Historic Property Management

Seminar Overview

Historic property management combines preservation maintenance and holistic stewardship with program goals and objectives. The physical treatment of a structure is the bottom line in keeping a building standing and in good repair. Learn how to read your building, search for solutions, and then care for the building envelope by maintaining its historic materials. Discuss planning for change, maintenance planning, and disaster preparedness. Understand the role of in-house staff, contractors, and other professionals who work in, on, and around the building.

Agenda

The Preservation Process

- Significance and integrity
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation
- Preservation ethos

Holistic Stewardship

- Administration
- Vision and mission
- Strategic planning
- Management of historic properties

The Nature of Stuff—Issues Affecting Structures

- Understanding materials
- Understanding your building—envelope, perimeter, environment, interior
- How to identify material types

Building Materials

- Wood/masonry materials and assemblies
- Historic building technology
- Agents of change—moisture, settlement, mechanical anchorage failure, wind, water, visitors, pests

Preservation Maintenance

- What is maintenance?
- The holistic approach
- Owner's vs. operations—goals and objectives
- Modern vs. historic buildings
- Maintenance program

- Outside contracts
- In-house staff actions
- Baseline information

Planning for Change

- Understanding the problem
- Understanding the solution
- Preservation maintenance—routine, cyclical
- Understanding your maintenance materials
- Goals for protection

Maintenance Plans

- Scheduling and phasing
- Owner issues
- Consultant/project limitations
- People issues

Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Plans

- Assessing risk
- Key steps in preparedness
- Hazards survey
- Response to emergencies—building safety

Accessibility—Barrier-Free Design

- The human dimension
- What is accessibility?
- Accessibility vs. preservation
- Goals of accessibility
- Universal design

Case Studies