Ralph McFillen was appointed commissioner of the MIAA in January of 1997 and began his full-time position upon the retirement of the MIAA’s first commissioner, Ken B. Jones in June of that year. McFillen served as commissioner of the Division I Metro Conference from 1987-95 and commissioner of the Division II Gulf South Conference from 1984-87. McFillen also served as an assistant director of championships at the NCAA from 1972-84. He received a bachelor’s degree in history and physical education at Kansas State University in 1964 and earned a master’s degree in education in 1967.

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**MIAA Timeline**

- The league was first organized in 1912 with 14 member institutions which included Cape Girardeau State Teachers, Kirksville State Teachers, Maryville State Teachers, Springfield State Teachers, Warrensburg State Teachers, Central College, Central Wesleyan, Culver-Stockton, Drury, Missouri Valley, Missouri Wesleyan, Tarkio, Westminster and William Jewell.
- In 1924, the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) reorganized to include only the five regional state colleges; Central Missouri, Truman, Northwest Missouri, Southeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri.
- The University of Missouri-Rolla joined the conference in 1935 expanding membership to six.
- In 1957, the MIAA aligned itself with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division.
- Lincoln University became the seventh institution to gain membership in the league in 1970.
- The University of Missouri-St. Louis entered the MIAA in 1980, but left the league in 1996.
- Southwest Missouri State University left in 1981 to pursue membership in NCAA Division I.
- In 1982, the league, for the first time in its history, began sponsoring championships for women’s athletics.
- Southwest Baptist University gained membership to the conference in 1986 boosting membership to eight schools.
- A major expansion of the league took place in 1989 as Missouri Southern State College, Missouri Western State College, Pittsburg State (Kan.) University and Washburn (Kan.) University joined.
- In 1991, Southeast Missouri State University left to pursue NCAA Division I status and Emporia State (Kan.) University became the 12th member of the MIAA.
- In 1992, the league changed it’s name to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to better reflect its membership.
- In 1997, Ken B. Jones retired after serving since 1981 as the MIAA’s first full-time commissioner.
- Lincoln University left the MIAA after the 1998-99 season.

**Matt Newbery** is in his ninth year as the Director of Sports Information for the MIAA. He coordinates the league’s media relations and statistics and handles the designing and editing of the association’s publications. Newbery also aids in the administration of MIAA championship events. He was an assistant in the sports information office at Pittsburg State University where he graduated in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in communication.

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2001 MIAA Tournament Results

Women's MIAA Tournament Results
1. Northwest Missouri State University ..............53
2. Truman State University .............................50
3. Washburn University ..................................47
4. Missouri Southern State College ......................45
5. Emporia State University ..............................42
6. Missouri Western University ...........................0

Southwest Baptist (tie) ........................................0

2001 Bulldog MIAA Tournament Results

WOMEN
NO. 1 SINGLES CONSOLATION
Sheryl Posch, MSSC, d. Olesya Paramonova 9-8 (11-9)

NO. 2 SINGLES CONSOLATION:
Ellen Stubbs, NWMSU, d. Allison Schuller 8-1

NO. 3 SINGLES CONSOLATION:
Adri Atwell d. Libby Rooks, ESU, 8-5

NO. 4 SINGLES CONSOLATION:
Meghan Konrad d. Andrea Irick, ESU, 8-1

NO. 5 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:
Jessica McKinney d. Pam Putnam, ESU, 6-1, 6-4

NO. 6 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:
Lindsay Daniels d. Kerri Murphy, MSSC, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0

NO. 1 DOUBLES CONSOLATION:
Julie Posch/Mendy McMunn, MSSC, d. Schuller/Daniels 8-2

NO. 2 DOUBLES CONSOLATION:
Adrianna Hernandez/Julie Ervin, NWMSU, d. Paramonova/McKinney 8-4

NO. 3 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP:
Atwell/Konrad d. Jane Marie Clark/Sara Lipira, NWMSU, 9-7

MEN
NO. 1 SINGLES CONSOLATION
Justin Menolascino d. Michael McCoy, UMR, 8-3

NO. 2 SINGLES CONSOLATION
Adam Wood, WU, d. Nathan Artz 8-3

NO. 3 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Erich Podzinski d. Gorka Sanchez, NWMSU, 6-2, 7-6, 7-4

NO. 4 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Jarrod Smith, NWMSU, d. Allan Atkins 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-1

NO. 5 SINGLES CONSOLATION
George Kidera d. Will Heidebrecht, WU, 8-2

NO. 6 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Scott Magdziak, NWMSU, d. Ben Smith 6-3, 4-6, 6-0

NO. 1 DOUBLES CONSOLATION
Menolascino/Podzinski d. Nuno Cabral/Ryoma Tanniguchi, NWMSU, 8-4

NO. 3 DOUBLES CONSOLATION
Atkins/Kidera d. Juan Alvarez/Guy Wesley, ESU, 8-3

Men's MIAA Tournament Results
1. Northwest Missouri State University ..............69
2. Truman State University .............................41
3. Southwest Baptist University ..........................35
4. Washburn University ..................................31
5. University of Missouri-Rolla ..........................24
6. Emporia State University ..............................7

Past Women's MIAA Champions

Year  Champion
1982  Southeast Missouri State University
1983-85  Lincoln University
1986  Truman State University
1987  Northwest Missouri State University
1988  Truman State University
1989-90  Lincoln University
1991  Washburn University (Kan.)
1992-94  Northwest Missouri State University
1995  Truman State University
1996-97  Northwest Missouri State University
1998  Truman State University
1999  Missouri Southern State College
2000  Washburn University
2001  Northwest Missouri State University

Past Men's MIAA Champions

Year  Champion
1953  Southeast Missouri State University
1954-56  Central Missouri State University
1957  Northwest Missouri State University
1958  Southwest Missouri State University
1959-61  Northwest Missouri State University
1962-63  Southeast Missouri State University
1964-70  Truman State University *
1971  Northwest Missouri State University
1972  Truman State University
1973-75  Northwest Missouri State University
1976  Southwest Missouri State University
1977  Northwest Missouri State University
1978  Southeast Missouri State University
1979  Southwest Missouri State University
1980  Southeast Missouri State University
1981-83  Truman State University
1984-86  Southeast Missouri State University
1987  Northwest Missouri State University
1988-94  Southwest Baptist University
1995-97  Northwest Missouri State University
1998-00  Southwest Baptist University
2001  Northwest Missouri State University

* The 1969 Truman team finished second in the NCAA College Division (II and III) Championships, the best finish ever in a national meet for an MIAA school.

1 Southeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri are now NCAA Division I schools.