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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
July 24, 2026**

1. Held a caucus meeting on May 1, 2026, during the MARAC spring conference in Richmond, Virginia, with seven attendees.
2. Organized the Fifth Annual Delaware Caucus Picnic on June 10, this time graciously hosted by the Delaware Public Archives in Dover. Fifteen attendees toured the DPA and then enjoyed a picnic on the historic Dover Green. Many thanks to the Finance Committee for funding our festive feast!
3. Put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates and submitted two such items.
4. Attended the April 21, 2026, and June 1, 2026, meetings of caucus representatives.
5. Met with incoming caucus representative Kery Lawson to welcome her to her new role.
6. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.

Respectfully submitted (for the last time),

Diane E. Bockrath
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**District of Columbia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. Welcomed several new caucus members with an introductory email.
2. Attended final steering committee as DC rep April 30th.
3. Held joint caucus meeting with MD Caucus rep at conference in Richmond.
4. Peacefully transitioned power to incoming DC rep Chris Hartten June 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Speck
D.C. Caucus Representative Emeritus

July 14, 2026

For MARAC Steering Committee meeting July 24, 2026

1. We have a new caucus chair, Beth Zak-Cohen, Newark Library
2. On Jun 15, we had a NJ Caucus meeting to introduce members to the new rep with both our outgoing and incoming reps
3. On Jun 30, both outgoing and incoming reps met with Laura Melbourne to discuss ongoing CAPES issues.
4. Sent out a survey to members as to trips/tours that would be of interest.
5. We are planning a trip for August, which will hopefully be a tour of the Bruce Springsteen Museum (winner of the poll), after hours on a weekday, with no charge. We are opening up the tour to the H&P section of NJLA as well. Just waiting for the Museum to confirm a date.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zak-Cohen

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Maryland Caucus Quarterly Report Steering Committee Meeting

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Attended MARAC Caucus Representative Meeting 4/21/2026.

Welcomed 11 new MARAC Members to the Maryland Caucus for April - June 2026.

Co-hosted joint Maryland/DC Caucus meeting 5/1/2026, during the spring MARAC meeting.

Continued planning for a caucus event: virtual tour of the exhibit *Unboxing Innovation in Special Collections* at University of Maryland-College Park's Hornbake Library. Date is tentatively set for 9/3/2026 from 1-2 pm.

Emailed/forwarded relevant MARAC news to the Maryland Caucus.

Encouraged colleagues and Caucus members to contribute to the MAA Newsletter.

Encouraged Caucus members to submit proposals for the fall virtual conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Kinniff
MD Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom
Friday, July 24th, 2026**

1. Welcomed nine new members to the New York Caucus since April.
2. Attended the quarterly meeting of caucus representatives.
3. Melissa put out a call for *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* updates in June.
4. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest.
5. Met with Melissa to plan for representative transition.
6. Have begun talking with other NY-based professional organizations about the idea of collaborating on in-person meetups for the NY Caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Murray
New York Caucus Representative

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**Pennsylvania Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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Since the last Steering Committee meeting:

1. Predecessor Isaac Alexander sent emails promoting the PA Archival Supply Exchange, the call for items for the Summer MAA, proposals for the Virtual Conference, and other timely announcements
2. I met with Isaac to discuss Caucus Representative responsibilities and additional guidance prior to the July 1st transition.
3. I sent an email to the caucus introducing myself, reminding members to save the date for the Virtual conference, and requesting any items to bring to Steering.
4. I also welcomed two new Caucus members with instructions for joining the listserv.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Zawoyski
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. Welcomed 12 new members to the caucus
2. Submitted 1 news item for the Summer 2026 MAA
3. Attended the June 1 meeting of caucus representatives
4. Hosted Virginia Caucus session on May 1 during the Spring 2026 Meeting in Richmond, VA
5. Hosted annual Virginia Caucus Meeting at George Mason University on June 5, 2026. There were presentations on a digitization project and collecting policies, as well as tours of special collections stacks and exhibition spaces. A total of 35 people attended.
6. Circulated regular emails about MARAC happenings and regional items of interest

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie L. Clear
Virginia Caucus Representative

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**West Virginia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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1. There were two new members to the West Virginia Caucus for this quarter.
2. The coalition working towards an abandoned property bill being introduced again this year has continued to meet monthly to discuss strategies for moving this bill forwards. We've researched who will potentially be on the Judiciary committees and started planning new one-pagers and potentially a video to explain why the bill is important and what the bill would cover. This group will continue to meet monthly through the 2027 legislative session.
3. The caucus conversation will be July 28 at 3 pm. As stated in the previous report, this session will focus on our efforts to get the abandoned property bill passed, how we built and leveraged coalition of local GLAM organizations to advocate for our needs, and how to build and maintain relationships with politicians and community leaders for that advocacy work.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Musgrave
West Virginia Caucus Representative