

Creation of the SHRAB

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) of North Carolina was established in 1975 by the governor under Federal authority granted by 44 U.S.C. 2501; 36 C.F.R. 1206. The SHRAB is composed of 10 members, appointed by the governor, for three year, staggered terms. A majority of members should have experience in the administration of historical records or in a field of research or activity that makes extensive use of such records. The Deputy Secretary of the Office of Archives and History and the State Archivist of North Carolina shall both have permanent membership on the SHRAB.

The governor appoints either the Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History or the State Archivist as state coordinator as required by the NHPRC regulations. The state coordinator serves a four-year renewable term. The state coordinator may designate a deputy state coordinator from SHRAB membership to assist him or her.

Statutory Basis for the SHRAB

G.S.121-5.1. State Historical Records Advisory Board.

(a) The State Historical Records Advisory Board, which was constituted in 1975 in accordance with 44 U.S.C. § 2501; 36 C.F.R. § 1206 is continued under State law and shall be located administratively in the Department of Cultural Resources. The Board shall consist of 10 members. Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor for three-year staggered terms, and each member shall have experience in the administration and use of historical records. All current members shall continue to serve until the expiration of their term unless a member is removed or the position becomes vacant, in which case the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. The Deputy Secretary of the Office of Archives and History and the State Archivist shall both serve as ex officio members of the Board.

(b) The Board's primary duty shall be to serve as the central advisory body for historical records coordination within the State and for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). In addition, subject to the availability of funds, the Board shall:

- (1) Offer assistance, advice, and consultation to State, county, and municipal governments, historic sites, museums, historical societies, and other institutions holding records of historical value concerning the care, preservation, and management of their records.
- (2) Solicit, review, and assess grant proposals about NHPRC grants or grants from other sources.
- (3) Offer educational programs and conferences.
- (4) Conduct statewide studies and surveys of the State's historical records.

(c) The Governor may remove any member for good cause shown. The Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Board. Appointees to fill vacancies shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term and until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

(d) Members of the Board shall receive per diem and reimbursement for travel and subsistence as provided in G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6, as appropriate.

(e) The Governor shall appoint either the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Archives History or the State Archivist as the State coordinator as required by NHPRC regulations. The State coordinator shall serve a four-year term and may be reappointed.

The State coordinator may designate a deputy State coordinator from the Board's membership.

(f) The Board shall hold at least two meetings each year to conduct business. The Board shall establish the procedures for calling, holding, and conducting regular and special meetings. A majority of the members of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. (2007-150, s. 1.).