



Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists

Long Range Plan 2020 (3-5 Years)

I. Mission Statement

The Mission of the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists is to support and advocate for the professional development and advancement of those who care for and provide access to archives and cultural heritage materials in the Rocky Mountain Region, and to encourage public interest in and support for access to and preservation of the evolving historical record.

II. Core Values

We, the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists believe:

- In the right of equal access to records as outlined in the American Library Association/Society of American Archivists' *Joint Statement on Access to Research Materials in Archives and Special Collections*.
- In the adherence to ethical standards as set forth in the Society of American Archivists' *Core Values Statement* and *Code of Ethics for Archivists*.
- In the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion, as outlined in the Society of American Archivists' *Statement on Diversity and Inclusion*.

In addition to our alignment with these statements by the Society of American Archivists, we:

- Work with other regional professional associations to provide a support system for those working within the profession.
- Provide educational and other professional development opportunities for those who care for archives and other cultural heritage materials.
- Serve as a voice for archives and related professions in the Rocky Mountain Region

III. Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: To educate our members in the latest developments in the archival profession.

- o Sponsor one annual meeting and at least one educational workshops/training per year.
- o Support members pursuing certifications (SAA, ACA, etc.) and/or other related educational opportunities.
- o Support and participate in the joint Western Archivists Meeting (WAM) Conference of Intermountain Archivists (CIMA)/Society of California Archivists (SAC), Northwest Archivists (NWA).
- o Pursue opportunities for joint meetings with other affiliated groups.

Goal #2: Promote a community of professionals where collaboration, networking and communication foster professional growth.

- o Maintain a membership database accessible to current SRMA members.
- o Publish the SRMA newsletter quarterly.
- o Maintain and update the SRMA website.
- o Communicate with other professional organizations on SRMA activities, events, and other areas of common concern.
- o Explore cooperative ventures with SAA including the Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC) and lobbying for Denver to be a future Annual Conference site.
- o Maintain and facilitate the use of the SRMA listserv or communication mechanism of the board's choice.
- o Support local networking events.
- o Support and encourage members to submit scholarly articles to the Journal of Western Archives.

Goal #3 Provide resources for preservation and archival practice.

- o Facilitate upkeep and distribution of the preservation kits.
- o Create a Disaster Preparedness Kit
- o Assess the Myra Jo Moon Collection.

Goal #4 Promote public awareness of archives and archival issues.

- o Develop materials for outreach to educational institutions training future archives and cultural heritage professionals.
- o Increase involvement with SAA outreach and legislative advocacy as appropriate.
- o Investigate options for SRMA members to volunteer to help smaller institutions across the state and region.
- o Increase the profile of SRMA through strong branding and identity in the community.