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Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

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MARAC Business Meeting
2024 November 14, 12:00pm
Virtual (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved at 12:03pm.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved at 12:03pm.

IV. Chair's Report

The Ronald L. Becker Award has been approved by the Steering Committee. The Becker Award is named for Ronald L. Becker, a founding member of MARAC and longtime leader. It is an annual award of up to \$1500 to be used by new employees in the MARAC region for professional development. More information, including instructions on how to apply, will be available soon.

Nominations are now open for the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to members who have made significant contributions to the organization and the profession.

We have recently received news that the National Coalition for History (NCH) will be winding down its operations at the end of the year. NCH has been a valuable advocacy organization for the archives profession, and Jan Zastrow has been a longtime representative of MARAC at NCH. We have convened a committee to investigate causes and activities that MARAC may advocate for in the absence of NCH going forward.

The Disaster Relief Committee has not needed to award funding for disaster relief and mitigation this year. In light of increasing risk of disasters within the Mid-Atlantic region, the committee will be convening soon to come up with new ways that they can help MARAC members.

The *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* will be highlighting the work of different MARAC committees through short articles in the journal. The Communications Committee will be debuting this feature in the next issue.

MARAC is now on LinkedIn. You can connect with MARAC there and also find us through the MARAC website.

MARAC is looking for a Development Coordinator to help fundraise for awards, advocacy work, and professional development. Please reach out to Ali Zawoyski if you are interested in this position or want to learn more about it.

V. Meeting Coordinator's Report

There are over 130 attendees at the business meeting; thank you all for coming!

There are 514 registered attendees at the Fall Virtual Conference. Thank you all for attending! Many thanks to the Virtual Arrangements Committee and its co-chairs, Scott Keefer and Colleen McFarland Rademaker. Many thanks also to the Program Committee and its co-chairs, Megan Craynon and Hilary Kativa.

Thank you to the others who helped to put on the conference behind the scenes: Emily Rafferty, Program Editor; Anna Clarkson, Assistant Program Editor; Nick Zmijewski, Vendor Coordinator; Isabel Folck, Assistant Vendor Coordinator; and Alan Munshower, Technical Coordinator.

Thanks to past conference organizers: Brian Keough, Local Arrangements Coordinator, Fall 2023; Amanda May and Josette Schlueter, Program Committee Co-Chairs, Fall 2023; and Rayna Andrews, Spring 2024 Symposium Coordinator.

Upcoming conferences: Spring 2025 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Fall 2025 virtual or in-person (to be determined) symposium on sustainability; and Spring 2026 in Richmond, Virginia.

VI. Treasurer's Report

FY2024 ended on June 30 with a net *gain* of \$1,351.

Although the Diversity and Inclusion Symposium lost money for the organization, but was a success in launching a new kind of programming for the organization. Interest on our CDs and income from off-meeting workshops helped us to break even for the year.

The first quarter of FY2025 ended with a net *gain* of \$14,934. This is lower than usual because most of our conference income will be realized in Q2. There were no expenses

from our restricted funds. Interest from our CDs is still high but they will both be maturing soon.

Steering approved the budget for the Spring 2025 conference at its last meeting. Registration rates will remain the same (\$140) as the last conference.

VII. Awards Announcements and Presentations

Elise DeAndrea awarded the Arline Custer Memorial Award to Laura Helton, for the book *Scattered and Fugitive Things: How Black Collectors Created Archives and Remade History*; and to Katherine Lukaszewicz, for the article "[Finding Father Mollinger: the Historiography of a Catholic Priest](#)," published in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*.

Tesa Burns awarded the Graduate School Scholarship to Nancy Lambert, a graduate student at Queens College, City University of New York, earning her MLIS and Advanced Certificate in Archives.

Tara Wink awarded the Diversity and Inclusion Session Award to Session 10: *Propping the Doors Open: Collaboration and Access Between Tribal Communities and Non-Native Institutions*, presented by Hanna Jancosko, Lily Sweeney, and Tsinnjinnie Russell.

VIII. New Business

No new business was presented at the meeting.

IX. Invitation to the Spring Harrisburg Meeting

Taylor Mason and Tyler Stump presented on behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Spring 2025 conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The conference will take place from May 1-3 at the Hilton Harrisburg. Conference rates at the hotel will be \$169/night with \$15 a night for parking. There are two restaurants on site.

The Program Committee is putting together a great slate of programming. There will be tours of the new Pennsylvania State Archives building (open as of last December), in addition to four other tours that have been confirmed. Dr. John Haddad from Penn State Harrisburg will be giving a lunch talk about the history of HersheyPark. Harrisburg has something for everyone and the Local Arrangements Committee welcomes you all to attend.

Liza Zakharova and Jen Pulsney, Membership Committee co-chairs, highlighted the work of the Membership Committee. The committee's mission is to make MARAC membership worthwhile. They will be organizing the Member Meet and Greet to kick off the spring conference. There will be food and drink as well as some fun games. Whether a new or

longtime member, the Membership Committee hopes to see you at the Meet and Greet in Harrisburg.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.