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[FEASIBILITY SURVEY REPORT]

To explore the feasibility of developing a national organization for tribal archives, museums, libraries, and cultural centers, an eight-question survey was distributed in 2008. This report summarizes the 197 responses received.

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Feasibility Survey Report

National Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Organization

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Background:

As tribes seek greater cultural sovereignty, the scope and size of tribal archives, libraries, and museums tribal institutions are increasing significantly. Over the past 20 years, there has been a three-fold increase in the number of tribal cultural institutions, with additional facilities in varying stages of development.

Commencing in 2002, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) began funding training opportunities targeted to tribal archives, libraries, and museums, as well as non-tribal institutions serving tribal populations or holding tribal collections. These training opportunities include four national conferences and four week-long immersion institutes covering tribal archives, museum artifacts, historic photographs, and library services. In 2008, an additional grant of \$889,000 was awarded to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in support of a tribal research fellowship program, two national conferences, and two national institutions. Funding also was provided to develop a strategic plan to address the long-term sustainability of programs and services targeted to the needs of tribal cultural institutions, including the development of a national organization to oversee future projects.

Need for Sustainable Programs:

Since 2002, various state agencies have been awarded funding from IMLS to implement training programs for tribal archives, libraries, and museums. These state agencies include the Arizona State Museum (2003, 2005), Oklahoma Department of Libraries (2007, 2009-2012), and Oregon State Library (2009). Each agency provided an in-kind contribution of staff time, office space, and equipment. The high level of financial commitment, the need for professional staff with specialized project management skills, and the financial risk assumed by the sponsoring agency has created uncertainty as to the sustainability of future programs, especially if they are to rely solely on a state agency coming forward to secure funding and provide sponsorship.

To address sustainability issues, in 2008 several exploratory meetings were held during the four National Institutes for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Tulsa, OK. An outcome of the meeting was the identification of the need to explore the development of a national organization for tribal archives, museums, libraries, and cultural centers.

It was envisioned that the national organization would:

1. Engage tribal archival, library, and museum professions in addressing the unique needs of indigenous cultural programs;
2. Advocate for increased support of tribal cultural programs;
3. Provide consistency of operations for programs and services, including the development of approved protocols and procedures;
4. Establish the infrastructure necessary to plan and implement national and regional training opportunities;
5. Work with national organizations such as the American Museums Association, the American Library Association, the American Society of Archivists, the American Association of State and Local History, and others to ensure a native voice; and
6. Support existing service organizations such as the American Indian Library Association, the First Archivists Circle, and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers.

Feasibility Survey

In June 2008, a short survey was distributed to the 524 individuals who attended the 2007 National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. By the end of the 30-day collection period, 207 responses were received. Of these, 10 were deleted because it was determined they were not a part of the target audience, i.e., retail vendors who do not have an understanding or interest in the development of a national organization.

Survey Results

1. **Organization Type:** 116 responses were received, with 81 respondents skipping the question. Organizations could choose all that applied. A list of responding organizations may be found in Appendix 1.

75.2% Other (primarily tribal colleges and other academic institutions, as well as Tribal Historic Preservation Offices)

60.3% Tribal Library

38.8% Tribal Archives or Records Center

37.1% Tribal Museum

32.8% Tribal Cultural Center

2. **Current Membership Organizations.** To determine what other membership organizations might already be addressing needs of tribal archives, libraries, and museums, respondents were asked to which other organizations they belonged. 167 respondents answered the question while 30 skipped it. The entire list of organizations may be found in Appendix 2. To help evaluate membership patterns, the information is provided in the format in which it was received.

- 3. Need for Services.** Respondents were asked to rank 16 services that the ad hoc committee members identified as possible services that might be provided by a national organization. Narrative responses may be found in Appendix 3.

Responses are ranked in order of those identified as “extremely valuable.”

Service	Extremely Valuable	Valuable	Somewhat Valuable	Not Valuable	Response Count
Sponsorship of National Conference for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums	76.4% (149)	19.5% (38)	4.1% (8)	0.0% (0)	195
National-level advocacy for issues of importance to tribal archives, libraries, and museums, cultural centers	71.5% (138)	24.9% (48)	3.1% (6)	0.5% (1)	193
Website serving as a portal to information of interest to tribal archives, library, museum and cultural center disciplines	68.9% (135)	27.0% (53)	3.6% (7)	0.5% (1)	196
Notification of funding opportunities	70.5% (134)	24.2% (46)	4.7% (9)	0.5% (1)	190
Scholarships to training opportunities and events	64.1% (123)	29.7% (57)	5.7% (11)	0.5% (1)	192
Sponsorship of 3-day workshops focusing on individual disciplines (archives, libraries, museums, cultural centers)	61.0% (119)	33.3% (65)	5.6% (11)	0.0% (0)	195
Marketing and advocacy programs to promote the value of tribal archives, libraries, museums, and cultural centers	55.2% (106)	33.9% (65)	9.9% (19)	1.0% (2)	192
Online training opportunities	55.5% (106)	33.5% (64)	9.9% (19)	1.0% (2)	191
Negotiated discounts on supplies and materials used by archives, libraries, museums, and cultural centers	53.6% (104)	34.0% (66)	11.3% (22)	1.0% (2)	194
Regularly scheduled newsletter featuring articles, book reviews, information on current issues, position openings, conferences, new products, new techniques and treatments.	52.1% (100)	37.0% (71)	9.4% (18)	1.6% (3)	192
Membership Directory	49.5% (96)	42.8%	7.2% (14)	0.5%	194
Accreditation programs for institutions	49.2% (95)	30.1% (58)	17.1% (33)	3.6% (7)	193
Certification programs for people working in the field	48.5% (94)	32.0% (62)	16.5% (32)	3.1% (6)	194
Sponsorship of 1-day workshops focusing on specific topics	46.4% (90)	36.6% (71)	14.4% (28)	2.6% (5)	194
Listserve	42.1% (80)	38.4% (73)	17.4% (33)	2.1% (4)	190
Awards program for individuals and institutions	25.5% (49)	39.6% (76)	29.2% (56)	5.7% (11)	192

4. Membership Benefits. As a means of providing financial support to the national organization, as well as a means of identifying key stakeholders, the ad hoc committee members suggested that a membership organization be formed. Survey respondents were asked to rank benefits they believed were most valuable. Narrative responses may be found in Appendix 4.

Responses are ranked in order of those identified as “extremely valuable.”

Benefit	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Response Count
Discount on conference and training registration fees	55.4% (107)	33.7% (65)	9.3% (18)	1.6% (3)	193
Voting rights on matters that affect the association	46.3% (88)	38.4% (73)	13.2% (25)	2.1% (4)	190
Priority to receive scholarships’ and stipends	44.0% (84)	34.6% (66)	13.1% (25)	8.4% (16)	191
Discounts on negotiated vendor services and materials	43.5% (83)	34.6% (66)	16.8% (32)	5.2% (10)	191
Free subscription to newsletter	40.8% (78)	37.7% (72)	16.8% (32)	4.7% (9)	191

5. Tribal Support. Survey respondents were asked to gauge the support of their tribal leadership. Narrative responses were not requested. A total of 188 responses were received:

- **67.0%** indicated their tribe/organization would be supportive
- **31.4%** indicated they did not know how their tribe/organization might respond
- **1.6%** indicated their tribe/organization would not be supportive

6. **Membership Dues.** To gauge appropriate membership levels, survey respondents were asked to indicate an appropriate dues level. 194 responses were received, with three people skipping the question. Narrative responses were not requested.

7.

C	Suggested Dues	Response Percent	Response Count
	\$25-\$50	33.5%	65
	\$50-\$100	28.4%	55
	Within reason, cost is not an issue.	16.5%	32
	\$0- \$25	10.3%	20
	\$100-\$150	7.2%	14
	\$150-\$200	2.1%	4
	\$200-\$250	2.1%	4

7. **Membership.** To gauge interest in various classes of membership, survey respondents were asked to indicate which were appropriate. In addition to the classes provided in the survey, respondents suggested that International, educator, and youth memberships be added. It was also suggested that voting vs. non-voting and monetary based levels be provided.

Membership Class	Response Percent	Response Count
Individual	94.3%	183
Institutional	88.1%	171
Student	80.9%	157
Elder	70.1%	136
Retired	52.6%	102
Affiliated organization	56.7%	110

8. **Formation Committee.** Respondents were asked if they would like to help guide the formation of the association. Out of the 185 respondents, 52% indicated they would like to serve. The 96 individuals are listed in Appendix 5. In addition, respondents nominated others to serve on the committee (Appendix 6).

Appendix I – List of Responding Organizations

Note: This information was provided on a voluntary basis; therefore, the list is not all-inclusive.

- Abbe Museum
- Anadarko Community Library
- Anadarko Heritage Museum
- Archives, University of Alaska
- Arizona Health Sciences Library
- Bartlett-Carnegie Sapulpa Public Library
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- Blue Lake Rancheria
- Boulder Public Library
- Caddo Heritage Museum
- California Indian Basketweavers Association
- California Indian Heritage Museum
- Center for Southwest Research, Univ. of New Mexico
- Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College
- Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University
- Cherokee Heritage Center
- Cherokee National Historical Society
- Chief Dull Knife College
- Chilkat Indian Village---Klukwan Community Library
- Chippewa Cree Tribes
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
- Division of History and Culture, Chickasaw Nation
- Doga Camp Environmental Nature Center
- Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center
- Family History Library
- For McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Library
- Fort Peck Tribal Library
- Fort Washakie School/Community Library
- FRIENDS OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LIBRARY
- Gilcrease Museum
- Haskell Indian Nations University
- Heritage Library - Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Hoonah Indian Association
- Huhugam Heritage Center
- Indigenous Language Institute
- Irene Ingle Public Library, Wrangell, Alaska
- ITEPP - HSU
- Johnson C. Smith University

- Knotts Traditionists Inc.
- Langston University
- Lexington Public Library
- Little Big Horn College
- Longhouse Education and Cultural Center
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center
- Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
- Miami Tribal Library
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- MLIC/University of Tulsa College of Law
- Montana State University Bozeman
- Murrell Home Historic Site (Oklahoma Historical Society)
- Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
- Museum of Northern Arizona
- Muskogee Public Library
- Muskogee Public Library, Muskogee, Oklahoma
- National Library Service f/t Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress
- National Museum of the American Indian
- Native Arts Circle, Mgrs of MAIC Two Rivers Gallery
- Native Village of Afognak
- Native Village of Kotzebue- Kotzebue IRA Council
- NCSU Libraries
- NEO A&M College
- Nez Perce National Historical Park, NPS
- Nisqually Tribe
- North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, California
- Northeastern State University
- NORTHERN ARAPAHOE TRIBE
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture
- Obion County Public Library
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Office of Navajo Nation Library
- Oglala Lakota College
- OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
- Oklahoma City University
- Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Oklahoma State University
- Oneida Nation Museum
- Oregon Textile Workshop
- Osage Nation Archives
- Philbrook Museum of Art
- Plimoth Plantation, Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02362

- Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- Poeh Cultural Center and Museum
- Pryor Public Library
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Tesuque Language Department
- Pyramid Lake Community/Tribal Museum
- Red Crow Community College
- Red Knight Learning Systems
- Sandia Pueblo Library
- Sapulpa Public Library
- School for Advanced Research
- School of Info, Univ of Texas at Austin
- School of Information Resources & Library Science, University of Arizona
- School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
- Sealaska Corporation
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seneca Nation Library
- Seneca Nation of Indians
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- Smithsonian NMAI
- SMSC
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Spencer Museum of Art
- Table Mountain Rancheria, Cultural Resources Department
- The School for Advanced Research
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Title VII Omaha Nation Public School
- Tonawanda Reservation Historical Society
- Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Ulukau, Hawaiian Electronic Library
- United Methodist Church Native American Ministries Committee
- Univ. of OK
- University of Arizona
- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of New Mexico, University Libraries
- University of Rhode Island
- University of West Georgia
- VA Medical Center, Library Service (142D)
- Valerie Merrick Memorial Library
- Venito Garcia Library and Archives
- Western Carolina University
- Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society
- White Mountain Apache Tribe; Whiteriver Library
- Yakama Nation Library
- Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways

APPENDIX 2 – List of Other Membership Organizations to Which Respondents Belong

- American Association of Museums
- Native American Art Studies Association
- American Anthropological Association
- Mountain Plains Museum Association
- American Association of State and Local History (6)
- American Indian Library Association (20)
- AIC, ICOM, Museum Association of Arizona, Smithsonian
- AIC, WAAC, Oregon Museum Assoc.
- AILA ALA ACRL TCULA (Tribal College and University Libraries Association) FOTOL (Friends of the Tohono O'odham Libraries)
- AILA, ALA, NLA, Nebraska State Advisory Committee for Libraries, Tribal College and University Libraries.
- AILA, ALA, Wyoming Library Association, NMAI, Holocaust Memorial Museum
- AILA, Rural and Tribal Libraries committee
- ALA Montana Library Association
- ALA NMLA NM NALSIG AZLA AZNALSIG
- ALA Oklahoma Library Assoc. MPLA
- ALA OLA
- ALA and its divisions and Round Tables American Indian Library Association REFORMA Texas Library Association
- ALA, AILA, AAM, New England Library Assn., New England Museum Assn., Archaeological Society of Connecticut; Assn. of Scholars of Connecticut History, Mystic-Noank Librrary, NMAI-Smithsonian, Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum [Board], Norwich Historical Society [Board], Montville Historical Society, Connecticut State Library Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development [Board], and Friends of the State Archaeologist's Office.
- ALA, AILA, ACRL
- ALA, AILA, NYLA
- ALA, AILA, SAA
- ALA, AILA, Society of California Archivists
- ALA, APALA, REFORMA
- Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository Baranov Museum A. Holmes Johnson Memorial Library, Kodiak Carolyn Floyd Library, Kodiak College US Holocaust Museum
- Am. Indian Library Assoc. Am. Institute for Conservation International Institute for Conservation Institute of Conservation Guild of Book Workers Midwest Regional Conservation Guild International Council of Museums Western Association for Art Conservators
- American Antropological Assoc.
- American Anthropological Association, American Society for Ethnohistory, Native American Art Studies Association, Oklahoma Museums Association
- American Association of Museums (zoo membership), Association of Zoos and Aquariums (zoo) Oklahoma Museum Association, National Association of Interpretation (of cultural and nature sites), Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators,
- American Association of Museums, Museum Association of Arizona National Trust for Historic

Preservation International Council of Museums

- American Association of Museums
- American Association of Museums Museum Association of Arizona
- American Association of Museums New England Museum Association
- American Association of Museums (and various committee memberships), Association of Art Museum Curators
- American Association of Museums, Jackson County Historical Society (Black River Falls, WI)
- American Association of Museums, Oklahoma Museum Association, and Museum Association of Arizona
- American Indian Library Association
- American Indian Library Association American Library Assn. Okla. Library Assn.
- American Indian Library Association American Library Association
- American Indian Library Association American Library Association
- American Indian Library Association Michigan Tribal Libraries Group
- American Indian Library Association National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian Institution) Native Peoples Law Caucus (American Association of Law Libraries) Oklahoma Indian Bar Association Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association INDN's List (Indigenous Democratic Network)
- American Indian Library Association due to the fact there is no Canadian Indian Library Association.
- American Indian Library Association, Oklahoma Museum Association, Oklahoma Library Association, sometimes Special Library Association
- American Indian Library Association, Society of Southwest Archivists, American Library Association, Native American Libraries Special Interest Group of the New Mexico Library Association, American Association for State and Local History, Mountain Plains Library Association, New Mexico Historical Society, Arizona Historical Society, National Museum of the American Indian charter member
- American Indian Society, Washington DC (i am signing up soon!) NMAI
- American Institute of Conservation; Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections; Idaho Association of Museums; Canadian Association of Professional Conservators.
- American Library Assoc., American Indian Library Assoc. Our institutional membership includes Society of American Archivists.
- American Library Association
- American Library Association American Indian Library Association
- American Library Association Special Libraries Association Society of American Archivists Society of Southwest Archivists
- American Library Association (RUSA, LAMA), Southeastern Library Association, Tennessee Library Association (Past President 2006-2007), Friends of Tennessee Libraries, Tennessee Association of School Librarians
- American Library Association, American Indian Library Association, District of Columbia Library Association
- American Library Association; CIMA;
- Arizona Library Association Medical Library Group of Southern CA & AZ Medical Library Association
- Arizona Library Association, 1st Archivist Circle, American Indian Library Association
- Arizona State Museum
- ARMA

- Art Libraries Society of North America, American Library Association, American Indian Library Association
- Association of Indigenous Anthropologists Council for Museum Anthropology Association of Midwest Museums
- California Association of Museums, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- California State Parks collections
- California State University, Chico library; California Indian Basketweavers' Association; Far West Heritage Association; Mechoopda Indian Tribe; CA Dept. Wtr Resources Maidu Advisory Council;
- Chilkat Indian Village
- Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center Pottawatomie County Historical Society
- CLA, ALA, AILA, Mailki, Desert Museum, Southwest Museum, Smithsonian, Aqua Caliente Cultural Center Archaeological Conservancy, Society of CA Archivist, Palm Desert Library, Riverside County Library, Reforma, Indian Education
- Connecticut Library Association American Indian Library Association Mystic Seaport Museum of America and the Sea
- Currently the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians is not a member of any related museum, library, archival or cultural organizations.
- First Archivists Circle SAA Native American Archives Roundtable ARMA AMIA
- Five Civilized Tribes Museum
- Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries, friends of Tohono O'odham Library and
- Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries
- Haggin Museum Mexican Heritage Cultural Center Stockton Multi Cultural Arts Initiative San Joaquin Cross Cultural Media Bilingual Weekly
- High Museum of Art Atlanta History Center National Association of Multicultural Education
- Huntington Library, Malki Museum,
- I am the Assoc. Director of the Wampanoag Indigenous Program of Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA; a Board of Director member of the Aquinnah Cultural Center, Aquinnah, MA; Native Advisory Board member, Boston Children's Museum, regarding any Native exhibits, programs, institutes, events.
- American Association of Museums; Museum Association of Arizona; Arizona Humanities Council Board of Directors; Phoenix Indian School Alumni Association, Board President; Arizona American Indian Tourism Association; Hopi Education Endowment Fund, Board.
- ALA, SAA, and AAM. Also, in the literature world, a member of MLA (Modern Language Association).
- Kansas Museums Association American Association of Museums Society of American Archivists Kansas City Area Archivists
- Keepers of the Treasures, Society of American Archivist, Member of Montana State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB), Northwest Archivist
- Kentucky Museum Association
- Manshantucket Pequot Museum American Indian Library Association Ramapough Lenape Indian Nation, Mawah, NJ
- Medical Library Association VISN 16 / IHS Workgroup South Central Chapter, MLA Health Sciences Association of Louisiana Eastern Shawnee Tribe Cultural Preservation Board of Directors
- Medical Library Association; Oklahoma Library Association
- Michigan Museums Association AASLH First Circle (pending)
- Montana Library Association; Tribal College and University Libraries Association

- Museum Associations of Arizona, Central Arizona Museum Association, American Association of Museum, American Association for State And local History, Institute of Library Museum Services IMLS Western Museums Association,
- Museum Association of Arizona
- Museum at Warm Springs
- Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee NC
- Museum of the Great Plains Oklahoma Art Museum
- Museum of the North - Fairbanks, AK Yaaw Tei Yei Dance Group - Juneau, AK Alaska Humanities Forum
- NATHPO
- National Museum of American Indian, Smithsonian University of Arizona-Arizona State Museum
- National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO)
- National Indian Education Association
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National orgs. ALA, SLA
- National Retired Teachers
- Native American Art Studies Association
- Native American Cultural and Educational Authority(NACEA), Red Earth, Inc., Cherokee Heritage Center, and NMAI(Smithsonian)
- Native American Library Special Interest Group (NMLA) - Chair
- Native Americans in Philanthropy
- NDANO (North Dakota Assn of Nonprofit Organizations); MIND (Museums in ND);
- New York Library Association (NYLA)
- NM Library Association
- Noel Wien Library Bering Straits (Sitnasuak) tribe
- Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK Comanche Nation Museum and Cultural Center, Lawton, OK
- Northwest Archivist, PNLA, MLA
- Not a member of Authority on Managing Records Information---ARMA; presently have staff under me that are members, this year let position dues not be covered so other staff can become members and their fees/dues be covered. Previous member for years.
- Okla. Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Oklahoma, Waynoka Public Library board chair
- Oklahoma Historical Society
- Oklahoma Historical Society, Society of Southwest Archivists ACA - Academy of Certified Archivists Oklahoma Conservation Congress
- Oklahoma Historical Society, National Genealogical Society, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Tulsa Genealogical Society, Muskogee County Genealogical Society, etc.
- Oklahoma Library Association American Library Association
- Oklahoma Museum Assn
- Oklahoma Museum Association Oklahoma Anthropological Society Society for American Archaeology Society for Ethnohistory Kansas Archeological Society
- Oklahoma Museums Association
- Oklahoma Museums Association AASLH Trail of Tears Association
- Oklahoma Museums Association American Association of Museums
- Oklahoma Museums Association C&A Tribal College

- Oklahoma Museums Association Society of Southwestern Archivists
- Oklahoma Museums Association, National Museum of the American Indian
- Oklahoma Musuem Association
- Organizations of American Historians Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal member Oklahoma Historical Society National Public History Council Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association Mvskoke Language Institute National Congress of American Indians
- PNLA, MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, PLA, ALA
- Pryor Public Library, Pryor Area Arts and Humanities Council, Pryor Chamber of Commerce, and various other libraries.
- SAA, ALA, National Genealogical Society, Utah Library Association
- SAA, SNCA, ALA
- Sapulpa Historical Museum
- Sapulpa Historical Society
- Sequoyah County Historical Society Oklahoma Museums Association
- Sitka Historical Society Museum Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center Kettleson Memorial Library Sheldon Jackson College Library Emergency Support Team
- Smithsonian Institute
- Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
- Society of American Archivists
- Society of American Archivists American Library Association Society of Southwest Archivists First Archivists Circle (affiliate) American Library Association
- Society of American Archivists Midwest Archives Conference
- Society of American Archivists Society of Southwest Archivists New Mexico Historical Society New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board
- Society of American Archivists, Association of American Museums, Alaska Library Association, and numerous local societies.
- Society of American Archivists, First Archive Circle,
- Society of American Archivists; Society of Southwest Archivists; Academy of Certified Archivists Oklahoma United Methodist Historical Society
- Society of Southwest Archivists. Western History Association.
- Society of Southwestern Archivists
- South Carolina Archival Association Columbia, South Carolina
- South Dakota Library Association, American Library Association, American Indian Library Association
- THPO (Tribal Historical Preservation Office) and the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services).
- Tribal College & Universities Library Association, American Indian Library Association, American Library Association, North Dakota Library Association
- Washington State Library Association Washington State Tribal Libraries Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee Native American Tourism of Wisconsin

APPENDIX 3 – Narrative Responses to “need for services” question

1. Again, it is all about preserving a very tight budget and getting the most bang for our buck.
2. As we all know tribes budget is limited, all the resources would be so helpful.
3. Discounts and training would be very important to me. The availability of scholarships, also.
4. Discounts help to make the membership important to get the training that could be useful. without we would be less able to consider.
5. Is there a way to blend this membership with already existing ones, rather than create something new? For example, a nominal surcharge on my AILA membership would include me in this new organization.
6. It would make worthwhile to be a member if valuable resources and services were made available to the organization’s membership.
7. Keeping abreast with current topics via a members-only listserv - important.
8. Lobbying on issues at the federal/state level - Very Important
9. Membership benefits are very important to because I would be more able to receive training I need.
10. My people receive a per capita, and there are educational benefits for those who can take the time to attend a school. I have a generous budget for materials. A newsletter would be valuable to share among our People the similar situations and how we have dealt with them, and would encourage other members, too. I agree with many in our field that we are the keepers of culture for our People. My Tribe in the past had made a LARGE donation to NMAI, yet they turned down a request for a donation from a local library heavily used by folks who work for us. I would hope that our donations committee would be sympathetic to this cause, but I offer no guarantees.
11. National is not as beneficial as local & state. Local & State is more in touch with local needs and understands the individual tribal traditions.
12. Our funds are so restricted I fear for the quality of service we can provide in the future. Training opportunities have been by scholarship only for the past few years.
13. These are all important, and standard in like organizations.
14. These items are just as important because it helps to bring in the needed membership and that is what keeps a national organization going.
15. THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO US THAT SOME OF US DON’T HAVE A BIG FUNDING
16. Training opportunities and correlated scholarships - Very Important!
17. Listing and/or way to see advertisements or demonstrations of vendors' products and services
18. With budget cuts every year, the opportunity to receive significant discounts on conservation supplies is of primary interest.
19. Workshops, training, and scholarships.
20. Would it be possible to add this mission to an existing organization? There are already so many web sites, newsletters and associations that I don't think there is room for another one. Perhaps this important topic could be addressed through a sub group of an existing organization such as AAM or the National Archivist's Society?

Appendix 4 – Membership Benefits Narrative Responses

1. Again, it is all about preserving a very tight budget and getting the most bang for our buck.
2. All the source of finance that is available would be so helpful.
3. Discounts and training would be very important to me. The availability of scholarships, also.
4. Discounts help to make the membership important to get the training that could be useful. Without we would be less able to consider.
5. Is there a way to blend this membership with existing ones, rather than create something new? For example, a nominal surcharge on my AILA membership would include me in this new organization.
6. It would make worthwhile to be a member if valuable resources and services were made available to the organization's membership.
7. Keeping abreast with current topics via a members-only listserv - important.
8. Lobbying on issues at the federal/state level - Very Important
9. Membership benefits are very important because I would be more able to receive training I need.
10. My people receive a per capita, and there are educational benefits for those who can take the time to attend a school [some have familial restraints of their time, however]. I have a generous budget for materials. A newsletter would be valuable to share among our People the similar situations and how we have dealt with them, and would encourage other members, too. I agree with many in our field that we are the keepers of culture for our People. My Tribe in the past had made a LARGE donation to NMAI, yet they turned down a request for a donation from a local library heavily used by folks who work for us. I would hope that our donations committee would be sympathetic to this cause, but I offer no guarantees.
11. national is not as beneficial as local & state. Local & State is more in touch with local needs and understands the individual tribal traditions.
12. Our funds are so restricted I fear for the quality of service we can provide in the future. Training opportunities have been by scholarship only for the past few years.
13. Please have Conferences in places that are accessible and that do not interfere with school schedules
14. Service as an officer or committee member
15. Since I don't currently work in an institution that supports a tribal community, some of these benefits would not directly impact me.
16. These are all important, and standard in like organizations.
17. These items are just as important because it helps to bring in the needed membership and that is what keeps a national organization going.
18. THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO US THAT SOME OF US DONT HAVE A BIG FUNDING
19. Training opportunities and correlated scholarships - Very Important!
20. Very Important - Listing and/or way to see advertisements or demonstrations of vendors' products and services
21. With budget cuts every year, the opportunity to receive significant discounts on conservation supplies is of primary interest.
22. Workshops, training, and scholarships.
23. Would it be possible to add this mission to an existing organization? There are already so many web sites, newsletters and associations that I don't think there is room for another one. Perhaps this important topic could be addressed through a sub group of an existing organization such as AAM or the National Archivist's Society?

APPENDIX 5 – Formation Committee Volunteers

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
Terry C.	Abrams		Tonawanda Reservation Historical Society
Vivian	Adams	Library Administrator	Yakama Nation Library
Melissa	Alberts	Program Director	Heritage Library - Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Karen	Alexander	Library/Legacy Archives Director	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
Robert	Alexander	Program Assistant	Smithsonian NMAI
Nick	Angeloff	THPO	Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
LUISA	Armijo	Tribal Education/Library Director	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Faith	Bad Bear-Bartlett	Archivist	Little Big Horn College
Timothy	Baugh	Archaeological Collections Manager	Division of History and Culture, Chickasaw Nation
Raney	Bench	Educator and Programs Coordinator	Abbe Museum
Vera	Benedek	Program Manager	Native Village of Afognak
Diane	Bird	Archivist	Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
Bettye	Black	Acting Director of Libraries	Langston University
Pamela	Bowen	Library Director	Seneca Nation Library
Jan	Bryant	Head Librarian	Muskogee Public Library
Christina	Burke	Curator, Native American & Non-Western Art	Philbrook Museum of Art
Naomi	Caldwell	Associate Professor	University of Rhode Island
Mario	Caro	Board Member	Longhouse Education and Cultural Center
Amy Cooper	Cary	Director, Archival Studies	School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Cynthia	Chavez	Program Director, Indian Arts Research Center	
Robert	Lamar	Center	The School for Advanced Research
Rodney	Chenoweth	Curataor	Nez Perce National Historical Park, NPS
Linda	Clements	Tribal Administrator	North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, California
Karen	Coombs	Assoc. Director, Wampanoag Indigenous Program	Plimoth Plantation, Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02362
Robi	Cooper	Program Manager	Cherokee Heritage Center
Laura	Craig	Tribal Planner	Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Juanita	Elliff	Executive Director	School for Advanced Research
Lena	Espinosa	Regional Librarian	Native Arts Circle, Mgrs of MAIC Two Rivers Gallery
	Fall		White Mountain Apache Tribe; Whiteriver Library

Amelia	Flores	Library/Archives Director	Colorado River Indian Tribes
David	George-Shongo	SNI Archives	Seneca Nation of Indians National Museum of the American Indian
Renee	Gokey Grant-Jackson	Student Services Coordinator ITEPP Curriculum Resource Coordinator	ITEPP - HSU Doga Camp Environmental Nature Center
Marlette	Jackson	Coordinator	MLIC/University of Tulsa College of Law
Victoria	Graves	Facilitator	
M Faye Kaho'okeleholu "Kale" THERESA	Hadley Hannahs HANWAY	Native Resources Law Librarian Project Manager CONSULTANT	Office of Hawaiian Affairs NORTHERN ARAPAHOE TRIBE Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways California Indian Basketweavers Association Ho-Chunk Nation Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center Knotts Traditionists Inc. University of Central Oklahoma Fort Washakie School/Community Library
Anita	Heard	Research Center Coordinator	
Julie Bethany	Holder Hulett	Cultural Specialist Records Archivist	
Gabriella John Leith	Kaye Knotts Laws	Children's Librarian President Photo Specialist	
Robin	Levin	Head of Library Services Director, Library/Research/Clearinghouse & Training Program and Director, Native American Parenting Traditions Revisited Program Director of Tribal Affairs/Indian Education	Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Oklahoma State Department of Education Sitka Tribe of Alaska NCSU Libraries
Jo	Lightfeather	Archives and Cultural Specialist Librarian NAGPRA Specialist/Interpretive	
Valeria Roberta Sandy	Littlecreek Littlefield Littletree	Liaison Director	Museum of Northern Arizona Poeh Cultural Center and Museum United Methodist Church Native American Ministries Committee Northern Arizona University Center for Southwest Research, Univ. of New Mexico Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Library Pyramid Lake Community/Tribal Museum
Gloria Vernon	Lomahaftewa Lujan		
Dan Jolene	Lybarger Manus	Reverend Outreach Librarian Head of Reference & Instruction, Assoc. Professor	
Ann	Massmann		
Jackie	McCalvin	Library Manager	
Linda Tom Tom	McCauley Messner Mooney	Tribal Librarian Interim Director of Libraries Archivist	

Cristina	Moreno	Assistant Museum Director/Registrar	Table Mountain Rancheria, Cultural Resources Department
Mary Beth Irving	Moss Nelson	Director of Cultural Resources/Tribal Curator Program Supervisor	Hoonah Indian Association Office of Navajo Nation Library National Library Service f/t Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress
Ruth Sherelyn Jennifer	Nussbaum Ogden O'Neal	reference Librarian Head of Conservation Archivist	Minnesota Historical Society
Christina lotsee	owen patterson	director professor emertus	Anadarko Community Library Univ. of OK
Elissa Kim	Pelton Penrod		NA Caddo Heritage Museum
Gena Elena Jeremy	Peone Perez-Lizano Planteen	Preservation Specialist graduate student Curatorial Assistant Director of Education and Library Services	Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture University of Arizona Gilcrease Museum
Matthew John	Porter Purdy	President	Nisqually Tribe Red Knight Learning Systems VA Medical Center, Library Service (142D)
Lola Laura Bobbi	Purvis Quackenbush Rahder	Cheif, Library Service Director Curator	Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center Spencer Museum of Art Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society
Laura Monika Kim	Ratke Rhue Risner	Treasurer Director of Library Services Library Director	Johnson C. Smith University Pryor Public Library
Claudette LaVera Loriene	Robertson Rose Roy	Adjunct Professor, Phd Candidate Archivist Professor	Oklahoma State University Oglala Lakota College School of Info, Univ of Texas at Austin
Darsita Anita Mary Lynn	Ryan Scheetz Sharpe	Senior Curator - Collections Library Director Collection Management Specialist	Huhugam Heritage Center Fort Peck Tribal Library Family History Library
Dave Inee	Shaul Slaughter	Librarian and Archivist Executive Director Director - Third Millennium Initiative	Venito Garcia Library and Archives Indigenous Language Institute Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University
Larry	Smith		
Vida Sue Rebecca	Stabler Stone	UmoNhoN Language & Cultural Center Director Director, Program Development Culture Resource Technician for the Venito Garica Library	Title VII Omaha Nation Public School Seminole Nation of Oklahoma FRIENDS OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LIBRARY
Glennadena Sheril Pat	Thomas Thompson Thompson	Indian Education Coordinator Director	Mid-Del Public Schools Obion County Public Library
James sandra	Thull troon	reference librarian/associate prof textile conservator	Montana State University Bozeman oregon textile workshop

Nolan	Valdo	Learning Technician	Pueblo of Acoma
Arlene	Ward	Tribal Council Member/Cultural	Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico
Mary	Weasel Fat	Coordinator	Rancheria
		Library Coordinator	Red Crow Community College
Susan	Webb	Collection Development Librarian	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Robin	Willis	Director	University
	Windy Boy,	Tribal Historic Preservation	Anadarko Heritage Museum
Alvin	Sr.	Officer	Chippewa Cree Tribes
Janet	Wise	Mgr	Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

Appendix 6 – Nominations to Formation Committee

First	Last	Title	Organization
		Curator for the Indigenous Nations Library Program	University of New Mexico, University Libraries
Paulita	Aguilar	Archives Assistant	Archives, University of Alaska
Caroline	Atuk-Derrick	Outreach Services Librarian	Arizona Health Sciences Library
Patricia	Auflick	Cherokee Center Director	Western Carolina University
Roseanna	Belt		Ojibwa Community College Public Library
Mary	Bergerson	Library Director	Chief Dull Knife College
Sharon	Bishop	Administrative Assistant	NEO A&M College
SC	Brown	Coordinator of Library Services	Muskogee Public Library, Muskogee, Oklahoma
Nancy	Calhoun	Department Head, Genealogy and Local History	Bartlett-Carnegie Sapulpa Public Library
Barbara	Carter	Genealogy Librarian	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Leontyne	Davis	Administrative Service Director	Private Practice
Diana	Dicus	Objects Conservator	California Indian Heritage Museum
Arlene	Galindo	Graduate Student Assistant	
Jeanne	Gaunce		School of Information Resources & Library Science, University of Arizona
Janice	Gould	Graduate Student	Valerie Merrick Memorial Library
Antonette	Halsey	Library Director	Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
Bill	Helmer	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Pueblo of Tesuque Language Department
Reyes	Herrera	Tewa Language Teacher	Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Sandra	Hiebert	Education Executive Director	Lexington Public Library
Kathleen	Imhoff	Executive Director/CEO	Irene Ingle Public Library, Wrangell, Alaska
Kay	Jabusch	Librarian	
Latanya	Jenkins		Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
Myra	Johnson	Manager	Sealaska Corporation
Zachary	Jones	Archivist	Native Village of Kotzebue- Kotzebue IRA Council
Linda	Joule	Executive Director	
	Kanafani	Community and Multi-Cultrual Outreach	Boulder Public Library
Ghada	Elturk	Associate Professor	University of West Georgia
Barbara	Kawulich	Admin Assist, Tourism	
Roseanne	LaRoche	Coordinator	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
ed	naranjo	vice chairman	confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
Kim	Norton	Finance Manager	Blue Lake Rancheria

Deborah	Peterson	Librarian Head of Information Resources/Exhibit Projects	SMSC Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center Murrell Home Historic Site (Oklahoma Historical Society) Osage Nation Archives
Betsy	Peterson		
Amanda Jewell	Pritchett Purcell	Historical Interpreter Director Facilities Maintenance	
jose Marilyn	rubio Russell	supervisor Library Director	Huhugam Heritage Center Haskell Indian Nations University Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College
Elayne Robert (Bob) Amy Clarrita	Silversemith Stauffer Stephens Stevenson	Librarian Manager Naturalist Museum Tech II Assistant Director/Collections	Ulukau, Hawaiian Electronic Library Oklahoma City Zoo Huhugam Heritage Center
Sara	Summers	Manager	Oneida Nation Museum Chilkat Indian Village---Klukwan Community Library
Carrie Mildred Christina Nella	Valentine Walters Wolf Young	Co-Director Librarian Archivist Charlie Librarian	Sandia Pueblo Library Oklahoma City University Miami Tribal Library

I firmly believe that every Indian tribe, museum, and college should have its own tribal archive to house locally its historical photograph; song, story, and language recordings; treaty documents; legal histories; traditional information; historical data; and ethnographies pertaining to each tribe. That critical body of knowledge--along with oral traditions and traditional art/artifacts--needs to be preserved and made readily accessible, in a central local location, to every tribal member, tribal attorney, native student or parent, tribal leader, expert witness, and technical staff. If housed in appropriate facilities and managed by professionally trained staff, such data would be indispensable to the political and cultural survival of tribal peoples in the 21st century, and beyond.

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