

OMA Board of Directors statement on Federal Formula for museums

Whereas, at its February 21, 2007, meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Museums Association discussed the national initiative being facilitated by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) concerning state-based federal formula grants to support museums, and

Whereas, the board strongly supports significant increases in funding for museums in the private and public sectors at the local, state and federal levels.

Therefore, Be It Resolved the Oklahoma Museums Association will join as a member of the Federal Formula Grant Coalition to provide leadership and help to advance broad museum community consensus on new strategies for increasing federal museum funding, which might include the formula grant approach, the Board supports:

- An OMA representative being an engaged member of the Coalition Committee,
- The Coalition's further development of a draft legislative proposal for continuing consideration by the museum community,
- Responding as quickly as possible to draft materials circulated for comment,
- Working with other organizations in the state or region to negotiate proper placement of the federal grants within the appropriate agency, and
- Publishing Web site or newsletter updates on the Coalition's progress in developing the formula grant approach.

Approved by unanimous vote of Board of Directors on this 21st day of February, 2007.

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