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DC Caucus Report
Baltimore, MD
January 29, 2016

Upcoming Friends of the DC Archives Meeting: The next FDCA meeting will be February 22. We will be discussing the possibility of co-location with the MLK Jr. Memorial Library, executive committee changes, and the upcoming budget and oversight meetings scheduled by the DC government.

Friends of the DC Archives Meeting: The most recent FDCA meeting was held January 11. Members of the executive committee met to discuss executive committee changes, co-location with the MLK Jr. Memorial Library, strategy for upcoming budget and planning hearings, and other issues relating to the governance of the organization. A draft editorial was also circulated that was published in DC's Current newspapers.

DC Caucus Happy Hour: The DC Caucus hopes to hold its next happy hour in either February or March. I will be sending out a poll to DC Caucus members in the near future to help select a date and time.

Archives Fair: The 2015 Archives Fair was held on October 30, 2015. With assistance from the National Archives Assembly and the Smithsonian Institution, the Archives Fair was a success with attendees participating in person as well as over webcast. Presenters discussed the DC Africana Archives Project, WWII Japanese American confinement sites, and updates to topics discussed during last year's Archives Fair.

Bylaws Transition Team: Throughout the past several months, I have assisted with the process to implement MARAC's revised bylaws. The transition team met twice during the past two months and has submitted a report containing our recommendations prior to the Winter 2016 Steering Committee Meeting.

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

Delaware Caucus Report
MARAC Steering Committee Meeting
January 29, 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 Roanoke.

During the fall, I worked with nominations and elections chair Charlotte Sturm to help recruit candidates for various positions from the Delaware caucus. I also participated in the nominations and elections Twitter chat.

In November, I collected Delaware news to forward to the MAA editor for publication in the next issue.

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Maryland Caucus Report
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1. The Maryland Caucus added four new members since October 1, 2015.
2. Maria Day of the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis hosted the Maryland Caucus for a tour of the restored Old Senate Chamber and new interpretive exhibits, which was followed by a happy hour event for the attendees at the nearby Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge. A total of twenty people attended both events.
3. In January, Novara contacted 71 lapsed MARAC members from the Maryland Caucus encouraging them to return. A few already had re-registered, a few indicated they would, and a few had left the region (or coast, in two cases). Apart from this batch of replies, about 60 were silent. Novara is willing to reach out again following the upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent J. Novara
Maryland Caucus Representative

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Report of the New Jersey Caucus

The Caucus met with the Brick City Archivists on November 5th at the Newark Public Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center. They also gathered for tours of the Cranbury Historical Society on December 3rd and the Rutgers Record Center on January 26th. There will be a joint meeting with the History & Preservation Section of the New Jersey Library Association on March 14th.

The Local Arrangements and Program committees for MARAC-Newark (20-22 April 2017) have been meeting in person, by conference call, and via email.

Local Arrangements Committee (tri-chairs Don Cornelius, Laura Poll, and Elizabeth Surles) had a kick off meeting on December 3rd at Rutgers-Newark's Dana Library and formed sub-committees. LAC will be meeting again on February 12th, and with the Greater Newark Convention and Visitors Bureau to arrange for promotional materials, discounts, and assistance in transportation arrangements. Several possible reception venues are being investigated, and the tri-chairs will meet with the hotel in March to decide upon menus. A very-draft budget was submitted to Mary Mannix, and articles were submitted to the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

Program Committee (co-chairs L. Dale Patterson and Jennie Levine Knies) met via conference call twice. "Adaptable Archives" is their tentative theme and they are discussing several program ideas and possible speakers.

The Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to continue its good work into 2016. Frederic Pachman was appointed coordinator for another two years. His 6-month report is attached.

As Caucus chair, I attended meetings of the Advocates for New Jersey History, New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, and the History & Preservation Section of the New Jersey Library Association.

The Caucus' Facebook Group currently has 85 members. There are 115 members of the Caucus and 106 signed up for the Caucus listserv. Four new members were welcomed.

Submitted by Laura M. Poll
New Jersey Caucus Chair
26 January 2016



NEW JERSEY CAUCUS

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service

Coordinator's Report

July 2015 – December 2015

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New Jersey Historical Commission Grants

In August, the NJHC notified the Coordinator that we had been approved for a 2016 project grant in the amount of \$10,000. The letter and complementary grant reviewer notes were shared with the CAPES Advisory Committee.

In September, the Coordinator completed the invoice paperwork and submitted a current insurance policy from the MidAtlantic Regional Archives Conference in SAGE, as part of the 2016 grant process. The check was received and deposited October 31.

Working with Elsalyn Palmisano and Cristen Piatnochka (NJHC), an updated CAPES application and letter were designed and placed on the NJHC webpage.

Publicity, Promotion and Activities

During the last six months:

F. Pachman attended Monmouth County Archives and History Day, Saturday October 3, at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. We hosted a table top exhibit and distributed promotional materials.

F. Pachman attended the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey meeting at the Mount Tabor Historical Society on November 7. Also in attendance were Elsalyn Palmisano, Laura Poll, and Karl Niederer. We hosted a table top exhibit and distributed promotional materials. The Mount Tabor Historical Society and Mount Tabor Camp Meeting Association were recipients of CAPES surveys.

Consultations

The following surveys were completed from June 2015 – December 2015:

Rowan University Archives	Alan Delozier
Alice Paul Institute	Lisa Mangiafico
Camden County Historical Society (Second visit)	Greg Gill
Millville Public Library	Gary Saretzky
Cape May Historical and Genealogical Society	Deb Schiff
Westfield Historical Society	Elizabeth Shepard

The following surveys are assigned and pending:

Mount Tabor Camp Meeting Association	Karl Niederer
College of St. Elizabeth	Alan Delozier
Morristown Masonic Center Museum & Library	Chad Leinaweaver
Penns Grove, Carney's Point and Oldham Hist.Soc.	Greg Gill
Hopewell Valley Historical Society	Gary Saretzky
Warren Township Historical Society	Christine Lutz

The following NJHC approved surveys are unassigned

Rutgers Master Gardeners Mercer County
Carteret Historical Commission

Coordinator Notes

Deb DelCollo, Dan Linke, and Carla Zimmerman have resigned as consultants, and we thank them for their service.

“Comments from our clients”

“I enjoyed working with you. Thanks again for your visit, your thorough report and excellent recommendations. They provide a good framework for the future...”

“I know I speak for everyone in thanking you for taking on the CAPES Survey of the Archives in anticipation of our move to a newly designed Archival Facility.”

Finances

Our checking account is with the TD Bank, and two signatures are required on all checks.

The expense categories listed below, coincide with the categories in the NJHC grants.

July 1, 2015 Balance				\$5768.10
Income	New Jersey Historical Commission Grant	10,000.00		
Income Total			10,000.00	
Expenses				
	Transportation (Mileage)	354.34		
	Photocopying, photography	0		
	Salaries (Coordinator)	1250.00		
	Professional services	3000.00		
	Postage	61.70		
	Materials & supplies	31.57		
	Conferences	50.00		
Expenses Total			4747.61	
December 31, 2015 Balance				\$11,020.49

Individual expenditures:

Stipend and expenses	Frederic C. Pachman	\$1453.41
Alice Paul Institute	Lisa Mangiafico	\$ 500.00
Rowan University	Alan Delozier	\$ 563.24
Travel	Deborah DelCollo	\$ 57.66
Camden County Historical Society	Greg Gill	\$ 519.84
Millville Public Library	Gary Saretzky	\$ 548.36
Cape May Historical and Genealogical Society	Deb Schiff	\$ 595.80
Westfield Historical Society	Elizabeth Shepard	\$ 509.30

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Winter Steering Committee Meeting- January 2016

The New York Caucus added 10 new members since October. They have all been contacted and encouraged to become involved in MARAC and the caucus.

The NY MARAC Caucus Facebook had a few more additions. There are currently 31 members.

It was requested that caucus chairs contact the lapsed members to see if they were interested in joining MARAC again and why they left in the first place.

I did receive some responses and thought I would share them with you:

Thank you for the email! I have very much enjoyed being a part of MARAC while living first in the DC area and later in New York City. However, as I am about to move to Denver, CO, I will not be renewing my membership.

Questions for the survey:

1) What is the main reason for leaving MARAC?

- Money/No Time/Not appealing/Not enough to do/Do not feel appreciated or welcome/
Other: I've moved to Chicago and joined MAC

2) What would make you consider joining the MARAC again?

- More money/more time/more volunteer options/more or less communication from Board/
Other: Moving back to the Northeast

3) We greatly appreciate any additional information you are willing to share: You guys are great, keep it up.

We are a fairly small operation and for the current year I have kept memberships in only SAA and the New York City Archivists Round Table. Most of the MARAC offerings are too far afield and I felt I received far too many emails last year (especially about internal MARAC governance issues) that just weren't relevant to our situation.

Questions for the survey:

- 1) What is the main reason for leaving MARAC?
 - Money/No Time/Not appealing/Not enough to do/Do not feel appreciated or welcome/ Other:
_____Money_____
- 2) What would make you consider joining the MARAC again?
 - More money/more time/more volunteer options/more or less communication from Board/
Other: _____More money_____
- 3) We greatly appreciate any additional information you are willing to share:

Perhaps in the future . . .

There was no official caucus news as all the latest information was shared via the MARAC blog as part of the monthly rotation. Various items can be found here.

<http://marac-blog.blogspot.com/2016/01/news-from-new-york-state-caucus-best-of.html>

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Martin
New York Caucus Representative

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MARAC Spring Steering Committee Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland
January 29, 2016
Pennsylvania Caucus Report

MEMBERS

The Pennsylvania Caucus has welcomed 16 new members since August, for a total of 213 members.

EVENTS

Caucus members were treated to three wonderful tours in one day during our full-day Carlisle field trip on November 6. We began the day at the U.S. Army Heritage Education Center, where we received information on the history of the USAHEC and tours of the manuscripts processing department and conservation lab from the USAHEC staff, coordinated by LeAnn Fawver. After lunch on our own (a group of us went to a great local restaurant), we went to the Cumberland County Historical Society, where Cara Curtis and their staff gave us a tour of their museum, manuscripts, and collections storage areas. We wrapped up the day at Dickinson College, where Jim Gerencser and their staff reviewed the history of the college and archives and their collections and gave us a tour of their facilities. We are hoping to have at least one or two more events before the Caucus Chair's term ends in April.

CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE

I attended the fall meeting of the Association of College Librarians of Central Pennsylvania (ACLCP) on October 23 and spoke with their Archives Special Interest Group.

As part of my work as a board member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, I've been helping GSP to organize their collections and build their new website.

I've also been mentoring an intern through the Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The project is designed to provide an intern with training at a medium-sized repository, after which the intern works at a small repository and shows volunteers how to process a collection using archival processing standards. Intern Leigh Clark began her internship at the American Philosophical Society, where she processed the papers of Ernst Krackowizer, an Austrian-born surgeon who fled Vienna to New York following his involvement as captain of the Academic Legion during the Revolution of 1848. For the second part of the internship, she is working at the Frankford Historical Society here in Philadelphia where she is processing the papers of the Tomlinson-Foehr-Peters family. She is scheduled to complete her project this week.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Pennsylvania Caucus Facebook group currently has 98 members and the Facebook page has 125 likes. The e-list has 121 members or about 57% of Caucus members. We have not been as active in recent months but will try to provide some more content over the next few months.

Valerie-Anne Lutz
Pennsylvania Caucus Representative
January 26, 2016

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Virginia Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting Baltimore, MD January 29, 2016

GRAB

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

New Members

Sent emails welcoming new members and answered questions about MARAC.

Blog Post

I have prepared a post for January for the MARAC blog regarding the activities of members in the Virginia Caucus. I will submit the post to the blog later this week.

Annual Virginia Caucus Meeting

Since I became caucus rep, I have worked to move our annual meeting to later in the year. In previous years our meeting has occurred within a month of the spring MARAC meeting. I would like for those meeting to not be so close together and for the caucus meeting to take place after the conference. That way members who go to the conference can report back to those who were unable to attend. As of now I am working on having the meeting in May.

In Memoriam

In December 2015 our caucus and MARAC lost a dear friend, Joan Echtenkamp Klein. Joan was a long time MARAC member and known to many in the organization. She will be greatly missed.

Joan Echtenkamp Klein passed away on December 2nd, 2015, at the age of 62. Born in Schenectady, New York and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Garden City, New York, she was the daughter of Harlan and Wilma (Walther) Echtenkamp, sister of Paul and John. A graduate of Gettysburg College and the Catholic University of America, in 1982, she became the curator of historical collections at the University of Virginia's Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, where she built a renowned program. She was a consummate

professional, a mentor to many, and fan of the University of Virginia's basketball and baseball teams. In 1996, she was invited to the White House for her work on the Tuskegee Syphilis Study Legacy Committee, and in 2003 she received the Society of American Archivists' Waldo Gifford Leland Award for digitizing the Walter Reed Collection. She read widely, loved music, and had a distinctive infectious laugh. Joan is survived by her family and her husband of 26 years, Mike. Memorial gifts in honor of Joan can be sent to:

UVA Health Foundation

In Memory of Joan Echtenkamp Klein

P.O Box 400807

Charlottesville, VA 22904-4807

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret T. Kidd

Virginia Caucus Representative

MARAC Winter 2016 Steering Committee
WV Caucus Report submitted by Nat DeBruin

1. MARAC members at Marshall University and West Virginia University are going to explore the possibility of jointly hosting an Acquisition and Appraisal Workshop sometime in 2016... looked at possibly doing it in conjunction with Pittsburgh Conference, but decided it was too late to coordinate properly.
2. I have decided to step down as the WV State Caucus Representative after 4 terms – didn't want to outdo FDR! There are two candidates for the position and I know that either one of them will do a fine job. I will continue to attend as many conferences as the Marshall University financial situation allows.