

TED SRYGLEY

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Summary

Ted Srygley was an active member of the Southern Chapter throughout his career as Director of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library. During those years, from 1996 to 1993, he was witness to the Chapter's early activities as the Southern Regional Group and to its metamorphosis into the Southern Chapter that we are all familiar with today. He served as SC/MLA Chair in 1970-71, as Convention Chair in 1974-75 and 1987-88, and as Chapter Council Representative in 1980-81.

One of the earliest meetings Ted remembers was the meeting held in Augusta, GA in 1968, hosted by the Medical College of Georgia. "There was a bright young man there from Nashville who suggested the meetings be changed to only a half day on Saturdays so everyone could get in a five-day work week," Ted says. "He was soundly booed and I never saw him at any meeting after that. The aim of those meetings was to socialize and get to know people."

"Southern Chapter for me was a way to meet colleagues in the field," Ted adds. Through the annual meetings he developed cooperative relationships with many people whom he remembers fondly, including Miriam Libby, Eleanor Steinke, Sarah Brown, Mildred Langner, Buzz Sawyer, Tom Basler, Mark Hodges, and Tom Lange. Ted valued the Southern Chapter for its overall friendly spirit, for its strong sense of history, and for its extraordinary and unforgettable members.

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