

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Christopher J. Reich, Senior Advisor, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M St. NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Mr. Reich can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4685, Fax: 202-653-4608, or by email at [creich@imls.gov](mailto:creich@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, learning and civic engagement. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. IMLS is responsible for identifying national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services; measuring and reporting on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library and information services throughout the United States, including programs conducted with funds made available by IMLS; identifying, and disseminating information on, the best practices of such programs; and developing plans to improve museum, library and information services of the United States and strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. 9108).

##### **II. Current Actions**

The intention of the Heritage Health Index II on the State of America's Collections (HHI II) is to assess the state

of preservation across the entire spectrum of collecting institutions, large and small, from internationally renowned art museums and research libraries to local historical societies and specialized archives. Conservation practices on all types of media will be covered, with a small number of questions about each topic included on the survey.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information on the state of collections care across cultural heritage organizations, including tracking trends and assessing the current state of digital conservation. The design of the HHI II will be a repeated cross-sectional web survey of U.S. cultural heritage organizations, which will yield a minimum of 3,000 cases.

The HHI II will include a core set of institutional and administrative questions (e.g., size, number of paid staff, number of visitors, governance, geographic area) as well as a core set of questions grouped by conservation practices and standards (e.g., environmental controls; long-range and emergency planning; funding and expenditures on collections; number of collections items and the state of each item). In addition to these core questions, supplemental questions may also be included.

*Agency:* Institute of Museum and Library Services.

*Title:* Heritage Health Index II on the State of America's Collections (HHI II).

*OMB Number:* To Be Determined.

*Frequency:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* The target population for the HHI II Survey is U.S. cultural heritage organizations, including libraries, museums, archives, and archaeological repositories. A national probability sample of institutions generated using available mailing lists will be employed by the survey. Individual survey respondents within selected institutions will be knowledgeable persons about collections care and practices.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* The burden per respondent is estimated to be an average of 45 minutes based on the size of the questionnaire.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 2,250 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* n/a.

*Total Annual costs:* To be determined.

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **Humanities Panel Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of Charter Renewal for Humanities Panel Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) and its implementing regulations, 41 CFR 102-3.65, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) gives notice that the Charter for the Humanities Panel advisory committee was renewed for an additional two-year period on November 26, 2013. The Acting Chairman of NEH determined that the renewal of the Humanities Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Chairperson of NEH by the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 951 et seq., as amended.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lisette Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Room 529, Washington, DC 20506. Telephone: (202) 606-8322, facsimile (202) 606-8600, or email at [gencounsel@neh.gov](mailto:gencounsel@neh.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the National Endowment for the Humanities' TDD terminal at (202) 606-8282.

Dated: December 5, 2013.

**Lisette Voyatzis,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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