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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Hershey, PA
April 12, 2018**

1. Welcomed new caucus members
2. Submitted budget request for DE Caucus
3. Spoke with incoming caucus rep, Kevin Brown, in advance of conference b/c I would not be in attendance.
4. It was a pleasure to serve with you all! See you in Wilmington!

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denison
Delaware Caucus Representative

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District of Columbia Caucus Report
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1. Three new members (one as primary, two as additional) joined the caucus between January and March 2018.
2. Submitted a story to the MAA for a caucus member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Hershey, PA
April 9, 2018**

1. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.
2. Welcomed new Maryland caucus members.
3. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.
4. Recruited and welcomed the next MD caucus chair, Matt Testa. Started the process of transferring information and responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Steering Committee Meeting, Hershey, PA 12 April 2018 Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) continues sending consultants into the field to assist the New Jersey history community. The Advisory Committee reviewed and updated the Operational Guidelines & Procedures after several months of discussion. Coordinator Fred Pachman will be participating in a session in Hershey on Friday to discuss CAPES.

The Award Committee for the caucus's Innovative Archives Award had a conference call in January to discuss the upcoming round. A press release went out in February. Flyers are being brought to events and meetings to promote the award.

At their March 20th meeting, the Advocates for New Jersey History voted unanimously to no longer pursue a merger with Preservation New Jersey. After 18 months of discussion, it was decided that since the Advocates' purpose and interests are broader than those of PNJ, they would instead focus on strengthening the organization as a whole. The caucus chair sits on the Advocates' Advisory Board.

The winners of the Paul A. Stellhorn Undergraduate Paper in New Jersey History Award will present their papers at the April 17th meeting of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The caucus is a co-sponsor of the award, which was established in 2004 to honor the distinguished state historian and scholar.

New Jersey History Day regional contests took place at four sites in February and March. Several caucus members, along with the chair, volunteered as judges. The state contest will be held in May.

An off-conference caucus meeting is being planned for May in Burlington County.

The outgoing caucus chair met with the incoming chair to discuss duties and transition. The caucus guidelines and CAPES binders have been updated, and electronic files have been added to a flash drive. Everything will be handed off at the end of June.

As always, articles and news were gathered for inclusion in the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*. Several emails were sent to the caucus listserv, and job postings and events were put on the Facebook page. The caucus webpage on the MARAC website continues to be updated when needed (thanks, Liz!). The Facebook group currently has 105 members. There are 148 members of the caucus and 117 signed up for the caucus listserv. Five new members were welcomed.

Laura M. Poll, New Jersey Caucus Chair
4 April 2018

Signing off.....

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New York Caucus Report

Steering Committee Meeting
Hershey, PA
April 11, 2018

1. The New York Caucus added six new members from January to March 2018.
2. Continued to publish monthly newsletters that feature New York archives related news, workshops, and job postings.
3. I'm happy to welcome Kate Palm as the new NY Caucus Rep!

Respectfully submitted,

John Zarrillo
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report

Steering Committee Meeting
Hershey, PA
January 2018

1. New Members

The Pennsylvania Caucus added 11 new members from January-March.

2. SHRAB Meeting in Hershey

Caucus members were invited to attend an open meeting of the State Historical Records Advisory Board on Thursday, 4/12. See meeting announcement below:

The Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) seeks input from records-professionals across Pennsylvania and invites you to a special meeting at MARAC Hershey on April 12, 2018, Hershey Lodge, Empire Room C, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board provides leadership and advocacy for the Commonwealth's documentary heritage. Its mission is to foster the preservation and accessibility of historically valuable records and to promote public awareness and appreciation of this enduring legacy. The SHRAB carries out its mission by encouraging institutions to apply for NHPRC grants; developing advisory services to improve historical records programs; identifying sources of funding and support; promoting cooperation and partnerships; and developing educational programs.

To that end, the Board would like to know:

- a. What challenges are you facing and what are your greatest needs?
- b. How to assess current state-wide archival challenges including electronic preservation, shared content dissemination, funding initiatives, etc.. and how SHRAB can provide leadership in building collaboration / partnership opportunities.
- c. What is working digitally, what isn't, and how can the Board help?
- d. What archival training is needed and at what level?

e. What would you like to see the State Archives and SHRAB focusing on over the next few years?

f. How might the Board increase public visibility of the work of Pennsylvania archival institutions and archivists?

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) operates under federal regulations governing the National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC) and serves as the central advisory body for historical records planning in the state. The State Historical Records Coordinator, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as Chairman of the Board. Members of the Board, who are appointed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), review grant applications submitted by Pennsylvania institutions by the NHPRC and also seek to facilitate cooperation among historical records repositories around state.

3. News Updates

News and events were shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 163 “likes,” and through the caucus listserv. I also submitted PA news items to the MAA.

4. Regional Sites Page

In February, I updated the list of archives in Pennsylvania found at <http://www.marac.info/pennsylvania-caucus-sites>. Updates were supplied by caucus members late last year.

5. MARAC Hershey Meeting Local Arrangements

As a member of LAC for Hershey, I continued to help with organizing the tours.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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1. Summer Virginia caucus meeting in planning stages for June; to be hosted by Laura Christiansen of the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, with plans to invite Maryland caucus members as well.
2. Jessica Johnson of VCU elected as next Virginia caucus representative.
3. Solicited items/updates for *MAA*.
4. 4 new caucus members joined between January and April.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Morris
Virginia Caucus Representative

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West Virginia Caucus Report
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1. MARAC is coming to Morgantown! Lori Hostuttler (West Virginia University Libraries) and Danielle Emerling will be co-chairing the Local Arrangements Committee. We have put out a call to WV Caucus members about joining the LAC and are working with the program committee on a theme. We look forward to hosting everyone in the Mountain State!
2. The outgoing caucus chair met with the incoming chair to discuss the transition and budget for this year.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
April 5, 2018