

Historical Society, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 1.2) Board (53 O.S. §1.6)

Agency Code 350 (1A)

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Mission Statement To preserve and perpetuate the history of Oklahoma and its people by collecting, interpreting, and disseminating knowledge of Oklahoma and the Southwest.

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Personnel 147 classified, 11 unclassified, 36 temporary

History and Function The Oklahoma Historical Society, both a state agency and a private membership organization, is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Oklahoma's history. Founded in May 1893 by the Oklahoma Territorial Press Association, it was declared an agency of the territorial government in 1895. The Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors consists of twenty-five members, twelve of whom are appointed by the governor and thirteen elected by the society membership for three-year terms. Members of the board are appointed and elected by congressional district to help ensure statewide representation.

The central offices; the State Museum; extensive collections of books, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs, genealogical and other historical research materials, maintained in the Research Division are housed in the Oklahoma History Center. The *Chronicles of Oklahoma* and *Mistletoe Leaves* are both published by the society.

Tribal Relations (53 O.S. § 1.4A)

Historic Preservation Review Committee, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 353)

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Mission Statement To provide advice to the Historic Preservation Officer

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History and Function Established in 1969 as a part of the State of Oklahoma's participation in the newly created federal preservation programs, the committee membership is composed of citizen members as well as professionals in the areas of history, architecture, architectural history, historic archeology, and prehistoric archeology. The committee provides comments to the state historic preservation officer about proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and other preservation issues as appropriate. Additionally, the committee comments on nominations to the State Register of Historic Places.