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**Delaware Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Zoom  
October 24, 2025**

1. Updated the caucus via email following the July 30 Steering Committee meeting.
2. Welcomed one new member to the caucus.
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted three (!) such items from the summer picnic, the Brandywine Museum of Art, and the Delaware Public Archives.
4. Attended the October 3 quarterly meeting of caucus representatives.
5. 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  
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1. 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**

**October 24, 2025**

Attended MARAC Steering Committee Meeting 7/24/25.

Attended MARAC Caucus Representative Meeting 10/3/25.

Attended MARAC Caucus Conversation webinar on 10/7/25.

Welcomed 6 new MARAC Members to the Maryland Caucus for July-September 2025.

Emailed/forwarded relevant MARAC news to the Maryland Caucus.

Encouraged colleagues and Caucus members to contribute to the MAA Newsletter, reviewed contributions and sent them to the MAA Newsletter Editors.

### Activities

- Upcoming Maryland Caucus tour planning is pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Gathings  
MD Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
October 14, 2025**

1. The New Jersey Caucus has 6 new members.
2. Staffed an exhibitor table for the NJ Caucus/CAPES program at Monmouth County Archives and History Day held at Brookdale College on Saturday, October 11, 2025.
3. Planning a New Jersey Archival Film Festival in partnership with the NJ Studies Academic Alliance (NJSAA) and the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music. Received film submissions from 18 GLAM organizations throughout the State! The Film Festival will be held on Saturday, November 1st at Monmouth University.
4. Attended the October 3, 2025 quarterly meeting of caucus representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Biunno  
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Zoom  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1. Welcomed five new members to the New York Caucus this quarter.
2. Put out a call for MAA updates and received four submissions.
3. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.
4. Attended the MARAC caucus rep meeting.
5. Organized and facilitated the NY edition of the Caucus Conversation with the Education Committee on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, which featured Hope Dunbar and Ken Axford as speakers.
6. Sought nominations for the upcoming MARAC elections and NY caucus rep position.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa McMullen  
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Virtual  
October 24, 2025**

1. Welcomed 8 new members since the last Steering meeting
2. Submitted 3 Caucus news items to the MAA
3. Sent emails to the Caucus, updating them on the previous Steering meeting, deadlines for this fall, and soliciting volunteers to be my successor
4. Scheduled a fall Caucus meeting and sent reminders to the Caucus
5. Started preparing for the January Caucus Conversation by reaching out to potential speakers. Will meet with the co-founders of Bright Archives on 10/24 to discuss independent archival contracting as a topic for the Conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Alexander  
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Zoom  
October 24, 2025**

1. Welcomed nine new members to the caucus
2. Submitted five news items for the Fall 2025 MAA
3. Member of Virginia Archives Month Committee and submitted videos and ideas to promote this years theme of preserving photographs. <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/events/vam/2025>
4. Attended the October 3 quarterly meeting of caucus representatives
5. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bookman  
Virginia Caucus Representative

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**West Virginia Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
October 16, 2025**

1. There were no new members to the West Virginia Caucus for this quarter.
2. Work has continued between the West Virginia Caucus and the West Virginia Association of Museums to put forward the Abandoned Property bill we had presented to lawmakers in the past. We are working with individuals in West Virginia University Government Relations to identify representatives who would be willing and eager to introduce this bill in the next legislative session.
3. I attended the October 3 Caucus Representatives meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Musgrave  
West Virginia Caucus Representative