

### **ICDA's Founding**

The founding of the Indiana Choral Directors Association as an organization is first mentioned in the ACDA publication then called *The Choral Journal* in its March-April 1968 issue, with a listing of ICDA as an affiliated organization under the leadership of President Robert E. Stoll of Bloomington and Treasurer Russell L. Otte of Fort Wayne.

An article in the same issue titled "Indiana 'Statewide' ACDA Now Under Way" indicates that the "first workshop meeting of the Indiana Division of the American Choral Directors Association took place at Bloomington, Indiana on Saturday, January 13, 1968, at the Indiana University School of Music." Reading sessions were conducted by Wendell Kumlein, Clyde Holsinger, Darrell Church, and Allan Ross. Indiana University performing groups appearing were the Chamber Choir under the direction of Don Moses, the University Singers under the direction of Fiora Contino, and the Singing Hoosiers under the direction of Robert Stoll.

A short meeting was held with projects for the coming year being a Gregg Smith choral workshop at Indiana State University, a fall workshop reading session, and a clinic session at Indianapolis on the Sunday following the ISTA meeting in October.

Do you have information to share about ICDA's founding or early years? Share it – send to a Board member for inclusion on our web site!