



Council of State Archivists

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Mission and Goals 2011

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The mission of the Council of State Archivists is to strengthen state and territorial archives in their work to preserve America's historical records.

GOAL 1: Ensure an ongoing viable organization for state archivists

- Sustain and improve communications for and among members
- Develop long-term plan for staffing, administrative, and financial needs
- Broaden the revenue streams to support the organization's goals
- Develop the next generation of leaders

GOAL 2: Provide services to state archivists to strengthen their programs

- Make the CoSA website a portal for information by and about state archives
- Continue to collect and disseminate statistical data about state programs
- Continue to serve as a liaison between the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the state coordinators, and the State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs)
- Orient and mentor state archivists, state coordinators, and SHRAB members
- Develop and disseminate information about best practices

GOAL 3: Secure records funding for all states and territories

- Advocate for authorization and funding of a formula-based block grant program for preservation of American Historical records of all kinds and in all types of repositories.
- Advocate for reauthorization and increased funding for NHPRC
- Advocate to sustain and increase funding for state archives

GOAL 4: Foster collaborations to improve our nation's archives and records programs

- Strengthen relationships and work with allied professional and state-based organizations
- Collaborate to address electronic records, emergency preparedness, and other challenging issues in government recordkeeping
- Develop and expand training opportunities