

OHRAB Committees

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- **Advocacy and Communications Committee:** Michelle Sweetser (Chair), Connie Conner, Virginia Dressler
The Advocacy and Communications Committee promotes the activities of the board and coordinates communication with affiliated organizations.
- **Awards Committee:** Tina Ratcliff (Co-chair), Chris Shaw (Co-chair), Helen Conger, Tami Kelly, Lisa Smilnak, Michelle Sweetser
The Awards Committee recognizes significant accomplishments in preserving and improving access to historical records in any format by Ohio archival institutions, as well as Ohio students' use of primary sources in research and scholarship.
- **Grants Committee:** Virginia Dressler (Chair), Helen Conger, Connie Conner, Fred Previts, Brenda Ransom
This committee manages the Ohio Archives Grants Program, which competitively redistributes NHPRC State Board Programming Grant funds to local historical institutions in Ohio. The Grants Committee also shares information and tips on applying for grants from the NHPRC.

Board members can serve on two committees.