

**303.8 Powers and duties of board and division.**

1. The state historical society board of trustees shall:
  - a. Recommend to the state historical society a comprehensive, coordinated, and efficient policy to preserve, research, interpret, and promote to the public an awareness and understanding of local, state, and regional history.
  - b. Make recommendations to the division administrator on historically related matters.
  - c. Review and recommend to the director or the director's designee policy decisions regarding the division.
  - d. Recommend to the state historic preservation officer for approval the state preservation plan.
  - e. Perform other functions prescribed by law to further historically related matters in the state.
2. The department shall:
  - a. Have authority to acquire by fee simple title historic properties by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest; preserve, restore, transfer, and administer historic properties; and charge reasonable admission to historic properties.
  - b. Maintain research centers in Des Moines and Iowa City.  
[C73, §1902; C97, §2858, 2884; S13, §2881-a; C24, 27, 31, 35, §4515 – 4517, 4544; C39, §4541.03, 4544; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §303.3, 304.3; C75, 77, 79, 81, §303.4, 303.5; 82 Acts, ch 1238, §7]  
C83, §303.6  
86 Acts, ch 1245, §1309  
C87, §303.8  
89 Acts, ch 78, §4