

Founding dates for scholastic press groups in Illinois, brief descriptions, websites

- **Illinois State High School Press Association, 1921, University of Illinois-Champaign**

The association was founded in 1921 to provide an educational link between the journalism program at UIUC and the students and advisers who publish high school newspapers and yearbooks. An annual conference is held on campus, with concurrent sessions on writing, editing, advertising, media law, photography, broadcast, design, and desktop publishing.

Now affiliated with Illinois JEA. Fall conference info included at www.ijea.net.

- **Southern Illinois Scholastic Press Association, 1926, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale**

<https://sispasiuc.wordpress.com/>

- **Northern Illinois School Press Association, 1960, Northern Illinois University (but no longer located there)**

The Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association is dedicated to student journalists and advisers in Illinois. Through our annual conference, we offer the opportunity for students to be recognized in our newspaper and yearbook contests. Professional journalists and experienced advisers offer their expertise during the keynote address and individual breakout sessions.

<http://nispaaonline.org/>

- ^a **Kettle Moraine Press Association, early 1970s, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater**

The Kettle Moraine Press Association (KEMPA) was founded in the early 1970's with the singular goal of providing programs to enhance and promote scholastic journalism. Dr. Richard Nelson, past professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (UW-W), had the vision and founded the organization. His responsibility at UW-W involved teaching future journalism teacher/advisers, and he saw the need for them to network beyond graduation when they got into the so-called "real" world.

Member schools are primarily from northern Illinois and Wisconsin.

<http://kempajournalism.org/>

- **Eastern Illinois High School Press Association, 1975, Eastern Illinois University**

Now included in Illinois JEA

- **Illinois JEA, 1988, Eastern Illinois University**

<http://ijea.net/>

- **Scholastic Press Association of Chicago, March 7, 1991, Roosevelt University**

The Scholastic Press Association of Chicago (SPAC) supports the mission of high school journalists through workshops, scholarships and professional linkages throughout the year. We support the mission of the National Scholastic Press Association which works to help students become better reporters, writers, editors, photographers, designers, desktop publishers, and advertising and business staffers. SPAC also is an advocate for journalism advisors who seek resources and networking opportunities.

<http://spacchicago.tripod.com>

- **IHSA State Journalism Series – began April 2006**

Team State Champions (see ihsa.org for more info)

Tie: Naperville Central and New Trier 2005-06

Rockford Jefferson 2006-07

Fremd, Palatine, 2007-08

University HS, Urbana 2008-09

Naperville Central, 2009-10

Homewood-Flossmoor, 2010-11

Fremd, Palatine, 2011-12

Minooka, 2012-13

Downers Grove North, 2013-14

Evanston Township, 2014-15

Homewood-Flossmoor, 2015-16

Tie: Naperville Central and Edwardsville, 2016-17

Downers Grove South, 2017-18