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January 10, 2012

TO: Office of Science and Technology Policy  
FROM: American Folklore Society  
RE: Request for Information on "Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications Resulting From Federally Funded Research"

The American Folklore Society (AFS), the 2,000-member and subscriber learned society for the field of folklore studies, supports the response to this RFI adopted and submitted by the Association for Computers and the Humanities (ACH).

The Executive Board that governs the AFS shares the ACH view that the humanities must be included in federal research policy. AFS has consistently adopted policies designed to further public access to folklore research, most notably through our collaboration with Indiana University on the Open Folklore project ([www.openfolklore.org](http://www.openfolklore.org)) and our adoption of an author agreement for our quarterly *Journal of American Folklore* that is consistent with best practices for "green" open access.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane E Goldstein".

Diane E. Goldstein  
President