

**AMERICAN SAMOA HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**(adopted April 28, 2025)**

*U.S. States and Territories are eligible for U.S. National Archives funding via the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The American Samoa Historical Records Advisory Board therefore received a grant award to promote historical records consciousness of American Samoa's unique culture and history during 2025. It's immediate objectives are acknowledging the 125<sup>th</sup> Tutuila Flag Day and 100<sup>th</sup> Swains Island Day of 2025; and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial Celebration in 2026. ASHRAB therefore hopes to promote the conservation, translation, protection, education and publication of better archives and records services for the people of American Samoa...*

**OUTLINE**

**MISSION:** *To identify, preserve and share American Samoa's archival heritage.*

**VISION:** *To look beyond national and international barriers to new resources.*

**VALUES:** *Collaboration to protect historical archives for the benefit of past, present and future generations of American Samoa.*

**GOALS:** *To conserve, translate, protect, learn, teach and improve resources for archival access and usage via nine guidance themes...*

**CREATE**

- 1. To refine this 2025-2028 Strategic Plan via government & community ideas.***

**SEEK**

- 2. To regularly submit annual applications for NHPRC Funding during 2025-2028.***

**GATHER**

- 3. To hold four (4) quarterly ASHRAB meetings every year during 2025-2028.***

**TRAVEL**

- 4. To promote ASHRAB Member or ASG Personnel designee attendance at CoSA Meetings***

**SURVEY**

- 5. To conduct informaton surveys of ASG historical archives and community repositories.***

**INTERPRET**

- 6. To compose Bilingual Finding Guides of significant public/private archives.***

**TEACH**

- 7. To hold four ASG Historical Repository Personnel events or trainings every yr: 2025-2028.***

**SHARE**

- 8. To conduct four community outreach activity events or workshops every yr: 2025-2028***

**COMMUNICATE**

- 9. To create a Social Media public page or website for government & community enjoyment.***

### **Current ASHRAB Board Members**

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