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## FROM THE CHAIR

This has been an extremely busy time here at Penn State. Fortunately, the winter has been mild, and spring is starting to look like it's really here.

On the ALA front things are busy as well. Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the preliminary schedule for Chicago. You'll also find a form soliciting people interested in the various MAGERT committees. If you're interested, complete the form and send it to me at the address on the masthead. This will give us a pool of names to work with when committee memberships open. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

NJB

## ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

The MAGERT Map Cataloging and Classification Committee met during ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia in February. It was more of an informational meeting than a committee meeting as there were only two committee members present. Nine people attended in all. Ellen Caplan, who is the OCLC liaison to MAGERT, ran the meeting for Betsy Mangan, who was unable to attend Midwinter, and gave Betsy's Library of Congress Geography and Map Division report. This is Betsy's report. David Carrington, Head of Technical Services, retired on September 30th. Since then, the qualified unit heads have been temporarily promoted to fill this position. The head of the Geography and Map Division Cataloging Unit, which has been vacant since the death of John Schroeder in October 1991, has been posted. The interviews should be held in the next few weeks and we hope that a new head will soon be selected and on board. The head of the Geography and Map Division Reference and Bibliography Section remains vacant. Other G&M supervisors and senior reference librarians are being rotated through the position for three or four months details.

During the Summer Project Ken Rockwell, from the University of Utah, searched the backlog of atlases and some of the maps backlog in OCLC to determine the hit rate for copy cataloging. Since then the catalogers have been participating in a pilot project to evaluate the use of these External Source Records as the basis for LC cataloging. The choice of entry is verified. The physical description is being evaluated as far as the extent of the item. All authorities used in these records which are not in the authority file are being established. Subject headings are being checked against the online LC subject authority file for accuracy and appropriateness. The classification is verified for accuracy and application. Some problems have been identified during this process. The extent of the item for atlases doesn't begin with 1 atlas. Some records lack a scale statement. Incorrect characters are being used for degrees, minutes, and seconds as well as for inches in the 255 field (G&M has requested that OCLC better document the correct characters). The date of situation for maps, when it differs from the date of publication, is not being included, when necessary, in the notes.

The CD-ROM cataloging tool, *Cataloger's Desktop*, is now available from the Cataloging Distribution Service. Currently it contains: *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations*, *Subject Cataloging Manual: Classification*, *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings*, *USMARC Concise Formats: Holdings Data*, *USMARC Concise Formats: Classification Data*, *USMARC Concise Formats: Community Information Data*, *USMARC Format for Authorities*, *USMARC Format for Bibliographic Information*, *USMARC Code List for Countries*, *USMARC Code List for Geographic Areas*, *USMARC Code List for Languages*, *USMARC Code List for Relators*, *Sources*, *Description Conventions*. Other tools will be added including AACR 2, when it becomes available in machine-readable form. G&M has requested that the *Map Cataloging Manual and Cartographic Materials*, once it is revised, be added.

The number ranges in the G classification schedule and some specific classification numbers have been converted to the USMARC Format for Classification records. The geographic Cutters, which number approximately 90,000, have yet to be converted from Pro-Cite to Minaret, the software being used to convert the classification schedules. Once completed, the schedules will be published by the Cataloging Distribution Service on CD-ROM as well as in hard-copy and will eventually become part of the *Cataloger's Desktop*. The paper hard-copy for sub-class G will not include any geographic Cutters. The instructions on constructing classification numbers, currently Tables I-III, will be moved to the *Subject Cataloging Manual: Classification*. Additionally, since the machine-read-

able version of the classification schedules cannot accommodate graphics, the maps which were included in the 1976 edition will be included in the *Subject Cataloging Manual: Classification* as well as in the *Map Cataloging Manual*. Requests for additional illustrative maps will be entertained and should be submitted to Elizabeth Mangan at [mangan@mail.loc.gov](mailto:mangan@mail.loc.gov).

Betsy has not yet distributed the changes to AACCCM partly because, although she has received proposals for changes from the Canadian map librarians, SLA, and WAML, she is waiting for comments from others and partly because of the staffing problems at LC G&M.

Chris Kollen reported for Susan Moore on the additions to the 007 for satellite imagery. The latest version was distributed to those present. No one had any feedback, so there was a suggestion that if more feedback was wanted, perhaps the subcommittee should put the inquiry out on MAPS-L.

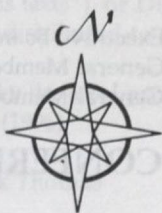
Chris also reported on MARBI activities for Susan. This is her report. There were three items of interest to the cartographic community under discussion at ALA Midwinter. The first of these was Proposal 95-1, which adds data elements needed to satisfy the Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata. The proposal passed on Saturday. The second item of interest was *Discussion Paper 80*. This paper explored the possibility of defining a field in the linking entry block of fields to contain information about items that are constituents of the item being cataloged. RLIN has been using a local 789 field for this purpose in cataloging graphic materials that are linked to electronic images. A possible application in the cartographic world could be linking individual sheet map records to the series record. Since there are alternatives to handling such items other than adding this field (analytic records, author/title added entries, contents notes, etc.), MARBI has requested another discussion paper showing examples of the various options. Proposal 95-2 proposed an addition of a subfield v to allow for the demarcation of form subdivisions in the subject fields. The subdivision "Maps" is at times a form subdivision. The proposal passed.

Ellen gave a report from OCLC. She reported that OCLC implemented the current phase of format integration on Jan. 28th. The changes are described in *Technical Bulletin 206*. OCLC will reissue revision pages to *Bibliographic Formats and Standards* (BFAS) in March 1995. Ellen asks that those entering map records pay particular attention to guidelines for entering degrees, minutes, and seconds which have been added to field 255, subfield c. The correct characters to be used are the superscript 0

(zero), miagkii znak and tverdyi znak. This information is also documented in Special Characters and Diacritics. OCLC recently began a review of the elements made obsolete by format integration to determine which can be converted, e.g., 7xx 2nd indicator values "0", "1", "3" to "blank"; 315 to 310 or 321, etc. Information on scans will be announced via PRISM NEWS. There are only two Enhance libraries working on map records and OCLC will welcome applications from any interested parties. The Enhance program allows participating OCLC libraries to correct or update full-level records. Contact Ellen Caplan for more information (ellen\_caplan@oclc.org).

Betsy asked that the committee discuss, "What is your library doing or planning to do with digital geospatial data on CD-ROMs, computer disks, etc. or available on the Internet?" Discussion was very brief. Only one person present had cataloged digital geospatial data. That person had used the computer files format. After the final phase of format integration is completed, OCLC thinks that field 008 would be used to code the computer file aspects of the item and field 006 would be used to code the map aspects. Nancy Kandoian asked how metadata fit into the MARC format. Members of the committee think that it is based on the MARC format. Those present felt that Betsy should perhaps consider posting the question on MAPS-L and in Base line. OCLC is also interested in hearing from other on this topic.

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# 1995 ALA/MAGERT ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## 24 June, Saturday

8:00am - 9:00am	Executive Board I
11:30am - 12:30pm	Education Committee
	Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents
	RLAG Task Force
2:00pm - 4:00pm	New York Conference Planning Committee
	Publications Committee I

## 25 June, Sunday

8:00am - 11:00am	GIS Task Force
9:30am - 11:00am	Cataloging & Classification Committee
	Geotech Committee
	Publications Committee II
11:30am - 12:30pm	Cartographic Statistics Committee
	Cartographic Users Advisory Committee
	Membership Committee
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Program #1: History of Cartography
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Map Cataloging Discussion Group
	Publications Committee III

## 26 June, Monday

2:00pm - 4:00pm	Program #2: Issues in Map Librarianship
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## 27 June, Tuesday

8:00am - 9:00am	Executive Board II
9:30am - 12:30pm	General Membership Meeting #1
2:00pm - 4:00pm	General Membership Meeting #2

## MAGERT CONFERENCE HOTEL

The Magert Hotel for the 1995 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago is the Allerton. The Allerton Hotel is located at 701 N. Michigan Avenue within easy walking distance of several ALA hotels for quick access to the Gale shuttle buses.

For reservations call 1-800-621-8311. Rates are: \$79.00/single \$85.00/double \$100.00/suite Do mention ALA and Magert.

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# MAGERT EXECUTIVE BOARD I MEETING

Sunday, February 5, 1995

Mariott - Grand Ballroom Salon B

The Board was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Nan Butkovich, Chair. Other officers present included: Margaret Brill, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Mark Thomas, Treasurer; and John Stevenson, Secretary. The minutes of the 1994 Annual Conference Executive Board and General Membership meetings were approved as they appeared in *base line* with the correction that Ann Sanders was not the chair of the Maps in Small Libraries Group abolished by Executive Board vote.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR - Nan Butkovich

GODORT requested a \$300 cosponsorship of a GODORT/MAGERT social to be held in Chicago. Melissa Lamont and others are working on local arrangements for the Chicago annual meeting. The Allerton will be the MAGERT hotel for the Chicago conference.

## REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT - Margaret Brill

Plans are being made for the 1996 ALA Annual in New York City. There are ideas for a MAGERT field trip to Ellis Island, or the Hayden Planetarium. No hotel has been selected as yet, but one should be announced by Annual in Chicago. The planning committee is looking for ideas for programs. Possible programs include a meetings with map dealers, interpretation of maps ("Maps as texts"), or Digital Orthophotoquad-rangles (DOQs) currently being distributed to depository libraries.

Mark Thomas has agreed to make the local arrangements for the Mid-winter Meeting in San Antonio (1996).

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Mark Thomas

For fiscal year 93/94, both revenues and expenses were below projections. A deficit of about \$2,600 was partly because expenses for *O.P. No 4* and for the mouse pads posted in FY 93/94, while sales of these items were just beginning to come in. Sales at the ALA store at Miami were far below midwinter in Los Angeles.

Few expenses at all have posted yet in the first four months of the fiscal

year, and few expenses related to publications besides *Meridian* or *base line* are expected during the entire year, so our balance should be healthy leading into FY 95-96. Keep in mind, however, that we have received subscription revenue for future issues of *Meridian* well ahead of incurring production expenses for them.

At the COPES Financial Planning Seminar on Friday, 2/3, the topics of discussion were *ALA Goal 2000*, *the Fund for America's Libraries*, and a proposed ALA dues increase. At the Friday meeting of the Round Table Coordinating Committee, budget scheduling and financial coordination between the Round Tables and ALA were discussed.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Stevenson**

The draft roster of ALA MAGERT officers, ALA staff liaison, committee chairs, task force and group coordinators, representatives and liaisons to other organizations, and editors and managers of MAGERT publications has been circulated via electronic mail. It will be published in a future issue of *base line* and posted to MAPS-L for the use of those interested in becoming more active in MAGERT.

#### **COMMITTEEREPORTS**

##### **Cataloging and Classification - Betsy Mangan**

Had not met.

##### **Constitution and Bylaws - Jenny Marie Johnson**

Did not meet.

##### **Education - Christine Kollen**

Our new committee member is Peter Linberger. Welcome Peter!

Current committee members: Kathryn Womble, Joe Winkler, Peter Linberger, David Lonergan, Carolyn Gates, Chris Kollen (chair).

The committee is working on an article to publish in *the Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* (published by the Association for Library and Information Science Education). Chris will work on a draft outline to send asking for their interest in publishing an article which discusses the need to bring map librarianship into the library science curricula. The appendix of the article will include outlines on teaching  
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different aspects of map librarianship in standard Library Science courses, such as Reference, Collection Development, Government Documents, Preservation, Cataloging. After the draft outline is complete, Chris will send to all committee members for their comments and suggestions.

**Brainstorming for article:**

Include use statistics of maps.

Maps as part of government documents.

Bring in that many map librarians learn by hit or miss, large number have little or no preparation. Small branch public library needs to know how to deal with maps they have - for local information, road maps etc.

#### **GeoTech - Nan Butkovich**

Had not met.

#### **Honors - Nan Butkovich (in April Carlucci's absence)**

Had not met.

#### **Membership - Steve Rogers**

At the end of 1994 MAGERT had 324 individual members, as compared with 325 last year. When library schools and various non-profit organizations are included, the total number of members reached 400. During the past six months Claire Englander has continued to contact new members with a letter of welcome, an information packet about the organization, and a MAGERT ribbon.

Despite the committee's considerable efforts over the past year to recruit new members, membership in MAGERT has stayed basically the same.

#### **Nominating - Margaret Brill (in April Carlucci's absence)**

Had not met.

#### **Publications - David Cobb (in Jim Coombs' absence)**

The second Publications Committee meeting was cancelled by the members at the first meeting.

A variety of different publications were discussed, among them an inter-

esting cartobibliography of early materials on Florida. It will be recommended to the author that it be submitted to a regional publisher as more appropriate. After discussion of the G Schedule guide by Alberta Wood with and Jim Coombs addition of maps to the schedule, it was the recommendation of the committee that work proceed quickly. *Meridian 10* has been presented in a draft form. It was the opinion of the committee that Charley Seavey should complete and produce *Meridian 10* post haste and that he must be in Chicago for Annual.

David Cobb needs to be replaced as advertising manager of *Meridian*. The third edition of *Guide to U.S. map resources* was discussed with Art Plotnik of ALA Editions and a schedule has been laid out. When their approval is given

From the written report submitted by Jim Coombs:

Pat Seavey took over as Editor of *base line* with the August issue. Arlyn Sherwood wants to resign as Subscriptions Manager. She wanted to resign at the end of 1994, but we found no replacement, although a call for replacement went into the August *base line*. Problems with billing ALA HQ seem to be over. Both the printer and the mailing service are being paid promptly. The results of the membership poll about going online with *base line* were 50/50. It was found that many recipients were not on the Internet.

Christopher J.J. Thiry's *Index to Russia 1:200,000* has become the most popular *Open File Report*, with 18 orders since we advertised it last summer. Only 2 orders for other OFRs have been processed since 7/1/94. MAGERT's most recent *Occasional Paper 4* has sold 86 copies with 866 left. An ad was placed in the December issue of *DttP*.

## TASK FORCES AND DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS

### Cartographic Statistics - Charley Seavey

Did not meet.

### CUAC - Margaret Brill

Had not met. The Cartographic Users' Advisory Council has not held its meeting, and many of the representatives of member organizations would like to know whether it can and should be revived. The representatives who met in October 1993 considered disbanding, but decided that it was not their place as representatives. It was the opinion of those

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present at the Executive Board meeting that MAGERT's representatives should work to revive the organization and keep the organization's work alive. It was decided to try to organize a Fall 1995 meeting. Gary North has been replaced by Hedy Rossmeissl as the new USGS representative.

**MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Joint Discussion Group**

Had not met.

**Research Libraries Collection Management Group - Mary Larsgaard**

Did not meet.

**Spatial Information/GIS - Julia Gelfand**

Meeting concurrently with Executive Board I.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**AACCCM - Mary Larsgaard**

No report.

**ALCTS CC;DA - Betsy Mangan**

No report.

**CCISA**

No report.

**COSML - Margaret Brill**

The meeting in November was held in Virginia Beach. There was a very good GIS program dealing with the use of early Seventeenth Century maps of Jamestown by archaeologists of the National Park Service as overlays to new maps of the archeological digs produced using GPS data.

**Geoscience Information Society - Nan Butkovich**

Their most recent Conference was held in Seattle; their next is to be in New Orleans in July.

**GODORT - Margaret Brill**

GODORT has again requested cosponsorship of a reception in the amount of \$300 for a joint reception in Chicago. MAGERT's name appears on all of the advertising along with GODORT's. This was seen as a good recruitment tool for potential new members who have responsibilities in both documents and maps. The motion was approved.

**LITA - Pat McGlamery**

No report.

**LC G&M - Betsy Mangan**

No report.

**MARBI - Chris Kollen (in Susan Moore's absence)**

A full report will follow.

**NEMO - David Cobb (in Jim Walsh's absence)**

A meeting has been scheduled for early June in Boston, about two weeks prior to the ALA Annual meeting. Programs are still being scheduled.

**MAGERT/GODORT/RBMS/LITA Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents - Nan Butkovich**

John Olsen, University of Minnesota, has been asked to represent MAGERT in the place of David Allen as a MAGERT representative on the committee.

**NACIS - Nancy Kandoian**

The 1994 annual meeting of the North American Cartographic Information Society was held in August in Ottawa, Canada, jointly with the Canadian Cartographic Association. Though map librarianship did not figure prominently in the program, MAGERT members are reminded that NACIS welcomes membership of map librarians and annual meeting programs of direct and indirect relevance to map librarianship.

The 1995 annual meeting of NACIS will take place in Wilmington, North Carolina, near the famous Cape Fear on the North Carolina coast, Octo-

ber 25-29, 1995. Contact person is NACIS vice president Keith Rice, Dept. of Geography, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, phone (715) 346-2629, e-mail Krice@uwspmail.uwsp.edu. Look for a call for papers in March or April, but it is not too early to suggest a program now. The 1996 meeting is to take place in San Antonio.

Map librarians currently on the board of NACIS include treasurer Ed Hall, Kent State University; executive officer Christopher Baruth, American Geographical Society Collection; and director-at-large Johnnie Sutherland, University of Georgia. For a complete list of board members, more NACIS news, and some fine articles on cartography, now with colored illustrations, see the latest issue of "Cartographic Perspectives," in the NACIS bulletin.

### RESEARCH LIBRARIES COLLECTION MANAGEMENT GROUP

From the written report submitted by Mary Larsgaard:

The Annual meeting in Miami was a presentation by Helen Armstrong on "Acquisition Tips and Traps;" no projects were discussed.

Status of projects:

a. standards: Mary Galneder generously provided me with several copies of the SLAG&M Division standards of a few years back. Hart Phinney, Helen Armstrong, and Mary Larsgaard constitute the ad hoc committee reading this over thus far, and will be making a recommendation at ALA Annual in Chicago regarding any suggested changes. MAGERT members who have an interest in standards for spatial-data collections, get in touch with Mary Larsgaard quickly and she will send them a copy of the standards.

b. union list of map series: David Allen has passed the responsibility for the coordination of union listing on to Mary Larsgaard. Those with an interest in a union list of map series should contact her.

c. other: Considerable activity in the realm of spatial data in digital form, though the SIGIS TF, which is compiling a manual on dealing with said items.

### SLA G&M

No report.

## WAML

No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Nan Butkovich, Chair of the MAGERT GeoTech Committee, suggested that it be abolished and that a new cooperative committee be established to consolidate the GIS issues now scattered among various committees and task forces in ALA's various round tables and divisions. Interested groups include MAGERT, LITA, GODORT and others. Scheduling of meetings is recognized as a problem since most desirable time slots are already being used.

It has been a long standing tradition that MAGERT give a MAGERT tee shirt to each speaker at the Annual Conference and it was suggested that the MAGERT mouse pads would be an appropriate gift. It was voted and approved to provide a mouse pad to each speaker at ALA Annual, and also to Judy Hambrick, the MAGERT liaison in ALA Headquarters.

Programs planned for the ALA Annual in Chicago include Charley Seavey, speaking on cartographic history, and a panel to discuss professional issues in map librarianship, including David Cobb, Mary Larsgaard, and Betsy Mangan.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Lamont, Chair of the local arrangements committee for Chicago, reconfirmed that the MAGERT Hotel in Chicago will be the Allerton, and that reservations can be made by calling 312-996-2738. MAGERT should be mentioned by name when making reservations. This information has been posted to MAPS-L. A reception is being planned with financial support from MapLink, possibly a boat ride. The Allerton has offered to pay for the MAGERT suite on Friday if MAGERT purchases food for a reception.

Mark Thomas, MAGERT Treasurer, will be changing his address. Please watch for his new address in *base line* before submitting receipts.



David Cobb announced the formation of the Boston Map Society, which will hold meetings three times a year in the Boston area. The Society's interests center on Boston, but include New England. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, at the Harvard Map Collection. The inaugural speaker will be Bob Karrow, from the Newberry Library in Chicago, on modern maps (Sixteenth Century).

Chris Kollen announced that the Arizona Map Society, now in existence for six months, was photographed at their last meeting, for publication in *The Map Collector*.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stevenson  
Secretary

#### ATTENDANCE

Nan Butkovich	Pennsylvania State University
Margaret Brill	Duke University
David Cobb	Harvard University
Connell B. Gallagher	University of Vermont
Judy Hambrick	ALA Staff
Donna Koeppe	University of Kansas
Chris Kollen	University of Arizona
Melissa Lamont	University of Connecticut
Steve Rogers	Ohio State University
Dan Seldin	Indiana University
John Stevenson	University of Delaware
Mark Thomas	Texas A&M University
Joseph M. Winkler	St. Louis Public Library

# MAGERT EXECUTIVE BOARD II MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 1995  
Mariott - Grand Ballroom Salon C

The Board was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Nan Butkovich, Chair. Other officers present included: Mark Thomas, Treasurer; and John Stevenson, Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT ADDENDA - Mark Thomas

The proposed ALA dues increase would take place over a three year period, increasing the dues by \$10 in each of the first two years, and by \$5 in the third year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Cataloging and Classification - Chris Kollen (in Betsy Mangan's absence)**

Ellen Kaplan served as chair in the absence of Ms. Mangan. LC G&M is ready to interview a new head of cataloging. A full report will follow.

## GeoTech - Nan Butkovich

The committee met and reorganized itself. Nan Butkovich resigned as chair and Patrick McGlamery will serve as chair of the newly reorganized committee. The new charge "to provide tools and education to librarians for geospatial information, and to serve as a medium for exchange of knowledge regarding the use of geospatial information." The new chair will pursue the joint committee concept mentioned at Executive Board I, and if successful, the GeoTech Committee may be dissolved.

## Honors - Nan Butkovich (in April Carlucci's absence)

No report.

## Nominating - John Stevenson (in Margaret Brill's absence)

A slate of candidates has been prepared.

## **TASK FORCES AND DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS**

### **MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Joint Discussion Group - Steve Rogers**

ALA did not properly list this group in the schedule, so it appeared to be a MAGERT group only, which may have influenced attendance by non-MAGERT ALA members. The issue of whether the group should continue to exist was discussed, and there was support for continuation. Some members thought that program presentations should not eclipse discussions of map cataloging issues. The general feeling was that about half the time should be reserved for give and take discussions.

### **Research Libraries Collection Management Group**

Did not meet.

### **Spatial Information/GIS - Julia Gelfand**

Progress is being made on the proposed GIS cookbook. ALA has reviewed the manuscript and made suggestions to increase market visibility and sales. If the project is rejected by ALA Editions, there are other publishers who may be interested. The Executive Board and Chair should receive a status report on the project in late February. The 1996 Midwinter meeting is the target for availability and the content should retain currency as it describes GIS trends more than steps.

MAGERT and LITA are planning to sponsor a two day preconference dealing with technical specifications for GIS. Conference proceedings are more attractive to ALA than the cookbook, but the preconference does not plan to publish proceedings.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **ALCTS/CCDA**

No report.

### **CCISA**

No report.

### **LITA - Nan Butkovich (in Pat McGlamery's absence)**

Most of the discussion centered around the GIS preconference to be held

in Chicago at the ALA Annual Conference. A draft of the preconference proposal was passed around. Although the LITA program committee approved this draft on February 4, 1995, it still needs to receive LITA Board approval. Many helpful suggestions and comments came from the group. Of particular concern was the need to define very clearly in all publicity who the preconference is intended for. Several attendees offered to assist with demos and contribute to the workbook. Pat McGlamery noted that in addition to the ITAL, June 1995 issue on GIS, ACRL is also focusing on GIS in their journal in July 1995. Julia Gelfand, also a member of MAGERT, announced that the ALA publications committee is reviewing the text, *GIS Primer for Library Applications*. Although some concern was expressed about the competition from the workshop on GIS being held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in April 1995, it was the consensus that the April event would be a regional one. The preconference in Chicago would draw from librarians across the country planning to be at the annual conference. Christine Koontz and Dean Jue of Florida State University described their public and rural libraries project where they teach practical applications of GIS. Dr. Koontz's book, *Siting and Locating Libraries* to be published by Greenwood in April, 1995, includes a GIS chapter. She and Dean Jue offered to speak at the preconference about their project. In addition to reminding the co-chairs about some very important administrative tasks relating to managing the preconference, Colby Riggs, who is the LITA interest group's coordinator, offered to set up a listserv to support the organizers. Under recommendations for division board action, the LITA program chair is taking the preconference proposal to the LITA board meeting on February 7, 1995 to seek approval of it.

Highlights of the meeting: The preconference and the anticipated GIS library-oriented publications were the dominant topics. John McKeen urged the attendees to visit the ESRI booth and to watch for announcements of the geographic technology and government conference to be held in Reston, VA, in September, 1995. He's on the steering committee for this conference, which is sponsored by GIS World, Inc., a company also assisting with the preconference. Pat McGlamery and John McKeen were very pleased with the high quality and turn out for this year's IG meeting.

#### LC G&M

No report.

## **MARBI - Susan Moore**

The Library of Congress has indicated that the subfield for form subdivision won't be implemented until such time as a global update capability becomes available, which they think will be in two years. The utilities and Library of Congress will be meeting to plan implementation.

## **SLA G&M**

No report.

## **WAML**

No report.

## **AACCCM**

No report.

## **MAGERT/GODORT/RBMS/LITA Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents - David Allen**

Former chair, Aimee Piscitelli, thinks that about fifty people would be interested in attending meetings of this group, and Congressional Quarterly, Inc. has expressed an interest in underwriting a conference. There is a planned follow-up to a survey of rare materials within the *Congressional Serial Set*, including a listing by volume number. There has been a lot of discussion of whether listing these by volume would be more of benefit to documents librarians, or if the risk of it being used as a hit list by thieves is a greater risk. A poster session in Chicago is planned. There has been a good deal of discussion on having a program or even a preconference on preservation, including digital preservation pros and cons is planned. John Olsen of University of Minnesota will join David Allen as MAGERT representatives to this committee.

## **ACRL**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

LITA requested MAGERT cosponsorship for the GIS preconference this summer. After much examination and discussion of LITA's cost and revenue projections, it was voted that "MAGERT will cosponsor the LITA GIS preconference. MAGERT will subsidize the preconference to the total of 20% of the expenses provided that MAGERT receives 20% of the gross revenues."

It was suggested that a special issue on GIS would be a good topic for *Meridian*.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stevenson  
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The Association of Canadian Map Libraries has recently updated its *Historical Maps of Canada* brochure depicting the 150 maps that have been reproduced in the Facsimile Maps project. Also included is a list of available publications. For a free catalogue, e-mail Cheryl Woods - [cawoods@uwo.ca](mailto:cawoods@uwo.ca) - or writer to her at: Serge A. Sauer Map Library, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada N6A 5C2 - or fax at: 519/661-33750.

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### Recent Map Reviews:

Kent, Robert B. "Homenaje a la Patria: Latin American National Atlases," *Latin American Research Review*, v.30, no.1, 1995, p.256-265, Reviews national atlases of Colombia, Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Panama, Bolivia

Also of interest: *Latin American Research Review*, v.30, no.1, 1995, p.266-273, reviews eleven recent reference books, including *Atlas of Mexico* (Boulder, Westview, 1989).

ChW

Recently published: *History of Cartography, v.2, no.2: Cartography in the Traditional East and Southeast Asian Societies*, David Woodward, editor. Up next for *The History of Cartography, v.2, no.3: Cartography in the Traditional African, American, Arctic, Australian, and Pacific Societies*.

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