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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Conducted via Zoom
October 23, 2020**

1. Hosted a caucus meeting via Zoom on August 26. Nine caucus members participated in an open forum; discussion centered around COVID reopening plans, with members sharing plans and approaches being adopted by their institutions. Another meeting is planned for the fall.
2. Circulated announcements to the caucus regarding Saratoga Springs going virtual, the Meeting Model Task Force and Business Meeting Zooms, occasional webinars, and other matters, as requested.
3. Circulated a call for news items for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* and submitted one such item.
4. The caucus currently has 38 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**District of Columbia Caucus Report
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1. Welcomed the new member
2. Completely bowed by having young kids at home due to COVID-19 and (unrelated to COVID-19) a new boss and a new role at work, so ...
 - a. neglected to follow up on the concept of the feasibility/interest of a local rapid response collection sub-group focused on local history (as floated in the submitted-but-past-deadline July report) but will try to soon
 - b. forgot to mention in the July report that we'd distributed Covid-19 safety materials and information for displaced workers and solicited feedback on how institutions were addressing copyright and anonymity in crowdsourcing COVID-19
3. Attended and found very instructive and helpful the MARAC webinar on Reopening the Archives; suggest this be a continuing miniseries as conditions continue to change and institutions further evolve their thinking. Based on my own reaction and some comments in the chat, suggest perhaps offering sessions geared towards specific types of institutions as the resources – and therefore reopening and continued service capabilities - at a large one are radically different from small ones like my own.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne McDonough
District of Columbia Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report
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1. Welcomed new members
2. Submitted one item for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*
3. Circulated a call for interest from the Maryland History and Cultural Collaborative in regard to their Fall 2020 virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Coulbourne
Maryland Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report
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1. The New Jersey Caucus has 4 new members.
2. We held a joint virtual meeting with the New York Caucus on September 11. The meeting of 26 people was an open forum for people to bring their questions and concerns to the group to discuss.
3. The caucus chair attended the New Jersey Library Association's History and Preservation Steering Meeting on September 28 as an ex-officio member. There are talks about hosting a joint meeting in the Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
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- We welcomed 3 new members to the New York Caucus
- On September 11th we held a joint virtual meeting with the New Jersey Caucus. The meeting was well attended and was a combination of updates and an open forum for people to bring their questions and concerns to the group to discuss. It was successful and we are contemplating having another joint meeting in the next calendar year.
- An update about our July virtual meeting was contributed to the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting October 23, 2019

1. Collected submissions for the *Mid-Atlantic Archivists* from Caucus Members
2. Successfully solicited authors for an article for the *Mid-Atlantic Archivists* regarding archival collected in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. Gathered information on Pennsylvania archival repositories who were collecting COVID-19 documentation and shared these through the caucus Facebook page.
4. Gathered submissions from caucus members for Facebook posts on the theme of “What Pennsylvania Archivists are Reading.” this will be an ongoing feature.
5. Distributed information on grant programs, archival thefts, the use of archival materials to document the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage, and online public programs offered by GLAM institutions. Distribution methods include the email list and the Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Grinnell

Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual via Zoom
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1. Amanda welcomed new members.
2. Amanda sent out caucus emails concerning Archives Month committee participation, planning, and events.
 - a. Emails were also sent out to promote caucus members' events and initiatives.
3. Amanda emailed Amanda Koss May about potentially asking for some financial support from MARAC to fund Archives Month initiatives (have not officially asked yet).
4. Amanda assisted with planning for Virginia Archives Month events and initiatives.
 - a. Sent out a caucus email to promote Archives Month and what the committee has been working on.
5. Attended a few webinars and events led by MARAC or MARAC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Brent
Virginia Caucus Representative

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**West Virginia Caucus Report
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Virtual Meeting
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1. A WV Caucus Zoom Meet Up is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21. The group will discuss operations during COVID; pandemic collecting initiatives; Virginia Heritage; and other topics.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostuttler
West Virginia Caucus Representative