## Statement of Purpose

## Recollection Wisconsin Governing Board

The Recollection Wisconsin Governing Board provides strategic leadership, oversight, and accountability to ensure that Wisconsin's rich cultural heritage is preserved, made accessible, and shared equitably for the benefit of all communities across the state. Guided by Recollection Wisconsin's mission, vision, and values, the Board ensures that the consortium operates in a way that is collaborative, sustainable, and inclusive, reflecting the diversity and identity of Wisconsin.

The Governing Board is responsible for:

1. **Accountability:** Serving as stewards of public resources, upholding statutory obligations, and ensuring transparency and fiscal responsibility to the State of Wisconsin, including the Department of Public Instruction, and to all Recollection Wisconsin stakeholders.

2. **Strategic leadership:** Setting the long-term direction for advocacy, sustainability, and statewide priorities; identifying opportunities for growth, innovation, and partnership; and ensuring that Recollection Wisconsin remains responsive to evolving community needs.

3. **Representation and inclusion:** Guiding the consortium in fostering diverse and equitable participation from Wisconsin's cultural, geographic, and institutional communities; encouraging input from underrepresented groups, content partners, and users.

4. **Oversight:** Monitoring the work of the Steering Committee, project management, and other bodies to ensure alignment with Recollection Wisconsin's mission, vision, and values.

5. **Succession planning and engagement:** Supporting onboarding, mentoring, and rotation of Governing Board members to ensure continuity, institutional knowledge, and active engagement from all partner organizations.

6. **Advocacy and collaboration:** Acting as a state- and nation-wide voice for Recollection Wisconsin, advocating for resources, standards, and policies that advance access to Wisconsin's digital cultural heritage, and fostering collaboration among partners and communities.

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