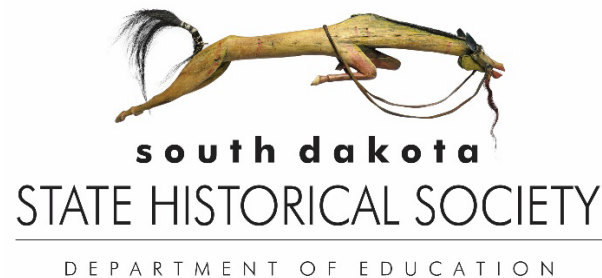


# South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board



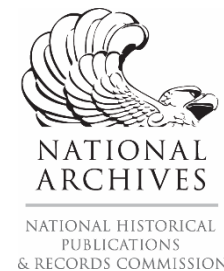
## Strategic Plan, 2024-2026

as adopted by the Board on September 27, 2023

**MISSION:** The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB) advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates records-caretakers and the public about the importance of the historical record, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting, and providing access to the state's culturally diverse documentary heritage.

The following Goals and Strategies represent areas of focus for the next three to five years. The Goals are not necessarily identified in priority order but are numbered for easy reference.

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<p><b>GOAL 1: SD SHRAB INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p>Strengthen the effectiveness of the SD SHRAB as an engaged and proactively responsive advisory body. Actively plan for the Board’s effectiveness by encouraging and expanding member participation, ongoing board-archives communications, and ensuring a base of financial support to meet the goals of this plan.</p>	<p><b>GOAL 2: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b></p> <p>Collaborate with a variety of programmatic partners to educate the public and records-caretakers about the importance of the historical record and to provide resources, training, and other opportunities to historical records repositories across the state that will help ensure collections are preserved and made accessible.</p>	<p><b>GOAL 3: PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY</b></p> <p>Serve as a strong voice for the diversity, value, and preservation of historical records across South Dakota and for archivists and records managers; advocate for and actively seek state support for historical records programs and for the State Archives; and collaboratively lead the historical community in preserving, promoting, and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage.</p>
<p><b><i>SD SHRAB will:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Strengthen the operating structure for the board, including meeting schedules, onboarding activities, and ongoing SHRAB training to ensure that board members have what they need to be effective advisors to the State Archives and advocates for the state’s records repositories.</li> <li>1.2. Strengthen the type and frequency of communication between State Archives staff and the Board to increase Board engagement around current issues and strategize future needs/directions for SHRAB work.</li> <li>1.3. Continue expanding the diversity of SHRAB members to ensure equitable representation from across the state.</li> <li>1.4. Pursue NHPRC and appropriate other federal funding to support SHRAB’s programmatic initiatives.</li> </ol>	<p><b><i>SD SHRAB will:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Research needs and options and develop a plan to provide/sponsor networking and training to historical records repositories across the state.</li> <li>2.2. Continue regular surveying of historical records repositories’ needs and challenges with the goals of reporting on the state of historical records in South Dakota, developing statewide plans for records preservation activities; determining priorities for historical records projects; and building a strong communication network among repositories across the state.</li> </ol>	<p><b><i>SD SHRAB will:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Develop and implement an annual SD SHRAB agenda/plan and calendar for public awareness activities in collaboration with the State Archivist and other allied organizations, as necessary, that speak to the needs of the archives field across the state.</li> <li>3.2. Work closely with the State Archivist and others to be visible advocates for state support of the Archives budget and legislation affecting historical records programs.</li> <li>3.3. Participate in statewide activities and conversations where a historical records advocate might be useful.</li> </ol>