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**2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

**12 | 16 | 2024**

**12 PM ET ONLINE**

ICOMOS-USA 

## Annual Meeting is 16 December: Register Now

Join us for the ICOMOS-USA 2024 Virtual Annual Meeting. We will meet at 12 pm Eastern Time on Monday, 16 December to elect trustees and review the year's accomplishments. Please note that only members may vote but all are welcome to attend!

[Register here.](#)

## Become an International Exchange Program (IEP) 2025 Host or Sponsor!

We're seeking hosts to provide work and learning experiences for talented international interns. We also need sponsors to underwrite internship opportunities. [Learn more about the IEP here](#). Host applications are due by January 15. [Sponsors are welcome at any time!](#) Contact [Katelynn](#) to learn more.



## Celebration of World Heritage in Photos

Thank you to everyone who attended and sponsored the [14th Annual Celebration of World Heritage!](#) We were delighted to celebrate awardees Ellen Delage, Brian Lione, Steve Morris (in absentia), and Joe Schull and to hear from speakers Sara C. Bronin, Mayor J. William Reynolds, and IEP Alumna Alison Huchko. [Read about the event and enjoy the photos here.](#)

## We're Hiring: Communications Coordinator

We're looking for an enthusiastic individual to produce our newsletter and social media and manage our website while working part time from home. Apply by 13 December and plan to start in early January 2025! [Click here to learn more.](#)





## Matching Grant for the IEP - [Give Now](#)

The IEP celebrated 40 years of global impact in 2024, but we need your help to keep the momentum going. Your gift supports emerging professionals worldwide. Trustees Delage and Comer will match all donations up to \$5,000, helping us reach our \$10,000 goal. Make your gift today and double your impact! [Give here](#).

## Monuments Toolkit News

The Monuments Toolkit recently kicked off a new social media campaign to provide a Weekly Highlight of a monument that has been removed, relocated, or reinterpreted. The team began its series with a blog and social media post about the Jefferson Davis statue formerly located on Monuments Avenue in Richmond, VA and now reinterpreted at The Valentine Museum. [Read the blog post here](#). Another topic covered in a Weekly Highlight was Comfort Women memorials. [See that post here](#) and be sure to follow World Heritage USA social media to see these highlights each week. Links to all of our social media accounts can be found at the end of this email.

## ICOMOS 2024 Annual General Assembly

Most of us weren't able to travel to the [ICOMOS Annual General Assembly in Brazil](#). Luckily, ICOMOS-USA President Douglas Comer attended and has shared photos of the event. [Take a look at them here](#). The outcomes of the Annual General Assembly will be shared by ICOMOS soon. Two Advisory Committee documents are linked to below.







## ICOMOS Advisory Committee Update

The following two Advisory Committee documents were endorsed by the ICOMOS Board in Brazil:

- [ICOMOS Advisory Committee Governance Document](#)
- [Triennial Scientific Plan \(TSP\) 2024-2027 – Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage: Preparedness, Response, Recovery](#)

## Fraud Alert

Fraudulent “phishing” emails have been sent recently to ICOMOS leaders and members under the guise of a request for funds from the ICOMOS President. Do not, under any circumstances, respond to these emails.

[Learn more here about this fraud, how to report it, and how to identify phishing schemes in general.](#)



## Join Now for 2025!

Join or renew now for 2025. Take advantage of Individual or Young Professional (for those under 30 years of age) membership rates or consider joining with your Institution for the best value for four members. Members who join or renew now receive special rates to our events and the ICOMOS card for admission to cultural institutions and sites worldwide. [Find all the details here.](#)

# Bethlehem Moravian World Heritage Site Webinar Available Online

In case you missed it, a recording of our October World Heritage Webinar on the Moravian Settlements World Heritage serial listing is now available online.

[Hear from those involved about Moravian Bethlehem's journey to being named a World Heritage Site.](#)



## News and Notices From Our Partners

### Apply for the 2025 Preserving Legacies Leadership Cohort Program

Until January 3, 2025, you can nominate custodian individuals or organizations for a place of cultural significance to join a passionate cohort of individuals determined to protect cultural heritage against climate change. [Review the Preserving Legacies three-phase process and selection criteria here.](#)

### Apply Now: National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation

Federal activities have a profound impact on our nation's cultural landscape. This national awards program provides an opportunity to showcase an agency's commitment to historic preservation and raise public awareness of its accomplishments. The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 10, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. local time zone. The entire application is completed [online](#).

### Apply Now: ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation

This joint award with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development celebrates outstanding projects that have advanced the goals of historic preservation while (1) providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families and individuals and (2) supporting community revitalization and/or enhanced economic opportunities. Submissions for the 2025 cycle are due by 11:59 p.m. PST on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Nomination details and information about previous award winners are available at [HUD's Historic Preservation Awards webpage](#).

### Register: Preserving the Recent Past 4, 19-22 March 2025 in Boston

Celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the groundbreaking Preserving the Recent Past conference series, PRP4 will provide a new forum to share the

latest strategies for identifying, protecting, and conserving significant structures and sites from the recent past. [Learn more and register.](#)

### **Join the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for its Annual Preserve the Past, Build for the Future Webinar Series**

The ACHP kicks off 2025 with a comprehensive introduction to the field of historic preservation and will conclude the year with a dive into underwater archaeology. These once-a-month, 75-minute Zoom sessions are perfect for anyone interested in learning more about the preservation field. Mark your calendar starting 22 January 2025. [Register now.](#)

### **Civil Rights Sites Conference: 10-11 April 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia**

The third U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites Symposium is scheduled for this spring. Make plans now to attend this free event on the campus of Georgia State University in downtown Atlanta. In addition to engaging sessions on how to interpret heritage sites to make them more relevant for today, there will be ample opportunities to network with colleagues active in civil rights heritage tourism, representatives from state tourism offices, and nonprofits that support the restoration of heritage sites. [Register.](#) [Reserve lodging.](#)

### **Save the date: ICAHM International Congress in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile, 12-16 May 2025**

The ICOMOS International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM), in conjunction with ICOMOS Chile, is pleased to announce that the ICAHM 2025 International Congress will be held in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile from 12-16 May 2025. Registrations and abstracts can be submitted through the [dedicated conference website](#). The [Call for Papers in English](#) is available here.

### **Survey: Black History at NPS Intermountain West Parks**

The National Park Service is embarking on a project to identify and prioritize historical research needs related to Black History at its parks in the Intermountain West (all NPS sites in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming), to better preserve and interpret resources related to this history. If you are able to contribute to the data, please [complete the survey today.](#)

*World Heritage USA provides a gateway for U.S. citizens to experience and participate in international heritage conservation programs and activities and for the international community to learn about the rich and diverse heritage of our nation. In doing so, we uphold and advance the broad goals of ICOMOS, the World Heritage Convention, and the preservation of cultural heritage globally. Learn more about us at [WorldHeritageUSA.org](http://WorldHeritageUSA.org).*

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