

## 2017-2022 Long Range Plan

Mission: NCPH inspires public engagement with the past and serves the needs of practitioners in putting history to work in the world by

- building community among historians,
- · expanding professional skills and tools,
- fostering critical reflection on historical practice, and
- publicly advocating for history and historians.

**Vision:** NCPH will be the "go to" organization for public history that professionals turn to day to day, through the year, and throughout their careers.

Values: In pursuing this vision, NCPH will work with

- openness to new ideas,
- nimbleness to adapt to change,
- sensitivity to difference,
- responsibility to personal and professional ethics, and
- attentiveness to the needs of the widest community of public historians.

Goal	Activity	Timeline	Who is responsible	Measure					
Pillar 1: Developing and so	Pillar 1: Developing and sustaining a public history community								
A. Nurture a collaborative environment between all who are	Explore additional and/or more formal partnerships and affiliations with related organizations with an emphasis on relationships that connect NCPH to new audiences and constituencies	1. Ongoing	1. Board and Staff						
part of a broadly defined public history community (including those who	Restructure membership purchase and renewal process to collect demographic information to better understand the organization's membership	2. By 2017 fall board meeting	Membership Manager with     Diversity & Inclusion Task     Force						
do public history work but do not use the term public	3. Have committee chairs develop inter-committee collaboration plan	3. By 2018 annual meeting	3. Committee Chairs						
history)	4. Write a digital communication and social media plan that encourages conversation and sharing across multiple digital platforms and review plan annually	4. Develop by 2018 annual meeting, implement in 2019 and review annually	4. Membership Manager and Digital Media Group						
	5. Review editorial practices of <i>The Public Historian</i> , <i>History@Work</i> , and publications from the office (i.e. <i>Public History News, Public History News Update</i> ) to ensure that the forms for communication are varied, inclusive, and flexible enough to meet the needs and demands of our different communities. Assess ways these platforms can encourage collaboration among various communities and ensure support for public-facing historical research and public-engaging programming	5. By 2018 fall board meeting	5. The Public Historian Editorial Board, Digital Media Group, and Staff						
	Review criteria for NCPH awards to identify areas where the guidelines too narrowly define the public history community or discourage collaboration	6. By 2019 annual meeting	6. 2018-2019 Award Committees						
B. Create more balanced NCPH activities that better	Review post-annual meeting surveys of last two years to identify trends and concerns	1. By 2018 annual meeting	Program Manager						
reflect the interests and needs of the organization's many constituent	Assess topic balance of last two annual meeting programs and identify areas of focus for future annual meetings	2. By 2018 annual meeting, review annually	Program Manager with     Program Committee Co-Chairs						
communities	3. Review Program Committee's assessment criteria for proposals and	3. By 2018 annual	3. Program Manager with						

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	ensure it is made public	meeting, then annually	Program Committee Co-Chairs
	4. Review last two annual meetings to identify number of academic- focused vs. practitioner-focused sessions and programming, and review academic and theory-based sessions to ensure they are varied	4. By 2018 fall board meeting	Curriculum & Training     Committee with Program     Manager
	<ol> <li>Review past work to engage and include local community and develop additional resources or strategies to support this work at annual meeting. Provide information on past successes to future Local Arrangements Committees</li> </ol>	5. By 2019 annual meeting	5. Program Manager, with current and incoming Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs
	6. Establish yearly goals for number of, and topics for, future mini-cons and identify potential partner organizations and groups to help reach these goals	6. By 2018 annual meeting	6. Membership and Professional Development Committees
	<ol> <li>Review and update website resources to better reflect interests of various practitioners (pages under "What is Public History" and "Publications &amp; Resources")</li> </ol>	7. By 2018 fall board meeting	7. Specific committees as needed
C. Develop new spaces for NCPH members to convene in-person	<ol> <li>Encourage regional collaborations by creating a simple and structured application process for the mini-cons</li> </ol>	1. By 2018 annual meeting	Membership Committee and     Membership Manager
outside of the annual meeting	2. Explore feasibility of regional hubs or regional gatherings	2. By 2018 annual meeting	2. Staff and Committee Chairs
	3. Explore opportunities for NCPH to sponsor sessions, working groups, or other events at related conferences	3. By 2019 fall board meeting and ongoing	3. Professional Development Committee, Graduate Student & New Professional Committee, Consultants Committee, and Staff
D. Encourage knowledge-sharing approaches among	<ol> <li>Explore collaboration opportunities— such as committees, partnerships, and other affiliations— with groups outside of NCPH</li> </ol>	1. By 2018 fall board meeting	1. Board of Directors
practitioners in various fields and those in public history training programs	<ol> <li>Include specific provisions in calls for annual meeting participation and the mini-con application to encourage cross-field sessions, events, and networking</li> </ol>	2. By 2019 annual meeting	Staff in consultation with     Committee Chairs
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		Committees, with Digital Media Group
Investigate feasibility of providing digital learning opportunities such as webinars or social media chats to encourage year-round knowledge sharing	4. By 2019 annual meeting	4. Curriculum & Training and Professional Development Committees, with Digital Media Group

Goal	Activity	Timeline	Who is responsible	Measure					
Pillar 2: Developing the m	Pillar 2: Developing the most diverse community of practice, diversity of people, and diversity of activities possible while fostering an environment welcoming of change								
A. Increase diversity and inclusion of NCPH membership and the profession	<ol> <li>Develop a statement that articulates NCPH's overall commitment to diversity and inclusion as those terms are most broadly defined (including ability/disability, gender and sexual identity, age, class, etc.); and develop a plan to guide communications, publications, and activities in the immediate future as we prioritize ethnic/racial diversity and inclusion (both internally, in terms of membership, conference participation, etc., and externally, as visible advocates for change in the field)</li> </ol>	By 2018 fall board meeting	Staff, Board, and Diversity & Inclusion Task Force						
	Review activities of peer organizations and academic institutions to look for best practices on inclusion and collaborative opportunities to diversify the field	2. By 2018 fall board meeting, review annually	Staff and Diversity & Inclusion     Task Force						
	<ol> <li>Explore partnerships to increase diversity and inclusion in the field of public history and explore development of best practices documents to help guide collaboration efforts, particularly with HBCUs, HSIs, Tribal colleges, and community colleges</li> </ol>	3. By 2018 fall board meeting	Diversity & Inclusion Task Force and Committee Chairs						
	Conduct assessment of NCPH communications, policies, and activities to ensure they are inclusive	4. By 2019 fall board meeting	Membership Manager with     Membership Committee and     Diversity & Inclusion Task Force						
B. Increase diversity of NCPH committee members	Review committee appointment process to ensure balance of interests and diversity of membership	1. By 2018 annual meeting	Vice President with Executive     Director						
	Develop approach to create more inclusive committees and to encourage committees to internalize the values outlined in the forthcoming diversity/inclusion statement	2. By 2019 annual meeting	Vice President, Executive     Director, and Diversity &     Inclusion Task Force						
C. Increase the level of diversity and inclusion in NCPH activities and	Review conference-related diversity and inclusion policies and strategies of peer organizations to build a more inclusive annual meeting	1. By 2018 annual meeting	1. Program Manager						
publications by preparing the	Develop a process by which to measure the level of diversity across all levels of programming at the annual meeting	2. By 2018 fall board	Program Manager, Program     Committee Co-Chairs, and						

current		meeting Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
constituency for a more diverse organization and welcoming change	3. Establish outreach goals in order to promote programs, activities, and publications to a broader range of organizations and potential affiliate groups	3. By 2018 3. Staff annual meeting
	4. Develop Accessibility Plan for the annual meeting	4. By 2018 4. Staff and Board annual meeting
	<ol> <li>Include sessions and conversations at the annual meeting discussing diversity and inclusion as a central thrust of the Long Range Plan, the future of the organization, and the field at large</li> </ol>	5. By 2019 annual meeting  5. Program Manager, Program Committee Co-Chairs, and Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
	6. Review and assess past use of discretionary fund for diversity and recommend adjustments to the use and process of using the fund; this may include the creation of scholarships to promote annual meeting access for participants (students, community partners, and others) from underrepresented groups	6. By 2019 annual meeting  6. Diversity & Inclusion Task Force with Program Committee Co- Chairs, and Program Manager
	<ol> <li>Explore development of separate application for student volunteers at the annual meeting designed to increase access to conference funding opportunities.</li> </ol>	7. By 2019 annual meeting  7. Program Manager with Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
	Identify and solicit mini-con partnership opportunities that help foster a diverse and inclusive profession and membership	8. By 2019 fall board Staff meeting 8. Membership Committee and
	9. Increase inclusivity in NCPH publications including History@Work, social media, Public History News, and The Public Historian, including recruiting posts for History@Work and other NCPH outlets from people involved in this work that discuss ongoing efforts	9. By 2019 fall board 9. Board, Committee Chairs, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, Digital Media Group, Staff
	Develop approach to provide increased financial support for members of underrepresented groups to participate in the annual meeting	10. By 2020 10. Board, Development Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
D. Deepen relationships and encourage greater participation from local	<ol> <li>Create additional venues within the annual meeting that promote local and regional initiatives and identify ways to highlight these opportunities for attendees</li> </ol>	1. By 2019     annual     meeting     Committees

communities hosting annual meetings and mini-cons	2. Develop approach to prioritize a service trip at each annual meeting	2. By 2019     annual     meeting     Chairs     Arrangements Committee Co- Chairs
	Develop outreach plan to connect mini-con partners and attendees with NCPH and the public history community beyond the event	3. By 2020 annual meeting  3. Staff with Membership and Professional Development Committees
	<ol> <li>Develop plan to include annual meeting host city community in established meeting activities, and continue involvement in public history community after meeting</li> </ol>	4. By 2020 annual meeting 4. Program Manager, Awards Committees, and Local Arrangements Committees

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Pilla	rillar 3: Expanding the professional skills and tools of all practitioners of public history									
A.	Engage and sustain members and prospective members at	Continue to develop and promote "best practices" documents that address the full range of member needs that enhance discussions between historical practice, engagement, and scholarship	1. Ongoing	1. All Committees with Staff						
	different stages of their training and careers	Ensure new digital communications plan responds to needs of members according to career stage	2. By 2018 fall board meeting	Committee Chairs, Digital     Media Group, and     Membership Manager						
		<ol> <li>Review range of activities provided and what career stages they serve, then investigate gaps</li> </ol>	3. By 2018 fall board meeting	Professional Development     Committee and Program     Manager						
		4. Explore ways the NCPH award winners can serve as mentors and be a resource to other public historians	4. By 2019 annual meeting	4. Membership Manager						
		<ol> <li>Develop new activities and annual meeting programs that ensure support for different career stages, from academic training through retirement</li> </ol>	5. By 2019 fall board meeting	5. Professional Development and Program Committees with Program Manager						
		<ol> <li>Research other organizations' mentoring and professional development resources and explore feasibility of implementing similar programs for NCPH</li> </ol>	6. By 2021 annual meeting	6. Membership, New Professional & Graduate Student, and Professional Development Committees						
В.	Continue to build an environment where professional skills are developed	Explore professional development collaboration and partnership opportunities with other organizations and HBCUs, HSIs, Tribal colleges, and community colleges	1. Ongoing	Staff, Professional     Development Committee,     and Diversity & Inclusion     Task Force						
	and enhanced	2. Assess effectiveness of existing annual meeting workshop model	2. By 2018 annual meeting	Program Manager and     Professional Development     Committee						
		Consult membership to identify professional skills needs and develop curriculum for activities	3. By 2019 annual meeting	3. Staff and Committee Chairs						
		4. Increase the number of skills-based workshops and sessions at the annual meeting and encourage and prioritize skills-based mini-cons	4. By 2019 annual meeting	Staff and Professional     Development Committee						

		5. Explore the possibility of professional development webinars or other forms of online learning, either on our own or through partnerships with sister organizations	5. By 2019 annual meeting	5. Staff and Professional Development Committee
C.	Increase support for job seekers and new professionals	Explore feasibility of a digital resume review service	1. By 2018 annual meeting, for possible implementation by 2019 annual meeting	New Professional & Graduate     Student, Professional     Development, and     Membership Committees,     with Membership Manager
		Develop a companion to the public history graduate program     Navigator to create a similar resource for navigating the job market	2. By 2019 annual meeting	New Professional & Graduate     Student Committee with     input from office and outside     readers
		Consider ways that the NPCH job posting service could be altered to better promote transparency and equity in hiring and compensation	3. By 2019 fall board meeting	3. New Professional & Graduate Student and Professional Development Committees, with Membership Manager
		Research existing examples and explore feasibility of a job shadowing pilot project	4. By 2019 fall board meeting	4. New Professional & Graduate Student and Professional Development Committees, with Staff

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Pilla	illar 4: Fostering critical reflection on historical practice							
A.	Encourage collective national and international conversations about the shape	<ol> <li>Review and revise editorial guidelines and author/content recruitment practices of <i>The Public Historian</i> to ensure incorporation of different public history perspectives while remaining leading scholarly journal</li> </ol>	By 2018 annual meeting	1. The Public Historian Editorial Board				
	and direction of public history	<ol> <li>Review and revise editorial guidelines and author/content recruitment practices of <i>History@Work</i> to ensure incorporation of different public history perspectives</li> </ol>	2. By 2018 annual meeting	2. Digital Media Group				
		<ol> <li>Make revised editorial guidelines and recruitment practices available on ncph.org. Provide statistics on submission and approval rates through development of a "fact sheet" for submitting to The Public Historian and History@Work</li> </ol>	3. By 2018 annual meeting	3. Staff, <i>The Public Historian</i> Editors and Editorial Board, and Digital Media Group				
		Establish yearly benchmarks for use of digital communication platforms to stimulate discussion and debate about public history	Develop by 2018     annual meeting and     reviewed annually	Membership Manager and Digital Media Group				
		5. Explore partnerships with peer organizations that serve non-white audiences (i.e. the African American Intellectual History Society, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History), and co-produce scholarly content (joint issues of <i>The Public Historian</i> , cross-postings on <i>History@Work</i> , etc.)	5. By 2019 annual meeting	5. The Public Historian Editorial Board and Staff, Digital Media Group				
		6. Review format and content of <i>Public History News</i> and <i>Public History News Update</i> to ensure they are relevant and shape the conversations of the field	6. By fall 2019 board meeting	6. Staff				
B.	Encourage regional and local conversations on public history among public	Create new criteria and application process for regional mini-cons and establish annual targets	By 2018 fall board meeting	Staff with Membership and Professional Development Committees				
	historians	Explore activities and partnerships to foster regional communities both online and in person	2. By 2020 annual meeting	Staff with Membership and Professional Development Committees				

C. Lead in the professional and academic conversations	Undertake review of past four annual meetings to identify digital public history topics and suggest focuses for future meeting activities	By 2018 annual     meeting     and Program Manager
about digital scholarship and digital public history	2. Establish periodic review of digital scholarship and digital public history practices and support discussion of digital public history practices at the annual meeting, future mini-cons, on <i>History@Work</i> , and through partnerships with leaders in digital scholarship	First review due by 2018 fall board meeting. Ongoing review biennially
	<ol> <li>Work with the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians to revise the 2010 Tenure &amp; Promotion White Paper with support for digital scholarship and digital public history</li> </ol>	3. By 2020 annual meeting  3. Existing Joint Task Force on Public History Education and Employment in coordination with Digital Media Group, Curriculum & Training and Professional Development Committees

Goal		Activit	ty	Tim	neline	Who is responsible?	Measure
Pillar	5: Publicly advocating	g for his	story and historians, and for public history as a field				
A.	Be at the forefront of advocacy for history, historians, and practitioners	1.	Develop plan to consult with leaders in state and local historical societies, federal agencies, museums, and other entities to ensure links between public history curriculum and practice	1.	By 2018 annual meeting	Advocacy Committee     with Curriculum &     Training Committee	
	and practitioners	2.	Work to raise the profile of public history by exploring relationships with other organizations (librarians, archivists, etc.) and by connecting to other related programs and initiatives (i.e. AHA's Career Diversity)	2.	By 2020 fall board meeting	2. Advocacy Committee	
		3.	Work to raise the profile of public history beyond predominately white institutions by collaborating more closely with HBCUs, HSIs, Tribal colleges, and community colleges	3.	By 2020 fall board meeting	Advocacy Committee     and Diversity &     Inclusion Task Force	
В.	Be more responsive to the needs and	1.	Host a session at annual meeting to discuss advocacy efforts	1.	Annually	1. Advocacy Committee	
	interests of stakeholders (members, partners, supporters)	2.	Review effectiveness of existing Advocacy Policy annually	2.	Annually at fall board meeting	2. Advocacy Committee	
		3.	Create a consultation approach that is responsive to the interests of stakeholders	3.	By 2018 fall board meeting	3. Advocacy Committee	
C.	Support the historical and humanities communities in	1.	Report on participation with, and work of, National Coalition for History, National Humanities Alliance, and related groups (i.e. History Relevance, International Federation for Public History)	1.	Annually	1. Executive Director	
	their advocacy efforts	2.	Explore feasibility of partnering and collaborating with other humanities/history practitioners (i.e. librarians, archivists, policy makers, etc.)	2.	Annually	2. Advocacy Committee	
D.	Work to raise the profile of public history amongst potential students, historians, cultural	1.	Review and update <i>Guide to Public History Programs</i> and <i>Public History Navigator</i> using a more all-encompassing vision of public history.	1.	Annually	Curriculum & Training and New Professional & Graduate Student Committees	
	institutions, and other practitioners	2.	Review organization's promotional materials about public history education and careers	2.	By 2018 annual meeting	Committee Chairs and committees as needed	
		3.	Create new/updated promotional materials to include a more all- encompassing vision of public history (beyond academia)	3.	By 2019 fall board meeting	Committee Chairs and committees as needed	

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Pillar	6: Ensuring the ongoin	ng stabilit	ty of NCPH			
A.	Increase internal capacity of NCPH to pursue its goals	1. D	evelop multi-year staffing plan	By 2018 annual meeting	1. Executive Committee	
	pursue its godis		xamine operational requirements of NCPH executive office in ase of changes to existing academic partnership agreement	By 2019 annual meeting	2. Finance Committee	
В.	Increase financial transparency of NCPH		xplore options for new revenue stream models to support self- ufficiency, including bringing in external advisors/experts	By 2018 fall board meeting	Finance and Executive     Committees	
	NCFH	2. D	evelop multi-year financial forecasting document	By 2019 fall board meeting, then biennial review	2. Finance Committee	
C.	Increase fundraising capacity of NCPH to pursue its goals		laintain consistent annual contributions to Endowment and nnual Funds	1. Annually	Development and     Finance Committees	
		2. Ex	xplore possibility of growing the Endowment to \$1 million	Review by 2017 fall board meeting, implement 2018-2020	Development and     Finance Committees	
		3. D	evelop and promote new fundraising plan	By 2018 fall board meeting	Development and     Finance Committees	
		4. Ex	xplore feasibility of bringing in external fundraising support	By 2018 fall board meeting	Development and     Finance Committees	
D.	Continue to develop and refine efforts to retain and recruit members and	1. Pi	ilot and review new member welcome program	1. Pilot 2017-2018, Review by 2018 fall board meeting	Membership Manager,     Membership and New     Professional & Graduate     Student Committees	
	annual meeting attendees	2. R	eview and revise member welcome packets and brochures	By 2018 annual meeting	Membership Manager	
			xplore avenues for retention of first time meeting attendees as articipants in the life of the organization	3. By 2020 annual meeting	Staff and Committee     Chairs	