

State Executive Council

Office located on first floor of Capitol Building.

Membership ex officio.

ROBERT D. RAY, governor.
 MARY JANE ODELL, secretary of state.
 RICHARD D. JOHNSON, auditor of state.
 MAURICE E. BARINGER, treasurer of state.
 R. H. LOUNSBERRY, secretary of agriculture.
 W. C. WELLMAN, secretary.

The Executive Council was created by the adoption of the Code of 1860. The secretary of state acted as secretary of the council until the enactment of the Code of 1897, which provided for a secretary.

Business of the Executive Council

Among the duties placed upon the Executive Council by the laws of Iowa are the following: to act upon all state activities and to notify all interested persons of action taken therein; to determine the value at which property may be taken by Iowa corporations and amount of stock which may be issued on account thereof; to approve articles of incorporation and by-laws of building and loan associations, and plan for liquidation of said associations; to approve property purchases and acceptance of gifts, to authorize department leases; to approve the issuance of patents, corrected patents and easements; to authorize and pay special assessments; to authorize and pay court costs, and special attorney general fees; to authorize condemnation proceedings; approve bank depositories of public funds; the canvass of votes cast for state and district officers; the declaration of changes in classification of cities; the approval of out-of-state travel.

Report of the Executive Council Secretary

Section 19.6 Code of Iowa, 1979, requires that a report of the secretary of the Executive Council be published in the Iowa Official Register. That portion of the secretary dealing with matters of general interest is presented here.

Other matters required in the report as to Iowa cities and the official canvass of Iowa election results are presented in tables elsewhere.

The council had 50 regular meetings and convened four times as the Official Board of Canvass in 1978.

There were no corporations authorized to issue stock in exchange for property or out of surplus in 1978.

The council had 51 regular meetings, five special meetings and convened one time as the Official Board of Canvass in 1979.

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Iowa State Fair

(Ex-Officio Members of Fair Board)

ROBERT D. RAY, governor	Des Moines
W. ROBERT PARKS, president, Iowa State University	Ames
ROBERT H. LOUNSBERRY, secretary of agriculture	Des Moines

Officers

President—FRED STROTHMAN	New London
Vice President—MERRITT TRIGGS	Mt. Ayr
Secretary—Manager—J.D. TAYLOR	Des Moines
Treasurer—JOHN M. SHANDA	Perry

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1st District—ED EICHELBERGER	West Liberty
2nd District—EDYTHE SATTERLEE	Manchester
3rd District—DON GREJMAN	Garner
4th District—KATY ELSON	Bondurant
5th District—MERRITT TRIGGS	Mt. Ayr
6th District—JEAN M. KLEVE	Humboldt

Directors at Large

CLIFF JOHNSON	Council Bluffs
DAVE HUIJKER	Decorah
FRED STROTHMAN	New London

Information on the Iowa State Fair

Every August, hundreds of thousands of people from all over the Midwest flock to the Iowa State Fair, the state's great celebration, a salute to Iowa's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement.

The fair is the home of a 20-acre Farm Machinery Show, and the largest art show in the state. Over 600 exhibitors and concessionaires offer modern merchandise and quality foods. Large 4-H and VoAg/FFA shows provide excellent educational opportunity for youngsters. Five stages of free entertainment are featured every day. The grandstand offers superstar stage shows and track events. History comes alive in Heritage Village, a tribute to Iowa's hardy pioneers.

The Iowa State Fair is one of the oldest agricultural and industrial expositions in the nation. The first was held in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1854, on a six-acre tract. An outgrowth of one of Iowa's early county fairs, The State Fair was managed by the Iowa Agricultural Society. Next year's fair was also held in Fairfield. From 1856 to 1879, the fair moved from city to city: Muscatine, 1856-57; Oskaloosa, 1858-59; Iowa City, 1860-61; Dubuque, 1862-63; Burlington, 1864-66; Clinton 1867-68; Keokuk, 1869-70 and 1874-75; Cedar Rapids, 1871-73 and 1876-78.

In 1879, the fair moved to Des Moines to stay. In 1884, the Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of grounds in Des Moines on condition that the city raise an equal sum for site improvements. The present 400-acre site was dedicated two years later. The Iowa Fair was the inspiration for the novel and original motion picture, "State Fair".

A separate fair board was created in 1923, consisting of the governor, the secretary of agriculture, the president of Iowa State University, one director from each congressional district and three directors-at-large. Official delegates, representing Iowa's 103 county fairs and other agricultural associations, elect these directors at the annual State Agricultural Convention in December. The president and vice president of the fair board are elected by the board from elected directors. The board also selects the secretary and the treasurer.

All operating expenses are paid for from revenue generated by the fair and special legislative appropriations are used for capital improvements and repair. The fairgrounds are used year round as a meeting and exposition center, featuring such events as large trade and machinery shows; sports events; national livestock, horse and dog shows; arts and crafts exhibitions; private gatherings; auto races; concerts and a wide variety of other activities.

Department of General Services

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STANLEY L. McCAUSLAND, Des Moines, director

The Department of General Services, created by the 64th General Assembly of Iowa, 1971, is responsible for services formerly performed by the executive council of Iowa, printing board, car dispatcher, communications director, and buildings and grounds department. Under the general direction, supervision and control of the governor, the Department of General Services is headed by a director who is appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds of the Senate.