

**Presentation for
100th ANNUAL TRUANCY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION
CONFERENCE**

Westin Hotel, Chicago, September 25-29, 2010



**IATDP 100 YEARS
“OUR FOUNDER’S VISION & LEGACY”**

Conference Opening Presentation by Ronnie Land

Hello and welcome to this 100th Annual Conference of this Association. One hundred years ago, a man had a vision that all children were entitled to an education and should be in school each school day to receive that education. Who was this man? *Our founder, Mr. William Lester Bodine.*

A very influential leader in Chicago and a journalist, Mr. Bodine realized the importance of spreading the word about the need for children to be in school. He organized and led the adoption of new laws in Chicago and in the state of Illinois requiring children to be in school each school day. With more and more people seeing the need for compulsory school attendance, Mr. Bodine saw a need to organize and lead a national organization for leaders who work in the field of compulsory school attendance. In 1911, Mr. Bodine founded our Association and hosted the first annual conference in Chicago. The new Association, National League of Compulsory Education Officials (N.L.C.E.O.), had their first conference at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Illinois in October of 1911. Mr. Bodine was elected as the

first President of the League. His vision and leadership spread across the country and many states sent leaders to attend the conference. At that time, the states were represented by state delegates. The idea for compulsory school attendance spread across the United States with many states adopting new laws requiring school age children to attend school. By the 1930's, most states had laws in place for compulsory school attendance.

Over the one hundred years of this Association, the name has changed but the vision and mission of our founder has never changed. The first name change was National League to Promote School Attendance at the National Conference in 1937. The next name change was at the National Conference in 1957. The name was changed to "International Association of Pupil Personnel Workers" due to truant officers being classified as pupil personnel workers. In 2002 at the annual conference in Alexandria, Virginia, the name was again changed to the present name, "International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention". It was thought that people around the world would have a better understanding of the Association's real mission -- Truancy and Dropout Prevention.

100 years later, here we are... same vision, same mission, and same goal of keeping our school age children in school. Mr. William Lester Bodine, our founder, would be pleased to know 100 years later his vision continues. The International Association for Truancy & Dropout Prevention should be proud and remain strong in the support of this vision.

Now, I will introduce you to some interesting facts about our founder and his family. Mr. William Bodine was a journalist, a writer, a music composer, and had a love for boating. He was a Superintendent of Compulsory School Attendance in Chicago for many years. He set up the first conference at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, the largest hotel west of New York City (1700 rooms). A slide show of Mr. Bodine and his family descendents was shown at the 100th year conference and will be displayed on the IATDP website (www.iatdp.org). I give much appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Maureen Rivera, direct descendent and Great Granddaughter of William Lester Bodine, for assisting me and supplying the historical photos of our founder and his family.

Photos from the slide show as shown at the 100th Annual Conference in Chicago:



Sherman Hotel 1911



Grand Ballroom in Sherman Hotel 1915



Thompson Center @ Sherman Hotel Site 2010



100th Year Conf. Westin Hotel

Historical Family Facts of William Lester Bodine:

Father's Name: Joseph Beaubien (1823-1872)

Mother's Name: Eliza Abigail Lewis (1839-1916)

William Lester Bodine (Alia Name)

Born: September 10, 1862 in Hannibal, Missouri

Died: November 26, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois (burial place: Chicago, Illinois, Cook County) 89 years old

Birth Name: William Lewis Beaubien (last name sometimes listed as Beaubien)

Marriage February 10, 1890 to: Mae Richardson @ age 27 (born: August 3, 1861 in Northfield, Vermont; death 1945 in Chicago, Illinois)

William Lester Bodine's sister: Nina Monique Beaubien (died 1921 Omaha, Nebraska)

William Lester Bodine's Children:

Helen Eaton Bodine (born November 9, 1891 in Denver, Colorado)

Married: Thomas Lauris Hanson September 17, 1917

Robert L. Bodine (born November 10, 1893; Death August 20, 1951)

1st Marriage: Lydia Best June 19, 1920

Children: Gloria Jeane Bodine McGonigal

married Frank Joseph McGonigal

Two Children:

1. Frank Joseph McGonigal, Jr.

Children: Robert, Coleen, Shannon

2. Maureen McGonigal Rivera (PRESENT AT CONF.)

Children: Suzy, Nathan, Steve (deceased)

2nd Marriage: Helen Myrtle Ryan December 28, 1929

Had 1 child (daughter)



*Eliza Abigail Lewis Beaubien and Joseph Beaubien
parents of William Lester Bodine*

William Lester Bodine's Parents



*His name, "To my darling wife"
Glover August 3, 1890*

William Bodine 1890 pic for wife



Glover 1891

William Bodine 1891



William Bodine early 1900's



*Mae Richardson
Mrs. Wm L. Bodine*

William Bodine's Wife, Mae Richardson



February 10, 1918
28th Anniversary



Memphis, TN
October 26, 1922
National League
of Compulsory Education
Conavention



Helen Bodine



Helen and Robert Bodine, a
children of Wm. L. Bodine
1896

Robert Bodine 4 1/2 yrs.



Captain of the Leota July 27, 1917

William Bodine, Captain of his boat "The Leota" 1917



Wm. L. Bodine

L-R Gloria Bodine
Robert Bodine
Mae Bodine



Wm L. + Robert Bodine



Gloria Jean McGonigal, Bodine's Granddaughter



William Bodine's 88th Birthday 1950

*Wm L Bodine
88th Birthday
Sept 10, 1950*



Wm L Bodine 88th Birthday Sept 10, 1950

**Sadly, our Founder, Mr. William Lester Bodine
Departed this life and left us his legacy of leadership and
his inspiration for helping children.**

**Mr. Bodine passed away on November 26, 1951 in Chicago
His burial site is in the Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.**

Mr. Bodine was the only Honorary Life President of the Association
His leadership for our goals and our mission was the best!
Even though the name of the Association has changed,
The mission of keeping children in school has not changed....

Previous Names of the Association:

- ◎ 1911-1936, National League of Compulsory Education Officials (NLCEO)
- ◎ 1937-1956, National League to Promote School Attendance (NLPSA)
- ◎ 1957-2002, International Association of Pupil Personnel Workers (IAPPW)
- ◎ 2002-, International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IATDP)

Introduction of living family descendents of the founder:



*3 Generations
Helen Bodine Henson
Storia Bodine McGonigal
Maureen McGonigal Rivera*



**Shannon Warwick (Great Great
Granddaughter)
Robert "Bobby" McGonigal (Great
Great Grandson)
Coleen McGonigal (Great Great
Granddaughter)**



**Maureen McGonigal Rivera, Great Granddaughter of founder and her family.
Mrs. Maureen Rivera was present for the 100th Annual Truancy & Dropout Prevention
Conference in Chicago. Mrs. Rivera was responsible for sending us the historic photos of
William Bodine and his family.**

THIS IS OUR TRIBUTE TO:

**Mr. William Lester Bodine
Founder of our Association
His Legacy
&
His family**

**100 Years of Truancy & Dropout Prevention
It Continues....**