

MARAC Awards Committee Report

January 15, 2021

Custer Awards

Jasmine Smith, Senior Co-Chair

Custer winners were officially announced at the October 30, 2020 MARAC business meeting, as no conference was held this year. Winners have received certificates and checks, and the web team has updated the website to list this year's winners.

The Senior Co-Chair has re-reviewed the Custer manual in the shared Google Drive and added a few additional updates to clarify or streamline the process for future team leaders. No significant changes have been made to Custer procedures or processes this quarter that would affect the awards process beyond COVID, assuming that MARAC continues to have an in-person fall meeting at which awards are presented in 2021 and beyond.

Distinguished Service Award

Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh, Chair

1. DSA Call for Nominations

The call for DSA nominations was sent out on the MARAC listserv and social media at the end of October and reposted the first week of January.

2. MAA Article

Committee member and MARAC Archives Coordinator Lauren Brown wrote an article on the DSA for the winter 2021 *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

3. Nominate a Colleague

As of January 15, we have no nominations for the award. Please consider nominating a colleague!

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2021

Finding Aid Awards

Phoebe Kowalewski, Senior Co-Chair

Certificates were sent to the winners of the C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award. However, the Library of Congress Photograph and Print Division was unable to accept a monetary award, so only the University of Virginia received a check. Although we have not yet officially called for submissions for the Finding Aids Award, we have already received one. Given the response we received from the Online Publication Award, I am confident that we will see the same with the Finding Aids Award.

Scholarship Awards

Cindy Bendroth, Chair

The graduate school scholarship applications were due October 31st. The committee received 12 applications. By November 16, Jacob Hopkins, a student at the University of Maryland, was chosen for the scholarship.

The committee has asked if there will be scholarships available to students for the virtual meeting in the spring. Although there is not travel, some students still struggle to pay for registration fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Danna Bell

Awards Committee Chair

MARAC Communications Committee

January 15, 2021

The Communications Committee is composed of Heidi Abbey Moyer, Jodi Boyle, Ilhan Citak, Kathleen Donahoe, Alex Japha, Michael Martin, Melissa Nerino, Lara Szypszak, Dana Dorman, Diane Wunsch, and Molly Tighe. Caitlin Rizzo and Sara Predmore are ex-officio members.

Committee Assignments

With several committee assignments nearing the end of their terms, including MAA Editor, Technical Leaflets Editor-in-Chief, and Technical Leaflets Editor, the committee has planned for succession and recruitment.

Technical Leaflets Editor-in-Chief and Technical Leaflets Editor have each agreed to continue serving in their respective roles for an additional term ending in Summer 2023. Diane Wunsch has joined the editorial team.

Missy Nerino, MAA Assistant Editor will be moving into the MAA Editor role in Summer 2021, leaving the MAA Assistant Editor role vacant. Lara Szypszak is moving into this role.

Mid-Atlantic Archivist (MAA)

The winter 2021 issue of the MAA was distributed online on January 5. This was the first predominantly digital issue and, to date, the editor has not received any questions or concerns relating to the transition.

While the MAA's quarterly publication is already promoted via email by the MARAC administrator and on the MARAC MAA member lists, beginning with the winter 2021 issue, each issue will now be promoted throughout the subsequent quarter on MARAC social media. Social media will highlight the issue's availability and specific content.

The MAA editor also continued to connect with MARAC Archivist Dr. Joni Jones Floyd about how Dr. Floyd and her colleagues at the University of Maryland Libraries will upload all back issues of the MAA to the Internet Archive for MARAC members to access. While Dr. Floyd will arrange to receive the back issues from the editor in late January/February, the timing of the actual ingest by the Maryland Access Team is to be determined because of pandemic delays and other unexpected, internal complications. In addition, Dr. Floyd, the Access Team, and the MAA editor all agreed that the four issues of the MAA should be ingested annually in early August.

Social Media

We tweeted 9 times, gained 9 new followers, and our tweets had about 7,500 impressions. We also had 362 profile visits and 8 mentions. Our top tweets were actually ones that centered

around requests for proposals - the one for the new technical leaflets, and the one for proposals for our fall 2021 meeting, which had over 1,600 impressions on its own.

On Facebook there were 21 new posts, both by members and myself, and we gained 8 new members for a total of 696. Our top post was again the one for the Fall 2021 meeting call for proposals, which reached more than 1,000 people.

Our blog had 8 new posts, which were also shared on the other platforms.

The MARAC Member Minute program is going well, and our last post for that reached more than 500 people on Facebook.

Technical Leaflets

The Technical Leaflet page on the MARAC website was updated with our most recent call for proposals, which includes a link to our newly created Author Guidelines document. The webpage was also updated to list our newest Editorial Board member, Diane Wunsch. The call for proposals was sent out to the MARAC list on Monday, November 9. We received four responses to this call. The Editorial Board met to discuss these proposals and decided that two were suitable subjects for the Technical Leaflet Series and requested abstracts and outlines from the submitters. This further information should be sent by the submitters in the near future, at which time the Editorial Board will schedule meetings to discuss next steps in the editorial process. The other two submission topics were deemed to be too narrow, and the submitters were asked to make changes that would make their topics more applicable to a wider audience. We are planning to put out another call for proposals in the spring.

The scrapbook leaflet that has been in the editorial process since early 2020 was sent out to two peer reviewers in mid-October. The peer reviewers returned their comments by the end of November, with both reviewers recommending that the leaflet be revised and resubmitted. This was the first submission to be put through our new double blind review process and, while the reviewers' recommendations were not ideal, the review process worked as intended. The Editorial Board met with the authors of the scrapbook leaflet to discuss the peer reviewers' feedback and discuss the future of their submission. The authors agreed to revise their submission and sent the Editorial Board a new draft on Monday, January 11. The Editorial Board will meet soon to review this new draft and make a decision regarding its publication.

The submitter of the newspaper leaflet got back in touch with the Editorial Board after several months and sent a draft for review. The editors will meet on Friday, January 15 to discuss this submission and will subsequently return our recommended edits. The next steps for this submission will be for the author to incorporate our edits, return a revised draft, identify peer reviewers, and send it out for peer review.

MARAC Advertising

Members of the committee met with members of the Web Team to discuss placement of ads on the website. A temporary advertisement (for MARAC) was placed as of late December, a new, higher resolution advertisement was created in early January, and the Web Team placed it on the site on January 13. Placement of advertisements cannot be controlled, so spring 2021 conference will be pilot of available placements on the site for general review and promotion to vendors.

Ad rate discussion finalized, a new rate card created, and rates are posted online.

Other News

MARAC
Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report
January 2021

Date: 1/21/2021

To: Members of the MARAC Steering Committee

Re: Summary of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Activities (October 2020 – January 2021) for Fall Steering Committee Meeting, January 22, 2021

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is comprised of the following members: Josué Hurtado (chair), Rayna Andrews, Marci Bayer, and Ali Zawoyski,

The committee conducted meetings virtually.

Session Proposals Form and scholarship

The committee's session proposal form is now being used for the Fall 2021 virtual conference. The first Diversity & Inclusion Session scholarship(s) will be awarded for this conference.

D&I Session Scholarship Information added to MARAC Website

The Diversity and Inclusion session scholarship now has its own page on MARAC's website. <https://www.marac.info/diversity-and-inclusion-session-scholarship>.

Committee documents saved to shared Google Drive

Working documents produced by the committee have been gathered and saved onto a shared Google Drive Folder. More will be added at the end of my the current chair's term.

End of chair's appointment

My three-year term expires soon and I will not seek reelection, as I believe it is time to hand off the committee to another person. It has been an honor to serve with a committed group of colleagues. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted by Josué Hurtado (chair)

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MARAC Education Committee Report 15 January 2021

Workshops will not be planned for the Spring 2021 Conference so look for webinars and workshops throughout the year and in the fall.

Please submit presentations for MARAC Occasional Webinars on the MARAC site.

Ongoing tasks:

~ Developing webinars

~ MARAC Archives Institute – mission and overview

~ Establishing guidelines for co-sponsorship

~ Workshop instructors' contracts

Respectfully submitted:

Paige Newman, Chair

Andrea Belair

Deirdre Joyce

Elliot McNally

Dawn Sherman-Fells

Elizabeth Wilkinson

MARAC
Membership Committee Report
January 2021

Membership

- Sara A. Borden, CA, Chair
- Sierra Green
- Cara Griggs
- Liza Zakharova
- Theresa Altieri Taplin
- Alexandra deGraffenreid
- Sheridan Sayles, Mentorship Program Sub-Committee Coordinator
 - Diane Biunno
 - Christie Lutz
 - Nicole Topich
- Caitlin Rizzo, MARAC Secretary (ex-officio)
- Sara Predmore, MARAC Administrator (ex-officio)

Progress and News

- Virtual Membership Activities
 - Sara joined the Caucus Reps call on December 7 in which they were brain-storming ideas for increased membership activities
 - Many great ideas came out of this session that Membership would like to support as robustly as possible
 - One of the most promising ideas that Membership is excited to participate in is each caucus hosting a MARAC-wide event for networking and fun-making, possibly with games
 - Membership will follow up on caucuses hosting larger-scale meetings as well as other ideas to get membership talking and building camaraderie
- Special Interest E-Lists
 - E-lists continue to have inconsistent usage
 - Moderators are doing well and making efforts; usage is not for lack of trying on their parts
 - Despite any usage issues, members continue to request new ones; e-lists should be re-evaluated periodically and soon

MARAC
Nominations and Elections Committee
Report January 22, 2021

The Nominations and Elections Committee consists of: Christopher Hartten, Jordan Patty, Matt Testa, Kate Palm, and Tara Maharjan (chair).

- A full slate of candidates has been put forward. This consists of:
 - Chair Elect (1 needed) - 2 running
 - Secretary (1 needed) - 1 running
 - Meeting Coordinator (1 needed) - 1 running
 - Member-At-Large (4 needed) - 5 running
 - Diversity Chair (1 needed) - 2 running
 - Custer Award (2 needed) - 3 running
 - Distinguished Service (1 needed) - 3 running
 - Finding Aids (2 needed) - 4 running
 - NEC (3 needed) - 4 running
 - Scholarship (2 needed) - 5 running
- Notification of election and biographies of candidates was sent on January 8 via email to membership.
- Ballots will be sent via email or mail on January 15. The election will close on February 5.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Maharjan
January 12, 2021