

Final Comments:

The base material for this history (minutes summaries, presenter listings and compiled listings) has come almost exclusively from the Association's files which represent the collection of many people's files passed around and passed down over the years. These files are amazingly complete in some respects, and also disappointingly incomplete in others. For certain many association documents still exist in personal files of the participants which have never found their way to our records depository. This is an issue the board may want to pursue. The anecdotal info has been provided by many GMDA members - both past and present. While the base material was easy to put together, the rest of the info adds the real flavor to this history.

The conference information comes from the annual brochures which have been compiled by many capable meeting organizers over the years. Many of the names, positions and places within this history have been sifted and lifted from these documents (electronically in most cases), so if there are spelling errors/inconsistencies I apologize. Moreover, the published conference programs have a habit of changing from time to time as speakers' schedules change, weather prohibits travel for some, etc. Please note that the participant lists contained herein are from the **published** program brochures. They for the most part will NOT include last minute speaker or topic changes.

It is lamentable that so few pictures exist of the association participants and activities. This is another issue the board should perhaps address. If you have pictures of past events that you'd like to share, please consider sending them to the Association records depository along with all known information - what conference? Who are the People? What is the Event? If you want them returned, please specify this.

The annual board of directors listings were often printed within the various annual conference brochures. These were mostly done by the conference organizers and I have found that they do not always match the directors listing within the official minutes. I have used the association Secretary's final board and advisor listing for the appendix, which is considered to be the most accurate. If you cross check an annual board member listing with any annual conference brochures you have in your files and there is a discrepancy, you now know why. If you have strong evidence that the conference brochure is correct, please pass this along and I'll correct the records.

It has been my unqualified pleasure reconstructing this GMDA history to date with the help of the following GMDA members of note: Dean Pennington and Judith McGaugh of the YMD Joint Management District, Mississippi; Larry Panning of Ellinwood, Kansas; Larry Angle, Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo, Nebraska; Tom Cech of the Central Colorado Conservancy District of Greeley, Colorado. Dean Pennington, Judith McGaugh and Larry Panning sent pictures; Larry Angle sent information; and Tom Cech and Dean Pennington sent draft review comments.

I hope you get as much pleasure reading and reminiscing as I have had in compiling this information.

Sincerely, Wayne Bossert, KS.