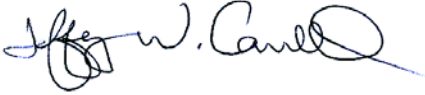




TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Museum Accreditation Process
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AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Update on the State Museum's American Alliance of Museums accreditation process.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information. The Board will be asked to review and approve various policies and certification as the Museum completes the Accreditation Process.

Background Information

The State Museum has begun the process of Museum accreditation through the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). The AAM explains accreditation as "the museum field's mark of distinction, accreditation offers high profile, peer-based validation of a museum's operations and impact." The informational presentation will explain this process, outcome and timeline. Over 110 Museums nationwide have AAM accreditation. Along with the many peer museums the State Museum collaborates with both Statewide and nationally. This is an important step as the museum focuses its mission and transforms the many programs underway.