



## State Invitation to Midwest Regional Button Association

We are excited to announce that a group of collectors and dealers from the Midwestern states are forming a new Midwest Regional Button Association. The First Annual MRBA Show and Convention will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 1413 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL, 63704. Phone: 309-662-4300.

### GETTING THERE

Why Bloomington, Illinois, you ask? Illinois folks know that all roads lead to Bloomington! Bloomington is centrally located in the region, and is the hub of a network of interstate highways. It also has an excellent regional airport a few minutes from the show hotel. The city is an easy destination for surrounding states' members.

### MEMBERSHIP

There will be no individual membership dues for MRBA. To participate in the show, including competition, a person only needs to be a member of one of the participating state societies. (A door fee will be charged to all individuals who are not members of a participating state.)

States that would like to participate in this adventure are asked to pay a \$250 startup state membership, which will cover all your state society's members. Once your state has joined via the start-up membership, the state's MRBA dues in subsequent years will be only \$35.00/year/state, which again will cover all your state society's members. If your state would like to join MRBA, please send a membership application form and a check payable to Midwest Regional Button Association, to Lisa Schulz, MRBA Treasurer, 1317 Lynndale Rd, Madison, WI 53711-3370. As with any show registration fees, meal costs and other incidentals will be forthcoming.

### THE FIRST MRBA SHOWROOM

Midwest dealers and a limited number of dealers from all over the country will be involved in the inaugural showroom. No room sales will be permitted.

### MRBA'S MISSION

MRBA's intention is to support button collecting in the Midwest. The show will be carefully scheduled to avoid conflicts with state shows. Will MRBA take place every year? The decision will be based in part on participation levels at the first show.

The planning committee has been meeting since spring of 2015 and is very excited about this new venture. We hope that you are as excited as we are and that the newly formed MRBA can count on your support. If you have questions please contact [Russa Milburn](#), or [Lisa Schulz](#).

### PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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