



SOA Officers/Council Candidate Statement

Open Council Position	Council Member
Candidate's Name	Sophia McGuire
Current Job Title	Records Management Analyst
Current Place of Employment	Council Office, City of Gahanna

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to run for a Society of Ohio Archivists council position! I have worked in archives or archives-adjacent fields for 13 years and earned MLIS with a concentration in archives & records management in the process. My work has included university special collections, college archives, museum education, government records, and religious archives. If elected to SOA's council, I am confident I would bring a well-rounded perspective and would work to serve SOA to the very best of my abilities. In my current position, I am responsible for overseeing the records program for the City of Gahanna. This has included the development of a records and information management policy, delving into the city's historic records (and attempting to fill the gaps!), and communicating with city staff on the importance of properly maintaining the local government's records.

While I have been a member of many professional organizations for most of my career, I have more recently begun to dip my toes into leadership positions. Since 2022, I have been a part of the SAA Records Management Section and will be serving as vice-chair/chair-elect for the upcoming year. I was also recently elected to the Local Government Records Section as vice-chair/chair elect. While working for a religious archive, I briefly chaired a group called Dominican Archivists in Collaboration before passing the torch due to a job change. In my first professional role, I served for about three years on a local preservation society board as a board member and as the treasurer. These experiences have allowed me to understand the behind-the-scenes work that goes into any professional organization, including event planning, amending by-laws, giving official reports, and working issues out in a diplomatic way.



Themes and issues that I would love to see SOA target in the next 3-5 years include:

- Connecting with members and expanding membership to all nooks and crannies of Ohio's archives, and ensuring members are getting the resources that they want from SOA;
- Continuing to develop and promote affordable educational opportunities for Ohio's archivists;
- Bringing awareness to where archives intersect with nontraditional entities/institutions;
- Considering how to assist archives that have fewer resources to make their collections more accessible.

Again, I truly appreciate the opportunity to run for a Society of Ohio Archivists council seat. If elected, I would work my hardest to advocate for Ohio's archives and the profession. My entire career has been rooted in advocating for and educating others on the importance of preserving local and institutional histories, and I believe I can bring a diverse experience to the table!

Previous Positions

Assistant Director of Archives, Dominican Sisters of Peace, 2022-2023

Special Projects Coordinator (Records), Licking County Prosecutor, 2020-2022

Special Projects Coordinator (Records), Licking County Records & Archives, 2019-2020

Records Manager & Archivist, Licking County Government, 2014-2019

Education

MLIS - Archives & Records Management concentration, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

BA, History of Art, Ohio State University, 2012

Professional Associations

County Archives & Records Managers Association (CARMA) – 2014-2019, 2023-present

National Association of Government Archivists and Records Administrators (NAGARA), 2015-2019; 2023-present

Ohio Municipal Clerks Association (OMCA), 2023-present

International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), 2023-present

Society of American Archivists (SAA), 2022-; section leader 2022-present