

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 125th Tutuila Flag Day and 100th Swains Island Day of 2025; and America's 250th 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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Mr. Tua has led the Dept. of Homeland Security's Office of Vital Statistics for nearly a decade. His statute position is responsible for American Samoa's Birth, Marriage and Death holdings.*

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Dr. Mary Lauagaia Misi Taufete'e, is a dedicated leader and advocate for the people of American Samoa. With a rich educational background and extensive experience in Cultural Arts and Museum leadership roles, she is currently the Am. Samoa Director of Education.*