

ARCHIVAL RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATION

STRATEGIC PLAN

2020 - 2021



MISSION

The Archival Researchers Association (A.R.A.) advocates for individuals, private organizations, and small businesses who rely on access to state and federal historical records to carry out their missions.

VISION

Positive, lasting change to records access and research services that will benefit the general public, researchers, and archives staff.

VALUES

1. **ACCESS**-Advocating for essential access to the historical records which tell our national story, strengthen our democracy, and enable veterans to access the benefits they deserve.
2. **RESEARCH**- Promoting learning through hands-on exploration, collaboration, and discovery.
3. **EDUCATION**- Facilitating personal connections with the past to inform, inspire, and educate.
4. **PRESERVATION**-Honoring the memory of veterans and documenting our nation's history through research, digitization, and curation.

OBJECTIVES

1. **ADVOCACY:** The A.R.A. will lobby Congress for improved access to historical records and improved research services for individuals, private groups, and small businesses.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** The A.R.A. will seek to increase the number and diversity of our members so that we can better represent the research community at large.
3. **PARTICIPATION:** The A.R.A. will seek input from members on our policy agenda and the selection of officers for the board.
4. **PARTNERSHIP:** The A.R.A. will forge partnerships with like-minded groups to uphold our values and to achieve our stated mission.
5. **FUNDING:** The A.R.A. will create strategic plans to generate funding through public outreach, membership plans, sponsorship, and planned donations.
6. **POLICY:** The A.R.A. board will meet monthly to strategize on policy, outreach, and to report on the progress of A.R.A. committees.