

## ARIZONA HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Statutory Authority, A.R.S. §41-1355

Statutes that define the responsibilities of the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board direct the Board to:

- Serve as the central advisory body for historical records planning and for National Historical Publications and Records Commission funded projects developed and carried out in this state;
- Serve as a coordinating body to facilitate cooperation among historical records repositories and other information agencies in this state and as a state-level review body for grant proposals as defined in the National Historical Publications and Records Commission guidelines

### Report of Accomplishments, 2005

#### Board membership

The Honorable Edward Cirillo assumed chairmanship of the Board in 2005, a year in which membership was expanded to thirteen members to fully include archivists, records managers, historians and the general public.

#### Meetings

The Board held five official business meetings. In addition, individual members represented the Board at the Arizona Convocation, History on the Mall, Arizona Statehood Day, and the Arizona Historical Convention.

#### Administrative Support Grant

AHRAB accomplished the objectives of its administrative support grant by reevaluating its role in the historical record community.

The Board envisions a future Arizona in which:

- The state's historical record including that of its diverse populations is preserved and accessible
- Arizonans are knowledgeable about the state's heritage
- Government and community leaders recognize the importance of and contribute to the preservation of historical records
- Sufficient resources exist for the care and preservation of the state's historical documents

The Board has articulated its mission to:

- Promote awareness of historically valuable records through education and training
- Foster and support the preservation, access, and use of historical records, both public and private
- Partner with other organizations and institutions involved in preservation of Arizona's documentary heritage
- Serve under-documented and under-served communities
- Broaden the impact and visibility of the historical records community

Historical records are unique and irreplaceable. They are among the most important resources belonging to the people of Arizona. These records form a crucial part of our lives and they support current and future planning and decision-making. They offer insight and understanding of the many and diverse elements that make up Arizona; how we build our lives and our communities, the development of the State's economy, culture, and politics.

Preserving these historical records and making them accessible is an ongoing challenge. Whether paper, photograph, recording, or electronic, each record has its own special preservation needs. Meeting this challenge is the work of historians, archivists, genealogists, and other professionals whose work depends on these records. It is this challenge that the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board embraces.

The Board is dedicated to serving:

**A.** Organizations and individuals in Arizona who preserve, promote, and provide access to records and archives including:

- Archives
- Museums
- Historical Societies
- Public and Special Libraries
- Corporations
- State and Local Governments [See Appendices]
- Under-documented groups
- Underserved communities
- Indian tribes and other communities providing oral histories

**B.** Allied cultural preservation organizations and groups including:

- Friends of Arizona Archives
- Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona
- Museum Association of Arizona
- Central Arizona Museum Association
- Arizona State Library Association
- NAU, UA and ASU Departments of History
- Tribal Libraries and Museums

- Community Colleges
- C. Citizens of Arizona including:
  - New and experienced users of historical materials
  - General public, especially new or recent Arizona residents

### Role of the Board

The role of the Board is to identify organizations and individuals in these audiences in Arizona. To fulfill this role it designs and implements programs to advocate the value of:

- Preservation, access and use of historical records
- Archival and museum programs and functions
- The NHPRC grant program and AHRAB
- Collaborations between historical records custodians and organizations
- Strategic planning on a statewide scale

Specific undertakings begun in 2005 include efforts to Collaborate with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission to prepare for and support the Arizona Centennial in 2012.

Cooperate with others in developing a marketing plan to promote construction of the Polly Rosenbaum History and Archives Building. Seek corporate and political sponsors for this effort.

Support public programs that champion preservation, access and use of historical records.

The Board touched historical organizations in communities across the state by publishing an updated action plan and a brochure publicizing NHPRC and AHRAB grant opportunities.

In 2005, the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board went to new lengths to identify and communicate with its audience, provide assistance with grant programs, and prepare a plan of action for the next two years.