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FROM THE CHAIR
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From lively virtual meetings to Spectrum Scholarship support all the way through to the unveiling of the MAGIRT Online Resource Guide and an amazingly attended first-ever MAGIRT Webinar, the members of MAGIRT have been incredibly busy. And we intend to keep on moving forward with your support and involvement, so please take this letter as an open call to you because **WE NEED YOU AND YOUR PARTICIPATION TO KEEP OUR SUCCESSES ALIVE AND MULTIPLYING!**



Virtual Meetings

Your committee chairs are all really starting to get in the swing of things and have pledged to do a more consistent job of posting virtual meetings to our ALA CONNECT MAGIRT Calendar. By doing so, we hope that you will be able to plan to attend Committee meetings that are of interest to you both personally and professionally. Please remember that with the sole exception of the Nominations & Awards Committee, **all** MAGIRT meetings — whether virtual or in-person — are open to any MAGIRT or general ALA member. You can see this calendar at: <http://connect.ala.org/calendar>.

Spectrum Scholarship Support

The MAGIRT Executive Board felt strongly that it was important for MAGIRT to support the Spectrum Scholarship — and so we did! Our MAGIRT members are diverse in age and ethnicity and the way we have entered into map and geospatial librarianship, and we very much want to see that diversity grow.

MAGIRT Online Resource Guide

After much talk and work behind the scenes, MAGIRT's Online Presence Oversight Committee is thrilled to release this guide. It is available free of charge to all, and we would very much love to know what you think about it, and if you as a MAGIRT member would like to contribute some of your valuable knowledge to make it as strong and relevant a resource as possible. Check it out at <http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/resources> and let us know what you think at magirtbd@ala.org.

MAGIRT's 1st Webinar – A Resounding Success

With over 115 attendees, MAGIRT's Past Chair Hallie Pritchett hit it out of the park with the *Care and Feeding of Maps* Webinar, which was held on March 18,

2013. We all know that maps can sometimes be scary (and wonderful) items and her focus on removing the concerns associated with managing a map collection was something that appears to be needed by many!

Now we are looking forward to our next Webinar – *Maps for Kids: Online Resources for K-12 Geography Education* - on May 7th, 2013 and presented by MAGIRT Secretary Carol McAuliffe.

Details on both of these Webinars (including the link to Hallie's Webinar) are at: <http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/trainingsandpresentations>.

As always, please don't hesitate to be in touch with any suggestions or comments for the MAGIRT leadership at magirtbd@ala.org. 

Pass on Your Values to the Next Generation of Librarian Leaders!

In June 2012, ALA launched 15x15, a planned giving campaign to help strengthen the impact and longevity of ALA's programs and activities in support of libraries and librarians. The goal of the campaign is to secure \$15 million in planned giving commitments by 2015.

You can be a part of this via a planned gift of any amount made to the association for general purposes, or specifically directed to an ALA division, round table, program or fund. Please consider giving to the profession or to MAGIRT specifically as you do your estate planning.

For more information on the variety of ways one can contribute a planned gift, please visit www.ala.org/plannedgiving.



ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

PHASE TWO BEGINS FOR RDA CHANGES TO NAME AUTHORITY RECORDS

As previously announced (see <http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120425.pdf> and <http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120717.pdf>), Phase 2 of the automated changes to the Library of Congress/NACO Authority File will commence on March 6th, 2013. In Phase 2, authority records whose access fields (1XX, 4XX and 5XX fields) are subject to mechanical manipulation to make them conformant to RDA will be modified. Examples of these changes include the expansion of the abbreviations for Dept. to Department, the replacement of “Koran” with “Qur’an”, violoncello with cello, etc. A complete report of these changes is available at: <http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/>

In this Phase approximately 378,000 headings will be affected. LC will update 30,000 records per day, Monday thru Friday, until the changes are completed (the final day of changes distributed may be less than 30,000). These updated records are in addition to the regular distribution of LC/NACO transactions. Processing is expected to be complete before the PCC Day 1 for RDA Authority Records on March 31, 2013.

During this processing, and for a short period thereafter, users of the catalog will find that names on bibliographic records for the same persons and entities represented by names in the authority file changed in this Phase 2 will not match. Changes to the bibliographic database to bring those access points into conformance are expected to begin at some point after the authority changes are complete. LC will send out notices with exact dates for bibliographic record updates in a few weeks. In the interim, we ask that users not report the discrepancies for maintenance when they are encountered.

Comments, questions, etc. may be sent to: Policy and Standards Division

Email: policy@loc.gov

March 5, 2013

There are changes in three areas in Phase Two that might affect map catalogers:

Spelling out abbreviation ‘Dept.’

While abbreviating the word ‘Dept.’ was not AACR2 practice (but national practice under the LCRIs), the shift to RDA provides an opportunity to convert existing headings that contain the abbreviation ‘Dept.’ to represent the full form of the word in headings and appropriate references.

More details:

http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/RDA_conversion.Dept.doc

Handling of X00 \$c

Because there is not a one-to-one correspondence between text strings in 100 \$c under AACR2 and RDA, special processing will be done to programmatically identify when the \$c is valid as is under RDA, when it would be invalid under RDA, and when it can be made acceptable under RDA by program. Headings that will be invalid under RDA or will need human review will be marked with a 667 in phase 1. Headings that can be revised programmatically will be changed in phase 2.

More details:

http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/RDA_conversion.Subfield_c.doc

Handling of X00 date subfields

Date subfields in various types of headings (mostly \$d in personal name headings and treaties) contain abbreviations that are to be spelled out under RDA. Examples include abbreviations for ‘century’ and months of the year. Some abbreviations found in pre-RDA records will be replaced with words (for example, ‘approximately’ for ‘ca.’ and ‘active’ for ‘fl.’). A hyphen before or after the date will be used instead of the abbreviations ‘b.’ and ‘d.’.

More details:

http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/RDA_conversion.Subfield_d_and_f.doc

The complete report “Summary of Programmatic Changes to the LC/NACO Authority File: What LC-PCC RDA Catalogers need to know” is available at:

http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/lcnaf_rdaphase.pdf 

NEW MAGIRT MEMBERS
January - March 2013

Welcome to MAGIRT! And welcome back returning members! We look forward to seeing you at meetings and events whether virtual or in-person. Now that you are a part of the MAGIRT team, you are encouraged to get as involved as you want to be, whether that is at the level of a committee or discussion group member, moving towards an officer position or almost anything in-between.

Don't hesitate to reach out to your MAGIRT Officers, Committee Chairs or Discussion Group Coordinators – our phones and emails are always open, and you can find the contact information on our Web site at <http://www.ala.org/magirt/>. Be in touch or just jump right into the conversations in ALA Connect or via the MAGIRT listserv!

Here's a big thanks and welcome to the following new or returning members in our very active and longstanding Round Table.

Linda Barrett – Forth Worth, TX

Zuzana Nagy – Cambridge, MA

Tonda Bone – Weatherford, TX

Susan Powell – New Haven, CT

Richard Clark – Lehigh Acres, FL

Helen Sheehy – University Park, PA

John Hansen – River Falls, WI

Flora Shrode – Logan, UT

Daniel Hayes – Pittsburgh, PA

Timothy Silva – Leominster, MA

Geoffrey Iverson - Ann Arbor, MI

Denyse Sturges – Grand Forks, ND

Meagan Kinsley - Arlington, VA

Emily Townsend - Madison, WI

Althea Lazzaro - Seattle, WA

Sue Tyson - Los Angeles, CA

Stephanie Milner – San Francisco, CA

Terry Walker - Yakima, WA

Anne Morrow - University of Utah

Linda Wynne - Juneau, AK

Hayden Murphey – Columbia, MD

MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Midwinter Executive Board II
Sunday, January 28, 2013
Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Diamond Room

In Attendance: Tracey Hughes (Chair), Hallie Pritchett, Kathleen Weessies, John Ridener, Paige Andrew, Carol McAuliffe, Marcy Bidney, Marc McGee, Beth Cox, Colleen Cahill, Kathy Rankin, Michael L. Smith, Mary McInroy

Absent: Greg March, Angela Lee, Roger Knouff, Susan Moore

Call to Order

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2013 - Carol recommended that two revisions be made. One: adding the location of “Skype Virtual Meeting.” **The other:** to add Barbara Miller’s full name. Minutes approved pending changes.

Liaison Reports

WAML, Western Association of Map Libraries - Kathy Rankin

Kathy Rankin reported the following: “The 2012 WAML meeting was held on Tuesday, October 30th through Friday, November 2nd, at University of Hawaii-Manoa on Oahu. There was a preconference on geoportals, there was a RDA and Cartographic Material workshop led by Mary Larsgaard and Katherine Rankin, and a talk on using GIS to index paper map series. There also was a tour of the library’s preservation lab. There were talks on managing invasive species on Oahu, Hawaii State Survey programs, tracking the golden plover across the Pacific, voyaging in replicas of early Polynesian outrigger canoes, geospatial initiatives at an academic library, embedding a map library into a natural hazards class, and geographic and historical distribution of concrete sidewalks in Vancouver. There was a remembrance program at the beach for map librarians who have passed away since 1984, and three MAGIRT members were included.

The field trip was to the Hawaii State Archives, Iolani Palace, and the Bishop Museum with a chance to hear a concert of the Royal Hawaiian band during a picnic lunch. This was WAML’s 45th anniversary meeting. Next year’s meeting will be held at Tenaya

Lodge, Yosemite National Park, on October 30 - November 2, 2013.” **John** Ridener, who is also the current Chair of WAML, reported that the Yosemite meeting will be a retreat where they will be discussing a possible name change to include more GIS and geospatial interests. It will continue to have a regional focus, however.

GODORT Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Publications - Michael L. Smith

Michael reported that they discussed discontinuing the committee since interest seemed to be waning. However, there were 20 at the Midwinter Meeting and it was decided that the committee would continue for now. They are actively looking for projects for the group. Tracey suggested that perhaps they look into government-produced datasets — which are going away as new datasets come out — such as the way historical census data is being handled. It is unclear whether or not datasets would fall under their purview. Hallie thought it would be a great topic for them and help to dispel the impression that they are only interested in old documents. Michael said that they discussed an issue involving maps of Chicago. They were only printed and archived but they are now only online and only the most recent version is available. Tracey asked Michael to keep MAGIRT informed if they can do anything to help move discussion item forward.

GODORT – Marcy Bidney

GODORT is sponsoring a pre-conference at Annual 2013 on international statistics, which might be of interest to our members. If one of our members goes, we could ask them to report back on things he or she learned from the sessions.

As Mike reported, the Rare and Endangered Documents Committee has decided to remain a committee and perhaps modernize their focus to include digital content and endangered e-documents. This would be a good place to collaborate, as we are having similar issues with e-atlases and data (census) being created and disappearing without notice — plus a good way to foster more relationships with GODORT.

The Geography and Map Division acquired through donation Hermann Boye's rare four-sheet 1827 *Map of the state of Virginia: reduced from the nine sheet map of the state in conformity to law*, engraved by Henry S. Tanner and E. B. Dawson. Funding for the map came from William Wooldridge and the Norfolk Southern Foundation.

The Geography and Map Division has begun a large-scale project to collect materials, technical information, and algorithms from the earliest days of computer cartography. The first archive to be acquired was that of Dr. Nicholas Chrisman, who was an important programmer and researcher at the Harvard Laboratory for Computer Graphics and Spatial Analysis during the beginnings of the development what would become GIS.

A new working group and pilot project — to study and make suggestions for the collecting, archiving and serving of digital geospatial data — were formed jointly by the Geography and Map Division and the Congressional Research Service. The group is composed of four sub-groups focusing on the four most important aspects of this problem: computer architecture and software processing; software and database enterprise; acquisitions and archiving; and cataloging. The working group is led by John Hessler of the Geography and Map Division, and will produce a final report in February 2013. Jacqueline Nolan of G&M leads the Enterprise Licensing and Subscription Database Access Subgroup. Other Geography and Map Division members include Colleen Cahill (Technology) and Robert Morris (Acquisitions).

A new book, *Seeing the World Anew: the radical vision of Martin Waldseemüller's 1507 and 1516 World Maps*, was released in early October and has received good peer reviews. The book by John Hessler and Chet Van Duzer, summarizes and updates the current state of Waldseemüller scholarship and provides facsimiles of both of these important maps.

Construction began in the Geography and Map Division to expand its rarities vault on November 1. This project involved the relocation of over 1.5 million cartographic items, approximately

one quarter of its collection. This is the most significant alteration/addition to the physical layout of the Division since it moved into the Madison Building in March 1980.

The National Library of Korea funded the preservation and digitization of four more historic Korean maps as part of an ongoing cooperative agreement between the Library of Congress and the National Library of Korea. Since 2007, 34 unique map scrolls and sheets have been preserved, cataloged and made available in American Memory.

The Associate Librarian for Research Services and the Boston Public Library signed a cooperative agreement on Nov. 26 to share the digital collections of historic maps and atlases of the Geography and Map Division and the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, and accord these collections a wider audience through exposure on the Library of Congress and Boston Public Library Web sites.

The Library of Congress and the U. S. Geological Survey signed a Memorandum of Understanding July 25 to inventory, scan, and archive the 210,000 USGS maps (1879-present) that are held by the USGS Library and the Geography and Map Division, and to disseminate the geospatial data developed pursuant to the USGS National Geospatial Program.

Officer Reports

Chair

Update from Round Table Coordinating Assembly – Tracey, Kathleen, Paige, and Hallie attended the RTCA meeting on Friday morning.

- The technology talk was helpful. The issue about ALA Connect RSS feed only updating every 30 days was raised. A fix should be forthcoming. Jenny Levine has said that if people have additional issues to get in contact with her.
- There will be a Leadership Series of Webinars for Chairs, which will include topics such as ALA 101, conference scheduling, budget information and process, and how to

run a meeting. Mary reported that they are looking for a coordinator for each of these Webinars. ALA has a contract with Adobe Connect. Tracey reminded Mary that she had volunteered to coordinate ALA 101.

- ALA is trying to develop an ALA University where all online learning opportunities would be available through one gateway site.
- Tracey said that she would like to see MAGIRT continue to have the Chair Trio and the Treasurer at the RTCA meetings.

Vice Chair

2013 Annual Chicago Social Event, Awards Ceremony & Hotel: See Discussion.

Emerging Leader Update: Hallie and Kathleen had lunch with the MAGIRT-sponsored Emerging Leader, Jessica Clemons, from SUNY-ESF, where they talked about making the most of ALA, the challenges that Jessica is facing at her job regarding data curation, and encouraging her to explore MAGIRT and think about getting involved on a more permanent basis. Tracey asked Kathleen to write up guidelines for mentors and MAGIRT-sponsored Emerging Leaders since she is the first mentor from MAGIRT in this role. This could include information about attending MAGIRT meetings, monthly talks with the EL, how to handle the “dead time” in the fall, etc. Tracey indicated that this would not be part of the Manual but would remain its own separate document.

Social Event Update from Midwinter – Two successful social events with the MOHAI tour and dinner. The MOHAI in particular drew a lot of interest. There was some difficulty determining who was a member via ALA Connect and also with people just showing up at the MOHAI without RSVPing because they saw the event in the ALA Scheduler.

Past Chair

Moved to Discussion Items

Treasurer

Treasurer's report (will be attached to the end of the meeting minutes) - Due to the ALA fiscal year running from Sept. 1 – August 31, the September and October figures reported at the Jan. 16 meeting were approximate figures. The November report, which Paige received on Jan. 16 contained the correct figures and saw an increase in RT funds. Additional confusion occurred over the Transportation line item, which had been previously designated for officers traveling to other conferences in their official MAGIRT roles. No trips of this sort had been taken but \$500 had been charged to that line. Danielle said it was the \$500 that MAGIRT donated to sponsor an Emerging Leader. She put it in Transportation because that is where the Emerging Leader needed help. This will be discussed further during the Budget Discussion Item. December report has not yet come out. Tracey asked if we had a sense of how we are doing financially compared to other Round Tables. Paige did not have that information and said he would follow up on it.

Secretary

The completed roster with term time frames was passed around. A few corrections were noted. Tracey suggested that we do not track committee members contact information and maintain only officer and chair information. Carol will update the roster following Midwinter.

Carol reminded Committee Chairs and Discussion Group Coordinators to get their Committee minutes and Discussion Summaries to Steve Rogers by Feb. 10 for inclusion in the February issue of *base line*.

Committee Chairs were reminded to post meeting minutes to MAGIRT's ALA Connect page. It was noted that discussion groups do not have folders assigned in the Files section of ALA Connect. The GIS Discussion Group and Map Collection Management Discussion Group both have Communities in ALA Connect and it was suggested that one be pursued for the MAGIRT/ALCTS CAMMS Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group. Marc asked about the difference between an ALA Connect Community and the LibGuide. The LibGuide is seen as an outward facing reference tool for groups to "publish" information they feel is helpful to those in the profession. The ALA Connect Community is seen as a working area that is ALA-

specific and which can be used for discussion.

Committee/Discussion Group Reports

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee – Hallie Pritchett

Informal meeting @ Midwinter

Manual review and adoption as a discussion item.

Cataloging & Classification Committee – Susan Moore (Susan was absent so Paige reported for the group.)

Met Sunday, January 27: 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC) SHER-Jefferson (SHER= Sheraton Seattle (Co-Headquarters Hotel))

Over the past year CCC members have been assisting the LC cooperative cataloging group with form genre headings. MAGIRT has also been contributing as part of the Relationship Designator Taskforce, though Paige reported that he is stepping down from that taskforce. Liaison reports were also shared at the meeting.

Education Committee – Vacancy

No meeting at Midwinter.

Wade Bishop has agreed to chair the committee.

GeoTech Committee – Greg March

No meeting at Midwinter.

Greg is currently chair but a search for a new chair is underway.

Membership & Marketing Committee – John Ridener

Met Sunday, January 27: 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Membership Report will be posted on ALA Connect. Membership numbers are down to 299 in Dec 2012 from 316 in Dec 2011. The good news is that MAGIRT has doubled the number of new members from this time last year from 6 to 12. In the upcoming year, we can see what kind of impact the new MAGIRT social media strategy has on our membership.

New displays have been purchased as well as a table drape. These will be used at ALA Annual and the smaller table display can also be used for library school visits or at other conferences. Danielle will be in possession of these items so contact her if you need anything sent to you. A special thanks was given to Roger for his Illustrator skills. Tape measures for 2013 Annual Program have also been ordered. There are approximately 300 of them.

MAGIRT will serve as a beta tester for a templated brochure for Round Tables.

Promotional items for Chicago were discussed, including MAGIRT tube socks and sweat bands. For Philadelphia, pens with a pull out map were discussed with a MAGIRT logo on one side and a microbrewery/pub map on the other. Tracey has a friend that might be interested in making a map for this use.

John suggested that the size of MMC be reduced to 3 people since he feels that is all that is needed to do the job. He was the only committee member present at the meeting today. Hallie said that as chair that is at his discretion.

Nominations & Awards – Hallie Pritchett

Physical award: See Discussion Items.

Nominations & Awards Selection Procedures : See Discussion Items

Online Presence Oversight Committee – Tracey Hughes

Met on Saturday, January 26: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

LibGuide - Aiming for a soft rollout in February for the LibGuide. Tracey will send out the link to the LibGuide to the Executive Board so that group leaders can see how she handled the GIS Discussion Group's page.

Social media strategy – It should be a relatively easy process, which aggregates our social media posts so that public posts in ALA Connect are automatically pushed out to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. It is the responsibility of our groups to communicate with our members outside of the meeting minutes. The Committee will be looking for a few beta testers to make sure that the process is intuitive before sharing it with a wider audience.

Program Planning Committee (2013) – Tracey Hughes

Met Saturday, January 26: 1 - 1:30 or 1:45 (2013 Program)

2013 Program Planning Update - Committee members for 2013 are Tracey, Susan, Paige, Roger, John Ridener, and Kathleen. Printed materials distribution status (50 postcards on the floor via Danielle).

Program Planning Committee (2014) – Kathleen Weessies

Met Saturday, January 26: 1:30/1:45 - 2:30 p.m. (2014 Program)

2014 Update – “The Accidental Map Librarian”

Intended audience includes those who are forced into the role, as well as those in public libraries who have small map collections. These collections are basically ignored because no one knows what to do with them. The program will cover how to care for them properly and how to use them to further institutional goals.

It will not just cover paper maps but electronic resources as well. Kathy and Marcy have agreed to help plan so far. Kathleen would like to field online discussions in ALA Connect asking for “tips and tricks” for map librarians as well as start to gather stories of people who have been thrown into this role.

Publications Committee – Roger Knouff

No meeting at Midwinter

GIS Discussion Group – Tracey for Angela Lee

Met Saturday, January 26: 8:30 – 10 a.m.: MAGIRT/GODORT
GIS Discussion Group

Topic was geospatial matters and government information/data.

There were over 30 people there and the combined group was well received. There may be an online discussion scheduled between now and Annual.

Education for Geospatial Librarians was suggested as a possible topic for the future.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group – Marcy Bidney

Met Saturday, January 26: 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Map Collection
Management Discussion Group

There were slightly fewer attendees than the GIS Discussion Group. Good discussion on how to handle off-site storage of maps as well as what to do with a map collection that was suddenly thrust into your lap.

MAGIRT/ALCTS CAMMS Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group - Marc McGee

Met Sunday, January 27: 8:30 – 10 a.m.: ALCTS/MAGIRT/
CaMMS Interest Group

16 people attended.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Call for New Business Items

Discussion Items

2013 Annual Chicago Social Event & Awards Ceremony – Kathleen
Annual Awards Dinner at Maggiano’s Family style dinner (40
people) would be \$2,200. The beer and wine package would be an
additional \$1,100. Kathleen was asked to look into whether there
would be a discount if we held the event on a Sunday night.

Social event - Several outings were discussed including a
possible day trip to the American Geographical Society Library in
Milwaukee. It would have to be a coordinated train outing costing
\$24 each way + dinner. Other options include Northwestern and
the Newberry but transportation needs to be explored further.
Kathleen was asked to write up the pros, cons, and costs of the
current options and other ideas are still being welcomed.

Finances – Paige

Budget for 2013/2014 FY

Proposed 2013/2014 Budget was sent out by Paige prior to the
meeting. The main item still under discussion is the \$500 figure
in the Transportation line item, which came from MAGIRT’s
Emerging Leader donation. It was decided that line 5560
Organizational Support/Contributions would be used for that
purpose in the future, with the addition of a clear explanation of
what that line can be used for. Also, Miscellaneous Expenses is to
be set at \$0 with the explanation that it is only to be used as a last
resort.

Hallie moved to approved the document pending changes and

Marcy seconded.

Budget proposal approved.

MAGIRT Manual – Hallie

The latest revisions were posted as “Draft 4” in ALA Connect prior to the meeting.

Summary of changes include:

- Awards section updated - Clarification of eligibility and award type. It was noted that it should be made clear that the preference was to give one award unless there are exceptional circumstances for two awards. Also, there should be enough flexibility so that an Award does not have to be given every year. Suggested wording “MAGIRT Honors Award may be presented annually.” Official nomination procedures for the award were also outlined.
- MAGIRT Past Chair duties were clarified.
- Candidates for leadership positions and committee chairs were fleshed out regarding qualifications and how recommendations occur.
- Program Planning Committee charge still needs to be updated but at this time the Manual reflects current practices.
- Archives discussion tabled until after Midwinter so that Hallie can see what other Round Tables are sending into the Archives.
- “Governance” to be changed to “Policy and Procedures” on the Web site and will include the Bylaws, Organizational Manual, Timeline/Calendar, and other such documents. Documents for the whole of MAGIRT.
- Suggested addition that the MAGIRT/ALCTS CAMMS Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group Coordinator needs to report to ALCTS and to MAGIRT via *base line* - Marc will send some documentation to Hallie. Tracey noted that there is a lot of confusion and miscommunication about who is responsible for this discussion group.

- More research is needed so that it can be resolved and clarified.
- Title of the document should clearly reflect the revision dates and when it was last approved. Future iterations may include a revision date for each section.
- Tracey also wants it to be clear in the introduction that it is a living document.

Tracey made the motion to approve some of the changes with an expected second revision done at the Feb board meeting. Carol seconded. Board approved.

Tracey asked that the Bylaws also be reviewed before Annual.

Physical Award

The Board voted to move forward with the plaque award with attached glass globe. Hallie will put together a template of what it will look like.

CUAC Update

Marcy will continue to be the Joint GODORT/MAGIRT representative until 2014. At the last CUAC meeting it was decided that if nothing happened with CUAC in the next year they will start discussions on the disbanding of CUAC. Marcy expects those discussions to start taking place at the April meeting.

Announcements

Annual 2013 Scheduling

RDA program inputted in the system. Won't know for some time when it will actually be scheduled but the two times submitted are for Saturday with first choice time at 1 – 2:30 p.m., and 2nd choice time of 8:30 – 10 a.m. These are the only two time slots more than an hour.

Poster session inputted into the system. Some questions about how it will work as a lunch due to the limitations of scheduling with the new system, but we are waiting to hear from Danielle about how that can/might work.

Meetings for Annual 2013 must be scheduled by March 1, 2013.

MAGIRT Hotel for Seattle and Chicago

Seattle: SpringHill Suites, 1800 Yale Avenue, Seattle, Washington
98101, 1-206-254-0500, Fax: 1-206-254-0990

Chicago: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E North Water
St, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-464-100

Note: Others may be staying elsewhere due to price and other
considerations.

Next Exec Board Meeting Dates

Mon, Feb 25, 2013 1 p.m. MST
Mon, Apr 8, 2013 1 p.m. MST
Mon, Jun 17, 2013 1 p.m. MST

Adjournment 

New Online Resource Guide Available

MAGIRT members have been hard at work creating an online resource guide for the geospatial librarianship world. The information is free for you to use on topics ranging from geospatial data, geospatial technologies, a professional development toolkit, and recent MAGIRT activities on these subjects.

Check it out at <http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/resources>

MAGIRT contracted with the popular LibGuides platform by Springshare. The goal is for this guide to be useful to the profession. We invite your input and your proposals for future MAGIRT Libguides, because it is you that will make it the best resource it can be.

Kathleen Weessies
Vice-Chair
Map and Geospatial Information Round Table

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR
ALA MIDWINTER MEETING • JANUARY 2013**

This mid-year report covers the time period of September 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012. I have not received Performance Reports (budget) from ALA for either December 2012 or January 2013.

I reported at our January 16, 2013 Executive Board Meeting that we had a balance total of \$28,954, a figure based on the October 2012 Performance Report. This figure is now \$34,446* based on the November 2012 Performance Report. Total revenues for the period were \$1,943, primarily from personal dues, but also including \$160 from book sales. Dues income is down \$346 from this time a year ago (Nov. 2011 was \$2,289).

Total expenses for the period were \$694, representing \$23 in banking fees, \$500 in transportation (monies we donated to the ALA Emerging Leaders Program) and \$179 in “overhead,” less \$8 credit for order processing (books).

TOTAL INCOME\$1,943
TOTAL EXPENSES\$694

Current 3-month balance.....\$1,249 (positive balance)

Total Net Assets as of Nov. 30, 2012.....\$34,446

I look forward to delivering a final Proposed Budget for 2013-2014 to you for adoption at the Executive Board Meeting on January 27, 2013 in Seattle at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. I appreciate everyone’s efforts towards creating our own budget for the first time in several years, and providing feedback to me as I sent out emails or during meetings held in the past six months.

Paige G. Andrew
Treasurer, MAGIRT

*Note: I discovered that the reason for the large discrepancy in a one-month period regarding total Net Assets is due to ALA accounting practices and timelines on their end. We should expect to continue to see this “jump” from the October and November Performance Reports each year. 🌐🌐

MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2013
1 p.m. MST
Virtual Meeting via Skype

In Attendance: Tracey Hughes (Chair), Hallie Pritchett, Kathleen Weessies, John Ridener, Paige Andrew, Carol McAuliffe, Susan Moore, Marcy Bidney, Roger Knouff, Kathy Weimer, Marc McGee

Absent: Colleen Cahill, Wade Bishop, Angela Lee, Beth Cox

Call to Order

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2013: Paige suggested a few minor changes. Minutes approved with the suggested changes.

Officer Reports

Chair

Update on creation of communities around discussion groups in ALA Connect.

- Map Collection – Marcy, has admin rights
- Map Cataloging – Marc, has admin rights
- GIS Discussion – Angie rights are pending

Census Data Challenge – Marcy, as the GODORT liaison, and Tracey have been in touch with chair of GODORT about the concern that historic census data is not going to be maintained in an accessible format. GODORT’s Legislative Chair is going to be pulled into the conversation and both groups’ ALA consultants are working together. The discussion is ongoing but nothing else to report at the moment.

Vice Chair

2013 Annual Conference Social Event, Awards Ceremony & Hotel:
See Discussion Item.

Emerging Leader Update: She is now actively embedded in her project and looking ahead at how her MAGIRT participation will take form. Kathleen will ask her to report on her project to Exec Board I or II for Annual in June.

Past Chair

Manual Updates since adoption: *See Discussion Item*

Nominations Reminder: Paige and Beth nominations are in order for the ALA Election. John's business endeavor will take him away from a leadership role in MMC so we will be looking for a new chair.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report is attached at the end of the minutes. Paige commented that there is still a question regarding where the \$40 income for a "subscription" actually came from. Hallie said that it is possible someone is still paying for *base line*. Paige will trace where it came from with Danielle.

Secretary

Process for changes to roster (to be included in Org. Manual)

- What information needs to be in the official roster? Does the official roster have to include people who are on the committees or is that information individual chairs should keep?
 - The official roster will only have the Officers, Committee Chairs, Discussion Group Coordinators, Representatives and Liaisons. Committee members will be kept separately on a list for Danielle and be listed on the Committee's Web page.
- Can the Web page act as the official roster?
 - The Excel sheet is a better way to keep historical information so it will continue to act as the official roster.
- Do we still want people's FAX numbers or can emails be substituted?
 - FAX numbers are still useful so they will continue to be included.

- Carol will draft a procedure to be added to the Organizational Manual and will send it out before the next board meeting.

Committee/Discussion Group Reports:

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee – Hallie

Nothing to report.

Cataloging & Classification Committee – Susan Moore

Susan said that they are going to try and do some of their committee work prior to coming to the conference in Chicago so that they will have more time to talk about issues that have come up during the conference during their meeting time at Annual.

MAGIRT/CaMS Cartographic Cataloging Interest Group – Marc McGee

Requested the same time as usual for Annual. Discussion notes from Midwinter have been published in *base line*. The ALA Connect group is up and John has set him up with access to the LibGuide so that he can modify information there as well.

Education Committee – Wade Bishop (Not in attendance but will be at next Exec Board meeting. Tracey updated the Exec Board in his place.)

Webinars – First scheduled for March 18, 2013 via Adobe Connect – Presented by Hallie Pritchett on *The Care & Feeding of Maps*

Core Competencies – It is not expected that an update to the core competencies will be accomplished by fall, which is the deadline for his course. Instead, it will dovetail into Wade's work on creating a Geospatial Information Librarian course at UT, and will entail work of not just Education Committee members but from a broader scope of MAGIRT members and other geospatial professionals.

GeoTech Committee – Greg March

They had a meeting on Feb. 22.

Greg will not be in attendance at Annual. John Olson has agreed to chair the meeting in his place and Pete Reehling has agreed to step in as chair after the Chicago meeting.

Goal is to showcase the mapping of ALA membership at Annual via the RTCA and the Membership Pavilion if possible.

There are a few other initiatives in the works to try and attract new membership to the GeoTech Committee, including emailing various related listserves.

Membership & Marketing Committee – John Ridener

New MAGIRT members are now sent a welcome email with information on how to get involved with MAGIRT.

Since John is stepping down as chair of MMC, the new member Excel spreadsheet will be sent to Tracey monthly and then on to the MAGIRT Board until a new chair is found.

Kathleen suggested that we reconsider posting the new members' names in *base line*. Paige volunteered to send the names to base line to be published (next deadline for base line is April 10).

Nominations & Awards – Hallie Pritchett

Hallie will order the award soon and use the award that was decided upon during Midwinter with the wording that was agreed upon via email.

Paige said that if there is a problem with the award that we can revisit it after Annual.

Online Presence Oversight Committee – Tracey Hughes

Social media strategy – *See Discussion Items*

Program Planning Committee (2013) - Tracey

2013 Program Planning Update

- Committee members for 2013 are Tracey, Susan, Paige, Roger, John Ridener, and Kathleen.
- Publicity announcement has been written.
- All in order and moving forward on track!

Program Planning Committee (2014) - Kathleen

2014 Program Planning Update – “The Accidental Map Librarian”

- The committee is meeting tomorrow (2/27).
- In preparation, Kathleen made some videos on how to use Skype and they have been sent out via email. Kathleen will post the links to the videos in ALAConnect.
- Paige asked to be included in future meetings so that he can learn about the process.

Publications Committee – Roger

The committee is weighing the options of assigning a new distribution manager or letting ALA handle distribution of MAGIRT publications. There is less profit for MAGIRT going through ALA but it is less of a hassle as well. Hallie suggested that maybe this is a chance to make older publications available online. The Publications Committee will explore the option of putting those publications either in the LibGuide or on the MAGIRT Publications Web page.

Kathleen reported that we are completely out of Cartographic Citations at the moment so a decision needs to be made soon. A possible “stopgap measure” would be to have a small number printed up quickly at a higher cost but the quote is still pending. Roger will follow up with Danielle.

Jim will continue to do the comic for *base line* as an “invited contributor.”

GIS Discussion Group – Angela Lee

Joint discussion group with GODORT will be scheduled for Saturday morning at Annual.

Topic was geospatial matters and government information/data.

Potential topic would be education for geospatial librarians

Map Collection Management Discussion Group – Marcy Bidney

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Call for New Business Items

Discussion Items

Finances (Paige)

Budget mapping document

- 4410 Subscription – Since we are still generating income from subscriptions, we are not going to remove it at this time.
- 5309 AV Equipment and Labor – Danielle said that we should expect to continue to have an expense under this category but that it may go down in the future.
- 5433 ORDER PROCESSING/FULFILLMENT – Pending more information.
- 5560 ORGANIZATION SUPPORT/CONTRIBUTION - Wording approved “Used to track donations to ALA in support of such programs as the Emerging Leaders or Spectrum Scholarship.”

Spectrum Scholarship (Tracey)

MAGIRT donated \$500 in 2011 or 2012. All donors at or below \$500 are recognized in the ALA Annual Report, which comes out once a year. A press release is done for any donation over \$500, and this happens shortly after the donation is made.

Do we want to donate again for 2013?

- Board agreed that yes, we want to donate again.

How much do we want to donate?

- \$750 was decided upon. Tracey will communicate this to Danielle so that she can process the donation.

Social Media Strategy (Tracey/Kathleen)

The process at this time is to:

- 1) Create a new announcement (in ALAConnect)
- 2) Make it “Public”
- 3) It then goes to the rest of ALAConnect, the MAGIRT Web page, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Hootsuite is running in the background.

Kathleen reminded everyone that it should not be used for chit chat. Tracey said it should be used to show that we are we are active and doing things.

Kathleen said that she would like to see more “retweeting” of activities from MAGIRT members.

Paige said that any examples that can be provided would help him to understand what kind of announcements are needed and wanted. Examples include press releases, agendas, good resources, and discussion topics.

Tracey asked that everyone make a public announcement of their meetings before the next board meeting — especially if they will be having a virtual meeting.

MAGIRT Manual Updates (Hallie)

Awards Section

- No nominations / no awards clause and a change in the criteria.

Section 13 – Contact Information

- Covers mailing lists, where the archives for the mailing lists are as well as how to unsubscribe from them.

Archives will be covered in more detail in future updates.

Each section now has a revision history date which will make it easier to track as we change things.

Section 9 – Finances.

- Hallie will work with Paige to review and revise this section.
- Question: Will it include a link to the budget mapping document?
 - Paige agreed that would be very helpful to make it easily accessible for future use.

- Tracey asked that they take a closer look at the calendar in that section to make sure that it is really what happens and whether or not it should be included in the Manual.

Webmaster

- Currently no job description for a Webmaster. Tracey does not feel like the position should be kept in Publications. Ideas for how the position should be structured should be sent to Hallie and the board can have an email discussion about the proposed changes.

base line editor and distribution manager

- Currently no job descriptions. Is this the Publications Committee's responsibility or does this need to be in the Manual? It was decided that this will stay with the Publications Committee.

A/V Coordinator

- No longer active and will be stricken from the Manual.

Manual changes to Section 11 (Awards) and Section 13 (Contact Information) as Hallie has implemented them was approved.

Charge of the Program Planning Committee, the Representatives and Liaison Section, the Finances Section, the Webmaster description, the Archives Section, and the Secretarial Duties section will be discussed and updated at a later date.

2013 Annual Conference Social Event & Awards Ceremony (Kathleen)

Ackerman will lead a Newberry Tour on Friday afternoon.

Awards Ceremony dinner at Maggiano's on Saturday night – MAGIRT pays for this.

Kathleen will also publish a list of suggested side trips. Marcy invited anyone who was interested to visit the AGS Library but to please give her advance notice that you are coming and check to see if your trip can be coordinated with others.

Announcements

Annual 2013 Scheduling

RDA program input into the system. Won't know for some time when it will actually be scheduled but the two times submitted are for Saturday as first choice with time at 1 – 2:30 p.m., and 2nd choice time of 8:30 – 10 a.m. These are the only two time slots of more than an hour.

Meetings for Annual 2013 will be scheduled 2/25.

WIPO Resolution endorsed by MAGIRT (Web accessibility)

MAGIRT Hotel for Chicago

Chicago: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E North Water St,
Chicago, IL 60611 312-464-1000

- Note: This is *very loosely* a MAGIRT hotel since others may be staying elsewhere due to price and other considerations.

Next Exec Board Meeting Dates:

Mon, Apr 8, 2013	1 p.m. MST
Mon, Jun 17, 2013	1 p.m. MST

Adjournment

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR
FEB. 25, 2013 EXEC. BOARD MEETING**

Following is a summary Treasurer's Report for today's meeting, based on the latest Performance Report that I have, which is December 2012.

INCOME

Beginning balance (\$33,197)

Dues	\$2381
Book Sales	\$306
*Subscriptions	\$40
Subtotal	\$2727
	-\$18 (credit on book sales)
Total	\$2709

EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$36
Transportation	\$500
Order Processing	-\$12 (credit on something)
Subtotal	\$524
IUT Repro Ctr.	\$56
IUT Overhead	\$239
Total	\$819
Current balance	\$35,087

*I do not know what the subscription income is specifically for but will ask Danielle to find out and share with us. This will also help finalize our MAGIRT Budget Mapping document for this particular line item.

Submitted by,

Paige Andrew
MAGIRT Treasurer 

Reports from *Virtual Board &* Committee Meetings

MAGIRT GeoTech Committee - Meeting Minutes *Virtual Meeting #1 (via Skype)* Thursday, October 25, 2012 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT

1. Introductions
2. Acceptance/modification of agenda
3. Present at the meeting were Gregory March (chair), Chris Kollen, Joy Suh, Angela Lee, Pete Reehling, and Kathleen Weessies.
4. Announcements
 - Angela Lee – New GIS Discussion Group Leader.
 - Chris Kollen has volunteered to manage GeoTech content contributions to the new MAGIRT LibGuide.
 - Current chair made call for New MAGIRT GeoTech chair beginning after Annual 2013 Conference.
 - Kathleen Weessies noted that it has been difficult to find an official definition for the term “GIS-Lite.”
5. Subcommittee Reports/Project Updates and Discussion
 - * All current subcommittee work could contribute to the new MAGIRT GIS LibGuide.*

Items 1-8 from Action Plan Document:

1. Provide comment on ALA Connect about how your institution, or institutions you know, are working with geospatial data and institutional repositories and/or state geospatial data portals (All Members). Contributions from group members into the new MAGIRT GIS LibGuide could help accomplish this. Work that Chris, Cynthia, Joy, and Angie have done on Spatial Data Catalogs could contribute to this topic.

2/3. Map-Like Apps and Geotech Documents (Greg). Integrate into new LibGuide

4. Web Based Spatial Data Catalogs (Chris and Cynthia). Will give a final report at November meeting.

5. Membership Strategies (Greg and Kim). The chair proposed that this subcommittee be eliminated. The Committee members agreed. The following was proposed by the chair:

- Planning a meeting focused on membership at Annual 2013. Advertise GeoTech to other groups.
- Have a targeted discussion or have a guest speaker come in that would draw from other parts of ALA? Maybe a speaker from LITA or another division that makes sense?
- Focus on preparing and making the GeoTech LibGuide section more robust with contribution from all active subcommittees.
- Advertise the GeoTech LibGuide. Maybe do some Webinars to attract new members.

6. GIS in the Humanities (John Olson). The latest is there are two new volunteers that have asked to help, and David Allen and Kathy Weimer are also interested.

7. GIS Librarian Core Competencies (Chris and Kathy). Chris will have an update at November meeting.

8. The Membership Mapping Task Force (Pete, Richard, Angie, Greg). Pete and Richard are currently working on mapping ALA Membership. Here is a URL <http://arcweb.forest.usf.edu/flex/ALA/> showing current progress. The task force is setting up a meeting at the end of October.

6. Future Discussion Topics/Next Steps (follow-up from item #5 on Action Plan)

The group discussed better ways to attract new members into the GeoTech Committee:

- Advertise through the new MAGIRT LibGuide, MAGIRT Facebook page, use Twitter, and also use ALA Connect. This should attract new members to join the next meeting, which will be held at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting. 

MAGIRT GeoTech Committee
Virtual Meeting #2 (via Skype)
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT

1. Introductions
2. Acceptance/modification of agenda
3. Present at the meeting were Gregory March (chair), Chris Kollen, Joy Suh, Angela Lee, Pete Reehling, Kathleen Weessies, T. Wangyal Shawa, John Olson, and Bruce Godfrey.
4. Spatial Data Catalog Subcommittee – Final Report Given (Chris Kollen – chair, Cynthia Dietz, Angela Lee, and Joy Suh). A final report was given that generated some discussion.
5. Brief Subcommittee Reports/Project Updates
No updates since previous meeting.
6. Further discussion for better ways to attract new members into the GeoTech Committee:
Ideas discussed at meeting for ALA Annual in Chicago, Ill.:
 - Advertise through the new MAGIRT LibGuide, MAGIRT Facebook page, use Twitter
 - Create a “Opportunities for New Members” Web page on MAGIRT Utilize ALA Connect
 - Attract members from ACRL Numeric Spatial Data Discussion Group, Federal and Armed Forces, GODORT. 

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR APRIL 8, 2013 EXEC BOARD MEETING

Following is a summary Treasurer’s Report for the April 8, 2013 MAGIRT Executive Board meeting, based on the latest Performance Report that I have, which is February 2013.

Beginning Balance = \$33,197

INCOME

Dues	\$3513
Book Sales	\$406
Subscriptions	\$40
	<u>\$-18 (credit on book sales)</u>
Subtotal	\$3941
Donations	<u>\$1750</u>
Total	\$5691

EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$88
Transportation	\$500
<u>IUT Repro Ctr.</u>	<u>56</u>
Subtotal	\$644
Less Order Processing/ <u>Fulfill (Debit)</u>	<u>\$14</u>
Total	\$630
Subtotal balance of Income minus Expenses	\$38,258
Less Overhead/Taxes	<u>\$352</u>
Current balance	\$37,906

**keep in mind that MAGIRT’s largest annual expenses are still ahead of us, and that is related to activities held at the ALA Annual Conference.

Most recent financial activity includes an increase in dues income due to folks re-newing membership or joining MAGIRT, an increase of \$100 in book sales since January, and receipt of some sponsorship monies to help offset upcoming annual conference expenses. On the expenses side, just a reminder that the \$500 under “Transportation” was our donation to the Emerging Leaders program, which is going towards assisting Jessica Clemons in her expenses related to attending the annual conference. No surprises here for this period of the fiscal year, we will see action on the expenses side leading up to and immediately after the 2013 annual conference.

Paige Andrew
MAGIRT Treasurer 

**New Maps and Cartographic Materials,
Along with Other Items of Interest**
David J. Bertuca, Map Librarian
University at Buffalo Libraries Map Collection

April showers of cartographic curiosities / and bits of news to add to the rain / and bring us blooms of May splendor / in colorful cartographic contrivances. Poetry aside, so much is being published and produced in the map universe that it is hard to select a few items, but time and space are limited, so I will be brief. My list of things, which I don't include, is many times larger than what I do keep here, but I hope that you will find what I will say to be useful to your collection and patrons.

Map Quote

“A map does not just chart, it unlocks and formulates meaning; it forms bridges between here and there, between disparate ideas that we did not know were previously connected.”—Reif Larsen, *The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet*

Cool Carto Item

Talking Tactile Globe

<http://touchgraphics.com/research/ttglobe/ttglobe.html>



Here is an interesting technological use that may fill a few needs — as a gift, a teaching device, or as a display item. Currently in development, the Talking Tactile Globe (TTG) is an audio-tactile interactive map of the world:

“Users will experience this globe by looking, listening and touching. The colorful

plastic sphere will include tactile markings to indicate landmasses, cities, rivers, mountain ranges, and bodies of water, so that visually impaired readers can perceive the world in its actual form. Double-tapping any location with a finger will cause that place's name to be spoken aloud, and additional taps in the same spot will reveal more information.”—Product description

This 8-inch diameter globe has a projected retail price of \$399. The globe may be useful for persons with vision impairment or who have reading disabilities.

While you are viewing the Touch Graphics site, take a look at some of the adaptive tools that they produce, including tactile tablets, braille keyboards, custom tactile maps and braille products, among other items.

Atlas

Jensen, Darin; Roy, Molly; and Jaffe, Kaitlin. *Food: an Atlas*. Oakland, CA: Guerrilla Cartography, 2013 (ISBN: 9780988427204). 172 p.: ill. (chiefly col.), col. maps; 31 x 31 cm. (Details at <http://guerrillacartography.net/>)



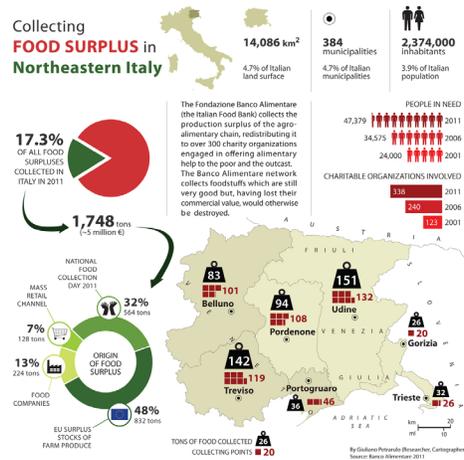
People have always been involved in data gathering for mapping, since early maps were being drawn. Sailors and explorers made measurements, drawings, and observations as they traveled, that were later employed by cartographers to produce more accurate maps.

Later, government agencies began to rely on citizen-volunteers to gather data; consider the NWS volunteer weather data corps.

So crowd-sourcing isn't new but with universal networking it is now a major power for performing research and for gathering raw data in a short time, with

little effort, and with an enthusiastic workforce.

Crowd-sourcing as a data collection network is becoming standard in public health, where agencies have paid staff to monitor social networks for quantifiable statistics on disease, disaster effects, and other variables. Such data collection has never been available so readily, so ubiquitously, nor so generally across any population.



Social networks and user-driven research data have some weaknesses, and yet useable data is being generated and collected that can be assembled into understandable real results.

Food: An Atlas is a partly crowd-sourced and crowd-funded collaborative project that is a model of the potential of this concept. Social networks were used to obtain collaborators and support, as well as to gain volunteer data collection. It shows a wide range of food-related topics in America and the world.

The collaborative effort by over 100 cartographers creates an interesting concept for the Atlas from start to finish, with every step being made for the benefit of the world at large. The public was invited to participate in gathering data, offering comments, and in providing funds to help publish the work. “All proceeds from the sale of this atlas are donated to a food-related non-profit voted by the collaborators to be the beneficiary of their creative and scholarly work.”—Web site

Included in the Atlas are maps showing a variety of themes, from farmer’s market systems in the U.S., regional crop growing by cooperatives, networks of food marketing systems, and other topics. The maps are creative and well-drawn, with short supporting text and data.

From the publisher’s description, here are some of the map themes: Meat production in Maryland; the International almond trade; Taco trucks in California.

To better describe this atlas, here is a sampling of some of the maps:

- “Harvesting the World” — a series of world maps showing food production by half-century from 1700 to 2000
- “Grain Necessities” — a map of India that shows food grain production by type and state for 2010-2011
- “Fungus Among US” — a US map pinpointing all the mushroom farms in America, color-coded by type of mushroom
- “Made in the Shade: Bird Friendly Coffee” — three maps and an index map on one page showing location and amount of coffee produced under “Bird Friendly” (BFC) certification programs
- “The Garden City, Los Angeles, 1940” — shows areas of LA that had farm production, by category (e.g., Tree crops, Dairy)
- “Food Production in New York City” — the five boroughs shown with quantity of farms indicated by color and type (e.g., Rooftop farm)
- “Threats to Indigenous Food Traditions in North America” — map with text on each location, stating the native food and threats to its existence
- “Securing Food and Frontiers in Okinawa, Japan” — flora map, with ancillaries for soil and other factors, with emphasis on maintaining food production and supply sources
- “Everyday Eating of the Eastern Mediterranean” — six maps showing consumption of common items, such as grape leaves, anise liquor, octopus, and others

Maps cover topics at a variety of levels, from local, regional, to global. Main sections organize the maps by theme, with the following chapters: Food production, Food distribution, Food security, Food exploration, and Food identities. There are also references to maps, lists of sponsors and funders (backers) and a world map showing where collaborators and backers live.

The Atlas project was started by Darin Jensen, a cartography professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He sent out invitations to contribute data, ideas, maps, and then coordinated an editorial team of cartographers and others, to compile data and to assemble and analyze it, and to produce maps based on this data.

Jensen’s concept is to promote discussion about food systems and to “...enlighten us about humanity’s relationship with food.” The plan is to expand this initial atlas with more maps in the future, to continue the dialogue on food.

The Atlas is a very interesting work and the creative cartography provides a diverse set of images and ideas that demonstrate aesthetic talent with practical application. This work would be at home in any library, for any audience. The materials are thought provoking and awareness-raising. This book should be seen by everyone. *Tell all your friends....*

Websites

Natural Hazards

http://www.usgs.gov/natural_hazards/

Natural disasters annually cause damage and loss in the United States. “The USGS works with many partners to monitor, assess, and conduct targeted research on a wide range of natural hazards so that policymakers and the public have the understanding they need to enhance preparedness, response and resilience.”

This USGS website contains maps and data, arranged by disaster type, with links to a wide range of materials for use by researchers, planners, students, and the general public. Resources include current/dynamic data feeds, maps of events and predictions, historic maps, and data for use in GIS.

The goal of this site is to provide current and historic data for use in disaster planning, mitigation and prediction programs, and for research. It also works to raise awareness and understanding of the natural hazards and their potential for destruction.

For disaster preparedness in general, this site should be used in conjunction with FEMA and NOAA resources. These other Web sites have resources that are designed for the general public and will be better for their main needs.

The Natural Hazards website will suit the needs of educators and students from high-school through college, as well as for professionals in a wide range of disciplines. Maps, data, and documents provide the data and information needed to research and apply knowledge for all aspects of disaster study and management.

Food Environment Atlas

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas/#UWRqCTd7i9I>

USDA

Economic Research Service (ERS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Food Environment Atlas. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx>

Food in America. It is a topic that is critical to our nation in many ways. This online atlas provides a wealth of resources for study at all levels. Included are resources on topics that include food environment factors, such as store/restaurant proximity, food prices, food and nutrition assistance programs, and community characteristics.

The Atlas provides statistics on food environment indicators “to stimulate

research on the determinants of food choices and diet quality, and to provide a spatial overview of a community’s ability to access healthy food and its success in doing so.”

Data are aggregated into an Excel spreadsheet for easy access. The following data sets are included:

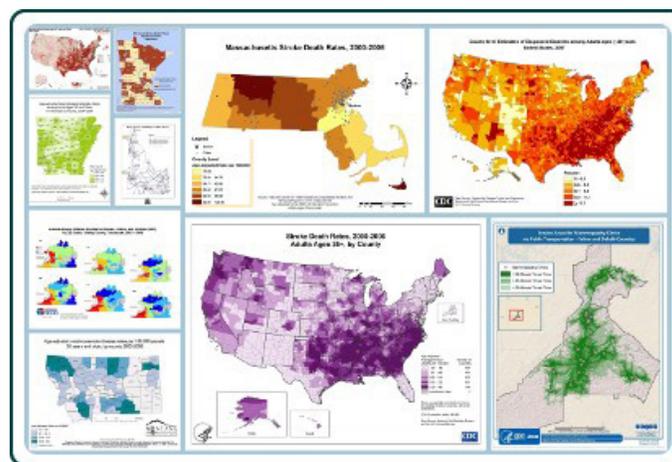
- **Food Choices** — Community access to food, grocery store availability and numbers, restaurants; food prices, expenditures, and taxes
- **Health and Well-Being** — Community success in maintaining healthy diets, food security; diabetes and obesity rates; and physical activity levels
- **Community Characteristics** — Community characteristics that might influence the food environment, including: demographics, income and poverty, and recreation/fitness centers.

The Atlas covers over 160 indicators. Users can create maps on single or multiple indicators with the basic map showing statistics by county, with the ability to view these indicators for a selected county. The user can zoom in/out and download or print the map. Data sets can be downloaded in Excel format for further analysis and use.

The data on this site can be used by students from high-school through adult learner, and by professionals who need data for analysis and GIS applications.

Chronic Disease GIS Exchange

<http://www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/maps/gisx/>



In a similar vein, this site covers chronic disease data. It’s designed for “public health managers, community leaders, GIS users, epidemiologists, and others interested in using GIS to prevent heart disease, stroke, and other chronic diseases.”— About page

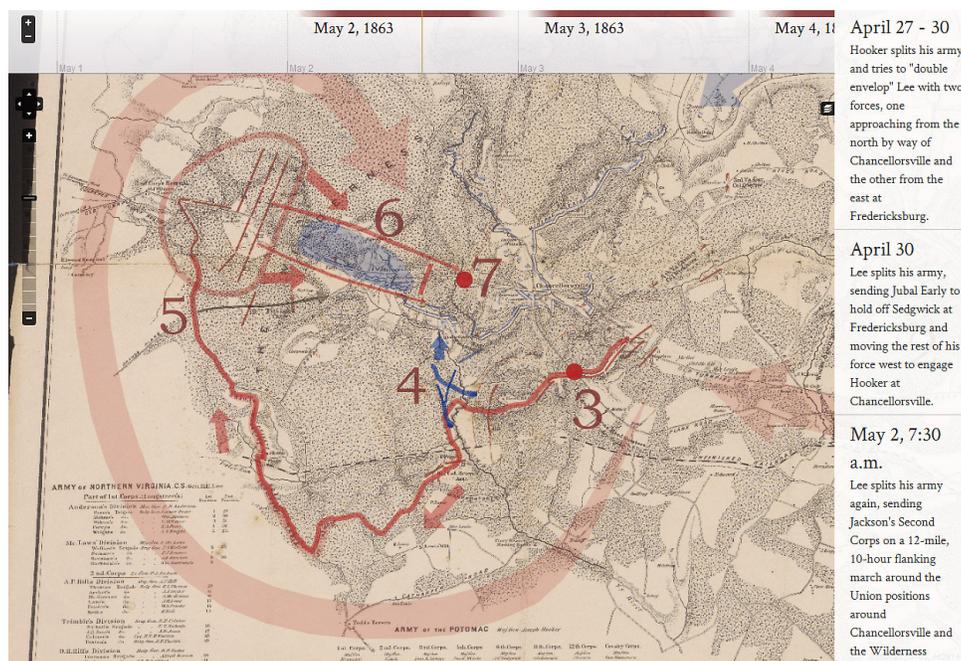
The site has as part of its design, the goal of providing “...a forum for sharing

specific examples, ideas and techniques for using GIS to document geographic disparities, inform policy and program development, and build partnerships; thereby contributing in a powerful way to prevent heart disease, stroke, and other chronic diseases.”

The examples will be useful for students and educators looking for ideas on GIS visualizations and techniques for delivering data in different ways. It will appeal to both GIS-specific professionals, as well as to those who need to understand GIS enough to provide liaison links between professionals and administrators.

Neatline: Plot Your Course in Space & Time

<http://neatline.org/>



Neatline is a software application that helps you to integrate maps and other materials so that you can build an online chronology of an event or events. The maps can be annotated with text, images, links, and other materials to make a richer experience for the learner.

The software is designed as a suite of add-on tools for the Omeka platform. The developer can custom-design visual exhibits of data and document facsimiles that enhance their topic. Neatline was developed by the [Scholars' Lab](#) at the University of Virginia Library, with support from the University of Virginia Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Library of Congress.

The software was designed especially with humanities studies in mind. It allows for integration of a wide variety of thematic materials to be displayed so that the

example is how Hawaii is handling their data for the future.

This repository contains GIS mapping efforts that have digitized the state's current agricultural activity. The data is a 2012 snapshot of where, and what kind of, farming is occurring and will be used as a baseline upon which future studies can be based.

I've included this site as a model to see how other repositories are being developed.

TV Food Maps

<http://www.tvfoodmaps.com/>



So, if you watch food shows and they visit a restaurant in Albuquerque, would you like to be able to find these restaurants in real life? Using this Web site, you find the places you see on from shows on Food Network, Travel Channel & more!

Using both a graphic and text interface, you can search for restaurants by name, TV show, etc., or just browse restaurants by state or TV show. You will get a location and information on getting to the restaurant and map/instructions and links so that you can plan ahead.

I'm a Geo Nerd

<http://pinterest.com/kkinniburgh/i-m-a-geo-nerd/>

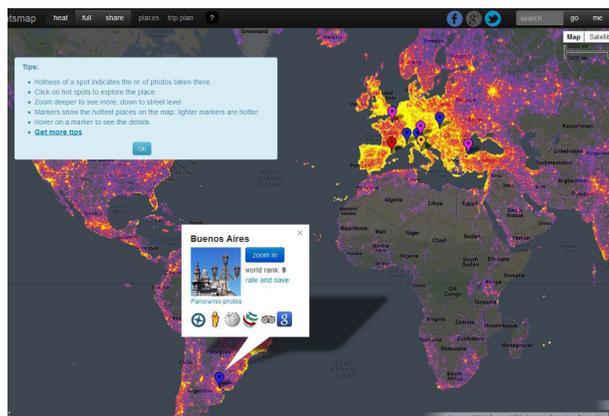
So, do you have a passion for anything cartographic? Are you looking for a swimsuit with a map on it for the summer? This photo collection contains images showing maps and map-themed items that are everywhere around us. See clothing, cars, furniture and drapes, all with maps on them. Also see maps on people (tattoos) and images of things relating to maps (with cites to articles). It's a cartophile's dream come true and a great place for getting ideas on what to do

with those maps you don't know what to do with.

This site would appeal to art teachers and people interested in crafts looking for creative things to try.

Sightsmap

<http://www.sightsmap.com/>



Picture a world where you can see where people are taking photographs, then see what they are actually photographing. Start with a world map and see color concentrations indicating where photos are being shot. Then zoom in and you can click on regions or individual spots to see the photos themselves. The map goes down to street level and contains thousands of photographs, all labeled to assist in identifying the view.

This Web site can help students from grade school through adult in finding images of places and landmarks and the diversity of input (by everyone in the world) allows you to find unique photographs. It is also a good example of integrating a Google-map setup with photographs to provide a unique method for finding images when needed.

Foodsheds

I came upon this topic while updating my government data resources guide and went off into the world of food and maps. There is a healthy amount of data collection in food-related fields and the next few sites will be good to remember when asked for leads to such data.

What is a “foodshed”? The Cornell University Web site contained this simple description: “Though it may be unfamiliar, the term “foodshed” was used almost 80 years ago in a book entitled *How Great Cities Are Fed* (Hedden, 1929) to describe the flow of food from producer to consumer. Seven decades later, the term was used to describe a food system that connected local producers with

local consumers (Kloppenburg et al., 1996). In this project, the general definition of a foodshed is a geographic area that supplies a population center with food. However, the Mapping Local Food Systems Project focused specifically on *potential local* foodsheds, areas of nearby land that could *theoretically* provide part or all of a city's food needs (Peters, 2007).

What this means to us is that environmental and agricultural engineers, among others, have a good selection of data sources to use in GIS applications and for preparing studies in their geographic areas of concern.

The following sites provide this type of data, along with maps and other resources.

Exploring Food Production, Access, Health, and Equity with GIS

<https://wikis.uit.tufts.edu/confluence/display/GISatTufts/Food>

The page that I list here is a brief guide to relevant data and GIS Web sites in the food world. The page is organized by topic so that one may locate links readily for a variety of food-related activities.

Local Foodshed Mapping Tool for New York State (Cornell University Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences)

<http://css.cals.cornell.edu/extension/foodshed-mapping.cfm>

This page contains both data and maps on New York State's food production capacity and its ability to meet the food needs of the state's population centers. The Tool is an Internet map server that provides a means for interactively exploring results from this study.

In addition to data, the site is a repository for articles and research on New York's food concerns. The Web site is useful for college studies and for GIS professionals. It offers a diverse range of materials and services that will assist farmers, food producers and providers, and for food science professionals.

Conclusion

I look forward to the end of another semester — when we can spend more time catching up with the map world, our lives, and the world. Enjoy the rest of spring.

–DJB 

Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs

