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Heather Edwards supports ACG Western Michigan's committees, programming, and Board of Directors' efforts and curates social media content for the organization. Heather is the lead organizer of the ACG Cup competition and works closely with the ACG Cup Committee to ensure all elements of the initiative run smoothly.

Prior to supporting ACG, Heather spent a decade as a researcher and library assistant in local history at the Grand Rapids Public Library, where she focused on researching patron inquiries, genealogy, accessioning archival collections, public history research projects, and leading house history trainings.

Heather has experience working with state and local governmental units advocating for the built environment and interpreting national guidelines for compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, as well as local ordinance interpretation for historic districts in Traverse City, Ann Arbor, and Grand Rapids. A skilled researcher, Heather is adept at creating narratives to craft historic district study reports, historic and architectural integrity reports, historic building materials assessments, and historic preservation easement baseline assessment reports.

Heather holds a Bachelor of Science in History and English (World Literature) from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning. She is a certified historian with a keen interest in stories that weave together the social, public, and built history of places and the people who inhabit them. Heather is a veteran road runner, avid reader, and keen researcher. Heather also volunteers her time as the co-lead of History Detectives GR, an annual day of local history programming for the West Michigan region, and as the sponsorship coordinator for City High Middle School's burgeoning theater program.