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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Newark, NJ
April 20, 2017**

1. Apologies for not being there in person after all! Budget woes necessitated revision to my travel plans.
2. I wasn't able to find someone to lead the Delaware caucus meeting in my absence so I emailed the caucus letting them know that we'd have a "virtual" meeting once I get the minutes from steering. This may also be nice for people who will not be attending Newark.
3. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.
4. Welcomed new Delaware caucus members.
5. Distributed news items to the caucus as requested.
6. ~~Plagiarized~~ Copied Jason's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B. Denison
Delaware Caucus Representative

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District of Columbia Caucus Report
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1. One new member joined the caucus in March.
2. Planning has started for the 2017 DC Archives Fair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. With PA Caucus Rep Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh, held a joint caucus event in Gettysburg, PA. Visited Gettysburg College Special Collections and toured the Seminary Ridge Museum. Approximately 20 MARAC members attended.
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, Newark 20 April 2017 Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Local Arrangements and Program Committees welcome you to Newark!!

The Caucus met at Annapolis. Now that planning for Newark is finally coming to an end (yay!), the chair hopes to hold off-conference caucus gatherings in June and July.

As part of its Advisory Committee, the Caucus chair attended meetings in Trenton of the Advocates for New Jersey History. This group is currently monitoring several legislative bills that impact history, education, and records management in the State. This includes Bill S1784 which would separate and transfer Records Management from Department of State to Department of Treasury.

In February there was an announcement that the Governor's Office would be relocating to 225 West State Street, which houses several State cultural agencies along with the State Archives. All offices currently in residency would be evicted, including the Archives which would be moved to a storage facility outside of Trenton. After a swift, vocal and persuasive campaign by many history, genealogy and archival groups, including MARAC, the plan was revised to allow the Archives to remain at its current location.

The Caucus chair attended the Rutgers-New Brunswick School of Communication & Information Career Expo on March 20th, representing MARAC and the Caucus.

As a partner of the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response, the chair represented the Caucus at their annual meeting on March 22nd at the State Museum. Fred Pachman, coordinator for the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES), also attended and gave a short presentation about the program.

With much appreciation and many thanks for their help, Liz Caringola, Lauren Brown and Liz Novara assisted with the Caucus webpage being updated and expanded to include just about everything you ever wanted to know about the New Jersey Caucus!

The Facebook group currently has 98 members. There are 141 members of the Caucus and 122 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Ten new members were welcomed.

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

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report

April 14, 2017

1. Pennsylvania Historical Association Outreach

Proposed to MCC extending member rate to PHA members for the spring 2018 meeting in Hershey, PA.

2. Events:

- We had a successful joint meeting with the Maryland Caucus in Gettysburg, PA on Friday, March 31. There were 20 attendees. The schedule follows:
 - Gettysburg College
 - 10 am—12 pm: Tour of Special Collections and College Archives with:
Carolyn Sautter, Director of Special Collections and College Archives
Amy Lucadamo, College Archivist
Catherine Perry, Digital Projects and Collections Manager
Mary Wootton, Conservator
 - Current exhibits:
Right to Serve, Right to Lead: Lives and Legacies of the USCT
<https://www.gettysburg.edu/library/news/exhibits/usct.dot>
Dining with Special Collections
<http://www.gettysburg.edu/library/news/exhibits/dining-with-special-collections.dot>
 - 12 pm—1 pm: Lunch on Gettysburg College campus at Specialty Dining
 - 1:30—3 pm: Private tour of the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum given by:
Peter Miele, Director of Education and Museum Operations
<http://seminaryridgemuseum.weebly.com/>
- Continued to discuss Lehigh Valley meeting for June with members in that area—details have not been finalized, but we will likely start with a tour of Lehigh University and then move to Lafayette College in the afternoon.

3. Caucus News

News updates from Pennsylvania were submitted to the spring 2017 issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*. News and events were also shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page.

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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus added thirteen new members from February to March 2017.
2. The New York Caucus Facebook group added three new members since January, bringing the membership total to 109. In addition to the numerous items of interest I have posted, other caucus members have posted to the group nine times in the same period of time.
3. A caucus member requested that I distribute news and job postings via email to members that lack a Facebook account. In March, I began distributing a monthly email digest of everything posted to the Facebook group, which has been well received by the caucus.
4. A New York Caucus happy hour has been scheduled to coincide with the Newark Conference.
5. One news update from New York was submitted to the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zarrillo
New York Caucus Representative

4. Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board

Attended SHRAB meeting in Harrisburg on March 24. Working on guidelines for \$200,000 grant program, which will distribute funds for archival projects in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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New Members

I sent emails welcoming new members and answered questions about MARAC. The document that shows with screenshots how to sign-up for the caucus listserv continues to be a great resource. This document was created by previous caucus representative Margaret Kidd, and I include a link to the google doc along with the welcome email.

VA Caucus Meeting

The 2017 Virginia Caucus meeting is planned for Friday June 9 at Liberty University. Abigail Sattler volunteered to host when the call was sent out earlier this year, and the meeting will include a tour of their newest library and archives, constructed in 2014. We will hold lightning talks, which have been successful in previous years.

VH ArchivesSpace User Group

Kira Dietz, chair of the Virginia Heritage Technology Team, and I are working to set up a listserv for ArchivesSpace users in Virginia to share issues and questions, and invitation for participation will be sent out through Virginia Heritage. Kira has the listserv set up through a google address, and we are currently working out how to most effectively administer the group. Kira will announce this user group at the caucus meeting in Newark.

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Members of the West Virginia Caucus are carefully watching the West Virginia state budget process. At the time of writing this report, the current budget proposal would cut more than \$4 million from the Division that oversees the state archives.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
April 13, 2017