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Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
University of Baltimore
July 22, 2016

1. The Delaware Caucus added four new members between March and May 2016. These members have been contacted and looped into past correspondence.
2. I solicited material from the caucus for the June edition of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.
3. In order to gauge interest in a Delaware Caucus event, I administered a Doodle Poll on June 28, 2016. As of July 15th, nine members of the caucus expressed interest in attending an event, either social or educational, but there was no consensus about a location. Delawareans are historically averse to traveling above/below the C & D Canal, a sensibility reflected in the results of the poll, so I am looking into cost effective alternatives to meet travel preferences. General interest does not support multiple decentralized events at this time. I will continue to gauge interest periodically to monitor changes, though I believe that the results of the poll reflect a very content caucus.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah B. Denison
Delaware Caucus Representative

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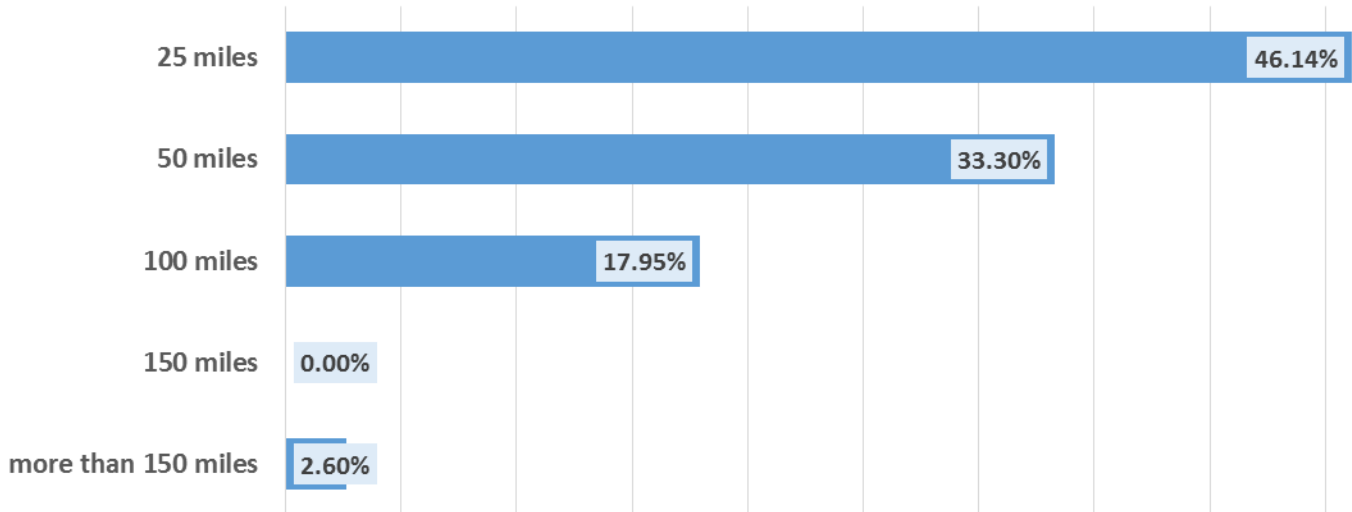
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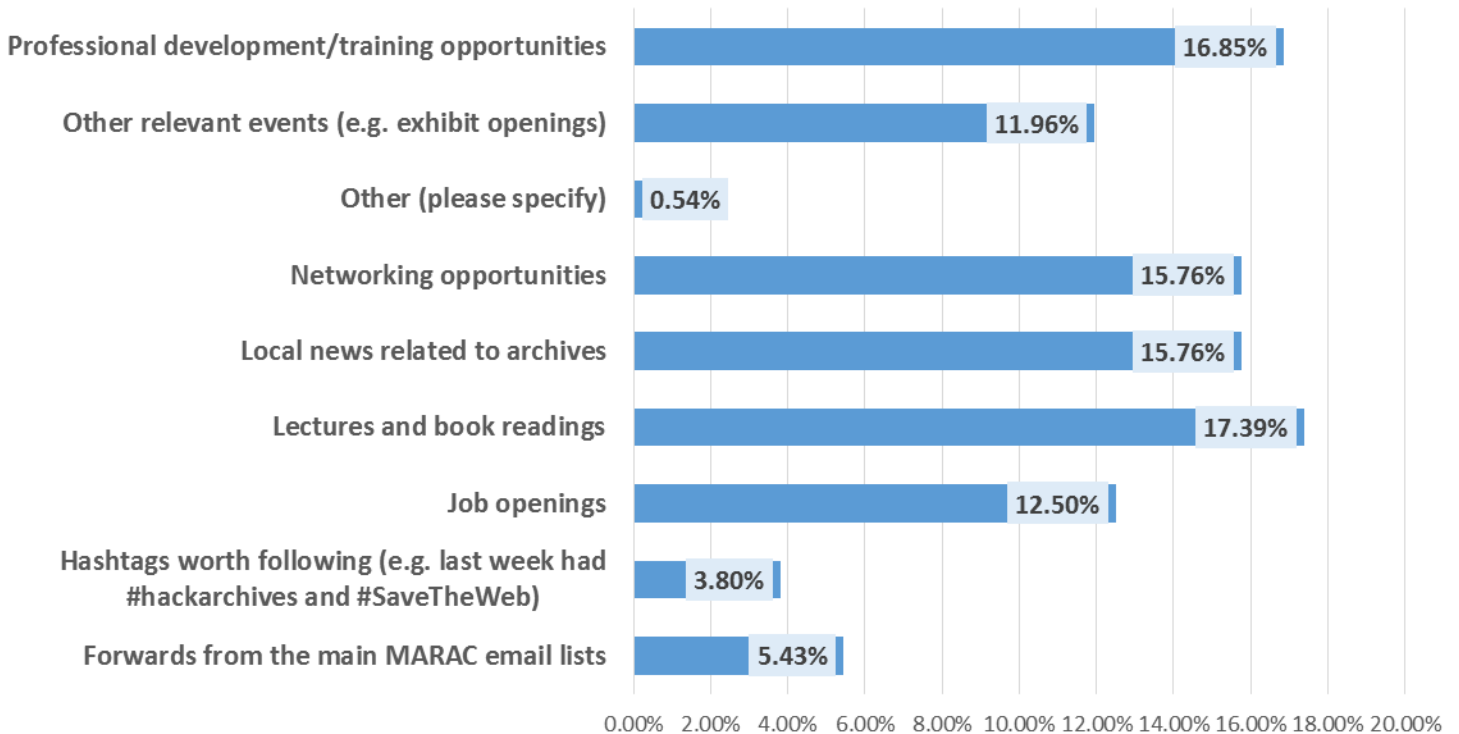
1. Four new members joined the DC Caucus between March and May 2016.
2. I have been talking with Jason Speck as well as staff at NARA and the Smithsonian about putting on the Archives Fair in October. This year we are hoping to appeal to both the general public and GLAM professionals.
3. In June, I surveyed caucus members about their communication preferences. 37 members responded, and summaries are included below. After looking at the results,
 - a. We will begin having bi-monthly happy hours in September (as long as interest continues)
 - b. Reminded members about the caucus Facebook page and MemberClicks e-mail list
 - c. Created a Slack team at <https://maracdc.slack.com>

Submitted by Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

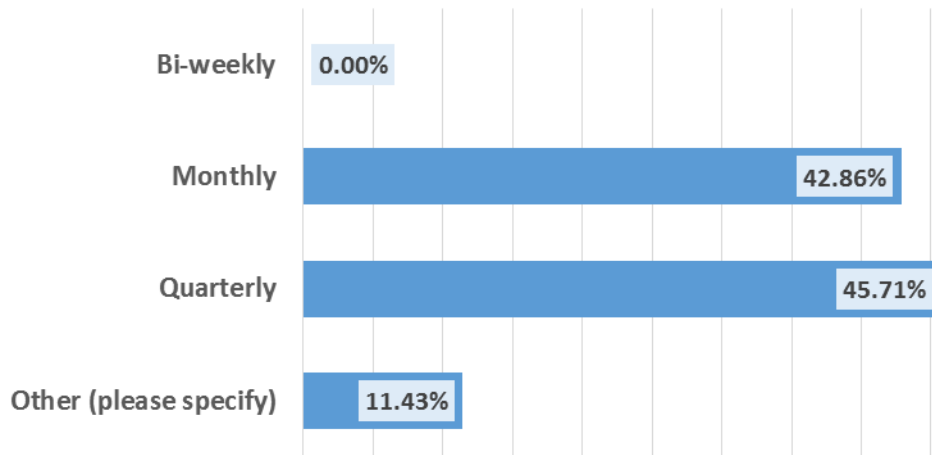
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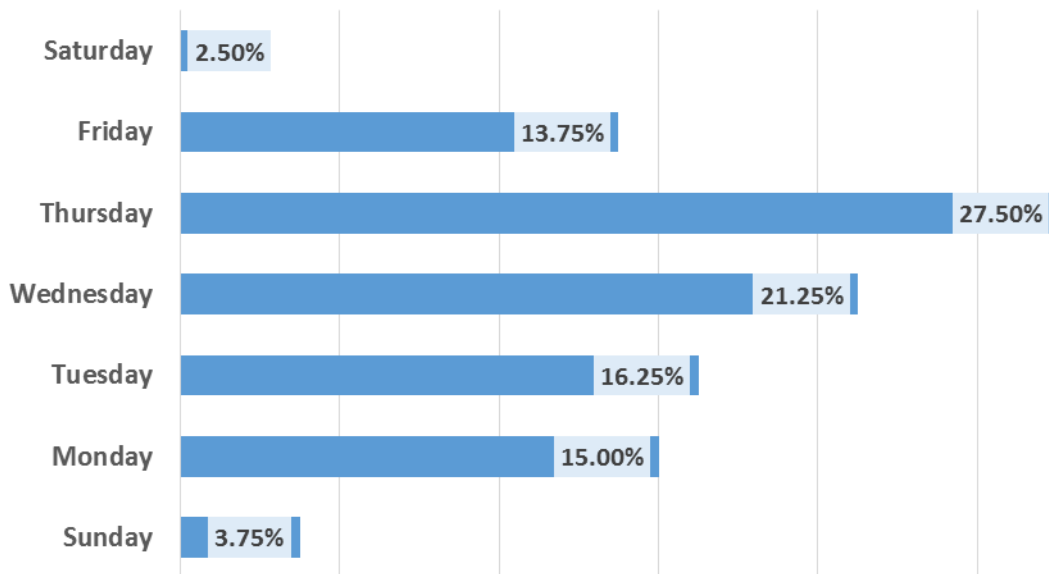
What types of email do you wish to receive?



How often should the Caucus happy hour be held?



Which days of the week would you be most likely to attend a Caucus happy hour?



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**Maryland Caucus Report
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1. The Maryland Caucus added 3 new members since I took over as MD Caucus Rep. I sent welcome letters and reached out to all three new members
2. I have begun working on a few potential events for MD Caucus members, one being Archives Fair 2016, which I have been discussing with the DC Caucus Rep and staff from NARA and the Smithsonian. They want to take the Fair in a different direction and potentially open it to repository booths and panel discussions. I am also working on a possible late summer/early fall Happy Hour.
3. 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 met at the Historical Society of Haddonfield on July 6th, and will have a joint meeting with the History & Preservation section of the New Jersey Library Association at the Trenton Free Public Library on the 18th. An effort is being made to hold gatherings in all 21 counties. So far, the Caucus has met in nine with plans currently being made for two more.

Local Arrangements (tri-chairs Don Cornelius, Laura Poll, and Elizabeth Surles) and Program (co-chairs Jennie Levine Knies and L. Dale Patterson) Committees for MARAC-Newark (20-22 April 2017) have been meeting in person, by conference call, and via email. The theme is *Adaptable Archives: Redefine, Repurpose, and Renew*. A website was launched after Pittsburgh, a Twitter account has been created, and articles continue to be published in the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* magazine.

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) Coordinator Frederic Pachman applied to the New Jersey Historical Commission for a FY 2017 grant, and has promoted the program at meetings of the New Jersey Association of Museums and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities. Consultants have already completed seven reports and another nine institutions are approved for visits.

The committee for the Caucus's "Innovative Archives Award" chose from four nominations this year. The winner, The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, will be acknowledged at Archives & History Day in October. The League was chosen for their leadership role in the state's diverse history community and its efforts to highlight New Jersey's many archival resources and historic sites.

As part of its Advisory Committee, the Caucus Chair attended meetings in Trenton of the Advocates for New Jersey History. The Advocates published a position paper opposing revived legislation that would permanently separate the Division of Archives and Records Management. Several groups have publicly denounced the proposed bill, and the Caucus is working with them to gather more signatures.

As there is currently no state-wide sponsorship of, or program to celebrate Archives Month in October, discussion continued between the Caucus Chair and the State Archives to create an event.

The Caucus webpage was updated, with many thanks to Liz Caringola. The Facebook group currently has 92 members. There are 133 members of the Caucus and 114 signed up for the Caucus listserv. All members who were not on the listserv were contacted with directions on how to sign up. Nine new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
11 July 2016

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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus has added five members from March to May 2016.
2. Since assuming the role of caucus representative I have attempted to increase the use of our Facebook group. Invitations to join the group were sent to all caucus members, which resulted in 60 members joining the group since April. The total number of members in the Facebook group is currently 92. I have been sharing New York archives related news and job postings, and some members has begun to use the group to share information as well.
3. Five news updates from New York were submitted to the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zarrillo
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report

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1. The Pennsylvania Caucus added 18 members from March to May 2016.
2. Events:

The PA Caucus will co-sponsor (with the Lancaster County Digitization Project) a meeting and site tour at Penn State Harrisburg in late summer/early fall. Date and speaker have not been finalized. The proposed theme is collaborative digital preservation.

We are also in the very early stages of planning a second local site tour and PA Caucus meeting in the fall.

3. News updates from Pennsylvania were submitted to the summer 2016 issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.
4. News and events were shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 135 “likes.”

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Baltimore, MD July 22, 2016

New Members

6 new members joined the VA caucus between March and May of this year. I sent emails welcoming new members to the caucus and answered questions about MARAC. Several members had questions about signing up for the caucus listserv and were not aware that they are not automatically added to the VA listserv when they become members.

Virginia State Caucus meeting

We met on June 10, 2016 at James Branch Cabell Library at Virginia Commonwealth University. The meeting was held later in the year than has previously been the custom in order to put some space between the Spring MARAC meeting and the caucus meeting. I received positive feedback from several attendees on the timing of the meeting, so we will likely continue to meet in late May or early June.

29 members attended and we continued with the successful lightning talks of previous meetings and had 3 presenters. The meeting concluded with a tour of VCU's newly renovated library and Special Collections areas.

Virginia Archives Month planning

The 2016 Virginia Archives Month Committee consists of 13 volunteers. The theme this year is Art in the Archives, which coincides with Artober VA – a month long celebration of arts and culture in VA, based out of Richmond. This year we hope to engage those outside of our typical user groups not only by highlighting a lesser-known aspect of archives, but also by encouraging the public to participate by creating something new. The images posted to the Virginia Archives Month Flickr page will be freely available to the public to use in some new, artistic way such as a GIF, collage, coloring page, or whatever they dream up. The deadline for image submission was July 8, and the design and creation of the poster will be completed by the Library of Virginia.

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Two new members joined the West Virginia Caucus between March and May of this year.

Disaster Relief in West Virginia

Southern West Virginia was devastated by severe flooding in late June, and the recovery continues. At least two public libraries lost all books, computers, and furniture, and historical societies and churches also sustained damage to irreplaceable records. With the help of the WV Caucus, Nat DeBruin, former WV Caucus Chair, and the West Virginia Library Association, I have been spreading the word about the MARAC Disaster Relief Fund. Three institutions – the Rainelle Public Library, Shiloh Baptist Church, and Clay County Historical Society – have contacted me about applying for funds.

West Virginia Archives Month planning

For the first time, the West Virginia Caucus is organizing events for a West Virginia Archives Month celebration. Four caucus members have volunteered to lead the effort and have begun to reach out to institutions across the state. The team has created the Archiving West Virginia website, which will feature information about archives in the state, archives month events, and a blog. <http://www.archivingwestvirginia.org/comingsoon/>

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
July 15, 2016