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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Washington, D.C.
January 25, 2019**

1. Welcomed new members into the Caucus.
2. Distributed news items to the Caucus as requested.
3. Encouraged caucus members to volunteer to fill open committee and officer positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Brown
Delaware Caucus Representative

MARAC Winter Steering Committee Meeting (2019)
District of Columbia Caucus Report
January 25, 2019

DC Archives Commission

In its ongoing efforts to address issues with the DC Office of Public Records/City Archives' physical building and condition of its holdings, the District of Columbia City Council recently passed Bill 22-842, establishing an Archives and Records Management Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to review and analyze the District government's archival holdings, their location, condition, management, and public access and to make recommendations to insure their preservation, access, and effective administration. The legislation calls for the Commission to be comprised of 13 members, appointed by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and confirmed by the Council. Assuming it will not be vetoed, it will move on to the Congress for a mandatory 30-day review.

According to the DC Chief Financial Officer's Fiscal Impact Statement, the Commission "will cost \$196,780 in Fiscal Year 2019 and \$846,710 over the four-year financial plan."

The Friends of the DC Archives, a local volunteer advocacy group comprised of archivists, historians, DC government employees, and anyone interested in recovering and preserving the stories of the District's past, supports the Commission's creation and purpose. Formed several years ago, the FDCA's three main goals are:

- 1. Bring public attention and support for the DC Archives through activism in the District government and with the general public.*
- 2. Support appropriations for a new state-of-the art Archives facility.*
- 3. Spotlight the Archives' treasures, the dangers posed by current conditions, and the importance of saving the digital records of the city government*

Future actions to support the Archives Commission are: (1) submission of names as potential Commission appointees; (2) creating a feasible work-plan outline for the Commission; and (3) testifying at DC Council hearings (budget and Commission member confirmation), particularly in favor of funding of the Commission.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History Internship Opportunity

The [Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation](#) at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, offers a full-time, 10 week, archival internship opportunity for one graduate student for summer 2019. The internship stipend is \$6,000. **Housing, benefits, and transportation are not provided.** The internship will:

- Enable new professionals to understand, identify, and manage the historical records of American invention and innovation;
 - Expose interns to the Museum's rich historical collections in the history of technology and 20th century material culture;
 - Provide hands-on experience with archival collections that document invention and innovation;
 - Create EAD finding aids to collections documenting invention and innovation using ArchivesSpace;
- and
- Engage interns in discussion of archival issues and practices and provide a wide range of professional experiences within the Museum.

The Application Process

Applicants must apply through the Smithsonian online application system (SOLAA). Internships are located in the Museum's [Archives Center](#), a manuscripts and special collections repository with more than 1,400 collections documenting a wide range of subject areas and a full time staff of eleven. Interns must be enrolled in a graduate degree program and have completed graduate course work in archival, library, or information management, and/or graduate course work in American history, American Studies, Museum Studies, Public History, or another area that relates to the history of invention and innovation in American society. Recent graduates may also apply.

Complete applications must include the following:

- Internship Program application form in [SOLAA](#);

- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable);
- Cover letter and resume;
- Essay discussing your interest in the archival profession and working with invention-related materials; and
- Two (2) letters of reference.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the [Archives Center's Internship FAQ](#) when completing this application.

Applications must be submitted via the [SOLAA](#) system by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 1, 2019. Offers will be made by April 8, 2019. The internship begins on or after June 3, 2019. Because of high user volumes, the SOLAA website may exhibit poor performance on the afternoon/evening of March 1. Please plan ahead!

For further information, consult the [FAQ](#) or contact: Alison L. Oswald, Archivist National Museum of American History Smithsonian Institution Archives Center, Room 1100, MRC 601 P.O. Box 37012 Washington, DC 20013-7012 Phone (202) 633-3726 Fax (202) 312-1990. Email oswalda@si.edu for more information.

Learnzillion Collaboration Project With DC Public Library Special Collections

LearnZillion is a web-based education software that delivers high quality curricula to teachers and students. DCPL teamed up with LearnZillion to create three Special Collections-related modules, one each for grades 3, 5, and 11, drawing from publications, materials, artifacts, and programs offered by DCPL related to the [Poor People's Campaign](#). The Poor People's Campaign collection provides context for a particular aspect of the civil rights movement in the United States. Also, the campaign marked its 50th anniversary in 2018 and the library's collection documents the campaign locally and nationally. The campaign provides explicit examples of leadership, purpose and outcomes within a grassroots movement. We wanted to provide access to primary resources that explored specific questions about the movement. What were activists seeking? How did they come together to form a movement? Were they successful?

With 26 neighborhood locations, friendly and knowledgeable staff, seven-day-a-week

service, and more than two million unique DC local history items, our goal is to maximize students' opportunities to learn about the city, learn to do research in their city, and develop a deep connection to place. We believe that the items in our collection have the power to help students of all ages form a nuanced understanding of how the events of the past have shaped DC's present day identity, along with the roles and actions students can take to define its future.

See link for site: <https://learnzillion.com/resources/240757-welcome-to-the-dc-public-library-s-lessons/>

Respectfully submitted by:

Derek Gray
DC Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.
2. Welcomed new Maryland caucus members.
3. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.
4. Encouraged caucus members to participate in planning for the fall 2019 meeting in Cambridge, Md., and solicited suggestions for the local arrangements committee.
5. Encouraged caucus members to volunteer for MARAC officer and committee openings.
6. Held a happy hour in Baltimore on December 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Testa
Maryland Caucus Representative

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**New Jersey Caucus Report
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Caucus Activities

- The caucus representative attended two meetings of the New Jersey Library Association History and Preservation Section representing MARAC as ex-officio: 10/17/2018 and 1/16/2019
- The caucus representative attended one CARMA (County Archives and Records Management Association) meeting on 12/13/2018

Upcoming Events

- The next caucus meeting will take place on 1/31/2019. It will be at the Monmouth University Archives and Special Collections in West Long Branch, NJ, and will include a tour of the Guggenheim Summer Cottage and the Bruce Springsteen Music Archives.
- The caucus representative and the MARAC Membership Chair will host a tour at the NJ State Archives for SOURCE, the Rutgers University Archives student organization, on 2/8/2019. SOURCE is an SAA student organization, but we will discuss the advantages of MARAC membership with them.
- A summer caucus meeting is being planned for July, at the Brick Township Municipal Archives, followed by a picnic on the beach.

New Members

- There were 2 new members of the caucus in the time period 10/2018-12/2018.

CAPES

- The program has been awarded full funding again at the \$14,500 level for fiscal year 2019. Currently, two evaluations are in process. The CAPES coordinator is planning events to stimulate more applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cornelius
New Jersey Caucus Representative

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**New York Caucus Report
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1. Sent welcome emails to several incoming New York Caucus members and corresponded with same.
2. Shared MARAC leadership news with caucus.
3. Collected and submitted news items for the Winter issue of the Mid-Atlantic Archivist.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Palm
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report for January 2019

- Working on an educational event in the western section of the state for the spring or early summer. Looking for a speaker/presenter on the subject of “Connecting archives repositories and primary source materials for the Classroom.” Details will be forthcoming to caucus members.
- The Caucus Facebook page appears to be getting some traffic. We have posted news stories and several events on the page in the last couple of months and many have been reposted and shared by members.
- Keeping up with communications to new members has been slow, but we are keeping up.

Sincerely,
David R. Grinnell

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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- 1.) Welcomed new members to the Virginia Caucus.
- 2.) Submitted news items to caucus e-list as requested.
- 3.) Completed a successful Archives Month
 - a. Archives Fairs held at Virginia Commonwealth and George Mason Universities
 - b. REMIX contest with 40 submissions, our highest number yet.
 - c. First Fridays engagement in Richmond with an Archives Month and REMIX table.
 - d. Submitted events and activities to SAA newsletter.
- 4.) Submitted items to MAA as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica E. Johnson
Virginia Caucus Representative

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**West Virginia Caucus Report
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1. Welcomed 2 new members.
2. Distributed news items to the caucus as needed. Prompted members not yet on the caucus listserv to join – some members (almost 1/3 of our modest total) have not joined the listserv despite prompting.
3. Encouraged caucus members to consider writing for the “What Is It?” column for MAA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane LaBarbara
West Virginia Caucus Representative