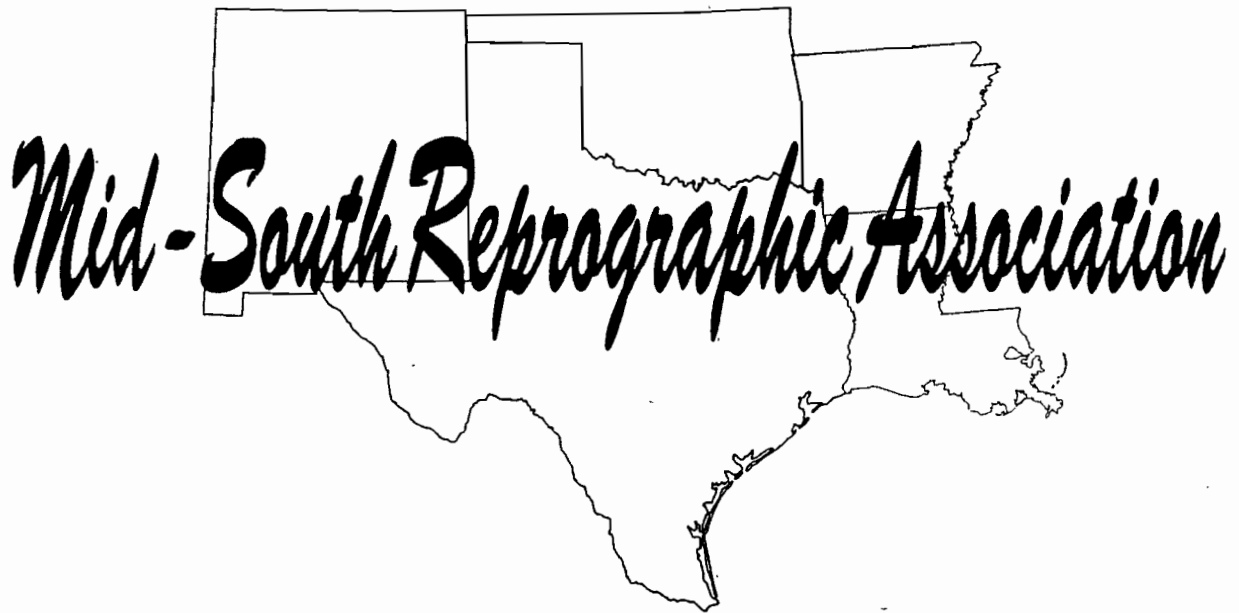


*History*

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*Mid-South Reiprographic Association*

*(South Mid-Continent Blue Print Association)*

*(Texas Association of Blue Print and Allied Industries)*

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November 1952

**Revised by Bill E. Thomas**  
September 1972

**Revised by Guy Powers**  
October 1988

**Revised by Brenda Callaway**  
May 1995

This is a record of the South Mid-Continent Blue Print Club prepared with emphasis on its early years. A list of every meeting place, date and the presidents of the club from the beginning in 1930 to the present time, May, 1995, is part of the record.

The charter members have been called upon and have furnished information. Special thanks should go to Bob Bodderek, Gene Fithian, Ernie Japhet and Hugo Koch. Hugo furnished photo copies of convention write-ups from early copies of the International Blue Printer. (Names are listed alphabetically and not for importance nor amount of information furnished.)

Also a most interesting and valuable contribution was made by Arthur R. Alling who had preserved the minutes and correspondence for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935. Among these papers were copies of the original constitution and by-laws, the original proposed N. I. R. A. Blue Print Code and later "N. R. A. Proposed Code for the Blue Print and Photo Print Industry as revised for a public hearing on October 5, 1934(Hearing No. 684)," and a condensed resume of the 360 page "Nation-wide survey of the Blue Print Industry by the United States Department of Commerce" and many of the early locally adopted price lists, also much credit is due Jim Keoughan who fostered the idea and has been a source of encouragement in writing and help in publishing this record of South Mid-Continent's early days.

The Mid-Continent's history is intertwined in part with the International. During 1925 the International Association of Blue Print and Allied Industries was formed with some of the more progressive Blue Printers, to improve customer

relations, and to increase trade. This resulted in the formation of a Texas Association of Blue Printers.

On a hot Saturday afternoon long before the days of air conditioning, August 9, 1930, a called meeting of all Texas Blue Printers met at the Raleigh Hotel, Waco, Texas. The primary purpose was to form and organization to foster better acquaintance and fellowship among blue printers in the belief that eventually this would bring about better trade conditions for the industry. This meeting was called by the International Regional Director E. N. Lutz and was sponsored by John J. Johnson and Hugo Koch of Dallas and W. E. Japhet and E. N. Lutz of Houston and perhaps others.

Hugo Koch was at this time a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Blue Print and Allied Industries. He was elected chairman of the called meeting. After talks by Jack Johnson, Eddie Lutz, Hugo Koch, Ernie Japhet and others, the group voted to form a Texas Association. W. E. Japhet was elected president and was requested to prepare a constitution and by-laws and a code of ethics for the new association. A meeting was tentatively set for the next Fall when the organization could be completed.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, the first regular meeting of the Texas Association of Blue Print and Allied Industries was held at the Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, Texas. In charge was a Dallas committee, John J. Johnson, V. H. Koch, M. H. West and R.L. Hawley. The main business was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. These were presented by W. E. Japhet, President, and were the brain child of many hours work and much thought. The discussion brought out the

fact that the Texas Association would be absolutely independent. It was willing to affiliate with and cooperate with the International Association, but that it would not be "bossed" by them. The constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The original draft called for two meetings per year, Fall and Spring, with elections of officers scheduled at the fall meeting. Also it provided for annual dues to be paid by members. At the August 1933 meeting, on motion by Mr. W. E. Japhet the provision for the payment of dues was voted out and the only membership requirement was participation in the blue print or an allied business. At this time the exact expenses of the meetings were paid by the individuals attending, so the custom was inaugurated of "passing the hat" for free-will offerings to defray postage and other expenses. This is mentioned because only one member ever actually paid dues during the two years the bylaws provided for same. Also it accounts for the fact that seldom was the treasury balance greater than ten dollars.

Lively discussions marked the business meeting. Some good stories were told at "bull sessions" and a good time was enjoyed by all. The old officers were re-elected: W.E. Japhet, President, Southern Blue Print and Supply Company, Houston; Leon M. Brandy, 1st Vice-President, Brandy Reproduction Company, Fort Worth; V.H. Koch, 2nd Vice-President, Southwestern Blue Print Company, Dallas; E.M. Hawtoff, 3rd Vice-President, Texas Blue Print and Engineering Company, Waco; C.O. Hagood, Secretary-Treasurer, L.A. Barnes Company, Fort Worth.

The next meeting was held on Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Houston with about 30 persons present, representing

every city in Texas that had a blue print business. The report of this meeting was signed Edison N. Lutz, Regional Director. A feature of this meeting was a scenic boat ride down the bayou from Houston to the San Jacinto Inn for supper at the Inn.

The fall meeting was held on November 14, 1931 in the Red Room of the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas with 24 members present. Officers elected were Leon M Brady, President; C.O. Hagood, Secretary-Treasurer; A.R. Alling, First Vice President; Charley Gordan, Second Vice-President; and Hugo Koch, Third Vice-President. Three new members were added at this meeting: Paul Anderson and E.E.(Mickie) Benton of San Antonio, and E.G. Cain of Galveston. The entertainment of the evening was made complete by a most enjoyable Mexican supper.

The next meeting held Saturday, March 12, 1932, in the French Room on the 4th Floor of the Blackstone Hotel, at the same time as the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. This was the first meeting in which the invitation mentioned the Blue Printer's wives, quote: "Be sure and bring your wife along as there will be plenty of entertainment for her" The meeting was called at 9:00 A. M. and officially ended with a luncheon at 12:45 P.M.

The next meeting was August 9, 1932 in Galveston, Texas, E.G. Cain, host. The ladies were urged to attend this meeting. Many were present. A boat ride on the Dolphin with a colored string quartet and dancing were features of the entertainment.

Many remember October, 1929 as the "Crash" when the great world wide

boom became a world wide depression. The stock market plummeted, banks closed sweeping away life savings, business slumped, and employment greatly decreased. Some financially ruined men jumped from high buildings. Dazed and reeling, most men suffered, but courageously fought to turn the tide of events back to normalcy.

Against this background in November, 1932, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected President of the United States and immediately sponsored measures to restore confidence in the social and business order of the day. The F.D.I.C. guaranteed savings accounts up to \$5,000.00 and thereby helped restore confidence in the banks. In June of 1933, F.D.R. signed the National Industrial Recovery Act, N.I.R.A. symbolized by the blue eagle, to help prostrate business. This act profoundly affected the Blue Print Industry. Under N.I.R.A. each industry was required to write a tentative code which embodied certain features such as minimum pay of \$15.00 per week for unskilled labor, \$20.00 for semi-skilled labor and \$25.00 per week for skilled labor; to agree to the 40 hour week with time and one-half for all overtime, also for localities to agree upon minimum prices to be charged for all work performed. Wages, costs, and profits could be discussed but no general state wide price fixing could be considered because of the Anti-Trust law with its very heavy penalties for violators.

At first all was confusion. The administration knew little of how to interpret the Act. Blue printers were classed under manufacturing and International and local associations struggled for several months to prepare a code conforming to manufacturing code requirements. Later under revised N.I.R.A. regulations they

were placed under the classification of General Service and the code had to be revised to conform to those requirements. Every code had to go to Washington for acceptance. If rejected, it had to be re-written and re-submitted until accepted. Hugo Koch spent time, money, and energy in Texas and Washington, D.C. representing the Blue Printers and assisted in writing a fair workable code.

Prior to N.I.R.A., an employer paid an employee a salary agreed upon as mutually satisfactory. It was the custom to work 8 hours per day, six days per week and if necessary to put in overtime for which the employee received no pay. In the early days of the industry, there was much slack and idle time between jobs, so the employee felt a moral obligation to make no charge for overtime work when same was necessary.

The prevailing charge for blue prints was 3 cents per square foot. Large jobs were usually let by bid, and some were done for less than 2 cents per square foot. One small print was 3 cents which was a money losing price.

In those days, blue line prints were made from Van Dyke negatives for which a nominal price of 10 cents per square foot was charged and the resulting blueline prints were 5 cents or 6 cents per square foot. On large jobs prices were cut and the low bidder usually did the job. The same principle applied to charge for photocopy work. With no standard prices and price cutting almost universally practiced, there was at this time a combative attitude and deep distrust among Blue Printers.

Under pressure of necessity to take appropriate action demanded under N.I.R.A., the fall meeting was called early,

August 12, 1933, at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. President Bandy called the meeting to order and according to custom called for election of officers. John Miller was elected president and A.J. Huston, Secretary-Treasurer.

Hugo Koch, Director of International Association, was best informed on Administration demands and guided much of the talk informing others of necessary steps to take to comply with N.I.R.A. rules and regulations. It was the duty of those attending the 1933 meeting to recommend to various localities a method of charging for work and to form a model price list to guide the various localities in establishing their prices. When 80% of a local group agreed upon a price list and signed the agreement, according to N.I.R.A. it was unlawful for work to be done in that locality at a lower price than the agreed price.

Jack Johnson presented the new area chart, quite a innovation in charge methods. After thorough discussion it was adopted. Jack also presented a model price list. This was far from any precedent in the Blue Print business and called for long and heated discussion and some revision, but was finally adopted. It was difficult for Blue Printers to immediately change their methods of dealing with their customers. Many felt that the charge should have been made gradually so that customers could have been educated to the new area chart and to higher recommended prices.

For the new order to be successful, all Blue Printers had to abide by their new price list. Some disgruntled customers shopped from town to town hoping to get blue printing at the old prices. Generally they were unsuccessful. Quote from a letter from W.E. Japhet, "It was during this

period that some with more zeal than sense took the soap box and went about to communities where all was not sweetness and harmony and tried to force cooperation and understanding of each others problems. It may have had some success but it would have been difficult to recognize it in the antagonisms which were secretly generated. We were a serious bunch as I remember, and confused. Some of us are still confused."

Blue Printers evidently recognized the desirability of the measures adopted in 1933 as such they are still in use today. Inflation and much higher wages have caused prices to increase, but the method and the idea of a fair profit is still in common use. Although N.I.R.A. was later declared unconstitutional and abolished, the Blue Print industry abided by the principles advocated. May we propose a toast to the "soap boxers" who took the rap but sold the Blue Printers a bill of goods.

Saturday, October 13, 1934, the Texas Association met at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Arthur R. Alling was elected president; E.G. Cain, first Vice-President; George Hundley, Second Vice-President; A.C. White, Secretary-Treasurer. This was a morning meeting with an afternoon attraction of Centennial Exposition, Arlington Downs, or the Texas-Oklahoma football game. Mr. H.M. Masoner of Tulsa Camera and Record Company attended this meeting. He was the first out of state Blue Printer to attend.

At the December 7, 1935 meeting in Houston, the name of South Mid-Continent Blue Print Club was adopted and in accord with the recommendation of International included five states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Recently by common usage the term "Club"

has been replaced by "Association". At the preceding an Oklahoma Blue Printer attended and at this meeting out of state representatives were present from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Very shortly, all states in the area were represented in different conventions, and on several occasions Blue Printers from Mexico attended South Mid-Continent meetings.

Then came a period of good fellowship. Suspicion and antagonism faded into the background. The meeting had their serious business discussions, but entertainment became a part of the program which in the beginning was Spartan-like in its devotion to business.

The small number of active members lent a family atmosphere to the meetings. The height of fellowship of the pre-war was perhaps realized at the 1937 New Orleans meeting. That beloved veteran blue printer and association worker, Jno. J. (Jack) Johnson was president and with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bassich, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fithian, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bourgeois and others, spared no pains to make this a memorable occasion. The very locality lent a romantic and interesting background. For the first time the South Mid-Continent Association was honored by the attendance of an International President, genial, hard-working Virgil Reagan. The convention write-up in the International Blue Printer contained cartoons, photographs, and stories illustrating the personal escapades of groups and individuals while in New Orleans. It was truly a great convention.

The carry over of this spirit was reflected in the 1938 meeting in Austin. Virgil Reagan, now International Director, Frederick Post, Jr., and Herb Bruning were

met at the depot with a four piece German band. Transportation to the hotel was a team of horses and an old time one yard dump wagon with bales of hay for seats for the honor guests. The next morning was spent visiting the Marshall Ford Dam, then under construction. An open air barbecue was served at noon and our first air business meeting was held that afternoon. The International Blue Printer devoted five pages to this meeting, profusely illustrated with cartoons and photographs. Fellowship most certainly put this meeting over.

In 1939 war was declared in Europe and was reflected in less exuberant mood in our subsequent pre-war meeting. Food became scarcer and meat was finally rationed. Hotels had trouble obtaining sufficient amounts for regular customers and hotel rooms became unavailable for conventions. Gasoline and tires were rationed. After our 1941 Spring meeting in Fort Worth, the South Mid-Continent voted to discontinue its meetings for the duration of the war.

During the war salaries of employees were frozen. Scarcities of everything sold by the dealer became acute. It is a credit to our International Association that though it all, coated paper was almost always available for use. This was possible because a very large percentage of Blue Print and Photocopy work done by every Blue Printer was high-priority defense printing. Our International Association ably presented this point to the Federal authorities.

With the surrender of Japan active hostilities ceased, so on October 25 and 26, 1946, the South Mid-Continent Blue Printer's Club resumed normal activity with a meeting in Austin. Gone was the fanfare of previous years. The Blue Printers had to

find a solution to many pressing problems. One much discussed item was the old age retirement plan adopted during the war by some firms, partly to pass added benefits to salary frozen employees.

Meetings since World War II have not been recorded in detail, however, it is remembered that they were carefully planned, ably executed and commanded an excellent attendance. This record includes all the past officers of the South Mid-Continent Association with dates they served and places of meetings.

Generally, the post war presidents have been the younger members of the association. This is as it should be. With them have come new ideas, new processes, new machines, and new techniques. They set a high standard for convention programs and developed wonderful fellowship. The International President consistently attends the south Mid-Continent meetings and International Directors frequently attend. The Fall meeting of 1949 at Corpus Christi was a joint meeting with the International Board of Directors.

During the 1950's the state of Mississippi was annexed by the South Mid-Continent Blue Print Association. This apparently happened due to the requests of several blue printers from the State of Mississippi. Some were dissatisfied with the Southeastern Association and others had close friends in the South Mid-Continent. They began to attend the South Mid-Continent meetings and missing the southeastern meetings. After a couple of years of this, it was decided to include the whole state of Mississippi in the south Mid-Continent Blue Print Association.

The last few years have seen all associations fall on hard times. Ours, is no exception. Many ponder over the causes. Some say it is due to more competitive times. Others say it is due to the conglomerates buying up so many firms. It seemed the conglomerates are only interested in the operation as a business and lose the personal touch of socializing. No one is sure of the answers. Perhaps, we will have to solve the problem soon to survive.

Such is the South Mid-Continent Association. The past, founded on worthy principals of service to the group, is a tribute to the men who built it. We reverently salute the past and look forward to a glorious future.

An amendment was made at the annual meeting in Austin in 1974 changing the name of the association to Mid South Reprographics Association. 1979 was the first year that vendors had booths at the conventions. There were 32 vendors represented. Dues for active and vendor members were \$25.00 per year.

We are not just bluelines anymore!  
In 1959 CalComp produced the world's first drum pen plotter. Plotting technology exploded with electrostatic, laser, and large format inkjet plotting through the 1970's and 1980's. Color copies both large and small burst into the reprographics world. Many manual drafting stations were replaced with C.A.D. drafting work stations.

In the 1990's reprographic firms are purchasing and managing digital network printing systems. The challenge today will be to keep pace with the advances in hardware and software as we explore the digital frontier.

The 1972 - 1988 history was compiled by Guy Powers; assisted by L.J. Burks, Charles O'Neal, Rick Teuscher, and John Sehon. Guy was an employee of John J. Johnson from 1937-1949, then he and George J Terry formed Century Blue

Print Company. He retired in 1986, having been in the industry 50 years.

The 1989 - 1995 history was compiled by John Sehon and Brenda Callaway.

- 1946 Austin, Texas  
President L.L. Ridgway, Sec'y-Treas. Vic L. Yarberry  
Dallas, Texas
- 1947 Dallas, Texas  
President R.E. Baddeker, Sec'y-Treas. Vic Yarberry
- 1948 Fort Worth, Texas  
President John D. Miller, Sec'y-Treas. A.J. Huston
- 1949 Corpus Christi, Texas  
President E.E. Benton, Sec'y-Treas. Lee M. Batley
- 1950 Houston, Texas  
President Arden J. Russell, Sec'y-Treas. M. W. Mannan
- 1951 San Antonio, Texas  
President A. Blan Bell, Sec'y-Treas. A.J. Huston
- 1952 New Orleans, La.  
President J.W. Keoughan, Sec'y-Treas. Beau Bassich
- 1953 Monterey, Mexico  
Pres. Jack Huston, Miller Blue Print Co. Austin, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Beau Bassich, New Orleans Blue Print Co.  
Sec'y-Treas. R.L. Fox, San Jancito Blue Print Houston Tx.
- 1954 Dallas, Texas Baker, Nov. 4-6  
President Beau Bassich, Vice Pres. R.L. Fox  
Sec'y-Treas. Curtis Henry, L.L. Ridgway, Houston
- 1955 Tulsa, Okla. Mayo Hotel Nov. 4-6  
Pres. R.L. Fox, Vice Pres. Curtis Henry  
Sec'y-Treas. W.C. Cavert, Triangle Blue Print & Supply Tulsa Ok.

- 1956 Houston, Texas Shamrock Hotel Oct. 26-28  
Pres. Curtis Henry, Vice Pres. W.C. Calvert  
Sec'y-Treas. M.J. Salley, Salley Blue Print Houston, Tx.
- 1957 El Paso, Texas Paso del Norte Hotel Nov. 15-17  
Pres. W.C. Cavert, Vice Pres. M.J. Salley  
Sec'y-Treas. Frank White, White Blue Print Beaumont, Tx.
- 1958 Fort Worth, Texas Hotel Texas Oct. 2-4  
Pres. M.J. Salley, Vice Pres. Frank White  
Sec'y-Treas. Elmer Dorough, Majestic Repro. Fort Worth, Tx.
- 1959 Forth Worth, Texas Driskill Hotel Oct. 29-31  
Pres. Frank White, Vice Pres. Elmer Dorough  
Sec'y-Treas. Robert Miller, Miller Blue Print Co. Austin, Tx.
- 1960 New Orleans, La. Royal Orleans Hotel Nov. 6-8  
Pres. Elmer Dorough, Vice Pres. Robert Miller  
Sec'y-Treas. Robert Neely, Neely Blue Print Co. Jackson, Ms.
- 1961 Dallas, Texas Sheraton Hotel Oct. 6-8  
Pres. Robert Miller, Vice Pres. Robert Neely  
Sec'y-Treas. Ray Jones, Keuffel & Esser Co. Dallas, Tx.
- 1962 San Antonio, Texas St. Anthony Hotel Oct. 3-5  
Pres. Robert Neely, Vice Pres. Ray Jones  
Sec'y-Treas. William Randolph, Randolph Blue Print Co. San Antonio, Tx.
- 1963 Biloxi, Ms. Broadwater Hotel Oct. 2-4  
Pres. Ray Jones, Vice Pres. William Randolph  
Sec'y-Treas. Horace Harlan, Rapid Blue Print Co. Houston, Tx.
- 1964 El Paso, Texas Sheraton-El Paso Inn Oct. 8-9  
Pres. William Randolph, Vice Pres. Horace Harlan  
Sec'y-Treas. Dess Metcalfe, R.M. Metcalfe Co. El Paso, Tx.
- 1965 Houston, Texas Warick Hotel Oct. 13-15  
Pres. Horace Harlan, Vice Pres. Dess Metcalfe  
Sec'y-Treas. Bob Raney, Raney Reproduction, Dallas, Tx.
- 1966 Fort Worth, Texas Green Oaks Hotel Oct. 12-14  
Pres. Dess Metcalfe, Vice Pres. Bob Raney  
Sec'y-Treas. Garland Shepard, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 1967 Hot Springs, Arkansas Velda Rose Hotel Oct. 11-13

- illness) Pres. Garland Shepherd (acting due to Bob Raney's resignation due to family illness)  
Vice Pres. Garland Sheppard  
Sec'y-Treas. Frank Pope, Forth Worth, Texas
- 1968 Biloxi, Mississippi Broadwater Hotel Oct. 9-11  
Pres. Frank Pope, Vice Pres. C.E. (Bud) King, K & E Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. John Clark Jr.
- 1969 San Antonio, Texas St. Anthony Hotel Oct. 8-10  
Tx. Pres. C.E. (Bud) King, Vice Pres. Rex Moore Rapid Reproductions Fort Worth,  
Sec'y-Treas. Bruce Helm
- 1970 Tulsa, Oklahoma Hilton Inn Oct. 7-9  
Pres. Rex Moore Vice Pres. Bruce Helm  
Sec'y-Treas Everett Devore, Triangle Blue Print Tulsa, Ok.
- 1971 Dallas, Texas Fairmont Hotel Sept. 22-24  
Pres. Everett Devore, Vice Pres. Bill E. Thomas Thomas Blue Print Dallas, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. L.J. Burks, Burks Blue Print Austin, Tx.
- 1972 Austin, Tx. Lakeway Hotel Sept. 29-30  
President Bill E. Thomas, Thomas Blue Print, Dallas, Tx.  
Vice Pres. L.J. Burks, Burks Reproduction Co., Austin, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Ray Bahn, Amarillo Blue Print, Amarillo, Tx.
- 1973 Austin, Tx. October  
President L.J. Burks, Burks Reproduction Co., Austin, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Ray Bahn, Amarillo Blue Print Co., Amarillo, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. John Sehon, White Blue Print Co., Beaumont, Tx.
- 1974 New Orleans, La. October  
they met Due to small attendance, the officers were all re-elected for another year and  
with the International association in New Orleans La.
- 1975 Fort Worth, Tx. October  
President Ray Bahn, Amarillo Blue Print Co., Amarillo, Tx.  
Vice Pres. John Sehon, White Blue Print Co., Beaumont, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Eddie Daniels, Daniels Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.
- 1976 San Antonio, Tx. October  
President John Sehon, White Blue Print Co., Beaumont, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Eddie Daniels, Daniels Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Sammy Baiamonte, Service Photocopy Inc., Houston, Tx.

- 1977 New Orleans, La. October  
President Eddie Daniels, Daniels Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Sammy Baiamonte, Service Photocopy Inc., Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Ernie Lyles, Pronto Reprographics, Corpus Christi, Tx.
- 1978 Dallas, Tx. Dallas Hilton Inn Sept. 28-30  
President Sammy Baiamonte, Service Photocopy Inc., Houston, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Ernie Lyles, Pronto Reprographics, Corpus Christi, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Charles O'Neal, O'Neal Reproduction Center, Dallas, Tx
- 1979 Corpus Christi, Tx. Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel Oct. 12-15  
President Charles O'Neal, O'Neal Reproduction Center, Dallas, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Joe Watson, Pronto Reprographics, Inc. Corpus Christi, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Doyle Carr, Sun Country Reproduction Inc. El Paso, Tx.
- 1980 El Paso, Tx. Granada Royal Homotel Oct. 17-20  
President Joe Watson, Pronto Reprographics, Corpus Christi, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Doyle Carr, Sun Country Reprographics Inc., El Paso, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Bob Christy, Triangle Reproduction, Houston, Tx.
- 1981 Colorado, Springs, Colorado Broadmoor Hotel Oct. 4-7  
President Doyle Carr, Sun Country Reprographics Inc., El Paso, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Bob Christy, Triangle Reproduction, Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Robert Black, Arrow Graphics Inc., Houston, Tx.
- 1982 New Orleans, La. New Orleans Hilton Oct. 24-27  
President Bob Christy, Triangle Reproduction, Houston, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Robert Black, Arrow Graphics Inc., Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Steve Blair, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.
- 1983 San Antonio, Tx. Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel Oct. 6-9  
President Robert Black, Arrow Graphics Inc., Houston, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Steve Blair, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Rick Harper, Daniel Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.
- 1984 Albuquerque, New Mexico Marriott Hotel Oct. 11-14  
President Steve Blair, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Rick Harper, Daniel Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Jud Smith, Copeland's Reprographics Inc., New Orleans, La.  
Director(Supplies) Rick Teuscher, Azon Corp., Arlington, Tx.  
1984 was the first year that the convention elected  
a supplier director to serve on our board.

- 1985 Austin, Tx. Marriott Hotel Oct. 24-27  
President Rick Harper, Daniel Blue Print Co., Waco, Tx.  
\*Vice Pres. Jud Smith Copeland's Reprographics Inc. New Orleans, La.  
Sec'y-Treas. Bud Christy, Triangle Reproductions, San Antonio, Tx.  
Director Bob Knappage, Thomas Reprographics, Richardson, Tx.  
  
\*Due to the death of Jud Smith, Bud Christy was elected Vice President
- 1986 Corpus Christi, Tx. Hershey Hotel Oct. 9-12  
President Bud Christy, Triangle Reproduction, San Antonio, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Bob Knappage, Thomas Reprographics, Richardson, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Bill Hughes, Hughes Repro/Graphics Inc., Houston, Tx.
- 1987 El Paso, Tx. Westin Hotel Oct. 8-11  
President Bob Knappage, Thomas Reprographics Inc. Richardson, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Bill Hughes, Hughes Repro/Graphics Inc., Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Mike Cavert, Triangle Company, Tulsa, Ok.  
Director Guy Powers, Century Copi Technics, Dallas, Tx.  
Director (Supplies) Paul Guth, Fuji Film, Houston, Tx.
- 1988 New Orleans, La. Sheraton Hotel Oct. 6-9  
President Bill Hughes, Hughes Repro/Graphics Inc. Houston, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Mike Cavert, Triangle Company, Tulsa, Ok.  
Sec'y-Treas. Reagan Williams, Complete Reprographics, El Paso, Tx.  
Director Guy Powers, Century Copi Technics, Dallas, Tx.  
Director(supplies) Paul Guth, Fuji Film, Houston, Tx.
- 1989 Tulsa, Ok. Westin Hotel Oct. 12-14  
President Mike Cavert, Triangle Company, Tulsa, Ok.  
Vice Pres. Regan Williams, Complete Reprographics, El Paso, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Bill Lawton, Lawton Reprographics, Dallas, Tx.  
Director Carol Nelson, Quality Reprographics; Houston, Tx.  
Vendor Director Fred Riddell, Post & Co., Houston, Tx.
- 1990 Santa Fe, New Mexico El Dorado Hotel Oct. 24-27  
President Reagan Williams, Complete Reprographics, El Paso, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Carol Nelson, Quality Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Greg Howard, Lawton Reprographics, Dallas, Tx.  
Director Kevin Burks, Burks Reprographics, Austin, Tx.  
Vendor Director Fred Riddell, Post & Co., Houston, Tx.  
Vendor Director Dave Estes, Phomat, Dallas, Tx.

- 1991      Houston, Tx. Houstonian Hotel Oct. 3-5  
President Carol Nelson, Quality Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Greg Howard, Lawton Reprographics, Dallas, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Kevin Burks, Burks Reprographics, Austin, Tx.  
Director Shannon Stone, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.  
Vendor Director Fred Riddell, Post & Co. Houston, Tx.  
Vendor Director Dave Estes, Phomat, Dallas, Tx.
- 1992      Dallas, Tx. Westin Hotel Oct. 22-24  
President Greg Howard, Lawton Reprographics, Dallas, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Kevin Burks, Burks Reprographics, Austin, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Shannon Stone, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.  
Director Paul Mery, A & E Reprographics, San Antonio, Tx.  
Vendor Director Dave Estes, Phomat, Dallas, Tx.  
Vendor Director Russ Newman, K & E/Azon Arlington, Tx.
- 1993      Little Rock, Arkansas Excelsior Hotel Sept.30- Oct. 2  
President Kevin Burks, Burks Reprographics, Austin, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Shannon Stone, Blair Graphics, Plano, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Paul Mery, A & E Reprographics, San Antonio, Tx.  
Director Patti Hughes, Hughes Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Vendor Director Russ Newman, K & E/Azon Arlington, Tx.  
Vendor Director Dennis Golding, Agfa Inc., Grand Prairie, Tx.
- 1994      Austin, Tx. Omni Hotel Sept. 22-24  
President Shannon Stone, Blair Reprographics, Plano, Tx.  
Vice Pres. Paul Mery, A & E Reprographics, San Antonio, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Patti Hughes, Hughes Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Director Brenda Callaway, White Blue Print Co. Beaumont, Tx.  
Vendor Director Dennis Golding, Agfa Inc., Grand Prairie, Tx.  
Vendor Director Sonny Odom, Sallmetal, Irving, Tx.
- 1995      San Antonio, Tx. Marriott Riverwalk Hotel Sept. 21-23  
President Paul Mery, A & E Reprographics, San Antonio, Tx.  
Vice President Brenda Callaway, White Blue Print Co. Beaumont, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. Mike Bahn, ABC Blueprints, Amarillo, Tx.  
Director John Nelson Jr., Quality Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Vendor Director Russ Newman, C4 Network, Arlington, Tx.  
Vendor Director Sonny Odom, Sallmetal, Irving, Tx.
- 1996      The Woodlands, Tx. The Woodlands Conference Center Sept. 19-21  
President Brenda Callaway, White Blue Print Co., Beaumont, Tx.  
Vice President Mike Bahn, ABC Blueprints, Amarillo, Tx.  
Sec'y-Treas. John Nelson Jr., Quality Reprographics, Houston, Tx.  
Director Don Campbell, Arkansas Blueprint, Little Rock, Ar.  
Vendor Director Russ Newman, Azon Corp., Arlington, Tx.  
Vendor Director Michelle Coots, Shacoh & Meteor, Irving, Tx.  
Asst. Vendor Director Bob Campbell, Baron Universal, The Woodlands, Tx.

Note: Of the last twenty presidents of the I.R.g.A., the Mid-South has furnished seven. They are:

Ed Christy	1977-78
Bill Thomas	1979-80
Bill Cavert	1981-82
Bob Christy	1986-87
Steve Blair	1987-88
Terrence Myers	1992-93
Carol Nelson	1995-96

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1946 LL. Ridgway	1975 Ray Bahn
1947 R.E. Boddeker	1976 John Sehon
1948 John D Miller	1977 Eddie Daniels
1949 E.E. Benton	1978 Sammy Baiamonte
1950 Arden J. Russell	1979 Charles O'Neal
1951 A. Blan Bell	1980 Joe Watson
1952 J.W. Keoughan	1981 Doyle Carr
1953 Jack Huston	1982 Bob Christy
1954 Beau Bassich	1983 Robert Black
1955 R.L. Fox	1984 Steve Blair
1956 Christy Henry	1985 Rick Harper
1957 W. C. Cavert	1986 Bud Christy
1958 J.J. Salley	1987 Bob Knappage
1959 Frank White	1988 Bill Hughes
1960 Elmer Dorough	1989 Mike Cavert
1961 Robert Miller	1990 Reagan Williams
1962 Robert Neely	1991 Carol Nelson
1963 Ray Jones	1992 Greg Howard
1964 William Randolph	1993 Kevin Burks
1965 Horace Harlon	1994 Shannon Stone
1966 Dess Metcalfe	1995 Paul Mery
1967 Bob Raney/Garland Shepherd	1996 Brenda Callaway
1968 Frank Pope	1997 Mike Bahn
1969 C.E. (Bud) King	1998 John Nelson, Jr
1970 Rex Moore	1999 Don Campbell
1971 Everett Devore	2000 Bryan Thomas
1972 Bill E. Thomas	2001 Bob Miller
1973 L.J. Burks	2002 Phil Hudson
1974 L.J. Burks	