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National Association for Interpretation, Great Lakes Region Records, 1959 -
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History

During a National Conference on State Parks and the American Institute of Park Executives in 1954, five men met and discussed the need for a separate meeting for those interested in interpretive programs. These five men, Harold Wallin, Walter Tucker, Frank Bunce, Garrett Eppley, and Reynold Carlson, began to hold annual workshops dubbed Workshop on Interpretive Programs in Bradford Woods, Indiana, and in 1958 the first suggestions were made to establish an organization for interpretation. In 1961, the Association of Interpretive Naturalists formed to serve those interested in interpretive programs in parks, zoos, nature centers, historic sites, museums, and aquaria. Due to expansion in attendance, 1961 was also the last year workshops were held at Bradford Woods.

Under the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, the area including Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin, became the Great Lakes Region in 1968. In 1978, Region IX, the Michiana region, was formed from Indiana and Michigan and lasted until 1987. The National Association for Interpretation was created in 1988 by combining the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, and its western counterpart the Western Interpreters Association. Region IV, the Great Lakes Region, includes Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario and contained 500 members in 2003. In 2003, the N.A.I. had 4,500 members in the United States, Canada, and thirty other countries.

Scope and Content

The National Association for Interpretation, Great Lakes Region Records includes board meeting minutes, membership lists, workshop material, publications, photographs, slides, negatives, and artifacts. The papers of Howard Weaver, past president, officer, and active member, are also included in this collection and contain correspondence, awards, mailings, and other material primarily from the early years of the organization. See archivist for confidential material.

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