Mission Statement

The mission of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is to promote the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our Nation's historic resources, and advise the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

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Introduction

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent Federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our Nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

The goal of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which established ACHP in 1966, is to have Federal agencies act as responsible stewards of our Nation's resources when their actions affect historic properties. ACHP is the only entity with the legal responsibility to encourage Federal agencies to factor historic preservation into Federal project requirements.

As directed by NHPA, ACHP serves as the primary Federal policy advisor to the President and Congress; recommends administrative and legislative improvements for protecting our Nation's heritage; advocates full consideration of historic values in Federal decisionmaking; and reviews Federal programs and policies to promote effectiveness, coordination, and consistency with national preservation policies.

ACHP Activities

ACHP's 20 statutorily designated members, including the Chairman who heads the agency, address policy issues, direct program initiatives, and make recommendations regarding historic preservation to the President, Congress, and heads of other Federal agencies. Members meet four times per year to conduct business.

An Executive Committee, headed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, governs agency operations such as management, budget, legislative policy, and oversight of the most prominent Section 106 cases. Also on the Executive Committee are ACHP members who chair three standing committees that correspond to ACHP's three program areas.

- **Preservation Initiatives** focuses on partnerships and program initiatives such as heritage tourism to promote preservation with groups such as State and local governments, Indian tribes, and the private sector.
• **Communications, Education, and Outreach** conveys ACHP's vision and message to constituents and the general public through public information and education programs, and a public recognition program for historic preservation achievement.

• **Federal Agency Programs** administers the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 review process and works with Federal agencies to help improve how they consider historic preservation values in their programs.

A small professional staff, which supports ACHP's daily operations, is headquartered in Washington, DC, with an office in Lakewood, Colorado.

**Section 106**

Section 106 applies when two thresholds are met: 1) there is a Federal or federally licensed action, including grants, licenses, and permits, and 2) that action has the potential to affect properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 106 requires each Federal agency to identify and assess the effects of its actions on historic resources. The responsible Federal agency must consult with appropriate State and local officials, Indian tribes, applicants for Federal assistance, and members of the public and consider their views and concerns about historic preservation issues when making final project decisions.

Effects are resolved by mutual agreement, usually among the affected State's State Historic Preservation Officer or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, the Federal agency, and any other involved parties. ACHP may participate in controversial or precedent-setting situations.

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ACHP Membership

Four members of the general public are appointed by the President, including the chairman and vice chairman:

Chairman John L. Nau, III
Houston, Texas (term of office: 2005-2009)
John Nau is president and CEO of Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P., a position he has held since 1990. He was appointed to the Texas Historical Commission by the Governor in 1993, and was reappointed to the commission in 1999 by then-Governor George W. Bush. Since 1995, Nau has served as chairman of the commission. In addition, he serves on the board of directors of The Civil War Preservation Trust, is a member of the Texas State History Museum Advisory Committee, and was appointed to the President's Transportation Infrastructure Streamlining Task Force.

Nau also serves on the board of the Downtown Historic District, is an advisory board member for the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, and is a charter member of the Monticello Cabinet, Charlottesville, Virginia. He also sits on the executive committee of the National Capital Campaign of the University of Virginia, and the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership.

Vice Chairman Bernadette Castro
Bernadette Castro is commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and is the New York State Historic Preservation Officer. As commissioner, she coordinated the first Historic Preservation Summit in New York State to educate business leaders on Federal tax credits and the role of historic preservation in community revitalization. Castro also serves on the board of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers and is active in the National Association of State Park Directors. In 1995, she was appointed to Governor George E. Pataki's cabinet. Prior to running for U.S. Senate in 1994, she was president of Castro Convertibles, a family owned, New York based company.

In 2003, Castro was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Medal for Conservation from The History Channel, as well as the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Regional/State Level Award from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in association with The National Park Foundation and the Theodore Roosevelt Legacy of Conservation Award through the Audubon Society's Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.

Emily Summers
Dallas, Texas (term of office: 2002-2006)
Emily Summers is the principal of Emily Summers Design in Dallas, Texas. She is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the American Architecture Foundation, and the American Society of Interior Designers, and is registered as an interior designer in the State of Texas. She currently serves on the Foundation Advisory Council of the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. As part of her 34-year affiliation with the Dallas Museum of Art, Summers is on
the Artists Awards Committee and the Marketing Committee, Building Committee, Education Committee, and Associate Committee. She is also a founding committee member of the Dallas Architectural Forum.

**Mark A. Sadd**  
Charleston, West Virginia (term of office: 2005-2008)  
Mark A. Sadd is a partner with the law firm of Lewis Glasser Casey & Rollins PLLC in Charleston, West Virginia, and has practiced law since 1992. Sadd has had a professional emphasis on real property, zoning, planning, land-use law, taxation, and other matters pertaining to property issues. He is a city councilman at large for West Virginia's capital, Charleston.

Four historic preservation expert members are appointed by the President:

**Susan S. Barnes**  
Aurora, Illinois (term of office: 2002-2006)  
Susan Barnes is the president and CEO of The Landmark Group of Companies, headquartered in an Aurora, Illinois, landmark firehouse. She is founder and owner of the company, which specializes in the acquisition, renovation, and management of its multi-million dollar portfolio of Chicago-area historic properties. She currently represents Illinois on the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC. Barnes serves on the Chicago Advisory Board of The Trust for Public Land and the Board of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois in Chicago. Having worked on the finance committees of several local, State, and Federal elected officials, she continues, as she has since 1986, on the Congressional finance committee of Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL).

**John G. Williams, III**  
John G. Williams, III, is a founding partner with Hoshide Williams Architects in Seattle, Washington, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter. For decades, he has been involved professionally and personally with historic preservation issues. Williams is currently chairman of the Washington State Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the national vice president of Preservation Action, and serves on the Board of Advisors of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, for which he is a former chairman.

**Ann A. Pritzlaff**  
Denver, Colorado (term of office: 2003-2007)  
Ann A. Pritzlaff currently is Conference Coordinator for Colorado Preservation, Inc., where she works with the annual Saving Places conference, which is the largest statewide preservation conference in the Nation. With a long preservation resume that includes serving as the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, she holds a bachelor's degree from Scripps College and a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Vermont.

**Julia A. King**  
St. Mary's City, Maryland (term of office: 2003-2007)
Julia A. King is currently chief of archeological services at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, and is also an adjunct instructor of anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland. With more than two decades' experience as an archeologist, researcher, author, and educator, King holds a Ph.D. in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in anthropology from Florida State University, and a bachelor's degree in anthropology and history from the College of William and Mary.

A Native American or Native Hawaiian member, a governor, and a mayor are appointed by the President:

Native American Member Gerald Peter Jemison
Gerald Peter Jemison is a historic site manager for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the Ganondagon State Historic Site in Victor, where he has been involved since 1985. An enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, Jemison will assume a vital position in assisting the development of the ACHP's heritage programs relating to Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Native Alaskans, as well as adding his expertise to the overall range of historic preservation issues.

Governor Timothy Pawlenty
Timothy Pawlenty was elected governor in November 2002 after serving for 10 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including four years as House Majority Leader. Prior to that service, he was an Eagan City Councilman, Hennepin County prosecutor, and in private practice. He is an attorney and holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Mayor
vacant

Two Federal agency heads and the Architect of the Capitol are permanent members of ACHP:

Secretary of Agriculture (Hon. Michael O. Johanss)
Designee: Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

Secretary of the Interior (Hon. Gale A. Norton)
Designee: Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service

Architect of the Capitol (Alan M. Hantman, FAIA)

Four Federal agency heads are designated by the President to terms on ACHP:

Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (Hon. Stephen L. Johnson)
Designee: Kelly Sinclair, White House Liaison, Environmental Protection Agency
Administrator, General Services Administration (Hon. Stephen A. Perry)
Desigee: vacant

Secretary of Defense (Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld)
Desigee: Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment), Department of Defense

Secretary of Transportation (Hon. Norman Y. Mineta)
Desigee: Hon. George E. Schoener, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation

Ex-officio representatives of national preservation organizations round out ACHP's membership:

Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (Jonathan Kemper)
Desigee: Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation

President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (Jay D. Vogt)
Desigee: Nancy Schamu, Executive Director, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

ACHP Observers:

Designated observers may actively participate in certain activities of the membership, but may not make or second any motion and may not vote.

Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development
(Hon. Alphonso R. Jackson)

Secretary, Department of Commerce
(Hon. Carlos M. Gutierrez)

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General Chairman, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (Alan S. Downer)

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