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MARAC Business Meeting  
Saturday March 26 2022  
Hotel Madison  
Harrisonburg, VA

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting Called to Order at 8:30AM
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Moved, Seconded.
- III. Approval of Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - A. Moved, Seconded.
- IV. Chair's Report (Wink)
  - A. We are officially in 50<sup>th</sup> year! Happy Anniversary MARAC.

There are 60 new people at conference; welcome and thanks for being here.

Tara Wink invites people to get involved in 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. There are virtual tours of facilities, or particularly interesting collection. Tara encourages people to look for the email announcement, Sara will resend. Anniversary committee chaired by Lauren Brown, John LeGoahec, Alex Plante. Alex is in charge of virtual tours and there is a form to fill out if interested.

Photos of MAA – looking for photos – if you have them please send them to Missy Nerino – send to [maa@marac.info](mailto:maa@marac.info).
  - B. Fundraising

Tara announces there will be special fundraising for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. First, Silent Auction, she encourages people to look at examples at sign in desk. The silent auction will be at College Park and 29 people have volunteered to make or offer things.

Tara next announces that MARAC will be launching a 50 for the Future campaign similar to others in the organization's past. MARAC is asking for \$50 donation to funds. One that needs help is Graduate Scholarship fund. Trying to grow that fund and disaster relief fund.
  - C. Tara encourages new members to Get Involved! She suggests there will be plenty of opportunities; including, Sarah Borden, chair elect, has asked if interested in any

appointments for stand-alone positions or committees to contact her. Some committees where help is needed is Education, membership, diversity.

Tara also mentions the need for members to volunteer with upcoming conference Local Arrangements (LAC) and Program (PC), which is a short time commitment. She mentions that volunteers for the next virtual meeting – Spring 2023, and Saratoga Springs are still needed.

- D. Tara updates on the MARAC Strategic plan as work has started for the plan for 2024 -2029. She mentions some of the accomplishments in last 5 years with last strategic plan including: mentoring program, started a diversity committee, had first virtual meeting and about to have second, offering more virtual opportunities, and there is a group of people on steering working on what the virtual environment will look like.
  - E. Tara mentions that the Membership Match program has been reintroduced for the Harrisonburg meeting. Tara recommends members get involved as a way for people to learn how to navigate MARAC meeting. There were 20 matches at this meeting – consider getting involved at College Park.
  - F. Tara thanks the membership for providing her with the opportunity to lead!
- V. Meeting Coordinator's Report (Mannix)
- A. Mary thanks everyone for attending the meeting “was never to happen,” the meeting that broke our hearts. She recognizes the PC and LAC chairs. She also Ellen DeFriece and Julia Merkel. Mary expresses her gratefulness to local arrangement co-chairs Ali Zawoyski and Kayla Heslin.
  - B. Ali and Kayla recognize members of Local arrangements committee.
  - C. Sheridan Sayles and Tyler Stump (PC Co Chairs) recognize members of the Program Committee.
  - D. Mary reminds everyone to attend the Anniversary meeting in College Park: Fall 2022 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – longer meeting 3 days at College Park, MD.
  - E. Mary reminds everyone to attend the Spring 2023 virtual meeting and asks for volunteers for the VAC (Virtual Arrangements Committee) chairs and PC chairs
  - F. Mary reminds everyone to attend the Fall 2023 at Saratoga Springs NY. She calls for volunteers for LAC and PC. Brian Kehoe will serve as LAC chair all by himself but would like another volunteer and PC will be co chaired by Amanda May and Josette Schuster.
- VI. Treasurer's Report (May)
- A. Amanda reports that finances are looking pretty good right now. She asks for any questions. There are none. She asks for those who find any questions to email her
  - B. She reports that she has done some work to increase things for inflation and announces that honoraria have been increased from \$250 to \$300.
  - C. Amanda announces a new cancellation fee of \$5 to help cover credit card fees that MARAC is charged. She assures members that it will not apply to events low in cost - such as HVAC online workshop that was \$10.
  - D. She reiterates the information on the upcoming Fundraising Campaign: 50 for the future. Suggesting that the Disaster relief fund could use additional money because a disaster in the region would hit multiple institutions at once and there would be a lot of need. She also

highlights the need for funds for the Graduate scholarship as at the end of Q2 we only have \$944.00, which is not enough to give out an award, need to get up to \$1000 to award scholarships.

- VII. Awards Announcements & Presentations (Bell/Cole/Sayles/Knies/Mannix) – outgoing chair of awards committee
  - A. Danna Bell encourages everyone to nominate colleagues for MARAC Awards.
  - B. She introduces Tiffany Cole, finding aids chair to announce the award for the 2021 Frederick M. Miller Award. The award was given to Anna Rimel for the Joseph Cornell Study Center Collection at the Smithsonian American Museum of Art.
  - C. The Travel Awards were announced by Sheridan Sayles. The awards went to: Marsha Trimball Conference Award - Kiandra Beales Freeman – University of Maryland; Joan Echtenkamp Klien Conference Award – Jessican Webster, Baruch College; and Karen Stewart Local History Conference and Workshop Award – Deyane Moses Baltimore Maryland.
  - D. Jennie Levine Knies announced the 2022 Distinguished Service Award to Geof Huth. In her presentation she described Geof’s service to MARAC as well as the Archive Profession as a whole. Geof has served in more than 20 offices and positions in MARAC and as a role model for others in the profession. Geof accepts the award and thanks the organization for the honor.
  - E. Mary Mannix presents service awards to Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh and Joy Scherry, PC co-chairs for Gettysburg as well as Cindy Bendroth and Scott Keefer, LAC co-chairs for Gettysburg.
  - F. The Diversity and Inclusion Session award was announced by Ali Zawoyski for the Diversity Committee. The award was given to Session 17, If you Build it Alone, Few Will Come. Presenters were keondra bills freemyn, Joni Floyd, and Angela Koukoui.
- VIII. New Business – None
- IX. Invitation to Fall 2022 Meeting in College Park by Felicity Knox, of College Park LAC. Dates are: October 19-22, 2022
- X. Announcements and Adjournment – None
- XI. Moved to adjourn, seconded.

  
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