

# Guide to the Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association Records, 1926-1974

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## Summary Information

**Title:** Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association Records

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**Abstract:** Records, 1926-1974, of an organization founded as the Northwestern Wisconsin Teachers Association in 1890. Includes minutes from meetings of the Association's sectionals and 32 of its roundtables held at annual conventions, circa 1940-1966, and printed convention programs, 1952-1973.

**Language:** English

## Search Terms/Subject Terms

- Education—Wisconsin—Societies, etc.
- Northwestern Wisconsin Teachers Association

## Biography/History

The Northwestern Wisconsin Teachers Association, officially organized in the Senate Chambers of the

Wisconsin State Capitol on December 30, 1890, held its first annual meeting at the Court House in Eau Claire on April 3 and 4, 1891. Approximately 145 charter members attended and elected W.J. Brier of River Falls the first president. The Association met in different locations throughout northwestern Wisconsin from 1892 until 1905 when Eau Claire became the permanent site of its annual conventions. In Eau Claire, the association met in several locations including the Opera House, the City Auditorium, the Wisconsin State College and, since 1957, Memorial High School.

The original constitution was in effect until January 4, 1918 when the current one replaced it. According to the constitution any person interested in public education may become a member of the Association. The Association changed its name to the Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association in 1956. Currently, it is divided into kindergarten-primary, elementary, junior high, and high school "sectionals" and more than forty "roundtables" for discussions of the pedagogic concerns of specific subjects and special educational problems. The Association has more than 5,000 members.

## Scope and Content Note

The Minutes cover meetings of the sectionals and thirty-two of the roundtables at the Association's annual conventions generally during the period from 1940 to 1966. The minutes provide a summary of the proceedings and a synopsis of addresses presented by guest speakers, documenting topics of concern to public school educators and other interested persons. The printed Convention Programs provide a schedule of events, biographical information about NWEA officers and board members, and information on the special program speakers.

## Related Material

For related materials at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin see the records of the Wisconsin Education Association Council, 1853-1975, and at Eau Claire the small collection of materials from the Northwestern Wisconsin Schoolmasters Club, 1920-1968.

## Administrative/Restriction Information

### Acquisition Information

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