

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Founding Fathers Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
National Archives and Records Administration	2017
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Founding Fathers Advisory Committee	73536
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter
No	04/28/2014
	6. Expected Renewal Date
	7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Public Law 110-404	10/13/2016
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
44 USC 2505 note	10/13/2008	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current	Next
FY	FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
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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?

The Presidential Historical Records Preservation Act of 2008 calls for the establishment of a Founding Fathers Advisory Committee to advise the Archivist of the United States on matters pertaining to the Founding Fathers documentary editing projects, namely the papers of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and George Washington. The Committee is charged with reviewing the progress of the Founding Fathers editorial projects and developing project completion goals (in consultation with the

projects), receiving regular progress reports from the projects, and conducting formal annual reviews and reports to Congress, including any legislative or executive actions the Advisory Committee may recommend to facilitate project completion. The Committee, which held its first meeting 12/13/2010, will carry out its charge through a series of meetings, studies, and consultations with the editorial projects and other subject matter experts.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Act calls for the Committee to be comprised of 3 nationally-recognized historians who will serve as its members for up to 8 years. In meeting this charge, individuals have been selected who have been recognized by their peers as exemplifying excellence in scholarship in the field of American history. They have either been recipients of major awards in the field of history or have been finalists for such awards in recent years. Further, to ensure that the Advisory Committee is well-balanced in its composition and expertise, members were selected from both public and private academic institutions, demonstrated prior experience in serving on successful boards or advisory bodies, and bring varied levels of experience in new media and online publication.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 1

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

The Committee is established by statute to advise the Archivist of the United States on matters

pertaining to the Founding Fathers documentary editing projects (see above).

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Enabling legislation determined that this committee would terminate 8 years after the date of enactment of the Presidential Historical Records Preservation Act of 2008

Designated Federal Officer

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Narrative Description

The Founding Fathers Advisory Committee provides the Archivist of the United States with recommendations concerning the overall work and work plans, time line, budgets, and products associated with five Founding Fathers documentary editing projects that are supported by NARA's National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

Other

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

The FFAC has found it difficult to determine if any cost savings will be realized at this time.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

It has made no recommendations to date.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

It has made no recommendations to date.

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

It has made no recommendations to date.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not applicable, at this time.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Online GSA FACA website refers to this database.