**MMA Colleague Circles**

The Michigan Museums Association seeks to help the Michigan museum community thrive by connecting our members with expertise and best practice. There are many resources available to do this, but we believe that one of the best resources is the Michigan museum community itself. To that end, we have created a program to support smaller clusters of members who want to connect and gather on a regular basis throughout the year.

Colleague Circles provide opportunities for MMA members to engage with each other in smaller groups focused on shared expertise, experience, or interests.  Groups can focus on content areas, geographic location, job type, career stage, institutional focus or size, or other commonality.

Any member can propose a group and membership is open to any current MMA member that meets the group criteria. Groups will be initially approved by the MMA Board of Directors and reviewed annually.

MMA will provide the group with public communications tools (website, e-newsletter), private online workspace (Basecamp or closed page on website), meeting time and space at the conference, and event support including registration.

Groups will provide their own leadership, host at least one in-person gathering in addition to at the conference each year (can be public program or closed meeting), communications as requested (info for e-newsletter, blog post, etc.) and recommendations for conference sessions, workshops, and professional development opportunities.

Proposals should be submitted to the MMA Executive Director at [lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org](mailto:lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org) at any time. Approval process may take several months.

Please contact the MMA office with questions or assistance in forming group.

**MMA Colleague Circle  
Proposal Form**

Group Focus:

Membership Criteria:

Meeting Plan:

Communications Plan:

Group Coordinator: (attach letter of commitment)

Name  
Organization  
Email  
Phone

Initial Members: (attach letters of support)

Name  
Organization  
Email  
Phone

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