OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS
Agency: Minnesota. Boxing Board.
Series Title: Records.
Abstract: Records of this board which regulated all boxing, full contact karate, and kickboxing activities in the state, as well as those of its predecessors, the State Athletic Commission (1915-1973) and State Boxing Commission (1973-1975).
Quantity: 8.4 cu. ft. (9 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS
The main body of the board’s (hereafter used for both commission and board materials) administrative records include board minutes (1955–2001); financial reports of outstate amateur contests (1954-1962); ledgers of professional, amateur, and closed circuit television shows (1968–1974) and amateur and professional show receipts and franchise, boxer, referee, second, and manager licenses (1968-1975); and three sets of correspondence files: commission/board members files (1935-2002), amateur and professional boxers files (1959-1998), and promoters, managers, and others files (1956-1999). The latter three contain correspondence, clippings, legal and contractual documents, reports, and other records documenting the various facets of the board’s administrative and regulatory duties, including licensure, board hearings, controversies over both board decisions and individual bout outcomes, license suspension, complaints to and about the board, inquiries about rules, and boxers’ physical condition requirements. Individuals with substantial files include commissioners/executive secretaries George Barton, Jack Gibbons, Lawrence McCaleb, and Jim O’Hara; boxers Scott LeDoux, Del Flanagan, and Rodney Bobick; and promoters/managers Fred Askew, Gene Fesenmaier, and Ron Peterson.

The largest physical portion of the records document the many amateur and professional bouts that occurred throughout the state, including a set of individual bout results, mainly professional, which contain contracts for each fighter; lists of boxers, managers, referees, and seconds license numbers; official scorecards; and physician's reports (1951-1964). There are also outstate franchise files (1942-1957), amateur and professional physician reports (1960-1967,

The files also include legal documents and correspondence detailing two court cases brought by promoters against the board alleging it erred in its granting of television rights for the 1975 Ali-Frazier boxing match (1976) and accusing the board of racial discrimination in its franchise licensing practices (1986–1987); transcripts and related legal papers covering board hearings into contractual issues between promoter Benjamin Kaplan and boxers Glen Flanagan and Miguel Acevedo (1949), into manager Tommy O’Loughlin’s misconduct charge against the board (1951), into boxer Glen Flanagan’s alleged punch to boxing manager Eddy Johnson (1951), and into promoter George Weir’s claim the board allowed a mismatch in a fight between Marvin Westmoreland and Brian O’Shea, which resulted in injury to Westmoreland (1963-1964); and subject files (1946-1998). The latter cover such topics as AIDS, Attorney General correspondence and opinions, boxers investigations and suspensions, closed circuit television, board finances, complaints, full contact karate, Golden Gloves competition, news media, promoters, referees, safety, United States Amateur Boxing Inc., and wrestling. They also contain photographs of a 1935 ladies’ class, an undated Upper Midwest Golden Gloves Procedures Manual, and 1978 State Board of Boxing Rules and United States Women’s “AAU” Boxing Association booklets.

RELATED MATERIALS

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Persons:
Acevedo, Miguel.
Askew, Fred.
Barton, George Arthur, 1885-1969.
Beatie, Jim.
Bobick, Rodney.
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Fesenmaier, Vaughn.
Flanagan, Del, 1928-.
Hegerle, Jimmy.
Horsman, Duane.
Jasper, Don.
Kaplan, Benjamin.
Lindsay, Donell.
McCaleb, Lawrence.
O’Hara, Jim.
O’Loughlin, Tommy.
O’Shea, Brian.
Patterson, Floyd.
Peterson, Ron.
Schmolze, Joe.
Smith, Cyrill M.
Westmoreland, Marvin.

Organizations:
Mill City Boxing Club (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Minneapolis Boxing Club.
Minnesota. State Athletic Commission.
Minnesota. State Boxing Commission.
St. Paul Boxing Club.
United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation.
Types of Documents:
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- Photographs.
- Posters.
- Programs.

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| | | Lester Sellnow, 1982.  
| | | Dr. Cyrill M. Smith, 1943–1975.  
| | | James Trembley, 1974-1976.  
| | | Filed with the commission; include club name, contest date, contestants, number of tickets sold and gross proceeds, numbers of complimentary and press tickets issued, and estimated seating capacity of hall or auditorium.  
| | | Chronological ledger of show receipts noting fight card and venue; amateur shows receipts (1 folder) and professional shows and closed circuit television receipts (1 folder).  
| | | Ledger of amateur and professional show receipts and lists of franchise, boxer, referee, second, and manager licenses.  
| | | Franchise files, 1942-1957.  
| | | Mainly license applications and related correspondence for outstate boxing matches and clubs. Several franchise numbers appear more than once in the following list; some during the same time period.  
| | | Albert Lea Junior Chamber of Commerce, No. 6, 1948-1957.  
| | | Austin, No. 19, 1947-1952.  
| | | Biwabik, No. 18, 1947-1948.  
| | | Cloquet, No. 16, 1947-1950.  
| | | Crookston, No. 25, 1953-1957.  
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Excelsior, No. 20, 1950-1951.
Fairmont (Berchey Trembley), No. 27, 1944-1954.
Franklin (Gene Fesenmaier of Morton), No. 15, 1952.
Frazee, No. 25, 1951.
Fulda, No. 20, 1954.
Hinckley, No. 36, 1946-1950.
Hopkins, No. 37, 1945-1952.
Sherburne, No. 29, 1948.
Willmar, No. 22, 1946-1951.

Boxing results, 1951-1964.
Folder titles list main bouts only; most also have information on
preliminary bouts. Included are contracts for each fighter; lists of
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scorecards; and physician's reports. A few also have related
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1951.
July 24, Duluth, Flanagan, G. v. Burgin.

1954.
April 19, St. Paul, Fuentes v. Martinez.
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1956.
January 10, St. Paul, Local boxers.
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August 22, Bloomington (Minneapolis Boxing Club), Hegerle v. Schmolze.
October 4, Minneapolis (Mill City Boxing Club), Andrews v. Green.
December 6, Minneapolis (Mill City Boxing Club), Schmolze v. Andrews.

1957.
April 1, Minneapolis (Mill City Boxing Club), Willis v. Schoen.
April 17, Minneapolis (Mill City Boxing Club), Floyd Patterson Exhibition.
May 13, Minneapolis (Mill City Boxing Club), Talent Show.
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1959.
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    (Closed telecast).
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    Irwin.
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    Promoters, Sargent v. Hughes.
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    Irwin.
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April 6, St. Paul (Northwest Boxing Club), Weller v. Baji.
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1963.

April 25, St. Paul, Horsman v. Green.
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1964.

March 17, Rochester, Horsman v. MacLeod; Joyner v. Quinn.
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May list club name, location, date, contestant, age, weight, pulse, condition of lungs and heart, blood pressure, general condition, and hour of examination.
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See also: Hearings before the Minnesota State Athletic Commission. Regarding Marvin Westmoreland v. Brian O’shea, Box 8.

Covers such topics as licensing, board rulings and hearings, complaints about the board and individuals, and inquiries regarding rulings and laws. Include correspondence, clippings, and contractual and legal documents.
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Gene Fesenmaier, Manager/Promoter, 1956–1973. 2 folders.
Vaughn Fesenmaier, Manager, 1974.
Pete Filippi, Promoter, 1966.

Flash Gordon, Newsletter Publisher, 1977.
Peder Hong, Attorney, 1976.
Floyd Joyner, Second (Corner Man), 1974.
Joe Longstreet, Boxing and wrestling fan, 1974.
    Appeal to have Muhammad Ali and Verne Gagne participate in a bout/match.
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    Concerns Junior Olympic Boxing Program.

    Legal documents and correspondence.
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Legal documents and correspondence.
Regarding Benjamin Kaplan, promoter, v. boxers Glen Flanagan and
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Covers contractual issues between promoter Benjamin
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Regarding Tommy O’Loughlin and Glen Flanagan cases, May 18,
1951.
Pages 1-25 concern manager Tommy O’Loughlin’s
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by the State Athletic Commission; pages 26–45 concern
boxer Glen Flanagan’s alleged punch to Eddy Johnson, a
boxing manager, following Flanagan’s match with Paddy
Iacobucci in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Regarding Marvin Westmoreland v. Brian O’Shea, Professional
Chicago boxer Westmoreland was hospitalized from head-
injuries suffered during a match with local boxer O’Shea.
George Weir, a boxing promoter, was interviewed by the St.
Paul Pioneer Press following the match and alleged the
Minnesota State Athletic Commission neglected to protect
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Board of Boxing member lists, 1969, 1976.
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Old Timers Committee, [ca. 1969].  
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Salary survey of other athletic commissions, 1968.  
Task Force Committee on Tickets to Boxing Shows, 1996.  
United States Women’s “AAU” Boxing Association, Headquarters:  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1978.  
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