

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Media Kit

An independent federal agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's diverse historic resources and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic properties. The ACHP promotes historic preservation to foster the understanding of the nation's heritage and the contribution that historic preservation can make to contemporary communities and their economic and social well-being.

The ACHP is comprised of 24 statutorily designated and Presidentially appointed members from federal agencies, preservation organizations, Indian Tribes, and expert private citizens. Its staff, based in Washington, D.C., administer the country's historic preservation regulatory program (involving 120,000 federal undertakings annually), provide training in historic preservation law and policy, conduct outreach to the American public on the importance of historic sites and community preservation, and much more.

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Vice Chairman, Acting as Chairman, Travis Voyles

Travis Voyles was appointed vice chairman by President Donald Trump in April 2025 in his personal capacity. A long-time public servant and lawyer, Voyles will serve as acting chairman until a full-time chairman is nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In his professional capacity, Voyles is the Assistant Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to that, he was the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources for Virginia, where he advised Gov. Glenn Youngkin and oversaw five state agencies that protect and restore Virginia's natural and historic resources, including the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office.



Executive Director Reid J. Nelson

Reid J. Nelson, a trained anthropologist, has served on the ACHP staff since 2006. As its executive director, he is deeply knowledgeable about historic preservation issues. He leads the ACHP staff and handles initiatives and collaborations with other federal agencies, states, Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and others on the full range of the agency's permitting, planning, and policymaking functions.

Topics Executive Director Nelson can comment on or has expertise in include the following: Section 106 review; Tribal consultation; ACHP history; legislation relating to historic preservation; historic preservation policy; and archaeology

MISSION STATEMENT

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