

Awards Committee Report

April 12, 2020

Education Committee –Cindy Bendroth

The Scholarship Committee announced the Harrisonburg, VA meeting travel awards in February. The applications were due March 13th and the committee received 12 applications, which is more than usual. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The committee has finished up the Operations Manual and will be submitted to the manual coordinator. This included the timing for the submission and publication of the article(s) in the MAA by the scholarship winners

Elizabeth Wilkinson has agreed to stay on the Committee.

A note from the Awards Committee Chair: I suggested to Cindy that if she wants to consider offering more travel awards for the next meeting or for the Harrisonburg meeting that I would bring it to Steering.

Finding Aids Award Committee – Julia

The Finding Aids Award Committee received three nominations for this year's Finding Aids Award, two of which were eligible within the award's parameters.

The MARAC Finding Aids Award was given to the University of Delaware for their finding aid to the Jerome O. Herlihy political campaign ephemera collection. The nomination was submitted by John Caldwell, Associate Librarian, Political Papers and Electronic Records, of the Special Collections and Museums department at University of Delaware Library, Museums & Press.

The committee felt that there was clearly a lot of item-level work that went into processing this collection, and we were impressed with the research undertaken by the finding aid creator, Ms. Sarah Ellington, to ensure the materials were well-described and findable. We anticipate that this collection will receive a lot of use for years to come, thanks to the excellent finding aid.

Distinguished Service Award Committee – Becky Collier

- We received three nominations by the January 31st deadline
- The Committee met by telecom on Friday, February 28th and voted unanimously for one of the nominees
- I contacted Sarah about the certificate and it was to be signed at the next Steering Committee Meeting -- other arrangements need to be made
- I still need to contact Amanda about writing a check to our awardee
- I will announce the awardee at the Spring Business meeting
- I will submit an article for the Spring MAA.

There is no report from the Custer Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Danna Bell

Awards Committee Chair

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Communications Committee is comprised of Heidi Abbey Moyer, Jodi Boyle, Ilhan Citak, Kathleen Donahoe, Alex Japha, Michael Martin, Melissa Nerino, and Molly Tighe. Caitlin Rizzo and Sara Predmore are ex-officio members.

Mid-Atlantic Archivist (MAA)

The spring 2020 issue appeared online on March 25. As the cancellation of MARAC Harrisonburg occurred after the spring issue had been designed, the editors worked with contributors and the MARAC designer to revise the issue accordingly before publication.

- The Print Center at Dickinson College is currently closed in accordance with an executive order from Pennsylvania's governor and it is unknown when the spring MAA issue will be printed and mailed. The MAA editor wrote an e-mail letter and MARAC administrator Sara Predmore sent it to all print subscribers inquiring if they still wish to receive a hard copy spring 2020 issue. Some members subsequently opted out. All institutional subscribers and any member who did not opt out will still receive the issue via mail regardless of the timing.
- Following the cancellation of the Harrisonburg meeting, the editors proposed that presenters who are not able to attend MARAC Long Branch, may prefer to submit an article to the MAA instead for the summer, fall idea or winter issues. This is simply another option for presenters to consider. As a first step, we shared the idea with Mary Mannix and the MCC.
- The Communications Committee continues to work on the transition to a predominantly digital MAA beginning with the winter 2021 issue. As part of this ongoing effort, the MARAC archivist, Joni Jones Floyd, sent proposed recommendations and a workflow created by UMD-SCUA Head of Access Services Joanne Archer. This includes ingesting each new issue of the MAA to the Internet Archive and ingesting back issues from 2015-2020.

Committee Assignments

Melissa Nerino, MAA Assistant Editor beginning with the Spring 2020 issues, will continue as Advertising Editor until a new Advertising Editor can be found or until the end of her current term, which ends in October 2020. The Chair-elect has been searching for a replacement for the Advertising Editor, and has been fielding several interested individuals. At present, Melissa Nerino will assist her replacement for the Summer edition, and then will step back from that role.

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Technical Leaflets:

Following the receipt of two proposals for Technical Leaflets, two abstracts were reviewed by the editorial board and approved for publication. These leaflets, which cover the preservation of scrapbooks and digitization of fragile newspapers, are expected to be ready for publication before the end of 2020.

Additionally, the editorial board is planning to update its processes for inclusion in the Operations Manual. Meetings around this topic will occur in the coming months.

Social Media

Since the last quarterly report, the MARAC Twitter account has gained had 23 new followers for a new total of 844. We tweeted 15 times, resulting in 167 profile visits and 17,507 impressions (total times people saw our tweets on their timelines). We were also mentioned by other users 19 times. Tweet topics included the Harrisonburg meeting and COVID-19 updates.

Since the last quarterly report, the MARAC Facebook account welcomed 15 new members in the group, for a total of 663. There were 39 posts total, a combination of posts by Kathleen and by other members. Topics include the Harrisonburg meeting, its cancellation, and responses to the coronavirus.

Eight new posts appeared on the MARAC, mostly covering topics surrounding Harrisonburg as well as upcoming opportunities for archival professionals. Each post was shared across MARAC social media channels.

Other News

The Committee held a phone meeting in April 2020.

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Communications Committee proposes and is pursuing several new means of communication among members to encourage discussion of the changed situation. First, the committee is reaching out to state caucus chairs and encouraging them to hold digital town halls to discuss local impacts and responses to the pandemic. The Communications Committee will provide guidance on setting up a digital town hall and offer moderation assistance as needed. Second, the committee proposes to host webinar/zoom presentations by MARAC members as an opportunity to share information about their repository's response to the global pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael Martin & Molly Tighe
MARAC Communications Committee Co-chairs

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Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report
April 2020

Date: April 13, 2020

To: Members of the MARAC Steering Committee

Re: Summary of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Activities (January 2020 – April 2020) for Winter Steering Committee Meeting, April 17, 2020

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is comprised of the following members: Josué Hurtado (chair), Rayna Andrews, Leslie Van Veen McRoberts, and Marci Bayer.

The committee conducted it's work remotely via email and conference call.

Publicity for the new scholarship

The chair wrote a piece for the MAA announcing the creation of the new Diversity and Inclusion Committee Session Scholarship. Sessions for the Long Branch meeting will be the first ones to be considered for this scholarship.

Committee membership update

In consultation with steering committee co-chair, Jennie Knies, two members of the committee agreed to be reappointed for another year, Rayna Andrews and Marci Bayer. Their terms was set to expire in the Summer of 2020. A third member, Leslie McRoberts moved out of the region to Michigan and completed her appointment. We thank her for her service. A new committee member will be appointed, and a member has been identified and contacted to gauge interest in serving.

Bystander Intervention Training

Members of the committee were hoping to attend bystander intervention training workshop sponsored by NEA, but alas that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 emergency. It is unknown when this will be rescheduled. Committee member identified another potential trainer, Sofia Leung, who does this type of training in library context. We are exploring this option, but at the moment all workshop conducted by Ms. Leung are suspended until further notice.

<https://www.sofiayleung.com/>

Program Committee coordination

Josué Hurtado is serving as liaison to the Long Branch program committee. Future liaisons will be determined as soon as the committee is fully appointed.

Respectfully submitted by Josué Hurtado (chair)

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Long Branch Conference Workshops Fall 2020

Understanding Archives: An Introduction to Archival Basics [rescheduled from Harrisonburg]

Instructor: Dyani Feige, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts

Nuts and Bolts: Creating Sustainable Foundations for Oral History Projects and Programs

Instructors: Elizabeth Call, Rochester Institute of Technology and Marilyn McKinley Parrish, Millersville University

Continued tasks:

~ Workshop instructors' contracts

~ Developing webinars

~ MARAC Archives Institute

~ Establishing guidelines for co-sponsorship

Respectfully submitted:

Paige Newman, Chair

Andrea Belair

Deirdre Joyce

Elliot McNally

Dawn Sherman-Fells

Elizabeth Wilkinson

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Membership Committee Report
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Membership

- Sara A. Borden, Chair
- Sierra Green
- Theresa Altieri Taplin
- Helice Koffler
- Alexandra deGraffenreid
- Liza Zakharova
- Cara Griggs
- Sheridan Sayles, Mentorship Program Sub-Committee Coordinator
 - Tyler Stump
 - Jennifer King
 - Nicole Topich
- Caitlin Rizzo, MARAC Secretary (ex-officio)
- Sara Predmore, MARAC Administrator (ex-officio)

Progress and News

- New Member Meet & Greet
 - The cancellation of Harrisonburg has given us a chance to further work out protocols and procedures for future meet and greets.
- Membership Survey
 - The membership survey went out early in 2020 and results are in and being analyzed. A report will be distributed in the Old Business section of the meeting.
 - Sara Borden and Sara Predmore are collaborating to modify the survey to send out to lapsed members to get their insight on membership benefits and why their membership lapsed.
- Mentoring Program
 - The program continues to run well. We are currently seeking new members for the subcommittee as some of the current members' terms will soon be up.
- Committee Membership
 - Some committee members are also cycling off at the end of their terms and we will need to replace them. Sara is working with Jennie to find appropriate replacements.
- Committee Work
 - Now that the survey has been completed, which was a huge undertaking, and once the committee is back at full strength, the committee will soon start undertaking items that have been on the backburner.
 - This will include having liaisons to the region's graduate schools;
 - Analyzing ways to put the results of the membership survey into action;
 - And evaluating the current brochure/literature for updating, among other

things.

- If Steering has any suggestions for tasks or project for the Committee, please let Sara Borden know.