

Title: Wisconsin Industrial Photographers Association (W.I.P.A.)

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Inclusive Dates: 1955-2002

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Location: WHS, Sh. A092

Abstract: Officially beginning in 1955 at Marquette University by Chuck Scheiber of Ansco and Clarence Hansen of Allis-Chalmers, the Wisconsin Industrial Photographers Association was created as a place for in-plant photographers to share their photography skills and “tricks of their trade.” Information concerning the organization’s monthly meetings and other events were featured in a monthly newsletter. W.I.P.A.’s growing popularity prompted it to join “The Photographers Association of America” in 1956 and led to an official proclamation signed by Wisconsin Governor Warren P. Knowles in 1958 for “Professional Photography Week” in Milwaukee. To much debate, the organization’s name changed in 1995 to “Wisconsin Imaging & Photographic Association” to encompass changes among its members and the photography trade.

Scope and Content: The collection contains monthly newsletters, rough drafts and final versions, with original photographs and negatives of each W.I.P.A. meeting and event. For the first couple of decades meeting notes were kept with monthly newsletters, along with official letters between board members. Over time less photographs and newsletters were filed away, leaving gap from 1990’s and on. The collection also includes membership forms, directories, newsletter advertisement request forms, invoices, blank membership cards, and name tags with the organization’s original name.

Access and Use: No restrictions.

Language: English

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