

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference  
Business Meeting  
Saturday  
November 5, 2016  
Annapolis, Maryland

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

The agenda was approved by the membership.

The minutes of the Spring 2016 Business Meeting were approved.

### **Chair's Report**

MARAC Administrator Tammy Hoffman resigned in August. The MARAC leadership discussed options for the future including contacting professional administration firms but that was determined not to be cost effective. Jim Gerencser is currently serving as acting administrator and will chair the search committee for a new administrator. A job announcement was put out and four candidates have been identified for interviews. We hope to have the new administrator in place at the start of the new year.

The disaster fund was depleted due to the flooding disaster in West Virginia. There was a fund raising drive during this conference and donations are appreciated.

The Regional Archival Associations Consortium has agreed to provide funding so that MARAC can have a seat at the National Council for History policy table. Jan Zastrow will serve as the representative for both MARAC and RACC.

### **Meetings Coordinator's Report**

Upcoming meetings:

Newark, NJ April 20-22, 2017 \$125 room rate

Buffalo, NY October 26-28, 2017 \$159 room rate

Hershey, PA April 12-15, 2018. The Pennsylvania Historical Society will be involved with the conference.

In future we will be going to Wilmington, DE.

Arian Ravanbakhsh introduced the members of the Annapolis Local Arrangements Committee and thanked them for their contributions. He also thanked Rebecca Goldman for setting up the ride share and the Maryland Historical Society for keeping the Maryland State House open, which allowed 150 to take the State House tour.

Susan McElrath and Amanda May thanked the members of the Program Committee and thanked the membership for attending.

It was noted nearly \$800 was raised for the disaster relief fund. MARAC Chair Brian Keough asked more people to contribute.

### **Treasurer's Report**

It was noted that the most recent *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* includes the FY 16 financial report. The organization ended the fiscal year with a loss but it is not as bad as in the previous year. MARAC is on an upward trajectory and the dues increase will help with our financial position. The fact that there have been profits for the last two meetings and strong attendance at the Annapolis meeting will also help the bottom line.

There was a question about the changing look of the Treasurer's report. It was noted that it looks different because of new committees that were created and sunsetted as a result of the changes to the bylaws.

### **Awards**

Finch Award was presented to the American Foreign Service Field Service for their web curriculum. Elaine Abud Murad accepted on their behalf.

#### *Arline Custer Award*

The Custer winners are Allen Dieterich-Ward for the book: *Beyond Rust: Metropolitan Pittsburgh and the Fate of Industrial America* and Zachary Brodt for the article: "Strike Out: A Pirates Pitcher at the Battle of Homestead."

#### *Travel Awards*

Shannon McDonald, Sarah Hanlon, Jessica Whitmore received travel awards.

#### *Service Awards*

Pittsburgh Local Arrangement Chairs: David Grinnell and Molly Tighe  
Pittsburgh Program Committee Chairs: Emily Cottle and Rachel Grove  
Rohrbaugh

Vendor Coordinator Don Cornielus

John LeGlochac and Jim Geresncer for serving as interim treasurers  
Ben Blake for hosting Steering Committee meetings at the University of Baltimore.

### **Old Business**

Jodi Koste presented a remembrance on Joan Echtenkamp Klein.

### **New Business**

Don Cornelius encouraged people to attend the Newark Conference.

Linda Angle Miller offered copies of technical leaflets she had in her possession.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.