

Rod Kelsay is the Executive Director of the Mid America Cooperative Council. MACC is the fastest growing cooperative council in North America; focusing on education and outreach to all cooperatives. The Mid America Cooperative Council currently covers the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Rod grew up on a farm in north central Indiana, graduating from Purdue University with a BS in Ag Education and Ag Economics. After five (5) years in sales and marketing with Elanco he continued his education at the University of Illinois, receiving a MS in Ag Economics, specializing in finance. Rod then farmed for three (3) years before spending the next 20 years in strategic planning for a variety of cooperatives and private companies including six years as an independent consultant.

Since becoming the executive director of the Mid America Cooperative Council (MACC) in 2004, membership has grown by 67% and their education programs have enlightened over 2,000 attendees. These training programs have focused on cooperative education programming. MACC received the Cooperative Educational Award from the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) the summer of 2006. ACE is an international association of cooperative educators. Rod has also established annual CFO and Credit Conferences for cooperative professionals, and conducted numerous director strategic planning sessions for their members. This January MACC will start their week long Cooperative Leadership Program, instructing new employees and directors about cooperatives.

Rod and his wife Jeanne have two sons and live in Indianapolis, IN.