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MARAC Business Meeting
2023 October 21, 8:00am
Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY

Jessica Webster called the meeting to order at 8:19am.

The agenda was approved at 8:19am.

The minutes from the Spring 2023 (virtual) business meeting were approved at 8:19am.

Jessica Webster gave the Chair's Report. There will be a listening session on the Strategic Plan directly after the Business Meeting in Broadway 1. We look forward to hearing the thoughts of membership about the work that has been done on MARAC's newest plan. Nominations are open for this election cycle; please contact Jennifer Mitchell if you or someone you know is interested in running. We will also be conducting a special election for someone to complete the current Awards Committee Chair term. Steering has charged a Committees Task Force to define the roles and time commitments for each of these roles, so that people are more aware of the responsibilities of each before they nominate or self-nominate.

Brian Keough gave the Meetings Coordinator's Report in place of Mary Mannix. Josette Schluter (Program Committee co-chair with Amanda May) gave the PC report. Acknowledged the work and members of the committee. Brian gave the Local Arrangements Committee chair's report, and acknowledged the work and members of the committee. Brian also highlighted the workshops coordinators, Colleen Bradley-Sanders and Elizabeth Wilkinson; Nick Zmijewski, who coordinated the vendors at Saratoga; and Alan Munshower, who facilitated A/V. As always Sara Predmore did a great job facilitating and managing all of this as MARAC Administrator.

216 people registered for this MARAC meeting. 77 of these were first-time attendees of the conference.

The next event is the Spring Symposium in Philadelphia at the Sonesta in Rittenhouse Square next April 8, 2024, with a focus on DEI. There will be training from Right To Be on conflict de-escalation. Lodging rates are \$189 per night. There will be a follow-up training entitled "Resilience: This Moment and Beyond" to take place after the symposium. Planning is underway for next fall's conference (virtual). A committee is evaluating our post-COVID meeting models to

determine what works and what can be improved. The Spring 2025 meeting is tentatively planned for Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; we hope to have a lodging contract signed by the end of the year.

Service awards went to Lauren Brown in recognition of his planning work for College Park; to Sharmila Bhatia, College Park PC chair; and to Kerri Anne Burke, Tara Maharjan, John Zarrillo, Deb Schiff, Alexandra Plante, John McGlohac, Danna Bell, Mark Coburn, and Becky Collier for support of MARAC as a whole.

Amy Fitch presented the Treasurer's Report. FY 2023 ended with a net gain of \$8,529. We lost money on the Fall conference but made up for most of that shortfall through the Spring conference. Like many organizations, our operating expenses are affected by inflation, including hotels, food, financial fees, and publication costs (print and online).

We gained \$43,386 in Q1 of the current fiscal year. This is typical for us, as we have collected membership renewals and registrations for fall conference. The bills for this meeting will be paid in Q2 so expect a loss then. Our investments are returning income for us thanks to a new CD we have acquired. Workshops are also generating income for us (thanks to the Education Committee!).

VII. Awards Presentations

Tyler Stump presented the Arline Custer Memorial Award for Best Book to Aaron Purcell and to Kelly Hayes McAlonie. Elise DeAndrea presented the Arline Custer Memorial Award for Best Article to Mary Schriener.

Jessica Webster (on behalf of Laura Bell) presented the C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award to Ed Galloway and the University of Pittsburgh Library System for the August Wilson Archive.

In addition to the service awards presented earlier, we would like to recognize Sara Borden for her service as Past Chair, and Sara Ponichtera for her previous service to the board.

The Karen A. Stuart Award was presented to Jill Tominosky of the Guilderland (NY) Public Library.

The Marsha Trimble Award was presented to Scotty Beland, University of Maryland.

The Joan Echtenkamp Klein Award was presented to Emily Borowski, New Jersey State Archives.

The Diversity Session Award for the Spring 2023 virtual conference was presented to Bethann Rea, Penn State University Libraries. There were no nominees for the Fall 2023 conference.

VIII. New Business

Ali Zawoyski gave more details about the Spring Symposium. The deadline for proposals was extended to October 31. There will be lightning talks on the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the morning; the afternoon will be spent on bystander intervention and conflict de-escalation training. The registration cost is \$125 (\$70 for students). The virtual training on resilience (also conducted by *Right To Be* trainers) will take place on April 26; you do not need to be present in Philadelphia to attend the virtual training.

IX. Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Kevin M. Clair
6/11/2024