



OMA is the primary provider of professional development, training and technical information to staff and volunteers of Oklahoma's 500+ museums, historical societies, historic sites, zoos and botanical gardens, historic houses, living history museums, tribal cultural centers and other museum-related institutions. The OMA office is located in the Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

Professional Development, Training, Programs and Services include:

### 1. Information and News:

- **Website** - easy access to OMA information and resources
- **Online Museum Directory** - list of museums in Oklahoma with links to OMA members
- **Quarterly Newsletter** - MuseNEWS provides current information on OMA activities and other professional development information and training opportunities
- **E-list** - announcements and updates sent to OMA members via e-mail
- **Discount Programs** - OMA members receive discounts on museum related purchases and services

### 2. Promotion and Advocacy:

- **Professional Liaison** - OMA represents its members to local, regional, and national professional associations
- **Annual Awards Program** - recognizes individual service and institutions that have produced outstanding exhibits, publications, and other projects
- **Advocacy** - OMA represents its members on the state, regional, and national levels regarding issues of concern to the Oklahoma museum community including partnering on Museum Advocacy Day and Arts Day at the Oklahoma Capitol
- **Oklahoma Museums Week** - annual informational outreach to the Oklahoma State Legislature
- **#MuseumWeek** - annual outreach and celebration of museums to the public
- **Promotion of Oklahoma Museums** - rack cards placed at Oklahoma Tourism Centers encouraging visits to Oklahoma museums along with museum promotion opportunities throughout the year
- **Economic Impact Study** - Economic impact of the State of Oklahoma's museums and their visitors

### 3. Career & Workforce Development:

- **Lending Library** - more than 350 books and other materials available for loan through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- **Resume Review** - informal evaluation by OMA staff
- **Scholarship Opportunities** - members can apply for scholarships to OMA training
- **Job Announcements** - listing of job opportunities in Oklahoma museums placed on the OMA website

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#### **4. Networking:**

- **MIX Events** - annual networking events for members
- **Networking** - opportunities for museum staff and volunteers to develop a strong statewide network with colleagues throughout the state
- **Professional Interest Network** - opportunities for members with similar job responsibilities to share information and ideas
- **Nomads Travel Program** - connect Oklahoma Museums Association members, colleagues and friends to the world and to each other

#### **5. Professional Development:**

- **Annual Fall Conference** - two and a half days of educational sessions, workshops, tours and special events
- **Workshops and Seminars** - training opportunities to meet the needs of OMA members throughout the year
- **MARC Course** – Museum Accession and Registration of Collections Course annually offered

#### **6. Consultation & Problem Solving:**

- **Letter of Support** - provide letters of support as appropriate and when requested
- **Office Referrals and Consultations** - OMA staff can provide help with members' questions
- **Grant Proposal Review** - review of grant including suggestions for successful grant proposal
- **Disaster Response Network** - available for consultations in case of museum disaster

*Membership in the Oklahoma Museums Association is required to access some of the above programs and services.*