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STEERING COMMITTEE

6PM-9PM, Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Room 1101/1102 - College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
Hyattsville, MD

AGENDA

I. Call to Order (5 min)

- A. Introductions
- B. Approval of Agenda

II. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes (5 min)

- A. [Summer 2022 Steering Committee Minutes](#)

III. Officer's Reports (15 min)

- A. Chair
 - a. Chair's Report (Sara Borden)
 - b. Administrator's Report (Sara Predmore)
- B. Chair-Elect (Jessica Wagner Webster)
- C. Meetings Coordinator (Mary Mannix)
- D. Secretary (Kevin Clair)
- E. Treasurer (Amy Fitch)
- F. Parliamentarian (N/A)

IV. Advisory Positions (15 min)

- A. Historian (Lauren Brown)
- B. Archivist (Joni Floyd)
- C. Development Coordinator (Margaret Turman Kidd)
- D. Web Team (Laura Montgomery/Heather Perez)
- E. Regional Archival Association Consortium (Andrew Cassidy-Amstutz)
- F. National Coalition for History (Jan Zastrow)

V. Old Business (30 min)

- A. Membership Committee & Mentoring Subcommittee (Vicki Russo)
- B. Strategic Planning (Sara Borden)

VI. New Business (30 min)

- A. Distribution of Operations Packets (Sara Borden)
- B. Organizational Chart (Sara Borden)
- C. Advocacy Regarding NARA & Trump/Bush Issues (Sara Borden)
- D. Accessibility Accommodations & Costs at Future Meetings (Amy Fitch/Sara Borden)

VII. Standing & Operational Committees (15 min)

- A. Awards (Angela Rodgers-Koukoui)
- B. Communications (Molly Tighe/Michael Martin)
- C. Distinguished Service (Tara Wink)
- D. Diversity & Inclusion (Rayna Andrews)
- E. Education (Elliot McNally)
- F. Membership (Vicki Russo)
- G. Nominations and Elections (Sheridan Sayles)

VIII. State Caucus New Business & Updates (15 min)

- A. Delaware (Diane Bockrath)
- B. District of Columbia (Christopher Anglim)
- C. Maryland (Allison Fischbach)
- D. New Jersey (Tara Maharjan)
- E. New York (Danielle Glynn)
- F. Pennsylvania (Taylor Mason)
- G. Virginia (Zachary Hottel)
- H. West Virginia (Lori Hostuttler)

IX. Adjournment

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Date: 19 October 2022

To: MARAC Steering Committee Members

From: Sara Borden

RE: Chair's Report

1. Borden has been pulling together feedback from a summer listening tour with Steering stakeholders to create a framework for our next strategic plan, to be discussed in October and January.
2. Borden has been working with Vicki Russo, chair of the Membership Committee, to figure out the best course of action for the Mentoring Subcommittee and its relationship with the Membership Committee.
3. Borden has been drafting an organizational chart for MARAC to help clarify its structure.
4. Borden has been very busy assisting with the preparations for the 50th anniversary and methods for honoring our founders and founding members.
5. Borden has been attempting to create a list of resources for future conference planning in terms of accessibility needs and costs.
6. Borden drafted questions for the federal nominee for the Archivist of the United States for inclusion with the questions submitted by the National Council on History. The questions submitted to NCH were on the subject of protecting NARA's position in the federal government, with particular regards to the privatization of George W. Bush Library and the seizure of classified documents from Donald Trump's private estate. More information regarding MARAC's advocacy efforts in this area will be forthcoming.

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To: MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE
From: SARA PREDMORE, MARAC ADMINISTRATOR
Date: October 19, 2022 – College Park, MD
Re: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Membership Statistics

There were 810 active members (as of October 14th, 2022):

688 Regular Members
63 Retired Members
59 Student Members

Membership Statistics Comparison

Member Type	2020 (as of 10/15/20)	2021 (as of 9/30/21)	2022 (as of 10/14/22)	% change 2021-2022
Regular	540	700	688	-1.71%
Retired	62	61	63	3.28%
Student	31	65	59	-9.23%
Total	633	826	810	-1.94%

State Caucus Membership Statistics Comparison

Caucus	2020 (as of 10/15/20)	2021 (as of 9/30/21)	2022 (as of 10/14/22)
DC	107	130	153
Delaware	27	29	29
Maryland	136	165	200
New Jersey	88	109	100
New York	136	157	145
Pennsylvania	135	176	173
Virginia	117	137	135
West Virginia	12	16	15

Note: As some members may be part of more than one caucus, total membership numbers and total state caucus numbers may differ.

New Membership Applications (as of 09/30/22)

Month	2020	2021	2022
July	14	21	15
August	7	23	19
September	6	11	46
Total	27	55	80

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Membership Renewal:

- The membership grace period ended on August 31st. 250 members from last year have not renewed.
- Offering the opportunity to join or renew through the conference registration form proves to be a convenient option - 43 people joined or renewed through the conference form.

Committee Support: Provided administrative support for the following committees to include attending meetings, coordinating efforts with chairs, special projects and messaging.

- 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee
- Development – silent auction
- Executive Committee
- MCC
- College Park, Spring Virtual, and Saratoga Springs planning committees
- Custer and Finch Awards and Scholarship Committees
- Communications Committee
- Nominations and Elections Committee
- Web Team

Fall 2022 College Park: 418 registrants, 19 vendors and 7 sponsors have registered

Upcoming Tasks:

- Heavy conference work for College Park and Spring 2023 Virtual
- Continued editing of Meetings Manual
- Sending messages on behalf of conference, Scholarship, Awards, and NEC committees

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TO: MARAC Officers
Caucus Representatives
Committee Chairs
MARAC Administrator
MARAC Archivist

From: Kevin Clair, MARAC Secretary

RE: Secretary Report

The following are the activities of the MARAC secretary for the quarter preceding the Fall Meeting in October 2023.

- Minutes for the May Steering Committee meeting were recorded and circulated among the membership for approval. These were finalized at the July Steering Committee meeting.
- Minutes for the July Steering Committee meeting were recorded and circulated among the membership for approval. These will be approved at the Steering Committee meeting in College Park. They are also attached to the combined reports document.
- Updates to the MARAC Operations Manual for the Distinguished Service Award committee were posted to the public folder in Google Drive.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Clair
MARAC Secretary

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**TO: MARAC Officers
Caucus Representatives
Committee Chairs
MARAC Administrator
MARAC Archivist**

From: Amy Fitch, MARAC Treasurer

RE: Treasurer/Finance Committee Report

Respectfully submitted to the Steering Committee on Friday, October 14, in advance of the Fall 2022 Steering meeting to be held in College Park, Maryland, on October 19, 2022.

1. Highlights of the First Quarter Treasurer's Report (see first attachment) are listed below.

- The income is from membership dues; conference registration, vendors, and sponsors; publication sales and advertising; bank interest; and individual donations.
- Expenses are from Administrator salary and phone; MemberClicks and other web service annual fees; conference-related printing and postage; Caucus events; expenses related to the Fall conference; awards; and banking fees.
- Expenditures from restricted funds were for the Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship.
- The quarter ended with a net gain of \$74,572.13, because the income from the Fall conference was realized in this quarter while the expenses will be incurred in the second quarter. We have strong registration for the Fall Conference in College Park. However, we also have significant extra-budgetary expenses for the conference, in particular for ASL interpretive services.

2. Average returns on investment for MARAC's accounts during the previous quarter (rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percent) follow. The investments had a loss in value for the quarter.

- PNC Savings Account: 0%
- Vanguard Bonds: (-1.94%)

3. The proposed budget for the Spring 2023 virtual conference (see second attachment) is included for discussion and vote at this meeting. It reflects the actual expenses of the Spring 2021 virtual conference plus some updates to rates. It is presented for your review and approval.

FY 2023, 1st Quarter

(July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
INCOME							
Membership Dues	\$40,000.00	\$25,107.00				\$25,107.00	63%
Conference Registration	\$85,000.00	\$54,805.00				\$54,805.00	64%
Conference Vendors	\$13,000.00	\$3,800.00				\$3,800.00	29%
Conference Sponsorship	\$6,000.00	\$5,250.00				\$5,250.00	88%
Publication Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$988.00				\$988.00	66%
Publication Sales	\$400.00	\$90.00				\$90.00	23%
Mailing List Sales	\$70.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Off-Meeting Workshops	\$1,500.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Bank Interest	\$150.00	\$1.94				\$1.94	1%
Investment Interest	\$2,000.00	(\$1,648.32)				(\$1,648.32)	-82%
Gifts to Operations	\$800.00	\$2,231.50				\$2,231.50	279%
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$10.00				\$10.00	0%
Total Income	\$150,420.00	\$90,635.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,635.12	60%
EXPENSES							
Administrator	\$22,000.00	\$6,879.20				\$6,879.20	31%
Web Services	\$7,200.00	\$6,588.89				\$6,588.89	92%
Archivist	\$1,000.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Accountant	\$1,145.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Advocacy	\$1,500.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Insurance Policy	\$1,000.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Phone	\$600.00	\$149.94				\$149.94	25%
Postage	\$750.00	\$71.91				\$71.91	10%
Office Supplies	\$125.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Food	\$3,760.00	\$157.03				\$157.03	4%
Travel	\$1,080.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Equipment	\$300.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Printing and Design	\$2,100.00	\$40.82				\$40.82	2%
Conference	\$92,000.00	\$34.63				\$34.63	0%
Lodging	\$1,300.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Honoraria	\$1,250.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Awards and Prizes	\$1,450.00	\$45.00				\$45.00	3%
Scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Banking Fees	\$6,000.00	\$2,095.57				\$2,095.57	35%
Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
50th Anniversary	\$5,560.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Total Expenses	\$150,420.00	\$16,062.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,062.99	11%
Net Income or (Loss)		\$74,572.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,572.13	

Account Balances

			<u>Opening</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Closing</u>
PNC Checking	\$159,334.86	Operating	\$0.00	\$90,635.12	(\$16,062.99)	\$74,572.13
PNC Savings	\$76,785.29	Restricted	\$143,367.01	\$4,458.50	(\$600.00)	\$147,225.51
Vanguard Bonds	\$83,264.04	Reserve	\$52,647.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,647.00
Total	\$319,384.19	Surplus	\$44,939.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,939.55
		Totals	\$240,953.56	\$95,093.62	(\$16,662.99)	\$319,384.19

Summary - First Quarter FY 2023

Opening Balance	\$240,953.56
Total Income	\$95,093.62
Total Expenses	(\$16,662.99)
Closing Balance	\$319,384.19

Restricted Funds

			<u>Opening</u>	<u>New Gifts</u>	<u>Spending</u>	<u>Closing</u>
PNC Savings	\$63,961.47	Disaster Assist.	\$16,946.00	\$1,735.00	\$0.00	\$18,681.00
Vanguard Bonds	\$83,264.04	Education	\$119,216.01	\$1,083.50	(\$600.00)	\$119,699.51
Total	\$147,225.51	Graduate Schol	\$1,959.00	\$1,601.00	\$0.00	\$3,560.00
		Finch Award	\$5,246.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$5,285.00
		Total	\$143,367.01	\$4,458.50	(\$600.00)	\$147,225.51

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Administrator	\$9,155.00	\$149.94				\$149.94	2%
Executive Officers	\$30,310.00	\$13,428.34				\$13,428.34	44%
Caucus Funds	\$1,600.00	\$202.03				\$202.03	13%
Steering	\$2,550.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Communications	\$2,500.00	\$48.06				\$48.06	2%
Education	\$2,360.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Diversity and Inclusion	\$100.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Meetings Coordinating	\$300.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Finance	\$7,195.00	\$2,135.32				\$2,135.32	30%
Membership	\$1,100.00	\$64.67				\$64.67	6%
Nominating	\$40.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Finding Aids	\$500.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Custer and Finch	\$460.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Distinguished Service	\$250.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
Fall Conference (LAC)	\$80,000.00	\$34.63				\$34.63	0%
Spring Conference (LAC)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	0%
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MARAC MEETING BUDGET**SPRING 2023****REMOTE****Proposed Budget Summary**

Category	Total for 350 Attendees	Total for 500 Attendees	Total for 700 Attendees
INCOME			
Registration Fees	\$8,625.00	\$12,400.00	\$17,550.00
Exhibitor Fees	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Total Income	\$10,925.00	\$14,700.00	\$19,850.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Registration/Program	\$2,949.00	\$2,949.00	\$3,149.00
Session/Plenary Speakers	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Expenses	\$8,699.00	\$8,699.00	\$8,899.00
NET INCOME/PROJECTED NET GAIN	\$2,226.00	\$6,001.00	\$10,951.00

MARAC MEETING BUDGET

SPRING 2023

REMOTE

Proposed Budget - Income Estimates

Category	350			500			700		
	Cost/Item	Attendees	Total	Cost/Item	Attendees	Total	Cost/Item	Attendees	Total
INCOME									
Registration Fees									
Members Tier	\$25.00	250	\$6,250.00	\$25.00	350	\$8,750.00	\$25.00	500	\$12,500.00
Non-Members Tier	\$50.00	25	\$1,250.00	\$50.00	35	\$1,750.00	\$50.00	50	\$2,500.00
Student Tier	\$10.00	50	\$500.00	\$10.00	65	\$650.00	\$10.00	80	\$800.00
Sponsor Another's Attendance	\$25.00	25	\$625.00	\$25.00	50	\$1,250.00	\$25.00	70	\$1,750.00
Total Registration Fees		350	\$8,625.00		500	\$12,400.00		700	\$17,550.00
Exhibitor Fees									
Standard Package	\$300.00	2	\$600.00	\$300.00	2	\$600.00	\$300.00	2	\$600.00
Premium Package	\$400.00	3	\$1,200.00	\$400.00	3	\$1,200.00	\$400.00	3	\$1,200.00
Session Sponsorship, session chair spotlight	\$100.00	5	\$500.00	\$100.00	5	\$500.00	\$100.00	5	\$500.00
Product Demo Time Slot (30 minutes, exclusive)	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00
Donations/Sponsorships (Tier 1)	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00
Donations/Sponsorships (Tier 2)	\$50.00	0	\$0.00	\$50.00	0	\$0.00	\$50.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Standalone Full	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Standalone Half	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Standalone Quarter	\$200.00	0	\$0.00	\$200.00	0	\$0.00	\$200.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Standalone Business Card	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Upgrade Full	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.00	0	\$0.00
Program Ad Upgrade Half	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00	0	\$0.00
Total Exhibitor Fees			\$2,300.00			\$2,300.00			\$2,300.00
Total Income			\$10,925.00			\$14,700.00			\$19,850.00

MARAC MEETING BUDGET

SPRING 2023 Spring 2023 REMOTE

Proposed Budget - Expense Estimates

Category	350			500			700		
	Cost/Item	Attendees	Total	Cost/Item	Attendee	Total	Cost/Item	Attendee	Total
EXPENSES									
Administrative Services			\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Registration/Program									
Program Design/Print/Mail			\$550.00			\$550.00	\$550.00		All digital promotion, but program design
Advertisement			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00		Free announcements on existing lists.
Sched App			\$699.00			\$699.00	\$899.00		Upgrades based on attendee total.
Live Captioning subscription (otter.ai)			\$200.00			\$200.00	\$200.00		Need to include accessibility cost.
Expanded Zoom subscription			\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		We were off in 2021; this is the final cost.
Total Registration/Program Costs			\$2,949.00			\$2,949.00	\$3,149.00		
Session/Plenary Speakers									
Honoraria			\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00		
Misc. Expenses			\$250.00			\$250.00	\$250.00		Equipment?
Total Session/Plenary Costs			\$750.00			\$750.00	\$750.00		
Total Expenses			\$8,699.00			\$8,699.00	\$8,899.00		

MARAC Historian Report
(for the October/2022 MARAC Steering Committee Meeting in College Park, MD)

As can be imagined, my attention this quarter has been focused almost exclusively on projects related to the Fall/22 meeting in College Park.

Chief among these was ongoing work as a tri-chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee—convening meetings; coordinating decision-making, preparing minutes and reports to both the Anniversary and the Steering committees in MARAC.

Much of my available time was spent in preparing a five-panel exhibit on the history of MARAC itself, to be deployed in the conference hotel for viewing. In this regard, I want to acknowledge the fine work carried out on this project by Joni Floyd, MARAC Archivist at UMD and her Graduate Student Assistant Susannah Holliday. In addition, Jodi Koste (Virginia Commonwealth University), worked with me on writing the narrative text for the exhibit. This project would not have been completed without the individual and collective talents of these archivists.

Additional projects of note include:

- Assisting Special Collections staff in Hornbake with preparations for its Open House during the Fall/22 meeting (as listed in the meeting program);
- Budget planning for the 50th Anniversary Committee;
- Final planning in recognizing “charter members” of MARAC attending the College Park meeting;
- Preparation of a presentation as part of Session #1 at the meeting (dealing with the history of the relationship between MARAC and the Society of American Archivists);
- Final planning for the first plenary session, scheduled for Thursday afternoon;
- Completion of an anniversary-article that interviewed two MARAC founders who attended the very first MARAC meeting in Wilmington, DC in Fall/72 (published in the Fall issue of the MAA);
- Working with Doug McElrath (University of Maryland) in securing anniversary cakes from local bakers for the Thursday anniversary reception.

I am looking forward to participating (and enjoying) the upcoming anniversary meeting here in College Park.

Lauren Brown
MARAC Historian

MARAC Archivist Report
Steering Committee Meeting
October 19, 20ss
College Park, MD

DRUM Submission Notification

As per the position description for the MARAC Archivist, and with content assistance from the DRUM Administrator, I sent a reminder to the program co-chairs regarding DRUM submissions.

MARAC 50th Anniversary Committee

- Attended final committee meeting.
- Coordinated the payment for the MARAC exhibition panels, payment (by UM Libraries pending reimbursement), delivery, and reprint.

SCUA Open House

- Staffed both sessions of the MARAC display, which was curated by the MARAC Historian.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni J. Floyd
MARAC Archivist

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**Development Coordinator Report
Steering Committee Meeting
October 19, 2022**

The silent auction for the fall meeting is ready to go. As of the time I am writing this report, a total of 66 donations were completed for the auction. There are a few outstanding commitments but even if they do not make it there is more than enough for the auction. The auction has been promoted through emails to the membership and on social media.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and talent of the donors and appreciate those who have signed up as table monitors. I would also like to thank our administrator, Sara, for her help.

I will be working with members of the Finance Committee to research alternative options for our investments during the last few months of my term.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Turman Kidd

Web Team Quarterly Report
July – October, 2022

Web Team members:

Laura Montgomery (co-chair), Heather Perez (co-chair), Diane Biunno, Jasmine Smith, Jesse Brown

Updates since the last Steering Meeting:

- Laura updated the Web Team Operations Manual
- Heather and Laura met with Sara Borden
- The team held an introductory Zoom meeting with all new members
- Diane Biunno now adds Steering committee updates
- Jesse Brown now performs website quality checks
- Jasmine Smith now updates job opportunities on a rolling basis
- Laura continues ongoing work to update conference pages and caucus information
- Heather maintains the homepage, menus, new page additions, and committee information

Please double check your webpage(s) on the MARAC website and contact us at maracwebteam@gmail.com if you notice any issues or if you would like to make any updates.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Montgomery and Heather Perez, Co-chairs

Regional Archival Associations Consortium Representative

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- Communicated announcements from RAAC to MARAC Executive Committee
- Anticipated 2022-2023 RAAC topics
 - Regional organizations converting publications from print to digital
 - Member engagement of regional organizations
 - Educational/workshop/annual meeting efforts by regional organizations

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Cassidy-Amstutz



Fall 2022 NATIONAL COALITION FOR HISTORY Report
MARAC Steering Committee Meeting, Oct. 19, 2022

NCH ENDORSES NOMINATION OF DR. COLLEEN SHOGAN AS NEXT AOTUS

Last month the National Coalition for History sent a letter to Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) Chairman Gary Peters and Ranking Member Rob Portman endorsing the nomination of Dr. Colleen Shogan to be the next Archivist of the United States (AOTUS). Her confirmation hearing was September 21. At the request of the committee, NCH submitted a series of questions for the nominee, including one posed by MARAC regarding the privatization of presidential libraries. (See the full list of questions at <https://historycoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/NCH-Questions-for-AOTUS-nominee-9-12-22.pdf>)

The following week, the Committee failed to favorably report the nomination of Dr. Shogan as Archivist of the United States. The vote was along party lines, 7-7. Chairman Gary Peters (D-Mich.) will work with Senate Majority Leader Schumer to have her nomination discharged from the committee and brought to the floor at a future date. While this does not mean that Dr. Shogan won't be confirmed, it does mean the process may take longer than anticipated.

NCH URGES LEGISLATION TO REDUCE BACKLOG OF VETERANS' RECORDS

There is a continuing backlog of over 500,000 records requests from veterans still pending at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis. Because of the pandemic, the NPRC was closed for two years and only returned to full in-person staffing on March 7, 2022.

Acting Archivist of the United States Debra Wall sent a letter to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee recently providing an update on the ongoing work to eliminate the backlog. While the backlog is slowly decreasing from its peak of 603,000, it is notable that NARA was unable to provide an estimate as to when they will be able to clear the outstanding requests which are estimated at 500,000. Veterans rely on their service records to prove eligibility for medical treatment, unemployment assistance, housing, and many other benefits.

On July 14, by an overwhelming bi-partisan vote of 406-21, the House passed HR 7337, the "Access for Veterans to Records Act." If the bill becomes law, it would require NARA to provide its congressional appropriations and authorizing committees with a detailed plan and target timeframes to eliminate the backlog, and strategies to prevent a future records requests backlog. The bill would also authorize \$60 million for NARA to modernize its information technology infrastructure and to digitize documents since a large volume of veterans' records are only available on paper.

For more information and updates, please see the NCH website at <https://historycoalition.org/>

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