

# IMPROVING WISCONSIN'S HISTORICAL RECORDS

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# WISCONSIN HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

- Purpose
- How the Board Works
- Mission: Promote the availability and use of historical records as keys to Wisconsin's cultural heritage

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## Why Plan?

- Pragmatic Factors
- Idealistic Factors

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## A Look Back At WHRAB's Work, 1996-2006

- Education
- Advocacy
- Federal Grants for WI Historical Records

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A Look Back At WHRAB's Work,

1996-2006

Education

- Best Practices Project
- Assessment/Mentoring Project

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Advocacy

- Archives Week, 1998-
- Governor's Archives Award, 2000-

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## Federal Grants

- Eight Successful Applications
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Wisconsin Institutions

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Looking Ahead, 2006-2011

## Trends

1. Digital World
2. Population Changes in WI
3. Changing Relationships Between  
Public and Private Sectors

# WI HISTORICAL RECORDS PLAN 2006-2011

## Findings

- Electronic Records: 53% are acquiring electronic records, but 81% lack ER archival capabilities
- Training: continuing need for basic archives training and for ER training

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## WI Records Environment

1. Electronic record keeping is the norm
2. Users increasingly expect 24/7 access to all kinds of information
3. WI demographic trends: older and more diverse population

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## WI Records Environment

4. Privacy and security concerns leading to restrictions on records
5. Government funding decreasing
6. Graduate archival education strengthening

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## Selected Issues

1. Preserving Electronic Records
2. Training
3. Collecting Wisconsin Manuscripts
4. Improving Funding for Archives

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## Board's Planning Challenges

*"What role should the Board play in addressing the major preservation challenges posed by the emergence of electronic records?"*

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## Board's Planning Challenges

*"In an era of rapid change, how can the Board assist records creators and keepers in becoming proficient in core competencies?"*

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## Board's Planning Challenges

*"What needs to be collected to document the diverse history of Wisconsin, 1945 to the present? "*

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## Board's Planning Challenges

*"How can the Board assist records creators/keepers in retaining existing resources and finding alternative funding sources? "*

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Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

Electronic Records

*"Lead Efforts to Meet Electronic  
Records Preservation and Access  
Challenges"*

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## Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

### Electronic Records

- Action: Identify and Promote Best Practices
- Action: Provide Education and Training

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Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

## Training

*"Promote Training in Archival Core  
Competencies for Records Creators  
and Keepers"*

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## Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

### Training

- Action: Identify core competencies
- Action: Collaborate to Provide and Promote Training
- Action: Expand Mentoring Service

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Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

Collecting

*"Promote the Collection of Historical Records that Document the Diverse History of Wisconsin, from 1945 to the Present"*

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## Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

### Collecting

- Action: Sponsor historical records collecting project
- Action: Coordinate online directory of Wisconsin collections

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Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

Increase Awareness & Support

*"Increase Public Awareness and  
Support for Historical Records  
Preservation and Access"*

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## Board's 2006-2011 Goals:

### Increase Awareness and Support

- Action: Strengthen Advocacy Programs thru Partnerships
- Action: Inform Officeholders
- Action: Collaborate to Provide Fundraising Training

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KEY STRATEGY:

PARTNERSHIPS

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## OUTCOMES –

### WHERE DOES ALL THIS LEAD?

- More Useable Historical Records  
Documenting Everyone's Lives
- Greater Awareness and Appreciation  
of Value of Historical Records

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## OUTCOMES -

### Where Do We Want to Be in 2011?

- Several Wisconsin Archives can Readily Preserve Electronic Records
- Many More Repositories with Basic Training in Historical Records Care
- Blueprint for Collaborative Collecting
- Hundreds of Archives Week Participants
- Many Archives Awards Nominations

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QUESTIONS?