

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Preservation Technology and Training Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Preservation Technology and Training Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

1657

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No 05/26/2024 05/26/2026

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 102-575

13. Effective Date

10/30/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program

Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

17b. Closed

17c. Partially Closed

Other Activities

17d. Total

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Annual meetings of the Board are held (1) in Natchitoches, Louisiana (location of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT)) to provide opportunity for the Board to observe the progress of the Center staff in the development of Center programs and facilities which have been developed to serve historic preservation across the United States; or (2) in various other locations throughout the United

States to provide opportunity for the Board to meet with preservation professionals to speak about the Center programs and how the programs might serve the field at large. 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I) The Board met in Natchitoches, Louisiana on August 16-17, 2023. II) Reviewing competitive grant submissions and making recommendations for final award decisions by the Secretary's designee (Director, NPS). In FY 2023, the Center awarded \$220,942.00 in grants for projects to develop or adapt techniques to preserve historical sites and cultural heritage. Twelve preservation technology and training grant applications across ten states were awarded: 1) APTI (Illinois), \$20,000; 2) Cal Poly Humboldt (California), \$20,000; 3) Louisiana State University (Louisiana), \$20,000; 4) Louisiana State University (Louisiana), \$20,000; 5) Notre Dame (Indiana), \$20,000; 6) Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma), \$19,975; 7) Florida A&M University (Florida), \$19,582; 8) Coastal Carolina University (South Carolina), \$14,939; 9) Repurpose Savannah (Georgia), \$14,736; 10) Wichita State University (Kansas), \$11,711; 11) Cornell (New York), \$19,999; 12) NCPE (New York), \$20,000.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is as prescribed by the enabling legislation and is comprised of 13 members, as follows: (1) the Secretary of the Interior's designee; (2) six members appointed by the Secretary who represent appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, State and local historic preservation commissions, and other public and international organizations; and (3) six members appointed by the Secretary on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications who

represent major organizations in the fields of archeology, architecture, conservation, curation, engineering, history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, planning, or preservation education.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled once a year in Natchitoches, Louisiana, where the National Center for Preservation and Technology is located, or at varying locations across the United States. The Board provides critical insight to the Secretary and the staff of the Center.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Preservation Technology and Training Board has been established by the Congress to (1) provide leadership, policy advice, and professional oversight to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, located at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana; (2) advise the Secretary of the Interior on priorities and the allocation of grants among the activities of the Center; and (3) submit an annual report to the President and the Congress. There is no parallel advisory committee with the balance of expertise and representation available to advise the Secretary of the Interior on matters of preservation technology and related training issues.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

The Board met in San Antonio, Texas on July 17-18, 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Andy Ferrell Acting Executive Director, National
Center for Preservation Technology and Training

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Dalan, Rinita	01/14/2021	12/04/2028	Professor of Anthropology and Earth Science at Minnesota State University Moorhead Office of Cultural Heritage at the Bureau of	Representative Member
Dumsick, John	01/14/2021	12/04/2028	Overseas Buildings Operations for the Department of State Associate Professor in the Department of Landscape	Representative Member
Erdman, Kimball	01/14/2021	12/04/2028	Architecture, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, at the University of Arkansas	Representative Member
Hawkins, Dominique	04/03/2024	04/03/2027	Historic Preservation Architect and Planner	Representative Member
Hylton, Morris	12/04/2024	12/04/2028	Architect	Representative Member
Matero, Frank	01/14/2021	12/03/2024	Professor of Architecture and directs the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at the Stuart Weitzman School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania	Representative Member
O'Grady, Caitlin	12/04/2024	12/04/2028	Assistant Professor, UCLA Head of the Preservation	Representative Member
Odegaard, Nancy	09/23/2015	12/03/2024	Division at the Arizona State Museum	Representative Member

Pemberton, Sue Ann	10/13/2022	10/13/2026	Historic Preservation Superintendent, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center	Representative Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rudley, Moss	09/06/2023	09/06/2027	Professor of Architecture and Director of the Graduate Programs in Historic Preservation at Ball State University	
Spodek, Jonathan	02/17/2012	12/04/2028	Professor of Architecture Secretary of the Faculty and William E. Leuchtenburg Distinguished Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Representative Member
Stathopoulos, Ekaterini	09/23/2015	10/13/2026	Technical Specialist Principal of Architectural Resources Group and CEO of ARG Conservation Services	Representative Member
Steponaitis, Vincas	01/14/2021	12/04/2028		
Weiss, Norman	10/11/2002	10/13/2026		Representative Member
Wessel, David	01/14/2021	12/04/2028		Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

Created by Public Law 102-575 in 1992, the purpose of the Board is to provide leadership, policy advice, and professional oversight to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training located at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, Louisiana. A unit of the National Park Service, the Center was created by the 1992 Amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act to coordinate and promote preservation research, distribute information, and provide training about preservation skills and technologies. Other responsibilities of the

Board include advising the Secretary on priorities and the allocation of grants among the activities of the Center and submitting an annual report to the President and the Congress.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board made 15 recommendations in FY 2024. Recommendations to Congress: 1. Operating costs and personnel costs have increased each year while the NCPTT budget has remained relatively unchanged for many years. This has resulted in the inability to fill vacant program chief and staff positions, a steadily decreasing amount of funds available for grants, and a decreasing amount of money available to maintain the facilities and other operating costs. We recommend either increasing the annual budget to re-establish CPI-Adjusted 1994 levels or providing separate funding of grants to re-establish grant funding levels to CPI-Adjusted 1994 levels. 2. With the diminishing amount of funds available for the NCPTT Grant Program, we recommend revising the legislative requirement that no grantee receive more than 10% of total grant funds and increase maximum percentage of individual grantee award to 25% of total grant distribution. Recommendations to NCPTT Staff: 1. Review the goals and objectives of the grants program and work with the Advisory Board to develop creative ways to increase the impact of the grants program while meeting the distribution requirements of the legislation. This may include a. Opportunities for grant funded fellowships to support doctoral research, academicians on research sabbaticals, or other means to cover direct costs of researchers; b. Revise language for grants to focus on emerging technologies and be more direct in asking for proposals for specific research topics or agendas support and expand the work happening at NCPTT in lieu of an open call for grant RFPs; c. Provide RFP to conduct training in focused areas identified by the staff and board; 2. Foster more inter-program coordination and planning within NCPTT program areas. 3. Develop a NCPTT Strategic Plan. This should include a business plan for the Technical Services program. 4. Expand training in the basics of in each of the program areas of Landscape Preservation, Building Preservation, Conservation Sciences, and Archeological Sciences. This may include training opportunities both at NCPTT and outside of NCPTT. Work with board members in each specialty areas to identified needed training topics. 5. Continue and expand research relationships with academic institutions that will expand the research impact of NCPTT. 6. Review and update Preservation Matters Briefs and other literature to ensure they are up to date on best practices. This should be done on a regular basis. 7. Explore opportunities to fund the activities of the board through funds outside of the NCPTT annual budget. 8. Provide short (1 or 2 page maximum) quarterly or semi-annual reports from each NCPTT Program area to the board. 9. Ensure the staff is acting in a professional and engaging manner during NCPTT Annual Board Meeting taking full advantage of the time spent together. Recommendations to the NCPTT Board: 1. Identify and create 3 to 4 sub-committees or NCPTT working groups allowing the Board

to provide continued support to NCPTT throughout the year. 2. The Board Chair should work with the NCPTT Director and/or deputy director to create the board report in a timely fashion shortly after the annual board meeting. 3. Currently, the Board works with NCPTT on an ad-hoc manner with the staff throughout the year. Develop more formal mechanism for the Board to support the work of NCPTT throughout the year. 4. Consider new formats and/or facilitators for the Annual Board meeting to ensure the continue and increase productivity.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Provide feedback by reporting at following board meeting how recommendations were implemented.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 20

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 7

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$220,942

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A