



# The Abridged History of GMDA

**Covering the years 1974 - 2006**

**By: The Members of GMDA - Past and Present**

**January, 2007**

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## INTRODUCTION:

Ken Carver (TX), organizer for the 2007 annual conference in Albuquerque, NM gave a report on his developments at the GMDA Spring meeting in Jackson, WY. During this report he mentioned that it would be nice if some historical items could be provided for the electronic marquees available in the 2007 host facility - the Navajo Lodge. That's all it took to spawn the idea of this document - which was from the outset - intended to be an *"All you wanted to know about GMDA but were afraid to ask."* document. Thanks Ken, for the terrific idea and what is shaping up to be one of the best GMDA conferences to date.

### The GMDA Seed...

According to press releases, the first meeting of what was to become GMDA was held November 7 and 8, 1974 in Garden City, Kansas at the Continental Inn on West Highway 50. It was called:

"Workshop on Ground Water Management and Recharge (Great Plains States)"

What is known is that this meeting was sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Services and co-sponsored by the Kansas and Nebraska Water Resources Research Institutes. It was organized in person by: DeLynn Hay, Colby, Kansas; Deon Axthelm, Lincoln, NE; Frank Rayner, Lubbock, Texas; David Pope, Garden City, Kansas; and Dwayne Konrad, Burlington, Colorado. Deon Axthelm has been given the major credit for doing the administrative legwork in setting up the meeting and making sure everyone was in the loop.



Organizers of the groundwater management workshop are, left to right, DeLynn Hay, Kansas; Deon Axthelm, Nebraska; Frank A. Rayner, District Manager; Dave Pope, Kansas, and Dwayne Konrad, Colorado.

What is not known are all the specific motivations and discussions which led these sponsors and in particular these 5 organizers to decide on

holding this initial meeting. However, the notes are clear in that the purpose of the conclave was to discuss groundwater issues common to the 5 states of Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Colorado and Oklahoma, and to assess if the attendees would support on-going meetings of this nature.

Carl Epp, Chair of the York County Groundwater Conservation District in Nebraska was appointed as acting chair of the session and Wallace Robinson, Chair of Western Kansas Groundwater Management District 1 in Kansas was appointed Secretary.

The organizers had expected a 50-60 person turnout, but 125 attended. The attendance sheet is contained in the GMDA files. The attendance summary shows 44 persons from Kansas; 41 from Nebraska; 20 from Colorado; 11 from Texas; 6 from Oklahoma; and 3 from other states.

After a day and a half of presentations and discussions, which was appropriately characterized as "strongly supporting local groundwater control", the participants decided that a 5-state annual meeting to discuss, on a continuing basis, groundwater issues was in fact a good idea. Important to this process was: the cross flow of communications between organizers and prospective participants; a list of all district directors and managers with addresses of all groundwater district home offices; and the understanding that all directors needed to become knowledgeable on the developing Safe Drinking Water Act - HR 13002.

The initial November 7-8, 1974 business meeting adopted the following motions:

1) Each state should select a manager or director to form a steering committee to determine if an organization of the five states would be beneficial. Deon Axthelm was named to head the 5-state steering committee.

The committee members were as follows:

Wallace Robinson, Scott City, KS;	Frank Rayner, Lubbock, TX;
John Vasa, Holyoke, CO;	Bonita Hoeme, Guymon, OK;
Mel Noffke, York, NE;	Deon Axthelm, Lincoln, NE
David Pope, Garden City, KS	DeLynn Hay, Colby, KS.

2) The steering committee is to determine if an annual meeting would be worthwhile, and if so, is to announce the time and place of the first annual meeting.

The committee decided they needed an interim meeting to conclude this responsibility. This interim meeting of the committee was scheduled for March 25, 1975 in Wichita, Kansas.

3) The steering committee should assume control over the remaining fiscal proceeds of the Garden City meeting for such purposes as needed, and that David Pope, KS is to be the interim treasurer.

The initial conference brought in \$1,007.00 and cost \$442.88 thus netting \$564.12. By the time the steering committee got to the next meeting, an additional \$64.32 had been spent leaving a balance of \$499.80.

#### **The Organization...**

In early 1975 the steering committee began its efforts on the planning for their follow-up meeting which they continued to call "The Great Plains States Groundwater Management and Recharge Workshop". This session was held March 25, 1975 at the Diamond Inn at 6815 West Highway 54, Wichita, Kansas.

The agenda for the workshop attendees was: 1) decide if an organization of groundwater management districts should be formed, and if so, produce recommendations to be presented at the next conference; 2) decide the location and dates of its first annual meeting and establish planning responsibilities for that meeting; and 3) review bills and consider the disposition of the existing funds in either event.

Deon Axthelm opened the meeting and the delegates got right to work on their first agenda item and decision - should an association be organized? The following committee report (transcribed in its entirety) was adopted:

GREAT PLAINS STATES GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP  
Committee Report, 1975 Workshop

A meeting was held March 25, 1975 at the Diamond Inn; Wichita, Kansas at which time the following report was developed.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

It was the concensus of the Committee that we present the following recommendations:

We find that there is a need for an exchange of technical and managerial information between districts involved with groundwater management.

There is a need for an organizational structure which can advise its membership of the availability of technical and financial assistance available from state and federal government.

There is a need for an organization to bring to the groundwater management entities, and to the people they serve, water conservation management and other types of information, developed by agricultural and other assistance services, such as technical research by Universities, studies by federal agencies, and information on financial assistance.

There is a need for exchange of information in regard to laws, rules, and regulations to keep the managerial districts advised about existing and proposed legislation, and directives of State and Federal agencies.

There is a need for a forum for addressing common problems; and also for coalescing of opinions on federal and state regulatory actions.

There is a need for an organized effort to make the nation aware of the stability of its food supply, and the economic benefits made possible through groundwater irrigation.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DELEGATES TO THE SECOND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A COALITION OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS.

Furthermore, we recommend that the suggested name for this organization can be: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

We do not envision a large, national organization, with big offices, at this time. If this organization is developed and is to succeed, it will have to be through interest and voluntary participation and work. If you are elected to the Board, it will not be an honorary position, you are going to have to work.

The Committee further recommends that the make-up of this Association be voluntarily maintained and that elections or appointment of Board personnel be reserved for the States.

At the will, and with the consent of the membership, we recommend that there be two members on the Board of Directors from each state, to be selected by state caucus. We recommend that there be one manager and one farmer (groundwater irrigator) from each State.

Officers of the Organization will be elected within the Board.

In addition to the elected members of the Board, there can be a slate of advisory members.

We recommend that there be a \$20.00 fee for membership for Districts, and that expenses for attendance at special seminars be borne by individuals, the workshops being completely funded by the participants.

We recommend that the Districts, on a pro-rata basis, underwrite any contingency expenses.

Signed:

Chairman Deon Axthelm, Lincoln, NE    Frank Rayner, Lubbock, TX  
Keith Lebbin, Scott City, KS        Mel Noffke, York, FF  
DeLynn Hay, Colby, KS                David Pope, Garden City, KS  
John Vasa, Burlington, CO    Roland & Bonita Hoeme, Guymon, OK

The remaining agenda items were attended to and a first annual conference was scheduled for December 9-10, 1975 at the Silver Spur Motel in Dodge City, Kansas. There were many suggested presentation topics including: conjunctive use of ground and surface water; groundwater laws of the 5 states (to be compiled); federal regulations affecting groundwater - specifically HR 13002, the Safe Drinking Water Act; energy conservation; and time for open exchange of ideas.

The Association was officially off and running.....

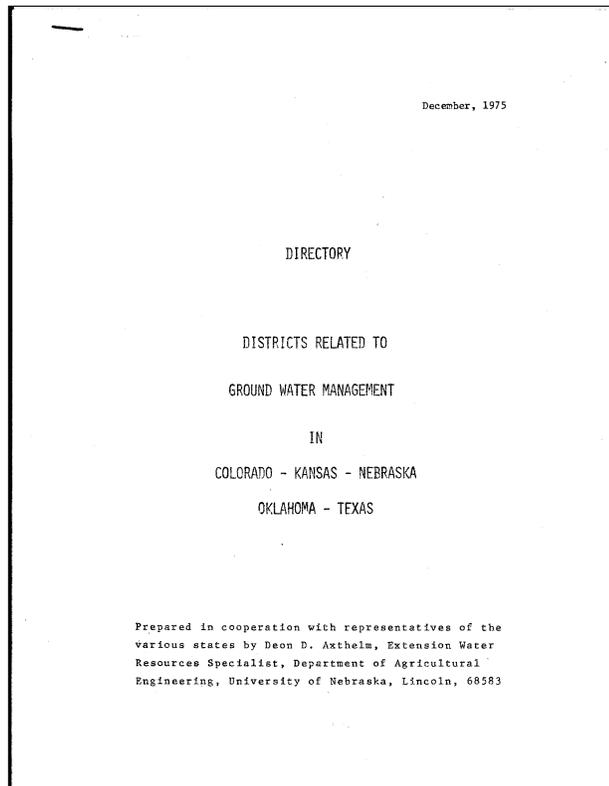
# 1st Annual Meeting: Dodge City, Kansas

December 9-10, 1975

Silver Spur Convention Center

The first real meeting of the official GMDA was December 9-10, 1975 in Dodge City, Kansas at the groups 1st Annual Meeting. Registration was \$7.00 per person and the motel rooms at the Silver Spur started at \$13.00 for a single room and ballooned to \$22.00 for two beds with 2 persons.

True to their directives, the first GMDA document produced was a Directory of districts related to groundwater management in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas dated December, 1975 and produced by Deon Axthelm, NE. A copy is contained in the GMDA files. It contained information on 51 groundwater-related entities in these 5 states.



A copy of the meeting minutes for this session has not yet been located, however, from general correspondence and other sources we know the GMDA Constitution drafting was begun during this meeting. The group also formally accepted the steering committee report, settled on the name "Groundwater Management Districts Association" and elected the initial Board of Directors who were:

Ben Saunders, Holyoke, CO Gordon Thompson, Wray, CO Keith Lebbin, Scott City, KS

Melvin Winger, Johnson, KS

Mel Noffke, York, NE

Frank Dragoun, Holdrege, NE

George Bergner, Texhoma, OK  
OK  
James McCray, Panhandle, TX

Frank Rayner, Lubbock, TX

Bonita Hoeme, Guymon,

# Spring Meeting: 1976

Wichita, Kansas March 11-12,

Diamond Inn Motel

The first official GMDA board meeting took place here at the Wichita Spring meeting. This is the meeting where the initial set of association officers were elected from the board as follows:

Frank Rayner, President      Frank Dragoun, NE, Vice President      Keith Lebbin, KS, Secretary/Treasurer

The Constitution was also ratified at this meeting after hours of wordsmithing which the minutes characterize as "*...This review and discussion required the remainder of the day (March 11th), and approximately two hours on the morning of the 12th.*" George Bergner, OK, finally moved for adoption of the Constitution as amended and Keith Lebbin, KS, seconded the motion.

Four committees were set up: 1976 Convention Committee (Gordon Thompson, Chair); Program Committee (Mel Noffke, Chair); Resolutions Committee (George Bergner, Chair) and Membership Committee (Keith Lebbin, Chair).

A special recognition letter was sent to Deon Axthelm, DeLynn Hay, Dave Pope and Dwayne Konrad for their organizational assistance, and Deon Axthelm, DeLynn Hay and Dave Pope were assigned as advisors to the Board.

The treasurer's report on March 11, 1976 shows a balance of \$1,090.59.

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** The first use of the GMDA logo and letterhead we have currently on file was on a **June 17, 1976** letter signed by GMDA President Frank Rayner. We still use this same logo & letterhead today.

# 2nd Annual Meeting: Colorado Springs,

Colorado December 7-9, 1976

Four Seasons Inn

Currently called the 3rd Annual Meeting, this meeting was really the 2nd annual conference. The meeting summary is as follows:

It's clear the **conference** topics of interest were ENERGY, LEGISLATION and MANAGEMENT.

## Program Presenters:

Dave Pope, Manager, Southwest Kansas GMD3, Garden City, Kansas;  
Frank Rayner, High Plains UWCD #1, Lubbock, Texas;  
Dr. B. L. Clary, Assoc. Professor, Ag Engineering, OSU, Stillwater, Oklahoma;  
Dr. William Splinter, Dpt of Ag Engineering, UNL, Lincoln, Nebraska;  
Dr. Ron Lacewell, Dpt of Ag Economics, Texas A&M, College Station, Texas;  
Delbert L. Hardy, P.E., Manager, Y-W Electric Assoc., Inc., Akron, Colorado;  
Frank Dragoun, Assistant Manager, CNPPID, Holdrege, Nebraska;  
Dr. Donal D. Johnson, Dean, College of Ag, CSU, Fort Collins, Colorado;  
Dr. Robert Emmett Clark, Law Professor, U. of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona;  
John Hanlon, District Coordinator, Representative Charles Thone, Lincoln, Nebraska;  
Dwayne Konrad, Extension Irrigation Engineer, Colorado State University, Burlington, Colo.;  
Dr. Darrell Watts, Extension Irrigation Engineer, University of Nebraska, North Platte, Nebraska;  
Dr. Dale Heerman, Agricultural Engineer, Agricultural Research Service, Fort Collins, Colorado;  
Fred C. Corey, P. E., Agricultural Technology Company, McCook, Nebraska;  
Jack Schneider, Farmer, Yuma, Colorado; and  
Dennis Bejot, Agricultural Extension Agent, Seward, Nebraska

The **board meetings** (there were three of them) handled the following issues:

- ◆ Adoption of the December, 1975 minutes AND the December, 1974 minutes. (NOTE: The December, 1975 minutes to this day have not been located. If anyone has a copy in their files, please contact your GMDA board member or Wayne Bossert, GMDA Secretary.)
- ◆ Change in the By-laws. Tabled a suggested change that would allow the out-going president to remain on the board for 1 year.

**GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION**

ENERGY  
LEGISLATION  
MANAGEMENT

1976  
*Conference*

December 7-9-9, 1976  
Four Seasons Inn  
Colorado Springs, Colo.



- ◆ Retaining a Consultant for information to membership.
- ◆ Development of a procedure for reimbursement of speakers.
- ◆ State Caucus reports for all 5 states - Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. These caucus reports all focused on the resolutions being considered.
- ◆ Resolutions adoption. Adopted eleven (11) resolutions. (See Appendix for copies)
- ◆ Frank Rayner's term as President ended and Frank Dragoun assumed the Presidency. Dave Pope became Vice President and Mel Noffke Secretary/Treasurer.
- ◆ Dues were discussed, but no change was made.

**Spring Meeting: Garden City, Kansas** March 18,  
1977

Kansas State University Extension Office

**The Board Meeting** was eventful. Issues undertaken were:

- ◆ Formation of a membership committee to seek potential members.
- ◆ Authorization for Frank Dragoun to find a newsletter person and start a GMDA publication.
- ◆ Formulation and appointment of "Lead Directors" for each state to facilitate GMDA business.
- ◆ GMDA's initial procedure for handling resolutions was approved.
- ◆ The Constitution was amended to make the out-going President a member of the board for 1 year.
- ◆ The Constitution was amended to create 2-year staggered board positions for each state.
- ◆ Appointed a 1977 Conference Publicity Chairman - Pat Patitz, NE.
- ◆ Limited speaker Honorariums were authorized with guidelines.
- ◆ Proceedings would be available to non-conference attendees at 150% of printing costs + postage.
- ◆ Approved a policy that up to 20% of each state's dues be allowed for directors travel.
- ◆ Approved Dragoun's travel expenses to the next High Plains Study Council meeting.
- ◆ Authorized GMDA to be incorporated, if necessary, in a convenient state.
- ◆ Total GMDA assets as of March 18, 1977 were \$4,941.64.

There is no conference brochure for this event, so not much is known about who might have presented. If you have any records please consider sending them along.

**1977 BOARD** (Elected at the 1976 Annual Conference in Colorado Springs, CO)

Frank Dragoun, President	Holdrege, NE
David Pope, Vice President	Garden City, KS
Mel Noffke, Secretary/Treasurer	York, NE
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Gordon Thompson	Wray, CO
Keith Lebbin	Scott City, KS
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX
Ed Waggoner	Houston, TX

Advisors: DeLynn Hay (KS); Deon Axthelm (NE); Dwayne Konrad (CO); Delbert Schwab (OK)

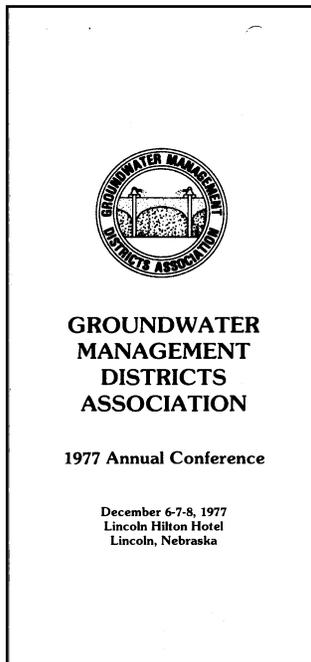
**Bet You Didn't Know This!**

GMDA's Frank Dragoun formally represented our association on the federal High Plains Study Council which was still getting organized as a result of section 193 of PL 94-587 (signed by President Carter on October 22, 1976). According to Frank's notes, the idea first started at a breakfast meeting he and others attended on November 6, 1975. The economic future of the High Plains was discussed. One thing led to another and eventually (on January 31, 1977) a \$2.5 million study request was made in a letter to President Carter. This study eventually ended up being a \$6 million study undertaken

# 3rd Annual Meeting: . . . Lincoln, Nebraska

December 6-8, 1977

Lincoln Hilton Inn



## Program Presenters:

BEN SAUNDERS, Frenchman Groundwater Management District, Holyoke, Colorado

SENATOR RALPH D. KELLY, Nebraska State Legislature, 35th District, Grand Island, Nebraska

J.E. BUSECKER, Water Resources Division, U.S.G.S., Denver, Colorado

MANOUTCHEHR HELDARI, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, Kansas

VINCENT H. DREESZEN, Division of Conservation and Survey, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

J.A. WOOD, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FELIX W. RYALS, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, White Deer, Texas

PAUL M. BEAM, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Tallahassee, Florida

PAT CHOATE, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Washington, D.C.

JOE D. HALL, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Region 7, Denver, Colorado

FRANK J. DRAGOUN, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Holdrege, Nebraska

CLAYTON YEUTTER, Attorney-at-Law, Lincoln, Nebraska

DELBERT SCHWAB, Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

DWAYNE KONRAD, Colorado State University, Burlington, Colorado

DAVID L. POPE, Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3, Garden City, Kansas

LEE ORTON, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Lincoln, Nebraska

GEORGE C. BERGNER, Groundwater Management District Association Director, Texhoma, Oklahoma

WAYNE WYATT, High Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Lubbock, Texas

JAMES B. McCRAY, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Panhandle, Texas

JOHN SPIELMAN, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification, Manitou Springs, Colorado

GEORGE H. ABERNATHY, Ag Engineering Dpt, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

RON MATLIN, Solar Photovoltaic Project, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lexington, Massachusetts

PAUL FISCHBACH, Agricultural Engineering, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

NOLAN CLARK, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, Texas

JAMES HELMAN, Remote Sensing Institute, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

The Board Meetings featured the following items:

- High Plains Study Council update - \$3 million had been appropriated, but not lead contractor yet.
- Report on the first newsletter edition prepared by the NE Water Resources Assoc. and the Association of Resource Districts.
- Dues were not raised, but set on the agenda for the Spring Meeting.

# Spring Meeting: . . . . Wichita, Kansas

April  
3, 1978

Canterbury Inn

## The Board Meeting Highlights:

- Resource Consultants, Inc. was contracted to produce 4 newsletters per year, Mort Bittinger attended the meeting to answer questions and get acquainted.
- Dues were increased for all but Individual members. (See Appendix for figures)
- Service plaques were authorized for all past Presidents and all future Presidents.
- The official GMDA seal was approved to be cast in bronze as paperweights for sale.
- Patrick J. Regan, Wichita, KS, addressed the board regarding the Gigot tax depletion allowance case.
- Bonita Hoeme presented an update on federal energy bills in Congress.
- The Constitution was amended to generalize the Dues language - providing board flexibility.

## 1978 BOARD (Elected at the 1977 Conference in Lincoln, NE)

David Pope, President	Garden City, KS
Ron Neighbors, Vice President	Houston, TX
Royce East, Secretary/Treasurer	Clay Center, NE
Frank Dragoun, Past President	Holdrege, NE
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Marvin Large	Wauneta, NE
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX

### Advisors:

Deon Axthelm, NE; DeLynn Hay, KS; Tommy Knowles, TX; Dwayne Konrad, CO; Delbert Schwab, OK.

### Bet You Didn't Know This!

Only 25 of the GMDA seal paperweights were made for independent sale. If you have one, it's a collector's item! The only other GMDA paperweight casts made to date have been affixed to the President's plaques.

# 4th Annual Meeting: . . . Amarillo, Texas

December 6-8, 1978

Amarillo Hilton Inn

## Program Presenters:

Dr. Herb Grubb, Texas Department of Water Resources, Austin, Texas  
Jack Weeks, USGS, Water Resources Division, Lakewood, Colorado  
Darrell Mach, BoR, Amarillo, Texas

George McCleskey, Lubbock, Texas  
Patrick J. Regan, Attorney, Wichita, Kansas  
Pat O'Meara, NWRA, Washington, D.C.

Dean Thompson, High Plains Water Conservation District No. 1,  
Lubbock, Texas

Frank J. Dragon, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation  
District, Holdrege, Nebraska

Ben Saunders, Senior Water Commission, State of Colorado, Holyoke,  
Colorado

Marvin Large, Upper Republican NRD, Imperial, Nebraska

Deon Axthelm, Coop Extension Service, UNL, Nebraska

Francis Riley, U.S. Geological Survey, Lakewood, Colorado

Dr. B. B. Lyle, Texas Ag Experiment Station,  
Plainview, Texas

Jack Richards, High Plains Water Conservation  
District No. 1, Lubbock, Texas

Dr. Ronald Lacewell, Dpt of Ag Economics, Texas  
A & M, College Station, Texas

Dr. Arland D. Schneider, USDA, Southwestern  
Great Plains Research Center, Bushland, Texas

## 1978 Annual Conference



## GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

December 6-7-8, 1978

The Hilton Inn  
Amarillo, Texas

## Meeting Minutes:

The big discussion issues this meeting were what GMDA's role and scope should be. From the minutes:

*"No action was taken by the directors but a considerable amount of time was spent discussing the role of the Association, i.e., whether it represented agriculture, industry, municipalities, etc., in taking a position concerning legislation, or whether it represented Groundwater Management Districts in general."*

On the issue of GMDA's scope, no vote was taken or decision made, but there were concerns voiced and much discussion that GMDA was becoming too agriculturally based - to the detriment of some districts that had very little or no ag interests. The topic was left for future consideration.

The continuation of the newsletter was debated with no decision other than if it is ever ceased or re--located, the mailing list the current contractor compiled with GMDA funds would remain the property of GMDA.

**Bet You Didn't Know This!**

December 6, 1978 board meeting is the first known meeting to have all directors present. (1975 annual meeting minutes are missing so we

# Spring Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

April 29-30, 1979

Four Seasons Motor Inn

## The Board Meeting Highlights:

- Ben Saunders replaces Art Young on the board.
- Discussion ensues on the motives of GMDA - expansion and trying to be everything to everyone vs staying focused on Ogallala groundwater issues. Most thought national coverage was the ultimate goal but it had to be based on strong local support in order to set up and maintain an independent office and staff. It was decided to build the strong local base first.
- Committees were set up - Resolutions and Program. The resolutions procedure was amended - sections 2, 7 and 9. The Resolutions process is attached as an appendix at the end of this document.
- An executive secretary was discussed. The executive committee was authorized to look into the possibilities and report to the board next meeting.
- Newsletter discussions were conducted. It was suggested that: the new resolutions procedure be included in the next edition; an editorial be written updating the membership on board activities; and new contacts be followed-up with a GMDA newsletter.
- As of April 28, 1979, GMDA had \$6,585.02 total funds available.

## 1979 BOARD (Elected at the 1978 Conference in Amarillo, TX)

Ron Neighbors, President	Houston, TX
Wayne Bossert, Vice President	Colby, KS
John Turnbull, Secretary/Treasurer	York, NE
David Pope, Past President	Topeka, KS
Arthur Young/Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Marvin Large	Wauneta, NE
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX
A. Wayne Wyatt	Lubbock, TX

## Advisors:

Deon Axthelm, NE; DeLynn Hay, KS; Tommy Knowles, TX; Don Miles, CO; Delbert Schwab, OK

# 5th Annual Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

December

Four Seasons Motor Inn

## Program Presenters:

JAMES COOK, Nebraska Natural Resources Comm, Lincoln, Nebraska  
JOE D. HALL, BoR, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado  
ERIC LAPPALA, U.S.G.S. Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado  
DR. JAY LEHR, National Water Well Association, Worthington, Ohio  
GUY MARTIN, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.  
ROBERT B. MORTON, U.S.G.S., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
DAVID POPE, DWR, Department of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas  
DON SMITH, Alternative Energy, Inc., Colby, Kansas  
WILLIAM SMITH, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, Colorado  
GEORGE VRANESH, Law Firm Vranesh & Raisch, Boulder, Colorado  
JACK WEEKS, Ogallala Aquifer Study, U.S.G.S., Water Resources Division, Lakewood Colorado  
JEAN WILLIAMS, Camp, Dresser & McKee, Prime Contractor for EDA High Plains Study, Austin, Texas  
J. A. WOOD, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
A. WAYNE WYATT, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1, Lubbock, Texas

## Board Meeting Synopsis

- ◆ Initial *GMDA Index of Information* released.
- ◆ 3 resolutions were handled by the resolutions committee 79-1: USGS Data Collection; 79-2: Right of states to veto use of groundwater in coal slurry pipelines; 79-3: federal impact on groundwater irrigation. 79-1 and 79-3 were adopted as amended. 79-2 was tabled.
- ◆ The collection of presentation papers for a proceedings was arranged for.
- ◆ Discussion continued on the hiring of a GMDA secretary. The budget discussion indicated a probable lack of income to support such a

### **Bet You Didn't Know This!**

The idea of joining with NWRA was first discussed at this meeting

tion at this time. Tabled until later meetings.

- ◆ Discussion of joining NWRA was begun as an alternative to hiring a secretary.

**1979  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



**GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION**

**DECEMBER 9-10-11**

**Four Seasons Motor Inn  
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

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# Spring Meeting: North Platte, Nebraska

March  
13-14, 1980

Holiday Inn

## The Board Meeting Highlights:

- All fiscal accounts were consolidated at Western State Bank in Garden City and the association treasurer along with the executive committee are to manage the GMDA investment affairs.
- Conference and Resolution committees were appointed. The conference committee was to meet again in Salina, KS to finalize the program based on the suggestions provided and other info. Suggested topics included: Cornbelt? Will it move East as Ogallala declines continue?; Subsidence potential in the Ogallala; Low pressure pivots; LEPA; Water quality by state; Tertiary water injection for oil production; Artificial recharge; Water importation; and Weather modification.
- Discussed the compilation of district regulations and state enabling legislations covering groundwater management. John Turnbull agreed to undertake the effort and state representatives were appointed to provide John the compilations.
- California gets 2 board members based on the new district membership of Santa Clara Water District.
- The newsletter gets continued for another 4 issues at \$900 per issue.
- The resolutions passed last meeting have been distributed to various federal agencies suggested by NWRA.
- USDA's Resource Conservation Act was covered from the perspective of it's impacts on groundwater.
- Discussed whether irrigation tours should be made part of the Spring/Summer meeting.
- The bottom line as of March 13, 1980 is \$7,976.68.

## 1980 BOARD (Elected at the 1979 Conference in Colorado Springs, CO)

Wayne Bossert, President	Colby, KS
John Turnbull, Vice President	York, NE
Don Smith, Secretary/Treasurer	Lubbock, TX
Ron Neighbors, Past President	Houston, TX
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Thomas Bell	Halstead, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX

Advisors:

Deon Axthelm, NE; DeLynn Hay, KS; Tommy Knowles, TX; Dwayne Konrad, CO;  
Delbert Schwab, OK.

**Bet you didn't know this!**

GMDA set up its permanent records retention system at this meeting. Wayne Bossert assumed the initial responsibility. Up to this time the original minutes and financial reports were compiled into a notebook that

# 6th Annual Meeting: North Platte, Nebraska

December 7-9, 1980

Holiday Inn

## Program Presenters:

Wayne Bossert - Northwest Kansas GMD #4, Colby, Kansas  
Tom Vickers - Senator, Nebraska Unicameral, Farnam, Nebraska  
John Carlin - Governor, State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas  
Col. Clyde A. Selleck - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska  
Kenneth Rubin - U.S. Water Resources Council, Washington, D.C.  
Peter Wise - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.  
Dr. Roy Spaulding - UNL, Lincoln Nebraska  
Dr. Robert Manley - Historian of Nebraska, "Listen to the Land", Crete, Nebraska  
Bob Horner - Missouri River Basin Commission, Omaha, Nebraska  
Linda Bruemmer - Minnesota Water Planning Board, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Edward Jenkins - Southwest Kansas GMD #3, Garden City, Kansas  
A. Wayne Wyatt - High Plains UWCD #1, Lubbock, Texas  
Thomas Y. Canby - Senior Writer for National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.  
Deon Axthelm - (Retired), Extension, UNL, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thomas Bell - Equus Beds GMD #2 Halstead, Kansas  
Frank Gray - Farmer, Lubbock, Texas  
Dr. Ray Supalla - Dept. of Ag. Economics, UNL, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Vince Dreeszen - Conservation and Survey Division, UNL, Lincoln, Nebraska

## Meeting Minutes:

2 resolutions were considered - USFW and playa lakes (submitted by North Plains UWCD, Dumas, TX) and federal water policy (submitted by Allen Harris, OK). USFW resolution approved with minor wording changes and federal water policy resolution not approved because existing resolution 79-2 is felt to cover its topic.

First suggestion of having resolutions categorized and a set of policy statements produced for general distribution to the new administration.

GAO "Report to Congress - Groundwater Overdrafting must be Controlled" (Sep 12, 1980 CED-80-96) was discussed from the basis of: Is the federal government trying to get into states' groundwater issues?

Considered providing requested comments from MIT on a study they were asking for funding for from the Water Research Technology office within the Dept of Interior. MIT wanted to look into developing a technique for predicting public reaction to groundwater regulations. GMDA decided not to provide MIT any comments as an association, but urged each state to consider their own comments.

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**December 7-8-9, 1980  
Holiday Inn  
North Platte, Nebraska**

# Spring Meeting: . . . Lubbock, Texas March 17, 1981

Lubbock Hilton Inn

## Board Meeting Activity:

Approved the development of a pamphlet to facilitate new memberships into GMDA. Tom Bell, KS was selected to be responsible.

Membership certificates were approved for distribution to active GMDA members each year.

Conference and resolutions committees were appointed.

The newsletter contract with Resource Consultants was extended for another year with direction for the executive committee to re-negotiate the contract if possible.

GMDA total cash as of March 10, 1981 = \$11,686.33

## 1981 BOARD (Elected at the December 7-9, 1980 Conference in North Platte, NE)

John Turnbull, President	York, NE
Don Smith, Vice President	Lubbock, TX
Thomas Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	Halstead, KS
Wayne Bossert, Past President	Colby, KS
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Craig Pope	Davenport, NE
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
Bill Purvines	Whitewater, TX

## Advisors:

DeLynn Hay, NE; Jim Thomas, KS; Tommy Knowles, TX; Delbert Schwab, OK.

### Just a Little Commentary!

The membership certificates were produced every year between 1982 and 2003. Does anyone have a complete set? The 1982 certificates were done in calligraphy by Sharon Jantz, Lubbock, TX. The 1983 and 1984 certificates were done in calligraphy by Grace Mary Melvin of Colby, KS. The 1986-1989 certificates were done in calligraphy by Wayne Bossert,

# 7th Annual Meeting: . . . Lubbock, Texas

December 2-4, 1981

Lubbock Hilton Inn

Program Presenters ("Efficiency in the 80's"):

Welcomes: Texas 28th District Senator E. L. Short and Lubbock Mayor Bill McAlister;

Plant Stress Labs: Dr. Sam Curl, Texas Tech University;

Precipitation Management - Old & New: Jack Musick, USDA-ARS;

Chemicals for Water Conservation - Growth Regulators: Dr. Charles Wendt, TX Ag Experiment Station;

Water Districts Education Programs: A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains UWCD;

Irrigation Application Efficiency: Myron Namken, USDA-SCS;

Evening Entertainment: Kenneth Hobbs, Esq.;

GMDA Board Meeting Report: John Turnbull, GMDA outgoing President;

USGS High Plains Regional Aquifer Study: Jack Weeks, USGS;

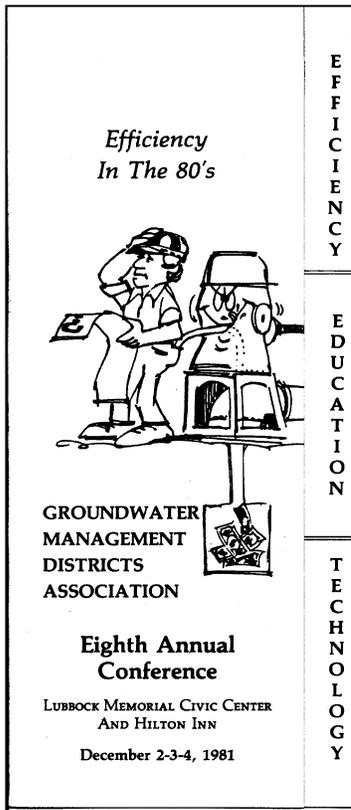
Ogallala Aquifer Study Status Report: Jean Williams, Camp Dresser & McKee;

Playa Lakes Study Nick Palacios, Bureau of Reclamation;

Power Load Management for REAs: LaVerne Stetson, USDA-ARS;

Alternative Energy for the Future: Dr. Marion Hagler, Texas Tech University;

## Board Meeting Summary:



- ◆ Tom Bell, KS, gave a report on the membership drive following 700 invitations being sent. 38 new members responded. The invitations Tom had designed were approved for a second printing.
- ◆ Wayne Bossert and GMD 4 in Colby were voted to be the permanent records repository for GMDA.
- ◆ Outgoing President John Turnbull turned the reins over to incoming President D. D. Smith, TX.
- ◆ Tom Bell, KS, was elected Vice President.
- ◆ Craig Pope, NE was elected Secretary/Treasurer.
- ◆ Resolution 81-1 (Cooperation and support by Interested Parties for Water Storage Projects that Create Additional Usable Water) was submitted by the Tr-Basin NRD, NE, and adopted as amended by the Kansas Caucus. (See appendix for details).
- ◆ Resolution 81-2 (Resolution Regarding Groundwater Depletion) was submitted by the GMDA Water Depletion Committee and was adopted with the Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma amendments.
- ◆ No action was taken on a suggestion by Oklahoma that GMDA work to kill the proposed EPA Groundwater Strategy which had just been placed on "hold" by the Reagan Administration.

- The decision was made to hold the next annual conference outside the Ogallala Area - a first for the Association.
- Dues were not changed for the upcoming year.

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** At this conference, VP Tom Bell, KS., suggested GMDA venture outside it's Ogallala stomping grounds for the next conference. **WHAT!?!??** Tom had to work pretty hard to sell this

# Spring Meeting:

Scottsdale, Arizona

April

15-16, 1982

Doubletree Inn

## Board Meeting Minutes Summary:

- Having introduced the association's first "Goals and Policy Statement" last meeting in Lubbock, the board adopted it in Scottsdale. For the first time GMDA's PURPOSE has been expressed as follows:

*The Groundwater Management Districts Association is a non-profit organization established to provide groundwater management districts, groundwater developers, users, owners, and other individuals and organizations concerned with the management, development, conservation and protection of groundwater, the opportunity to exchange ideas, develop or influence programs for the development, utilization, conservation, protection and management and control of groundwater; and in furtherance thereof the Association shall endeavor:*

*TO BE INFORMED of and exchange ideas on current trends and problems as they affect groundwater, including those which have, or may have, technical, legal, administrative and economic implications.*

*TO REVIEW and analyze methods and techniques employed by members and their associates in conducting studies and research on management of groundwater, and in designing and obtaining solutions to problems associated therewith.*

*TO REVIEW, analyze, propose, and influence legislation and policy as they affect groundwater.*

*TO EVALUATE activities and plans of governmental bodies, and other organizations and associations as they relate to groundwater and to take appropriate action.*

*TO DEVELOP and propose joint or coordinated plans of action to meet national, interstate and regional groundwater problems and needs.*

*TO ASSESS and encourage, as appropriate, the conjunctive use and management of both surface and groundwater supplies with due consideration for the unique and limiting properties of each resource.*

*TO FOSTER the general public's knowledge and appreciation for the economic advantages of the private enterprise and development of groundwater.*

*TO PROMOTE orderly and equitable development, conservation and management of groundwater through local government.*

## **1982 BOARD** (Elected at the December 2-4, 1981 Conference in Lubbock, TX)

Don Smith, President	Lubbock, TX
Thomas Bell, Vice President	Halstead, KS
Craig Pope, Secretary/Treasurer	Davenport, NE
John Turnbull, Past President	York, NE
Merrill Goddard/Tom Kuntz*	Holyoke, CO/Otis, CO
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Bonita Hoeme	Guyton, OK
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Bill Purvines	Whitedeer, TX
Bruce Foster	San Antonio, TX

\* Tom Kuntz replaced Merrill Goddard in mid 1982 board year

GMDA Assets as of April 6, 1982 were \$11,473.55.



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# 8th Annual Meeting: . Scottsdale, Arizona

December 1-3, 1982

Doubletree Inn

Program Presenters ("Water in Conflict"):

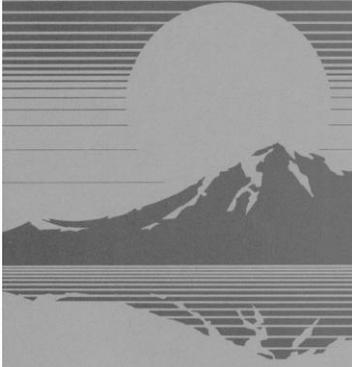
**Fred Eidsness**, EPA, Washington, D.C.; **Dr. Herman Bower**, US Water Conservation Lab, Phoenix, AZ; **Dr. William Powers**, NE Water Resources Center, Lincoln, NE; **John Hickerson**, El Paso Water Utilities, El Paso, TX; **Richard Simmons**, New Mexico State Engineer's Office, Santa Fe, NM; **William Dunn**, Engineer, Woodside, CA; **John Russell**, Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy Dist., Roswell, NM; **Keith Farrar**, Kansas House of Representatives, Hugoton, KS; **John Replogle**, US Water Conservation Lab, Phoenix, AZ; **Jerry Olds**, Utah Division of Water Rights, Salt Lake City, UT; **Wayne Bossert**, NW KS GMD 4, Colby, KS; **Manoutch Heidari**, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS; **A. Wayne Wyatt**, High Plains UWCD, Lubbock, TX; **Wesley Steiner**, AZ Department of Water Resources, Phoenix, AZ; **J. David Aiken**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; **Robert Knox**, National Center for Groundwater Research, Norman, OK; **Bob Hirsch**, Arizona's Premier Outdoorsman.

Board Meeting Summary:

(The board meeting was opened at 3:55 p.m. but had to be recessed until 7:00 p.m. due to so few board members present)

- A group insurance policy for public official's liability insurance was proposed and discussed. Districts were to complete a questionnaire indicating interest, and return them to Tom Bell and Craig Pope.
- An awards program was proposed by Wayne Bossert - consisting of 3 awards. The proposal was adopted.
- Orval Allen reported that the IRS has not yet established criteria for claiming a groundwater depletion allowance in the wake of the Shubert and Gigot cases, so any individuals wanting to claim such an allowance should have their tax affairs in order as an audit might be forthcoming.
- The dues were left unchanged.
- Discussed a resolution for next year supporting a farm program including price support loans available to irrigators reverting irrigated land to dryland.
- Resolution 82-1 (Protection of Groundwaters from Oil and Gas Industry Operations) was adopted with Kansas' amendment.
- Resolution 82-2 (Support for NE Senator Bereuter's legislation for 12 recharge demonstration projects in the High Plains) was adopted with Colorado's amendment.

# Water In Conflict



Groundwater Management  
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Ninth Annual Conference

Doubletree Inn  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
December 1-2-3, 1982

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** The GMDA Awards Program was des  
approved at the Scottsdale, AZ conference.

# Spring Meeting:

. Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 9-

10, 1983

Directory Hotel

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Based on the public officials liability insurance questionnaire, the board found enough interest to continue working on a possible group plan and so directed.
- Resource Consultants newsletter contract was extended for 1 year.
- Wayne Bossert was hired as GMDA Secretary for 1 year
- Committees were appointed - Conference and Resolutions.
- A federal Tax ID number and non-profit status was discussed, but tabled until December meeting.
- Secretary/Treasurer was made responsible for recording the meeting minutes
- The development of a minimum standard degree curriculum in the educational field of groundwater was suggested by Don Smith, TX. Wayne Wyatt was to develop some background material and report to the board.
- Don Smith also suggested that a picture record of annual boards of directors be done and included in the annual conference proceedings.
- GMDA had total assets of \$11,354.95.

## 1983 BOARD (Elected at the December 1-3, 1982 Conference in Scottsdale, AZ)

Thomas Bell, President	Halstead, KS
Craig Pope, Vice President	Davenport, NE
Bruce Foster, Secretary/Treasurer	San Antonio, TX
Don Smith, Past President	Lubbock, TX
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
John Overmeyer	Baton Rouge, LA
R.I. (Ike) Peairs	Baton Rouge, LA
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Norman Steinle	Hooker, OK
Orval Allen	Dumas, TX

# 9th Annual Meeting: . . . Tulsa Oklahoma

November 30 - December 2, 1983

Sheraton Inn Skyline East

## Program Presenters:

**John Marsh**, Engineering Enterprises, Norman, OK; **Rick Smith**, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, OK; **Ron Jarman**, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, OK; **Main Hutcheson**, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, OK; **Carol Larson**, Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, KS; **Dr. Don Whittemore**, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS; **James Koelliker**, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; **Dean Eisenhauer**, University of Nebraska, South Central Station, Clay Center, NE; **Ron Bishop and David Mazour**, Central Platte NRD, Grand Island, NE and Little Blue NRD, Davenport, NE respectively; **Dr. Marios Sophecleous**, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS; and **Fred Selensky**, IRS, Oklahoma City, OK. Tommy Knowles, Austin, TX; David Pope, Topeka, KS; Duane Smith, Oklahoma City, OK; J. Michael Jess, Lincoln, NE and Bob Logenbaugh, Denver, CO gave state reports.

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Resolution 1-83 (Support of Land Application of Municipal Wastewater) was adopted with a Kansas amendment.
- Resolution 2-83 (HR 1749) was adopted as presented. Colorado opposed the resolution and Kansas abstained.
- The initial round of GMDA awards were awarded. (See awards listing in Appendix)
- The board decided to make the GMDA mailing list available at the discretion of the Secretary. It was also decided to keep the membership year flexible rather than rigid (allowing for 1/2 year memberships if necessary)
- The board tabled indefinitely the idea of minimum curriculum standards for groundwater education based on NWRA's experiences with standardizing Geologist criteria.
- Bruce Foster was elected VP
- KSU was approved to print the proceedings as in the past.
- The group public officials liability insurance proposal could not achieve a sufficient discount price to continue. The idea was tabled indefinitely.
- Secretary was asked to pursue GMDA tax exempt status.
- A report was given on HR 1739 (Water Resources Development Act) which included 130 specific project authorizations and other federal water policy changes.

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November 30, December 1-2, 1983

Sheraton Inn Skyline East

Tulsa, Oklahoma

# Spring Meeting:

San Antonio, Texas

March

14-15, 1984

St. Anthony Hotel

## Board Meeting Summary:

- The various reports were provided - membership, financial, conference, committees. GMDA had total assets of \$10,962.06.
- The GMDA newsletter was continued for another year at \$950.00 per edition.
- Secretary contract with Wayne Bossert was approved for another year.
- One award nomination was approved - Frank Dragoun for GMDA Promoter of the Year.
- A follow-up to the "GMDA Index of Information" was discussed and given to the executive committee for further action.

## 1984 BOARD (Elected at the Nov 30 - Dec 2, 1983 Conference in Tulsa, OK)

Craig Pope, President	Davenport, NE
Bruce Foster, Vice President	San Antonio, TX
Orval Allen, Secretary/Treasurer	Dumas, TX
Thomas Bell, Past President	Halstead, KS
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
Ron Bishop	Grand Island, NE
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Mark Brown	Baton Rouge, LA
R.I. (Ike) Peairs	Baton Rouge, LA
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Norman Steinle	Hooker, OK

# 10th Annual Meeting:

San Antonio, Texas

December 5-7, 1984

St Anthony Hotel

## Program Presenters:

**Victor Arnold**, *"Groundwater & Economic Development in Texas"*, University of TX, Austin, TX ;

**Gary Fry**, *"Towards a New Definition of Ownership of Groundwater"*, Attorney, Quincy, CA;

**Jean Williams**, *"Challenges and Opportunities in Groundwater Mgt"*, Consultant, Wimberly, TX;

**Allan Mauzy**, *"California Experience - Groundwater Management"*, San Antonio, TX

**Fred Pfeiffer**, *"Groundwater and Surface Water - San Antonio Area"*, San Antonio, TX

**Chris Marrou**, *"The Media and Water Issues"*, San Antonio, TX

**Eloy Lozano**, *"EPA Groundwater Policy"*, EPA, Dallas, TX

**Dr. Norman Evans**, *"Colorado Conjunction Use Model"*, Colorado Water Resource Institute

Tommy Knowles, Austin, TX; Danny Rogers, KSU; Duane Smith, Oklahoma City, OK; DeLynn Hay, UNL, Lincoln, NE; and Bill Raley, Colorado Water Resource Institute all gave state reports.

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Frank Rayner, TX
- Direction that all conference materials be prepared for distribution at least 8 weeks before the conference date.
- Duane Smith was elected VP.
- Richard Bowers was elected as Treasurer.
- KSU was approved to print the conference proceedings again.
- Dues were increased for all categories - \$15.00; \$75.00; \$100.00; and \$150.00.
- Decision to begin targeting the newsletter editions for better response.
- An ASAE proposal that GMDA co-sponsor their December, 1986 conference was tabled until the Spring meeting.
- Discussions of affiliating with NWRA were brought up again. A GMDA representative was asked to attend the NWRA Spring meeting in Washington, DC to start dialog.

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1984  
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December 5 - December 7, 1984  
St. Anthony Hotel  
S.A. Texas

# Spring Meeting: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

March 27-28, 1985

Lincoln Plaza

## Board Meeting Summary:

- GMDA total assets were: \$10,261.14.
- Orval Allen, TX reported on the NWRA meeting and possible affiliation. NWRA was very optimistic and encouraged further negotiations. GMDA considered 4 options of how to approach the affiliation. Option 2 was preferred: GMDA retain its identity and become recognized as the "groundwater arm" of NWRA.
- The ASAE co-sponsor request was tabled pending additional information.
- Further work on the IRS tax-exempt status filing was tabled until after the NWRA affiliation issue was settled. If GMDA affiliates, we may not need the status.
- The contract with Resource Consultants for the newsletter was not renewed due to a less-than-favorable contract. Wayne Bossert's contract for secretarial duties was renewed for another year.
- The Kansas Water Office was awarded the Water Resource Person of the Year award. David Pope, KS, and Frank Gorman, CO, were both nominated for the Honorary Life Membership awards which was tabled until the Reno meeting.
- Committees were appointed - Resolutions and Conference.
- The IRS groundwater depletion allowance was discussed. Orval Allen, TX felt GMDA could be instrumental in getting the word out to many irrigators who could save federal taxes. It was decided to have a table at the Reno conference promoting a tax depletion allowance workshop. Orval Allen would man it.
- The board discussed a request from Oklahoma University's Dr. Larry Canter about GMDA being involved in a series of 8 symposia sponsored by EPA. GMDA agreed to be involved to the extent that it could.
- The board agreed to participate with McCuen Publications, Inc. who asked GMDA to prepare statements to 4 questions related to the national High School debate topic of water quality issues. The appropriate GMDA proceedings were to be sent to McCuen.
- The board declined a request from Robert Biancardi to evaluate and promote his patented fresh water condensation process.
- GMDA was asked by USDA to review the EIS regarding various farm commodity programs and help identify any environmental consequences. Rather than respond as an Association, each state was asked to respond individually.

**1985 BOARD** (Elected at the December 5-7, 1984 Conference in San Antonio, TX)

Bruce Foster, President, San Antonio, TX  
Duane Smith, Vice President, Oklahoma City, OK

Richard Bowers, Secretary/Treasurer, Whitedeer, TX  
Craig Pope, Past President, Davenport, NE

Fred Wurtsmith, Yuma, CO            Tom Kuntz, Otis, CO  
R.I. (Ike) Peairs, Baton Rouge, LA Mark Brown, Baton Rouge, LA  
Norman Steinle, Hooker, OK        Morris White, Ulysses, NE  
Rodney DeBuhr, York, NE            Orval Allen, Dumas, TX  
Larry Panning, Ellinwood, KS       Wayne Bossert, Colby, KS

# 11th Annual Meeting: . . . Reno, Nevada

December 4-6, 1985

Nugget Hotel



Program Presenters ("Groundwater Management for the Future"):

**Bruce Foster**, GMDA President, Board of Directors Report  
**Manoutch Heidari**, Chief of Geohydrology Section, Kansas Geological Survey  
**John B. Weeks**, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey  
**Wayne Wyatt**, General Manager, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1  
**Wayne Pettyjohn**, Sun Professor of Hydrogeology, Oklahoma State University  
**James R. Barnett**, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
**Wayne Bossert** (GMDA)  
**Keith Williams** (NWRA)  
**Peter G. Morros**, State Engineer, Nevada  
**Clark Duffy**, Asst. Director, Kansas Water Office

Board Meeting Summary:

- Resolution 85-1 (Rural Crisis) was not adopted, but the board moved to add a GMDA position statement supporting the concepts of the original resolution.
- GMDA Board adopted the negotiated affiliation proposal to become the groundwater arm of NWRA. There were many concerns over how the affiliation would work. CO suggested we affiliate but retain our independent conferences for 3 years. KS suggested we affiliate as proposed and work with NWRA on their 1986 conference to include sufficient groundwater topics to satisfy GMDA members. The affiliation is a milestone in GMDA history, so additional material is provided next.
- Rod DeBuhr was elected VP and Richard Bowers Treasurer.
- Bruce Foster was elected as the first NWRA Director for GMDA Caucus.

**BACKGROUND:** The National Water Resources Association (NWRA) has traditionally been a strong and effective voice for surface water interests in the 17 western "Reclamation States". Only recently has NWRA begun to take a more active interest in groundwater and the myriad of issues related to and resulting from historical groundwater policy and management.

The Groundwater Management Districts Association (GMDA)...concentrates its efforts on the groundwater resource and thus far has applied its energies toward information transfer among its members, primarily made up of organized groundwater management districts. GMDA has ample expertise in groundwater problems, issues and answers, and has a well-established communications network.

From these perceptions, it has been suggested that an affiliation between NWRA and GMDA might provide a mutually beneficial situation for both associations, or that a full merger might create a single entity capable of more effectively dealing with the entire scope of water resource issues, thereby enhancing the association's attractiveness to other groups currently not participating. These advantages are considered as benefits to NWRA's ability to influence water policy at the national level.

On July 15, 1985, the two committees met in Denver, Colorado. Representing NWRA were Groundwater Committee Chairman Keith Williams (MT), and NWRA Vice President Jeff Nelson (SD). Representing GMDA were President Bruce Foster (TX), Board Member Orval Allen (TX), and Board Member Wayne Bossert (KS). It was finally decided that the committee proposal to their respective boards would advocate an affiliation-oriented proposal rather than a total merger.

**PROPOSAL:** By mutual agreement between NWRA and GMDA:

- That GMDA be allowed to join NWRA as a caucus member - "Groundwater Management Caucus" (GMC).
- That the GMC will assume the duties and responsibilities of the present NWRA Groundwater Committee.
- That the GMC will, according to NWRA by-laws, appoint its own chairman, NWRA board member, and appropriate standing committee representatives.
- That GMDA will continue to maintain a definable membership for the purpose of collecting the appropriate dues necessary to satisfy any reasonable NWRA-approved dues which are to be imposed.
- That the NWRA newsletter will provide space for the consideration and coordination of pertinent groundwater issues. The GMC will be expected to work with the newsletter editor toward the production of a newsletter including more emphasis on groundwater issues.
- That NWRA, with the assistance of GMC, will plan and arrange a groundwater section of the NWRA annual convention, to include publication of the groundwater section of the proceedings. From time to time, groundwater seminars may also be considered whenever appropriate issues are identified by the NWRA board.
- That all GMDA files, records, extra publications, etc. be maintained at the current GMDA office until a joint decision between the GMC and NWRA is made for the purpose of consolidating any records.
- That the issue of affiliation under the above recommendations be considered by the NWRA and GMDA boards at the earliest opportunity such that any finalized proposal may be implemented without undue delays.
- That pending final action of NWRA and GMDA boards, these proposals shall not be binding on either association, either in part or as a whole.

# Spring Meeting:

26-27, 1986

Wichita, Kansas

February

Airport Hilton

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY:

- Wayne Bossert's contract for secretarial duties was renewed for another year.
- The Soil Conservation Service was awarded the Water Resource Person of the Year award and David Pope was nominated for the 1986 Honorary Lifetime Membership award.
- Various committees were appointed.
- NWRA dues were discussed. \$1,000.00 was approved as the first of 3 dues installment payments.
- The board reviewed all GMDA resolutions in preparation of merging the GMDA resolutions with NWRA's resolutions. Five GMDA resolutions were considered obsolete and would not be offered for merger. The remainder would be offered, or re-worked by GMDA prior to submitting them to NWRA for merger. (See Resolutions in the Appendix)
- Total GMDA assets were \$13,391.14.

## 1986 BOARD (Elected at the December 4-6, 1985 Conference in Reno, NV)

Duane Smith, President	Oklahoma City, OK
Rodney DeBuhr, Vice President	York, NE
Richard Bowers, Secretary/Treasurer	Whitedeer, TX
Bruce Foster, Past President	San Antonio, TX
Orval Allen	Dumas, TX
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Morris White	Ulysses, NE

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** When it came time to pay the NWRA dues following the affiliation, no one knew exactly what our dues obligation was, so we agreed to a \$1,000.00 first payment with the understanding that we'd reconcile the subsequent installments. We soon got on the right schedule.

William Hutchison	Bishop, CA
Oscar Robertson	St Francisville, LA
Mark Brown	Baton Rouge, LA

Conference Call - November 14, 1986

- GMDA's only telephone conference call meeting was conducted on this date to replace GMDA's director to NWRA. Bruce Foster, TX, found it necessary to resign. Rod DeBuhr, NE, was elected to be the new NWRA Director.

# 12th Annual Meeting: . . . . . San Diego, California      December 1-5, 1986

Hotel Del Coronado

No GMDA brochure was produced as this was the association's initial meeting under the affiliation with NWRA. GMDA did not have a formal conference program, but moderated the groundwater session organized by NWRA.

The board meeting summaries are as follows:

- ◆ Rod DeBuhr, NE, had attended the NWRA Board meeting as the GMDA representative and he reported on their board meeting. He reported that NWRA has provided GMDA 10 votes on the resolutions process. GMDA gave each GMDA state 2 of these votes, but authorized Richard Bowers to cast all 10 as a block.
- ◆ David Pope, KS, was awarded the 1986 GMDA Honorary Life Membership Award after being nominated at the preceding Spring meeting.
- ◆ The board discussed the idea of GMDA creating a groundwater employment clearinghouse service - where job openings would be matched by qualified workers. A specific proposal was suggested by the board at a future meeting.
- ◆ Mr. Gary Fry had contacted GMDA with a proposed new definition of groundwater rights. He was to be contacted and asked to submit his ideas in the form of a resolution or consider presenting his paper and ideas at the next annual conference.
- ◆ A Groundwater Caucus brochure was discussed and Duane Smith, OK, volunteered to design the pamphlet for consideration at the next meeting.
- ◆ The newsletter was discussed again. It was finally decided that each state would provide articles to the NWRA newsletter under a rotation system to be developed by Wayne Bossert, KS.
- ◆ The GMDA resolutions package was adopted for submission to NWRA as a new block. Kansas questioned the status of GMDA resolution 82-1 dealing with oil and gas industry activity. It appeared to be missing.
- ◆ The Spring meeting in Washington, DC (with NWRA) was discussed and the board wanted a specific, identifiable groundwater portion. Wayne Bossert, KS, was asked to work with NWRA on this.
- ◆ Richard Bowers, TX, was elected VP, Rod DeBuhr, NE, was elected NWRA Board member for GMDA, and Bill Hutchison, CA, was elected treasurer.
- ◆ The GMDA dues were not changed.

# Spring Meeting:

Washington, D.C. April

26-29, 1987

National Royale/Quality Inn at Pentagon City

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Secretary Wayne Bossert's contract was extended for another year.
- The GMDA newsletter had been terminated under the Resource Consultants contract after 3 of the contracted 4 issues. Editor Carol Podmore was provided \$150.00 compensation for the early termination.
- The mission statement for the NWRA water quality committee was discussed. Chair Wayne Bossert, KS, intended to track all federal efforts toward a national groundwater strategy and make recommendations consistent with NWRA/GMDA policies along the way.
- The board discussed ways to coordinate the 1987 NWRA conference with groundwater programs.
- The Council of State Governments (CSG) recently surveyed the land on the need for a national association of state groundwater officials. The Interstate Conference on Water Policy (ICWP) concluded no such need due to existing associations such as GMDA. GMDA asked that each state respond to Wayne Bossert who would then compile them and send them on to CSG.
- Richard Bowers, TX, suggested expanding the GMDA board to 3 members per state. The issue was tabled until the annual conference.
- Total assets of GMDA as of March 10, 1987 were \$10,879.20.

## 1987 BOARD (Elected at the December 1-5, 1986 Conference in San Diego, CA - w/NWRA)

Rodney DeBuhr, President	York, NE
Richard Bowers, Vice President	Dumas, TX
William Hutchison, Secretary/Treasurer	Bishop, CA
Duane Smith, Past President	Oklahoma City, OK
Ron Bishop	Grand Island, NE
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Webb Gober	Farwell, TX
Fred Wurtzsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz*	Otis, CO
Oscar Robertson	St Francisville, LA

\* Tom Kuntz was appointed to the 1987 Colorado 2-year position after the annual caucus by the Colorado delegation.

# 13th Annual Meeting: . . . . Reno, Nevada

November 2-5, 1987

Bally's Hotel

## Board Meeting Summaries:

- ◆ Rod DeBuhr, NE, asked if GMDA should retain its own awards program or if the NWRA awards program should be used instead. It was decided that NWRA be approached about creating a groundwater award within their process which GMDA could make nominations. If so, GMDA would phase out its awards program.
- ◆ Texas suggested a more equitable GMDA dues structure to NWRA. The issue was groundwater entities in the state that were already active in NWRA and were being asked to pay GMDA dues which were largely going to NWRA as well. The issues were tabled until the next board meeting.
- ◆ The new groundwater caucus brochure was tabled again pending resolution of the NWRA dues questions.
- ◆ Ron Bishop, NE, was elected VP. Wayne Bossert, KS, was kept on as Secretary/Treasurer and Rod DeBuhr, NE, was elected as NWRA board member.
- ◆ A proposed NWRA dues solution was offered, but tabled until the next meeting so that the Texas state association could consider it.
- ◆ The expansion of GMDA board to 3 members per state was discussed again and a committee was formed to draft revisions to the Constitution to accommodate the expansion. The committee was Bowers (chair), Bossert and DeBuhr.
- ◆ Nebraska and Texas proposed that GMDA conduct a groundwater technical workshop within the core association states in addition to the annual conference held conjunctively with NWRA. The idea was supported and approved.
- ◆ Whether or not to co-meet with NWRA in Washington, DC for the Spring meeting was also discussed. It was decided to hold an independent GMDA Spring meeting. Richard Bowers, TX, was to organize it.

# Spring Meeting: Wichita, Kansas March 2-3, 1988 Canterbury Inn

## Board Meeting Summary:

- It was decided that no changes were necessary in the GMDA dues procedure relative to NWRA.
- A promotional brochure was approved and Ron Bishop, NE, was placed in charge.
- Final decision was made to conduct an independent technical workshop in December.
- Six amendment to the Constitution were offered. They: authorized GMDA to hold memberships in similar organizations; expanded the board to 3 members per state; 3-year, staggered board terms to coincide with the new 3-member board; providing that the NWRA director is an officer of GMDA; specified the duties of the NWRA board member as a GMDA officer; and clarified the existing meeting language.
- Secretary contract with Wayne Bossert was renewed another year.
- NWRA was requested to testify on behalf of GMDA on the upcoming appropriations hearing for the High Plains States Groundwater Demonstration Project. Three million dollars was being requested for the phase 1 efforts.
- The board discussed federal tariff and trade negotiation issues. Information received indicated that the administration (Secretary of Agriculture and a US Trade representative) was considering the elimination of irrigation water subsidies in the negotiation process. A copy of the information letter was sent to all board members for appropriate state action.
- Total GMDA assets as of January 15, 1988 were \$10,324.77.

## 1988 BOARD (Elected at the November 2-5 Conference in Reno, NV - w/NWRA)

Richard Bowers, President	Dumas, TX
Ronald Bishop, Vice President	Grand Island, NE
Wayne Bossert, Secretary/Treasurer	Colby, KS
Rod DeBuhr, Past President	York, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Suzanne Moore	Oklahoma City, OK
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Webb Gober	Farwell, TX
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Doyle LaVene	Bertrand, NE
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
William Hutchison	Bishop, CA
Z. "Bo" Bolourchi	Baton Rouge, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA

\* Z. Bolourchi (1-year) and Kent Naquin (2-year) were appointed to the 1988 Louisiana positions after the annual caucus by the Louisiana delegation.

# 14th Annual Meeting: **Wichita, Kansas** December 7-9, 1988

Ramada Inn at Broadview Place

Program Presenters ("Responding to the Challenge"):

- Tom Donnelly, NWRA Executive Director, Washington, DC
- Terry Dean, EPA Regional Groundwater Coordinator, Kansas City, KS
- David Chambers, Department of Environmental Control, Lincoln, NE
- Steve McIntosh, Water Resources Program, Missouri Division of Geology & Land Surey
- Larry Panning, GMD 5 and the Kansas Water Authority, Ellinwood, KS
- Brad Cross, Texas Water Commission, Groundwater Section, Austin, TX
- Mike Dealy, Equus Beds GMD 2, Halstead, KS
- John Turnbull, Upper Big Blue NRD, York, NE
- Tom Cech, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, Greeley, CO
- Marc Anderson, Kansas Board of Agriculture, Topeka, KS
- Richard Beran, Lower Loup NRD, Ord, NE
- Cecil Regier, North Plains Research Field, Texas A & M
- Steve Moran, SCS, Grand Island, NE
- Clay Bates, Stewart-Stevenson Services Inc.

Board Meeting Summary:

- Dean Ebel was approved to photograph the conference at no cost to GMDA. Photos would be available for purchase by individuals.
- Morris White, NE, was nominated for the 1988 GMDA Honorary Life Member

**Responding  
to the  
Challenge**



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ous ballot.

awarded the 1988 Water Resource Person of the Year

commented on PL 99-662 - the High Plains Study  
GMDA to take a proactive role in helping decide  
13.5 million program would undertake. Duane Smith  
a resolution for the ensuing state caucuses  
ption by the board if so directed.

on Bishop, NE, was directed to appoint a GMDA  
of a member from each state to work with Richard  
Resolutions committee member) in making  
RA on their full suite of resolutions.

as directed to coordinate the GMDA news items for

irected to draft a new Constitutional amendment  
d responsibilities of the State Advisors.

lected VP.

(Support for PL 99-662) was adopted.

etained as NWRA Board Member for GMDA.



# Spring Meeting: Dumas, Texas June 22-23, 1989

Dumas Best Western

## Board Meeting Summary:

- The Constitution was amended to clarify the role of the state advisors.
- A GMDA Resolutions Committee was appointed consisting of Bowers (Chair), Smith, LaVene, Adams, and Panning.
- The dues were increased to: \$20.00 - Individual; \$90.00 - Affiliate; \$150.00 - Organizational; and \$200.00 - District.
- The GMDA Awards process for 1990 was altered to allow nominations anytime up to the start of the NWRA Conference - October 31, 1989.
- Wayne Bossert, KS, suggested the need for a new index of information on local programs, policies and regulations which could be provided federal policy makers so they are aware of local activities when they do their planning. Wayne was asked to coordinate the development of a background statement and an outline for consistency.
- Wayne Bossert resigned as GMDA Secretary. Gary Walker, TX, was nominated for the position and installed. Gary was given authority to move all financial accounts. A Resolution was passed to facilitate his actions.
- Total GMDA worth as of June 7, 1989 was \$7,189.38.

**1989 BOARD** (Began the 3-board member format per state. These members elected at the December 7-9, 1988 Conference in Wichita, KS)

Ronald Bishop, President	Grand Island, NE
Duane Smith, Vice President	Oklahoma City, OK
Wayne Bossert, Secretary/Treasurer	Colby, KS
Richard Bowers, Past President	Dumas, TX
Rod DeBuhr, NWRA Board Member	York, NE
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX
Doyle LaVene	Bertrand, NE
Raymond Hartung	David City, NE
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Z. "Bo" Bolourchi	Baton Rouge, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA

Three CA and two OK positions unfilled

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** A special October 31, 1989 board meeting was held in San Antonio to discuss new GMDA initiatives. This brainstorming session resulted in the one of a kind motion that new Districts attending the upcoming Oklahoma City Conference would be given a FREE year of GMDA

# 15th Annual Meeting: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Lincoln Plaza

Dec 6

## Program Presenters ("A Time for Action"):

Tom Donnelly, Keynote Address, NWRA, Washington, DC

Dr. Harry Mapp, Water Quality Legislation & Ag Policy, OSU, Stillwater, OK

Dr. Mike Kizer, Promoting Efficient Irrigation in Oklahoma, OSU,  
Stillwater, OK

Bob Fabian, Oklahoma Recharge Projects, Oklahoma Water Resources Board,  
OKC, OK

Ben Griffith, Groundwater Management in Mississippi, Attorney, Cleveland,  
MS

Mike Vandeventer, Water Quality and Ag, Oklahoma Department of Ag, OKC, OK

Ron Milner, Water Control Areas in Nebraska, Upper Republican NRD,  
Imperial, NE

Richard Mc???, Groundwater Management in Texas,

State Reports by: Ron Hanson, TX; Wayne Bossert, KS; Tommy Knowles, TX;  
DeLynn Hay, NE; and Bob Longenbaugh, CO.

## Board Meeting Summary:

- ◆ President Ron Bishop presiding.
- ◆ Wayne Bossert briefed the board on the developing "Report of District Activities" with approval to continue and report at the Spring meeting.
- ◆ Discussion was had on the issues of defining groundwater in light of the fact that each state defines it differently. No action.
- ◆ Ray Hartung, NE, was elected VP.
- ◆ Rod DeBuhr was elected as NWRA director for GMDA.
- ◆ The board discussed acquiring new memberships as a top priority. No action taken.

## A TIME FOR ACTION



GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

TECHNICAL SEMINAR

Dec. 6, 7 & 8, 1989

LINCOLN PLAZA HOTEL  
AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
4445 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

# Spring Meeting:           Wichita, Kansas    May 23, 1990

Airport Hilton Hotel

## Board Meeting Summary:

- President Duane Smith, OK, presiding.
- Richard Bowers, TX, installed as the new Secretary/Treasurer of GMDA. A resolution was passed to facilitate his financial duties. The board agreed to the same contract terms in effect from March 10, 1983. Richard agreed.
- Wayne Bossert, KS, gave an update on the Report of District Activities. He was given much latitude in completing the report.
- The NWRA newsletter was discussed and a schedule of articles was designated as follows: Bossert - June 15 edition deadline; Hartung - August 15th deadline; Cech - October 15th deadline; and Bowers - December 15th deadline.
- It was mentioned that several Constitutional amendments were still unresolved. The board decided to handle them at the 1990 annual conference.
- GMDA had total assets as of May 23, 1990 of \$10,770.61.

## 1990 BOARD (Elected at the December 6-8, 1989 Conference in Oklahoma City, OK)

Dwayne Smith, President	Oklahoma City, OK
Raymond Hartung, Vice President	Wahoo, NE
Gary Walker/Richard Bowers, Secretary	<sup>1</sup> White Deer/Dumas, TX
Rod DeBuhr, NWRA Board Member	York, NE
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Doyle LeVene	Bertrand, NE
Ron Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX

Three CA; one LA and 1 OK positions were unfilled

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<sup>1</sup>Gary Walker accepted Secretary position, but due to a position change he felt it best to resign. Richard Bowers took over on May 23, 1990.

# 16th Annual Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Red Lion Hotel

Program presenters ("Groundwater Today & Tomorrow"):

Bob Issac, Welcome, Mayor of Colorado Springs, CO  
Senator Robert Kerry, Keynote Address, Nebraska State Senator  
Bridget O'Grady, "NWRA State of the Association Address", Washington, DC  
Dayle Williamson, NE Natural Resources Commission, "National Groundwater Legislation Overview"  
Maureen Hinkle, National Audubon Society, Washington, DC, "The Society's view of Groundwater in the Future"  
Jim Porterfield, American Farm Bureau, "The Farm Bureau Groundwater Outlook"  
Bob Raschke, NACD, "NACD Groundwater/Pesticide Overview"  
Jim Dunn, EPA, "An EPA Look at Groundwater"  
"It Happened on the Way to the Well" - Georgia Schrauner, GMD 3, KS; Larry Angle, Lower Platte North NRD, NE; Richard Bowers, North Plains GMD, TX; Tom Cech, CCWCD, CO; and Rod DeBuhr, Upper Big Blue NRD, NE  
Wayne Bossert, Ks GMD 4. "Abandoned Wells, Depletion and Enviro Planning"  
Duane Smith, OWRB, OK; "Artificial Recharge Project - Blaine-Gypsum Area"  
Dave Clabaugh, Lower Big Blue NRD; "Special Protection Area Project"  
Marilyn Lundberg, MN Planning Agency, "MN Groundwater Law and Local Governments"  
Mark Hoelscher, Martin County GWCD, "Texas Groundwater Legislation"  
John Turnbull, Upper Big Blue NRD, "York Groundwater Recharge Project."  
Phil Tollefson, Colorado Springs Utilities, "Ag Water Conversion to Municipal Use"  
Mike Shulters, USGS, Lincoln, NE, "High Plains Aquifer Changes"

Board Meeting Summary:

- 500 copies of the Publication "1990 Report of District Activities Within GMDA" were printed for distribution by the states.
- GMDA newsletter articles for the NWRA newsletter were assigned and no awards were awarded
- GMDA Constitution (Article 9) was changed so that the GMDA director to NWRA, GMDA Secretary/Treasurer and all GMDA members involved in NWRA committees shall be GMDA non-voting, ex-officio members unless they have been elected to the GMDA board via the caucus process.
- Jack Adams, CO was elected VP and Rod DeBuhr, NE was elected NWRA director for GMDA

## Groundwater Today & Tomorrow



GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
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Technical Seminar

December 5-7, 1990

RED LION HOTEL  
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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906  
(719) 576-8900

- Discussion of the NWRA/GMDA association was had. NWRA Representative Bridgette O'Grady was present. It was mutually agreed that:
  - GMDA needs copies of NWRA Resolutions
  - GMDA needs a more active role in organizing NWRA conferences
  - GMDA needs a lead director for each state responsible for the transfer of info in their state
  - GMDA needs to become more active in NWRA Resolutions, Water Quality and Small Projects committees
  - GMDA should try to make the next NWRA Spring seminar in Washington, DC in March, 1991.

# Spring Meeting:      Wichita, Kansas      May 15, 1991

Airport Hilton Hotel

## Board Meeting Summary:

- ◆ Total GMDA assets as of March 31, 1991 was \$12,241.28
- ◆ Passed Resolution for the financial accounts of GMDA
- ◆ Made a number of 1991 annual conference decisions to help Jack Adams with his arrangements.
- ◆ Darrell Eklund, Kansas Water Office gave a report on the Kansas state-wide water use reporting process.
- ◆ The Nebraska Groundwater Foundation was nominated for and awarded the Water Resource Person of the Year award. No other awards approved.
- ◆ GMDA dues were left at their current levels.
- ◆ The board received a NWRA report including NWRA's intent to set up an education foundation.
- ◆ Held a brainstorming session in regard to the GMDA/NWRA affiliation. It was decided that GMDA needed to suggest groundwater programs to NWRA and a committee was appointed to develop such a set of suggestions.
- ◆ \$500 was approved for a donation to NWRA for their Government Relations Lobbyist position.

## 1991 BOARD (Elected at the December 5-7, 1990 Conference in Colorado Springs, CO)

Ray Hartung, President	Wahoo, NE
Jack Adams, Vice President	Yuma, CO
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Cleveland, MS
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Rodney DeBuhr	York, NE
Ronald Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX

One MS; one LA and three CA board positions unfilled

# 17th Annual Meeting:

Colorado December 4-6, 1991

Colorado Springs,

Red Lion Hotel

Program presenters ("Quality Water Now"):

Bill Ruskin, Welcome, Colorado Springs Economic Council  
Dr. Jeris Danielson, Keynote Address, Colorado Water Commission  
Bridget O'Grady, NWRA 1991 Update and Forecast, NWRA, Washington, DC  
Keith Propst, Colorado Farm Bureau; Tom Cech, CCWCD; Tom Sutton, Reidel  
Environmental Services, Inc.; and Kathleen Reilly, Colorado Water  
Quality Control Division were the Water Quality Panelists  
Tom Cech, Ron Milner, Wayne Bossert and Gary Walker injected a little  
levity into the proceedings - moderated by Lisa Hanis  
Loren Whitmore, Banquet Speaker  
Dan Boyd, Boyle Engineering, Lakewood, CO; Pat Mulroy, Las Vegas Valley  
Water District; and Linda Firth, Xeriscape, Colorado Springs were the  
Water Problems Panelists  
Ron Bishop, Central Platte NRD; Ray Hartung, Lower Platte North NRD; Cecil  
Regier, Dumas, Texas were the District Projects Panelists  
Ben Griffith, Mississippi Delta Study, Cleveland, MS  
Jerry Wilhoft and Andy Christiansen, SCS and Cooperative Extension Service  
respectively, Mid-Nebraska Water Quality Demonstration Project.

## Board Meeting Summary:

- ◆ The GMDA information publication was getting finalized and this conference would be the last call for district submission of report info.
- ◆ GMDA board members were appointed to write NWRA newsletter articles for February, March and April.
- ◆ President Hartung, NE informed the board of an upcoming meeting of the ICWP and the National Governor's Water Policy committee.
- ◆ Jack Adams, CO assumed the Presidency, and Gary Walker, TX was elected VP, and Rod DeBuhr, NE was elected as NWRA board member.
- ◆ Richard Bowers, TX asked to be replaced on the NWRA Resolutions Committee and Ray Hartung, NE, was appointed.
- ◆ An awards committee was formed comprising Wayne Bossert, KS, Tom Cech, CO and Ron Neighbors, TX.

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Technical Seminar

December 4-6, 1991

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Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
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800 547-8010



# Spring Meeting: Wichita, Kansas

May 7, 1992

Ramada Inn Airport

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Total GMDA assets as of April 24, 1992 was \$13,099.64.
- President Adams handled all the normal business items before discussing the publication of the conference proceedings. It was decided to discontinue publishing the full proceedings, but speakers were to be urged to provide copies for the GMDA records in Colby.
- No GMDA awards were offered for NWRA consideration. It was decided that letters would be sent out to the GMDA membership including past awards given and asking for nominations offered by July, 1992.
- Rod DeBuhr tendered his resignation as NWRA board member for GMDA effective December 31, 1992.
- NWRA newsletter article responsibilities were assigned for August, October and December.
- Annual conference theme "Strategy for Protecting the Nation's Groundwater" was chosen for the upcoming Dallas Conference.

**1992 Board:** (3-year members elected December 4-6, 1991 at Conference in Colorado Springs, CO)

Jack Adams, President	Yuma, CO
Gary Walker, Vice President	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Cleveland, MS
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Ray Hartung	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Ronald Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Ron Neighbors	Friendswood, TX

Note: The Louisiana and Oklahoma Caucuses were not active so the sitting board members were carried forward - both states with 1 board position vacancy. Mississippi had 1 board position vacancy.

# 18th Annual Meeting: . . . Dallas, Texas

December 2-4, 1992

Dallas Parkway Hilton

## Program presenters:

### State Strategies for Groundwater Protection:

Kathleen Reiley, CO Dpt of Health, Denver, CO  
Karl Mueldener and Steve Hurst, KS Dpt of Health and KS Water Office,  
Topeka, KS

Dr. Dean Pennington, YMD Joint Water Mgt District, Merigold, MS

Dave Clabaugh, Lower Big Blue NRD, NE

Blaine Reely, Envirotech Services, OK

Steve Musick, Texas Water Commission, TX

Erlece Allen, EPA Office of Groundwater

Awakening Strategies - Ron Bishop, Duane Smith, Richard Bowers and Ray Hartung

### Strategies for Education:

C. E. Williams, TX; Tom Cech, CO; Dean Krull, NE; and Weldon Floyd, TX

### State Projects:

Wayne Bossert, KS; Roy Spalding, NE; Bob Longenbaugh, CO; Blaine Reely, OK

Dean Pennington, MS; Texas and California presenters were not identified.

### State Reports:

Wayland Anderson, KS; DeLynn Hay, NE; Bob Longenbaugh, CO; Tommy Knowles, TX; Blaine Reely, OK and Dean Pennington, MS

## Board Meeting Summary:

- A budget committee was appointed to consider a 1993 budget to include an expense item to support the costs associated with being the NWRA director for GMDA.
- John Vasa, CO was awarded the 1992 Outstanding Water Resource Person of the Year award. Jack Adams, CO was also awarded the 1992 GMDA Promoter of the Year award.
- Gary Walker, TX assumed the Presidency and Dean Pennington, MS was elected VP.
- Ron Bishop, NE was elected NWRA director for GMDA.

**Do You Remember?** At this conference a GMDA coffee mug and a "sun visor phone diddy" were provided to all registrants. If anyone recalls what a sun-visor phone diddy is let us all know. Better yet, if you have one, send it along to Wayne Bossert in Colby and have it added to the GMDA memorabilia collection!



## Groundwater Management Districts Association

Annual Conference



December 2-4, 1992

Dallas Parkway Hilton  
4801 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75244  
(214) 661-3600

# Spring Meeting: . . . Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 24, 1993

Red Lion Hotel

## Board Meeting Summary:

- Total GMDA assets as of June 21, 1993 are \$18,093.70.
- A budget was approved which included a maximum compensation of \$2,000.00 for the NWRA Director travel expenses.
- Due to the absence of several board members, the regular reports were abbreviated.
- Jackson, MS was selected as the next conference location.

## 1993 Board: 3-year members elected December 3, 1992 at Dallas, TX Conference)

Gary Walker, President	White Deer, TX
Dean Pennington, Vice President	Cleveland, MS
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Ray Hartung	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Arlond Garratt	Gothenburg, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Ron Neighbors	Friendswood, TX
Williams, C. E.	White Deer, TX

Note: The Louisiana and Oklahoma Caucuses were not active so the sitting board members were carried forward - both states with 1 board position vacancy. Mississippi had 1 board position vacancy.

# 20th Annual Meeting: Jackson, Mississippi

November 17-20, 1993

Holiday Inn North

## Program presenters:

*"How Districts Work with Other Agencies"* - Various GMDA presenters

*"Applications, Successes and Failures of Hour Meters & Other Devices"* - Various GMDA Presenters

*"Managing State Water via Prior Appropriation or Permitting"* - Jimmy Palmer, DEQ Director, MS

*"Farm Bill and its Water Impacts - Washington Perspective"* - Mark Keenum, Senator Thad Cochran's Office

*"Opportunities & Obstacles for Water Managers"* - Andrew Stone, American Ground Water Trust

*"EPA Comprehensive Ground Water Management Plans"* - (No speaker listed)

*"State Projects"* - Various GMDA Presenters

*"State Reports"* - Various GMDA Presenters

## Board Meeting Summary - Gary Walker, TX presiding:

President Gary Walker called for the various reports (Treasurers report, Membership report, NWRA report, Conference report) which were given by the responsible board members. The GMDA newsletter article writers for the NWRA newsletter were appointed for the next 3 editions. An update on the 2nd edition of the "Report of District Activities Within GMDA" was provided, indicating that the informational pages were being mailed and that the final report was on schedule for publication later in 1994. The state caucus business items were covered. State reports were provided on the individual state caucuses. The meeting was turned over to incoming President Dean Pennington, MS. Wayne Bossert, KS was elected Vice President. Ron Bishop, NE was elected again as the NWRA Director for GMDA. Committees were appointed. The final order of business was NWRA Resolutions. The board's feeling was that GMDA needed to be more involved in NWRA resolutions - especially those relating to groundwater. It was also decided that the GMDA resolutions committee should coordinate our resolutions with NWRA's. A new push to solicit pertinent groundwater resolutions from the membership was developed. GMDA members were to send proposed resolutions/suggestions to the GMDA resolutions committee before the GMDA Summer Conference for consideration. This would provide time to phase any successful proposals into the NWRA resolutions process.

# Spring Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 5, 1994

Red Lion Hotel

Board Meeting Summary - Dean Pennington, MS presiding:

- Total GMDA assets as of May 13, 1994 are \$22,444.77.
- GMDA Budget work is addressed. The board discusses changing the GMDA budget year from October 1 - September 30 to a calendar year basis. Richard Bowers, TX and Wayne Bossert, KS were asked to look into this proposed change and report back at the next board meeting. The current proposed budget is tabled until next meeting.
- Dean Pennington, MS is picked to fill in on the NWRA Resolutions committee upcoming meeting and would attend the following meeting as well.
- GMDA dues were kept at their current rates.
- A Summer conference report was provided.

**1994 Board:** (3-year members elected November 18, 1993 at Conference in Jackson, MS)

Dean Pennington, President	Stoneville, MS
Wayne Bossert, Vice President	Colby, KS
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Sharon Falk	Stafford, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
George Cardwell	Baton Rouge, LA
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Don Aylward	Stoneville, MS
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Arlond Garratt	Gothenburg, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Williams, C. E.	White Deer, TX
Harvey Everhardt	Lamesa, TX

Advisors: Bob Longenbaugh - CO; Wayland Anderson - KS; DeLynn Hay - NE; John Ashworth & Comer Tuck - TX;

Note: Colorado has 1 position vacant;

# 21st Annual Meeting: . . . Wichita, Kansas

December 7-9, 1994

Ramada Inn Broadview

## Program presenters:

Bob Fenemore, EPA, *Federal Perspective of CSGWPP*

Steve Musick, *State Perspective of CSGWPP*

Ed Lance, *Water Management in San Joaquin/Sacramento Valley*

Charles Perry, USGS, *A look at Global Climate*

Al McFarland, KGS, *What We've Learned about the Dakota Aquifer*

Cy Smith, *GIS; What and Why*

Gerald Blain, *Wichita Bank Storage/Groundwater Recharge Project*

Ron Milner, *A Five Year Allocation Program in Nebraska*

Bruce Falk, *Walnut Valley Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area in Kansas*

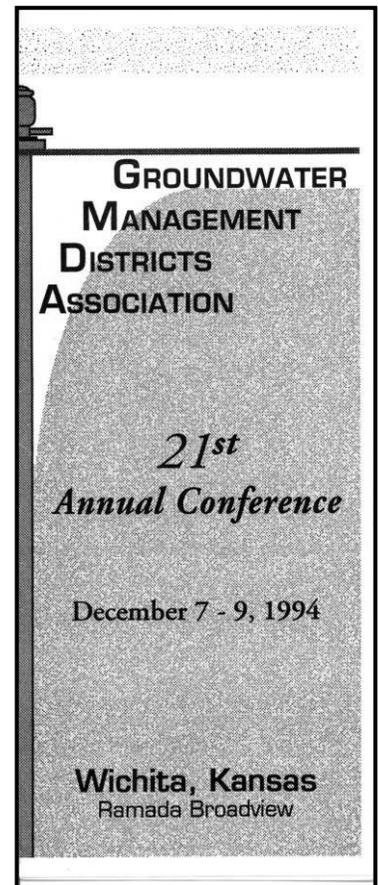
Kathy Jacobs, *An Active Management Area in Arizona*

Ted Pounder, *Metering Technology*

Art Barnaby, *Creating Economic Incentive in the Farm Bill Promoting Conservation*

Board Meeting Summary - Dean Pennington, MS presiding.

- The usual reports were provided - Treasurer's, Conference, Membership and NWRA.
- It was noted that the NWRA newsletter was not getting many of the provided groundwater articles included. It was decided that a list of all GMDA members should be sent to each GMDA District member with a request that everyone on the list AND NWRA be included in their mailing lists.
- Wayne Bossert, KS gave a report on changing the Constitution to change the membership year. Following the report, Article 5.0 DUES was amended to read: "The membership dues..are payable on January 1 of each year."
- A 1995 GMDA budget was approved totaling \$11,220.00.
- The Awards Committee membership was established by motion.
- Notice and info was distributed on the upcoming Great Plains Symposium: The Ogallala Aquifer slated for March 2-3, 1995 in Kansas City, MO.
- Wayne Bossert, KS was elected President; C. E. Williams, TX, was elected Vice President; Ron Bishop, NE, was elected NWRA Director.
- Award and Finance Committees were appointed by the President.
- It was decided that a letter of comment on the general concept and method of listing endangered species was needed, and more specifically



addressing the Arkansas Shiner listing process. The letter was to be presented to the GMDA membership December 9, 1995.

**Do You Remember?** The weather turned rainy and icy the day before the conference and prevented many from attending. Only about 60 persons attended this conference. There were almost 2 fewer as Wayne Bossert and Patty Berens did a 720 degree turn on interstate about 40 miles east of Colby but managed a corrective maneuver that kept them on the road and out of the ditch. Slowing down was the key.

# Spring Meeting: Grand Island, Nebraska

13, 1995

June

Central Platte Natural Resources District Headquarters

Board Meeting Summary - Wayne Bossert, KS presiding:

- GMDA total association worth as of this meeting were: \$20,126.67
- CO members were concerned about the CO membership list. The board decided to send each director a list of all state contacts on the master mailing list - members and non-members. Each board member is to make contacts and urge participation.
- Dues were retained at the existing level.
- NWRA accepted all GMDA resolutions as presented, but would be phasing them into their resolutions soon. It was also suggested that NWRA send a representative staff member to all GMDA annual conferences to be better versed on GMDA positions on federal issues.
- The 1995 Annual Conference was discussed. Possible topics suggested were: ESA; groundwater activities in other states; computer network links for groundwater quality, quantity and federal water legislation.

## GMDA STRATEGY SESSION HELD

GMDA President Wayne Bossert, KS, also moderated a special discussion designed to explore what it was that GMDA members wanted from their association, whether or not our affiliation with NWRA was meeting their expectations, and where they would like the association to head in the future. This was a very informal but frank discussion which allowed us to step back and take a hard look at where we were. While all the specific comments were recorded, only the conclusions are provided here.

## CONCLUSIONS FROM THE PROCESS:

- 1) The GMDA/NWRA affiliation was considered by most participants valuable and worth the dues currently being paid.
- 2) Trying to secure a part-time lobby capability for our own needs was not feasible for the same amount of money.
- 3) The GMDA/NWRA affiliation could use improvement to maximize the benefits to both entities.
- 4) The value received from the arrangement is directly proportional to the effort invested by the individual GMDA member.
- 5) Parallel committees within GMDA were considered to be a good start at enhancing the ability of GMDA to effectively participate in NWRA activities.
- 6) The GMDA mailing list needed to be enhanced for the good of the association.

## ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

- 1) Parallel Committees we would call "FOCUS GROUPS" for CWA, SDWA, ESA and Resolutions would be formed within GMDA. Dean Pennington, MS, would chair the CWA Focus Group with Dan (Ludwig or Clement) assisting. Ron Bishop, NE, would chair the ESA Focus Group with C.E. Williams, TX, and Tom Cech, CO, assisting. Larry Angle, NE, would chair the SDWA Focus Group with Wayne

Bossert assisting. Wayne Bossert was to seek a chair for the Resolutions Focus Group.

2) The GMDA mailing list would be updated and improved. Richard Bowers, TX, was to mail each state a list of their current contacts for updating, and several members agreed to contact other states for mailing contacts to forward to Richard. Wayne Bossert was to contact New Mexico. Nevada, California, Arizona and Utah were also assigned, but my notes do not reflect to whom.

3) There was a general spirit of re-dedication toward the association and toward the affiliation of NWRA. Most agreed that more GMDA involvement was the key.

**1995 Board:** (3-year members elected December 8, 1994 at 21st Conference in Wichita, KS)

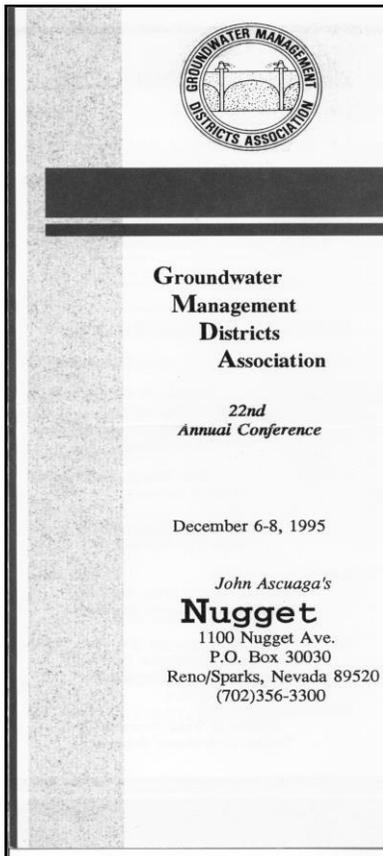
Wayne Bossert, President	Colby, KS
Williams, C. E., Vice President	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Steve Frost	Garden City, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Stoneville, MS
George Berry	Stoneville, MS
Don Aylward	Stoneville, MS
Larry Angle	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Garratt, Arlond	Gothenburg, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Blaine Reely	Oklahoma City, OK
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Harvey Everhardt	Lamesa, TX

Note: Louisiana did not caucus. Board members were carried forward with 1 vacancy. Oklahoma has 1 board vacancy.

# 22nd Annual Meeting: Reno/Sparks, Nevada

December 6-8, 1995

John Ascuaga's Nugget



## Program presenters:

Carl Hauge, CA Dpt of Water Resources, *California Legislative Experiences*

Rep. Gary Walker, Texas State Representative, *Groundwater Legislative Activities*

Hugh Ricci, NV Division of Water Resources, *Nevada Groundwater Resources*

Daniel Beckett, Texas Water Development Board, *Structure of Texas Water Bank*

Wayne Bossert, NW KS GMD 4, *Kansas Legislative Issues*

Dr. Dean Pennington, YMD Joint Water Management District, *Mississippi Water Plan*

Greg Ellis, Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District, *Recodification of Texas Water Code*

Bill Mullican, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, *Groundwater Data on the Internet*

Kris Polly, NWRA, *Update on the Endangered Species Act*

Tom Cech, Central CO Water Conservancy District, *Water Quality Curriculum Preschool - High School*

Sarah Quarante, ETL, Modesto, CA, *Learning to be Water Wise and Energy Efficient*

Roy Spalding, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, *Removing Contamination from Groundwater*

Wendell Newman, Farm Service Agency, *Groundwater*

*and the New Farm Bill*

## Board Meeting Summary - Wayne Bossert, KS - presiding:

- The secretarial duties were transferred from Richard Bowers, TX to Wayne Bossert, KS. This included the association's financial accounts.
- The board provided for the secretary to handle the conference registrations upon mutual agreement of the secretary and the board member organizing the conference.
- The summer session discussions were handled next. It was decided to cover these efforts with the full membership, further discuss them in the state caucuses, and then accept the membership reactions.
- No awards were considered.
- Dean Pennington, MS suggested GMDA explore a Home Page on the worldwide web. This topic was also provided to the caucus discussions for feedback.

- Gary Lindstrom, NE was elected Vice President and Ron Bishop, NE was elected NWRA director.
- A request was made to have reports from the special GMDA focus committees - Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

## Spring Meeting: Greeley, Colorado

June 9,

1996

Central Colorado Conservancy District Offices

Board Meeting Summary - C. E. Williams, TX - presiding:

- Total Association worth was not reported due to problems transferring the GIT Investment account. The checking account balance was \$11,550.46.
- The standard reports were provided. During the NWRA report, Dean Pennington, MS expressed concern that GMDA was not getting NWRA information efficiently enough and that we lacked a process to share the NWRA info amongst ourselves and properly respond.
- Dues were maintained at the current level for another year.
- The work of the Western Water Policy and Review Committee was discussed. It was consensus that this group needed watching. Even though the majority of their efforts seem to be on surface water (based on the public meeting summaries released so far), groundwater was mentioned in several sessions.

**1996 Board:** (3-Yr members elected December 7, 1995 at the Reno, Nevada Conference)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Roy Smith	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Bob Longenbaugh
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T Wayland Anderson		Steve Frost	Sharon Falk
Mississippi	George Berry	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom VP DeLynn Hay		Larry Angle	Arlond Garrett
Texas	Harvey Everhart	Gary Walker	C.E. Williams P	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	William Dempsey	Earl Acheson	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant
Louisiana				
Oklahoma				

**Bet You Didn't Know This!** The first mention of using the internet for GMDA was during the December, 1995 conference in Reno. The GMDA web page was finally constituted in 2002 by the greatly appreciated efforts

# 23rd Annual Meeting:

Las Vegas, Nevada

December 9-11, 1996

Las Vegas Hilton

Program presenters:

**Jim Kearney**, NRCS Irrigation Management Team, *NRCS and Irrigation Water Management in the Northern Plains*

**Kevin Breece**, NRCS, *Cooperative Water Quality Programs in Nebraska*

**Freddie Lamm**, Kansas State University, *Subsurface Drip Irrigation for Corn*

**Keith Lebbin**, Western Kansas GMD 1, *Western Kansas Weather Modification*

**Michael Johnson**, Southern Nevada Water Authority, *Hydrgeology of the Las Vegas Valley*

**Richard Bowers/Todd Hatters**, North Plains GMD, *Constructed Wetland for Water Quality Enhancement of Swine Effluent / Soil & Irrigation Water Testing in Vo-Ag Classes*

**Blaine Reely**, Envirotech, *Optimization of Groundwater Pumping Systems*

**Dave Mazour**, Tri-States Generation & Transmission, *Environmental Dispute Resolution*

**Harrison Phipps**, Water Resources Association, Yolo County, CA, *Citizens as Groundwater Guardians*

**Jim Goodrich**, Water Quality Authority, *Groundwater Management Districts in California*

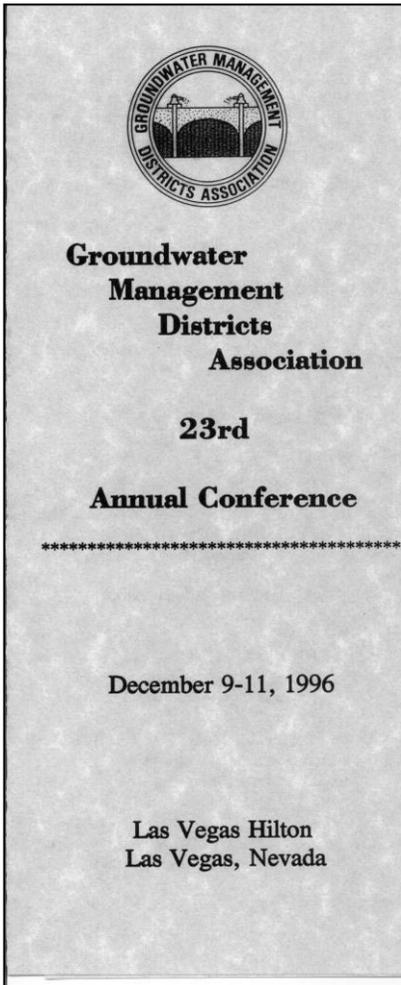
**Andrew Stone**, American Groundwater Trust, *Groundwater Districts, the Public Education Challenge*

Board Meeting Summary - C. E. Williams, TX - presiding

- Total GMDA worth as of November 15, 1996 was \$19,525.56
- A 1997 budget was approved consisting of \$12,800.00. Of this amount, \$7,850.00 were for NWRA dues; \$2,000.00 for administrative costs; \$2,000.00 for NWRA Travel Support; and the balance for printing, postage, awards, phone, office supplies and misc. expenses.
- Steve Frost, KS was elected Vice President. Wayne Bossert, KS was approved to continue as

secretary/treasurer.

- Mel Noffke, NE was awarded the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award by motion. The nominator was to provide Wayne Bossert a narrative per the awards procedure.



# Spring Meeting: Colby, Kansas June 3, 1997

NW Kansas GMD 4 Offices

Board Meeting Summary - Gary Lindstrom, NE - presiding:

- Total Association worth as of May 2, 1997 was \$21,117.45.
- Ron Bishop, NE updated the board on NWRA activities which were now concentrating on the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Association dues were left unchanged.
- Discussion was opened on the role of surface water in the various districts and who was dealing with surface water issues. While not a large issue at the time, several districts indicated increasing issues relative to surface water.

**1997 Board:** (3-Yr members elected December 10, 1996 at the Las Vegas, Nevada Conference)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Gene Beauprez	Bob Longenbaugh
Kansas	Steve Frost VP	Sharon Falk	Wayne Bossert S/T	Wayland
Anderson				
Mississippi	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	George Berry	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Larry Angle	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom P	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Gary Walker	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Earl Acheson	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Oklahoma	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

# 24th Annual Meeting: Scottsdale, Arizona

December 3 - 6, 1997

Holiday Inn, Oldtown Scottsdale

Program presenters ("Is Your Water District Ready for the Future?"):

**Tom Donnelly**, Executive Director, NWRA, Washington, DC

**Ellen Miller**, President, Ellen Miller Group,

**Rita Pearson**, Director, Arizona Dpt of Water Resources

**Steve Frost**, GMDA Vice President, Garden City, KS

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<b>RITA PEARSON,</b>	Director - Arizona Department of Water Resources
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**ROBERT MANLEY, PH.D.**

\*\*\* FEATURING \*\*\*

**"THE WATER BOARD BIBLE"**

DECEMBER 3-6, 1997 IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Board Meeting Summary - Gary Lindstrom, NE; and Steve Frost, KS - presiding

- Within NWRA a committee was formed to work on the Report of the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Committee (WWPRAC). GMDA decided to respond as well, but wanted to see the individual district responses that have already been provided.
- The 1998 budget was approved.
- Mel Noffke was awarded the 1997 Promoter of the Year Award.
- Federal bill HR 461 (income tax credits for irrigation efficiency investments) was discussed leaving each district to respond individually.
- The GMDA web page was announced as up and running just a few days before this conference.
- Bob Walker, CO, expressed concern over federal intrusion into state's water rights

issues. Districts were advised to remain vigilant.

- Larry Angle was elected as Vice President; Ron Bishop was elected as the NWRA representative; and all standing committees were re-appointed.

**Oops!!** Mel Noffke was to receive the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award at the 1997 Conference based on action taken during the December, 1996 board meeting, but instead was nominated at the December, 1997 board meeting and awarded the 1997 GMDA Promoter of the Year award. Not to worry, Mel also

# Spring Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 1, 1998

Double Tree Hotel

Board Meeting Summary - Steve Frost, KS - presiding:

- Total Association worth as of May 7, 1998 was \$20,180.58.
- All reports were provided including 1997 Conference; 1998 Conference; membership, Treasurers; NWRA; and Awards.
- Precision Agriculture was discussed and suggested as a possible conference item in December, 1998.
- It was noted that Wayland Anderson was the Colorado Advisor since the Scottsdale meeting in 1997.

**1998 Board:** (3-Yr members elected December 4, 1997 at the Scottsdale, Arizona Conference)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jack Adams	Gene Beauprez	Bob Walker	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Sharon Falk	Wayne Bossert S/T	Steve Frost P	Tom Huntzinger
Mississippi	Ben Griffith	George Berry VP	Dean Pennington	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle VP	DeLynn Hay
Texas	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	Bill Couch	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Oklahoma	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

# 25th Annual Meeting:

Fort Worth, Texas

November 1 - 3, 1998

Ramada Plaza Hotel

Program presenters ("New Tools & Issues for the 21st Century"):

**Bill Redmond**, NM Representative, *"Ogallala Aquifer Study Group"*

**Virginia McGuire**, USGS, NE, *"Groundwater Quantity of the Ogallala Aquifer"*

**Kevin Dennehy**, USGS, CO, *"Groundwater Quality of the Ogallala Aquifer"*

**Tom Donnely**, NWRA, Washington, DC, *"Politics and the Legislative Agenda"*

**Rod DeBuhr**, Upper Big Blue NRD, NE, *"Groundwater Recharge Project"*

**Nico Hauwert**, Barton Springs/Edwards ACD, *"Tracer Study of the Edwards Aquifer"*

**Bill Couch** (Barton Springs/Edwards ACD, TX), **Ron Neighbors** (Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District, TX) and **Lee Arrington** (South Plains UWCD, TX), *"Texas Water Management Plan"*

**Roy Spalding**, Water Center, UNL, *"Use of Center Pivot Irrigation for Groundwater Remediation"* and *"Ethanol for Nitrate Remediation of Groundwater"*

**Dean Pennington**, YMD District, MS, *"Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia"* and *"Precision Farming"*

**Marios Sophocleus**, Kansas Geological Survey, *"Integrated Watershed Modeling - Lower Republican River, KS"*

**Matt Landon**, USGS, NE, *"Republican River Modeling in NE"*

**Tom Cech**, Central Colorado Conservancy District, *"Three States Agreement & Arkansas River Lawsuit w/ KS"*

**Mark Stiles**, YMD District, MS, *"GIS District Applications Using PC MapInfo"*

**Shane Buscher**, Lower Platte North NRD, *"GIS w/ Arc/Info and Arcview"* and *"Watershed-the-System"*

**Tim Peterson**, Earth Group L.L.C., *"Video Mapping System using Video Cameras and GPS"*

**James Koellicker**, Kansas State University, *"Decision Support System for Water Managers"*

Board Meeting Summary - Steve Frost, KS; and Larry Angle, NE - presiding:

George Berry, MS was elected Vice President. Discussion was had on 2, NWRA resolution wording amendments GMDA forwarded to NWRA on: WWPRAC; and Congressman Redmond's proposal for interstate compacts for groundwater problem solving. GMDA opposed both issues. The NWRA policy board approved both amendments which would next go to the full NWRA Board. All the standard reports were provided.

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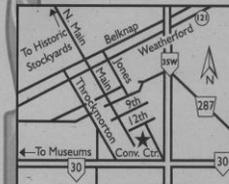
## "New Tools & Issues for the 21st Century"

November 1-3, 1998  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
Ft. Worth, Texas

**NOV. 1** Pre-Conference Tour to the "Fossil Rim Wildlife Center."  
Evening Reception at Ramada Plaza Hotel.

**NOV. 2** Conference Begins - "New Tools & Issues for the 21st Century."  
Spouse's Tour of Fort Worth's Many Attractions  
Evening Entertainment: Barbecue Supper on the way to the Historic  
"Stockyards" for an Evening of Refreshments and Dancing.

**NOV. 3** Conference Continues Through the Noon Hour.  
Post-Conference Tour - Tarrant Regional Water District



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# Spring Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 16, 1999

Double Tree Hotel

Board Meeting Summary - Larry Angle, NE - presiding:

- Total GMDA worth as of June 1, 1999 was \$18,245.83. This figure included \$1,407.70 profit from the 1998 conference which was not forwarded in time for the official Treasurer's Report.
- Ron Bishop reported that there were at least 6 piece-meal bills introduced in Congress to amend various portions of the Endangered Species Act. No comprehensive re-write is foreseen.
- GMDA was to have 2, 2-hour time slots before the general session at the upcoming NWRA Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The time would be used regarding issues of groundwater/surface water interaction. Each state was to assess GW/SW interaction issues within their states and forward a summary to Dean Pennington, MS for compilation.

**1999 Board:** (3-Yr members elected November 2, 1998 at the Fort Worth, TX Conference)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Gene Beauprez	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T		Steve Frost	TBA Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	George Berry VP	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle P	Arlond Garratt	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Richard Bowers	Bill Couch	C.E. Williams	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

# 26th Annual Meeting: Tunica, Mississippi

December 8 - 10, 1999

Grand Casino Convention Center

Program presentations:

**Water Resource Issues in Congress**, Mark Keenum, Chief of Staff for Senator Thad Cochran

**Development of Tunica County**, Ken Murphree,, Tunica County Administrator

**MS Delta Water Supply Solutions**, Karrie Pennington, Natural Resource Specialist USDA NRCS

**Solutions to Arkansas Groundwater Overdrafts**, Jim Brodron, Project Leader U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis

**Developments on the MS River**, Robert Fitzgerald, U. S. Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg

**TMDL's in Mississippi**, Jimmy Palmer, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

**Gulf of Mexico Nutrient Enrichment**, Charles M. Cooper. Ph.D. Research Leader, USDA

**Groundwater Policy for NWRA**, Dean Pennington, YMD District, Mississippi

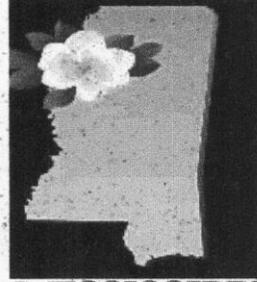
**Various District Project Reports:** Mark Stiles, YMD Joint Water Management District; Tom Cech, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District; Wayne Bossert, Northwest Kansas GMD 4; Rodney DeBuhr, Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District; Ron Bishop, Central Platte Natural Resources District; Richard Bowers, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Dean Pennington, YMD Joint Water Management District.

Board Meeting Summary - Larry Angle, NE - presiding:

- Ron Bishop, NE, reported that ESA would NOT see any comprehensive work this session - just a lot of small, specific fixes.
- The 2000 proposed budget was approved which included money for a bi-annual newsletter to be started up again. Larry Angle agreed to be publisher.
- Future Activities of GMDA - a paper - was introduced by Larry Angle, NE, and discussed. It included 6 topics for consideration. No action was taken.
- Richard Bowers, TX, was elected VP, while Dean Pennington, MS, and Ron Bishop, NE, were re-elected as NWRA board members for GMDA.

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**December 8-10, 1999**

# Spring Meeting: Ashland, Nebraska

2000

June 5,

Mahoney State Park

Board Meeting Summary - George Berry, MS - presiding:

- Total Association worth as of May 12, 2000 was \$19,401.54.
- Larry Angle, NE, reported that the first edition of the reconstituted GMDA newsletter would be published this coming Fall. He also reported on the Safe Drinking Water Act: 1) Microbial disinfection by-products regulations are due out soon. 2) Arsenic levels are being lowered from 50 ppb to 5 ppb. 3) Radon rules are expected out in August and will contain a new standard. 4) Radionucleides (Radium) should see a new standard in November. 5) Groundwater, the most controversial rules, are also due out in November. These rules are expected to include disinfection for groundwater systems which are under the influence of surface water.
- Dues were not changed, however, George Berry, MS, did suggest that all Board members join as individuals. No action taken.
- Steve Frost, KS, reported on a new entity called the Ogallala Aquifer Institute which was being formed in Garden City, Kansas and would include representatives from all Ogallala States on its Board. It was to be an interactive learning center for all aspects of the Ogallala Aquifer.

**2000 Board:** (3-Yr members elected at the December 9, 1999 Conference in Tunica, Mississippi)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jim Reasoner	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Steve Frost	Wayne West	Wayne Bossert S/T	Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	George Berry P	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Larry Angle	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Stovy Bowlin	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers VP	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

# 27th Annual Meeting: . . . New Orleans, Louisiana January 7 - 9, 2000

Double Tree Hotel

Program presentations:

**Linda Calvert**, Director Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs, *Welcome from New Orleans*

**Larinda Tervelt**, Member Federal Hypoxia Working Group, *Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico*

**Brad Hanson**, Professor Louisiana State University, *Louisiana Groundwater Issues*

**David Beer**, Meteorologist, Colby, KS, *Weather Modification/Hail Suppression*

**George Bomar**, Senior Technical Specialist WQ Div. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, *High Plains UWCD Rainfall Enhancement*

**Wayne Bossert**, KS; **Tom Cech**, CO; **Dean Pennington**, MS: *How Dry Was It in 2000?*

**Jarrett Atkinson**, Regional Water Planning Coordinator Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, *Water Planning in Texas*

**Ron Bishop**, GMDA Director NWRA, *Federal Water Issues in Washington, D.C.*

Board Meeting Summary - George Berry, MS; and Richard Bowers, TX, - presiding:

- Ron Bishop, NE, reported on NWRA's re-organization due to the loss of Oregon and South Dakota. Dues were restructured with GMDA Caucus dues increasing to \$10,000 with the allowance to stairstep our dues as follows: \$8,000 in 2001, \$9,000 in 2002 and \$10,000 in 2003 and thereafter. NWRA also restructured their Board. GMDA now gets 2 votes and can either have 1 board member cast both votes or add another board member to cast 1 vote each. GMDA elected to elect 2 board members - Ron Bishop, NE, and Dean Pennington, MS.
- The GMDA Caucus priorities were covered by the board and comments made.
- The 2001 budget was adopted - \$14,300.
- Arlond Garratt, NE, was awarded the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award as he left the GMDA Board.
- Long time friend of GMDA, A. Wayne Wyatt of the High Plains GWMD passed away December 5, 2000 and was to be recognized via GMDA Resolution.
- Ron Bishop, NE was elected VP and Wayne Bossert, KS, was re-elected to Secretary/Treasurer.
- Discussion was had on the affordability of the new NWRA dues, but was tabled until the Spring meeting when GMDA dues would be handled.
- The first edition of the new GMDA newsletter was delayed and is now slated for March, 2001.

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**JANUARY 7 - 9, 2001**

**DoubleTree Hotel**



# Spring Meeting: Amarillo, Texas

June 3, 2001  
Radisson Hotel

Board Meeting Summary - Richard Bowers, TX - presiding:

- Total Association worth as of May 14, 2001 was \$18,809.81.
- Association dues were left unchanged.
- Discussion ensued on the organization of GMDA committees - that they had been restructured to mirror NWRA committees. It was noted that this was the case, but that NWRA had since changed their committee structure again. No action taken.

**2001 Board:** (3-Yr members elected January 8, 2001 at the New Orleans, LA, Conference)

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Jim Reasoner	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne West	Wayne Bossert	S/TSteve Frost (Res.)	Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Ben Griffith	George Berry	Dean Pennington	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Ron Bishop VP	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle	DeLynn Hay
Texas	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers P	Stan Reinhard	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

# 28th Annual Meeting: . San Antonio, Texas

January 14 - 15, 2002

Drury Inn & Suites, Riverwalk

Program presentations ("Exploring the Endangered Species Act"):

Edwards Aquifer, Texas: Greg Ellis, General Manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority

Bruneau Springs, Idaho: Rayola Jacobson, Northwest Power Planning Commission

Platte River - Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska: Jim Cook,, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Arkansas River Shiner: Harlan Hentges, Oklahoma Agricultural Legal Foundation

Desalination: Hari Krishna, Texas Water Development Board

GIS Uses: Dean Pennington, Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Joint Water Management District

Ogallala Aquifer Legislation: Brownie Wilson, Kansas Geological Survey

Nebraska- GPS From a Distance: John Thorburn, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

Colorado - Innovative Water Management: Forrest Leaf, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District

Kansas - Using Loicz View for Statistical Clustering in a Groundwater Application: Brownie Wilson, Kansas Geological Survey

Louisiana - New Groundwater Management Legislation: Bill Branch, LA Cooperative Extension Service

Edwards Aquifer Tour: Trip Leaders: Geary Schindel, John Hoyt, & Steve Johnson, Edwards Aquifer Authority

Board Meeting Summary - Richard Bowers, TX, and Ron Bishop, NE, - presiding:

- Discussion was had on the Western States Water Council, who was in the process of forming a committee to work on High Plains federal legislation issues. GMDA decided to form a GMDA committee of 4 members of 1 representative each from Kansas, Texas, Nebraska and Colorado, and said committee would be used to advise the WSWC committee.
- Dean Pennington, MS, was elected VP while all standing committee chairs were re-appointed - C.E. Williams, TX, to chair ESA; Larry Angle, NE, to chair SDWA; Wayne Bossert, KS, to chair Awards; and Tom Cech, CO, to chair Resolutions. Wayne Bossert was retained as Secretary/Treasurer, and also appointed to represent GMDA on the Western States Water Council committee.



29<sup>th</sup> Annual GMDA Conference  
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## Exploring the Endangered Species Act Impacts

January 13-15, 2002  
Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk  
San Antonio, Texas

Jan. 13 Pre-Conference Activities  
Optional Tours of the San Antonio area.  
Optional Golf Tournament (weather permitting).  
Welcoming Dinner at the legendary County Line Barbeque.

Jan. 14 Conference Begins  
Spouses Tour of San Antonio Attractions.  
Evening Banquet- Texas Land & Cattle Steakhouse at the Drury Inn- Milam Room.

Jan. 15 Conference Continues through Noon Hour.  
Post-Conference Water Tour- Edwards Aquifer.

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## APPENDIX of Historical Listings

### GMDA Conference History

Mtg	Year	Date	Location
ORG <sup>2</sup>	1974	November 7-8	Garden City, KS
	1975	March 25	Wichita, KS
1st	1975	December 9-10	Dodge City, KS
	1976	March 11-12	Wichita, KS
2nd	1976	December 7-9	Colorado Springs, CO
	1977	March 18	Garden City, KS
3rd	1977	December 6-8	Lincoln, NE
	1978	April 3	Wichita, KS
4th	1978	December 6-8	Amarillo, TX
	1979	April 29-30	Colorado Springs, CO
5th	1979	December 9-11	Colorado Springs, CO
	1980	March 13-14	North Platte, NE
6th	1980	December 8-9	North Platte, NE
	1981	March 17	Lubbock, TX
7th	1981	December 2-4	Lubbock, TX
	1982	April 15-16	Scottsdale, AZ
8th	1982	December 1-3	Scottsdale, AZ
	1983	March 9-10	Tulsa, OK
9th	1983	November 30-December 2	Tulsa, OK
	1984	March 14-15	San Antonio, TX
10th	1984	December 5-7	San Antonio, TX
	1985	March 27-28	Oklahoma City, OK
11th	1985	December 4-6	Reno, NV
	1986	February 26-27	Wichita, KS
12th	1986	December 1-5 (w/ NWRA)	San Diego, CA
	1987	April 26-29	Washington, DC
13th	1987	November 2-5 (w/ NWRA)	Reno, NV
	1988	March 2-3	Wichita, KS
14th	1988	December 7-9	Wichita, KS
	1989	June 22	Dumas, TX
15th	1989	December 6-8	Oklahoma City, OK
	1990	May 23	Wichita, KS
16th	1990	December 5-7	Colorado Springs, CO
	1991	May 15	Wichita, KS
17th	1991	December 4-6	Colorado Springs, CO
	1992	May 7	Wichita, KS
18th	1992	December 2-4	Dallas, TX
	1993	June 24	Colorado Springs, CO
19th	1993	November 17-20	Jackson, MS
	1994	June 5	Colorado Springs, CO

<sup>2</sup> These are the currently accepted meetings listing. They do not always correspond to the individual Meeting Brochures published.

20th	1994	December 7-9	Wichita, KS
	1995	June 13	Grand Island, NE
21st	1995	December 6-7	Reno, NV
	1996	June 9	Greeley, CO
22nd	1996	December 9-10	Las Vegas, NV
	1997	June 3	Colby, KS
23rd	1997	December 4-5	Scottsdale, AZ
	1998	June 1	Colorado Springs, CO
24th	1998	November 1-2	Fort Worth, TX
	1999	June 16-17	Colorado Springs, CO
25th	1999	December 8-9	Tunica, MS
	2000	June 5-7	Mahoney State Park, NE
26th	2001	January 7-9	New Orleans, LA
	2001	June 3-5	Amarillo, TX
27th	2002	January 14-15	San Antonio, TX
	2002	June 12-14	Breckenridge, CO
28th	2003	January 12-14	Galveston, TX
	2003	June 11-13	Wichita, KS
29th	2004	January 4-6	St. Pete Beach, FL
	2004	June 6-8	Durango, CO
30th	2005	January 9-11	Savannah, GA
	2005	June 22-24	Twin Falls, ID
31st	2006	January 15-17	San Antonio, TX
	2006	June 4-6	Jackson, WY
32nd	2007	January 7-10	Albuquerque, NM

## **GMDA HISTORICAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS**

**1974** November 7-8, Garden City, KS - 1<sup>st</sup> conference where GMDA concept was proposed

**1975** March 25, Wichita, KS - Follow-up organizational meeting where Association was formalized.

**1976 BOARD** (2<sup>nd</sup> Conference at Dodge City, KS, December 9-10, 1975) Initial elected Board

Frank Rayner, President	Lubbock, TX
Frank Dragoun, Vice President	Holdrege, NE
Keith Lebbin, Secretary/Treasurer	Scott City, KS
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Gordon Thompson	Wray, CO
Melvin Winger	Johnson, KS
Mel Noffke	York, NE
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX

**1977 BOARD** (3<sup>rd</sup> Conference (12/76) at Colorado Springs, CO)

Frank Dragoun, President	Holdrege, NE
David Pope, Vice President	Garden City, KS
Mel Noffke, Secretary/Treasurer	York, NE
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Gordon Thompson	Wray, CO
Keith Lebbin	Scott City, KS
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX
Ed Waggoner	Houston, TX

Advisors: DeLynn Hay (KS); Deon Axthelm (NE); Dwayne Konrad (CO); Delbert Schwab (OK)

**1978 BOARD** (4<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/77) at Lincoln, NE)

David Pope, President	Garden City, KS
Ron Neighbors, Vice President	Houston, TX
Royce East, Secretary/Treasurer	Clay Center, NE
Frank Dragoun, Past President	Holdrege, NE
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Marvin Large	Wauneta, NE

Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX

**1979 BOARD** (5<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/78) at Amarillo, TX)

Ron Neighbors, President	Houston, TX
Wayne Bossert, Vice President	Colby, KS
John Turnbull, Secretary/Treasurer	York, NE
David Pope, Past President	Topeka, KS
Arthur Young	Holyoke, CO
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Marvin Large	Wauneta, NE
George Bergner	Texhoma, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX
A. Wayne Wyatt	Lubbock, TX

**1980 BOARD** (6<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/79) at Colorado Springs, CO)

Wayne Bossert, President	Colby, KS
John Turnbull, Vice President	York, NE
Don Smith, Secretary/Treasurer	Lubbock, TX
Ron Neighbors, Past President	Houston, TX
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Thomas Bell	Halstead, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
James McCray	Panhandle, TX

**1981 BOARD** (7<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/80) at North Platte, NE)

John Turnbull, President	York, NE
Don Smith, Vice President	Lubbock, TX
Thomas Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	Halstead, KS
Wayne Bossert, Past President	Colby, KS
Ben Saunders	Holyoke, CO
Merrill Goddard	Holyoke, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Craig Pope	Davenport, NE
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
Bill Purvines	Whitewater, TX

**1982 BOARD** (8<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/81) at Lubbock, TX)

Don Smith, President	Lubbock, TX
Thomas Bell, Vice President	Halstead, KS
Craig Pope, Secretary/Treasurer	Davenport, NE
John Turnbull, Past President	York, NE
Merrill Goddard/Tom Kuntz*	Holyoke, CO/Otis, CO
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Bonita Hoeme	Guymon, OK
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Bill Purvines	Whitedeer, TX
Bruce Foster	San Antonio, TX

\* Tom Kuntz replaced Merrill Goddard in mid 1982 board year

**1983 BOARD** (9<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/82) at Scottsdale, AZ)

Thomas Bell, President	Halstead, KS
Craig Pope, Vice President	Davenport, NE
Bruce Foster, Secretary/Treasurer	San Antonio, TX
Don Smith, Past President	Lubbock, TX
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
John Overmeyer	Baton Rouge, LA
R.I. (Ike) Peairs	Baton Rouge, LA
Richard Heckman	Cairo, NE
Allen Harris	Oklahoma City, OK
Norman Steinle	Hooker, OK
Orval Allen	Dumas, TX

**1984 BOARD** (10<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/83) at Tulsa, OK)

Craig Pope, President	Davenport, NE
Bruce Foster, Vice President	San Antonio, TX
Orval Allen, Secretary/Treasurer	Dumas, TX
Thomas Bell, Past President	Halstead, KS
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
Ron Bishop	Grand Island, NE
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Mark Brown	Baton Rouge, LA
R.I. (Ike) Peairs	Baton Rouge, LA
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Norman Steinle	Hooker, OK

**1985 BOARD** (11<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/84) at San Antonio, TX)

Bruce Foster, President	San Antonio, TX
Duane Smith, Vice President	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers, Secretary/Treasurer	Whitedeer, TX
Craig Pope, Past President	Davenport, NE
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
R.I. (Ike) Peairs	Baton Rouge, LA
Mark Brown	Baton Rouge, LA
Norman Steinle	Hooker, OK
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
Rodney DeBuhr	York, NE
Orval Allen	Dumas, TX
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS

**1986 BOARD** (12<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/85) at Reno, NV)

Duane Smith, President	Oklahoma City, OK
Rodney DeBuhr, Vice President	York, NE
Richard Bowers, Secretary/Treasurer	Whitedeer, TX
Bruce Foster, Past President	San Antonio, TX
Orval Allen	Dumas, TX
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
William Hutchison	Bishop, CA
Oscar Robertson	St Francisville, LA
Mark Brown	Baton Rouge, LA

**1987 BOARD** (13<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/86) at San Diego, CA - w/NWRA)

Rodney DeBuhr, President	York, NE
Richard Bowers, Vice President	Dumas, TX
William Hutchison, Secretary/Treasurer	Bishop, CA
Duane Smith, Past President	Oklahoma City, OK
Ron Bishop	Grand Island, NE
Morris White	Ulysses, NE
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Webb Gober	Farwell, TX
Fred Wurtsmith	Yuma, CO
Tom Kuntz*	Otis, CO
Oscar Robertson	St Francisville, LA

\* Tom Kuntz was appointed to the 1987 Colorado 2-year position after the annual caucus by the Colorado delegation.

**1988 BOARD** (14<sup>th</sup> Conference 11/87) at Reno, NV - w/NWRA)

Richard Bowers, President	Dumas, TX
Ronald Bishop, Vice President	Grand Island, NE
Wayne Bossert, Secretary/Treasurer	Colby, KS
Rod DeBuhr, Past President	York, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Suzanne Moore	Oklahoma City, OK
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Webb Gober	Farwell, TX
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Doyle LaVene	Bertrand, NE
Tom Kuntz	Otis, CO
William Hutchison	Bishop, CA
Z. "Bo" Bolourchi	Baton Rouge, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA

\* Z. Bolourchi (1-year) and Kent Naquin (2-year) were appointed to the 1988 Louisiana positions after the annual caucus by the Louisiana delegation.

**1989 BOARD** \*\*\* Began the 3-board member format per state (15<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/88) at Wichita, KS)

Ronald Bishop, President	Grand Island, NE
Duane Smith, Vice President	Oklahoma City, OK
Wayne Bossert, Secretary/Treasurer	Colby, KS
Richard Bowers, Past President	Dumas, TX
Rod DeBuhr, NWRA Board Member	York, NE
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX
Doyle LaVene	Bertrand, NE
Raymond Hartung	David City, NE
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Z. "Bo" Bolourchi	Baton Rouge, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA

Three CA and two OK positions unfilled

**1990 BOARD** (16<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/89) in Oklahoma City, OK)

Dwayne Smith, President	Oklahoma City, OK
Raymond Hartung, Vice President	Wahoo, NE
Gary Walker/Richard Bowers, Secretary	<sup>3</sup> White Deer/Dumas, TX
Rod DeBuhr, NWRA Board Member	York, NE
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO

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<sup>3</sup> Gary Walker accepted Secretary position, but could not complete duties. Richard Bowers took over in mid year

Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Doyle Levene	Bertrand, NE
Ron Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX

Three CA; one LA and 1 OK positions were unfilled

**1991 BOARD** (17<sup>th</sup> Conference (12/90) in Colorado Springs, CO)

Ray Hartung, President	Wahoo, NE
Jack Adams, Vice President	Yuma, CO
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Cleveland, MS
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Rodney DeBuhr	York, NE
Ronald Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Mark Hoelscher	Stanton, TX
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX

One MS; one LA and three CA board positions unfilled

**1992 Board:** 3-year members elected December 5, 1991 at 18th Conference in Colorado Springs, CO

Jack Adams, President	Yuma, CO
Gary Walker, Vice President	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Cleveland, MS
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS

Ray Hartung	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Ronald Milner	Imperial, NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Ron Neighbors	Friendswood, TX

Note: The Louisiana and Oklahoma Caucuses were not active so the sitting board members were carried forward - both states with 1 board position vacancy. Mississippi had 1 board position vacancy.

**1993 Board:** 3-year members elected December 3, 1992 at 19th Conference in Dallas, TX

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Gary Walker, President	White Deer, TX
Dean Pennington, Vice President	Cleveland, MS
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
George Bush	Keenesburg, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Wayne Bossert	Colby, KS
Larry Panning	Ellinwood, KS
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS
Ray Hartung	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Garratt, Arlond	NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Ron Neighbors	Friendswood, TX
Williams, C. E.	TX

Note: The Louisiana and Oklahoma Caucuses were not active so the sitting board members were carried forward - both states with 1 board position vacancy. Mississippi had 1 board position vacancy.

**1994 Board:** 3-year members elected November 18, 1993 at 20th Conference in Jackson, MS

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Dean Pennington, President	Cleveland, MS
Wayne Bossert, Vice President	Colby, KS
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Robert Walker	Greeley, CO
Tom Cech, Alternate	Greeley, CO
Marvin Odgers	Sublette, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Benjamin Griffith	Cleveland, MS

Don Aylward	MS
Ray Hartung	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Garratt, Arlond	NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
John Harrington	Oklahoma City, OK
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Williams, C. E.	TX
Harvey Everhardt	TX

Note: Colorado has 1 position vacant;

**1995 Board:** 3-year members elected December 8, 1994 at 21st Conference in Wichita, KS

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Wayne Bossert, President	Colby, KS
Williams, C. E., Vice President	TX
Richard Bowers, Secretary	Dumas, TX
Jack Adams	Yuma, CO
Steve Frost	Garden City, KS
Mark Walton	St Francisville, LA
Kent Naquin	Baton Rouge, LA
Dean Pennington	Stoneville, MS
George Berry	MS
Don Aylward	Stoneville, MS
Larry Angle	Wahoo, NE
Gary Lindstrom	Wilcox, NE
Garratt, Arlond	NE
Duane Smith	Oklahoma City, OK
Blaine Reely	Oklahoma City, OK
Gary Walker	White Deer, TX
Richard Bowers	Dumas, TX
Harvey Everhardt	TX

Note: Louisiana did not caucus. Board members were carried forward with 1 vacancy. Oklahoma has 1 board vacancy.

**1996 Board:** 3-Yr members elected December 7, 1995 at 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference in Reno, Nevada

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Roy Smith	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Bob Longenbaugh
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T	Wayland Anderson	Steve Frost	Sharon Falk
Mississippi	George Berry	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom VP	DeLynn Hay	Larry Angle	Arlond Garrett
Texas	Harvey Everhart	Gary Walker	C.E. Williams P	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	William Dempsey	Earl Acheson	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant
Louisiana				
Oklahoma				

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**1997 Board:** 3-Yr members elected December 10, 1996 at 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Gene Beauprez	Bob Longenbaugh
Kansas	Steve Frost VP	Sharon Falk	Wayne Bossert S/T	Wayland
Anderson				
Mississippi	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	George Berry	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Larry Angle	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom P	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Gary Walker	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Earl Acheson	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Oklahoma	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

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**1998 Board:** 3-Yr members elected December 4, 1997 at 24<sup>th</sup> Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jack Adams	Gene Beauprez	Bob Walker	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Sharon Falk	Wayne Bossert S/T	Steve Frost P	Tom Huntzinger
Mississippi	Ben Griffith	George Berry VP	Dean Pennington	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle VP	DeLynn Hay
Texas	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	Bill Couch	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Jay Gilbertson	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Oklahoma	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

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**1999 Board:** 3-Yr members elected November 2, 1998 at 25<sup>th</sup> Conference in Fort Worth, Texas

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Gene Beauprez	Bob Walker	Jack Adams	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T		Steve Frost	TBA Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	George Berry VP	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle P	Arlond Garratt	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Richard Bowers	Bill Couch	C.E. Williams	John Ashworth
S. Dakota	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

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**2000 Board:** 3-Yr members elected December 9, 1999 at 26<sup>th</sup> Conference in Tunica, Mississippi

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jim Reasoner	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Steve Frost	Wayne West	Wayne Bossert S/T	Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Dean Pennington	Ben Griffith	George Berry P	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Larry Angle	Arlond Garratt	Gary Lindstrom	DeLynn Hay
Texas	Stovy Bowlin	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers VP	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

**2001 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 8, 2001 at 27<sup>th</sup> Conference in New Orleans, LA

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Jim Reasoner	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne West	Wayne Bossert S/T	Steve Frost (Res.)	Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Ben Griffith	George Berry	Dean Pennington	Charles Branch
Nebraska	Ron Bishop VP	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle	DeLynn Hay
Texas	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers P	Stan Reinhard	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

**2002 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 14, 2002 at 28<sup>th</sup> Conference in San Antonio, TX

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Richard Huwa	Jim Reasoner	Jack Adams	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T		Sharon Falk*	Wayne West Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	George Berry	Dean Pennington VP		Jim Young Charles
Branch				
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle	Ron Bishop P	Mike Jess
Texas	Richard Bowers	Stan Reinhard	C.E. Williams	Jim Conkwright
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

\* Appointed by Kansas to fill position vacated by resignation of Steve Frost

**2003 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 13, 2003 at 29<sup>th</sup> Conference in Galveston, TX

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jim Reasoner VP	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Sharon Falk	Wayne West	Wayne Bossert S/T	Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Dean Pennington P		Jim Young	Frank Gwin Jamie
Crawford				

Nebraska	Larry Angle	Ron Bishop	Gary Lindstrom	Mike Jess
Texas	Stan Reinhard	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

**2004 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 5, 2004 at 30<sup>th</sup> Conference in St. Pete Beach, FL

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jack Adams	Richard Huwa	Jim Reasoner P	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Jan King*	Wayne Bossert S/T	Sharon Falk VP	Tom Huntzinger
Mississippi	Jim Young	Frank Gwin	Dean Pennington	Jamie Crawford
Nebraska	Ron Bishop	Gary Lindstrom	Larry Angle	DeLynn Hay
Texas	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	Stan Reinhard	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

\* Jan King was appointed to serve out the term of Wayne West

**2005 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 10, 2005 at 31st Conference in Savannah, GA.

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Richard Huwa	Jim Reasoner	Jack Dowell	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Wayne Bossert S/T		Sharon Falk P	Jan King Tom
Huntzinger				
Mississippi	Frank Gwin	Dean Pennington	Jim Young	Jamie Crawford
Nebraska	Gary Lindstrom VP		Larry Angle	Ron Bishop Jim
Goeke				
Texas	Richard Bowers	Stan Reinhard	C.E. Williams	Comer Tuck
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

**2006 Board:** 3-Yr members elected January 16, 2006 at 32nd Conference in San Antonio, TX

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
Colorado	Jim Reasoner	Jack Dowell	Richard Huwa	Wayland Anderson
Kansas	Sharon Falk	Jan King	Wayne Bossert S/T	To Be Appt'd
Mississippi	Dean Pennington	Jim Baldwin	Frank Gwin	Jamie Crawford
Nebraska	Larry Angle	Ron Bishop	Gary Lindstrom P	Jim Goeke
Texas	Ken Carver VP	C.E. Williams	Richard Bowers	Robert Mate
Louisiana	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

## **GMDA AWARDS PROGRAM**

GMDA has 3 awards which association members can request that the board award. They are described below with the award recipients for each year.

### **WATER RESOURCE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, select a candidate for the previous years most outstanding water resource person. Each state lead director, in cooperation with any other person or group, may nominate a single candidate for this award. Nominations may include a person, firm, organization, district, agency or other organized entity, panel, authority or board. Nominations shall include a narrative detailing the contributions, services, effective representation, etc. towards the management, conservation, and protection of the groundwaters of any state or region, or to the USA, for any beneficial purpose, for the previous year's time.

Recipients:

1982 - High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, TX  
1983 - No Award  
1984 - Kansas Water Authority, KS  
1985 - United States Soil Conservation Service, USA  
1986 - 1987 - No Award presented  
1988 - Cecil Regier, North Plains Research Field, TX  
1989 - 1990 - No Award presented  
1991 - Nebraska Groundwater Foundation  
1992 - John J. Vasa, CO  
1993 - 2006 - No Award presented

### **GMDA PROMOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Each state lead director, in cooperation with any person or group, may nominate a single candidate for the most active and successful GMDA promoter of the year. Only current year members of the Association are eligible for this award. Nominations shall include a narrative detailing the nominee's efforts in encouraging and successfully promoting the Association.

Recipients:

1982 - Thomas Bell, KS  
1983 - Frank Dragoun, NE  
1984 - Wayne Bossert, KS  
1985 - 1991 - No Award presented  
1992 - Jack Adams, CO  
1993 - 1996 - No Award presented  
1997 - Mel Noffke, NE  
1998 - Larry Angle, NE

1999 - 2006 - No Award presented

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The Board of Directors of the Association at its prerogative may recognize an individual for exemplary service and contributions to the Association directly, or toward achievement of the Association's goals or ideals through other avenues of influence, by bestowing upon that individual an Honorary Life Membership in the Association, free of charge, yet with all rights and privileges of dues paying members. In addition to the board nominations, anyone else can offer nominations in an unformatted style.

Recipients:

- 1982 - Deon Axthelm, NE
- 1983 - Frank Rayner, TX
- 1984 - Frank Gorman, CO
- 1985 - David Pope, KS
- 1986 - 1987 - No Award presented
- 1988 - Morris White, NE
- 1989 - Wayne Bossert, KS
- 1990 - 1999 - No Award presented
- 2000 - Arlond Garratt, NE
- 2001 - 2003 - No Award presented
- 2004 - Mel Noffke, NE
- 2005 - No Award
- 2006 - Jack Adams, CO

(Note: The award year represents the Annual Conference in which the award was presented)

**Dues History**

	Individual	Affiliate	Organizational	District
1977	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
1978	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
1990	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
2000	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$250.00
2005	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00

**Bet You Didn't Know This!**  
In the 1998 dues billing GMDA Secretary Wayne Bossert "forgot" what the dues were and inadvertently billed every Individual member \$25.00 instead of \$20.00. Oops! The dues had been the same for only the previous 8 years! NO, refunds were not provided but the association really appreciated the extra support! The 1999 Individual dues were

**In Memorial: GMDA Participants who have left us far too early**

Frank Rayner, TX: Organizer, First GMDA President - ????

A. Wayne Wyatt, TX: Board member - December 5, 2000

Morris White, NE: Board member - ????

Bob Walker, CO: Board member - January 16, 2003

Frank Gorman, CO: Honorary Life Member - ??? (1992?)

George Berry, MS: Board Member and Past President - December 20, 2002

James McCray, TX: Board Member - ????

George Bergner, OK: Board Member - April 8, 2001

**This document is dedicated to each and every one of you!**

**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.