



CoSA Board of Directors 2026 Election Slate Announced

The CoSA Board of Directors thanks the CoSA Nominating Committee – *Catherine Giles (KY), CoSA Vice-President and President-Elect; Cathy Popovitch (IL) representing the Board of Directors; and Maegan Peterman (DE), representing the CoSA Membership* – and is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for election to the CoSA Board of Directors for three- year terms ending summer 2029. The Board sets policy and provides leadership for CoSA, is responsible for strategic planning and program development, and represents CoSA members to allied organizations, funders, and the field at large. The board election will occur as part of the Annual Business Meeting on August 6, 2026.

Stephanie Clark **State Archivist and Director, Oregon State Archives**



Stephanie Clark is the State Archivist and Director of the Oregon State Archives and has been part of the State Archives since 2012. A native Oregonian, Stephanie has always loved the Archives, interning there as an undergraduate. Stephanie has a passion for increasing public access to government records. She is a frequent presenter of records management best practices to public officials in cities, counties, state agencies, and special districts across Oregon. Stephanie is a Certified Records Manager and received her Master's in Library and Information Science from Simmons University. When not at work, Stephanie enjoys listening to podcasts, reading, and spending time in the PNW outdoors with family and friends.

Christian Cotz **State Archivist, Maine State Archives**



Christian Cotz is the State Archivist of the Maine State Archives, a bureau within the Department of Secretary of State. The Maine State Archives maintains approximately 100 million pages of official State records considered to be permanently valuable. The Archives is the official repository of the historic records of state and local government.

Christian moved to Maine in 2020 and became the State Archivist in 2025. He brings 25 years of experience to the role, most recently as Chief Executive Officer of the First Amendment Museum in Augusta. Prior to the First Amendment Museum, Cotz spent 20 years at James Madison's Montpelier Foundation where he led a team of more than forty staff members focused on education and visitor experience and spear-headed the creation of an award-winning exhibition, *The Mere Distinction of Color*, which examined the history of slavery, its modern legacies, and the African American experience at Montpelier.

Christian earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in US History from James Madison University and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching. He serves on the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board, the Archives Advisory Board and is currently a member of the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission.

Lopez Matthews**State Archivist and Public Records Administrator, District of Columbia Office of Public Records**

Lopez D. Matthews Jr., Ph.D., is the State Archivist and Public Records Administrator for the District of Columbia. In this capacity he serves as Historian of the District of Columbia, Chair of the D.C. Historical Records Advisory Board, and Director of the DC Office of Public Records and Archives. A native of Baltimore Maryland, he earned a BS in History from Coppin State University in 2004. He then earned a master's degree in Public History and Archival Administration from Howard University in 2006 and a PhD in United States History from Howard University in 2009.

Currently, he is a member of the Council of State Archivists, and an Executive Council Member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. He has published several articles and is the author of *Howard University in the World Wars: Men and Women Serving the Nation*. He is host of *In Retrospect and Prospect* where he interviews practitioners about African American history projects for ASALH TV. In 2020, he became a Senior Advisor to the US Truth, Healing and Transformation Leadership Group. In 2023, he was appointed the Secretary of the Interior to the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission.