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FROM THE CHAIR

Hallie Pritchett, University of Georgia

August 10, 2011

Welcome to MAGIRT! As of the end of Annual 2011, we are officially the Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT). Per our newly revised Bylaws (included in this issue of *base line*), “MAGIRT leads and inspires information professionals at all levels of expertise in their work with map and geospatial information resources, collections and technologies in all formats, through community, education and advocacy.” In other words, while geography is inherent to our interests and activities, maps and geospatial information are what we do. As one of the few specialties within our profession to be allotted its own Round Table by ALA, MAGIRT has a unique platform that affords us many opportunities for outreach and collaboration. These days geospatial information is ubiquitous, so much so that other groups within ALA have started to explore the topic in their own committees and interest groups. This is very good news for MAGIRT; we know that the interest in maps and geospatial information is out there. The expertise in maps and geospatial information is here, in and amongst the members of MAGIRT. We want our ALA colleagues to know that we are more than happy to share our skills and knowledge with the greater library community and very much want to work with them to promote geospatial literacy for all librarians; please help spread the word.



Along with a new name, there are other changes in the works for our Round Table. In order for MAGIRT to best serve its members and the library community as a whole, it cannot continue to be an organization that conducts the majority of its business in January and June. Nor can it continue to rely on in-person meetings to bring its members together, as many if not most of our colleagues have seen a dramatic reduction or outright elimination of travel monies in recent years that limits their ability to attend conferences in person. Fortunately, we have a variety of technologies such as chat, Skype and iLinc (ALA’s new online meeting and webinar software) available to us through ALA and elsewhere that make virtual membership and participation in MAGIRT not only viable but also practical. This in turn opens up a wide variety of options and scenarios in which MAGIRT can and should operate.

To that end, after much discussion at Annual 2011 the Executive Board agreed to take a big step towards a more virtual MAGIRT, starting this summer/fall and continuing through Midwinter 2012. All committees are expected to meet at least once between Annual and Midwinter, using whichever technology they choose. The Executive Board will meet bimonthly during this time; meeting dates and agendas will be posted on ALA Connect. Our Midwinter 2012 in-person meeting schedule will be scaled back, with only the Cataloging and Classification Committee and the Executive Board meeting in Dallas; all other committees will be expected to meet virtually in January prior to Midwinter and submit a report of their activities since Annual 2011 to the Executive Board. Our three discussion groups – Map Cataloging, GIS, and Map Collection Management – will meet in person at Midwinter; I would like to explore the possibility of streaming at least one of the discussion groups live (stay tuned and keep your fingers crossed!). At the Midwinter Executive Board meeting (traditionally the last meeting of our conference), we will solicit feedback on our meeting schedule and discuss how to proceed in the months leading up to Annual 2012 and beyond.

While this is in many ways a radical departure from past scheduling practices, I am confident that it will be a positive change for MAGIRT. Rest assured that our in-person meetings are not going away entirely; we will most likely have a fuller in-person meeting schedule for Annual 2012. But in order to ensure that ALL of our members have the opportunity to participate fully in MAGIRT, we need to expand our meeting options. Further information about Midwinter 2012 will be available in the near future. This is shaping up to be an exciting year for MAGIRT; I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months, both in person and virtually.

P.S. For those of you who attended our Annual 2011 program *There's a Map for That! Maps and Tools You Didn't Know About*, check out the new entry in the *CIA World Factbook* for South Sudan, which attained independence on July 9th, 2011:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/od.html>. 

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC)

Sunday, June 26, 2011 • 10:00 a.m.

New Orleans

Susan Moore, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 14 attendees in total. Members present: Nancy Kandoian, Mary Larsgaard, Betsy Mangan, Dorothy McGarry, Jay Weitz, Tammy Wong, and Min Zhang.

1. Call to order (Susan Moore)
2. Welcome and introductions

CCC members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Membership (Susan Moore)

There is no change in committee membership.

4. *base line* cataloging editor report (Tammy Wong)

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Midwinter, in January 2011, were approved as published on page 6 of the February 2011 *base line*.

5. Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials report (Mary Larsgaard)

As I stated in the CCC meeting at ALA Annual in New Orleans on June 26, I am waiting until after the ALA Annual meetings to find out any developments concerning the mid-June report of the 3 U.S. national libraries; this included my attending the RDA Update on the afternoon of June 26.

Given that the national libraries report stated that adoption of RDA would not occur earlier than January 2013 and then only if needed improvements were made, there is no point in AACCCM writing revisions until the committee members are sure what the “final” version of RDA is.

One point that came out during CC:DA meetings is that — as occurred with revisions to AACR2 — a revision process always means that rule numbers change, which since a key part of any revisions to the cartographic-materials

cataloging manual are crosswalks from AACR2R to RDA and vice versa is a crucial point.

There is work that can be done in the interim: a) compile a list of differences between RDA and the manual; and b) estimate how many hours of editorial work will be required to write the revisions.

6. CC:DA report, including RDA status (Betsy Mangan)

CC:DA met on Saturday afternoon and discussed RDA proposals dealing with expanding the element of affiliation to include dates and position within the affiliation; appendix A on capitalization; date of manufacture; the use of “selections” and possible alternatives such as “extracts”; places in certain federations (Australia, Canada, British Isles, and the United States) providing alternatives to continue the current practice. We also discussed and approved a proposal for changes to the Heads of State and Government using the language of the country for the terms King, Queen, and Sovereign in the heading.

The Library of Congress report included an update on the implementation of RDA. The report is available at <http://www.loc.gov/ala/an-2011-update.html>. Attached to that report is a second document. *RDA Transitions: Frequently Asked Questions*. The RDA Implementation Decision by U.S. National Libraries states that the libraries intend to adopt RDA with certain conditions and that implementation will not occur before Jan. 1, 2013. The conditions are:

- Rewrite RDA instructions in clear, unambiguous, plain English;
- Define process for updating RDA in online environment;
- Improve functionality of *RDA Toolkit*;
- Develop full RDA record examples in MARC and other encoding schemas;
- Announce completion of the Registered RDA Element Sets and Vocabularies;
- Ensure the registry is well described and in synchronization with the RDA rules;
- Demonstrate credible progress towards a replacement for MARC;
- Ensure and facilitate community involvement;
- Lead and coordinate RDA training;
- Solicit demonstrations of prototype input and discovery systems that use the RDA element set (including relationships).

On Monday there was discussion on two RDA proposals from the Music Library Association dealing with Container as Source and Artistic and /or Technical Credit. Troy Linker from ALA Publishing Services announced that a free 30-day trial period is available for any new user; the “Double User Offer” is being extended through Aug. 31, 2012; and free-access will be provided during and following training sessions “post-event.” A July 12th webinar will cover changes that have been made to the *RDA Toolkit* based on recommendations from users. Since Midwinter the full table of contents and a back-of-the-book index have been

added. The MARC linking service has also been added to the toolkit. Of the recommendations for implementation from the national libraries the one having the greatest impact for ALA is the re-write of the text. Currently the team is working on providing the ability to sort search results.

The final 90 minutes was a joint meeting with SAC (Subject Access Committee) on the treatment of subject in the Functional Requirements models (FRSAD) that includes concept, object, event, and place. There is also a question as to whether time needs to be added. First John Attig spoke about the placeholders in RDA for the group 3 entities. These chapters will include definitions and attributes and instructions on how to record the attributes. They will not include specific instructions on applying subjects since RDA must support all subject standards. Gordon Dunsire then described the modeling for FRSAD and the relationships among the three entity groups.

After 20 years, I am stepping down as the MAGERT liaison to CC:DA, so this is my last meeting representing MAGERT.

7. ISBD report (Dorothy McGarry)

The consolidated ISBD (revision of the Preliminary Consolidated edition) was sent to the publishers a couple of months ago, and it is hoped that it might be published by the IFLA conference or soon after. The publication of full examples will be finished soon, and then will be available online. Additional revision is not expected for at least three years.

Comments and corrections will be much appreciated.

Some members of the ISBD Review Group will be meeting with the JSC at its next meeting to see where, in some instances, RDA and the ISBD might be brought closer together.

8. LC Geography and Map Division (Min Zhang)

ALA report
Geography and Map Division
June 2011

The Geography and Map Division in FY2011 noted an increase in access to its hidden collections, through the African Set map project funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources, the collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency to scan and to inventory its +32,000 Coast and Geodetic Survey chart holdings, and through the continuing inventory of its foreign nautical chart holdings. To date more than 150,000 sheets from the three projects are now inventoried and in the Library's catalog data base.

The Division is pleased with the completion of the Congressional Geospatial Data System, through which basic Geographic Information Systems functions are provided to staff, Congressional Research Service, and eventually, Congressional staff.

In reviewing statistics for FY2009 and FY2010, it is clear that some 20% fewer items were acquired, 26,823 in FY2010 as compared to 35,000 in FY2009. We did note a 16% increase in the number of items cataloged in FY2010, 7437 items cataloged with some 66% non-English language items as we maintain and enhance our global holdings. An increase (+60%) in researcher usage was noted with some 17,740 researchers using the G&M Research Room.

The Division hosted 27 public programs, including the May 20-21, 2011 Philip Lee Phillips Society Annual Conference, “Re-imagining the U.S. Civil War: Reconnaissance, Surveying, and Cartography” in the Library’s Mumford Room and in The Geography and Map Division, for the maps see, http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/ During FY2011 we added more than 5897 scanned images to our web site, which now holds more than 31,000 scanned maps, see <http://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2011/05/the-view-from-30000-maps/> and added some 57,000 newly cataloged (7437) and inventoried (50,000) items.

The Division continued to collect both contemporary and retrospective items for its collection, which is the largest map collection in the world.

The Division planned and hosted the Civil War Map Conference on May 20-21; it displayed the 1784 Abel Buell map of the United States, the first map of the U.S. printed in the U.S.; the map has been deposited in the Geography and Map Division by David Rubenstein, who purchased the item at an auction in December 2010; and opened a year-long exhibition, “Earth As Art 3” in the G&M corridor, see http://eros.usgs.gov/imagegallery/collection.php?type=earth_as_art_3. The exhibition was prepared by the US Geological Survey and NASA and it has become part of the Division’s permanent collection.

The Division staff has remained active in the work of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the Federal Geospatial Data Committee, helping to develop Federal policies in both areas. The continuing work of the Division’s Digital Team has placed increased items on the web, for global access; the map library community depends upon the Cataloging Team of the Geography and Map Division to provide records for the collection, especially for items from outside of the U.S. The broader research community calls upon the Division for assistance and guidance; internationally, the Division remains a much used source for the study of boundary issues and its collections, built up over a century, are unique for that very important work. The Reference Team provides highly specialized assistance to researchers who use the collection, either in person or from afar. It assists the work of other Federal agencies, especially the US Department of State,

the Department of Defense, the U.S. Geological Survey, and others, as well as the Congress of the United States; it is addressing geospatial needs of those bodies.

The Geography and Map Division during the year 2011 engaged in a wide range of programs that included acquisitions, cataloging, inventory control, collection maintenance, digital conversion, reference services, cartography for congress, research, and public outreach.

One of the most important efforts and challenges that the Division faces is the integration of digital cartography with the traditional paper cartography in our collections in order to create a seamless body of data over the history of the field. We have been approached by both institutional and commercial bodies who wish to work with us or assist us to capture portions of our historical map collection in digital form. As examples of these projects are those with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency regarding the scanning of Coast survey and Lake survey charts and the project to inventory African set maps funded through a grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources. For some time we have had an agreement with Readex, who is involved in a project to capture the colored maps in the US Congressional Serial Set. At this moment, some 9000 colored maps in that Set have been scanned in the Geography and Map Division. In addition, the Division embarked on the Tangible Media Project, through which digital data on CD and DVD are being migrated to servers in order to provide increased security for the items and provide greater access.

Our program is directed towards a continuing desire to create greater access to our unparalleled collections, to acquire increasingly digital geospatial data for a whole new body of users, and to improve access to our collections among traditional users. With increased use and dependence of researchers using collection content on the internet it is apparent to all of us that there is a whole new community of casual and serious researchers who will benefit from knowledge about maps, map holdings, and reproduction of maps for a whole range of uses. While traditional users will continue to find utility in historical and contemporary materials, it is expected that new applications of geographic information systems by traditional scholars and traditional disciplines will bring a whole host of new users who will be encouraged to integrate cartographic objects in their research.

The G&M Division collected both contemporarily relevant geospatial items, as well as, historical items to fill in gaps in its collection. The Division expended its entire acquisition budget of appropriated funds, as well as, the special allotment from the Phillips Society, and continued to receive materials from the Foreign Map Procurement Program at the State Department (for which the Library pays an annual fee). It continued to build on its outstanding collection of U.S. county atlases and maps and panoramic maps of American cities. The Division reached broadly in its efforts to collect and to preserve the cartographic/

geographic record of America's creativity and the world's knowledge through acquisition efforts that included the use of other Federal and State mapping agencies, the Library's Overseas Offices, purchases, and donations. The Division oversaw the completion of the 5 year rehousing of its U.S. map collections, with more than 185,000 items rehoused. Through its African Set Map Project, G&M has created records for more than 70,000 sheets of multi-sheet maps sets on Africa; some 4000 of its +32,000 Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart collection has been scanned. The Division's scanning team has produced more than 5890 scanned maps this fiscal year, with an online total of more than 30,000 maps on its American Memory web site; in terms of growth in production, in FY2006 the Division celebrated the completion of 10,000 maps scanned. The Reference Team, with the valued work of Diane Schug-O'Neill in the Digital Team, posted the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map holdings list on line, a listing in excess of 700,000 individual map sheets related to coverage of U.S. cities; in addition, the data base is used to point to digital images of Sanborn map sheets prepared by the Digital Team. The Reference Team has begun a new on-line source of information, "Places in History," with the initial effort directed towards weekly postings of maps of Civil War actions as they occurred 150 years ago, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Civil War, see <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/placesinhistory/>. The Congressional Cartography Program completed the release of the Congressional Geospatial Data System, a Geographic Information Systems program for Congressional use. That Program completed more than 200 maps in response to Congressional requests.

The Geography and Map Division has remained active in developing its cartographic holdings, in making known those holdings, and in providing service to its patrons. The Division holds more than 5.5 million maps; 80,000 atlases; 500 globes and globe gores; 3000 raised relief images; and over 30,000 digital files.

John R. Hébert
Chief, Geography and Map Division
Library of Congress
June 2, 2011

9. MARBI report (Susan Moore)

MARBI met twice and most of the proposals concerned issues that arose during the test phase of "Resource Description and Access." Proposal 2011-02 generated quite a bit of discussion and dealt with how to record production, publication, distribution, and manufacture statements, since RDA calls for separate statements for each function. Two options were presented and what passed was a modification of one of the options.

Proposal 2011-03 concerned how to record the date of copyright notice and that also generated discussion. The one proposal that was specifically geographic in

nature concerned adding fields 034 and 043 to the MARC21 classification format. It passed with some slight discussion.

There was one discussion paper that came from the Music Library Association and it did generate a great deal of discussion. MARBI and the MARC Advisory Committee also had some discussions as to their respective roles in the future of MARC. These discussions will continue.

10. OCLC report (Jay Weitz)

OCLC Update for MAGERT CCC, June 2011

Compiled by Jay Weitz

Connexion Client 2.30 is Released

Connexion client version 2.30, released on 2011 April 12, includes enhancements to the existing functionality. Version 2.30 is compatible with both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Microsoft Windows and supports Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7, but does not support Windows 2000. Version 2.30 uses .NET Framework 4 Extended which is supplied with the Connexion client 2.30 software. You will be required to upgrade to version 2.30 by 2011 November 1. An upgrade warning message will begin appearing when you start version 2.10 or 2.20 beginning in early September 2011. Enhancements included in version 2.30 are listed below:

- Links to the RDA Toolkit.
- Display of 029 fields moved to bottom of record.
- Language of Cataloging Limiter in WorldCat search dialogue.
- Language of Cataloging in local save file search results.
- Increase in the number of batch searches to download from 100 to 150.
- Option to allow export of workforms.
- New export/import support for MARCXML.
- Changes related to recent MARC Updates.
- Macro changes.
- Authority control changes.
- Improvements to Connexion digital import (attach digital content).

Connexion browser was enhanced on 2011 May 15, 2011 to include the Language of Cataloging Limiter and links to the RDA Toolkit. Both Connexion client and browser interfaces were enhanced with new authority control functionality:

- Changes to controlling to support controlling of genre headings tagged 655, 7, with \$2 lcgft.
- Changes to punctuation; resulting in the ability to correctly control many more types of headings, including music uniform titles.
- Changes to restrict automatic tag flips when controlling.

- Changes to enable the ability to easily control many reported ‘uncontrollable’ headings.
- Changes that now include the inclusion of candidate non-script headings when attempting to ‘control all’ headings in a bibliographic records.

Technical Bulletin 259 <http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/259/259.pdf> provides additional information. These enhancements were discussed in a Webinar earlier in 2011, available for viewing on the OCLC Web site <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcat/catalog/quality/expert/websessions.htm>.

OCLC-MARC Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Formats Update 2011

OCLC-MARC Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Formats Update 2011 is currently scheduled for August 2011. This will include MARC 21 Update No. 12 (October 2010), MARC Code List changes since May 2010, Connexion user and OCLC staff suggestions, and several MARC elements that had been postponed until the April 2011 release of the Connexion client 2.30. Among those elements is the new Computer File 008/23 and 006/06 “Form of Item” (OCLC fixed field “Form”). Upcoming Technical Bulletin 260 will describe details of the OCLC-MARC Update.

Expansion of National Level Enhance to NACO Participants

Since the creation of the National Level Enhance authorization in 1994, the ability to replace PCC records has been available only to BIBCO participants with Library of Congress approval. Later this year, we will be expanding National Level Enhance capabilities to Regular Enhance participants who have NACO authorization but do not participate in BIBCO. Right now, we expect this change to be implemented in August, but that schedule is not yet certain. We will keep Enhance participants informed.

OCLC Statement on the RDA Implementation Decision

With the release of the “Response of the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine to the RDA Test Coordinating Committee” http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/cataloging/RDA_Executives_statement.pdf, OCLC is beginning a process to determine how best to proceed in the integration of RDA practices into WorldCat. The current OCLC policy statement on RDA cataloging, which has been in effect since the publication of RDA in June 2010, during the RDA national testing period of October through December 2010, and remains in effect, is located at <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/rda/policy.htm>. The policy statement has been updated to reflect the end of the formal RDA test period and the national library decision about implementation no earlier than January 2013.

Later this year, OCLC intends to issue a discussion paper regarding the possible future of bibliographic records with mixed practices in WorldCat. The purpose of

this paper will be to generate as wide a discussion as possible among members of the OCLC cooperative in order to work toward a consensus about the policies that will work best both for the cataloging community and for library users. Because the U.S. implementation date for RDA has been announced as no sooner than January 2013, there is ample time to consider thoughtfully what best practices might help to carry cooperative cataloging into the long term future. OCLC staff members will be participating in three task groups on RDA formed by the PCC <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/>; the work of those task groups will also help to inform these most important discussions.

In the meantime, while the process of preparing and discussing that paper is taking place, OCLC requests that libraries continue to abide by the policies outlined in the current policy statement. Please remember that duplicate records within WorldCat are not permitted and will be merged if found. In addition, please do not edit the master records to change them from RDA to AACR2 or from AACR2 to RDA unless permitted under the policies set forth.

LCGFT Headings for Cartographic Materials

The OCLC Quality Control macro created by Robert Bremer will change the various obsolete form subdivisions for cartographic materials in LC subject headings to “Maps” when appropriate and construct a corresponding genre heading coded as \$2 lcgft if not already present in cases where the record is coded as Type e or f. We have not attempted to run this macro on records in the database to fix all occurrences, but we’ll look into doing so in coming weeks. We have not made changes for other kinds of materials. Suggestions would be welcome.

11. RBMS and DCRM(C) report (Nancy Kandoian)

Because I did not attend the Bibliographic Standards Committee meeting of RBMS at ALA Annual where I would have gotten more extensive information, my report is brief. Of all the publications in development by that committee, those closest to completion are Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics) and a collection of examples to accompany Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books). The editorial group on which I serve, Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic), met twice at Annual — all day Friday, and Saturday from lunch through mid-afternoon. We have worked through areas 0 through 6 in our master draft, so we have area 7 and several appendices to review and/or revise. Our deliberations and progress continue to be documented on our wiki at <http://dcrmc.pbworks.com>, which may be viewed by the public. (It was necessary to turn off the capability for the public to make comments directly on the wiki because of some gibberish that appeared on the site.)

Of particular interest to the map cataloging community is the fact that the RBMS Regional Workshops Committee will be holding a reprise of their popular workshop on cataloging Latin materials in the fall in Washington, D.C. at

Library of Congress or the Folger Shakespeare Library. Watch for details in an announcement on various discussion lists or on the RBMS website.

12. Old business

Bibliographic Standard Record for cartographic material

In response to a query from Rebecca Culbertson, Chair of the PCC Standing Committee on Standards, Task Group on BIBCO Standard Record Requirements for Cartographic Materials (BSR/CART) submitted comments on the draft of the Bibliographic Standard Record for cartographic material concerning collections.

13. New business

Paige Andrew will be presenting an ALCTS webinar titled “RDA and Cartographic Materials: Mapping a New Route” on Wed., Sept. 28 at 1-2 p.m.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/cat/092811.cfm>

The concept of meeting virtually was discussed at the Executive Board Meeting. CCC is still scheduled to meet in-person during Midwinter 2012. Discussion groups will also conduct face-to-face meetings in Midwinter 2012.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. 

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wong

Electronic Mapping Editor Needed

MAGIRT is looking for a new Electronic Mapping Editor for *base line*. The position is ideal for someone who likes to write and has experience with digital mapping, GIS, map websites and/or geospatial data. This individual would contribute a bimonthly column to *base line*, apprising MAGIRT members of basic, advanced and new developments in electronic mapping, particularly as they apply to library collections.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Kathleen Weessies, Chair of MAGIRT's Publications Committee, or Steve Rogers, editor of *base line*.

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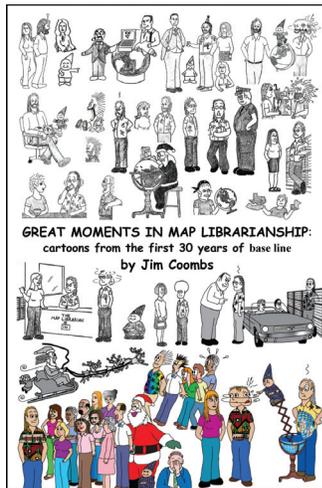
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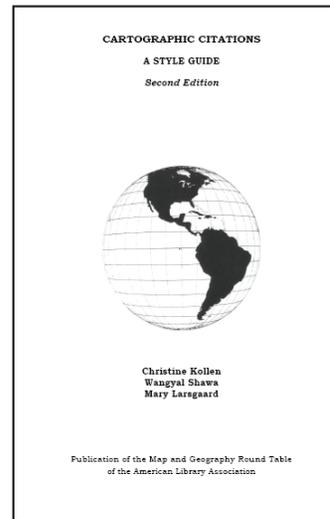
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MAGERT Exec Board Meeting I
ALA Annual Conference
Saturday June 25, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
New Orleans, LA

Present: Marcy Bidney, Colleen Cahill, Tracy Hughes. Roger Knouff, Dorothy McGarry, Carol McAuliffe, Mary McInroy, Susan Moore, Nancy Kandoian, John Olson, Hallie Pritchett, Kathy Rankin, Edith Scarletto, Mike Smith, Kathleen Weessies, Kathy Weimer.

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Approval of the Minutes Midwinter 2011

Minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Time change for Exec II

There was general discussion of moving the meeting from its afternoon to a morning timeslot. Instead it was decided to leave the meeting as scheduled. Several members would not be able to attend, but the agenda would be brief.

IV. Officer Reports

a. Chair Report (Marcy Bidney)

Marcy reported on the meeting of the Round Table Coordinating Assembly. She was trying to find out who goes to this meeting, and what it is about. It is supposed to help the chairs and vice chairs manage Round Tables, but really does not do that. Other folks did not know they were supposed to go. We had four people; as we started the tradition of the vice/chair/past chair attending. It shows we care about what is going on and passing on leadership duties. There was a discussion about the possible topics that the Round Table Coordinating Assembly could cover to better prepare leadership and provide guidance for planning.

Mary has formed a small group to see what the group's role is. Be better formed to serve us as Round Table.

Web Update (Colleen Cahill)

ALA has set deadlines and support structures that did not meet expectations in the past. Colleen has all of our materials for the Web, and what can be automatically changed over to Drupal has been sent to ALA. We need to be 508 compliant. Some of our documents are compliant, but some are difficult (PDF compliant). ALA doesn't provide instructions on how to correct them, only notes on what is not compliant.

Hallie noted that we should let Steve know for future, so that *base line* is compliant before he sends them on to Colleen to be posted. You need

to have Adobe Acrobat for conversion. Colleen will give a head's up to Steve Rogers. Colleen has the *Meridian* stack and is trying to make them compliant. Java has been updated, and Collage won't work again. The website has not moved to Drupal yet, even though it is ready to go. Colleen says the flip will happen soon.

Marcy noted that August is the date for changing over to Drupal. Colleen noted that after the change someone should look at the converted documents (publications). *Meridian* conversion has backlog, but she will make them compliant and then be prepared to load them. From some checking, it was decided to put them up on ALA instead of the Texas repository.

Colleen notes that since we are in a new interface we need to involve the board in any change to the look and feel.

b. Vice Chair Report (Hallie Pritchett)

Hallie reported on the Spectrum Scholars Reception, where she spoke to a number of people. Carol asked if this event was held only at the Annual Conference (yes, Thurs 7-9:30 p.m.) Colleen suggested that when the call comes out, others from the group be solicited to help out as there were many people to speak to. Most folks Hallie spoke with already have some kind of background in maps/geography/GIS.

ALA will revise the MAGERT logo, when the name change is approved at ALA Council (to MAGIRT). Colleen requested that the new logo be sent to her when ready for the website change. The By Laws and name changes were both approved with good majority of our current membership. Our financial situation is good and the future is looking quite bright. As we move forward, we will start reaching out to more organizations in ALA and it should be even better.

Hallie (other notes)

Depository Council Meetings (now held once a year in DC, then the second takes place somewhere else in country). She spoke with GODORT Chair. We will cosponsor the Monday night social with them (in name only) for the Depository Council Meeting in October. Hallie will talk at the new member session about who we are and bring brochures.

c. Past Chair (Kathy Weimer)

Kathy spoke about her research from anniversary celebration. She has a publication pending with *Coordinates*, about the founding of MAGERT/MAGIRT. [*Subsequently changed to be issued as Electronic Pub. #10 -ed.*] Some of her questions involved—why were we founded and how does it relate to what we are doing now? And how does this help us think about where we are going? Originally it was a group of map librarians in SLA whose members didn't think they were heard by SLA, along with some

problems with publications. Dues were high. This led them to look at what they wanted. ALA was a place to move to collaborate with other divisions. They saw a need for collaboration with people outside the core group. They wanted people who were not full-time map librarians to benefit from the map people. They originally had publications and presentations from an assortment of other people sharing expertise. There was a need for us to help each other, but also help those outside their group. There was a need for a publication or to present conference proceedings as well as meetings and reports. They published in *Meridian*, but it didn't start on day one, but became the place for that. We have a need for continuing education for ourselves, and sharing with others. MAGERT has been doing these things, but we continually need to think about how to rework a committee, or develop a program planning idea. Kathy feels that it is important to encourage cooperation with other map-related groups, such as WAML and NEMO. Joint programming and joint publications were also important.

d. Treasurer's Report (Mike Smith)

MAGERT is still doing very well. It incurred no real large expenses recently. Steady book sales and membership dues are keeping it going well. See attached report for figures. The ending balance from the last ALA statement was \$23,790. Mike will help with the transitioning to the new treasurer, Paige Andrew. When he (Mike) took over, the past treasurer sent past records. What should be done with those? They include old financial records. Marcy and others noted that they should be sent to the ALA Archives, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. Instructions for where to send them are at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/archives/ala/>.

e. Secretary's Report (Edith Scarletto)

Edith noted that she has some follow-up corrections to the minutes, and these were made. She also noted that the date for sending reports for publication in *base line* will be July 18.

V. Committee/ Discussion Group Reports

a. Cataloging and Classification Committee: Susan Moore

Susan won't be able to be at the Programming Planning meeting. Today her group will talk about possible implementation of RDA; a potential program would be Cartographic Cataloging. It would be a joint program with other groups.

b. Publications Committee (Kathleen Weessies)

When can we discuss the proposal to sell publications at the ALA store? Marcy notes that Colleen is asking what the processing fee is. She found it to be a \$5 per item processing fee. We have to charge more for the items sold through the store to recover that cost. UPC barcodes—we need those. Kathleen procured them and emailed them to the store and

they worked. Sales reports from Jim Coombs noted some 31 copies of *Cartographic Citations* sold since January. Wondering if we should reprint the titles? Colleen asked if we have to put everything in the store. Kathleen says we can choose what we want to be sold there. Hallie notes that it gets our name out, so we should go ahead and raise the prices to accommodate. There is no restriction for selling books in more than one place (individually through Jim, and through the ALA store). The Store can accommodate credit cards. ALA would take care of that (Jim can only do checks).

Colleen moves that we adopt the move to ALA Store to sell publications, Hallie seconded. The motion passed. *Cartographic Citations* and *Great Moments* will be sold through the ALA Store.

c. Education Committee

d. Membership Committee

Roger received nine responses from his online call, so the committee is formed. The new charge is to coordinate marketing, etc., for all programs and facilitate the process. These might include documenting timelines, whom to talk with, cosponsors, etc. The Marketing Plan is on ALA Connect for reference.

Old Business:

1. The MAGERT → MAGIRT name change and bylaws were approved. Kathy noted that the Bylaws were overdue for revision when work began, and they will help the group as time goes on.

2. Tracy asks about the redraft of GeoTech committee charge and changes to bylaws. What happens now that they were changed?

Colleen notes that those changes should be sent on. Edith will look up the bylaws and get back to her.

3. Exec Board II will be in the same time slot. (The 10-12 time slot is an ALA no-conflict period.)

Nancy asked about the name change. As of Monday at 2:30 p.m.—when the ALA Council approves it—the name change will take place.

New Business:

1. Annual Awards

This is a nice way to recognize people who go above and beyond to help the organization. In past years we gave a heartfelt pat on the back and a certificate. Now that we have funds, Kathy suggests we return to a previous practice of a cash award. Previously it was part of the Hammond Award. She is not sure if there was a different funding source or if it came from our funds. It would be nice for award winners. The group can define

it a little (Colleen's question). Kathy doesn't remember what the amount has been in the past. Kathy notes that this is a big deal for promotion cycle. Colleen suggests \$100. Kathy notes we give out 1-2 awards, but some years none at all. Kathy was thinking \$250, if there are two award winners, they would split. Colleen suggests \$100 per award. We need to know if ALA has any regulations about giving cash awards. Marcy says this happens in other groups and we need to know the process. Marcy is hearing \$100 per award.

Tracey suggests a motion. Colleen moves, Carol seconds. The motion passed.

We will move this forward to ALA, Marcy will take this on as past chair. Kathy agrees that that is a past chair job.

2. Emerging Leaders

Emerging Leaders support - Kathy is a big fan of this program. We have supported them in a variety of years. They have done great things. One year we supported a project, and one of ours was picked up. No money is required to submit projects. This past year we sponsored one individual (\$1000) to pay for travel for ALA conferences (both). Now that we have a budget, we can consider it again. Kathy wants to know if we want to continue. We select the person from the applications. The person can apply to several groups. This helps promote the opportunity to come into MAGIRT and be active. Also, it advertises the person.

Colleen notes that the projects are proposed as they come along and sponsorship occurs on a regular basis. A project will be proposed when someone is willing to mentor and work on it (no money). The projects' participants are part of Emerging Leaders and assigned to a project we have had approved by ALA. It does get our name out there and it is an investment in the future of MAGIRT. Mentors are only needed for a project. The Executive Board looks at the applicants for the sponsored person. Then they need to assign a mentor to that person. The mentor doesn't have to be on the Board. We need to formalize this process so that it is in the pipeline, or we lose track of the cycle within our regular work. Kathy notes that this should be the Chair Elect who moves us along in the process. We can have guidelines for the Emerging Leader's responsibilities, but they have Emerging Leaders obligations. One criterion suggested is that they select one discussion group and committee meeting to attend (that they might be interested in attending).

We need to write up a formal disclosure to ALA for the applicants. August is when they take requests or proposals. Projects are submitted in September with selection in the fall. They are on site at ALA in January. Selection for the person is in the fall as an Emerging Leader. Kathy notes that the deadline was April 29 to fill out form for the January 2012 person.

We can still talk about next cycle. We can work on what we want to say and our expectations. The Exec Board can vote as needed in the December to have it ready for Midwinter 2012 and review it to move forward.

3. Virtual Meetings and Scheduling of Meetings:

Hallie: There has been much talk about virtual meetings at ALA. She proposes for Midwinter in particular that we see the same people. However it seems that the burden of work falls to the same people. Folks can't be involved if they cannot come to meetings. If the folks attending conferences go to all MAGERT meetings and programs, they cannot go to much else. She proposes for Midwinter we change the structure so that the committees meet virtually, except for the Executive Board.

Rather than have all standing committees meet in person, suggest, with the exception of the Exec, and cataloging committee, and not meet at Midwinter. Committee chairs: what are your thoughts about this? Also, encourage your committees to meet at least one time between Annual and Midwinter.

Colleen asks what will happen if we do meet virtually at Midwinter? Does ALA have ability for us to use tools for our virtual meetings? Carol notes that the chat feature does not work yet, but it is being tested. Colleen notes WebEx, or other options, Skype, etc. Tracey notes that you must be mandated to meet (committees meeting virtually in lieu of a physical presence at Midwinter). Kathy asks if there would be a midterm report of that meeting?

Traditionally, the chair attends the meetings we attend. Leadership should be participating with it. Roger says that when we have ALA Connect, we need directions about how to get people involved for expectations to meet virtually.

Marcy asks what do we mean by virtual? Not face to face. We can leave it up to committees on how to meet. Hallie can use what works for her. Kathleen notes that the Michigan Library Association disbanded committees and it is a new structure. We could still meet at least once prior to Midwinter (virtually), and then at Midwinter, with a report submitted for Exec Board. Or folks can meet as often as they like.

The schedule at Midwinter will be Cataloging Committee and discussion groups, and at least one Executive committee meeting. The next step is that the Executive Board will meet at least every other month virtually. We still need to meet at least once in person in Midwinter (Hallie).

Mike asked if committees will meet in person at Annual? Hallie says the Annual schedule will be more expanded, the committees will decide whether to meet virtually or physically. The idea of virtual members for Annual meeting has not yet been determined. At Midwinter, we need to evaluate what we want the Annual schedule to be.

Do we need more than one Exec Board meeting at Midwinter? Mary notes that the first one would be virtual Exec I meeting a couple of weeks before. Then, at the end of the conference, we would have an in-person Exec Meeting II. Colleen notes that we need to make it the week before Preconference events.

Discussion Groups should continue to meet in person. Also it was suggested that since we have only discussion groups, we break off the Map Collection Management, and GIS discussion group, and Cataloging discussion groups. Sometimes the talk turns to one or the other and this gives them each time.

Chairs: We need a new chair of the Cataloging Committee. We still have the GIS Discussion Group leader, Becky Lowry, but now we need someone for Map Collection Management. Cataloging will stay on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon is Exec II, discussion groups will meet on Saturday. We will call it Exec/Membership meeting. Mary is interested to hear what other groups are doing.

Potential Midwinter schedule:

Saturday: Map Collection Management and GIS discussion group

Sunday: Cataloging Committees in the morning; Exec II/Membership Sunday afternoon; the Education Assembly is the 4-5pm time slot on Sunday afternoon.

This schedule will allow MAGIRT members to go out into other groups and interact with them. It frees us up to be going to other events/programs and be more involved in other groups across ALA. When we are free to visit other groups, it allows for discussion of liaisons.

4. Liaisons:

Current formal liaisons

- AACCCM, Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials
- ACRL, Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)
- ALCTS-CCS CC:DA, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Cataloging and Classification Section, Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
- CCISA, Congress of Cartographic Information Specialists Associations
- CUAC, Cartographic Users Advisory Council
- Freedom to Read Foundation
- GODORT, Government Documents Round Table

- GODORT Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents
- LC G&M; Library of Congress Geography and Map Division
- MARBI, Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee
- NACIS, North American Cartographic Information Society
- USGS, United States Geological Survey
- WAML, Western Association of Map Librarians

Kathy suggests they go to the group's education committee meetings where it would be a natural place to sit in and help with collaboration. More discussion of the liaisons will occur at the virtual meetings.

Other Business

Special Speaker for Spectrum Scholars: Betty Turock, Rutgers University, Chair of fund raisers

Slowly we are becoming a country of emerging majorities instead of minorities. ALA has funded 50% of the applications for Scholarships. They have been going out of ALA for the funding. Members have given over \$600,000 for the initiative. The numbers for funding include 730 scholarships at Masters Level and 24 Doctoral Fellows. IMLS is giving \$800,000 for doctoral fellowships and gift from the Gates Foundation total \$300,000. The Leadership Institute will have a yearlong curriculum developed in technology. Most of the recipients go into academic and public libraries. Most needed more technology skills.

She is asking for MAGIRT to give. Marcy asked about the financial commitment for sponsorship. Each scholar gets \$5000. Some amounts are matched by the schools attended. Also, each recipient receives \$1500 for the Leadership Institutes at conferences. The total commitment is \$6500. Contact: bjturock@rutgers.edu

There was a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned. 

Committee Reports

Education

Saturday, June 25, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Morial Convention Center • Room 236

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Chair of the Education Committee, Carol McAuliffe. There were 8 attendees in total. Members present:

John Abresch, Carol McAuliffe.

Call to Order (Carol McAuliffe).

Approval of Past Minutes.

ALA Connect Update. The Education Committee is now up on ALA Connect, though its current members need to be invited to join. Virtual meetings will occur between Annual and Midwinter.

Outreach. Outreach to library programs is an important role of the organization and the Education Committee. At Midwinter, a representative from the Education Committee is going to attend the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program reception to reach library school students, since it has been difficult scheduling outreach visits at the schools. Also, it was suggested that interested students be invited to MAGIRT social events.

Educational Resources Website. John Abresch and Carol McAuliffe introduced the first draft of the website which used LibGuides as the platform. The organization is key and needs to address the challenge of displaying the information to audiences of different proficiencies. The core competencies play a central role though it was suggested different language be used to make it more accessible. Educational links for specific skills and knowledge sets will be incorporated into the site as well. Carol and John will continue to work on the website for additional review during fall 2011.

Web-based Instruction. There was an in-depth discussion of available options for Web-based instruction so that the Education Committee can find the right platform and format to adopt. It was suggested that we use successful MAGERT programs such as the 2010 program “GIS for Every Library” and the 2011 program “There’s a Map for That” as topics for Web-based instruction.

Statement from Outgoing Chair. “It was a pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Education Committee these past 3 years. Education plays a central role in everything we do and we must nurture our part as educators to see the profession flourish. It is especially important within Map and GIS Librarianship where educational opportunities are sometimes difficult to find. It is my desire to see these opportunities come to light for both those in the profession who want to continue their education and those interested in pursuing this interesting career choice. The Educational Resources website will help to accomplish this goal once complete. Also, furthering the development of the learning opportunity themselves is an important endeavor. There are still many holes in the scope of available educational materials and courses which the MAGIRT Education Committee can help to fill. Finally, we are also stewards of information which

should be passed on to those outside our profession. Sharing our expertise to other librarians and groups helps to expose geospatial information as an important, useful, interdisciplinary tool. The 2011 program by the Education Committee “There’s a Map for That! Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” was, in part, an effort to introduce geospatial information and resources to reference librarians from all libraries so that they can better help their patrons. Not only did it draw public and academic librarians but school media specialists as well. By continuing to provide useful content to these groups, the Education Committee will both promote the use of geospatial information as well as promote Map and GIS Librarianship as a profession. Thank you again.” 

Sincerely,

Carol McAuliffe

GeoTech Committee Meeting
Sunday, June 26, 2011
1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Hilton Riverside, Marlborough Room A/B

Attendees: Tracey Hughes (Chair), Gregory March, Becky Lowery, Jeff Dickey, T. Wangyal Shawa, Marcy Bidney, John Olson, Kathleen Weessies, Cynthia Dietz, Joy Suh, Chris Kollen, Edith Scarletto, Carol McAuliffe, Roger Knouff, Pete Reehling, Mary McInroy

Introductions were made, and the agenda was modified to include discussion about a potential GeoTech program idea.

A membership update and member expectations were discussed by the group.

It was noted that the output from the subcommittees on GIS-lite, existing geotech, geospatial catalogs and VGI should be thinking about the best way to present that work out to a broader audience.

It was announced that there will not be a physical GeoTech Committee meeting scheduled at Midwinter 2012 in Dallas as an experiment. Between Annual 2011 in NOLA and Midwinter 2012 in Dallas, there will be at least one virtual meeting of the GeoTech Committee and for Midwinter 2012, the GeoTech Chair will be required to submit an agenda and update on the work of the committee. Discussion occurred about the pros and cons of moving from physical meetings at Midwinter to virtual meetings. Conclusion was to give the virtual meetings a try and evaluate how they go.

- Pros
 - o Ability to attend other ALA events/groups to get the MAGERT

presence better seen

- Less travel for those who have less funds for professional development/travel
- More people may be able to participate if it is virtual
- Can meet more often

- Cons

- Face time is important and that won't be scheduled (although if desired there is nothing to stop the group from getting together informally during Midwinter)
- Some may have issues with getting funding to come to Midwinter if there isn't an official scheduled meeting
- People will not be able to see the meeting on the schedule and drop in on the meeting

Subcommittee Reports/Updates/Action Items

The GIS-lite document will be updated/reworked/modified by Kathleen, Roger Knouff, and Greg (lead). It may go on the MAGERT website if we are allowed to add content to the website prior to its shift into Drupal.

The geotech document will be updated/reworked/modified by Greg and Tracey (lead) and similar to the GIS-lite resource, it may go up on the MAGERT website.

Cynthia and Joy (co-leaders) gave an update on their work on VGI. They are very interested in this as a research topic and intend to do an article on it. They will work with Kathleen on ideas for publishing, and will continue to develop this topic and research area with an output that can be used for MAGERT. Additional themes that relate back to VGI include:

- Potential to partner with public libraries
- GIS Day event focused on VGI – demo some of the sites, GeoCommons, outreach with public library, disaster mapping (how to)
- What is libraries' role to archive this type of information?
- Publishing opportunities with the document – with an opening and framework structure that talks about the range of areas that it is applicable to
- Template/how-to for starting out with VGI (considerations, tools, templates, guides)
- Opportunity for spatial and information literacy teaching
- Appropriateness of use
- VGI for politics

Potential Program Ideas from GeoTech Committee

- VGI
- Potential GIS Day at ALA for a program
 - o Have people bring a laptop, stations, literacy
 - o What maps can do for you

GeoTech Projects

(Assignments still to be given to Angie, Jen, Eva & Kim)

- Geospatial Catalogs (Chris, Cynthia, Angie, Joy, Jeff)
- VGI (Cynthia, Joy, Jeff)
- GIS-Lite (Kathleen, Greg)
- Map Scanning (Wangyal, Marcy, John)
- Geotech document (Tracey, Greg)

Possible Future Discussion Topics or Projects

- GIS/Data management plans/institutional repositories
 - o dSpace—University of Edinburgh as an example (they have a PowerPoint out on it)
- Geospatial data preservation
 - o geopreservation.org—ways to find information on how to do it, articles and the like
- Geospatial privacy
- GIS in the cloud vs. desktop GIS
- Mobile GIS
- Geographic Intelligence 

Membership Committee

Personal memberships in MAGERT are down 10% from a year ago, from 301 to 270. Organizational (University) memberships are down 7%, from 43 to 40. There was discussion about how we could retain organizational memberships now that *base line* is no longer printed and mailed. The consensus seems to be to do nothing at this time.

Marcy asked that all the MAGERT chairs (membership and executive) be given administrative rights to the MAGERT Facebook page. The Membership Committee will want to include Facebook in all our promoting procedure recommendations.

I asked the MAGERT Executive Board what they would like the Membership Committee to tackle first. They request the Membership Committee work on the program planning guidelines first. Before Midwinter, the committee will need to shop for trinkets to give away, something embossed with the MAGIRT logo. The membership committee will shop for a suite of items and let the Board decide what to get. It was suggested that we create/design T-shirts to sell at the ALA Bookstore, and through Café Press. The Café Press option is nice because the design can be put on a range of items, while the ALA Bookstore T-shirt could be a souvenir money generator at the conferences. I will be calling for Membership Committee volunteers to serve on a sub-committee for the above items. We can explore whether to have a clothing design contest on Facebook/MAPS-L or just go forward with our own creation. 

Roger Knouff
Chair - Membership Committee

Publications Committee

ALA Annual Conference 2011

Minutes

Saturday June 25, 2011; 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Convention Center Room 235

Attendees: Kathleen Weessies (chair), Roger Knouff, Wangyal Shawa, John Olson, Tracey Hughes, Michael L. Smith, Susan Moore, Nancy Kandoian, Chris Kollen, Kathy Weimer, Hallie Pritchett

base line update

During the past year *base line* continued to be issued on time and with no major problems. Thanks to the regular contributions of our columnists, there were always sufficient news items and new information to keep our members informed throughout the year.

I would like to thank our regular editors for their continuing columns during the past year: Marcy Bidney (Chair), Tammy Wong (Cataloging), David Bertuca (New Maps & Books), and Jim Coombs (Great Moments). Thanks also to the many other individuals who contributed news, minutes and other announcements, continuing to make *base line* a valuable source of news and information for our membership.

Unfortunately, Chris (C.C.) Miller has asked to step down from his duties as electronic mapping editor. Chris contributed a number of useful/engaging columns over the past few years and we will miss his insightful contributions to

the field of digital mapping. So as soon as possible we will need to replace Chris as *base line's* editor of electronic mapping.

Please keep up the good work of sending to me those columns, news items, announcements and minutes! – Steve Rogers, *base line* editor

(Steve also asked Hallie for the new logo and she will get it to him.)

Publication Distribution update:

Since January 1, 2011, Jim Coombs has sold and shipped:

31 copies of *Cartographic Citations* 2nd ed.

4 copies of the *Great Moments* book

1 copy of OFR 92-2 (1st ten years of *Great Moments*)

2 copies of the *Rare, Antiquarian or Just Plain Old* cataloging workbook

Jim has less than 10 copies of the *Cartographic Citations* book. Shall we reprint it? Committee asked for price breaks on quantities, which Jim will provide.

Sales of the *Rare, Antiquarian or Just Plain Old* is especially surprising since it isn't even listed on our website.

We discussed possible replacements for Chris Miller; an announcement should go out in *base line* and via ALA Connect and the MAGIRT listserv.

***Coordinates* Update**

A new proposal was discussed that we cease publication of *Coordinates* in light of the failed editor search. This received general agreement and approval. Hallie will write to David Allen. This leaves outstanding business of one unpublished manuscript concerning the history of MAGERT from its inception 30 years ago. We decided this would be published as MAGERT Electronic Publication #10.

A Task Force consisting of Steve, Roger, John, and Kathleen will examine MAGERT publications from head to toe and make recommendations for any reorganization. The task force should consider all the components of *base line*, scholarly output, and both paper and Web-based venues.

MAGERT Map Scanning Registry update: Chris K. reports that she received the file from WAML and she will be adding it into our own database.

Website Update:

At Exec Board I, Colleen had reported that the MAGERT website is PDF 508 compliant for readers, which is one of the reasons MAGERT was targeted to be an early migration to Drupal. We have heard that the Drupal conversion might happen in September which will ease complications with website updates.

MAGERT publications digitization projects (and their hosting)

Meridian will be hosted at the Texas Digital Library. We need Kathy Weimer (as a Texas A&M University employee) to create the site.

base line – waiting on Meridian site launch

Marketing of MAGERT Publications

We would still like to see *Cartographic Citations* and *Great Moments in Map Librarianship* reviewed in periodicals. Kathleen will see about David Bertuca reviewing in *base line*. Also we will see about a paid advertisement in *Dttp*. When the books are sold via the ALA bookstore, we may expect greater visibility for both publications.

Selling our books at the ALA Bookstore. The committee and the MAGERT Board have agreed to move ahead with placing the 2 publications with the ALA Store. *Great Moments* will cost \$35 when sold at the ALA Store. Kathleen will address the snarl of paperwork involved.

New Initiatives:

The MAGERT Publications Committee will not be meeting at Midwinter 2012. Instead we will be meeting by conference call at least twice in between the conferences. 

Kathleen Weessies

Treasurer's 2011 Annual Conference Report

June 2011 • New Orleans

MAGERT's fiscal standing remains strong. We have incurred no real large expenses in the past year, and revenues grew between membership dues and steady book sales (\$1,135).

At the end of the April 2011, MAGERT's total revenues were **\$5,989** and total expenses were **\$1,674**, for a net gain of **\$4,315**. The carryover balance from fiscal

year 2009-10 was **\$19,475**, leaving an ending balance of **\$23,790** so far in fiscal year 2010-11.

While this figure will go down a little after expenses are incurred from this conference, MAGERT's finances are sound and should remain so for the foreseeable future. When I took over as Treasurer in January 2007 MAGERT was nearing bankruptcy, but we have experienced a remarkable turnaround in last 4 ½ years. 

Michael L. Smith

Treasurer

Discussion Group Reports

ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Cataloging of Cartographic Resources Interest Group ALA Annual, New Orleans, LA Sunday, June 26, 2011

Report by Louise Ratliff

About 23 people attended the Interest Group meeting at ALA Annual in New Orleans.

Announcement by Richard Huffine, director of the USGS Library Program.
[Editor Note: After the conference, I asked Richard to summarize his announcement, included here.]

“The U.S. Geological Survey’s National Geospatial Program has almost completed their efforts to digitize and georeference all of the topographic maps the Bureau has produced since the beginning of their mapping program in 1885. The total number of maps is estimated at around 200,000 and it includes all scales, all editions of their topographic map series. In addition to releasing the digitized maps, the Bureau has produced metadata records for each map in the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) standard. The FGDC records can be converted to MARC bibliographic records using MARCEdit and other readily available tools. These digitized editions of historic topographic quadrangle maps are being distributed to the public via the USGS Store (store.usgs.gov) Map Locator and Downloader Tool. All digital distribution of maps from the USGS are free to the public. In addition to these historic maps, the USGS is producing new 7.5 minute topographic quadrangles in new digital formats that include an aerial photography layer. These new maps are called “US Topos” that the USGS has developed a three-year cycle for producing these new maps for the entire

conterminous United States. US Topos also have an FGDC record that can be used to create a bibliographic record for library catalogs. “

He asked about what level of bibliographic records people wanted, and a brief discussion followed of how best to catalog these in order to provide access but not unduly clutter the catalog. Separate records would number 200,000 records! Some people mentioned they should be serial cartographic records. A copy of each digitized map is stored at LC , and the USGS Library Program is considering putting copies of the digital resources into the Hathi Trust.

The Provider-Neutral record for cartographic resources on the Web

Susan Moore explained that a “provider-neutral” record is a single bibliographic record that is used for all the instances of an online monographic cartographic resource. Such resources in the past have been cataloged variously as reproductions or electronic editions. The URL in the record is a generic one; a 500 note can be added for significant local information, and a \$5 subfield is added to it with the institution code.

The standard for the Provider-Neutral record for cartographic resources on the Web will be posted to the PCC BIBCO website as soon as it is approved. It has been developed by Susan Moore and a small group of cartographic catalogers.

The Library of Congress Genre-Form Terms for cartographic resources

Jay Weitz of OCLC reported that Robert Bremer is developing a macro with which to convert old form subdivisions in LCSH to \$v Maps where appropriate, and to construct a “655 -7 \$a [Term]. \$2 lcgft” for the genre-form term if it is not already present in the record. The group recommended that if there is a 655 _0 field containing a genre-form term, it should be converted to a “655 -7 \$a [Term]. \$2 lcgft” ONLY IF it has a matching term in the lcgft authority file. The group recommended that OCLC convert these 655 fields even while lcgft authority records are still being added to the authority file, and not wait until the authority file is complete to convert them. You may email your comments to jay_weitz@oclc.org or robert_bremer@oclc.org.

OCLC announcements: In the new version of Connexion, the 029 fields will be shown at the bottom of the display. There will be a global search limit by which to limit by “language of cataloging;” links to the RDA toolkit; new authority control functionality (greatly improved). In August, all NACO participants who have regular level enhance capabilities will be enabled to enhance PCC records. Last, OCLC is drafting a discussion paper about mixed cataloging practices and records in WorldCat; they hope it will generate wide discussion, but in the meantime, continue to follow current guidelines.

RDA and cartographic resources

Tammy Wong from LC said she will start creating some RDA records for cartographic materials, but most LC catalogers will use AACR2.

Mary Laarsgard is authoring a book with Paige Andrew about RDA and cartographic resources. In it she has made a list of differences between AACR2 and RDA, based on Chris Oliver's book. Any major differences that are not included on her list would be very welcome. Comments may be posted on the ALA Connect site at: MAGERT Cartographic Resources and RDA <http://connect.ala.org/node/111605>.

Another RDA comment: the list of possible relationships for creators is quite long, and the relationship of a given creator to an expression is not always easy to discern. Do users really want to know all the relationships that a creator has with a given expression? Consensus was that if it is obvious, we should add the code to the authorized access point. If not, it is still up to cataloger's judgment because it is optional. Comment: if practices are mixed among bibliographic records, it can cause confusion for users.

Work and Expression titles will have to be created now when there is more than one manifestation, and we have never done that before. How do we find out about other manifestations? How much time will we spend looking for them? 🌐🌐

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Map Collection Management/Federal Spatial Data/GIS Discussion Groups

The combined discussion groups met on June 26, 2011 with 16 attendees.

Richard Huffine, National Library Coordinator of USGS, gave an extensive discussion of the work going on in the USGS. A significant topic concerned the digitization of all USGS topographic maps. The USGS has resumed their digitization process at the rate of 18,000 maps scanned per year. They are or will be available as 600 x 600 geoPDF files—though in the future geoTIFF files are being considered. There will be sheet level FGDC metadata and there was discussion of having MARC also available. In the future there will be no paper maps provided, only the digital USTOPO product, which will be revised on a three-year cycle (as

per USDA requirements).

One of the issues with opening the files is the fact that the aerial photo layer is turned on by default, which slows the process. They are trying to turn that off as a default as well as have the collar off as well. Geospatial Platform is moving to a cloud-based solution.

In the past USGS had funded state geological surveys for rescuing data but the project is being “defunded” in 2012. States will not be starting with digital data.

In the National Map the USGS does not have a geological layer, ironically. The national geological map does have a new online viewer with geologic quadrangles but probably no maps on demand. For elevation nationally LIDAR is being put on the backburner for now. And for structural layer USGS has been funding Landsat though there are questions about that in the future.

Related to USGS was a discussion of centers for excellence in GIS or in maps. There were questions about what it should involve and the digital products to be saved. It should be historic and going forward as well.

There was a discussion and request for information about a product called Boundary Solutions, which deals in parcel boundary, property ID, names of owners and other real estate-related information. It was determined that they are selling shape files with variables and there is random missing data. It has at least the boundary lines and can be matched to census data.

There was also a discussion of serving up data to users and the issues of restrictions as well as actual storage format. One technique is using ArcGIS server. Also there is the option of using the East View server that will provide access. Other suggestions include Fedora for images, Bagit and Primo. Another suggestion is a network computer onsite that does not have restricting software. There are problems with usage restrictions; third party restrictions on time limits; and what is going to happen in the future for the data. Richard indicated that USGS topos may go into the Hati Trust. On the other hand, Landsat photos have become free now so there are no restrictions on access. 



COORDINATES

Ceases Publication

As many of you know, the Publications Committee has been trying to find a new editor for *Coordinates* since current editor David Allen announced his plans to step down last year; unfortunately, their search has not been successful. After further discussion by both the Publications Committee and the Executive Board at Annual this past June the decision was made to cease *Coordinates* as an active publication. Arrangements are being made to archive *Coordinates* in a publicly accessible repository so its content remains permanently available online.

Although there is still some interest within MAGIRT of having some type of scholarly/peer-reviewed journal, without an editor we obviously cannot support such a publication at this time. The Publications Committee will be evaluating our other active publications (currently base line and the Electronic and Print Publication Series) in the coming year to see if MAGIRT can accommodate some sort of peer-reviewed publication, albeit on a smaller scale. Meanwhile, if you would like to submit an article or paper for consideration for our Electronic or Print Publication Series, please contact Publications Committee chair Kathleen Weessies weessie2@mail.lib.msu.edu.

The MAGIRT Executive Board would like to thank our colleague David Allen for his many years of service to the Round Table and as founder and editor of *Coordinates*. 

Revised MAGIRT Bylaws

This past spring, the members of the Map and Geography Round Table voted to approve the attached revision of the Bylaws. The Bylaws were last updated in 1991. Since that time, the Round Table has implemented new procedures and dropped others, including changing from *Robert's Rule of Order* to the latest edition of *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, Alice Sturgis to be consistent with ALA procedures. Other updates include clarifying the roles of the officers and merging the previous Constitution and Bylaws into a more streamlined document. Of special note are the revised purpose statement (Article II), the expansion of virtual attendance and participation, and the new name/acronym for our Round Table. The revised Bylaws will be posted on the MAGIRT Web site as Appendix A of the Manual (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rt/magert/governance/manuala.cfm>).

Bylaws Map and Geospatial Information Round Table of the American Library Association

Article I: Name

The Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (hereafter known as MAGIRT) of the American Library Association (ALA).

Article II: Purpose

MAGIRT leads and inspires information professionals at all levels of expertise in their work with map and geospatial information resources, collections and technologies in all formats, through community, education and advocacy.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Any person, library, or other organization being a member of the American Library Association may become a member of MAGIRT upon payment of their dues provided in the ALA Handbook of Organization.

Section 2. All officers, members of committees or taskforces, and liaisons must be personal members of MAGIRT.

Section 3. Membership entitles the holder to vote in official MAGIRT business.

Article IV: Meetings & Quorum

Meetings may be conducted in person, virtually, or a combination thereof.

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the MAGIRT membership shall take place

during the Annual meeting of the American Library Association and shall include a report of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Additional meetings may be called by members of the Executive Board or a simple majority of the membership by petition.

Section 3. At the Annual Meeting of the MAGIRT membership, a quorum shall consist of all personal members present. At Executive Board meetings, a quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the Executive Board members.

Section 4. Meetings shall be governed by *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Alice Sturgis*, in the latest edition.

Article V: Officers

Section 1. Officers of MAGIRT are elected by the membership and shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be eligible for re-election only after a minimum of one year out of office.

Section 2. Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair

- A. The term of office of Chair shall be a total of three years: one year as Vice Chair, one year as Chair and one year as Past Chair.
- B. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of MAGIRT and Chair of the Executive Board. The Chair shall appoint all committee chairs and their members, delegate duties as he/she deems appropriate and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization.
- C. The Chair shall be responsible for all conference planning and arrangements.
- D. The Vice Chair shall serve as a member of the Executive Board, assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of Chair in the event of absence, death, disability or resignation of the Chair, and serve as Chair in the year following their term as Vice Chair.
- E. The Past Chair shall serve as a member of the Executive Board during the year following their term of office as Chair. The Past Chair facilitates the revision of the MAGIRT Bylaws as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
- F. Vice Chair, Chair, and Past Chair are responsible for all fundraising, and shall work with the Executive Board, MAGIRT Committees, and ALA as necessary to coordinate fundraising activities including, but not limited to, sponsorship of programs and events related to MAGIRT activities.

Section 3. Secretary and Treasurer

- A. Term of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. Persons shall serve no more than two terms consecutively in the same office.
- B. Secretary and Treasurer shall perform their duties as outlined in *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Alice Sturgis*, in the latest edition.

Section 5. Officers are expected to attend meetings outside MAGIRT as required by ALA as listed in the Round Table Coordinating Assembly Handbook.

Section 6. Replacement of Officers or Committee Members

Any officer or committee member who fails to contribute to the duties and responsibilities of the office or committee can be removed. Vacancies are filled at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with the Executive Board and/or Committee Chair.

Article VI. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

- A. The Nominations Committee shall consist of Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair and consults prior to election deadlines to nominate the offices of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. All nominees shall be personal members of MAGIRT at the time of nomination.

Section 2. Elections

- A. Elections for MAGIRT will be held according to standard ALA procedures.
- B. Officers elected shall assume office at the end of the ALA Annual Meeting.

Article VII: Executive Board

Section 1. Executive Board Membership

- A. Executive Board consists of the elected officers, standing committee chairs, discussion group coordinators, and the ALA staff liaison.
- B. Discussion group coordinators and the ALA staff liaison are non-voting members.
- C. The Executive Board shall meet at minimum during the Annual and Midwinter meetings of ALA.
- D. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of 2/3 of the voting

Executive Board members.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be responsible for:

- A. The general supervision of the affairs of the organization.
- B. The general review of the organization and assignment of new projects to committees.
- C. Review and endorsement of projects submitted by the committees of MAGIRT.
- D. Soliciting and appointing MAGIRT members to fulfill various ALA designated positions as requested by ALA.
- E. Reporting all actions of the Executive Board to the membership at regular intervals through via official ALA communication channels.
- F. Acting as the advisory group to the Chair.

Section 3. Replacement of appointed Executive Board Members.

In the event of an officer vacancy, the Chair shall appoint a temporary replacement.

Article VIII: Committees, Discussion Groups, Task Forces and Liaisons

Section 1. The Executive Board shall create and discontinue standing committees, discussion groups, task forces, and liaisons of MAGIRT.

Section 2. Members of standing committees, discussion groups, task forces, and liaisons to other organizations shall be appointed by the chair of MAGIRT who will designate one member as Chair. Appointments for standing committees shall be for two years, with terms overlapping so that not all members shall be retired in any one year.

Section 3. Task forces may be created for the performance of a particular assignment within a designated timeline.

Section 4. MAGIRT liaisons to other organizations shall be appointed by the chair of MAGIRT.

- A. MAGIRT liaisons to other organizations may be invited to attend meetings at the discretion of the Executive Board and are expected to submit reports to the Executive Board.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1. The personal members of MAGIRT shall adopt, amend or repeal the existing Bylaws by a simple majority vote. Voting may take place at the Annual Membership Meeting by a majority of members present or by official ballot as a simple majority of all voting members.

Section 2. Any proposed changes to the Bylaws require that notice must be provided to the members of MAGIRT through official ALA communication channels at least thirty, but not more than ninety, days before the presentation of amendments for approval.

Article X. Finances

Funds to support MAGIRT will come from the dues of the general membership, publications, workshops and voluntary contributions. Dues are established by the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting and are collected by ALA through its regular membership channels.

History

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Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs

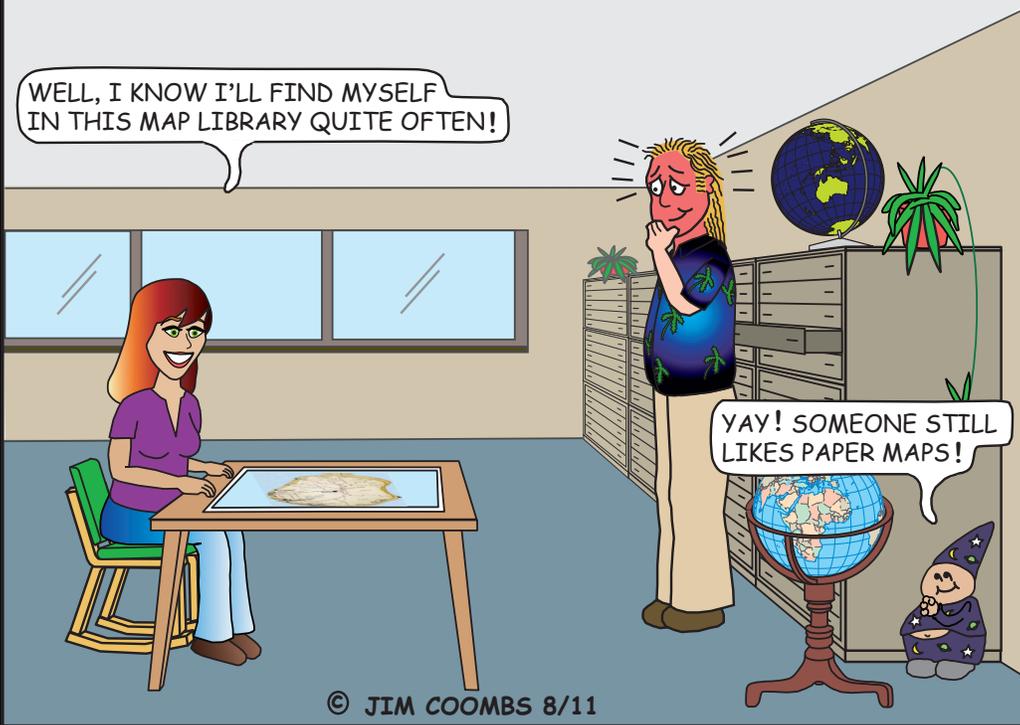
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