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## 2016 YEAR END REPORT

### ACM Midwest Region Board:

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The Midwest Region Interim Board continues to meet via conference call on a regular basis. In 2016, the board met six times. The current balance in the ACM Midwest Region bank account is \$1471.20.

The ACM Midwest Board focused on moving their finances to the Firefly Credit Union in Burnsville, MN in the early part of the year. This was accomplished in February of 2016 and three board members are assigned as signatures to the account in case of emergency. The board also set up not only a checking account, but a savings account as well.

The Midwest Board co-hosted with Wisconsin Community Media a regional conference in Madison, WI on April 28 and 29, 2017. The Midwest Region held a silent auction during this conference as a fund raiser.

Utilizing the established and member approved updated bylaws from 2015, the board focused on holding nominations for five board seats. At the annual meeting on Friday, April 29, 2016 the nominations closed and Ross Rowe, Jim Knightwright, Mike Rennels and Ted Arbeiter were re-elected to the board and Javier Cedillo was voted onto the board as well.

On June 21, 2016, the ACM National Board voted and approved the Midwest Region Board back to regular status.

Mike Wassenaar held a convening at SPNN in July and the Midwest Board co-hosted a fundraiser that evening at Lake Monster Brewery to benefit the Midwest Region as well as the FACM.

Unfortunately, due to their centers closing, Jennifer Erickson and Ted Arbeiter asked to step down from the ACM Midwest Board at the end of the summer.

For the remainder of the year, the board focused on adding the minutes from their meetings as well as the updated bylaws to the Midwest Region website. They also established a list of sub-committees to focus on in 2017 and with the National Conference occurring in July of 2017, have been focusing their efforts on assisting wherever needed.

The ACM Midwest will be holding its Annual Meeting at the national conference in July. The board will be closing a call for nominations at that time to fill four board seats.

*Submitted by Tina Wilson, Midwest Region Chair*