

Delaware Caucus Report
MARAC Steering Committee Meeting
Roanoke, VA
Submitted by: Emily Cottle

Blog post

I solicited announcements and prepared my scheduled post for the MARAC blog in September.

New Members

I continued to send welcome emails to new members of the Delaware caucus.

Off conference get together

A survey was sent to members in an attempt to schedule a social gathering for August, but there was no interest among the caucus members.

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Upcoming Friends of the DC Archives Meeting: The next FDCA meeting will be October 7. We will be discussing the appointment of a new DC Archivist, outreach activities, and planning for the new archival facility. The new DC Public Records Administrator has also asked to meet with FDCA's leadership prior to the public meeting that evening. I will most likely be attending that meeting as well.

DC Caucus Happy Hour: The DC Caucus held its most recent happy hour on September 16 at Vapiano. 17 DC Caucus members were in attendance. I will be scheduling the next happy hour for either January or February.

Archives Fair Planning: Throughout the past few months, I have continued to help organize the upcoming Archives Fair in celebration of American Archives Month. This year's Archives Fair will be held on October 30 at the National Archives Building and is sponsored by the DC Caucus, the National Archives Assembly, and the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

Task Force on Updating MARAC's Constitution and Bylaws: Throughout the past two months, I have assisted with the process to update MARAC's Constitution and Bylaws. The task force continues to prepare for the upcoming Town Hall and subsequent business meeting during our time in Roanoke.

Distributed Information to Caucus Members: Distributed information to caucus members about FDCA activities, upcoming meetups, internship announcements, professional development opportunities, happy hours, and symposiums and other events.

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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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. The Maryland Caucus added seven new members since May 1.
2. Maria Day of the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis is hosting the Maryland Caucus for a tour of the restored Old Senate Chamber and new interpretive exhibits to be followed by a happy hour event for the attendees at the nearby Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Novara
Maryland Caucus Representative

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The Caucus will have a joint meeting with the Brick City Archivists on November 5th at the Newark Public Library's Special Collections.

The Innovative Archives Award was given to the Township of Ocean Historical Museum on October 3rd at Archives & History Day. This award is given to a New Jersey organization that has furthered the cause of archives and history in the state. The award, formerly known as the MARAC/NJ Caucus Institutional Award for Excellence, was first given out in 1997 with the last one presented in 2008. This is the first time this particular award will be presented. The award committee is comprised of the past 3 Caucus chairs, with the current chair as ex-officio.

It is finally official! MARAC is coming to Newark in Spring 2017 (April 20-22 to be exact). Announcements went out to recruit members for the Local Arrangements and Program committees. Local Arrangement tri-chairs are Don Cornelius, Laura Poll, and Elizabeth Surles. Program co-chairs are L. Dale Patterson and Jennie Levine Knies.

As Caucus chair, I attended the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response's state summit on September 9th at the Monmouth County Public Safety Complex in Freehold.

The Caucus' Facebook Group currently has 72 members. There are 137 members of the Caucus and 110 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Five new members were welcomed.

Submitted by
Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
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The New York Caucus added 2 new members since July. They have been contacted and encouraged to become involved in MARAC and the caucus. The Caucus Facebook group currently has 29 members though there is not much activity other than a few notices that were also sent via the caucus listserv.

Previously I had asked for some information about any issues or problems or triumphs the various organizations throughout the state have had. Since I received some positive feedback again, I decided to do the same for this meeting as well.

American Jewish Historical Society

The processing of the UJA-Federation of New York Collection at the American Jewish Historical Society has been a four-year grant-funded project to make accessible the records of UJA-Federation of New York, 1909-2000. This is a very large collection, which we began with 3232 bankers boxes. The challenges were many. The boxes were housed in poor conditions in off-site storage, but we had room in-house for just 200 to 300 at one time. We established the MPLP workflow that fit our timeline and other parameters, requiring each of the five archivists on the team to process an average of 6 bankers boxes a week. Many things helped with this – duplicate materials, 140 or so boxes that were returned to the organization as not appropriate for the archives and many boxes that arrived just half-full. And, sadly, when we had just the last 300 boxes remaining in the warehouse at the end of January 2015, a week away from bringing them in, half of them were lost to the warehouse fire ([Citistorage in Brooklyn](#)) that burned for five days. The collection in its final form is 2021 bankers boxes, 24 oversize boxes and 4 oversize folders.

The collection is a very rich history of the social service agencies the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies served throughout the greater metropolitan New York area for most of the 20th century, and the overseas aid of United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York from 1939 to the present. Please explore the collection through our digitized materials, interactive map, the project blog and link to the finding aid on the collection webpage: www.ajhs.org/uja.

The other four members of the team who brought the collection to life, are Leah Edelman, Eric Fritzler, Heather Halliday and Marvin Rusinek. We will all scatter after October 2nd for our next challenges elsewhere.

New York Association of Local Government Records Officers

NYALGRO Records Management Education Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has been accepted into or is currently enrolled in a Library and/or Information Science graduate degree program in New York State, and who is interested in pursuing a professional position in the records management field.

NYALGRO, the New York Association of Local Government Records Officers, is a non-profit organization formed to provide a network to all who are responsible for records upkeep and information management for local governments, such as, towns, counties, cooperative extensions, cities, fire districts, school districts, villages and BOCES. NYALGRO is a proven advisory network for the development of sound records and information management programs.

The amount of \$1,000 will be awarded annually to a qualified Library and/or Information Science student. A check will be sent directly to the ALA-accredited library school where the applicant is currently enrolled to be applied to the next term of study.

For additional information contact the scholarship administrator, James M. Tammara at jmtmls@gmail.com

Rockefeller Archive Center

The Rockefeller Archive Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Clark, former Deputy Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, to the new position of Director of Archives at the RAC. Mr. Clark began his career as an archivist at Texas Tech University's Southwest Collection then left the profession for several years to study and practice law. He joined the Roosevelt Library staff as an Archivist in 2001 and was appointed Supervisory Archivist there in 2005. He began his new duties at the Rockefeller Archive Center at the end of September.

Suffolk County

The Office of Suffolk County Clerk Judith A. Pascale has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$388439. This is a Demonstration - Implementation Grant that will be used to create a pilot project for managing electronic records. Initially the project will apply to records within the Office of the County Clerk but we hope to eventually involve all County departments. The project will be tracked via a website and webinar in order to provide a "roadmap" to other municipalities that may want to start electronic records management programs of their own. We are using the software and procedural outlines recommended by consultant, Dr. William Saffady, who analyzed the County's electronic records needs during the Demonstration-Planning Grant cycle.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Martin
New York Caucus Representative

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Pennsylvania Caucus Report

The Pennsylvania Caucus will have a meeting and get-together in Carlisle on November 6, with tours of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, the Cumberland County Historical Society, and Dickinson College.

As Caucus Chair, I will be meeting with the Association of College Librarians of Central Pennsylvania Archives Special Interest Group at their meeting on October 23 to talk with them about MARAC and the Pennsylvania Caucus.

The Pittsburgh get-together at the Heinz History Center has been postponed by the Center as they are undergoing renovations. They look forward to seeing us at MARAC Pittsburgh in the spring.

The PA Caucus Facebook Group currently has 98 members and the PA Caucus Facebook page has 117 likes.

The PA Caucus e-list has 134 members, or about 50% of Caucus members.
The Caucus welcomed eight new members in August and September, for a total of 265 members.

Valerie-Anne Lutz
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative
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**Virginia Caucus Report
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Welcome to Roanoke everyone! The Virginia Caucus is delighted that the meeting is here and hope that you enjoy yourselves.

GRAB

Since the last update, the Greater Richmond Archives Bunch (GRAB) continues to meet monthly. The group will have its October meetup at the Poe Museum Unhappy Hour for Archives Month.

New Members

I continue to send emails welcoming new members and answer questions as needed.

Virginia Archives Month

By the time we meet, Virginia Archives Month will be in full swing. A total of 19 institutions around the state submitted images; some of them were first time contributors. Full details about Virginia Archives Month activities are available via the [Library of Virginia website](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/archivesmonth). Full images from the poster are available via the [Flickr site](https://www.flickr.com/photos/virginiarchivesmonth/).



2015 VA Archives Month poster

Respectfully submitted,

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WV Caucus Report submitted by Nat DeBruin

1. The Marshall University Archives and Special Collections Department, hosted by the Preservation Roundtable of the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA), conducted a digitization workshop at the Fall 2015 WVLA Conference in Cannan Valley, WV. The workshop was organized in response to a previous preservation session presented at the Spring 2015 conference and was attended by 14 librarians from across the state.
2. Former U.S. Representative Nick Rahall is donating 2,000 boxes of documents from his congressional career to West Virginia University. The papers include testimony, speeches, news releases and other documents. Rahall represented southern West Virginia for 19 terms in the U.S. House, from 1977 to 2015. WVU Beckley and WVU Tech campus president Carolyn Long says in a news release that Rahall's papers will offer students a unique look inside the life of a congressman who served for nearly four decades. To further utilize Rahall's papers, WVU said it will promote partnerships with Marshall and Concord universities, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies and the West Virginia State Archives. (*The State Journal*, September 22, 2015 (<http://statejournal.com>))
2. MARAC members at Marshall University and West Virginia University are going to explore the possibility of jointly hosting an Acquisition and Appraisal Workshop after the first of the year. We will coordinate with the Education Committee to determine our options.