



OMA Board of Directors

Description for Member-at-Large

Thank you for your interest in joining the OMA Board of Directors! Below you will find information about our organization, a brief description of board member roles and responsibilities, our equity statement, and application process.

If you would prefer to connect with someone individually to discuss joining our board, please email us at connect@oregonmuseums.org.

Background

Founded in 1978, the Oregon Museums Association is a volunteer-run, non-profit membership organization. OMA members include over 250 Oregon museums, individual museum professionals, and museum businesses. OMA provides professional development, networking opportunities and advocacy for museum professionals.

A position on the Oregon Museums Association (OMA) Board of Directors comes with responsibilities and decision-making powers that will shape the operations and future of OMA, impacting the museum community in Oregon.

In 2020 we developed a new strategic plan that will lead us into 2023, informed by a strong diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion (DEAI) framework. We are proud of these changes, and we hope you will be as well.

Mission

The Oregon Museums Association empowers Oregon's museums to thrive. Valuing inclusion and friendship, OMA strengthens connections throughout the Oregon museum community through:

- Lively discussion and networking at in-person events and via online media;
- Insightful programming and training at our annual conference and webinars;
- Targeted advocacy to advance the museum field.

Roles and responsibilities

A position on OMA's board includes the following duties:

- Attend monthly board meetings, via phone or video conference
- Attend the Annual Conference, usually in September
- Attend 2 in-person board meetings, in the Spring, and before the Annual Conference
- Vote on OMA issues (in person, on phone or video conference, and via email)
- Respond in a timely manner to OMA board member emails
- Be well informed on issues and agenda items in advance of meetings
- Contribute skills, knowledge and experience when appropriate
- Listen respectfully to other points of view
- Participate in organizational decision-making
- Serve actively on at least one committee
- Participate in OMA fundraising and membership drives in order to contribute to the financial stability of OMA
- Advocate for Oregon's museums
- Actively promote OMA's mission and represent OMA to the public and private industry
- Promote and uphold the OMA equity statement and code of ethics
- Network with museum professionals and institutions in your region and area of specialty
- Remain informed about OMA, including mission and goals
- Keep the board informed of problems and successes
- Be a part of our overall planning process
- Help with other duties as needed

Time Commitment: 4 -10 hours/month (depending on time of year and organizational role)

Equity statement

The Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is committed to advancing diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI). For Oregon's museums to build stronger connections with community members and support a more educated and culturally vibrant society, museums must address historical and contemporary systems of oppression. OMA pledges to use our platform and resources to dismantle systems, celebrate diversity, and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.

Application process

If you would like to contribute to empowering Oregon's museums to thrive, [please fill out our volunteer application](#) and include your CV.

Applications are reviewed as they are received and in our standing monthly board meeting. We will respond within 2-4 weeks of receiving your application.