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Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Conducted via Zoom
July 16, 2021

1. Led a caucus meeting on April 14 during the spring virtual conference. Sixteen caucus members attended. Ideas were tossed around for a possible caucus picnic in late summer or fall as the world begins to reopen.
2. Circulated a call for news items for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* and submitted one such item.
3. Welcomed one new member to the caucus.
4. Circulated updates and announcements to the caucus regarding MARAC happenings, as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**District of Columbia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Conducted via Zoom
July 18, 2021**

1. Welcomed new members
2. Communicated MARAC news to caucus members
3. Gathered submissions for Fall Mid-Atlantic Archivist

Respectfully submitted,

Anne McDonough
District of Columbia Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
July 16, 2021**

1. Welcomed six new members
2. Helped organize joint (DC and Maryland Caucuses) caucus meeting with Anne O'Donnell on April 14th which had 78 participants.
3. Submitted two caucus updates for the summer edition of the Mid-Atlantic Archivist.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Coulbourne
Maryland Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
July 16, 2021**

1. The New Jersey Caucus has 8 new members.
2. Hosted the Innovative Archives forum on June 8. This event was 5 presentations from multiple archives regarding the innovative ways archives have “pivoted” during the pandemic. The event had 30 people.
3. Appointed a new CAPES Coordinator. Formal announcement coming in the Fall.
4. Created a list of New Jersey archival repositories for the NJCAR program for disaster planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Conducted via Zoom
July 16, 2021**

1. Circulated various announcements regarding events and opportunities from the Steering Committee and caucus members.
2. Welcomed new caucus members.
3. Held a virtual caucus meeting during the April virtual conference to update caucus members on news from the Steering Committee and to share news and updates within the caucus. A typed set of notes of what was discussed at the meeting was sent to caucus members after the event.
4. The caucus held a virtual event on Friday, June 25th. It was an open forum discussion on reopening and a chance to give state members the opportunity to discuss issues and questions regarding reopening to both staff and researchers and get feedback from other colleagues throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Snyder
NY Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual via Zoom
April 9, 2021**

1. Amanda sent information and email updates to caucus members, as well as solicited images for the summer edition of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.
2. Amanda communicated with the 2020 Virginia Archives Month committee about this year's Archives Month activities and has tentatively begun planning for October.
3. Amanda has been trying to liaise between the Local Arrangements Committee from the Harrisonburg meeting and the caucus in hopes of finding two individuals who would be willing to serve as LAC co-chairs.
4. Amanda is currently planning for a virtual caucus meeting on August 13 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Brent
Virginia Caucus Representative

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West Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting July 16, 2021

1. The WV Caucus met in April with 13 members in attendance.
 - Members provided updates on what they are working on and how their institutions are continuing to operate under COVID restrictions.
 - Virginia Heritage (VH) Update
 - Lori and Elizabeth are on the Virginia Heritage Governance board. Lori presented at the WVLA Spring Fling on Virginia Heritage along with Chena Chattin from the WVLC and Jessica McMillen from WVU Libraries.
 - WVU finding aids are now appearing in VH. They were harvested from ArchivesSpace.
 - VH is aware the most institutions do not have ArchivesSpace and have options for uploading finding aids into the database. They have a google form that can be used for direct input. Contact me, Elizabeth, or Gena or reach out directly to Margaret Kidd (outreach team) or Kira Dietz (technology team) to learn more about becoming a part of VH.
 - Laura at OCPL expressed interest.
 - WV Archives Identification Project
 - The group committed to creating a wiki page that lists WV archives. Miriam will share the link to a spreadsheet that is populated with information from the Archiving West Virginia map.
 - Laura will ask Erin R. about the Archiving WV blog site – can we continue to maintain it.
 - Longer term goal is to invite other WV archivists to this group (whether they are MARAC members or not) to let them know we are here to help each other.
2. The WV Caucus met in May with 6 members in attendance.
 - Attendees gave updates on reopening and planning at their institutions.
 - The group continued to discuss the WV archives identification project. Lori will invite Gena Chattin from the WV Library Commission to attend a future meeting and update us on the special collections survey from 2020.
3. No meeting was held in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostuttler
West Virginia Caucus Representative