

Delaware Caucus Report
MARAC Steering Committee Meeting
April 14, 2016

Submitted by: Emily Cottle

The Delaware caucus Facebook page currently has 10 members.

The Delaware caucus has seen no new members to welcome since our meeting in Baltimore in January.

I communicated with incoming caucus rep Sarah Denison to prepare Delaware's budget request for 2017 and share information for the transition.

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DC Caucus Report
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DC Caucus Transition: Throughout the winter, I have been in contact with the incoming DC Caucus Representative to collaborate on producing a FY17 budget, chat about current caucus activities, and discuss possible future caucus priorities/activities.

DC Caucus Happy Hour: The most recent DC Caucus happy hour was held on March 22 at Vapiano.

Friends of the DC Archives Meeting: On February 17 I attended a Friends of the DC Archives meeting at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. We discussed the upcoming DC Council oversight hearings, advocacy strategies for the hearings, and priorities for the upcoming budget hearings.

Friends of the DC Archives Organizational Meeting: On March 30 I attended a meeting of the Friends of the DC Archives organizational committee. We discussed the results of the DC Council oversight hearings, how to respond to the Council's requests for information, and the upcoming budget hearings.

Archives Fair Planning: Planning for the 2016 Archives Fair has commenced. I have put the incoming DC Caucus Representative in touch with the other co-organizers from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives Assembly. I have also requested funding for a 2016 Archives Fair as part of my final DC Caucus budget.

Bylaws Implementation Transition Team: Throughout the winter, I have been working the Membership Development Committee to help transition to the Membership Committee. I have been working with the chair of the committee to revise the committee's wiki page to the reflect MARAC's new Bylaws. I have also continued to work with other members of the Transition Team to implement the new bylaws.

New Member Welcome: Sent emails to new MARAC/DC Caucus members welcoming them to MARAC and the DC Caucus. Each email also briefly described past activities of the DC Caucus and upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Cassidy-Amstutz, DC Caucus Representative

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Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus had a joint meeting with the New Jersey Library Association's History & Preservation section on March 14th at the Trenton Free Public Library.

Local Arrangements (tri-chairs Don Cornelius, Laura Poll, and Elizabeth Surles) and the 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 will be *Adaptable Archives: Redefine, Repurpose, and Renew* – or AARRR! Articles have been published in the past two *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* magazines.

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) was awarded \$10,000 from the New Jersey Historical Commission for 2016. Two reports have been completed and five are in process. Coordinator Frederic Pachman has submitted the FY2017 application to NJHC.

Calls for nominations for the Caucus's "Innovative Archives Award" went out at the end of February. Deadline is April 30th. The Caucus has also been promoting the Paul A. Stellhorn Undergraduate Paper in New Jersey History Award that it co-sponsors with the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance. That deadline is June 1st.

The Caucus chair attended the annual meeting of the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response on March 22nd at the Ocean County Library. NJCAR aims to prevent and mitigate the loss of cultural and historic resources in the event of a disaster and to serve as a statewide resource. It is comprised of a network of organizations, associations, agencies, and individuals of which the Caucus is a founding partner.

As part of its Advisory Committee, the chair also attended meetings in Trenton of the Advocates for New Jersey History.

As there is currently no state-wide sponsorship of or program to celebrate the annual Archives Month in October, discussion recently began between the Caucus and the State Archives to create something.

The Caucus' Facebook group currently has 89 members. There are 126 members of the Caucus and 109 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Three new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
10 April 2016

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Spring Steering Committee Meeting- April 2016

The New York Caucus added no new members since December. However, there has not been an update for new members from the administrator since that time.

The MARAC NY Caucus Facebook group currently has 31 members.

The budget request for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was submitted with the input from incoming caucus rep. John Zarillo.

The Caucus was canvassed for information for the meeting and the following item was received.

The Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs launched a curriculum on World War I volunteerism on March 2, 2016 in New York, NY. ***The Volunteers: Americans Join World War I, 1914-1919*** is a free curriculum aligned with U.S. Common Core and UNESCO Global Learning standards for secondary school classrooms worldwide. The curriculum helps students analyze the history of World War I through the lens of this volunteer service, both before and after the period of American neutrality. It also aims to continue the legacy of volunteerism established during World War I by encouraging students to engage in local, regional, and international service. The curriculum can be found in full at the newly-created website thevolunteers.afs.org.

I also wanted to add thank you to everyone in the caucus for allowing me the privilege to help represent and serve you in MARAC as New York State Caucus Chair these last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Martin
New York Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report
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1. The Maryland Caucus added 15 new members since January. Though, numerous members whose membership had lapsed contacted the Representative during this time to indicate that they had renewed.
2. Novara held a transition meeting with Jason Speck, the incoming MD Caucus Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Novara
Maryland Caucus Representative

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**MARAC Spring Steering Committee Meeting
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Pennsylvania Caucus Report**

MEMBERS

The Pennsylvania Caucus has welcomed a total of 14 new members since January, for a total of 257.

COMMUNICATIONS

The list of members in Memberclicks is 245, with 124 members on the Pennsylvania Caucus e-list. This represents almost 50% of current members. We have improved e-list subscriptions overall since the current Caucus Rep took office.

The MARAC Pennsylvania Caucus Facebook page has 98 members and the Facebook page has 127 likes.

CAUCUS EVENTS

We have had no meetings or tours since the November Carlisle meeting. The Caucus Representative has been rebuilding the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania website with her colleague Nancy Janyszeski, coordinator of the Pennsylvania GenWeb site. It is still very much a work in progress, but the new website is live at <http://genpa.org>.

FAREWELL

This is the Caucus Representative's last meeting as Caucus Rep. She would like to thank her colleagues for making this a great experience and welcome our new Caucus Representative, Rachel Rohrbaugh.

Valerie-Anne Lutz
MARAC Pennsylvania Caucus Representative
April 12, 2016

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**Virginia Caucus Report
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GRAB

Since the last update, the Greater Richmond Archives Bunch (GRAB) continues to meet monthly.

New Members

I sent emails welcoming new members to the caucus and answered questions about MARAC.

Virginia State Caucus meeting

As I mentioned in my January report, I have moved our annual meeting to occur later in spring. I will be planning the event with the incoming Virginia caucus rep since she will be the official rep at that time. I would like to request \$150 to cover food cost for the meeting. I was remiss in not requesting the funds during the budget period for FY16. The Virginia Caucus would be most appreciative if MARAC Steering would fund this request.

Virginia Archives Month Planning

I sent an email requesting volunteers for this year's committee. A total of 14 people have volunteered. The request was made early in the hopes that we can start planning sooner than in previous years. That would allow us to try out some new things that we have not had time for in the past.

New Virginia Caucus Rep

I have been in contact with the incoming caucus rep, Kate Morris, to discuss the budget request (which has been submitted) and getting her up to speed.

I have enjoyed my time as caucus rep. It has been a pleasure working with everyone the past two years. I have learned a great deal about how the organization is run and I hope that I will have the opportunity to serve MARAC again in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Turman Kidd
Virginia Caucus Representative

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WV Caucus Report submitted by Nat DeBruin

1. MARAC members at Marshall University and West Virginia University continue to explore the possibility of jointly hosting an Acquisition and Appraisal Workshop sometime in 2016... now looking at August or September.
2. Continuing to work through the West Virginia Library Association's Preservation Roundtable to provide archives related programming. The Roundtable is considering two workshops for the fall WVLA conference – basic book repair and disaster recovery.
3. Danielle Emerling assumes duties as the new WV Caucus Rep! Thanks to all for a great time over the past 8 years!