

MIDWEST REGISTRARS  
COMMITTEE

**2025 Annual Business Meeting  
AMM Annual Meeting - Davenport, Iowa  
July 31, 2025**

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|-------|------------------------------------|---|
| I.    | Call to Order                      | <i>Sarah Humes, Chair</i>   |
|       | A. Welcome & Thank you             |   |
| II.   | Chair Report                       | <i>Sarah Humes, Chair</i>   |
|       | A. Recap of Year                   |   |
|       | B. Conference Exhibit booth        |   |
|       | C. Courier Timeline                |   |
| III.  | Vice Chair Report                  | <i>Jennifer Rigsby, Vice Chair</i>  |
|       | A. Travel Stipends                 |   |
|       | B. State Reps                      |   |
| IV.   | Membership Report                  | <i>Marina Mayne, Secretary</i>  |
|       | A. Current Membership              |   |
|       | B. Membership Trends               |   |
| V.    | Treasurer Report                   | <i>Christy Kincaid, Treasurer</i>   |
|       | A. Year End 2024                   |   |
|       | B. Year-to-Date Report (6/30/2025) |   |
| VI.   | Sponsor Remarks                    | <i>Guardian Fine Art Services<br/>DIETL<br/>Masterpiece International</i> |
| VII.  | Drawing                            | <i>Jocelyn Krueger, Grinnell College</i>                                  |
| VIII. | Adjournment                        | <i>Sarah Humes</i>  |

## **2025 MRC Chair Report**

Submitted by: Sarah Humes, Registrar & Collections Manager, Grand Rapids Public Museum

The Midwest Registrars Committee (MRC) remains grateful for the continued generosity of our sponsors. Their support makes possible the travel stipends, annual lunch & business meeting, and other regional events that are valuable to our membership. These sponsorships are essential to the success and growth of the MRC, and we are proud to acknowledge their impact.

This year's sponsors—Dietl, Masterpiece International, and Guardian Fine Art Services—have been long-time supporters of the MRC. We encourage members to keep these organizations in mind when in need of fine art transport, storage, and logistics services. Their partnership enables us to offer low- or no-cost programming, support our members professionally, and strengthen the registrar community across the Midwest.

While no state-level meet-ups were held this year, we want to remind members that any state representative or MRC member is welcome to organize a workshop, networking meet-up, or other event in their area. Thanks to our sponsors, the MRC can offset associated costs, helping to make these events more accessible to all members. If you have an idea for a local event or would like to learn more about how to plan one, please reach out to the MRC Chair or Treasurer Christy Kincaid.

Looking ahead, we are currently planning at least one webinar this fall. We welcome your ideas for topics or speakers—please contact the Chair if you're interested in contributing or collaborating.

For the second year, the MRC will have an exhibitor's booth at this year's AMM conference. Our table is booth #306 in the Great Hall North. Thanks to the commitment of our members, the table will be staffed during major conference breaks. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with current members, introduce new colleagues to the MRC, and raise awareness about the work we do.

Finally, we are preparing the fall issue of *The Courier*, the MRC's biannual e-newsletter. A call for submissions will go out on September 15, and the deadline for contributions is October 20. *The Courier* features member-submitted content and offers a platform for sharing projects, challenges, ideas, and successes with peers throughout the region.

As always, we thank you for your continued involvement and support. The strength of the MRC lies in its community, and we look forward to building on this year's work with you.

## **2025 MRC Vice-Chair Annual Report**

Submitted by - Jennifer Gallatin Rigsby, Registrar for Permanent Collections, Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields

The Midwest Registrars Committee did not award any travel stipends to the 2025 Association of Midwest Museums conference. We believe with the upcoming Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists 2025 conference in St. Louis, Missouri and tightening budgets forced prospective applicants to prioritize a conference.

All MRC members are highly encouraged to apply for conference travel stipends next year!

Thank you to our state representatives! Please continue outreach to our members and let MRC know how we can support you! Michigan, Illinois, and Missouri currently have open state representative positions. If you are from any of those states, or you know a colleague in one of those states that might be interested in serving as a state representative, please reach out to the MRC board!

We are looking forward to supporting more outreach in the coming year!

2025 Membership Report

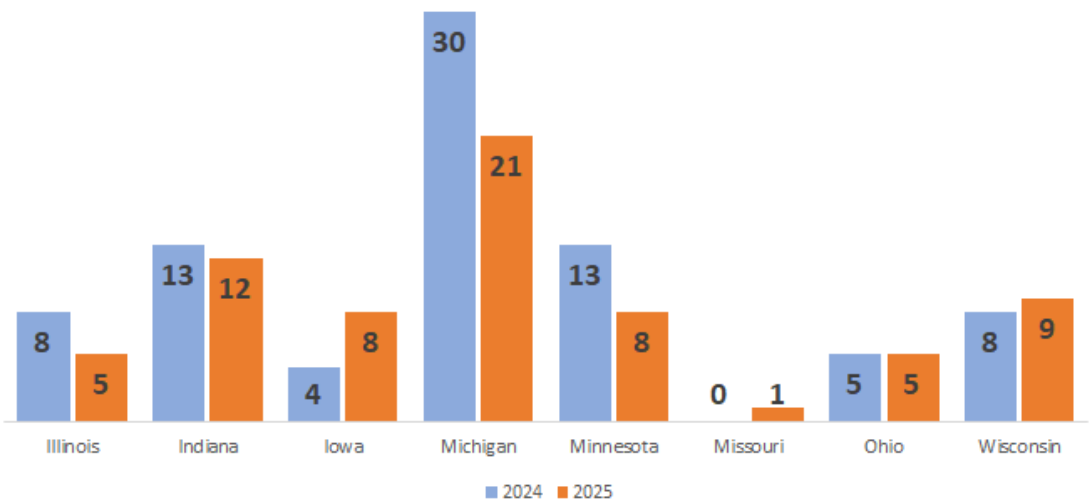
Submitted by Marina Mayne, MRC Secretary

From 2019 - 2025, the Midwest Registrars Committee has seen notable fluctuations in engagement across key Midwestern states. As of July 11, 2025, MRC has 69 active members from all 7 out of 7 Midwest states. This is a 15% decrease in membership from 2024 to 2025. Michigan consistently maintains the highest membership numbers, while Minnesota and Illinois displayed varied year-to-year engagement, indicating potential areas for targeted outreach.

2025 vs 2024 MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

STATE	2025 Members	2024 Members
IOWA	8	4
ILLINOIS	5	8
INDIANA	12	13
MICHIGAN	21	30
MINNESOTA	8	13
MISSOURI	1	0
OHIO	5	5
WISCONSIN	9	8
TOTALS	69	81

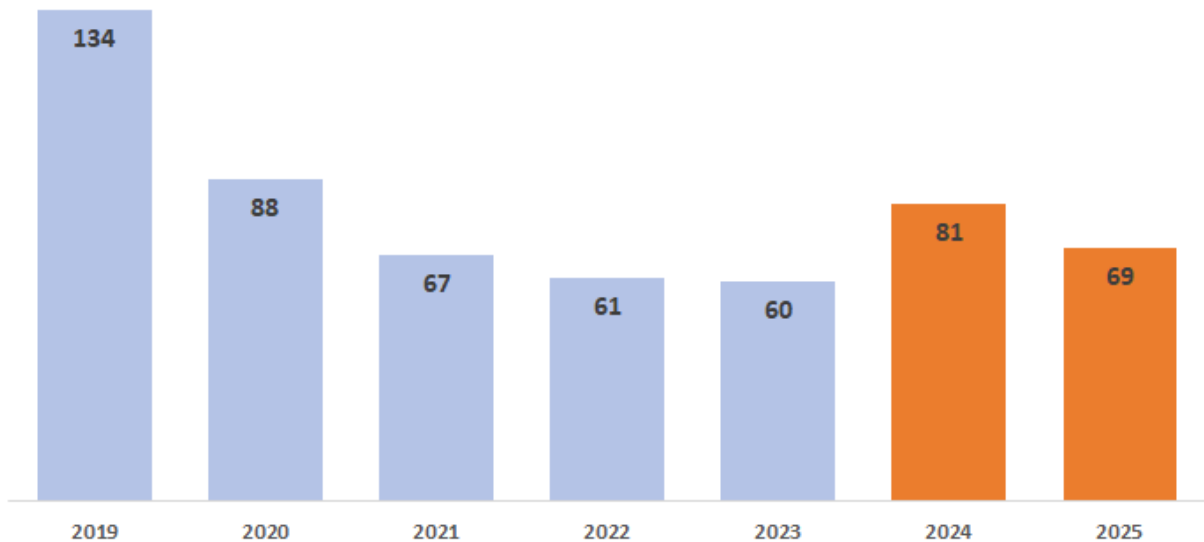
Number of Members by State



## YEAR OVER YEAR MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

STATE	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
IOWA	8	4	4	3	7	7	8
ILLINOIS	5	8	9	7	8	10	20
INDIANA	12	13	11	10	11	10	13
MICHIGAN	21	30	18	16	18	25	39
MINNESOTA	8	13	8	5	12	15	24
MISSOURI	1	0	1	3	2	2	4
OHIO	5	5	1	3	2	5	8
WISCONSIN	9	8	8	14	7	14	17
TOTALS	69	81	60	61	67	88	134

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CHANGE OVER TIME



## 2025 MRC Treasurer Report

Submitted by Christy Kincaid

Balance Beginning January 2024		\$10,564.28			
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Membership Dues (Zeffy)	900			
	Donations w/ Membership	\$3.00			
	Sponsorship - Travel Stipend	\$3,000.00			
	Sponsorship - Other				
	Events	\$359.00			
	Other	\$14.82			
	Paypal	\$139.08			
	Total Income	4415.9			
	<i>Total INCOME+ Balance</i>	<i>\$14,980.18</i>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
	Annual Conference Travel Stipends	(\$1,500.00)	750	750	
	Annual Conference Expenses	(\$657.13)	91.49	95.6	
	MRC Chair Expenses	(\$250.00)	250		
	State Event Support	(\$513.49)	407	106.49	
	Administrative Costs	(\$83.52)	48	35.52	16.52
	Paypal Costs	\$0.00			
					3544.81
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>(\$3,004.14)</i>			8431.23
					11976.04
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024		\$11,976.04			
Funds held at Lake Michigan Credit Union, Grand Rapids, Michigan					

2024 was a large year of growth for the Midwest Registrars Committee. For the first time since COVID-19, MRC hosted two state events, in Michigan and Minnesota. We also hosted several webinars that brought in several new members. We are looking to do several webinars this year, if you have any ideas or would like to host one. There is still money left to do a state event. Please connect with your

state representative if you would like to pull something together. We have shifted some of our money around to start taking advantage of a higher interest savings account. Thank you again to all of our sponsors, we wouldn't be here without their continued support.

Balance Beginning January 2025:		\$11,976.04
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Membership Dues (Zeffy)	\$480
	Donations w/ Membership	
	Sponsorship - Travel Stipend	\$3,000.00
	Sponsorship - Other	
	Events	
	Other	\$5.20
	Total Income	\$3,485
	<i>Total INCOME+ Balance</i>	<i>\$15,461.24</i>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	Annual Conference Travel Stipends	
	Annual Conference Expenses	
	MRC Chair Expenses	
	State Event Support	
	Administrative Costs	\$67.00
	Paypal Costs	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$67.00</i>
Ending Balance as of 06/30/2025		\$15,394.24
Funds held at Lake Michigan Credit Union, Grand Rapids, Michigan		