



Founded in 1981, the National Humanities Alliance is a non-profit advocacy coalition dedicated to the advancement of national humanities policy in the areas of research, education, preservation and public programs.

About the National Humanities Alliance

The National Humanities Alliance is the only national organization that advocates for the humanities community as a whole. As such, NHA's work is a critical extension of the member services and advocacy capacity of supporting organizations and institutions.

The Alliance represents the interests of its member organizations and institutions to Congress and federal agencies on matters relating to humanities research, education, preservation, and public programs. Members of the Alliance and their communities enjoy the opportunity to help shape national and federal policy while strengthening the network of humanities advocates across the country.

More than one hundred organizations and institutions support the Alliance. These members include scholarly and professional associations; higher education associations; organizations of museums, libraries, historical societies and state humanities councils; university-based and independent humanities research centers; and a growing number of colleges and universities.

Issue Areas

Throughout the year, the National Humanities Alliance monitors and takes action on a range of policy issues affecting the humanities, such as federal funding (budget and appropriations), intellectual property legislation as it impacts scholarly communication, and data collection in the humanities. The Alliance takes a lead role in advocating for increased funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities, one of the largest sources of support for the humanities in the United States. In addition to NEH, the Alliance works to advance support for humanities education and research throughout the federal government, including the Department of Education, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives and Records Administration. Examples of Alliance activities include: gathering and reporting information; submitting testimony and other statements to Congress and the Executive Branch; conducting policy research and analysis; and mobilizing grassroots constituents for advocacy.

Organizational Structure

Based in Washington, DC, the Alliance is a 501(c)(4) non-profit association and is strictly nonpartisan. Membership in the National Humanities Alliance is open to organizations and institutions that sponsor or support individual scholars, programs of study in the humanities, or other activities in the humanities.

Events & Activities

NHA provides opportunities throughout the year for its members to discuss humanities policy issues and other topics of interest to the organization, including the NHA Annual Meeting and Humanities Advocacy Day, an event held in Washington, DC, each year to communicate the public value of the humanities to Congress. This combined event is a unique forum for members of the Alliance to network with federal agency representatives and colleagues from across the country and mobilize for national advocacy.

Keeping the Community Informed

In order to regularly educate and inform constituents, NHA reports to its members through NHA-News, a members-only broadcast service and NHA-Announce, a monthly digest of current events and information of significance to national humanities policy. Members may also subscribe to RSS feeds for additional news, action alerts, and resources posted to the Alliance website at www.nhalliance.org.