

## Mid-America Region NA Timeline

- Ⓝ 1972 - 1<sup>st</sup> known meeting in Kansas, Phoenix Group of Salina. Though it died out a few times in the early days, it resurrected continually and is still active today.
- Ⓝ Groups in Wichita and Topeka formed soon after and connected with other groups in Kansas City, MO., Lincoln and Omaha, NE., Norman and Tulsa, OK. and Council Bluffs, IA. – There were other groups popping up throughout the mid-west as well.
- Ⓝ 1976 – 1<sup>st</sup> WSC arbitrarily grouped USA in sections by known groups. Kansas fell in the Midwestern Region (*N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri*)
- Ⓝ 1977 – Topeka (United Survivors) met Wichita and Greg P. suggested they start a region.
- Ⓝ 1977 – Our region was loosely formed but was never given a name; it still was called the “Midwestern Region”. The first newsletter outside California came from Kansas in this year.
- Ⓝ WSC 1978 – Mary L., who also got elected WSC Secretary that year, reported for the Midwestern Region, stating that it included groups from N. and S. Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri. Ash House in Wichita opened; this was a recovery clubhouse and the future site of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Literature Committee meeting.
- Ⓝ 1979 – Lawrence and Newton started meetings as well as many towns throughout the other states mentioned. Anne W. reported in April 1979 at the WSC that the Midwestern Region covered Kansas, N. and S. Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. She mentioned Wichita having a clubhouse now (Ash House) where they hold meetings and parties and have 36 members on a good night. They also had weekend jaunts to Lincoln, NE. They were keeping in close contact with WSO and WS convention. I believe it was at the conference where members from Kansas put in a bid for the 1980 World Convention 10. She reported we recently held our first regional meeting and have a campout planned in June/July as well. The WSLC held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Wichita Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and in **November 1979 the Mid-America Region held its first meeting in Topeka.**
- Ⓝ 1980 – Cliff H. of Wichita reported at the conference that new directories were being printed and how the region has grown tremendously since the last year. Monies were being raised for the WSC Lit. Committee. Members from Topeka, Salina, and Wichita all had chairperson positions for the upcoming WCNA in Wichita. H&I was strong at this time too. Council Bluffs, IA. Joined the Lincoln area with Omaha, Fremont and Norfolk also had started in Neb. In May Cindy P. and Ron D. attended the 1<sup>st</sup> High on Life Picnic at Stockton Lake in Missouri, where they invited their groups to join our region. They formed the Ozark Area and requested admission. A newsletter was still being published at this time too.
- Ⓝ WCNA 10 – Sept. 1980, Wichita, KS. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lit. workshop also this month in Lincoln.
- Ⓝ 1981 - Up until this time there were no “elected” officers of the region. That changed in 1981, Cindy P. of Topeka became the 1<sup>st</sup> Representative for the region. At WSC '81, Cindy reported how much we had grown in the past 4 years and was now up to about 2,000 members strong. P.I. was heavy into radio and TV ads, a lot of Institution meetings, and many cities having club houses starting with 24 hour answering services.

At this conference, Mid-America served Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Three of the states had “state representatives” at the conference which all stood and took a bow when Cindy introduced them during her report. They were also given the opportunity to report on their state as well. Emporia had started a meeting in this year.

- Ⓝ Iowa was the 1<sup>st</sup> state to break away from the Mid-America Region doing so in Oct. 1981 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> WS Literature Conference in Lincoln, NE.
- Ⓝ 1982 WSC had a very lengthy report given by the newly elected RSR, Julie W. of Wichita. We were down to a 4 state region with 7 areas. Tremendous growth came in other ways though, we had a service office in Topeka, and Cindy P. was the RSO Manager. Members from Raytown, MO. copied and compiled the regional newsletter. We have Cindy as being the Editor for the Mid-America Newsletter at this time. The Regional Directory (meeting list) was kept as current as possible as new groups were springing up all over, including McPherson and Hoisington. There were groups reported in Fayetteville, AR., Waterloo, IA, Colby and Dodge City, KS. Kearney, NE., Enid and Ok City, OK. All added to the already mentioned towns.
- Ⓝ 1983 - The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Convention happened in this year. This spawned even more interest in new groups, along with the new book, our Basic Text. Missouri held a special conference for the purpose of forming their own region in August.
- Ⓝ The new “Show Me Region” was admitted officially at the April 1984 WSC. This left only areas from Kansas and Oklahoma, along with UKSA. I’m not sure when Nebraska formed their own, I’m sure there is someone here that can help with that info. Kansas held their 1<sup>st</sup> “State Roundup” in Wichita as a celebration of our growth.
- Ⓝ June 1985 Oklahoma Region was officially formed. Mid-America Region consisted of areas in Kansas and the United Kansas City Area of Missouri.
- Ⓝ The 4<sup>th</sup> annual MARCNA was held at Shangri-La Resort at Afton, OK. In March of 1986 as a joint effort with the Show Me and Oklahoma Regions. Well over 400 people attended.
- Ⓝ August 1988 United Kansas City Area joined the Show Me Region which caused a possible conflict with the current RSR (John B.) living in Kansas City. It was a consensus that it is not a problem and his participation was welcomed. After his term ended he left this region. There was a motion at this RSC to change the name to the “Kansas Regional Service Committee”, in November, it failed. An alternate motion was made for the name “Kansas Mid-America Region” that also failed at the Feb. 1989 RSC.
- Ⓝ Throughout the 90’s, Western Area had incorporated the groups from the failed Oz Area. Another area “5<sup>th</sup> Tradition” from Wichita caused a need for new policy that was both painful and spiritual to adapt, but saw this region unify from it. The Mid-America Region helped start and supported a “Multi Regional Learning Day” that lasted 5 years, but had lost all regional support but OK by then.
- Ⓝ 1995 saw this region help form another level of service, the Plains States’ Zonal Forum, which ironically enough had many of the states involved in the earlier incarnations of the Mid-America region.
- Ⓝ Through stories, the rest will be told. They will bring this timeline up to date.