



**America 250 | CT Commission
Community & Organizational Engagement Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
Minutes**

Watch the Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6zjjjJw3QI>

Attendees

Subcommittee
Amrys Williams
Margaret Khan

CTH Staff
Cyndi Tolosa

The meeting started at 2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome & Updates

Amrys Williams opened the meeting. No updates beyond what is listed on the agenda.

2. Give 250 Connecticut Debrief

Cyndi Tolosa shared an update on the July and October rounds of Give 250 Connecticut. While the fundraisers weren't as successful as hoped, A. Williams shared that for the Connecticut League of Museums it was an easy lift to participate in and allowed them to share their plans for the 250th.

3. Annual Report Content

Draft language for the annual report is due December 15, 2025. A. Williams will develop a work plan for the engagement subcommittee for 2026 which includes working with towns and building the affiliate program. CTH staff will work to pull data on town committees, etc. for the body of the report. C. Tolosa noted that CTH staff is planning for a monthly e-newsletter for 250th events in 2026. There was discussion of ways to encourage commissioners to attend events in their area - commissioners will be included on the newsletter.

In discussion of the affiliate program, there was brainstorming on how to continue to reach potential affiliates and how to make the program attractive to various groups. Margaret Khan shared that the library community appreciated that the program is very open-ended and allows them to access additional marketing opportunities for their programs with a low lift for them. A. Williams noted that public discourse around the 250th is likely to draw in some groups naturally. C. Tolosa noted that targeted outreach to some organizations should be done, and potentially planning in-person gatherings around the state may make the program more attractive. M. Khan recommended talking with chambers of commerce.

4. 2026 Meeting Schedule

This topic will be followed up on with the subcommittee at large at a later date since most subcommittee members were not in attendance. A. Williams would like to meet a little more frequently in advance of July.

5. Local Committee Outreach

- a. [Outstanding Municipalities w/ Notes](#)
 - i. [Contact List](#) (Municipal Leaders)
 - ii. [Email Template](#)

M. Khan and A. Williams will work through some outreach to libraries and historical societies in the towns that are outstanding. In the new year, CTH staff will send out a mailing to all municipalities.

6. Other Business

No other business.

The meeting ended at 2:42.