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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
April 5, 2024**

1. Updated caucus members following the February Steering Committee meeting.
2. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives, held on March 12 over Zoom.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted one such item.
4. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report
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1. The New Jersey Caucus has 1 new member.
2. Attended the March 12 caucus representatives meeting.
3. Continued to work on creating the Ron Becker New Professional Award for MARAC.
4. Hosted a caucus and New Jersey Library Association History and Preservation Section meeting and tour at the New Jersey State Archives on February 9.
5. The Innovative Archives Award Committee has begun its work for the 2024 award. The deadline for nominations is April 15.
6. Set up a meeting with incoming Caucus Representative Diane Biunno to discuss the role and hand over materials.
7. Checked in with CAPES Consultant.
8. Asked Web Team to make changes to NJ Caucus' Awards page.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Maharjan
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
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1. Welcomed new members
2. Attended the March 12 caucus representatives meeting
3. Met with the incoming Caucus Representative to discuss the role
4. Set up a meeting with NY Caucus to meet incoming representative (to be held later in April)

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Glynn
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report
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1. Sent emails regarding MAA news submissions
2. Emailed new PA Caucus members
3. Met with Isaac Alexander on PA Caucus Chair transition explaining procedures, file access, and other information for a successful transition.
4. Organized PA Caucus folder on MARAC Google Drive

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Mason
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting April 5 2024

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, began planning efforts for Archives Month 2024. This year we will be celebrating "The Art of Self: Expression in the Archives."
4. Launched a Virginia Caucus LinkedIn page and deleted the former Facebook group. Promoted use of the LinkedIn page via caucus emails.
5. Continued to work with host institutions, Sara Predmore, and others to prepare for the June 2024 Virginia Caucus meeting in Lexington Virginia. Emailed formal invitations and distributed social media invitations to Caucus members.
6. Participated in the quarterly meeting of the MARAC Caucus Representatives on March 12 to finalize schedule and details for caucus lunch and learn series.
7. Attended MARAC information session on dues increase held on March 19. Provided email updates to caucus members about dues increase and the meeting in advance of that date.
8. Began transitional talks with newly elected Virginia Caucus Representative Steven Bookman of Old Dominion University.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Hottel
Virginia Caucus Representative (2022-2024)

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West Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting April 5, 2024

1. The West Virginia Caucus met in February (5 attendees) and March (7 attendees):
2. A proposed abandoned cultural property law for West Virginia was drafted [HB 5165](#) but did not make it out of the judiciary committee in the 2024 session. The caucus is discussing a more collaborative approach to promoting the bill in the 2025 legislative session. Beyond the West Virginia Association of Museums who voiced their support this year, we will be working more closely with the legislative committee of the WV Library Association. Lori has also discussed the legislation with the Preservation Alliance of WV who are also supportive of the bill. The group has identified additional local legislators that we hope to get to sponsor the bill next year. We plan to get a much earlier start this time around. This should be an easy, non-partisan win.
3. Fortunately, [HB 4654](#) (removing schools, libraries, and museums from the list of exemptions from criminal liability relating to distribution and display of obscene materials) was not passed despite some last minute antics in the Senate to force consideration (adding it to a bill outlawing AI generated child pornography). We expect this bill to rise again next year. When/if it does, we will likely ask MARAC to issue a statement opposing it.
4. Caucus members welcomed Grace Musgrave who will take over as Chair in July!

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostuttler
West Virginia Caucus Representative