

# MARAC

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

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**Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2019**  
**Morgantown Marriott at the Waterfront, Salon E.**  
**Morgantown, WV**  
**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order (5 min)**

A) Meeting called to order at **8:20 am**

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

A) Agenda approved by the membership.

**III. Approval of the Fall 2018 Business Meeting Minutes. Approved.**

**IV. Chair's Report (Collier)**

A) Advocacy efforts in the last few months

i) MARAC statement in support of full online access to Hollins University yearbooks

ii) MARAC submitted a letter to the DC Government Operations Committee to advocate for a new, state-of-the-art Archives; significantly more staff and upgraded facilities for the current Archives; and comprehensive records management for the DC Government.

B) Strategic Plan Objectives

i) Mentoring program starting in July

ii) Increasing deposits of presentations to the Digital Repository at the University of Maryland (DRUM)

iii) MARAC Archivist position still open

C) Education Committee

i) Analyzing workshops from the last 5 years.

D) Code of Conduct for Meetings. Trying to incorporate into all of our activities.

**V. Meeting Coordinator's Report (Mannix)**

A) Morgantown conference report: 253 attendees.

B) Future meetings

i) Cambridge, MD (November 7-9, 2019), Room rate \$189

ii) Harrisonburg, VA (April 16-18, 2020), \$139

iii) Long Branch, NJ (Fall 2020)

iv) Saratoga Springs, NY (Spring 2021)

- v) Please recommend future meeting locations to Meeting Coordinator
- C) Looking for volunteers
  - i) New audiovisual coordinator started TODAY! (Thank you, Lisa)
  - ii) Need new Vendor Coordinator
  - iii) Need new Program Editor
- D) Morgantown Local Arrangements Committee Report (L. Hostuttler, D. Emerling, and J. LaBarbara)
  - i) Thank you to members of committee
  - ii) Thank you to sponsors and others who helped to make this a great conference
- E) Morgantown Program Committee Report ([M. Elia] and L. Scott)
  - i) Thank you to Meeting Coordinator (M. Mannix)
  - ii) Thank you to Administrator (S. Predmore)
  - iii) Thank you to Program Editor (E. Rafferty)
  - iv) Thank you to presenters!
  - v) Thank you to members of committee
  - vi) Thank you to the Local Arrangements Committee!
- F) Service Awards
  - i) Kate Fair (Program and Local Arrangements for Wilmington, DE, conference)
  - ii) Sarah Denison (Program and Local Arrangements for Wilmington, DE, conference)
  - iii) Emily Cottle (Program and Local Arrangements for Wilmington, DE, conference)
  - iv) Maegan Peterman (Program and Local Arrangements for Wilmington, DE, conference)

#### VI. Treasurer's Report (May)

- A) Third quarter report on the tables. On-budget and doing quite well for the year.
- B) Need applicants for travel scholarships and other awards.
- C) Next year's budget will be in the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*
  - i) Membership is declining. Asking current members to be an advocate.
  - ii) Please come to Cambridge!

#### VII. Awards Announcements & Presentation

- A) Distinguished Service Award (presented by V. Novara)
  - i) This award recognizes individuals who have made *significant* contributions to MARAC which have *contributed to the success of the organization*, as well as contributions to the broader archival profession.
    - (a) Winner: (MARY MANNIX)
- B) Service Awards (presented by Collier)
  - i) Brigitte Kamsler (hosting July Steering Committee meeting at George Washington University)
  - ii) Vin Novara (for service as MARAC Chair)
  - iii) Katy Rawdon (for service as MARAC Treasurer)
- C) Marsha Trimble Conference Award (presented by Colleen McFarland Rademaker)
  - i) Marsha Trimble – history of award. Joined MARAC in 1976 and became involved in Program committees and Local Arrangements committees. Served on numerous other committees and as MARAC Vice-Chair 1999-2001. MARAC's second administrator (1991-1994). \$400 towards conference registration and travel.
    - (a) Winner: Suzanna Calev
    - (b) Winner: Casey Bowser

- (c) Winner: Jacob Gordon
- (d) Winner: Charlotte Johnson

VIII. New Business (Collier)

- A) Proposed revision of Bylaws (see attached Bylaws documents presented at meeting)
- B) Moment of silence for Ben Primer (Princeton)

**BEN PRIMER** died on February 11 in Princeton after a long illness. He worked in the Princeton University Library for 25 years, beginning in 1990 as the curator of public-policy papers and then for a decade as University archivist, expanding access to Mudd Library's holdings and widening its collections. He served as associate university librarian from 2002 to 2014 and formally retired in 2018. Ben served MARAC in many capacities such as New Jersey Caucus Representative from 1994-1996; Strategic Planning Committee Chair in 1996; Vice Chair from 1997-1999; Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair: Ben Primer with Karl Niederer for the 2003 Spring meeting in Trenton, New Jersey; served on the Development Committee; and received the Distinguished Service Award in **2014. His initial challenge donation was the beginning of the Archival Education Fund.**

He also contributed greatly to the governance of the Society of American Archivists, which made him an honorific fellow in 2012. He published more than a dozen articles and book reviews and gave countless conference presentations.

Ben earned his Ph.D. in American history from Johns Hopkins University after receiving his B.A. magna cum laude from Rice University.

IX. Invitation to the Fall 2019 meeting in Cambridge, MD (Tara Wink)  
Fire and Water: Keeping the Flame Alive: November 7-9, 2019

X. Announcements & Adjournment

- Still have gift bags from the reception at the registration table.
- Today is Doug McElrath's birthday!

Meeting adjourned 9:06 am

**Signed by: [Secretary / date]**

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