

# Resources and Networking Opportunities for Staff, Board Members, and Volunteers in Alaska Museums

## Welcome Museum Staff, Board Member, or Volunteer!

Thank you for your part in helping to preserve the cultural heritage of the state. Please use this one-page reference to familiarize yourself with the wealth of resources and networking opportunities available to you in the state! We are stronger together.



**Museums Alaska (MA)** is the statewide association for museum professionals, dedicated to strengthening museums. MA provides:

- A statewide annual conference
- Scholarships
- Professional recognition awards
- A volunteer service project
- Advocacy on behalf of museums
- A list of advocacy resources
- A list of Alaska's Museums online
- A weekly email newsletter  
<http://eepurl.com/dakc55>
- The Art Acquisition Fund and Collections Management Fund grant programs, supported by Rasmuson Foundation
- An online job board
- Members-only content on our website:
  - Forms & templates
  - Sample documents & policies
  - Grant & funding opportunities
  - A directory of service providers
  - Partners & networking opportunities
  - Presentations & handouts
  - Discussion forums
  - Member Discount Program (15-20% off at Gaylord Archival, Hollinger Metal Edge, and University Products)

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

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**The Alaska State Museum**

**(ASM)** Office of Statewide Services provides services to museums and related organizations, including:

- Alaska Museum Listserv "akmuseums"  
[list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/akmuseums](http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/akmuseums)
- Monthly Museum Connect online (co-hosted w/ MA)
- The Grant-in-Aid grant program
- Training workshops
- Consultation services and expert advice
- Resources for Alaska Museums:
  - A lending library
  - List of grant opportunities
  - Leadership development resources
  - Board Development resources
  - Human Resources reference material
  - Strategic planning resources
  - Emergency preparedness & response resources
- Object loans from ASM collections
- Hands-on loan program schools, museums, and other educational institutions in Alaska
- Traveling exhibits
- On-site assessments
- Natural and Cultural History Repository designator

Sincerely,

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- **AK Archivists**  
AK Archivists networks Alaska's professionals working with archival materials.
- **Alaska Community Foundation**  
ACF cultivates, celebrates, and sustains all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska's communities forever, and has grant programs that exist to strengthen organizations.
- **Alaska Historical Society**  
Alaska Historical Society (AHS) is the statewide history association that co-hosts an annual conference with Museums Alaska.
- **Alaska Humanities Forum**  
The Alaska Humanities Forum is dedicated to strengthening and connecting communities across Alaska using the humanities, and has grant programs.
- **Alaska Office of History and Archaeology**  
OHA includes the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and is responsible for cultural resource management, historic preservation, and more for the state.
- **Alaska State Council on the Arts**  
ASCA represents supports and advances the creative endeavors of individuals, organizations and agencies throughout Alaska, and provides grant opportunities.
- **Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board**  
ASHRAB recognizes that historical records are our priceless legacy. ASHRAB offers grants for archives-based projects, and reviews grant proposals submitted to NHPRC.
- **American Alliance of Museums**  
AAM champions museums and nurtures excellence in partnership.
- **The Foraker Group**  
The Foraker Group serves as the state association and capacity building organization for nonprofits and tribes across Alaska.
- **Institute of Museum and Library Service**  
IMLS advances, supports, and empowers America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development.
- **National Endowment for the Arts**  
NEA supports participation in the arts, exercising imaginations, and developing creative capacities. They award grants for arts based projects.
- **National Endowment for the Humanities**  
NEH promotes excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. They award grants for humanities and collections-related projects.
- **National Historical Publications & Records Commission**  
NHPRC promotes the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage essential to understanding our democracy, history, and culture. Grants are available.
- **Northwest Archivists**  
Northwest Archivists is a regional association of archivists in the Pacific Northwest United States to enhance professional development and networking.
- **Western Museums Association**  
Western Museums Association (WMA) serves museums by providing vision, enrichment, intellectual challenge, and a forum for networking.