

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
AND  
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is hereby made and entered into by and between the Appalachian Studies Association, hereinafter referred to as ASA, and the Appalachian Regional Commission, hereinafter referred to as ARC.

A. PURPOSE:

Promote a mutually beneficial partnership between the two organizations.

B. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The two organizations seek opportunities to collaborate in activities and take actions to benefit the Appalachian people, their region, and their communities.

C. ASA SHALL:

1. Publicly welcome the ARC as a partner
2. Provide access to its membership, specifically, the scholars, researchers, directors, community representatives, students, and advisors who are members of the association (listserv, website, annual meeting, and bi-annual newsletter)
3. Facilitate scholarly collaborations
4. Make available the annual ASA Conference as a venue to ARC for presenting on economic development themes when applicable
5. Publish and promote this MOU on its website, in *Appalink*, the ASA newsletter and in the wider press
6. Seek to have a presence at ARC conferences

D. ARC SHALL:

1. Publicly welcome the ASA as a partner
2. Provide ASA with ARC's Requests for Proposals for distribution among regional institutions of higher education, Appalachian Studies Centers, and research centers (See C 2., above)
3. Encourage opportunities for the ASA and ARC to further collaborate and build awareness of mutually beneficial projects and activities
4. Seek to have a presence at the ASA annual conference


E. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1. A press release announcing this partnership will be issued during the next ARC regional meeting in Dahlonega, Georgia in July 2009.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

Appalachian Studies Association

Appalachian Regional Commission

 07/23/09  
Signature Date

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