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**District of Columbia Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
College Park, MD
January, 2017**

1. Four new members joined the caucus between August and November, 2016.
2. A caucus happy hour was held on December 1, but only two members attended. A poll will be sent out to ensure better attendance at the February happy hour.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Donahue
DC Caucus Representative

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Delaware Caucus Report
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1. Membership is holding steady and I had some positive email interactions with lapsed members using Vin's template.
2. No big news reported to me from the caucus. I continue to submit news items to MAA as I receive them.
3. Delaware is looking forward to hosting MARAC in Fall 2018!
4. Question/suggestion/thought/musing about MARAC finance system re: auto withdrawals for donations. Inspired by "I gave to save" in Annapolis, I inquired with Jim and Brian about the ability to set up auto withdrawals for donations. It may not be possible with our current system but I wanted to share the idea with Steering hoping that it could be part of a future system. There is a younger generation of archivists that generally carry little cash and are used to engaging in small monthly subscription for services. It would be great if we could offer members the ability to make regular donations automatically – and it would do a lot more good in the world than the \$8 many of us spend per month to binge watch Fuller House on Netflix... er... I mean educational documentaries about history. Many people wouldn't miss \$10 a month and that ends up being \$120 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B. Denison
Delaware Caucus Representative

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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. Based on the report received regarding non-renewed members, I reached out to people to ask them to reconsider joining, and received several responses in the affirmative.
2. Continued discussions with PA Caucus Rep Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh about a joint caucus event in the Gettysburg area, now scheduled for March 31, 2017.
3. Submitted news items to MAA as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Speck
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Steering Committee Meeting, College Park 27 January 2017 Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus met at the Bergen Community College Library & Archives on August 11th. 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 program has been finalized with the electronic version being released by the end of the week. The blog continues to be updated, and articles continue to be published in the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* magazine. Only 87 days to go!

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) Coordinator Frederic Pachman submitted his biannual report. The CAPES program has been recently designated as a multi-year co-sponsored project with the New Jersey Historical Commission, which means that it will be automatically funded.

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.

Discussion to sponsor a state-wide program to celebrate Archives Month has been postponed until after MARAC-Newark.

The Facebook group currently has 95 members. There are 124 members of the Caucus and 121 signed up for the Caucus listserv, although some of those people may not be current members and have not been removed from that list. Four new members were welcomed, and 19 former members were contacted and asked to renew their MARAC membership.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
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New York Caucus Report

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1. The New York Caucus added four new members in November 2016.
2. I contacted 53 lapsed members from the caucus to encourage them to renew their MARAC memberships. Of these, four emails bounced back, one person replied that they had left the state and the profession, another claimed to have an institutional membership, and another had simply forgotten to renew.
3. The New York Caucus Facebook group added six new members since November 2016, bringing the membership total to 106. In addition to the numerous items of interest I have posted, other caucus members have posted to the group three times in the same period of time.
4. One news update from New York was 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. Membership

The Pennsylvania Caucus added 4 new members from August-November 2016.

2. Pennsylvania Historical Association Outreach

Collaboration between MARAC and the Pennsylvania Historical Association was discussed with Allen Dieterich-Ward, the new president of the PHA (<https://pa-history.org/>). Discussions included two separate phone meetings—the first on December 13th with Dieterich-Ward and Vin Novara; the second on January 19th with Dieterich-Ward, Novara, Tammy Hamilton (Hershey Local Arrangements Committee), Jessica Wagner Webster (Hershey Program Committee), and Michael Knies (MARAC member and PHA Scranton Local Arrangements). The following ideas were proposed:

- A PHA sponsored session at the MARAC Hershey meeting and a MARAC sponsored session at the PHA Scranton meeting
- Extend member rate to members of both organizations for upcoming meetings in Pennsylvania—sent message to MCC Chair about approvals for this item.
- Possible future joint meetings
- *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*, special PHA journal issue on archivists and archival work planned for 2019; guest editor from MARAC membership
- Proposal to add MARAC PA Caucus Chair as advisor to PHA board

3. Pennsylvania SHRAB

I was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board (<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/News-Programs/Pages/Advisory-Board.aspx>), and we had our first phone meeting on January 11. Several other MARAC PA Caucus members are also on the board, including former MARAC Chair Ed Galloway and Communications Committee Member, Heidi Abbey Moyer. Discussion items included:

- State Board NHPRC programming grant and funding for archives and records management seminars, online leaflets, self-assessments, and webinars
- CCAHA disaster training sessions planned for May 1-2 in Harrisburg—looking to form state-wide disaster response team

- Drafted letter to Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Chair requesting that the PHMC reinstate archival funding as part of the History and Museum Grants Program
- Possible DPLA Summit for state records
- Replevin legislation—if passed Pennsylvania’s would be one of the strongest in the country.

4. Events:

- Planning continues for a Gettysburg joint meeting with the Maryland Caucus on Friday, March 31, 2017. The tentative schedule follows:
 - Meet at Gettysburg for meeting/discussion and tour of collection highlights, conservation projects, and two exhibits (U.S. Colored Troops exhibit and food/dining exhibit)
 - Break for lunch
 - Travel together to tour at 1-2 additional local historic sites or collection—options include:
 - Eisenhower farm
 - Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum
 - Shriver House Museum
 - Registration will likely be required, and there may be a cost for tours.
- A Lehigh Valley PA Caucus meeting is still planned for late May or early June 2017.

5. Caucus News

News updates from Pennsylvania were submitted to the winter 2016 issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*. News and events were also shared through the PA Caucus Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh
 Pennsylvania Caucus Representative

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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New Members

11 new members joined the VA caucus between August and November of this 2016. I sent emails welcoming new members to the caucus and answered questions about MARAC. I contacted 42 lapsed MARAC members in November about their reasons for leaving MARAC and received responses from 2 members. One had retired and the other had moved to California. Feedback from one member was to suggest that the meeting should be only yearly to strengthen the programming.

Virginia State Caucus meeting planning

I will be sending an email to the caucus in early February to start planning the Spring Caucus meeting. I have received feedback from members in the Southwestern part of the state that holding the meeting in Richmond, where it has been held the past 2 years, prevents them from attending. I hope that there is interest in hosting the meeting from other localities.

The Library of Virginia

I was contacted by Mary Rubin, Advocacy Subcommittee Chair for RAAC, in November of 2016 with an inquiry about additional information regarding the 15 layoffs at the Library of Virginia in response to the Governor's request for a budget reduction. Mary also requested that I, and the MARAC Chair write to the Governor to express our concerns. These letters were sent in December.

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Disaster Relief in West Virginia

MARAC awarded two \$2,000 grants to West Virginia institutions impacted by the June 2016 flood. An update is in the Winter 2017 *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

Updates from Caucus Members

West Virginia's new governor recently appointed Gayle Manchin, wife of Senator Joe Manchin, to the position of Secretary of Education and the Arts. This position oversees the Division of Culture and History and the state archives.

Shepherd University Archives and Special Collections received a \$6,000 NEH Preservation Grant for Small Institutions. The funds will provide for a preservation needs assessment to be conducted by a preservation specialist from the NEDCC.

Submitted by Danielle Emerling
West Virginia Caucus Chair
January 23, 2017