

# MARAC

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**Delaware Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Zoom  
February 2, 2024**

1. Held a caucus meeting on October 20 as part of the Saratoga Springs conference; updated caucus members who could not attend afterwards.
2. Attended meetings of caucus representatives, one on October 19 at the conference and one on December 8 over Zoom.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted one such item.
4. Emailed former caucus members with lapsed memberships, encouraging them to rejoin MARAC.
5. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest; sent a holiday message to caucus members.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath  
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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1. Welcomed 1 new member.
2. Circulated regular emails about MAA submissions, news, post conference report, etc.
3. Recruited two candidates for caucus representative elections.
4. Attended quarterly caucus reps meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Fischbach,  
Maryland Caucus Representative

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## **New Jersey Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting January 23, 2024**

1. The New Jersey Caucus has 5 new members.
2. Attended the December 8 caucus representatives meeting.
3. Proposed the idea of the Ron Becker New Professional Award for MARAC. This award would be to encourage professional development for new professionals (5 years or less in the archival field) within the MARAC region. The proposal was sent to Kira Dietz (Award Committee), Amy Finch (Finance Committee), and Jessica Webster (MARAC Chair). Awaiting response.
4. Reached out to the Finance Committee about having the funding for 2 awards (Stellhorn & Waldron Undergraduate Research Project in New Jersey History Award and Innovative Archives Award) that the NJ Caucus sponsors to come from awards funding instead of caucus finding. The committee felt “this is not a viable budget move since both awards are specific to New Jersey rather than to the whole region.”
5. Planning a caucus and New Jersey Library Association History and Preservation Section meeting and tour at the New Jersey State Archives on February 9.
6. The Innovative Archives Award Committee has reconvened to start the award cycle in mid-February.
7. An author was in touch about wanting to do a talk about their new book, which focuses on an Oral History Archive in New Jersey. As the author wants to do this talk in October, information will be shared with the new NJ Caucus Rep.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan  
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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1. Welcomed 1 new member in January
2. Circulated emails about MAA submissions, caucus news, etc.
3. Alerted caucus about upcoming elections, looking for new caucus chair for the next term.
4. Attended quarterly caucus reps meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Glynn  
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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1. Welcomed 1 new member
2. Missy Nerino held caucus meeting in Saratoga in my absence- thanks Missy!
3. Circulated regular emails about MAA submissions, news, post conference report, etc.
4. Alerted caucus about upcoming elections, looking for new caucus chair for the next term.
  - a. had one candidate step forward
5. Attended quarterly caucus reps meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Mason  
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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1. Continued regular updates to caucus members concerning events, ongoing projects, and MARAC information.
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, conducted the annual Virginia Archives Month celebration with publications, programs, and promotions. This year's event centered on Zines.
4. Conducted an in-person Virginia Caucus meeting at the 2023 Saratoga Springs MARAC Conference.
5. Worked with the MARAC nomination committee to encourage nominations for open positions in the 2024 MARAC election, including for Virginia Caucus representative.
6. Continued to work with host institutions to prepare for the June 2024 Virginia Caucus meeting in Lexington Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Hottel  
Virginia Caucus Representative (2022-2024)

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**West Virginia Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
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1. The West Virginia Caucus met in November (3 attendees) and January (6 attendees):
  - a. The group continues to pursue an abandoned cultural property law for West Virginia. We also are working on ways to promote our archival basics libguide and expand our connections to other institutions in the state that collect archival material.
2. I promoted archival professional development opportunities, worked to find a candidate for the WV caucus chair, and solicited stories for the Mid-Atlantic Archivist.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostuttler  
West Virginia Caucus Representative