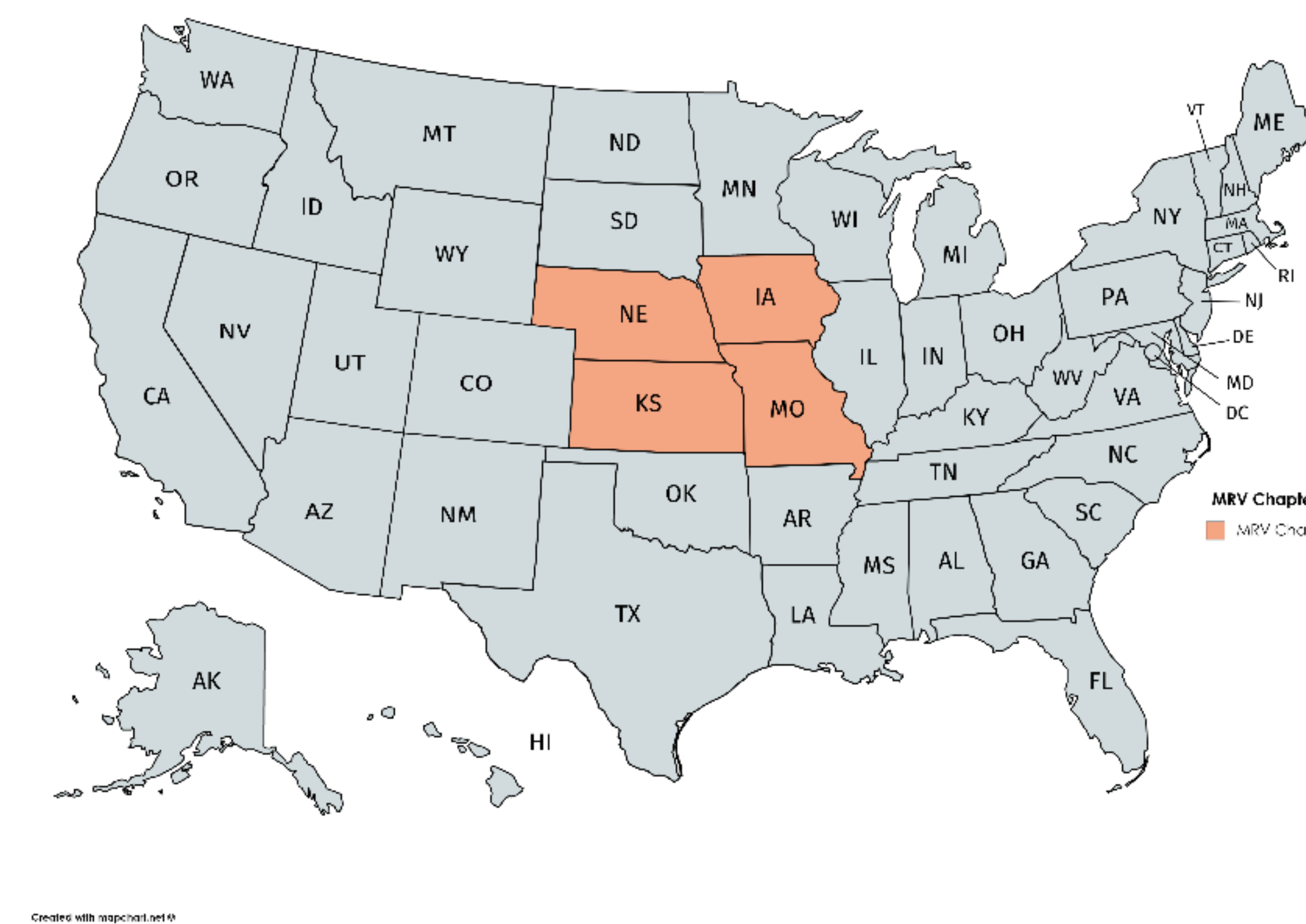




## Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

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### History

**In the Spring of 1971**, 6 to 8 medical physicists met in a small room in the radiation oncology department of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. There were two from Washington University in St Louis, at least one from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and a few from the Kansas City area. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a chapter of the AAPM. Those present recognized the need to promote recognition of medical physics locally within the academic and scientific communities, and to support those practicing clinical physics, primarily in the rural areas of the region. However, the immediate goal was to obtain formal recognition by the AAPM as a regional chapter and to offer to host the 1974 annual AAPM meeting in Kansas City. A committee was selected to formulate a constitution and bylaws and to apply to the national organization for recognition as a *bona fide* chapter. At that initial gathering it was decided that Ernest (Curly) Jones of Omaha would be the Chapter's first president and Arnold Feldman of Washington University would be the Chapter's representative to the Board of Directors. Late in 1971 the Missouri River Valley Chapter, to cover the primarily rural area of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, was recognized by the AAPM as a regional Chapter. In 1974 the Chapter hosted the annual meeting in Kansas City.

*(Written by Palmer Steward, PhD, FAAPM)*

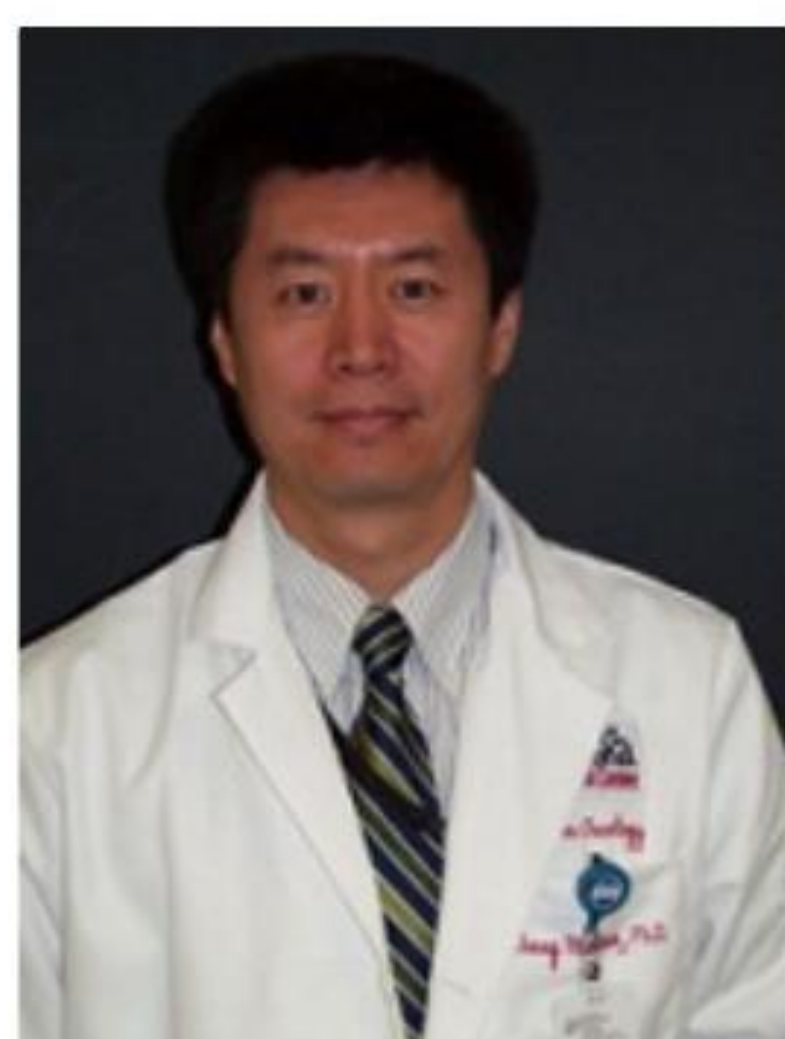
### 2018 Chapter Officers



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### Recent Events

**Details**  
Date: 04.28.2018  
Location: Kansas City, MO  
Venue: Westin Kansas City at Crown Center

#### 2018 Spring Meeting



**Details**  
Date: 04.28-04.29.2017  
Location: Kansas City, MO  
Venue: Westin Kansas City at Crown Center

#### 2017 Spring Meeting



**Details**  
Date: 10.07.2017  
Location: Omaha, NE  
Venue: Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center  
Hotel: Elements Omaha Midtown Crossing

#### 2017 Fall Meeting



### MRV AAPM Statistics

- According to the AAPM online directory, the MRV chapter has approximately 200 members across the four states.
- MRV AAPM chapter has two meetings every year. One during the Spring and the other in Fall.
- During one of the meetings, the chapter has a Young Investigator Symposium (YIS). The YIS is named in the memory of James S. Sample, who was the first medical physics resident to graduate from the University of Iowa medical physics residency program.
- During the Spring meeting every year, the MRV Chapter conducts Mock Orals. We are into our sixth year of Mock Orals and every year we have an average of 10 examinees.

### MRV AAPM Fellow Nomination

During the year 2016, the chapter nominated Dr. Ramon Alfredo Siochi as a candidate for Fellow of AAPM. At the 2017 AAPM Annual meeting, Dr. Siochi was recognized as Fellow for his contribution in research, education and leadership in the medical physics community. Dr. Siochi was previously at University of Iowa. Currently he is the Director of Medical Physics in the Department of Radiation Oncology at West Virginia University. He has led many IT, quality, and safety related committees with AAPM and ASTRO. Dr. Siochi has published more than 50 articles, given more than 80 regional, national, and international presentations, and written more than 40 software applications.



### MRV AAPM Meeting Memories

