

**NJLA History and Preservation Section**  
**Joint Meeting with MARAC-NJ**  
**Monday, March 1, 2021**  
**Online via Zoom Platform**

**Attendees:** Tom Ankner, Juber Ayala, Ron Becker, John Beekman, Alan Delozier, Bob Golon, Barbara Gombach, Colleen Goode, Sarah Hull, Ken Kaufman, Kathy Kauh, Kathlyn Kelly, Christine Lutz, Nancy Madasci, Tara Maharjan, Randall Marsola, Jeff Moy, Jessica Myers, Michelle Novak, Fred Pachman, Elsalyn Palmisano, Heather Perez, Fernanda Perrone, Sarah Ponichtera, Caryn Radick, Rebecca Sandoval, Gary Saretzky, Sheridan Sayles, Deb Schiff, Bob Stewart, David Williams, Richetta Wilson-Lobban, Beth Zak-Cohen

The meeting was opened at 1:31 p.m. by Tara Maharjan, MARAC caucus representative.

Introductions were made.

**Organization News--H&P**

At approximately 1:42 p.m., Ken Kaufman, president of the NJLA History & Preservation Section, updated the group on H&P announcements, which are as follows:

The NJLA archives are now housed at the Talking Book and Braille Center, Ewing Township, NJ. Members of the H&P Section had asked about them, and H&P leadership contacted NJLA leadership to discuss their access and organization. On February 23, 2021, interested parties of the H&P Section met to discuss suggestions for improving the organization and maintenance of the archives. Conclusion: The assessments and recommendations laid out in a 1996 CAPES report are still valid today. Ken will contact the NJLA Executive Board and report that H&P members agreed that the organization should implement the first three recommendations listed in the CAPES survey.

The section election slate was submitted on Monday, March 1, 2021. Deb Schiff is running on the NJLA executive board slate.

Minutes from the last meeting were posted and will be approved at the next meeting.

Submissions for the Chronicle are due April 23, 2021.

The NJLA Annual Conference will be held virtually on June 3-4, 2021.

Beth Zak-Cohen informed the group that all five of the section's program submissions for the NJLA Annual Conference had been approved:

1. Is It All In the Archive? Web Archiving Tools
2. Documenting the Neglected: Archival Collecting for Underserved Communities
3. Getting the Word Out: Publicizing Local History Collections
4. Diversifying the Archives
5. Documenting the Now

Nominations for the Swartzburg Award are requested. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2021.

Member announcements:

The Sparta Historical Society is displaying an exhibit on Thomas Edison.

Institutions are encouraged to complete a CAPES survey, if they have not done so. They can contact the survey coordinator at [CAPEScoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:CAPEScoordinator@gmail.com).

Upcoming events and activities by NJSAA, Newark Public Library, and the Princeton Preservation Group were shared.

### **Organization News--MARAC-NJ**

Tara informed the group that the deadline for submissions to the newsletter was 5 p.m., March 1, 2021.

Elections for the caucus were just concluded.

Preconference kickoff is March 23, 2021. Registration for the spring 2021 conference should be up now, which will be held April 12-16.

The organization did not lose any money by not having a fall conference. The fall 2021 conference will be October 7-9, 2021, in Gettysburg, PA. The spring 2022 conference will be March 24-26, 2022, in Harrisonburg, VA.

After a short break, at approximately 2:10 p.m., Caryn Radick, project director of the NJ Digital Newspaper Project gave an online presentation, discussing the history and purpose of the newspaper project.