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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
January 31, 2025**

1. Hosted a caucus meeting on November 21 in conjunction with a caucus event held at University of Delaware Special Collections. Curators Hillary Kativa, Mark Samuels Lasner, Petra Clark, and Alexander Johnston kindly toured ten attendees through their exhibition [What They Saved: Souvenirs and Mementos from Special Collections](#). Emailed caucus news and updates to those who could not attend in person.
2. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives held on January 24.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted one such item from the Delaware Public Archives.
4. 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
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1. Worked with Amy McDonald (Education Committee) on arrangements for DC Caucus Conversation webinar, scheduled for January 29th. Recruited members of Library of Congress' web archiving section to discuss the topic for the webinar.
2. Welcomed five new caucus members with an introductory email.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Speck
D.C. Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Quarterly Report Steering Committee Meeting

January 31, 2025

Attended MARAC Steering Committee Meeting 11/8/24.

Attended/Presented at the MARAC Virtual Fall meeting 11/13/24-11/15/24.

Welcomed 12 new MARAC Members to the Maryland Caucus for Oct-Dec 2024.

Emailed news to Maryland Caucus regarding interesting events or news from other caucuses or news/information for Maryland Caucus members.

Activities

- December 6, 2024 - Hosted tour of University of Maryland exhibit "Homegrown: An Introduction to the Environmental Justice Movement" and networking dinner at The Hall CP (9 attendees).
- Caucus Conversation event planning
 - Sent out poll to Maryland Caucus to determine topic for MD Caucus Conversation slated for March 2025. 20 members completed the poll.
 - Emailed contact at Maryland State Archives with the topic results for their presentation: **electronic records, publications transfers, and or digital plats**. Date is TBD.
 - Emailed with presenters, Education Committee members, and 2 caucus members who volunteered to help to begin coordinating plans to meet and finalize event details in early March.

Upcoming activities

- March TBA - MD Caucus Conversation with Education Committee: Electronic records, publication transfers, and digital plats. Presenters from Maryland State Archives: Kathryn Barringer, Director of Appraisal and Description; Megan Craynon, Deputy Director of Special Collections and Library Services; James Watson, Director of Imaging Services
- 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 1 new member.
2. Held a virtual NJ caucus meeting on Monday, November 18th.
3. Announced the call for nominations for the Innovative Archives Award. Asked the Web team to update the Innovative Archives Award information on the NJ Caucus Awards page.

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 2 new members to the New York Caucus since November.
2. Held virtual caucus meeting on November 20th with updates following the November Steering Committee meeting.
3. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives held on January 24th.
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.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa McMullen
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report
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1. Hosted Caucus meeting on Nov. 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Five members attended, and sent an email to the entire Caucus summarizing the meeting
2. Submitted one news item from the Caucus to MAA
3. Welcomed four new members to the Caucus
4. Attended the quarterly Caucus representatives meeting on January 24
5. Sent emails to the Caucus about various deadlines and questions from Caucus members

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Alexander
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. Virginia Caucus Representative Steven Bookman will be resuming his duties as Virginia Caucus Representative in January.
2. Sent emails to Virginia Caucus listserv to highlight scholarship and other professional development opportunities.
3. Welcomed new MARAC members that are affiliated with the Virginia Caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna M. Loring
Virginia Caucus Representative (Temporary)

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**West Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
January 24, 2025**

1. Worked with the Head of Archives & Manuscripts at the West Virginia and Regional History Center and the Director of the West Virginia and Regional History Center to compile notes regarding another attempt at submitting a proposed Abandoned Property Law to a West Virginia State Congressperson for consideration in the 2025 Legislative Season. We will be working in conjunction with the President of the West Virginia Association of Museums to hopefully get this bill introduced.
2. Forwarded Archives Leadership Institute call for applications to the Caucus listserv.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Musgrave
West Virginia Caucus Representative