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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Saratoga Springs, New York
October 19, 2023**

1. Updated caucus members following the August Steering Committee meeting.
2. Welcomed two new members to the caucus.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted four (!) such items.
4. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

MARAC DC Caucus Report

We will be trying Launch a Caucus Coffee Talk on selected topics every month. We invite all to participate and suggest ideas for the Coffee Talk.

I am in the process of taking interest survey of DC caucus members to see what directions they would like the Caucus to go . I invite to participate and submit their ideas.

And for an Archives Encore (A Party after the Party) know that you are all invited to Archives Fair at NARA One on October 23. The day after some of us return from this conference.

We had a very successful holiday get together in 2022, and we will be making plans to the same for 2023.

With much gratitude to Professor Vincent Novara, formerly at U of Md and now at the Library of Congress, we will sponsor a Spring gathering at LC to celebrate the pending unveiling of the Stephen Sondheim papers at LC's Music Division. We hope to get LC's musical theater curator, Mark Horowitz to kick off the event and explain the collection.

Respectfully Submitted, this 18th day of October, 2023,

By Christopher Anglim,

DC Caucus Chair

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**Maryland Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. Welcomed 6 new members.
2. Updated members on news from the August Steering Committee meeting.
3. Circulated regular emails about caucus news, conference updates, local events, etc.
4. Submitted three (3) news items to MAA.
5. Attended Caucus Rep meeting with MARAC President Ali Zawoyski on Sept.22.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Fischbach,
Maryland Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. The New Jersey Caucus has 7 new members.
2. Created a [New Jersey Caucus-specific list of responsibilities](#) for the MARAC Operations Manual.
3. Rutgers University's Special Collections and University Archives has agreed to take the CAPES archive.
4. Participated in awarding the Roger McDonough Librarianship Award to Ingrid Betancourt of the Newark Public Library.
5. Attended the MARAC Caucus Representative Meeting on September 22, 2023.
6. Will be attending Monmouth County Archives and History Day on October 28 to present the Innovative Archives Award to the New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project and will have a table.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
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1. Updated caucus members following the August Steering Committee meeting.
2. Welcomed eight new members to the caucus.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* submissions.
4. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Glynn
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Saratoga Springs, NY
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1. Welcomed 3 new members
2. Emailed past PA Caucus members who did not renew membership.
3. Circulated regular emails about MAA submissions, news, conferences, etc.
4. Alerted caucus about upcoming elections, looking for new caucus chair for the next term.
5. Missy Nerino will be proxy for Saratoga Springs and will lead the PA caucus meeting in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Mason
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
October 13, 2023**

1. Continued regular updates to caucus members concerning events, ongoing projects, and MARAC information including the fall 2023 conference.
2. Welcomed new MARAC/Virginia Caucus members via email and provided answers to follow up questions.
3. In partnership with the Virginia Archives Month Committee, Library of Virginia, and Virginia's SHRAB, completed plans for and began Virginia Archives Month Commemorations.
4. Conducted two lunch and learn events in advance of Archives Month including Zines in the Archives (August) and Archives Month Events and Plans (September).
5. Formalized plans to host the 2024 Virginia Caucus Meeting in Lexington Virginia on June 14, 2024 and continued to prepare details of the meeting in conjunction with hosting institutions.
6. Collected, and submitted, caucus news to the Winter MAA edition.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Hottel
Virginia Caucus Representative (2022-2024)

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West Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting October 13, 2023

1. The West Virginia Caucus met in September and October.
 - a. The September meeting was focused on abandoned property laws in West Virginia. The WV current code does not address issues of concern for collecting organizations like archives. I met with Jane LaBarbara prior to the meeting and we assessed abandoned property laws in states nearby to us to see if they could serve as a model. We invited representatives and members of the WV Library Association and WV Association of Museums to attend the September meeting to get their thoughts on the issue, review other state laws, and plan a path forward. Aaron Parsons from the West Virginia State Archives attended and thought that we might be able to work through the governor's office to propose a bill. Jane had contact with a local legislator who is also donor that offered to take a look at the issue for us. Those in attendance felt that Maryland was a good example. We decided it would be good to have a lawyer look at the Maryland code to see if it would work in WV.
 - b. In the October meeting, the group returned to the abandoned property law issue. Working through the governor's office was no longer an option. Those in attendance agreed to move forward by first sending the Maryland law to donor, historian, attorney, and state delegate Larry Rowe for review. We will also pursue delegate Amy Summers who initially offered to look at the issue. During this meeting, the group also discussed Archives Month activities. The caucus has developed an Archives Basics and Best Practices libguide designed to offer resources for smaller institutions in the state. We will launch it this month. The WVRHC will promote the guide on their social media and share it with colleagues from WVAM and WVLA. The group also discussed pursuing an archives basics online symposium in 2024 sponsored by the caucus, the WVRHC, the State Archives, and possibly the Ohio County Public Library.
2. I promoted the Fall conference, urged folks to run for WV caucus chair and other positions in the upcoming election, and solicited stories for the Mid-Atlantic Archivist. Having missed the last deadline, we definitely want to be included in the next issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostuttler
West Virginia Caucus Representative