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**Delaware Caucus Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Washington, DC  
January 19, 2018**

1. Submitted news items to MAA
2. Welcomed new caucus members
3. Updated privacy and other settings in DE Caucus Facebook page in preparation for transfer to new rep
4. Continue to encourage caucus members to be involved in MARAC Wilmington (Fall 18)
5. Thanks again to Steering for offering financial support of the ill-fated November event in Dover. While it wasn't ultimately a success, I sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denison  
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report  
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1. The second Archives Fair, which is supported by the National Archives, the Smithsonian, and MARAC via the DC and Maryland caucuses, was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> (<https://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/events/archives-fair/2017>). Several Maryland repositories and their staffs were present for the successful event.
2. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.
3. Welcomed new Maryland caucus members.
4. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.
5. Ran the caucus meeting at the fall conference in Buffalo.
6. Encouraged members to consider becoming the next MD caucus chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck  
Maryland Caucus Representative

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## **Steering Committee Meeting, Washington D.C. 19 January 2018 Report of the New Jersey Caucus**

The Caucus held a joint gathering with the New Jersey Library Association's History and Preservation Section on December 8<sup>th</sup> in Passaic County. We toured the American Labor Museum/Botto House and William Paterson University Special Collections.

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) continues sending consultants into the field to assist the New Jersey history community. The Advisory Committee is currently working on a revision of its guidelines to present for the Caucus's approval at the MARAC-Hershey meeting. Coordinator Frederic Pachman, along with the Chair, attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the New Jersey Historical Commission on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Trenton where CAPES was presented with a certificate of recognition. NJHC has provided the funds for the CAPES program since its inception 28 years ago.

Thomas J. Frusciano, University Archivist at Rutgers, was presented the 2017 Roger H. McDonough Librarianship Award on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Rutgers-New Brunswick during the fall meeting of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance. The Caucus is co-sponsor of the award which was established in 2002 to honor McDonough who served as State Librarian, 1947-1975.

The Caucus is also co-sponsor of the Paul A. Stellhorn Undergraduate Paper in New Jersey History Award. Winners for 2017 are Thomas Federowicz from Rutgers University for "Scarlet Knights, Red Crusade: An Analysis of the Great Red Scare at Rutgers-New Brunswick," and Samuel Fogelgaren from The College of New Jersey for "The Fight to Save the Last Frontier: Exclusionary Zoning and Environmental Protection at the Pequannock Watershed, 1975-1985". Both students will present their papers at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The Stellhorn Award was established in 2004 to honor this distinguished state historian and scholar.

The Facebook group currently has 108 members. There are 138 members of the Caucus and 107 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Six new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll  
New Jersey Caucus Chair  
14 January 2018

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## **New York Caucus Report**

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1. The New York Caucus added eight new members from October to December 2017.
2. Co-hosted the New York Caucus happy hour at the Buffalo conference with the New York State Documentary Heritage Program.
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 3 new members from November-December.

### **2. Events**

See below for the schedules of two events held by the PA Caucus in the fall. A big thank you to the organizations that welcomed us and Jennie Thomas, Director of Archives at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, who was our guest speaker on December 1.

#### **MARAC PA Caucus/Delaware Valley Archivists Group meeting in Philadelphia**

##### **October 6**

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/>.

## **MARAC PA Caucus meeting in Pittsburgh**

### **December 1**

9:00-10:00 am

University of Pittsburgh Archives and Special Collections - Behind the Scenes Tour

Tour will include a journey through the Preservation Department, student processing areas, storage areas, and the digitization lab by archivists who will share stories of the collections that fall into their areas of stewardship.

10:30-11:30 am

“Preserving Rock and Roll History on the North Coast”

Northeast Ohio played a significant role in the history of popular music.

Beginning with WJW-AM deejay Alan Freed’s radio show, his coining of the phrase “rock and roll” to refer to the musical style, and his staging of the earliest rock and roll concerts, Cleveland continued to play an important musical role during the 1960s-1970s through the promotion of significant national artists and the development of FM radio. The region as a whole has produced seminal performers in rock music, including the Raspberries, Joe Walsh, Pere Ubu, Devo, the Dead Boys, and Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders, and the local music scene continues to thrive through acts like Broccoli Samurai, Herzog, Lighthouse and the Whaler, and Wesley Bright and the Hi-lites.

Jennie Thomas, Director of Archives, will discuss the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame’s local music collecting initiative, NEO Sound, an effort to preserve and make accessible the musical heritage of Northeast Ohio for future generations. Thomas’ presentation will include the history and creation of the program, as well as the various outreach and programming efforts of the Library & Archives to engage local audiences and encourage community archiving.

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Lunch following Thomas's lecture provided by the MARAC PA Caucus

1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Carnegie Mellon University Libraries Open House

See highlights from the University Archives, the Architecture Archives, and our Artists’ Book collection. You’ll also be able to look behind the scenes of CMU's Fine and Rare Books Room and the University Archives.

### **3. News Updates**

News and events were shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 163 “likes,” and through the caucus listserv.

#### **4. MARAC Hershey Meeting Local Arrangements**

As a member of LAC for Hershey, I helped organize and schedule the tours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh  
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report  
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1. The Virginia Caucus added 10 new members from September through December, 2017. I welcomed new members and sent instructions for signing up for the caucus listserv.
2. I solicited and submitted updates for *MAA*.
3. Encouraged members to run for VA caucus representative in upcoming election.
4. The Virginia Archives Month Committee debriefed through a conference call in November on the successes and challenges of the Archives Month contest and initiative, decided to hold the event/contest again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Morris  
Virginia Caucus Representative



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West Virginia Caucus Report  
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1. Submitted photographs to MAA as requested.
2. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.
3. Planning to meet Mary Mannix in Morgantown later this month in preparation for potential WV conference.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling  
West Virginia Caucus Chair  
January 16, 2018