



The **Archivists Round Table** of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

Committee Mission Statements and Strategic Plans, August 2017

At its core, the mission of the **Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (A.R.T.)** is to educate, promote, and advocate for the awareness and preservation of archival collections and the professionals who work with these collections.

The Mission Statements and Strategic Plans below will guide A.R.T. Committees for the next five (5) years or until June 2022. At that time, the Statements and Plans will be revisited and revised accordingly.

A.R.T. Advocacy Committee Strategic Plan

Mission Statement:

The Advocacy Committee serves as the unifying voice of the association by reporting on local, state, national, and international issues that impact archives and archivists; supports equality and diversity within the profession; and provides resources and knowledge that can be used to strengthen the archives community, its repositories, and the general public by keeping informed of policies and legislation that directly impact services and access to information.

Five Year Strategic Plan:

The subsequent Goals and Performance Indicators underscore the focus areas of the Advocacy Committee for the next five years. They constitute the performance outcomes that the Committee would like to achieve and answer the question, "What will ensure future success?"

Goal 1: Advocate for Archivists and Archives

Performance Indicator 1: Advocacy Actions — Influencing government legislation and its impact on the archives community.

Performance Indicator 2: Educate and influence decision makers and the community about the importance of archives and archivists.

Performance Indicator 3: Stay up-to-date with funding issues and cutbacks, resource allocation, and access to services.

Goal 2: Support Metropolitan Area Archivists and Cultural Heritage Collections

Performance Indicator 1: Rally and campaign in response to issues faced by repositories of all sizes.

Performance Indicator 2: Endorse educational initiatives for archives and within the archives profession.

Performance Indicator 3: Advance policies that address diversity and equality, and ensure the enduring health and stability of historic records through proactive alliances amongst repositories.

Performance Indicator 4: Strengthen the ability of those who manage and use archival material to articulate the value of archives.

Goal 3: Provide Up-to-Date Resources

Performance Indicator 1: Review and revise the elected officials contact lists every January, once new Committee assignments are established.

Performance Indicator 2: Resource pages should be reviewed and updated at least once a year.

Performance Indicator 3: Communication with members through the listserv and by posting relevant items to the "Latest News" section of the A.R.T. website.