

# 2025 Annual Report

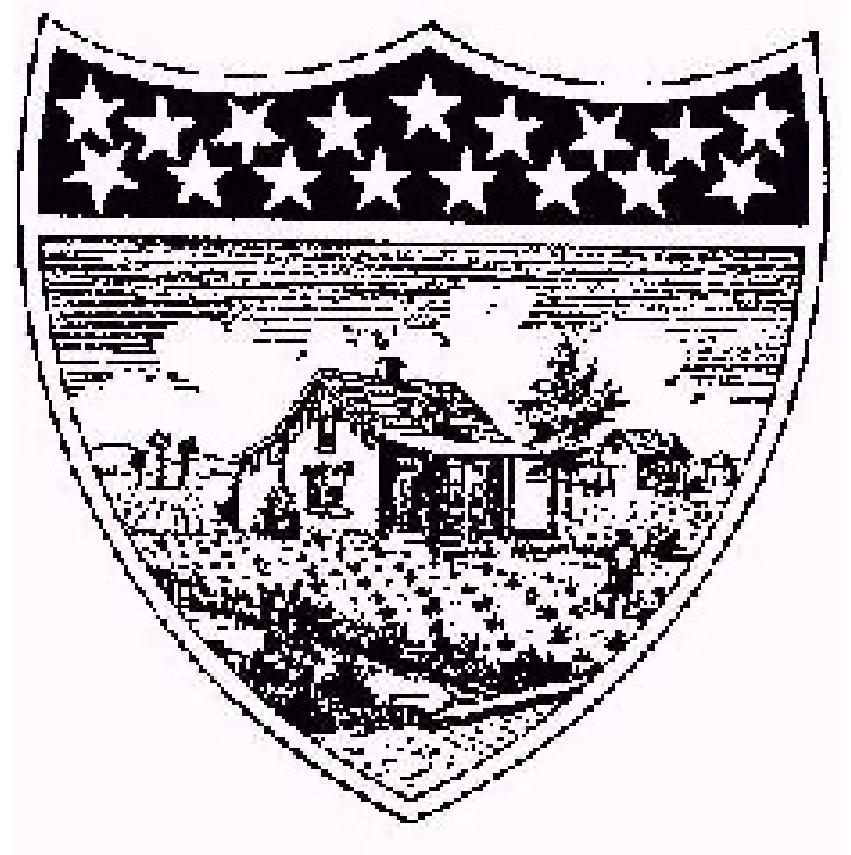
Mid-West Electric  
Consumers Association



# Brief History of Mid-West

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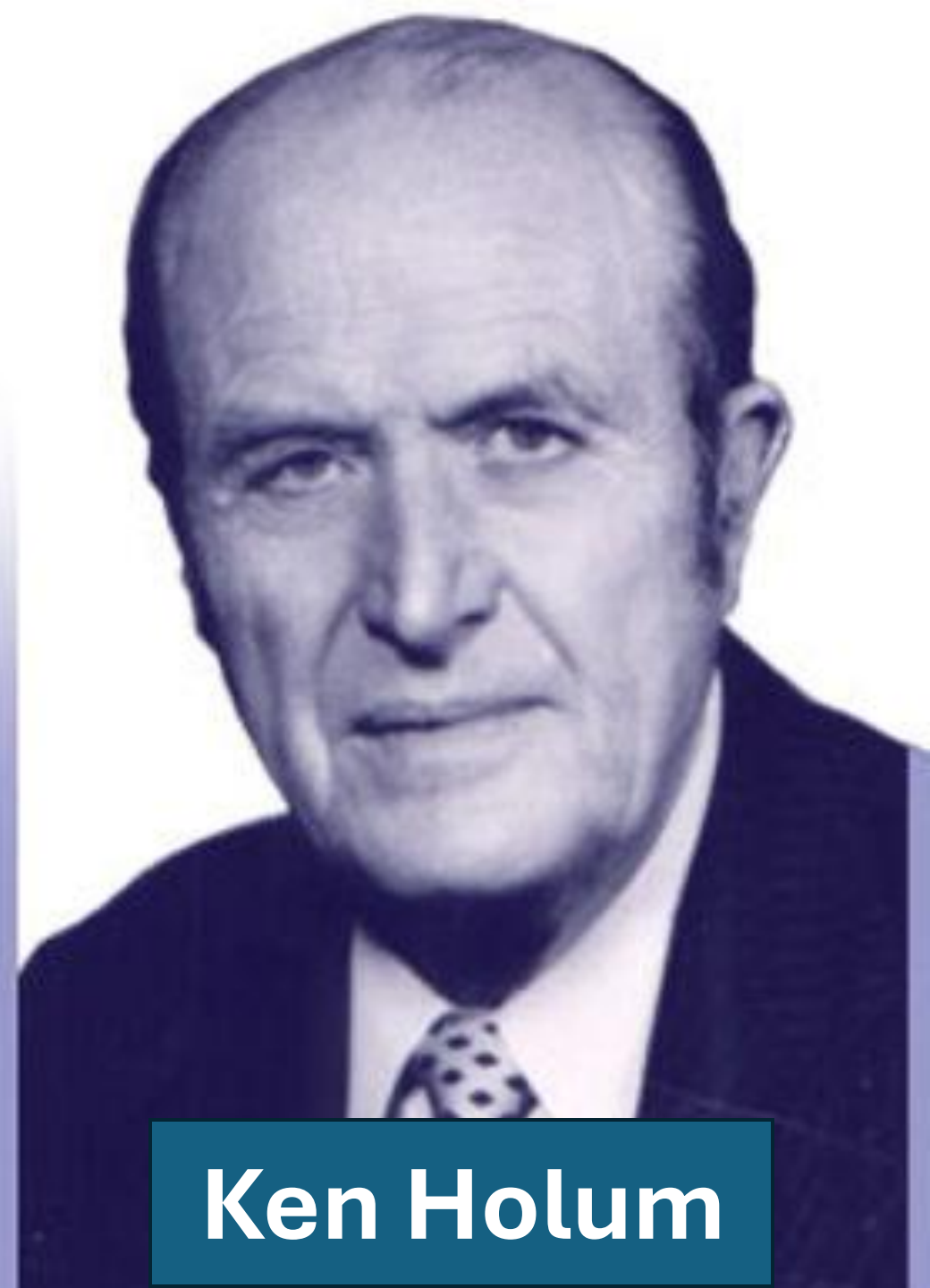
- August 1958: Bureau of Reclamation marketing hydropower from the dams that were built at the time
  - Ft. Peck (1937)
  - Ft. Randall (1953)
  - Garrison (1955)
- August 1958: Bureau announces it won't have enough power to meet demand in the future
- Before 1958 was over, Mid-West Electric Consumers Association was born in Minneapolis



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“In effect, each preference customer was told to go and see the friendly investor-owned utility in its area and begin buying kilowatt-hours. The consumer-owned electric utilities knew that they had work to do—and they had to do it quickly.”

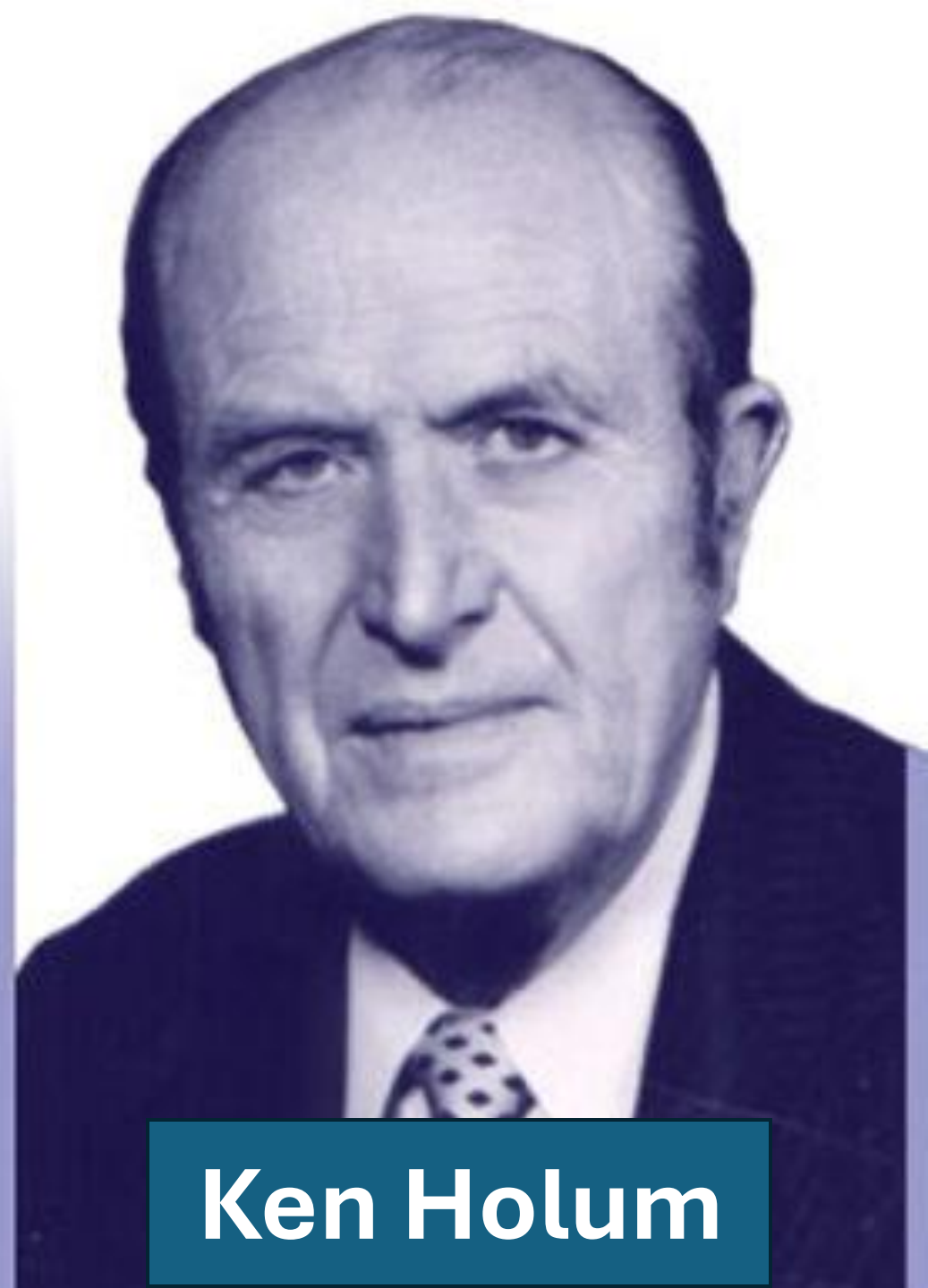
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**Ken Holum**

# Brief History of Mid-West

- Lobbied for faster completion of mainstem dams
- Pooling agreements – 100+ co-ops and municipals supplemental power supply access to federal transmission system
- Partnership with federal agencies continues today



**Ken Holum**

August 17, 1962



# The Value of Your Mid-West Membership

## Lobbying

- **Advocating on your behalf with members of Congress**
- **Supporting state-level associations in legislative efforts**

## Regulatory Advocacy

- **Engaging with federal agencies**
- **Tracking regulatory proposals and changes and represent the interests of preference customers**

## Legal Representation

- **Mid-West engages in the federal administrative law process on behalf of federal power customers**





# 2025 Highlights

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- WAPA hydropower RECs
- WAPA Rate Adjustments
- Water Resources Development Act – language inserted encouraging dam safety cost allocation by Corps
- Joint letter to Energy Secretary Wright – supporting PMAs and their employees



# 2025 Highlights

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- Challenging year for federal agencies
- WAPA Support Committee Formed in Spring 2025
- Discussing ways to help WAPA operate efficiently and effectively





A photograph of a person wearing a white shirt and a brown vest, holding a large sturgeon fish in the water. The fish is long, slender, and has a pointed snout. The person's hands are visible, holding the fish by its tail and midsection. The background is a body of water.

# Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee

- Engaging with federal agencies
- Building relationships – Tribes, Irrigation, Water Supply, Others
- Stakeholder process is better than litigation
- Dozens more species threatened in Missouri River Basin

# Chris Lawrence

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Executive Director





# Mid-West's Priorities

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- Protection of PMAs
- Supporting “Net Zero” Appropriations
- Defend appropriate cost allocations for project uses





# Mid-West's Priorities

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- Support federal funding appropriations for agencies – defend customer-funding through Western States Power Corporation
- Support dam safety cost allocations consistent with law
- Protection of Federal radio spectrum





# Member Engagement

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- Get involved in Mid-West
  - Resolutions Committee
  - Water & Power Committee
- Engage in Hydropower Issues
  - Talk to your Members of Congress
  - Invitations Welcome to
- Feedback Welcome
  - Tell us how we can improve







**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING YOUR ANNUAL MEETING**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

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