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Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
NARA
July 14, 2017

1. Apologies for not braving summer traffic on the Bay Bridge to see all you fine folks!
2. No major news from the DE caucus.
3. Thanks to Laura Poll for being a better caucus rep than I and inviting Delaware to join New Jersey at a meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denison, CA
Delaware Caucus Representative

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**District of Columbia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Washington, DC
July, 2017**

1. One new member joined the caucus in May.
2. Planning continues the 2017 DC Archives Fair, which will take place Saturday, October 21 at the National Museum of American History.
3. On June 29, 5 people attended the Caucus happy hour (4 additional people dropped in briefly). This was one of the more diverse events, with a recent graduate and an archivist from DC Archives.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. I have begun collaborating with the DC Caucus Rep and NARA and the Smithsonian on Archives Fair 2017. Building upon last year, we are holding the event open to the public once again, and moving the event to the weekend in order to improve turnout. The even announcement text is attached to this report.
2. I gathered updates and information from my caucus for the June deadline for the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus had a power nap after the Newark meeting, all the while dreaming of MARAC. After rubbing our eyes and having a good stretch, we're rested and ready to resume our projects and gatherings.

The Pennsylvania Caucus kindly invited us to join them in the Lehigh Valley on June 14th for tours of Lafayette College Special Collections and College Archives, and the National Museum of Industrial History.

The Caucus then met on June 28th in Salem County for tours at the Historical Society and the County Clerk's Office. We took a walking tour of downtown to see the Old Courthouse, the oldest active courthouse in the state, and the second oldest in the country, and the Friends Meeting Graveyard where the 500+ year-old Salem Oak stands. Due to the proximity of Salem County to the Delaware and Pennsylvania borders, both of those caucuses were invited to attend.

Meetings are planned for July 27th in Sussex County at the Sussex County and Sparta Historical Societies, and for August 14th in Ocean County at the Estonian Archives and Georgian Court University Special Collections and College Archives. The Caucus is making an attempt to reach out to colleagues in the further reaches of the state by holding meetings in all 21 counties.

As part of its Advisory Committee, the Caucus chair attended the May 16th meeting in Trenton of the Advocates for New Jersey History. This group monitors legislative bills that impact history, education, and records management in the State, including Bill S1784 which would separate and transfer Records Management from Department of State to Department of Treasury.

The Caucus chair attended the Digital Public Library of America's symposium on June 14th at the Monmouth County Library to discuss the planning for a New Jersey service hub. Spearheaded by the State Library, several working groups were formed to begin the process.

The Facebook group currently has 103 members. There are 150 members of the Caucus and 126 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Six new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair, 7 July 2017

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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus added thirteen new members from April to May 2017.
2. The New York Caucus happy hour was held in Newark to coincide with the spring conference. A good time was had by all and I plan on holding another gathering this fall in Buffalo.
3. I worked with Laurie Sather and L. Paige Newman to schedule upcoming MARAC workshops at Brooklyn Historical Society and the Center for Jewish History.

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 April-May.

2. Events

Lehigh Valley Meeting

On Wednesday, June 14th, the Pennsylvania Caucus held a joint meeting with the New Jersey Caucus in the Lehigh Valley. We began the day at Lafayette College Special Collections and College Archives with a group discussion, tour, and lunch (generously provided by the Friends of Skillman Library). In the afternoon, the group travelled to the National Museum of Industrial History for a free, behind the scenes tour.

Philadelphia Meeting

We are discussing a jointly sponsored meeting in Philadelphia with the Delaware Valley Archivists Group. This meeting is tentatively planned for early October to coincide with Archives Month Philly.

Pittsburgh Meeting

We are also discussing a possible jointly sponsored meeting with the Pittsburgh-based Three Rivers Archivists. This meeting is tentatively planned for early December.

3. News Updates

News updates from Pennsylvania were submitted to the summer 2017 issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*. News and events were also shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 155 “likes,” and the caucus listserv.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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Virginia State Caucus meeting

The VA caucus met on June 9, 2017 at Jerry Falwell Memorial Library at Liberty University. Twenty members attended, and we held lightning talks as has been customary in recent years. Three members presented. The meeting concluded with a tour of Liberty's recently constructed library and Special Collections areas.

Laura Christiansen of the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg has expressed interest in hosting next year's VA caucus meeting.

Virginia Archives Month planning

The 2017 Virginia Archives Month Committee consists of 13 volunteers. The theme this year is Spirits in the Archives, to coincide with the centennial of prohibition in Virginia. Others may choose to interpret "spirits" as haunted or spooky, school-spirit, or however they wish; as always, the theme is open to interpretation. We are soliciting images for the Archives Month poster, to be designed and printed by the Library of Virginia, and also for use in our second Remix contest, to be held during Archives Month. The deadline for image submission is July 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Morris
Virginia Caucus Representative

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West Virginia Archives Month

The WV Caucus is again planning for a West Virginia Archives Month celebration in October. Members will continue using the website (www.archivingwestvirginia.org). More to come!

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
July 7, 2017