

# MARAC

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

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**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2017**  
**Buffalo, NY, Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center**  
**MINUTES**

- I) Call to Order (Vin Novara)  
Meeting called to order at 8:31AM
  
- II) Approval of the Agenda  
Agenda approved by the membership.
  
- III) Approval of Spring 2017 Business Meeting Minutes  
Minutes approved by the membership.
  
- IV) Chair's Report (Vin Novara)
  - A) Diversity and Inclusion
    - i) Appointed Geof Huth and Molly Tighe as interim Diversity and Inclusion Coordinators.
    - ii) Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall report
      - (a) Steering will process comments from yesterday and by Hershey meeting, will have some concrete Bylaws changes to vote on
      - (b) Establish a Special Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
    - iii) New core values integrated into Strategic Plan
  - B) Strategic Plan update
    - i) Steering working on reviewing and updating Strategic Plan
  - C) MARAC Operations Manual update
    - i) Steering Committee members updating sections of the MARAC Operations Manual. Updated manual will be available early in 2018.
  - D) MARAC Online Proposals to Steering Committee form
    - i) Two proposals so far
    - ii) Steering discussed each at their meeting on October 26, 2017

- E) Nominations are Open!
    - i) Chair-Elect
    - ii) Treasurer
    - iii) Caucus Reps (every caucus)
    - iv) Committees
      - (a) Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee (2)
      - (b) Distinguished Service Award Committee (1)
      - (c) Finding Aids Committee (2)
      - (d) Nominations and Elections Committee (3)
      - (e) Scholarship Committee (2)
  - F) Thank you to sponsors for Buffalo meeting
    - i) University at Buffalo, Department of Library and Information Studies
    - ii) Western New York Library Resources Council
    - iii) Kofile Technologies Inc.
    - iv) The law office of Rebecca M. Speno
    - v) William S. Hein & Co.
    - vi) New York Association of Local Government Records Officers
  - G) Thank you to Local Arrangements and PC Co-Chairs for finding time and space for yesterday's town hall
- V) Meeting Coordinator's Report (Mary Mannix)
- A) Welcome to Buffalo
    - i) 238 attendees
  - B) Spring 2018, April 12-April 14
    - i) Hershey Lodge \$189
  - C) Fall 2018, October 11-October 13, Wilmington Hotel Dupont, \$169
  - D) Spring 2019, Morgantown, WV
  - E) Fall 2019, Saratoga Springs
  - F) Buffalo Local Arrangements (Jim Tamaro, Amy Miller)
    - i) Jim Tamaro thanks members of the committee
  - G) Buffalo Program Committee (Cindy Bendroth, Bonnie Weddle)
    - i) Bonnie Weddle thanks members of the committee
  - H) Mary Mannix thanks to Emily Rafferty, Program Editor and David Ranzan, Vendor Coordinator. Thanks to Paige Newman for workshops
- VI) Treasurer's Report (Katy Rawdon)
- A) Financial report for first quarter of FY 2018, and full financial report for FY 2017.
  - B) Reports also appear in the newsletter.
  - C) Ended 2017 year with a profit
    - i) Newark had profit of over \$23,000. Record-breaking
    - ii) Annapolis meeting had profit of \$5,000.
    - iii) Recommendation to put \$7,000 of profits into Disaster Assistance Fund.
    - iv) Funding into graduate student scholarship fund to increase number of scholarships to 2 instead of 1.
    - v) Remainder of profits put back into the operating budget.

VII) Awards Announcements & Presentations

- A) Marsha Trimble Conference Award (presented by Becky Collier, Chair-Elect)
  - i) Marsha Trimble – history of award. Joined MARAC in 1976 and became involved in Program committees and Local Arrangements committees. Served on numerous other committees and as MARAC Vice-Chair 1999-2001. MARAC’s second administrator (1991-1994).
  - ii) Winner: Kendra Lightner
- B) Joan Echtenkamp-Klein Conference Award (presented by Jodi Koste)
  - i) Curator of Historical Collections at UVA Health Sciences Library. Served as MARAC Secretary, served on numerous committees. Infectious laughter and love of life. MARAC member from 1978-2015
    - (a) Winner: Andrea Kutsenkow
- C) Karen A. Stuart Local History Collection Workshop & Conference Attendance Award (presented by Mary Mannix and Vin Novara)
  - i) Named in memory of Karen Stuart. Aimed with those associated with local history collections. Maryland Caucus Chair.
    - (a) Winner: Kate Federiconi
- D) Arline Custer Memorial Award (presented by Elizabeth Surles)
  - i) This award honors the memory of Arline Custer (1909-1975), MARAC member and editor of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections.
  - ii) 14 submissions this year
  - iii) Winning book: *Kitchen Table Politics: Conservative Women and Family Values in New York* by Stacie Taranto
  - iv) Winning article: "The High Price of Living": The Lives of Insolvent Laborers in Jacksonian-Era Cumberland County" by Michael McCoy.
  - v) Recognition of Custer Award Committee members
- E) C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award (presented by John Woods)
  - i) The C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award was established to honor the memory of C. Herbert Finch, former Assistant Director of Cornell University Libraries, who died on April 27, 2005.
  - ii) Winner: “The Lillian Thomas Pratt Archives and Fabergé at the Virginia Museum of Art,” Courtney Tkacz
- F) Service Awards (presented by Mary Mannix)
  - i) Local Arrangements Committee Newark Meeting
    - (a) Elizabeth Surles
    - (b) Laura Poll
    - (c) Don Cornelius
  - ii) Program Committee Newark Meeting
    - (a) Jennie Knies
    - (b) Dale Patterson
  - iii) Program Committee Pittsburgh Meeting
    - (a) Emily Cottle
    - (b) Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh

VIII) New Business

No new business.

IX) Invitation to the Spring 2018 Conference in Hershey, PA

A) Jennifer Henderson and Tara Wink, "Finding the Sweet Spot: Communities, Collaboration, and the Archives"

X) Announcements & Adjournment

No announcements

Meeting adjourned 9:08 AM