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District of Columbia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Annapolis, MD November, 2016

1. Two new members joined the caucus in July, the time of the last report. Is there a way for caucus chairs to see new members beyond the list that Tammy used to send out?
2. With MD Caucus Rep Jason Speck, assisted in the coordination and attended Archives Fair 2016, sponsored by NARA, Smithsonian NMAH, and MARAC on October 5th. The DC Caucus provided \$480 for morning refreshments. The fair had great participation from the community and the location helped bring non-archivists to the exhibit table. With more concerted advertising next year, it should be possible to make this a truly hybrid professional/public event. More information can be found here: <https://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/events/archives-fair/2016>



3. On September 29th, the DC Caucus held a happy hour at the Chinatown Vapiano with 6 attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

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**Delaware Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Annapolis, MD
November 3, 2016**

This report, like the state it represents, is small but not entirely unpleasant. DE's two new members since the July meeting work with me at the state archives so I met with them in person to welcome them. All is well in Delaware and we remain, at least for now, a state in the Mid-Atlantic.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Denison
Delaware Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Annapolis, MD November 3, 2016

1. The Maryland Caucus added 4 new members since our previous meeting in July. I sent welcome letters and reached out to the new members.
2. I spoke to each of the Introduction to Archives classes offered at the University of Maryland iSchool about MARAC and the benefits of membership, approximately 45 students in all. I received several verbal commitments to join MARAC and attend the Annapolis conference.
3. With MD Caucus member Anna Clarkson, I coordinated a Baltimore Happy Hour on September 8th at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, with six attendees, including myself. Because you have to start somewhere.
4. I alerted Liz Caringola to an issue with the MemberClicks saved searches that she was thankfully able to fix (thanks Liz!). It turned out that several potential B'more Happy Hour attendees had not heard of the event due to the glitch.
5. With DC Caucus Rep Rachel Donohue, assisted in the coordination and attended Archives Fair 2016, sponsored by NARA, Smithsonian NMAH, and MARAC on October 5th. MD Caucus was represented by several individuals and repositories.
6. Invited MD Caucus members to an informal Happy Hour at the Annapolis conference hotel from 4:30-6:00 on Thursday, November 3rd.
7. Began discussions with PA Caucus Rep Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh about a joint caucus event in the Gettysburg area sometime in spring 2017.
8. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Steering Committee Meeting, Annapolis 3 November 2016 Report of the New Jersey Caucus

Plans for the next Caucus gatherings are being finalized for the rest of the year. An effort is being made to hold gatherings in all 21 counties.

Local Arrangements Committee (tri-chairs Don Cornelius, Laura Poll, and Elizabeth Surles) and Program Committee (co-chairs Jennie Levine Knies and L. Dale Patterson) 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*. The budget has been finalized, tours have been finalized, the blog continues to be updated, and articles continue to be published in the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* magazine. It will be full-steam ahead after Annapolis.

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) Coordinator Frederic Pachman promoted the program at Archives & History Day in October.

The Caucus's "Innovative Archives Award" was presented to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey 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.

There has been no movement on Bill S-1784, the revived legislation that would permanently separate the Division of Archives and Records Management. The sponsor of the bill has not been able to get a co-sponsor but he has not yet abandoned the proposed bill.

Discussion to sponsor a state-wide program to celebrate Archives Month in October has been tabled until after MARAC-Newark next April.

The Facebook group currently has 94 members. There are 148 members of the Caucus and 120 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Four new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
28 October 2016

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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus has added five members from June to November 2016.
2. On October 17th I represented MARAC on a panel that discussed the profession and our organization with students enrolled in Queens College's Certificate in Archives and Preservation of Cultural Materials program. The MARAC brochure was distributed to the students.
3. The New York Caucus Facebook group added six new members since July. In addition to the numerous items of interest I have posted, other caucus members have posted to the group six times in the same period of time.
4. Three 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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October 29, 2016

1. The Pennsylvania Caucus added 1 new member in July 2016. This is the most recent member list received.
2. Events:

- On Friday, October 7, the PA Caucus co-sponsored with LCDP (the Lancaster County Digitization Project) a meeting and site tour at Penn State Harrisburg hosted by PSU Harrisburg Archivist Heidi Abbey Moyer.

Attendees included archivists and librarians from Lancaster Public Library, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Franklin & Marshall College, LancasterHistory.org, Hershey Community Archives, Millersville University, PSU Harrisburg, and Elizabethtown College. Discussion centered on current digitization projects and digital preservation planning.

In an effort to be more inclusive of members outside Lancaster County, attendees voted to change the name of LCDP to the Digital Culture Heritage Collaborative (DCHC). Marilyn Parrish of Millersville will set-up a new listserv, and Heidi Abbey Moyer will work on a new website for the group. The group plans to next meet in April 2017.

- A Gettysburg joint meeting with the Maryland Caucus is tentatively planned for Friday, March 31, 2017.
 - A Lehigh Valley PA Caucus meeting is currently being planned for late May or early June 2017.
3. News updates from Pennsylvania were submitted to the fall 2016 issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.
 4. News and events were shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page, which currently has 142 “likes,” up from 135 in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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Virginia Caucus Report
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New Members

3 new members joined the VA caucus since the July steering meeting. I sent emails welcoming new members and answered questions about MARAC.

Virginia Disaster Response Team

Jay Gaidmore, as a member of the VA SHRAB, contacted me about a proposal from Alston Coburn and Tom Camden of Washington & Lee to form a Virginia disaster response team to assist institutions that have experienced disaster and need help beyond their own capabilities. The proposal is “to form a network of archival institutions throughout Virginia that can reciprocally provide assistance in the event of a localized disaster. We recommend creating a list of interested institutions and the kind of help they are able to provide, such as trained staff to physically help with disaster recovery, the ability to provide centralized training to non-trained staff, a particular expertise, or ownership of specialized supplies such as a blast freezer. Such an effort could also include aggregation of useful online resources.” Jay will give more information about this initiative and solicit names and emails of interested individuals at the VA Caucus meeting in Annapolis to further the discussion.

Archives Month

The VA Archives Month Committee wrapped up Archives Month and the REMIX | Art from the Archives contest (<http://archivesmonthva.tumblr.com/>) with the winners announced at the Poe Museum’s Unhappy Hour on October 27. Winners were decided by a panel of judges made up of Virginia artists and area creatives. Prizes were awarded to the top 4 entries and a people’s choice award. Money for prizes came from funds allocated for advocacy in the budget. 111 photos were submitted for use in either the REMIX contest or for the Archives Month Poster. All images are located in the 2016 VA Archives Month Flickr Album. (<http://bit.ly/2eEm2Hr>) The VA Archives Month poster was printed by The Library of Virginia with \$50 in support from MARAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Morris
Virginia Caucus Representative

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Disaster Relief in West Virginia

MARAC awarded two grants to West Virginia institutions impacted by the June 2016 flood (see Kenneth Cleary's article in the Fall 2016 *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*). The Shiloh Community Enrichment Center and the Clay County Historical Society each received \$2,000, and I am reaching out to both for updates to be published in the next issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

West Virginia Archives Month

The West Virginia Caucus organized [West Virginia Archives Month](#) activities for the first time this year. Caucus members Erin Rothenbuehler, Sean Duffy, Jane LaBarbara and I reached out to institutions across the state, and about 20 contributed contact information for a [West Virginia archives map](#). Erin developed an attractive website, and five institutions contributed blog posts. A few events were held throughout the state, including an Archives Month [Wikipedia Edit-a-thon](#) at the WVU Libraries with the Wikipedian-in-Residence for Gender Equity, Kelly Doyle.

Updates from Caucus Members

[Marshall University Special Collections](#) has acquired the papers of the late political consultant Matthew A. Reese, who is considered the founder of the professional political consulting business, from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. The Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education has a [traveling exhibit](#) about the life and career of Senator Byrd that is making its way through West Virginia and Washington, DC. In September, WVU Libraries held the [Pearl S. Buck conference](#) celebrating her collection, which was acquired in 2014, and honoring the life and work of the Pulitzer Prize winning author. And earlier this month, the West Virginia & Regional History Center announced that [more than 1,500 photographs](#) from the Senator John D. Rockefeller IV archives are now available online.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
October 27, 2016