

Approved Committees of Utah State History

(1) THE UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE will: (a) recommend policies, strategic direction and major event planning for the Society and the *Utah Historical Quarterly* (UHQ); (b) champion the Society and the UHQ and (c) nominate, review and recommend the best Utah history articles and books annually.

Chair: David Rich Lewis

Committee Officer: Jed Rogers and Holly George

Supporting staff (as needed): UHQ editor/publisher, and the UHQ membership secretary (committee secretary).

Committee Members: Patty Timbimboo-Madsen and others TBD

(2) HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE will: (a) evaluate in advance the technical merits of all National Register to Historic Places nominations; (b) review annually and make recommendations to Utah's statewide NPS (National Park Service) Historic Preservation Strategic Plan; (c) in general consider the strategic direction of Historic Preservation in Utah; (d) attend when possible, regional or state-wide historic preservation stakeholder meetings; (e) review and advise on CLG (Certified Local Government) grants prior to dispersal; and (f) when called upon, reviewing Capital Improvement Projects Grants.

Chair: David Richardson

Committee Officer: Roger Roper

Supporting staff (as needed): Utah SHPO, deputy SHPOs (Preservation and Antiquities Program Coordinators), Grants Coordinator, Architectural Historian and Tax Credit Reviewer (committee secretary)

Committee Members: Deanne G. Matheny, Wesley Robert White, and others TBD

(3) LIBRARY, COLLECTIONS & DIGITIZATION COMMITTEE will: (a) produce and recommend policies and strategic direction for the Library & Collections program; (b) review major web and digitization initiatives; (c) review in advance all collection development policies and initiatives; (d) approve all large acquisitions or purchases; (e) review materials proposed for de-accessioning (permanent removal, transfer or destruction of holdings); and (f) champion the State Library & Collections Program.

Chair: Steve Olsen

Committee Officer: Doug Misner and Melissa Coy

Supporting staff (as needed): Library & Collections Coordinator and staff, and possibly other sections (such as Antiquities) as needed.

Committee Members: John B. D'Arcy, Ken Gallacher, and others TBD

(4) MAJOR PLANNING, GIFTS AND AWARDS will: (a) recommend policies, strategic direction for the UDSH/USHS; (b) recommend recipients for the Governor's Medal in History, ratified and sent to the Governor for his selection; (c) recommend recipients for the USHS Fellows; (d) recommend recipients for Lifetime Membership; (e) evaluates major gifts and financial underwriting opportunities; and (f) assist in major outreach UDSH efforts.

Chair: Michael Homer

Committee Officer: Brad Westwood and Kevin Fayles

Supporting staff (as needed): UDSH director, assistant director, secretary to the Board (committee secretary) and editors of the UHQ.

Committee Members: Yvette Donosso, Steve Barth, and others TBD

Utah Division of State History

Mission Statement

Utah State History's mission is to preserve and share the past for a better present and future.

Three Broad Long-Range Goals (2013 – 2018)

1. Make Utah's history relevant and valuable to every Utah citizens; State History to be a “household name”, the go to place for all things history related;
2. Make the state's history useful for public policy (legislature, regional and city planning etc.); and
3. State History's Audacious Goal: consider and plan for a state-of-the-art professional facility for Utah's history collections in the Capital, to assist all public history related programs and collections linked directly or indirectly to state or local government.

2016 – 2017 Division Goals:

- Continue State History's efforts at electronic workflows, digitization, databases, and online presence. (This initiative was started in 2015 to increased productivity and information sharing.)
- Deep the reach of State History by expanding partnerships and increasing collaboration opportunities.
- Refine and test State History's “Community Preservation” model, which bundles all history and cultural-related community efforts into one focus.
- Continue participating in the planning and development towards the Utah Museum of History, Heritage and Arts.
- Expand our Annual History conference and statewide focus: Local Matters.

Guiding Principles

- Find Utah solutions for Utah's needs and challenges.
- Act as conveners, catalysts and facilitators.
- Be a clearinghouse for useful peer reviewed history of Utah.
- Be committed to decentralization, focusing on local expertise, strengths and control.
- Seek partnerships for increase influence and exposure.
- Assist, advise and coordinate all of Utah's public history efforts.
- Provide vital history related tools and assistance to government agencies and local governments.
- Provide services and information as a non-regulatory, business-friendly agency.

Program Mandates

Each program is also guided by state and/or federal mandates.