



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 hosting **Oklahoma Museum Day at the Capitol** and partnering on Museum Advocacy Day and Arts Day at the Oklahoma Capitol
- **Oklahoma Museums Week** - annual informational outreach to the Oklahoma State Legislature and 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 such as digital billboards
- **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

#### 4. Networking:

- **M!X 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

#### 5. Professional Development:

- **Oklahoma Museum 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 offered online

#### **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 and Oklahoma Alliance For Response-** 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.*

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