-1934	State University of Iowa
M.E. Graber	1934-1935	Morningside College
Julia T. Colpitts	1935-1936	Iowa State College
R.B. McClenon	1936-1937	Grinnell College
L.E. Ward	1937-1938	University of Iowa
E.E. Moots	1938-1939	Cornell College
H. Van Engen	1939-1940	Iowa State Teachers College
Fred Robertson	1940-1941	Iowa State College
Orlando C. Kreider	1941-1942	Ellsworth Junior College
N.B. Conkwright	1942-1943	State University of Iowa
-	1943-1944	-
J.H. Butchart	1944-1945	Grinnell College
-	1945-1946	-
L.W. Swanson	1946-1947	Coe College
H.P. Thielman	1947-1948	Iowa State College
W.M. Davis	1948-1949	Cornell College
Basil E. Gillam	1949-1950	Drake University
D.L. Holl	1950-1951	Iowa State University
Rev. L.E. Ernsdorff	1951-1952	Loras College
L.A. Knowler	1952-1953	State University of Iowa
J.O. Chellevoid	1953-1954	Wartburg College

H.T. Muhly	1954-1955	State University of Iowa
Fred A. Brandner	1955-1956	Iowa State College
Fred W. Lott	1956-1957	Iowa State Teachers College
Arthur H. Blue	1957-1958	Cornell College
E.N. Oberg	1958-1959	State University of Iowa
J.J.L. Hinrichsen	1959-1960	Iowa State College
Harold C. Trimble	1960-1961	Iowa State Teachers College
Hazel M. Rothlisburger	1961-1962	University of Dubuque
Lyle E. Pursell	1962-1963	Grinnell College
Clarence H. Lindahl	1963-1964	Iowa State University
Robert V. Hogg	1964-1965	State University of Iowa
Donald E. Sanderson	1965-1966	Iowa State University
William L. Waltmann	1966-1967	Wartburg College
Charles M. Lindsay	1967-1968	Coe College
Rev. John L. Friedell	1968-1969	Loras College
Elsie Muller	1969-1970	Morningside College
Timothy Robertson	1970-1971	University of Iowa
George Peglar	1971-1972	Iowa State University
Joseph Hoffert	1972-1973	Drake University
Donald Bailey	1973-1974	Cornell College
Donald Pilgrim	1974-1975	Luther College
Lawrence Hart	1975-1976	Loras College
James Cornette	1976-1977	Iowa State University
Ellen Oliver	1977-1978	Westmar College
Don Meyer	1978-1979	Central College
Frank Kosier	1979-1980	University of Iowa
Arnold Adelberg	1980-1981	Grinnell College
A.M. Fink	1981-1982	Iowa State University
Edward T. Hill	1982-1983	Cornell College
Lynn J. Olson	1983-1984	Wartburg College
Wayne Woodworth	1984-1985	Drake University
George N. Trytten	1985-1986	Luther College
Anne Steiner	1986-1987	Iowa State University
Greg Dotseth	1987-1988	University of Northern Iowa
Charles Jepsen	1988-1989	Grinnell College
Calvin Van Niewall	1989-1990	Coe College
Elgin Johnston	1990-1991	Iowa State University
Alexander Kleiner	1991-1992	Drake University
Ronald Smith	1992-1993	Graceland College
Reginald Laursen	1993-1994	Luther College
Emily Moore	1994-1995	Grinnell College
Greg Dotseth	1995-1996	Drake University
Jim Freeman	1996-1997	Cornell College
Steve Willson	1997-1998	Iowa State University
Ruth Berger	1998-1999	Luther College

Dave Manderscheid	1999-2000	University of Iowa
Bruce Sloan	2000-2001	Simpson College
Luz De Alba	2001-2002	Drake University
Steven Nimmo	2002-2003	Morningside College
Joel Haack	2003-2004	University of Northern Iowa
Allen Hibbard	2004-2005	Central College
Allen Hibbard	2005-2006	Central College
Mariah Birgen	2006-2007	Wartburg College
Elgin Johnston	2007-2008	Iowa State University
Lawrence Naylor	2008-2009	Drake University
Martha Ellen Waggoner	2009-2010	Simpson College
Theron Hitchman	2010-2011	University of Northern Iowa
Jonathan White	2011-2012	Coe College
Russel Goodman	2012-2013	Central College
Debra Czarneski	2013-2014	Simpson College

#### Vice Chairmen

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
G.A. Chaney	1916-1917	State College of Agriculture
R.B. McClenon	1917-1918	Grinnell College
John F. Reilly	1918-1919	State University of Iowa
F.M. McGaw	1919-1920	Cornell College
R.B. McClenon	1920-1921	Grinnell College
C.W. Emmons	1921-1922	Simpson College
I.F. Neff	1922-1923	Drake University
J.V. McKelvey	1923-1924	Iowa State College
I.F. Neff	1924-1925	Drake University
Marian E. Daniells	1925-1926	Iowa State College
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E.E. Moots	1927-1928	Cornell College
Julia Colpitts	1928-1929	Iowa State College
Le Roy M. Coffin	1929-1930	Coe College
E.C. Ingalls	1930-1931	Iowa Wesleyan College
B.D. Roberts	1931-1932	Parsons College
Julia Colpitts	1932-1933	Iowa State College
M.E. Graber	1933-1934	Morningside College
E.E. Moots	1934-1935	Cornell College
R.B. McClenon	1935-1936	Grinnell College
L.E. Ward	1936-1937	University of Iowa

E.E. Moots	1937-1938	Cornell College
Allen T. Craig	1938-1939	University of Iowa
O.C. Kreider	1939-1940	Ellsworth Junior College
H.E. Ellingson	1940-1941	Luther College
N.B. Conkwright	1941-1942	State University of Iowa
H.E. Ellingson	1942-1943	Luther College
-	1943-1944	-
E.N. Oberg	1944-1945	State University of Iowa
-	1945-1946	-
H.V. Price	1946-1947	State University of Iowa
-	1947-1948	-
Basil E. Gillam	1948-1949	Drake University
D.L. Holl	1949-1950	Iowa State University
Rev. L.E. Erusdorff	1950-1951	Loras College
L.A. Knowler	1951-1952	State University of Iowa
J.O. Chellevoid	1952-1953	Wartburg College
M.F. Smiley	1953-1954	State University of Iowa
Fred Brandner	1954-1955	Iowa State College
R.S. Jacobsen	1955-1956	Luther College
Arthur H. Blue	1956-1957	Cornell College
Allen T. Craig	1957-1958	State University of Iowa
R.S. Jacobsen	1958-1959	Luther College
Harold C. Trimble	1959-1960	Iowa State Teachers College
Rev. T.J. Taylor	1960-1961	St. Ambrose College
William L. Watlmann	1961-1962	Wartburg College
Clarence H. Lindahl	1962-1963	Iowa State University
R.S. Jacobsen	1963-1964	Luther College
Donald E. Sanderson	1964-1965	Iowa State University
Charles M. Lindsay	1965-1966	Coe College
Rev. John L. Friedell	1966-1967	Loras College
Rev. John L. Friedell	1967-1968	Loras College
Steve Armentrout	1968-1969	University of Iowa
Timothy Robertson	1969-1970	University of Iowa
Donald Pilgrim	1970-1971	Luther College
Joseph Hoffert	1971-1972	Drake University

### Secretary-Treasurers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
I.F. Neff	1916-1917	Drake University
W.E. Beck	1917-1918	Iowa City High
C.W. Wester	1918-1919	Iowa State Teachers College
Le Roy M. Coffin	1919-1920	Coe College
B.F. Simonson	1920-1921	Upper Iowa University
John F. Reilly	1921-1933	State University of Iowa
Cornelius Gouwens	1933-1946	Iowa State College
Fred Robertson	1946-1956	Iowa State College
Earle L. Canfield	1956-1967	Drake University
Basil E. Gillam	1967-1978	Drake University
James Peake	1978-1984	Iowa State University
Alan J. Heckenbach	1984-1987	Iowa State University
David Oakland	1987-1993	Drake University
Steve Nimmo	1993-1999	Morningside College
Mark Johnson	1999-2002	Central College
Wendy Weber	2002-2006	Central College

### Secretaries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Wendy Weber	2006-2008	Central College
Bernadette Baker	2008-2011	Drake University
Ronald Smith	2011-2014	Graceland University

### Treasurers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Karen Shuman	2006-2009	Grinnell College
Scott Searcy	2009-2014	Waldorf College

## Governors

Name	Term	Institution
Cornelius Gouwens*	1941-1943	Iowa State College
K. W. Wegner*	1943-1945	University of Minnesota
George A. Parkinson*	1945-1947	University of Wisconsin
H.P. Thielman	1947-1950	Iowa State College
E.N. Oberg <sup>‡</sup>	1950-1953	State University of Iowa
W.M. Davis	1950-1953	Cornell College
D.L. Holl <sup>†</sup>	1953-1956	Iowa State University
E.N. Oberg	1953-1956	State University of Iowa
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	1962-1965	
	1965-1968	
Donald E. Sanderson	1968-1971	Iowa State University
Robert V. Hogg	1971-1974	University of Iowa
Elsie Muller	1974-1977	Morningside College
James L. Cornette	1977-1980	Iowa State University
William L. Waltmann	1980-1983	Wartburg College
Donald V. Meyer	1983-1986	Central College
A.M. Fink	1986-1989	Iowa State University
Anne Steiner	1989-1992	University of Iowa?
Lynn Olson	1992-1995	Wartburg College
Alexander Kleiner	1995-1998	Drake University
Elgin Johnston	1998-2001	Iowa State University
Ruth Berger	2001-2004	Luther College
James Freeman	2004-2007	Cornell College
Calvin Van Niewaal	2007-2010	Coe College
Joel Haack	2010-2013	University of Northern Iowa
Allen Hibbard	2013-2016	Central College

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\* These were regional governors, who represented multiple the sections of the Mathematical Association of America encompassed within a region. In 1945, the bylaws were amended so that governors would be chosen from each section.

<sup>†</sup> Died in office

<sup>‡</sup> Resigned from office

**Appendix B: List of Sectional Meetings**

**Sectional Meetings**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance (Total)</b>	<b>Attendance (Members)</b>
Drake University	April 28, 1916	6	
Grinnell	April 28, 1917	30	
Des Moines	November 2, 1917		
Ames	April 27, 1918	27	
Iowa State Teachers College	April 26, 1919	17	
Des Moines	November 7, 1919	62	20
Iowa City	April 24, 1920	25	
Des Moines	November -, 1920		
Simpson College	April 30, 1921	17	15
Des Moines	November 4, 1921	101	13
Drake University	April 29, 1922	25	20
Des Moines High School	November 3, 1922	150	21
Cornell College	April 27-28, 1923	37	25
Iowa State College	May 2-3, 1924	43	24
Iowa State Teachers College	May 1-2, 1925		24
Coe College	April 30-May 26, 1926		29
State University of Iowa	May 6-7, 1927	40	25
Grinnell College	May 4-5, 1928	60	27
Parsons College	April 26-27, 1929	40	18
Iowa State College	May 2-3, 1930	50	28
St. Ambrose College	May 1-2, 1931	40	17
Iowa State Teachers College	April 29-30, 1932	35	21
Coe College	April 21-22, 1933	50	21
Drake University	April 20-21, 1934	53	30
Grinnell College	April 19-20, 1935	40	25
State University of Iowa	April 3-4, 1936	45	22
University of Dubuque	April 16-17, 1937	30	17
Morningside College	April 15-16, 1938	27	14
Iowa State College	April 21-22, 1939	50	25
Cornell College	April 19-20, 1940	45	26
Simpson College	April 25-26, 1941	42	26
Iowa Wesleyan College	April 17-18, 1942	26	17
Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids	April 15, 1944	30	20

Grinnell College	April 19-20, 1946	35	21
Iowa State Teachers College	April 18-19, 1947	45	31
Parsons College	April 16-17, 1948	70	29
Drake University	April 15-16, 1949	43	29
State University of Iowa	April 21-22, 1950	104	54
Wartburg College	April 20-21, 1951	50	33
Coe College	April 18-19, 1952	43	22
Cornell College	April 17-18, 1953	75	32
Iowa State College	April 30, 1954	68	44
St. Ambrose College	April 15-16, 1955	37	26
Grinnell College	April 20-21, 1956	55	29
Iowa State Teachers College	April 26-27, 1957	63	37
Drake University	April 18, 1958	71	30
Iowa Wesleyan College	April 17, 1959	50	23
State University of Iowa	April 22, 1960		
Simpson College	April 14-15, 1961	81	35
Wartburg College	April 14, 1962	91	22
Iowa State University	April 19, 1963	96	53
Luther College	April 17, 1964	95	48
University of Dubuque	April 23, 1965	89	49
Central College	April 15, 1966	105	56
Drake University	April 21, 1967	96	58
University of Northern Iowa	April 18, 1969	92	47
Loras College	April 23, 1971	54	41
University of Iowa	April 28, 1972	58	42
Grinnell College	April 27, 1973	77	42
Upper Iowa University	April 19, 1974	33	32
Iowa State University	April 19, 1975	59	44
Clarke College	April 10, 1976	50	34
University of Northern Iowa	April 22, 1978	50	32
Cornell College	April 20-21, 1979	51	32
Simpson College	April 18-19, 1980	61	42
Coe College	April 24-25, 1981	53	39
Grinnell College	March 26-27, 1982	61	53
Wartburg College	April 13-14, 1984	49	37
Drake University	April 12-13, 1985		
University of Iowa	April 11-12, 1986		
University of Northern Iowa	April 24-25, 1987		
Grinnell College	April 15-16, 1988		
Coe College	April 7-8, 1989		
Iowa State University	April 6-7, 1990		

Drake University	April 5-6, 1991		
Graceland University	April 24-25, 1992		
Luther College	April 16-17, 1993		
Grinnell College	April 15-16, 1994		
University of Northern Iowa	April 21-22, 1995		
Cornell College	April 26-27, 1996		
Iowa State University	April 11-12, 1997		
Luther College	April 17-18, 1998		
University of Iowa	April 16-17, 1999		
Simpson College	April 14-15, 2000		
Drake University	April 6-7, 2001		
Morningside College	April 5-6, 2002		
University of Northern Iowa	April 4-5, 2003		
Central College	April 16-17, 2004		
Central College	April 1-2, 2005		
Iowa State University	April 7-8, 2006		
Drake University	April 13-14, 2007	63	35
Simpson College	April 25-26, 2008	54	30
University of Northern Iowa	October 9-10, 2009		
Coe College	October 22-23, 2010		
Central College	October 21-22, 2011		
Simpson College	October 5-6, 2012		
Wartburg College	October 18-19, 2013		

**Note:** Several universities have changed names over the past century, but are named in the list as they appear in the original minutes. For reference: the Iowa State Teachers College is now the University of Northern Iowa; Iowa State College is now Iowa State University; the State University of Iowa is now the University of Iowa

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