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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Buffalo, NY
October 19, 2017**

1. Assisted Nominations and Elections with soliciting candidates for upcoming elections
2. Sought items for MAA (no submissions).
3. No new caucus members
4. At the request of Jodi Boyle, recruited DE Caucus writers for upcoming MAA issue (What Is It? column)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denison, CA
Delaware Caucus Representative

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District of Columbia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Buffalo, NY October 26, 2017

1. Five new members joined the caucus between July and September, 2017.
2. On August 15th, 6 people attended the Caucus happy hour—half joined us for the first time.
3. On October 21st, the 2017 [DC Archives Fair](#) was held at the National Museum of American History with sponsorship from the DC and MD Caucuses. This year, the event was held on Saturday and included music and dance performances in addition to professional presentations and exhibit tables. Attendance for the professional side may have dropped a bit due to it being a weekend (average of 10-20 people in the room), but the presentations were great. There was definitely greater attendance for the exhibits and performances, though some of the organization representatives felt that the attendees were slightly less engaged than last year. I think this could be mitigated at future events by providing more guidance to exhibitors. Two photos are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative



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Maryland Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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October 17, 2017

1. With DC Caucus Rep Rachel Donahue, helped organize the Archives Fair at the Smithsonian on October 21st.
2. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.
3. Welcomed new Maryland caucus members.
4. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Steering Committee Meeting, Buffalo, N.Y. 26 October 2017 Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus met on July 27th at the Sussex County Historical Society's Hill Memorial Building and the Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum and History Education Center. Due to the proximity to the Pennsylvania and New York borders, members of those caucuses were invited to attend.

The Caucus also meet on August 14th in Ocean County at the Estonian Archives in the U.S. and Georgian Court University Special Collections and College Archives. At both of these meetings, members discussed ways to increase participation and interest in MARAC and the Caucus, and ways to be more relevant to those in the profession.

As part of its Advisory Committee, the Caucus chair will attend the Advocates for New Jersey History's annual meeting on October 17th in Trenton. This group monitors legislative bills that impact history, education, and records management in the State.

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) continues sending consultants into the field. The Caucus has been notified that we will receive a supplemental amount to our FY2017 grant totaling \$14,350; \$1,850 designated for FY2017 and \$12,500 designated for FY2018. There will not be an official grant awarded for FY2018 which is good news for the program and will keep us very busy in the new year. CAPES Coordinator Fred Pachman is working with the New Jersey Historical Commission to modify the budget so that we can request the funds.

The Morristown National Historical Park Library & Archives was chosen as the 2017 recipient of the Caucus' Innovative Archives Award. They have pioneered several programs to reach out to secondary schools in the region and engage those students and teachers in the concepts of historic documentation. Having designed programs which include example lesson plans to help the schools integrate the resources of the Library & Archives into their curriculum needs, Morristown also offers on-site programs to further engage the students. The award will be given at Archives & History Day on October 14th at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters.

The Facebook group currently has 106 members. There are 159 members of the Caucus and 136 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Nine new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
5 October 2017

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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus added twenty six new members from July to September 2017.
2. I worked with the New York State Documentary Heritage Program to co-host the New York Caucus happy hour at the upcoming Buffalo conference.
3. Continued to publish monthly newsletters that feature New York archives related news, workshops, and job postings.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zarrillo
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report

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1. New Members

The Pennsylvania Caucus added 7 new members from July-September.

2. Events

Philadelphia Meeting

Members of the MARAC PA Caucus held a joint meeting in Philadelphia with the Delaware Valley Archivists Group on Friday, October 6 to coincide with Archives Month Philly: <https://archivesmonthphilly.com/>.

The schedule for the day was as follows:

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Chemical Heritage Foundation

Tour of the Othmer Library of Chemical History and a special curator's tour of their current exhibition, *Things Fall Apart*, led by Curator and Public History Fellow Elisabeth Berry Drago. The exhibition explores the life and afterlife of objects and our efforts to preserve them: <https://www.chemheritage.org/things-fall-apart>.

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Group lunch at <http://karmaphiladelphia.com/>

2:00 - 4:00 pm

American Philosophical Society

Tour of APS Museum exhibition "Curious Revolutionaries: The Peales of Philadelphia," an introduction to their library lobby exhibition on the conservation of the Peale-Sellers Papers by conservator Renee Wolcott, and a tour of the APS processing area and digital projects. See <http://www.apsmuseum.org/curious-revolutionaries-the-peales-of-philadelphia/>.

Photos of the meeting can be found at

https://www.facebook.com/pg/maracpacaucus/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1986204231622286.

Pittsburgh Meeting

A PA Caucus meeting is planned for Friday, December 1 in Pittsburgh. We have secured Jennie Thomas, Director of Archives at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as a guest speaker, but are still working on finding a meeting space. A tour of the Archives and Special Collections at Carnegie Mellon University will be available in the afternoon. Students from the University of Pittsburgh's Archives and Information Science Program will also be invited to the meeting.

We are requesting additional funds for our caucus budget (\$200) to cover the travel costs and refreshments for this meeting.

3. Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting

MARAC PA Caucus members staffed a free table provided by the Pennsylvania Historical Association at their annual meeting (October 12 – 14) in Scranton, PA. The table included information on MARAC membership and upcoming meetings, including the spring 2018 meeting in Hershey, PA.

<https://pa-history.org/2016/12/scranton-host-2017-pha-meeting/>

4. News Updates

News and events were shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 162 “likes,” and through the caucus listserv.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative



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**Virginia Caucus Report
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1. Put out a call for volunteers for the 2017 VA Archives Month Committee, which received 13 volunteers. We decided on a theme of “Spirits in the Archives” to coincide with the centennial anniversary of the start of prohibition in Virginia. The committee put out a call for images for the Archives Month poster, which was designed and created by the Library of Virginia: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/archivesmonth/2017/>. The Archives Month Committee organized, for the second year, a contest to remix images from VA institutions titled: Remix | Spirits in the Archives: <http://archivesmonthva.tumblr.com/>. Winners and prizes will be announced at a variety of events showcasing archives throughout the state.
2. Caucus members from Richmond set up a table at Richmond’s First Friday October event to talk about archives and the REMIX contest
3. Elizabeth Wilkinson, archivist at UVA, has expressed interest in hosting a future VA caucus meeting. Because of the schedule of Rare Books School at UVA, the caucus meeting would have to be held in either late May or early July.
4. Solicited items/updates for *MAA* (no submissions).
5. 5 new caucus members between July and September.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Morris
Virginia Caucus Representative

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New Members

The West Virginia Caucus added one new member!

West Virginia Archives Month

For the second year, the WV Caucus is leading a celebration of West Virginia Archives Month during October. Members are adding blog posts to the Archiving West Virginia website: <http://www.archivingwestvirginia.org/wva/>.

Potential MARAC Meeting in Morgantown

To follow up on the Steering Committee's conversation regarding the meeting in Morgantown, WV, I would like to share that Morgantown City Council unanimously voted to add LGBT protections to a human rights ordinance on October 18, 2017. The ordinance now states, "Equal opportunity in the areas of employment, public accommodations, housing accommodations or real property is hereby declared to be a human right or civil right of all persons without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, blindness, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, or veteran status." The Council also gave Morgantown's Human Rights Commission the authority to enforce the code.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
October 20, 2017