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## MARAC Fall Business Meeting Saturday, October 22, 2022

The business meeting was called to order at 8:20am.

Sara Borden read the [University of Maryland land acknowledgment](#).

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. Agenda was approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Spring 2022 business meeting minutes was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Sara Borden presented the Chair's Report. We had a very productive steering meeting on Wednesday evening. Sara did a listening tour for her first few weeks in office; this was very productive, with lots of great feedback. It is a strategic planning year for MARAC, so she fed what she heard into the framework for the strategic plan. We will be focusing on five areas: inclusivity and accessibility, advocacy, continuing education, institutional organization and transparency, and outreach. She will be convening an ad hoc planning committee for strategic planning in the fall from exec committee and the members-at-large, with a wider planning process to begin in January.

Sara is also working on an org chart for MARAC in response to concerns that the org is confusing. Steering Committee is giving feedback now and it'll go out to membership soon.

Advocacy: What do our members want to see in terms of the profession having a higher profile, concerns in NARA regarding Trump records and GWB Library privatization. We were asked to submit some questions for the meetings with incoming AOTUS by NCH. A general advocacy update to membership is forthcoming.

Mary Mannix presented the Meeting Coordinator's Report, and welcomed business meeting attendees to the conference. We had 434 attendees, very near the highest-attended standalone MARAC meeting.

Future meetings: The Spring 2023 meeting will be virtual, April 26-28. A little shorter than the last virtual meeting. Calls for volunteers coming soon; reach out to Mary if you'd like to help. The Fall 2023 meeting will be in Saratoga Springs, NY. Room block is October 18-22, conference is 19-21. The Spring 2024 meeting will be a one-d-- One-day EDI symposium on Monday, April 8 in Philadelphia (Sonesta Rittenhouse Square). Room block Sunday, \$189/night. Parking on-site is \$54/night (but \$30 for the day).

Mary recognized the local arrangements committee for this meeting.

Jessica Johnson wins the MARAC game and a MARAC 50th Anniversary mug.

Danna Bell and Sharmila Bhatia spoke about the program. The plenaries and reception were successful. Would like to hear if the differences in the program this year were positive or negative. They recognized the work of the program committee for this year's conference, and noted Ed Galloway's work in particular as liaison to the 50th Anniversary committee.

Please let the Steering Committee know what will make MARAC an organization that works for you.

Sara Borden recognized the three co-chairs of the 50th Anniversary Committee, and the committee members. She also recognized Margaret King and Jessica Johnson for organizing the silent auction.

Amy Fitch provided the Treasurer's Report. Her financial update included two reports: the year-end report for FY 2022, and the report for Q1 2023. MARAC lost \$8,410 in FY 2022. We lost money at the spring meeting, but the hybrid program presentation pilot was successful. Also contributing is that banking fees have risen as investment rates have dropped.

Q1 2023 ended with a net gain of \$74,500. This is because we have received conference income but have not yet paid the bills for it. We've raised about \$9,000 for the 50 for the Future campaign, and recently received a \$2,000 anonymous gift to the grad student scholarship fund.

The following award winners were announced and recognized:

- The Arline Custer Memorial Award, awarded to Rob Schoberlein for "When Harry Met Elsie: Madness, Power, and Justice in Federal Era Baltimore", and to Alison Finkelstein for *Forgotten Veterans, Invisible Memorials: How American Women Commemorated the Great War, 1917-1945* (University of Alabama Press).
- The C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award, awarded to Special Collections in Performing Arts at University of Maryland (accepted by Ben Jackson)
- MARAC Distinguished Services Awards, awarded to:
  - Tyler Stump and Sheridan Sayles, for co-chairing the Harrisonburg Program Committee
  - Kayla Heslin and Ali Zawoyski, for co-chairing the Harrisonburg Local Arrangements Committee
  - Tara Wink, outgoing MARAC Steering Committee chair
  - Amanda May, outgoing MARAC Treasurer
  - Paige Newman (*in absentia*), outgoing Education Committee Chair
- The Travel Award winners were to be announced over e-mail.
- The Diversity and Inclusion Session Scholarship, awarded to Session 17, *Case Studies in Reparative Description Projects*, and its panelists: Megan Craynon, Jill Reilly, Katie Rojas, and Deyane Moses.

No new business was presented.

The membership is invited to the Spring 2023 Virtual Meeting. Session proposals are due November 1. Poster presentations due February 6 (the call for posters will go out in January). The plenary will be presented on April 26 from 12-1pm by Frank Vagnone and Deborah Ryan, Museum Anarchists.

We are looking for volunteers to join the program and virtual arrangements committees.

The registration rates for the meeting are \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members, \$10 for students. There will also be an option at registration to offset the costs of others to attend the meeting.

The meeting concluded with general announcements. Mary Mannix reiterated that Steering works for the membership, please let us know if there is anything we can improve. If there's anything happening in your region that would contribute to the good of the organization, reach out to your caucus rep.

Alex Japha updated on the Technical Leaflet Series -- it is now named The Practical Archivist: MARAC Technical Leaflet Series. It's now a double-blind peer reviewed publication. First issue under the new title should be out in the middle of next year. Thanks go out to the co-editors, Heidi Abbey Moyer and Diane Bunch

Sara Borden reminded everyone to look at the new, re-designed Mid-Atlantic Archivist.

Sheridan Sayles gave an update on nominations and elections -- there will be calls soon for nominating a slate of candidates for MARAC governance. Sara Borden also called for volunteers for the (appointed) Parliamentarian position.

The auction raised \$3,100.62 for MARAC.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:09am.



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