

## Awards Committee

March 24, 2022

### **Custer Awards - Brigitte Kamsler**

*Incoming Chair as of July 1 - Amy Lucadamo*

Custer completed its work at the Fall Meeting and will start the new award cycle in the spring/early summer.

### **Distinguished Service Award –Jennie Levine Knies**

*Incoming Chair as of July 1 – Tara Wink*

*Please note that the Distinguished Service Award Committee has business for Steering to discuss and vote on.*

The Distinguished Service Award Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, February 17 to discuss nominations for the 2022 Distinguished Service Award. We received one very strong nomination this year and the committee voted unanimously to award the single nominee. Jennie Knies has alerted the MARAC Administrator for the purposes of providing a check and certificate, and also has drafted a letter to be shared with the Awardee at the Spring Business Meeting.

In addition, the Distinguished Service Award Committee would like to make two suggestions for additions to the general procedures/actions of the committee and modify the Operations Manual entry found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NH6k46KVReFgU5o8eStWgkTWT9Li7JxE/edit> accordingly:

- 1) We would like to propose that in years when there are multiple strong candidates for the award, that the committee retains the applications of those not selected, and resubmit them the following year. That will alleviate pressure on the original nominee from having to repeat work, and will also ensure that the nomination goes forward, even if the original nominator may be unable to submit a new application. The Committee could consider reaching out to the person who originally submitted the application, and to the other authors of letters of support, to see if they wish to amend or change their documentation at that time. The maximum number of times one nomination could be carried forward would be two years following the original submission.
- 2) If no applications are submitted within one month of the deadline, the Distinguished Service Award Committee should meet to brainstorm ideas

for potential nominees. They can then reach out to other MARAC members to recommend submitting a nomination for those individuals.

3) The current application process requires submission of a resume or CV of the nominee. Although the Distinguished Service Award committee recognizes the importance of this document, we recognize that in some cases, it may be difficult to obtain in secret, and we do not want that to be a barrier to nomination. We would like to modify the language on the Distinguished Service Award committee web page (<https://www.marac.info/distinguished-service-award>) to read: A letter detailing why the nominee should receive the award should also be submitted to the committee chair. In addition, the committee requires documentation relating to the nominee's career, such as a resume, curriculum vitae, professional website, LinkedIn profile, etc. If unable to obtain this information, please contact the chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee for assistance.

The DSA Committee welcomes feedback from the Steering Committee on these proposed changes.

## **Finding Aids – Tiffany Cole**

*Incoming Chair as of July 1 – Amy Vo*

The Finding Aids Award Committee completed its award cycle for the Finding Aids Award in early February. The committee met Thursday, January 27 via Zoom to review submissions for the 2020 and 2021 Finding Aids Award. The committee received one submission for the 2020 award and three for 2021. The 2020 submission was not eligible for the award due to it being an updated version of a previously available finding aid. The committee selected Anna Rimel's finding aid for the Joseph Cornell Study Center Collection housed at the Smithsonian American Art Museum as the sole winner of the 2021 Finding Aids Award. <https://sova.si.edu/record/SAAM.JCSC.1>

Award and consolation emails were sent out Friday, February 4.

## **Scholarship Awards – Sheridan Sayles**

*Incoming Chair as of July 1 - Casey Babcock*

*Please note that the Scholarship Committee has issues for discussion and potential future action by Steering.*

Scholarship has dispersed its final awards for this cycle. The recipients are:

1.) Klein (\$600) - Jessica Wagner Webster (Digital Initiatives Librarian, Baruch College)

- 2.) Trimble (\$600) - keondra freemyn (Project STAND Coordinator, University of Maryland)
- 3.) Stuart (\$600) - Deyane Moses (Public Access Archivist, AFRO Charities)

For future consideration: If funding is available can future Scholarship/Awards committee chairs use that funding to support people who are highly qualified for awards but are not selected in that award cycle? For example we used to provide meeting workshop scholarships. Could that be considered? Or perhaps smaller scholarships that might pay for registration only?

Another question is how many times can someone apply for funding if given a scholarship already? Someone applied this year who had already received a scholarship recently. Should we spread the wealth and limit the number of times someone can receive a scholarship?

Also we need to insure that the graduate scholarship fund is stable and has the money to continue providing support. I know that that silent auction proceeds are going to support the scholarship fund. Perhaps the Scholarship Committee can work with the Development Committee to develop other funds and ways to keep them funded.

This will be my final report as Chair of the Awards Committee. Angela Rodgers-Koukoui will take over as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

It has been a privilege to oversee the work of these important committees that honor the work and achievements of our members.

Best wishes,

Danna Bell  
Outgoing Awards Committee Chair

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The Communications Committee is composed of Heidi Abbey Moyer, Jodi Boyle, Kathleen Donahoe, Alex Japha, Michael Martin, Melissa Nerino, Lara Szypszak, Carolyn Friedrich, Diane Wunsch and Molly Tighe. Sarah Ponichtera and Sara Predmore are ex-officio members.

## **Committee Assignments**

Missy Nerino serves as MAA Editor, Lara Szypszak as MAA Assistant Editor, and Carolyn Friedrich as Advertising Editor. Technical Leaflets Editor-in-Chief Alex Japha serves alongside Technical Leaflets Editor Heidi Abbey and Diane Wunsch.

Jodi Boyle is continuing in the role as liaison between the Communications Committee and the MARAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. The role of liaison to the Occasional Lectures Series effort is currently vacant.

Molly Tighe and Michael Martin continue to serve in the roles of Co-chair. Kathleen Donahoe continues to serve in the role of Social Media Coordinator.

## ***Mid-Atlantic Archivist (MAA)***

The Spring 2022 (Vol. 51, No. 2) issue of MAA is currently being designed and is expected to distribute online in late March 2022. This issue is the second which heavily features MARAC's 50th anniversary. Two social media points are planned to announce the publishing of the issue, as well as an email blast to MARAC's listserv. The editors are planning to share the issue in SAA's In the Loop newsletter to increase non-member readership.

The Summer 2022 issue of MAA is currently being planned. The 50th anniversary is submitting a piece on the history of MARAC's Hospitality Suites. MAA is continuing the traditional Conversation with the New Chair, and the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will be honored.

MAA is currently looking into the feasibility of a redesign. The last design alteration was in 2011. The 50th anniversary seems like the ideal time to refresh the design and layout. Editors are discussing how the last design was implemented with then-editor Michael Martin and working with MAA's designer at Dickinson College.

## **Social Media**

Following the rollout Facebook's new page settings, various adjustments have been initiated to mitigate an uptick in spam messages. Since January 2022, 6 new blog posts were shared on the MARAC Facebook and Twitter platforms. On Twitter, 13 tweets were posted, the page gained 10 new

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followers, and the page was mentioned by other users 10 times. MARAC's Twitter page was visited 620 times and we had nearly 3,000 impressions on our tweets. On Facebook, there were 39 posts by the Social Media Manager and other page members, several of which related to the Harrisonburg meeting and the publication of the MAA. An uptick in stats is expected in relation to the upcoming Harrisonburg meeting.

## **Technical Leaflets/Practical Archivist: A Technical Leaflets Series**

The leaflet *Preparing and Digitizing Brittle 19th- and 20th-Century Newspapers* has undergone final edits and is being prepared for publication. Lingering stylistic problems have been addressed and the endnotes and bibliography were updated to adhere to stylistic standards. The leaflet will soon be uploaded to MARAC's website and publicized across listservs and social media.

The two potential writers for a web archiving leaflet spoke with each other and concluded that a technical leaflet would likely duplicate work that they had already published. The editorial team can meet with them to discuss altering the topic of the leaflet to make it distinct from their prior publications on the subject of web archiving.

The spring call for proposals will go out shortly after the upcoming Harrisonburg conference.

Heidi continues to look into updating the ISSN for our title change. The plan remains to change the title for MARAC's 50th anniversary.

## **Additional News**

Jodi Boyle continues to serve as the Communications Committee's representative on the 50th Anniversary Committee. Boyle is serving on the Committee's MAA subcommittee with Lauren Brown. Boyle and Brown submitted two 50th anniversary articles for the spring 2022 MAA along with images to feature on the cover. Boyle and Brown are currently working on anniversary articles to include in both the summer and fall issues. Boyle also is working with the editors of NEA Newsletter, the official publication of New England Archivists, to write an article about the 50th anniversary of MARAC for the "News & Notes" section of the publication, likely for the October 2022 issue.

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

**MARAC**  
**Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report**  
**March 2022**

**Date: March 17, 2022**

**To: Members of the MARAC Steering Committee**

**Re: Summary of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Activities in advance of Spring 2022 Steering meeting**

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

The committee conducted meetings virtually.

**D&I session scholarship**

Only one session indicated that they would like to be considered for the session scholarship: S17 If You Build it Alone, Few Will Come: Lessons Learned from Community Archives Advocacy. We have offered the scholarship to the presenters of this session and are awaiting their funding estimates.

**Future programming**

I met with a representative from Hollaback ([ihollaback.org](http://ihollaback.org)) to discuss the possibility of working with them to offer a bystander intervention or other training at the conference in College Park or in the future. The concept of their trainings is great and something I think our membership would benefit from, but their price range is outside of our budget.

Respectfully submitted by Rayna Andrews (chair)

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## MARAC Education Committee Report 20 January 2022

### Activities

- Working with Mid-Career group to offer a few off-conference workshops including Resume Writing – looking for instructors and will put a call out for Spring 2023, off-conference programming in April.
- Updating Website
- Updating workflows, draft emails, timelines
- Prepping content and policies for adding workshops to DRUM
- We propose adding paid workshop content to DRUM after 1 year

### Fall 2022 Conference Workshops – College Park

#### Full-Day

*Exhibits*, Jessica Lacher-Feldman

*Project Management*, Vin Novara

*Genealogy for Archivists*, Mary Mannix

#### Half-Day

*Setting up in house and vendor digitization programs*, Pamela McClanahan

*Identifying and Dating 19th Century Portrait Photographs*, Gary Saretzky

### Spring 2023 (Call will go out April 2022)

*Print Matters: Installing in-person and hybrid exhibits*, Dr. Harrison Wick

### Ongoing tasks:

- ~ Developing webinars
- ~ Investigate technical leaflets as webinar series
  - Digital Exhibits in the works
- ~ Developing guidelines for Zoom workshops/webinars
- ~ Developing policies, forms, past workshops, and offerings for the Education tab on MARAC website

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Bradley-Sanders, Co-Workshop Coordinator

Melissa Erlandson

Kay Lewandowska

Elliot McNally, Chair

Miriam Spectre  
Elizabeth Wilkinson, Co-Workshop Coordinator



**MARAC**  
**Membership Committee Report**  
**March 2022**

**Membership**

- Vicki Russo, Chair
- Theresa Altieri Taplin
- Kevin Delinger, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Sierra Green, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Pam McClanahan, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Jordan Patty
- Alexandra Schlomer, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Liza Zakharova
- Christie Lutz, coordinator Mentoring Subcommittee
- Diane Biunno, member Mentoring Subcommittee, member Online Education Logistics Task Force

**Progress and News**

- Membership has revived the “Navigator” program as “Meeting Match” after some discussion with leadership. The program was announced to the full membership via email on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sara Predmore, MARAC Administrator, created targeted emails depending on whether members were already registered for Harrisonburg. The goal is to encourage new members to attend conferences by matching them with an experienced member. The matches will meet up early in the conference to help the newer members make the most of their MARAC experience. For Harrisonburg, we have 20 members who have requested a match and 18 members who volunteered to be matches. If the program is successful and we choose to continue it, hopefully members who are asking for a match at this conference will volunteer to be a new member’s match at future conferences.
- Steering should discuss when/if Mentoring should become its own Committee. One of the takeaways from the Midpoint Survey results is that if Mentoring becomes a Committee, with greater capacity and its own funding, perhaps a one-on-one program could be considered.

**Mentoring Subcommittee Report**

- The Subcommittee met to discuss mid-point survey results. Report submitted to Membership Committee.

- Christie asked the Subcommittee to review the Mentoring Program pages of the MARAC website and submit suggestions for a revamped presence.
- Discussed membership and the coordinator position. (Christie Lutz and Diane Biunno are rotating off the subcommittee in Summer 2022. Catherine Mayfield and Lexy DiGraffenreid are on the Subcommittee until Summer 2023.) Lexy volunteered to serve as the next coordinator; no objections.\* Catherine reached out to Emily Somach (Maryland Center for History and Culture), a former mentor interested in serving, on behalf of the Subcommittee and Emily has agreed to serve on the committee beginning in Summer 2022. We believe two more members will need to be appointed for a full Subcommittee.  
\*It has been discussed that the way coordinators are selected (appointed or elected) needs to be codified.
- A change the Subcommittee will be undertaking before this program year is out is shifting the timeline for the next round of applications. All agreed that the timeline to solicit and make matches is too tight. (See mid-point survey report for details.) We plan to meet in early April to discuss the new timeline and prepare to solicit applications.

## **MARAC**

### **Nominations and Elections Committee**

Report for March 24, 2022 Steering Committee meeting

The Nominations and Elections Committee consists of: Monica Hurd, Caitlin Rizzo, Joe Schill, Liz Scott, and Heather Perez (chair).

Elections ran from January 7 through January 20, 2022. On behalf of the Nominations and Elections Committee, we are pleased to share with you the successful candidates from the 2022 MARAC elections (attached below). All of the successful candidates have accepted their respective positions, and the unsuccessful candidates have been notified.

After notification on March 15 that the currently-serving Secretary will be stepping down after the Harrisonburg meeting, the NEC has mobilized to recruit candidates for a special election, which will be held in early April. (Nominations are due on March 31 - please think about running!)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 2021-2022 NEC for their service and hard work in creating the ballot and administering the election, as well as to thank Sara Predmore for her support and work to find and set up a new election portal, along with her help with the election process.

I will be meeting with the incoming NEC Chair, Sheridan Sayles, to ensure a smooth transition, and encourage those of you moving out of your positions to do the same.

Thank you also to the Steering Committee members for your help with outreach and support of the elections. I enjoyed working with all of you and hope to do so again in other MARAC capacities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Perez  
NEC Chair

## 2022 MARAC Elections Results

### **Chair-Elect** (2022-2023 and Chair, 2023-2024)

Jessica Wagner-Webster

### **Treasurer** (2022-2024)

Amy Fitch

### **Awards Committee Chair** (2022-2025)

Angela Rodgers-Koukoui

### **Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee** (2022-2025)

Elise DeAndrea (2023-2024 Junior Co-Chair; 2024-2025 Senior Co-Chair)

Elizabeth Shephard

### **Distinguished Service Award Committee** (2022-2024)

Brigette Kamsler

### **Finding Aids Award Committee** (2022-2025)

David R. Grinnell (2023-2024 Junior Co-Chair; 2024-2025 Senior Co-Chair)

Tammy Gobert

### **Nominations and Elections Committee** (2022-2023)

Sheridan Sayles (Chair)

Stacey Lavender

Lori Hostuttler

### **Scholarship Committee** (2022-2025)

Tesa Burns (2023-2024 Junior Co-Chair; 2024-2025 Senior Co-Chair)

Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh

### **Delaware Caucus Representative** (2022-2024)

Diane Bockrath

### **District of Columbia Caucus Representative** (2022-2024)

Christopher Anglim

### **Maryland Caucus Representative** (2022-2024)

Allison Fishbach

**New Jersey Caucus Representative (2022-2024)**

Tara Maharjan

**New York Caucus Representative (2022-2024)**

Danielle Glynn

**Pennsylvania Caucus Representative (2022-2024)**

Taylor Mason

**Virginia Caucus Representative (2022-2024)**

Zachary Hottel

**West Virginia Caucus Representative (2022-2024)**

Lori Hostuttler