

Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA) Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

9-10 am (EST)

Attendees: Sarah Aisenbrey, Michelle Ganz, Amber Bales, Jennifer Long Morehart, Sophia McGuire, Sara Mouch, Jim DaMico, Hannah Kemp-Severence, Stephanie Shreffler, Emily Gainer, Adam Wanter, Christine Liebson, Darrell Blevins, Betsy Hedler, Kristen Newby, Shelby Beatty (minutes).

1. Welcome

- a. President Jennifer Long Morehart called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. Minutes

- a. Vote for approval: April 25, 2025 meeting minutes.
 - i. Treasurer Sophia McGuire motions to approve the 4/25/2025 Council meeting minutes. Secretary Shelby Beatty seconds, motion carried.
- b. Vote for approval: May 16, 2025 Annual Conference Business Meeting minutes
 - i. Beatty motions to approve the 5/16/2025 Annual Conference meeting minutes. McGuire seconds, motion carried.

3. Officer, Committee, and Newsletter Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. McGuire – Report covers Conference expenses (Zoom, catering, parking, etc.). Venue costs (\$550) and donation in remembrance of Matt Rickey (\$100) is still pending. Current balance is \$25,613.03. We'll see revenue by September. It's received quarterly from OHC. Fiscal year ends at the end of August. Hoping to have a draft budget by the next meeting.
- b. Advocacy & Outreach
 - i. Sarah Aisenbrey – Thank you Betsy for answering questions about the poster. We received a lot of great submissions. Thank you, Kristina Schultz, for serving on the committee. She recently retired from the University of Dayton. Please submit ideas for the SOA blog.
- c. Educational Programming
 - i. Adam Wanter – The estimated conference revenue is included in our report. Spring conference was a success. We're starting to plan for the joint MAC/SOA conference next year.
- d. JEDAI
 - i. Hannah Kemp-Severence – A scholarship is still in the works. We received feedback from the final crucial conversation session at the annual meeting. We're working through feedback to see how we can support members. We're still having issues with committee membership due to current pressures.
- e. Marketing & Communications
 - i. Amber Bales – Ups and downs on social media sights. YouTube videos from the conference should be up soon.
- f. Membership & Awards
 - i. Stephanie Shreffler – Confirming committee membership for next year. We got scholarship winner essays submitted to the newsletter. Our next meeting will be soon.
- g. Nominating
 - i. No representative present.
- h. Newsletter

- i. No representative present.

4. New Business

- a. Approval of incoming committee co-chairs (appointed)
 - i. Advocacy & Outreach - Christine Liebson (2 year term)
 - ii. Educational Programming - Sara Mouch (new 2 year term), Adam Wanter (2 year term)
 - iii. Marketing and Communications - Amber Bales (new 2 year term)
 - iv. Membership and Awards - TBD
 - v. Nominating (committee member) – TBD
 - 1. McGuire motions to approve committee co-chairs. Multiple voting members second, motion carries.

5. Old Business

- a. SOA/MAC Joint Meeting: Memorandum of Understanding
 - i. McGuire – Financial agreement - \$1,500 seems reasonable. Can we look at what their revenue has looked like in the past?
 - 1. Long Morehart – They haven't been breaking even because of rising hotel costs, etc. That's why they discontinued hybrid meetings. The venue that's being considered isn't a hotel, but I can't make promises on revenue. SOA has done a good job of balancing costs.
 - ii. Darrell Blevins – Are they anticipating attendance effected by no hybrid option?
 - 1. Long Morehart – That discission was based on costs alone. We think we will get more people in-person, especially since it's centrally located in Ohio.
 - 2. Wanter – Virtual isn't as cost efficient as in-person options.
 - iii. McGuire motions to approve the agreement, Secretary Shelby Beatty seconds, motion carries.
- a. Joint Statement with Ohio organizations on IMLS update (Matt Francis)
 - i. Long Morehart – Let's wait until the next meeting for a report. It's moving forward.
- b. Strategic Plan update
 - i. Long Morehart – Asking that co-chairs review and report accomplishments of the strategic plan.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Meeting - To be determined
 - i. Long Morehart – I'd like to know ahead of time good times for meetings. We can do a poll via email.

7. Announcements

- a. Budgets: 2025-2026 submission timeline
 - i. Long Morehart – Committees: look at budgets and have them ready for next meeting.
 - ii. McGuire – I can send out a link for previous budgets for review.
- b. Cultural Heritage and Ohio Summit (CHaOS): SOA participation
 - i. Long Morehart – President and VP were invited to the June meeting. Highlights include networking and establishing a unified voice with cultural heritage groups in Ohio. We'll update you regarding SOA's involvement.
 - ii. Betsy Hedler – CHaOS goals are to get people in similar groups together. More of a group rather than an organization.
 - iii. Bales – Can we expect CHaOS updates during monthly meetings?
 - 1. Long Morehart – I think so. Structures are still evolving.

2. Hedler – Anyone can be a part of the group.

8. Long Morehart adjourns the meeting at 9:27 am.

Date:	July 2, 2025			
Committee:	Advocacy and Outreach			
Chair:	Christine Liebson/Sarah Aisenbrey			
Members:	Connie Conner	Jacky Johnson	Jim McKinnon	Collette McDonough
	Ken Grossi	Dana Best-Mizsak	Jennifer Gerth	Natalie Fritz
	Nina Herzog	Emily Rebmann		
Mission/Summary:				
The mission of the Advocacy and Outreach Committee is to advocate for archives and archivists by responding to issues impacting the role of archives and archivists in society and to provide outreach programming throughout the state of Ohio relating to Statehood Day, Archives Month, and communicating news from local, state, and national archives-related outlets.				
<i>New mission statement as of December 2024</i>				
Goals for the Year:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create the Archives Month poster ● Have an unveiling event for the poster ● Generate content for the SOA Blog that relates to advocating for Ohio's archives and archivists ● Collaborate with other SOA committees as needed 				
Ongoing:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All information submitted to Betsy for design ● Blogs ● Membership update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristina Schulz retired from her position at UD. We thank her for her service on this committee. 				
Upcoming				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poster unveiling event date chosen - September 25 at 3:30 PM 				

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports

Date:	July 2, 2025	
Committee:	Marketing and Communications	
Cochairs:	Emily Gainer, Cummings Center for the History of Psychology (2020-, cochair 2024-2026); Amber Bales, Ohio State University (2022-, cochair 2025-2027)	
Members:	Janet Carleton, Ohio University (1999-) Julia Teran, Case Western Reserve University (2023-2027)	Katie Gable (2024-2026) <i>Open</i>

Mission/Summary:

The Marketing and Communications Committee is responsible for public relations and outreach for SOA through the process of generating content and maintaining the tools to communicate SOA information. Duties and responsibilities include updating the SOA website, maintaining social media accounts (Facebook, Flickr, Instagram, ISSUU, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube), moderation of SOA Listserv, responding to SOA email inquiries, and documenting SOA events through photographs.

Goals for the Year (based on 2023-2026 Strategic Plan):

- Regularly update SOA's website and social media with relevant, timely, curated content: blog, DEI resources, internships page, passport, public information, etc.
- Evaluate and monitor marketing and communication channels making sure they give access to relevant information and resources.
- Raise awareness of SOA's public advocacy efforts by sharing news through all SOA media channels.
- Use SOA convening power to share resources from other entities doing the same work like MAC, Lyrasis, OhioNET, OhioDIG, OPC, ARMA, CARMA, CoSA, and others.

Ongoing Issues and Challenges:

- Deciding what social media platforms to join or devote less effort toward. Creating content for different social media platforms.

Accomplished Goals:

- Performed WordPress maintenance & communicated with super admin Phil Sager as needed.
- Performed website content refresh and review
 - Posted 6 blog announcements since the last Council meeting.
 - Annual meeting time is our busy time of the year with website edits and deadlines.
 - Last 30 days: 1,548 page views (decrease 78% from last month). Most visited 3 pages: 1) homepage, 2) Blog post: Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, 3) Annual Conference
- Managed [SOA Listserv](#).
 - 399 members (-2)
 - Approved requests to join. Posted news and announcements of general interest. Blocked spam.
- Managed Facebook [Page](#).
 - Posted scholarship applications, Merit Award nominations, Council nominations, blog links, annual meeting registration, and other announcements.

- 223 likes; 305 followers (+9; +20)
- Managed [ISSUU](#) account
- Managed [Instagram](#) account
 - 710 followers (+12; -7). 2,693 views in the last 30 days.
 - Moved annual meeting coverage to Instagram (formerly on X/Twitter). Thanks to Jennifer Long Morehart for getting photos of scholarship winners.
 - Instagram takeovers: 1 signup a month thru August. Openings in September and beyond.
- Managed [LinkedIn Page](#)
 - 246 followers (+22). Regular posting of content.
- Managed [Pinterest](#)
- Managed [YouTube](#) account
 - 43 videos total. 31 subscribers (+1)
 - Editing and uploading the virtual/recorded videos from the Annual Meeting

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports			
Date:	July 2, 2025		
Committee:	<i>Ohio Archivist</i> Newsletter		
Editor:	Jessica Heys , Archives Contractor, Kettering Foundation & Cincinnati Museum Center (News & Notes Asst Ed, Fall 2017-current; Interim Editor, Spring 2022; Editor-in-Chief, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)		
Asst Editors:	Jessica Heys , News & Notes (Fall 2017-Current)	Michelle Ganz , DEAI (Spring 2023-)	Emily Ahlin , Features (Spring 2023-)
	Penelope Shumaker , Digital Discussion (Fall 2023-)	Emily Rinaman , Welcome Emily! (Fall 2025-)	
Mission/Summary:			
The <i>Ohio Archivist</i> is the official newsletter of the Society of Ohio Archivists. Its primary mission is to serve as a conduit for information about SOA and its membership. The <i>Ohio Archivist</i> also publishes articles containing general information about the archival profession, especially as it relates to archivists located within Ohio and the Midwest. (Approved by Council on 2/12/2010.)			
Goals for the Year:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See if anyone else would like to take over the newsletter • I am continuing to do the News & Notes for now • Rethinking and expanding content topic areas • Pay more attention to readership tracking/statistics • Send out regular Guidelines reminders https://ohioarchivists.org/ohioarchivist/ohioarchivist_guidelines/ 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement / inclusion • Improve as editor • Gain readership 			
Accomplished Goals:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2025 issue published • New Assist Editor starting Fall 2025 			

SOA Treasurer's Report
7/1/2025

Previous Balance

\$29,023.45

Deposits

Interest - \$0.24

Interest - \$0.21

Membership Dues - \$60

Expenses

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$17.07

\$2,342.60

\$811.20

Current Balance

Checking Account - \$25,613.03

Cash Box - \$200

Pending Expenses

Spring Conference - Venue \$550.00

Misc. Donation \$100

Society of Ohio Archivists Budget															
Tax Year : September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025															
INCOME	Budget Amount	9/30/2024	10/31/2024	11/30/2024	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	2/28/2025	3/31/2025	4/30/2025	5/31/2025	6/30/2025	7/31/2025	8/31/2025	Total	dget Remaining
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.60	\$0.00	\$576.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	2,968.31	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,838.91	-\$2,338.91
JEDAI Winter 2025 - Sponsorships/ Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Registration	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$474.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$474.60	\$5,725.40
Spring Conference - Sponsorship	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Spring Conference - Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Silent Auction	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Fall Workshop-Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$2.05	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.24	\$0.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.11	-\$0.06
Budget Surplus from 2023-2024	\$3,525.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,525.60
Budgeted Income Total	\$12,327.65	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$174.82	\$0.22	\$576.19	\$30.21	\$230.21	\$3,443.15	\$60.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,515.62	\$7,812.03
Unexpected Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	
Actual Income		\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$174.82	\$0.22	\$576.19	\$30.21	\$230.21	\$3,443.15	\$150.21	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual Income So Far		\$0.19	\$0.40	\$0.61	\$175.43	\$175.65	\$751.84	\$782.05	\$1,012.26	\$4,455.41	\$4,605.62	\$4,605.62	\$4,605.62	\$4,605.62 Actual Income Rec'd So Far	
														\$7,812.03 Est. Income Yet to Receive	

EXPENSES	Budget Amount	9/30/2024	10/31/2024	11/30/2024	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	2/28/2025	3/31/2025	4/30/2025	5/31/2025	6/30/2025	7/31/2025	8/31/2025	Total dget Remaining
JEDAI Winter 2025 - Online Event Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JEDAI Winter 2025 - Speaker Honoraria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Venue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Spring Conference - Food/Catering	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,342.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,342.60
Spring Conference - Speaker	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Equipment Rental	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Conference - Miscellaneous	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$828.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$828.27
Fall Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall Workshop - OHC Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall Workshop - MAC Speaker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Awards - Merit Awards - Plaques	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Awards - Merit Awards - Mailing	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Awards - History Day Sponsorship	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Scholarships - New Professionals	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Scholarships - Students	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Archives Month Poster - Printing	\$650.00	\$623.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$623.00
Archives Month Poster - Mailing	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.21
Archives Month Poster - Unveiling	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advocacy and Outreach - Meetups	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio History Connection support services	\$0.00	\$115.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.85
Strategic Planning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Strategic Planning - Retreat - Lunch and Snacks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725.00
Budgeted Expenses Total	\$12,575.00	\$738.85	\$0.00	\$91.21	\$225.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,075.93
Unexpected Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Actual Expenses		\$738.85	\$0.00	\$91.21	\$225.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Actual Expenses So Far		\$738.85	\$738.85	\$830.06	\$1,055.06	\$1,780.06	\$1,780.06	\$1,780.06	\$1,780.06	\$5,900.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports

Date:	July 2, 2025		
Committee:	Educational Programming Committee		
Chairs:	Sara Mouch, University of Toledo; Adam Wanter, MidPointe Library System		
Members:	Nora Blackman, Case Western Reserve University	Matt Francis, Ohio Northern University	Jennifer Long Morehart, Bowling Green State University (President)
	Stacy Chaney-Blankenship, Ohio Wesleyan University	Betsy Hedler, OHC/SOA Liaison	Kristen Newby, Columbus Metropolitan Library (VP)
	Meghan Crawford, Capital University	Riza Miklowski, Akron-Summit County Public Library	Dan Noonan, The Ohio State University
Mission/Summary:			
Plan the annual SOA spring annual conference and professional development workshops. Activities include choosing a conference theme, solicitation and selection of session presenters, selection of plenary speaker, publication and distribution of conference announcements, collecting conference evaluations, and planning professional development workshops of interest to members. Support for the Fall OHLA/SOA virtual conference.			
Goals for the Year:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the MAC Program and Local Arrangements Committees to help coordinate and plan MAC's 2026 meeting in Columbus. - Develop proposals to help offset the costs the MAC-SOA Conference for SOA members - Determine feasibility of offering additional programming to SOA members, and undertake the development of that programming. 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For 2026: navigating the MAC/SOA collaboration. 			
Accomplished Tasks (since May Council meeting)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held the 2025 Annual Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 73 total registrants; 34 virtual only o Total income: \$4733 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total registration revenue: \$3505 (does not account for merchant fees for credit card processing, which will likely be around \$100.00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued to offer speakers a discount of \$30 ▪ Sponsorships: \$600 ▪ Scholarship sponsorships: \$300 ▪ Silent Auction revenue: \$278 o Total expenses: \$3719.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Venue & Parking: \$1311.2 (\$550+\$811.2) ▪ Catering: \$2342.6 ▪ Zoom: \$16 o Total revenue: ~+ \$1013.2 (likely \$900 after merchant fees?) - Assisted with the development of the MAC-SOA MOU. - Began prepping EPC members for a joint MAC-SOA conference. 			

Date:	July 2, 2025	
Committee:	Society of Ohio Archivists Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (JEDAI) Committee	
Co-Chairs:	Michelle Ganz, Dominican Sisters of Peace (2025- , co-chair 2025-2027) Hannah Kemp-Severence, University of Akron (2023- , co-chair 2024-2025; 2025-2026)	
Members:	Madeline Fix, (2020-)	Meghan Crawford, Capital University (2024-)
	Austin Hall, University of Cincinnati (2024-)	Savannah Gould, Kent State University (2024-)
	Arjun Sabharwal, The University of Toledo (2023-)	Michele Jennings, University of Dayton (2024-)
	Niel White, (2024-)	
	Kelly Hummingbird, Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) (2025-)	
Mission/Summary:		
The JEDAI Committee is responsible for identifying, promoting, developing, and educating on antiracist and social justice efforts, actions, and resources for SOA Council, Committees, and Membership.		
Goals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate SOA internal processes and come up with plans for improvement. Coordinate with the Membership and Awards committee to draft the description, criteria, and rubric for a JEDAI scholarship. Using feedback from Crucial Conversations: Archival Work and Advocacy in the Current Political Climate 2025 annual meeting session, design some support systems for SOA members – possibly mentorship, tool kits, or self-care 		
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive orders and subsequent institutional changes at our members' places of employment have continued to create new challenges for some of our members to participate in the JEDAI committee or perform other social justice activities. Currently evaluating feedback from Crucial Conversations Session to determine where best to focus our efforts to support SOA members 		
Accomplished Goals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted a draft of the JEDAI scholarship description for review Hosted virtual Crucial Conversations session at annual meeting 		

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Date:	7/2/2025		
Committee:	Membership & Awards Committee		
Chairs:	Stephanie Shreffler, co-chair 2024-2026;		
Council Liaison:			
Members:	Julia Teran	Devhra Bennett-Jones	Mark Bloom
	Marsha Miles	Cate Putirskis	Helen Conger
	Rachel Sykes		
Mission/Summary:			
The Membership & Awards Committee supports and recognizes the work of SOA members. Responsibilities include the general recruitment of new members, leading the annual membership drive, soliciting and reviewing award applications for the SOA Merit Award and meeting scholarships, supporting Ohio History Day including the issuing of SOA History Day awards, special projects in support of membership goals, and responding to general membership inquiries.			
Goals for the Year (2025-2026):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select winners of the Merit, Student/New Professional, and History Day Awards Membership Drive 2025-26 - write and distribute the membership renewal letter. Communicate with OHC for distributing email blast for membership renewal notifications. 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New and Renewing 2025 SOA Memberships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current: As of 7/1/2025 membership roster: 152 memberships Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual: 127 Student: 11 Bridge: 5 Patron: 4 Sponsor: 3 Lifetime: 2 <p>Compare to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024: 155 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes, June 20, 2024) 2023: 142 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes, March 28, 2023) 2022: 153 (Society of Ohio Archivists business meeting minutes May 20, 2022) 2021: 107 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes, March 10, 2021); 166 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes June 28, 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently seeking junior co-chair for committee – have a possibility! 			

Accomplished Goals:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirmed committee membershipReviewed timeline and committee tasks for yearSubmitted History Day and scholarship winner articles to <i>Ohio Archivist</i>