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Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
November 8, 2024

1. Emailed the caucus with updates following the August Steering Committee meeting.
2. Hosted the first Caucus Conversations virtual event on September 25. Caucus members Dr. Kery Lawson and Susan Kirk Ryan spoke on the topic "Moving Your Collections." Sixty (!) MARAC members and friends attended. Many thanks to the Education Committee for an excellent collaboration.
3. Hosted a caucus event on October 16. Susan Kirk Ryan of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Archives kindly welcomed six caucus members on a tour of her new collection space and a popup exhibit of diocese treasures. Delicious snacks and a drinks meetup followed.
4. Welcomed three new members to the caucus.
5. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives held on September 17 and met one-on-one with chair-elect Zach Hottel on August 19.
6. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted one such item.
7. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

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District of Columbia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
November 1, 2024

1. Held a DC caucus meeting on Friday, September 20th via Zoom, with 9 total attendees.
2. Held a DC caucus outing to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, with 7 total attandees. Attendees took a docent-led tour of the mansion and received a tour of Archives and Special Collections at Hillwood from Jason Speck.
3. Began soliciting ideas for the next MARAC caucus conversation meeting scheduled for January. Planning for next caucus meeting in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Speck
D.C. Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Quarterly Report
Steering Committee Meeting

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Attended MARAC Steering Committee Meeting 8/2/24

Attended MARAC Caucus Meeting 9/17/24

8 new MARAC Members from Maryland

MD Caucus news reviewed and shared in Mid-Atlantic Archivist (Fall 2024)

<u>Upcoming activities</u>

December TBA - tentative plans for tour of University of Maryland exhibit "Homegrown: An Introduction to the Environmental Justice Movement"

March TBA - MD Caucus Conversation with Education Committee

April TBA - tentative plans for tour of Naval Academy archives and museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Gathings
MD Caucus Representative

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New Jersey Caucus Report
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1. The New Jersey Caucus has 2 new members.
2. Held a NJ caucus meeting on Saturday, September 28th at Stockton University. As part of the meeting, Heather Perez (archivist) gave a tour of Stockton's Special Collections, and Laura Poll presented the Innovative Archives Award to Drs. Thomas Kinsella and Patricia Chappine of the Alliance Heritage Center (AHC).
3. On Thursday, October 24 at 6pm in John Cotton Dana Library (Newark) hosted an author talk with Katie Singer about her latest book: *Alien Soil: Oral Histories of Great Migration Newark.* The event was a collaboration between the NJ Caucus, Departments of American and Africana Studies (Rutgers U), Department of American Studies (Rutgers U), and Source of Knowledge, a small, independent bookstore located in Newark.
4. On Saturday, October 26th at Brookdale Community College, attended and staffed an exhibitor table for the NJ Caucus at Monmouth County's Archives and History Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Biunno
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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New York Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
zoom
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1. Welcomed 10 new members to the New York Caucus since August.
2. Emailed the caucus with updates following the August Steering Committee meeting.
3. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives held on September 17 and met one-on-one with chair-elect Zach Hottel on August 13.
4. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted one such item.
5. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.
6. Scheduled NY Caucus meeting for November 20th at 3pm via zoom to coincide with the Fall Virtual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa McMullen
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. Emailed the Caucus with updates from the previous Steering Committee meeting
2. Submitted one news item from the Caucus to MAA
3. Welcomed nine new members to the Caucus
4. Attended the quarterly Caucus representatives meeting on September 17
5. Scheduled a Caucus meeting for Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm
6. Sent emails to the Caucus about various events, submission deadlines, our November Caucus meeting, and the upcoming Fall Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Alexander
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
November 4, 2024

1. Virginia Caucus Representative Steven Bookman is recuperating from an injury. I am assuming his duties on a temporary basis. He is expected to return to work in the New Year.

2. Met with former Virginia Caucus Representative Zach Hottel to discuss duties and expectations for the role.

3. Sent an email out to the caucus introducing myself as the temporary caucus representative while Steve recovers and provided a reminder about the Fall MARAC Conference. Offered to organize a virtual caucus meeting at the conference.

4. Welcomed new MARAC members that affiliated with the Virginia Caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna M. Loring
Virginia Caucus Representative (Temporary)

West Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
November 4, 2024

1. There were three new members to the West Virginia Caucus for this quarter.
2. I met with the President of the West Virginia Association of Museums and reached out to the Chair of the Legislative Committe of the West Virginia Library Association in regards to attempting to reintroduce an abandoned property law to the West Virginia legislature. This process is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Musgrave
West Virginia Caucus Representative