



## 2023 Annual Conference wrap-up



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The 2023 Annual Conference in beautiful Bend, OR was a great success! Ninety-three people attended -- the largest OMA conference to date. Attendees benefitted from ten sessions, a pre-conference workshop, keynote speaker Kenny Adams, Conversations with Funders, poster sessions, walking tours of Bend, an evening event at the High Desert Museum, and no-host meetups Sunday evening and Tuesday afternoon.

- [See the program.](#)

### Membership meeting

The OMA board of directors presented updates on the organization's membership, finances, programming, development, advocacy, DEAI and strategic plan.

- [See the slides.](#)

### Evaluation

Thanks for your input! We received 34 responses to our conference evaluation (37% response rate), along with individual session evaluations. These evaluations will help OMA plan for future conferences and programming.

- [Read the evaluation report](#)

*"These conferences are so valuable! Thanks to the OMA board for all of their hard work to create this learning 'weekend.' Your efforts are greatly appreciated."*

### Volunteer with OMA

Many conference attendees expressed an interest in volunteering with OMA. Here are some ways to do that:

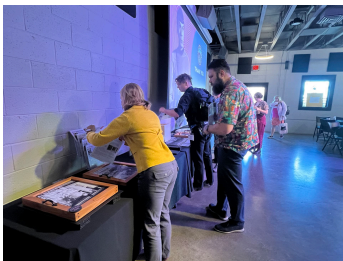
**Join a committee.** [Read about our committees](#), and [fill out a volunteer form](#).

**Join the board.** We are prioritizing: members from Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon; BIPOC museum community; members with advocacy, development, and membership experience; and members outside of museums such as businesses, consultants, nonprofits, foundations, local organizations, and retirees. [Meet the current board](#), read the [job description](#), and [fill out a volunteer form](#).

*"It's always great to be in a room full of like-minded folks to hear their experiences and learn from them. ...Sometimes we need to be reminded of why we do what we do - and the impact it can have on our communities."*

### Next year's conference

The OMA 2024 Annual Conference will be held in Coos Bay, OR in early September. Stay tuned for details!



## Thank you to our Bend partners

We could not have presented this conference without the help of the [Deschutes Historical Museum](#) and the [High Desert Museum](#).

Deschutes Historical Museum hosted several activities on Sunday, including the pre-conference workshop, walking tours of downtown Bend, the OMA board meeting and registration.

The High Desert Museum hosted our Monday evening reception, and opened the museum and cafe for our attendees.

Rebekah Averette and Molly Wilmoth served on the Conference Committee and were invaluable in helping scout locations and restaurants, as well as connecting us with keynote speaker Kenny Adams, and Bend Mayor Melanie Kebler.



## Thank you to our 2023 sponsors



## Up next: Recalculating, recalculating... Using the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) as your museum's GPS on the road to excellence

Tuesday, December 5, 11 am - 12:30 pm

The [Museum Assessment Program](#) from American Alliance of Museums is a year-long process of self-assessment activities, a peer reviewer site visit and a final assessment report with prioritized recommendations. In this webinar, find out how participating in MAP can help your institution to get to the next level. Presented by Brianne Roth, Program Officer for MAP.

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