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Minutes
Organizational Meeting
Map and Geography Round Table
American Library Association
June 30, 1980

The organizational meeting of the Map and Geography Round Table was called to order by Robert Karrow of the Newberry Library at 9:40 a.m., in the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, Cloud 30 North Room. Approximately 60 persons were in attendance. Mr. Karrow welcomed the members for attending. He informed the group that anyone could take part in the discussions but only ALA members could vote.

Mr. Karrow nominated David Cobb, map librarian at the University of Illinois, for chairman of the organizational meeting. Mr. Karrow notified the members that according to Robert's Rules of Order, the chairman of the organizational meeting would also serve as chairman of the Round Table until the next business meeting at the 1981 Annual Conference when election of new officers would be held. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations and David Cobb was elected chairman unanimously.

Mr. Cobb urged everyone to sign the attendance roster which was being passed around. He then asked for nominations for secretary. Mary Larsgaard nominated Richard Fox, map cataloger at the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress. The nomination was seconded by Laura McQueen. Joseph Lin nominated Dan Seldin, map librarian at the University of Indiana, but Mr. Seldin declined since he was not an ALA member. There were no other nominations and Richard Fox was elected secretary unanimously.

Following the election of officers was the reading of the call. Mr. Cobb stated that the reason for holding the meeting was to organize a Map and Geography Round Table within the American Library

Association. He read the purposes of the Round Table as written in the proposed MAGERT Constitution. "The purpose of this organization shall be: 1) to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas by persons working with map and geography collections; 2) to provide a forum to increase the availability, use, and bibliographic control of map and geography collections; 3) to increase communication and cooperation between map and geography librarians and other librarians; and 4) to contribute to the improvement of education and training of map and geography librarians." There was no discussion or objection by the membership and Mr. Cobb proclaimed that these would be the purposes of the Round Table.

The next order of business was discussion and adoption of the proposed constitution and bylaws of the Round Table. Mr. Cobb stated that the constitution and bylaws being proposed were written by himself and based on constitutions and bylaws of other ALA round tables. He further declared that this constitution and bylaws would be labeled as an interim document which would be used until the 1981 Annual Conference where, at that time, he would urge the elected officers to nominate or appoint a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study this document.

Mr. Cobb entertained the motion to accept the constitution and bylaws as written. It was so moved by Robert Karrow and seconded by María Teresa Márquez.

Lee Ash recommended revising the purpose of the organization as stated in the constitution to include not only persons who work with map and geography collections but other interested persons as well, such as administrators. He moved to amend the first purpose stated in Article II of the constitution to: "to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas by persons working with or interested in map and geography collections." The amendment was accepted by Mr. Karrow and was passed unanimously.

Betsy Mangan suggested revising the bylaw concerning the election of officers. She proposed changing the election from being held at the MAGERT membership meeting at the ALA Annual Conference as stated in Article III, Section 5 of the bylaws to a mail ballot to reflect regular ALA practice. During the discussion by the membership on Ms. Mangan's proposal, Mr. Cobb introduced Celeste Lavelli, MAGERT's liaison with ALA. Ms. Lavelli offered to check with ALA headquarters regarding this matter. Janet Hill proposed to amend the bylaw to: "Elections for the Map and Geography Round Table will be held according to standard ALA procedures." The amendment was accepted by Mr. Karrow and was passed unanimously.

There was no other discussion to amend the constitution or bylaws. The constitution and bylaws as amended was passed unanimously.

Following the adoption of the constitution and bylaws, Mr. Cobb passed out the preliminary MAGERT membership applications to the audience. He requested that the members complete the forms by the end of the meeting when the membership fees could be collected. Several questions were asked about properly filling out the forms. One member inquired about dues for institutional members as provided for in the bylaws since there was no provision on the forms to record that type of membership. Mr. Cobb responded that institutions should indicate on the forms that it is for institutional membership and to pay the \$10.00 dues. Another member asked to whom to make out the checks. Mr. Cobb replied that checks were to be made payable to the American Library Association.

Mr. Cobb then announced the remainder of the MAGERT program for the New York Conference. A wine and cheese reception and exhibit would be held that evening at the New York Public Library's Map Division from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. This event was previously scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The next morning there would be a coffee and doughnut "wake-up" and atlas and globe display at the Rand McNally Map Store at 10 E. 53rd St., from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

A paper session entitled "Maps in Libraries: An Overview" chaired by William Roselle would be held that afternoon at the Barbizon Plaza, East Gallery, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The speakers and their topics were to be June Harris, Detroit Public Library, "Maps in Public Libraries;" Mary Larsgaard, Colorado School of Mines, "Cartographic Materials for Energy Research;" María Teresa Márquez, University of New Mexico, "Government Publications for the Map Room;" and James Minton, University of Michigan, "The OCLC Map Users Group." The final event of the conference would be a wine and cheese reception that evening at the Richard B. Arkway Inc. Antiquarian Shop at 114 E. 61th St., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Since the receptions had limited enrollments, Mr. Cobb urged members who were interested in attending any of the receptions to sign up for them at the end of the meeting.

Robert Karrow, MAGERT's representative on the Resources and Technical Services Division's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CCDA), reported on several map cataloging projects. These included a map cataloging manual being prepared by the Anglo-American Cataloging Committee for Cartographic Materials, a documents cataloging manual which will contain chapters on cartographic materials and geographic names being prepared by the Government Documents Round Table, and Mr. Karrow's own manual on cataloging antiquarian maps. Mr. Karrow also informed the members about the various proposals that CCDA is considering in revising the AACR 2 rules for cataloging microform editions.

Mr. Cobb reported on the Cartographic Users Advisory Committee. This committee was formed two years ago within the Special Libraries Association to promote communication and cooperation between map librarians and map-producing government agencies. The committee was recently renamed the Cartographic Users Advisory Council. MAGERT currently has two representatives on the council.

Mr. Cobb announced the preliminary MAGERT program for the 1981 Annual Conference in San Francisco. The tentative program includes a session entitled "Mapping the Trans-Mississippi West" possibly co-sponsored by the History Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division, a program on microcartography co-sponsored by the Government Documents Round Table, a tour and wine and cheese reception at the Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley, a field trip to the U.S. Geological Survey facility at Menlo Park which will include an open Cartographic Users Advisory Council meeting, and a session entitled "If You Don't Know Anything About Maps, Come to This Session."

Mr. Cobb then gave a brief slide presentation describing the objectives of the Round Table. Following the slide presentation, he reminded the members to sign the attendance roster for the meeting and to register for the receptions.

There being no further business or announcements, Mr. Cobb entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Fox
Richard M. Fox, Secretary
Map and Geography Round Table

MINUTES

Business and Membership Meeting
Map and Geography Round Table
American Library Association

February 1, 1981

The business and membership meeting of the Map and Geography Round Table was called to order by David Cobb, Chairman, at 9:35 a.m. in the Calvert Room of the Sheraton Washington Hotel. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Mr. Cobb introduced Gil Baldwin the U. S. Government Printing Office representative to MAGERT.

Mr. Cobb summarized the activities of the Round Table at the 1980 ALA Conference in New York. He then reported on the new quarterly newsletter that MAGERT is issuing entitled Base Line. The newsletter is being sent free to MAGERT members and is available to nonmembers and institutions at a subscription rate of \$12.00 per year. The publisher for Base Line has not been determined but the first few issues are being handled by MAGERT. Mr. Cobb reported that the cost of ALA publishing the quarterly newsletter would be approximately \$1,700.00 per year, 300 copies being printed of each issue. Base Line has been copyrighted and has been registered with an ISSN number.

Mr. Cobb informed the group that note pads, which have the MAGERT symbol on them, are for sale. The price, however, has not been set.

Since MAGERT currently has no official treasurer, Mr. Cobb gave the financial report. As of December 31, 1980, MAGERT had a balance of \$775.07.

Mr. Cobb reported on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee since the Chairman of the Committee, Pauline Gunther from the University of Alaska, was unable to attend the conference. The Committee is currently reviewing the preliminary constitution and bylaws which were adopted at the organizational meeting in New York. Among the changes which will be made to the constitution is to add the office of Treasurer or to combine it with the office of Secretary. Members were invited to recommend revisions to the constitution or bylaws by contacting either Ms. Gunther or Mr. Cobb.

Robert Karrow of the Newberry Library reported on the Resources and Technical Services Division's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CCDA). Mr. Karrow, MAGERT's representative to the Committee, attended an all-day CCDA meeting on Friday, January 30. Regarding map cataloging, CCDA reviewed and commented on the first draft of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials (AACCCM). Most of the comments came from Janet Hill, former head of the Cataloging Unit, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, who wrote a 17 page critique of the manual. Ms. Hill's major concerns were the organization of the manual, its emphasis on Canadian examples, and its inclusion of many noncartographic examples. Mr. Karrow explained that the purpose of the manual, like the cataloging manuals being written for other special formats, is not to rewrite AACR 2, but to further interpret it by supplying additional examples and instructions. Two major changes in the AACCCM manual from AACR 2 are the revised instructions for recording the mathematical data area for celestial charts and the new abbreviated list of specific material designations.

Mr. Karrow also informed the members of a meeting Sunday night on cataloging microform reprints. The meeting was precipitated by a recent Library of Congress interim decision to continue using AACR 1 principles of bibliographic description for cataloging microforms of previously published books and serials. Under AACR 1, the imprint reflected the original item while under AACR 2 it reflects the reprint edition. Since many maps are facsimiles and other kinds of reproductions, Mr. Karrow proposed writing a statement for the microform meeting expressing MAGERT's concern over the problem of cataloging microform reprints and that this issue should be expanded to include all types of facsimile reproductions. There were no objections to Mr. Karrow's proposal.

Richard Fox of the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division added further information to Mr. Karrow's comments on the AACCCM manual. Any major rule revision appearing in the manual will be submitted for formal approval through the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of Anglo-American Cataloging Rules. The AACCCM Committee will be meeting at the Library of Congress in April to finalize the manual. Staff members of the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division will be reviewing the draft over the next several months and will make recommendations to the Committee at the April meeting.

Charles Seavey of the University of New Mexico reported on the Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC). Mr. Seavey, one of the two MAGERT representatives on the Council, was recently elected Chairman. The Council was originally established as a committee of the Geography and Map Division of the Special Libraries Association but is now an independent society composed of representatives from various map library associations. The Council has been working with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Defense Mapping Agency, the Government Printing Office, and other government agencies to increase the number of maps distributed through the GPO depository system.

Bernadine Hoduski of the Joint Committee on Printing informed the members that there would be a meeting in February with the major map-producing government agencies on the various map depository systems. There are several proposals under study with GPO and the various government agencies cooperating in the distribution of maps. Ms. Hoduski further stated that the Joint Committee on Printing has compiled a listing of their official liaisons with other government agencies. This list is available from the Committee. She also invited the MAGERT members to attend the GODORT Cataloging Manual Committee on Monday morning, February 2.

Mr. Cobb announced that he had recently appointed Mary Larsgaard of the Colorado School of Mines to be Chairman of the Membership Committee. Ms. Larsgaard replaces Julian Greene of Harvard University who resigned earlier. Susan Tulis, a member of the committee, reported they are planning to prepare a brochure and a flyer to promote the Round Table. One problem MAGERT has had is determining its current membership. Mr. Cobb stated that a print-out of members would be made from ALA records in April which would reflect the 1981 MAGERT membership. This list would be made available to the Membership Committee.

Mr. Cobb reported that the Nominating Committee would be meeting shortly to nominate a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary for the 1981/82 term. Members who are interested in being a candidate for an office or in serving on a committee should contact either Robert Karrow, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or one of the Committee members.

Charles Seavey, who co-chairs the Program Committee for San Francisco with Phil Hoehn, announced the preliminary MAGERT program for the 1981 Conference. The schedule will be printed in the next issue of Base Line.

On Saturday morning, June 27, there will be a meeting of the Map On-Line Users Group. That afternoon, a session

entitled "New Developments in Map Librarianship" will be held. It will feature a representative from the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History. A reception at the University of California at Berkeley map collection is planned for Saturday evening.

A session on microcartography will be held on Sunday morning, June 28. It will include a description of the U.S. Bureau of the Census map microfiche project for the 1980 Census. "Mapping the Transmississippi West," a program on 19th Century history of western cartography, will be held in the afternoon. A reception at J. Howell Books is scheduled for Sunday evening.

The business and membership meeting will be conducted on Monday morning, June 29. In the afternoon, a panel discussion entitled, "If You Don't Know Anything About Maps, Come to This Session" will be held. On Monday evening, a reception is planned at the Rand McNally map store.

An open Cartographic Users Advisory Council meeting will be held at the U.S. Geological Survey at Menlo Park on Tuesday, June 30. There will also be a tour of the U.S.G.S. facilities.

The receptions are limited. Those members wishing to attend them should contact Phil Hoehn at the University of California at Berkeley.

Jeremy Post asked in what publication or journal the conference papers would be published in since Base Line would not be appropriate. Bernadine Hoduski recommended having the papers published in other ALA journals, e.g. Documents to the People. Charles Seavey commented, based on his research, that only a few articles relating to map librarianship have appeared in library journals. Several members agreed that more map articles should be written, especially in general library publications.

Mr. Cobb announced that the University of Illinois will be sponsoring an Allerton conference on map librarianship in 1983.

Lee Ash reported that Special Collections, a new quarterly journal, will have its winter 1983 issue devoted to map and geography libraries. As the editor of Special Collections, Mr. Ash offered to have MAGERT consider being the main sponsor of the map issue. Mr. Cobb stated that MAGERT would be very interested.

Mr. Cobb announced that the MAGERT members are invited to attend a meeting of the Washington Map Society on Tuesday evening, February 3, at the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division. Eric Wolf, a private map collector, will speak on the literature of cartography.

Mr. Cobb reported that the Illinois State Library staff is working on a proposal for government documents called Distributive Automatic Record Processing (DARP). Under the plan, when GPO catalogs a document in OCLC, the locations of other libraries receiving the document through the depository system would automatically be added to the cataloging record. The program would first apply to monographs and serials. Since GPO will be cataloging more maps in the future, Mr. Cobb proposed writing a letter from MAGERT in support of the concept and expanding it to include maps as well. There were no objections to Mr. Cobb's proposal.

Mr. Cobb announced that the MAGERT members are invited to a reception sponsored by GODORT and LITA on Monday evening, February 2 at the Russell Senate Office Building.

Mr. Cobb announced that MAGERT had been invited by Jane Wilson, ALA's International Relations Officer, to nominate or to second a nomination of a candidate for the Standing Committee of the Geography and Map Libraries Section, International Federation of Library Associations. MAGERT may either nominate a new member or a current member of the Committee. Nominations are due by March 15, 1981. The two U.S. members presently serving on the Committee are William Roselle, Director, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee Library, and John Wolter, Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress.

Gil Baldwin reported on the major activities of the U.S. Government Printing Office. GPO conducted a study last fall comparing the map depository programs of the National Ocean Survey, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Defense Mapping Agency. The results of the survey indicated there was much overlap between the libraries that are served by the various depository systems. A meeting will be held in February to focus on ways to coordinate these various distribution schemes.

In relation to map cataloging, Mr. Baldwin reported that GPO is using the AACCCM manual. In response to Mr. Cobb's question on GPO's treatment of the Atlantic Coast Ecological Inventory Series, Mr. Baldwin explained the reason GPO is cataloging each sheet separately rather than as a set of the East coast is because each sheet could be cited individually in the Monthly Catalog and that it would provide more specific accessibility from a retrieval point of view.

Jeremy Post asked about the state gazetteers which will be published by the U.S. Geological Survey as part of their Professional Papers Series. Charles Seavey reported that the program has been delayed.

Mr. Baldwin reported that GPO had a Depository Library Council to the Public Printer meeting last fall in an attempt to formulate a resolution regarding the distribution of maps, but no formal resolution was presented. He urged that a proposal be drafted for the April meeting as it would stimulate action on the part of GPO. Mr. Seavey stated that such a resolution would be forthcoming.

Kathleen Zar inquired about changes in the distribution system for map depository libraries. Bernadine Hoduski responded that the Joint Committee on Printing is concerned about improving the depository program. Map librarians should keep the Committee informed of changes they would like to see made in the system and to present the Committee with formal recommendations. Ms. Hoduski noted that because many regional depository libraries do not have adequate facilities to retain maps, these libraries are reluctant to have an increase in the number of maps distributed through the GPO depository system. One proposal would be to have a library in each state volunteer to be the regional map depository library.

Richard Fox, the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division representative for the meeting, made a brief report. He invited the MAGERT members to visit the new Geography and Map Division's facilities in the James Madison Memorial Building. He announced that the Division would be sponsoring a processing workshop planned for October 1981. Any map librarian interested in attending the workshop should contact David Carrington, Head, Technical Services Section. Mr. Fox also reported that G&M is cataloging more U.S. government maps with the implementation of AACR 2. These include the Important Farmland maps published by the Soil Conservation Service and the various DMA city plans.

Kathy Eisenbeis of Duke University announced that she had two handouts, a list of duplicate copies of topographic maps and a guide to her map collection.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Fox

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Map and Geography Round Table

Mr. Cobb reported that Base Line, the newsletter of MAGERT, is currently being produced by members of the round table. MAGERT had investigated the possibility of having ALA publish the newsletter, but because of the cost involved, it was decided to publish and print Base Line within the round table. Mary Larsgaard is the editor and Charles Seavey, the subscription manager, is responsible for printing and distributing the newsletter.

Mr. Cobb read a report from Mary Larsgaard on the publication history of Base Line. An experimental issue entitled American Library Association Map and Geography Round Table Information Bulletin was issued in fall 1980. Two issues have since been published under the title Base Line. The newsletter is projected to be issued quarterly. In the coming year, the editor will work to increase circulation, to encourage and enlist contributing editors, and to develop advertising.

Based on a question from the audience, it was stated that back issues of Base Line are available from either Mr. Cobb or Mr. Seavey. Mr. Cobb indicated that information on obtaining back copies would be printed in a future issue. In response to another question, Mr. Cobb and Ms. Larsgaard both agreed that Base Line would continue to be issued in a newsletter format, citing news, brief articles, and lists of duplicate maps and that it is not intended to become a scholarly journal.

Mr. Cobb reported that MAGERT, through its Executive Committee, had nominated Gary North, Acting Chief for Information and Data Services, U.S. Geological Survey, to serve as a member of the Standing Committee of the Geography and Map Libraries Section, International Federation of Library Associations. The nomination was seconded by ALA, put forward, and was accepted by IFLA. Mr. North will be representing MAGERT on the Committee for three years.

Mr. Cobb announced that the Association of College and Research Libraries of ALA invited MAGERT to sponsor a continuing education workshop at the ACRL Conference in Minneapolis this fall. Mr. Cobb has accepted and he and Charles Seavey will conduct the workshop which will be geared toward informing library administrators and non-map librarians about the information potential of maps in libraries.

Phil Hoehn, the local program coordinator for the San Francisco Conference, announced the remaining MAGERT schedule. Nancy Pruett called for a round of applause in gratitude of Mr. Hoehn's efforts in arranging the various receptions. Charles Seavey gave additional details on the field trip to the U.S. Geological Survey at Menlo Park for Tuesday.

Pauline Gunther, Chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, reported on the work of the Committee. The Committee recommended keeping the office of Secretary-Treasurer as one office as stated in Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution. Ms. Gunther indicated that if the duties and responsibilities of the office prove to be too great for one person, the office could be separated into two offices at a later date.

The Committee also recommended revising Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws which describes the duties of the Chairperson. The Committee proposed amending the section to read:

"The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Map and Geography Round Table and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall appoint all committee chairs, liaisons to other ALA units, and other map related organizations, such as the Cartographic Users Advisory Council, unless method of appointment is otherwise specified, and shall exercise general supervision over affairs of the organization."

After discussion on the proposal by the membership, it was suggested to amend the proposal so that the Chair shall make appointments "with the approval of the Executive Committee." Mr. Cobb fully agreed with this change and proposed it as an addition. It was further suggested to delete the word "map" from "map related organizations" and to drop the name of the "Cartographic Users Advisory Council" as an example of such an organization. The revised proposed amendment read:

Mr. Seavey reported on the Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC). Mr. Seavey currently chairs the Council and is one of the two MAGERT representatives. The Council was formed to promote communication and cooperation between map librarians and map-producing government agencies. CUAC was originally established as a committee of the Geography and Map Division of the Special Libraries Association but became an independent group last year. It is composed of representatives from various map library associations. CUAC has been working with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Defense Mapping Agency, and other government agencies to increase the number of maps and other cartographic products distributed through the government depository system. Recent results of CUAC have been to have the open-file reports distributed through depository and revival of the DMA depository newsletter.

Gary North reported on a proposed national map depository system. Representatives from various U.S. government mapping agencies met several months ago to discuss such a proposal. A subgroup was formed to assess the requirements and resources for setting up a system under which one U.S. government agency would distribute maps to libraries. The proposal currently under study by the group would have the U.S. Geological Survey responsible for the physical storage and distribution of the maps while the U.S. Government Printing Office would be the liaison with the libraries.

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Mr. North also reported that the Defense Mapping Agency has asked the U.S. Geological Survey to consider distributing their domestic maps. The Survey has received a similar request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to distribute their maps.

Mr. Cobb announced that Stan Stevens had recently received the Honors Award from the Geography and Map Division, Special Libraries Association.

Robert Karrow, MAGERT's representative to the Resources and Technical Services Division's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CCDA), reported on the CCDA meeting held on the previous Saturday. The meeting was conducted for CCDA to respond to the various proposed rule revisions which the Library of Congress was submitting to the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR. CCDA approved three major LC proposals relating to map cataloging: (1) the revised instructions for recording the mathematical data area for celestial charts; (2) the new abbreviated list of nine specific material designations; and (3) the adoption of corporate authorship for cartographic materials. CCDA will also support the LC proposal of having an optional rule for cataloging microforms of previously published works by using imprint information from the original edition.

Mr. Karrow read Mary Larsgaard's report on the Anglo-American Committee for Cataloguing Cartographic Materials (AACCCM). Ms. Larsgaard is the MAGERT representative on the Committee. In the report, she stated that the AACCCM members felt there was a definite need for the Committee to continue after the publication of the cataloging manual to further interpret the rules and to update the manual.

The AACCCM members decided to formally change the status of AACCCM from an ad hoc committee to a permanent international body by means of a Memorandum of Agreement modelled on that which established the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR. The Memorandum has been forwarded for comment to the appropriate organizations which are represented on the Committee. Ms. Larsgaard has submitted the Memorandum to the MAGERT Executive Committee. Also in the report, Ms. Larsgaard recommended that she continue to be the MAGERT representative until the manual is published.

Mr. Karrow made the motion that Ms. Larsgaard be reappointed as MAGERT's representative on AACCCM for an additional year. Mr. Cobb deferred making the appointment so that the new MAGERT Chairperson could appoint the MAGERT representative.

Betsy Mangan informed the members of a survey that the Library of Congress was conducting on whether the present MARC format for bibliographic data should be published in separate parts, each representing a special format. There would be a separate part for maps. Ms. Mangan had survey forms for those members interested in responding. Ms. Mangan also announced that the proposal before MARBI regarding analytics and multi-level cataloging had been tabled again. She urged those members who are interested in these developments to write to their utilities expressing concern that no decisions have been reached and to send her a copy of such a letter for her to take to the next MARBI meeting.

The representatives to MAGERT from other organizations who were attending the meeting were introduced by Mr. Cobb. They were Gary North of the U.S. Geological Survey, David Lundquist of the Western Association of Map Libraries, Jeremy Post of the Geography and Map Division, Special Libraries Association, and Richard Fox of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress.

Mr. Cobb reported that he was elected to represent the ALA round tables at a meeting in April which was to develop an operating agreement between ALA and its divisions. He also met with other round table chairpersons on the previous Saturday to establish better communications between the round tables and to discuss with them more direct representation of the round tables with ALA headquarters.

Mr. Cobb announced the election of officers for the 1981/82 term. Charles Seavey, University of New Mexico, was elected Chairperson; Alice Hudson, New York Public Library, was elected Vice-Chairperson (Chairperson-Elect); and Susan Dixon, UCLA, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Following the election results, Mr. Cobb turned the meeting over to Mr. Seavey who briefly commented on the formation and objectives of MAGERT.

Robert Karrow made the motion for a unanimous vote of thanks to David Cobb for guiding MAGERT through its first year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the membership.

Job openings at several map libraries were announced by various members.

Richard Fox made available the new publications list of the Geography and Map Division. He also described the Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Person program and announced that the LC map processing workshop which was originally planned for fall 1981 has been postponed until 1982.

Charles Seavey notified the members that they could purchase note pads with the MAGERT symbol on them for \$1.00 from Mr. Cobb.

Stan Stevens announced that the next meeting of the Western Association of Map Libraries would be Sept. 10-11, at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Mary Larsgaard noted that the new issue of Library Trends is devoted to map librarianship. She also announced that the 1982 Special Libraries Association Annual Conference would be held in Detroit, June 5-10.

There being no further business or announcements, Mr. Seavey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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MAGERT Executive Committee Meeting

The MAGERT Executive Committee met on Friday, June 26, 1981, 4:30-6:30 p.m., with Chairperson David Cobb presiding. Minutes from the MAGERT Midwinter 1981 meetings were summarized by Cobb; they are to be published in summary form in the next issue of base line.

ALA conference program planning and deadlines were discussed. Names and dates must be submitted by Feb. 1st to get into the program; AV equipment must be arranged for by Jan. 1st.

Cobb reported that as of May 31, 1981, MAGERT had \$1969.28 and 266 members (212 personal, 54 organizational).

MAGERT's newsletter base line was discussed. Vol. 2, no. 2 is due to be mailed soon; 400 copies were printed. Cobb suggested that MAGERT develop a letter to be sent to potential subscribers of base line. Subscriptions are \$12/yr., available from Charley Seavey.

Gary North of the USGS was introduced as MAGERT's nomination to IFIA; he will not be attending the upcoming meeting, however.

Cobb announced that MAGERT has been invited to sponsor an issue of Microform Review, and suggested that it include papers from this session's microcartography program and others.

Charley Seavey and David Cobb will be giving a continuing education workshop on maps in libraries at the October 1981 ACRL conference in Minneapolis, which will be aimed at middle management, reference, documents, and other non-full-time map librarians. A workbook will be developed for the workshop; anyone using the workbook for future workshops will have to have MAGERT approval.

Changes in the San Francisco conference program were announced.

J. B. Post reported on the plans for the 1982 Philadelphia conference. It tentatively includes programs on news maps and 19th century Philadelphia mapmakers, and a reception and/or suite. Having a suite for a night was discussed, and the general feeling was that it was a good idea and MAGERT could probably afford it in the future. The scheduling of the business meeting towards the end of the conference was discussed; it is being tried in San Francisco to see how it works. Cobb noted that MAGERT members should also be allowed time to go to other meetings, but that the first 2 years it is desirable for MAGERT to overprogram in order to introduce MAGERT to other ALA members.

Cobb reported that he had been elected to represent the Chairs of the ALA Round Tables. He thought he should know more about who he is representing, so he suggested a "Round Table Council" to the other Chairs to improve communications. He asked for and received approval from the Executive Committee. This group was to have an informal meeting on Saturday, June 27.

The newly elected officers of MAGERT were announced: Charley Seavey, Chair; Alice Hudson, Vice-Chair; Susan Dixon, Secretary.

Regarding CUAC, Cobb suggested that MAGERT's Chair should nominate the MAGERT

representative and present the nomination to the Executive Committee for approval. This was generally agreed upon. The general effectiveness of CUAC was discussed.

Gary North reported that USGS, DPA, and GPO are discussing the ideas of a national map depository system and the USGS taking over domestic map distribution.

J. B. Post reported that he is working on the paperwork to allow MAGERT to send a representative to SLA/C & M's Executive Board meetings.

Mary Larsgaard reported that the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials was to continue its work after the publication of the AACCCM manual (this fall); it is to be modelled after the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules.

It was decided to recognize at the business meeting that Stan Stevens had received a special achievement award from SLA.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Why this Supplement? Having already earned the undying enmity of serials catalogers by changing the name of this newsletter immediately after the first issue, I decided that such catalogers already expected the worst of me, and that I might as well fulfill their grim expectations. And, far more truthfully, a prime function of base line is to serve as a medium for communicating official news of the Round Table, a part of which is publishing the minutes of the meetings. We also made the embarrassing discovery, AFTER the San Francisco business meeting, that the changes voted on for the bylaws were illegal in that said bylaws state such changes must be placed before the membership at least one month before voting. So - one more try, and this time we'll get it right.

The pages following this one are the constitution and bylaws; please send all additions and corrections to Joseph Lewandowski. His address is: 350 Arballo Drive, Apt. 9-B, San Francisco 94132.

I must be getting punchy from too much typing; the reason all of this official business is published in a supplement is that there was so much of it that it would not fit in the regular issue, and it did need to be published ASAP.

MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Map and Geography Round Table of the American Library Association.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be 1) to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas by persons working with or interested in map and geography collections; 2) to provide a forum to increase the availability, use and bibliographic control of map and geography collections; 3) to increase communication and cooperation between map and geography librarians and other librarians; and 4) to contribute to the improvement of education and training of map and geography librarians.

Article III: Membership

Any person, library, or other organization being a member in good standing of the American Library Association, and interested in map and geography librarianship, may become a member upon payment of the dues provided for in the Bylaws.

Article IV: Officers

Sec. 1 - The officers of this organization shall be a Chairperson, a Chairperson-Elect who shall serve as Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary-Treasurer, and the immediate Past-Chair, all of whom shall be personal members in good standing of the Map and Geography Round Table.

Sec. 2 - The term of office for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be three years; one as vice-chair/chair-elect, one year as chair, and one year as past-chair. Persons shall be eligible for re-election only after a minimum of one year out of office.

Sec. 3 - The term for Secretary-Treasurer shall be two years. Persons shall be eligible for re-election only after a minimum interval of one year out of office.

Article V: Executive Committee

Sec. 1 - There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers and the non-voting representatives from the U.S. Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Government Printing Office, SLA Geography and Map Division, and the Western Association of Map Libraries.

Sec. 2 - The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of:

- A. General supervision of the affairs of the organization between membership meetings.
- B. Submitting projects or endorsing projects submitted by committees of the Round Table.
- C. Soliciting volunteers and appointing members to ALA unit positions which accrue to the Chairperson Ex-officio and to committees to help the ALA Council meet its organizational responsibilities.
- D. Reporting all action of the Executive Committee at the annual and mid-winter meetings.

Sec. 3 - Invitations to name a representative to serve as non-voting members shall be extended to the following organizations:

- A. U.S. Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division
- B. U.S. Geological Survey
- C. U.S. Government Printing Office
- D. Special Libraries Association, Geography and Map Division
- E. Western Association of Map Libraries.

Sec. 4 - Non-voting memberships will be reviewed periodically in order to maintain the most productive and useful input from other organizations with similar or related interests. Persons representing other organizations may be invited to attend meetings at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Article VI: Meetings

Sec. 1 - The annual meeting of the Map and Geography Round Table shall take place during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association and shall include a report of the Executive Committee to the members on its activities during the interval between membership meetings.

Sec. 2 - The Executive Committee shall meet during the Annual Conference and the Mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association and at other times deemed necessary by the Chairman.

Sec. 3 - At membership meetings a quorum shall consist of those personal members present.

Sec. 4 - A majority of the elected officers of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5 - Meetings of this organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, in the latest edition.

Article VII: Committees

Sec. 1 - All committees shall be composed of members in good standing of the Map and Geography Round Table.

Sec. 2 - Standing committees may be authorized by the Executive Committee for consideration of matters requiring continuous attention. Members of standing committees shall be appointed as specified in the By-Laws.

Sec. 3 - Special committees for the performance of particular assignments may be created and discontinued as specified in the By-Laws.

Article VIII: Finances

Sec. 1 - Funds to support the Map and Geography Round Table will come from the dues of the general membership and voluntary contributions. Dues for personal members and affiliate groups shall be determined by the Executive Committee with the approval of the membership at the annual meeting.

Article IX: Amendments

Sec. 1 - Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing, and may be initiated by either the Executive Committee or by any member in good standing.

Sec. 2 - Amendments may be voted on only after members have been informed by printed notice of such proposed amendments at least thirty and no longer than ninety days before presentation of the amendments to vote.

Sec. 3 - This constitution may be amended in either of two ways:

- A. By a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the next annual meeting following proper notice of such amendment, or
- B. By a majority vote of the entire membership conducted by mail ballot, if such be requested by a majority of the members present at any annual meeting.

Article X: By-laws

Sec. 1 - The members of the Map and Geography Round Table shall adopt By-laws, or may amend or repeal existing By-laws not consistent with this constitution, by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting, or by a majority vote of the entire membership conducted by mail ballot, provided that members have been informed by printed notice of such proposed amendments at least thirty and not more than ninety days before presentation of the amendment to vote.

MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE

BY-LAWS

Article I: Dues

Sec. 1 - Annual dues for individual members shall be \$7.00 to be collected by the American Library Association through its regular membership channels.

Sec. 2 - Annual dues for organizations or institutional members shall be \$10.00.

Article II: Committees

Sec. 1 - Members of standing committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Map and Geography Round Table, who will designate one member chairperson. Appointments shall be for two years, overlapping so that no more than one-half of the members shall be retired in one year.

Sec. 2 - The Executive Committee shall create and discontinue special committees when needed.

Article III: Nomination and Election

Sec. 1 - The Chairperson, prior to each annual meeting, shall appoint a special Nominating Committee of not fewer than three persons, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2 - The Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the annual meeting to nominate for the office of Chairperson-elect and, in alternate years, shall nominate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 3 - All nominees shall be members in good standing at the time of nomination.

Sec. 4 - The Nominating Committee shall obtain the written consent of the nominees, and biographical information forms in accordance with regular ALA election procedures.

Sec. 5 - Elections for the Map and Geography Round Table will be held according to standard ALA procedures.

Sec. 6 - Candidates-elect assume office at the close of the first annual conference after election and serve until the close of the next annual conference.

Article IV: Duties of Office

Sec. 1 - The Chairperson shall be chief executive officer of the Map and Geography Round Table and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall appoint with the approval of the Executive Committee all committee chairs, liasons to other ALA units and related organizations, unless method of appointment is otherwise specified. The Chair shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization.

Sec. 2 - The Chairperson-elect shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of Chairperson in the event of absence, death, disability, or resignation of the Chairperson and shall serve as Chairperson in the year following the term as Chairperson-elect. The Chairperson-elect shall plan the Round Table's programs and conference arrangements for the next annual conference.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duties of Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, and act as secretary to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4 - The immediate past Chairperson shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee for the year following the term of office as Chair.

Sec. 5 - In case of death, disability, or resignation of a member of the Executive Committee, the Committee may appoint a successor, if succession is not otherwise provided for in these By-laws, to serve until the next regular elections.

Article V: ALA Staff Liaison Officer

Sec. 1 - The Headquarters Staff of the American Library Association shall assign a Liaison Officer from the American Library Association to work with duly elected officers of the Map and Geography Round Table. The liaison officer, in consultation with the chairperson and/or secretary-treasurer, will pay bills incurred by the Round Table. These include 10 per cent of dues received by the Round Table which is allocated to ALA Headquarters to help defray costs of the Round Table to the Association. The liaison officer will keep an account of MAGERT funds received and expended, and will make a report of such funds at the business meetings of MAGERT.

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From Footnotes, v. 6, via the Wisconsin Mapping Bulletin:

MURPHY'S LAWS OF ORIENTEERING

Topo map availability:

When two or more contiguous maps are needed, it will be discovered that the adjacent map is (in descending order of frequency):

- A. not yet mapped
- B. mapped, but not yet printed
- C. out of print
- D. on a different scale
- E. on a different contour interval.

Taking bearings:

All prominent features visible from a given location will be found to be on the adjoining map. Exception: Sometimes they are two maps over.

Contour interval:

The chosen contour interval will be found to be optimum for the terrain on some other portion of the map. The terrain mapped with an 80 foot CI will be found to be studded with 79 foot tall cliffs and hills.

Map alignment:

When relying on range lines for north/south map alignment, it will be discovered that:

- A. there are no such lines on the part of the map on which you are located.
- B. the surveyor was drunk and the lines only occasionally go north/south.

Worn spots on map:

If the map has worn spots from excessive folding or becoming wet, the worn spots will cover (in descending order of frequency):

- A. where you are
- B. where you are going
- C. the nearest prominent feature
- D. the declination arrow
- E. all of the above (get a new map).

Trails:

Trails always follow the borders of maps so as to cross frequently between adjacent maps. When trails approach the corners of maps, they immediately curve so as to be on all four intersecting maps. (Ed. - As we all know, almost every topo map user needs an area that is right on one of those intersections; now we know why).

Locating yourself while lost:

When attempting to locate yourself, you discover:

- A. you didn't bring the map
- B. you didn't bring the compass
- C. both of the above
- D. you brought the wrong map.