Research
CoSA’s education and advocacy programs rely on data about the state archives community to underpin funding proposals, awareness building, and advocacy. CoSA is seen as the source of reliable information about state archives and is sought out by others for it. CoSA uses the strength of collaboration and partnership to leverage resources, share expertise, and to solve problems.

- Year II of the IMLS-funded ACCESS project supported collaborative research and publication with our colleagues at the National Governors Association, the National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, to improve electronic records management and digital preservation in state and territorial governments.
- Developed State Archiving in the Digital Era: A Playbook for the Preservation of Electronic Records in collaboration with NASCIO (October 2018).
- Developed First Steps in Managing Records: A Transition Priority and Social Media and Public Records: Developing a Social Media Use Policy in collaboration with the National Governors Association (November 2018).
- Biennial Archives and Records Management (ARM) Survey deployed to members.
- Established a new research initiative with Preservica examining the risks to electronic state government records from file format and technology obsolescence.
- Five case studies addressing appraisal, electronic records, and crowdsourcing were developed as part of Great Ideas Exchange Day, a collaboration with NARA. (available on CoSA’s website).

Education
CoSA’s education and training programs respond to member needs and focus on improving state archival programs, no matter their size or level of operation. Noteworthy among recent national projects are IPER and SERI, which were funded with major federal grants from FEMA, IMLS, and NHPRC. Smaller scale education and networking occurs in annual meetings, monthly member and SERI webinars, periodic CoSA on Demand conference calls, listserv exchanges, the Awards Program, and the monthly newsletter. CoSA uses the strength of collaboration and partnership to leverage resources, share expertise, and solve problems.

- Success of Electronic Records Day continued: Our 150 #ERecsDay Tweets and Retweets garnered 35,000 impressions on Twitter; our Facebook posts reached near 1,000 users. Thanks to NASCIO, NASS, NARA, and others for supporting this important awareness effort!
- Developed/participated in Joint Annual Meeting sessions in Washington, DC, including a new activity with NARA called the Great Ideas Exchange Day.
- Webinars: Presented 14 CoSA member, SERI educational, and Shop Talk webinars, and began a new series of quarterly webinars with NARA. Webinar attendance exceeded 650 people
• Continued periodic **CoSA on Demand** conference call for state archivists.
• **Awards**: Presented Walch Leadership Award, Advocacy for Archives Award, Rising Star Award, three Walch Emerging Leader Travel Stipends, and two CoSA-Ancestry Leadership Awards.
• Represented the CoSA membership at NASCIO and NASS meetings.
• Developing a state archives special section for *American Archivist* in 2018-2019.
• Annual **Calls to the States** resulted in input used by the board, committees, and staff regarding program direction, communications, SHRAB activities and relationships with NARA and the NHPRC.
• CoSA’s **News Brief** reached more than 1,000 subscribers each month.
• Maintained three **listservs**.
• Increased **Facebook and Twitter** followers by 9% and 22% respectively.
• Published 16 **blog posts**.

**Advocacy**
CoSA advances the needs of its members to stakeholders and the public by acting as a clearinghouse for information, participating in policy and funding discussions, developing advocacy and awareness messages, and working in partnership with counterparts in allied organizations. CoSA uses the strength of collaboration and partnership to leverage resources, share expertise, and to solve problems.

• CoSA helped coordinate and participate in the first-ever archival advocacy day, **Archives on the Hill**, in conjunction with the joint annual meeting. The event brought together more than 70 enthusiastic archivists and records managers who visited their Members of Congress to advocate on behalf of archives and archivists.
• Made **Hill visits** in March during CoSA’s annual Washington, DC Briefing.
• Held **annual Briefing** in Washington DC with stakeholder organizations.
• Attended all **NHPRC Commission** meetings.
• Chaired **Joint Task Force on Issues and Awareness** (CoSA, NAGARA, RAAC, SAA).
• Monitored federal budget.

**Also**

• CoSA received the Society of American Archivists’ **Distinguished Service Award** at the Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, DC!
• Annual Appeals exceeded goal of $7,000!
• Successful transition of CoSA leadership!
• CoSA office move to Kentucky!