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## FROM THE CHAIR

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I was delighted to see so many of you at Midwinter, including some of our newer members! Our meetings were well attended and productive. I was able to attend the Education and Map Collection Management meetings which are both busy groups! There is a lot going on with MAGIRT, and I encourage you to look for meeting minutes either elsewhere in this issue or on our ALA Connect site. Our Vice Chair, Louise Ratliff, organized a wonderful tour of the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library, led by curator Ron Grim. The tour was followed by our usual Dutch-treat dinner at Piattini. A special thanks to Kate Nyhan for assisting Louise with the planning.



The Executive Board's proposal to amend the by-laws and add the position of Assistant Treasurer to the elected positions was resoundingly approved by the membership. Past Chair Paige Andrew has put together a slate of candidates for our three officer positions: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary. We are close to filling the open chair and leader positions as well. We are always looking for volunteers, though, so please contact any of the board members if you are interested in becoming more involved!

Shortly before Midwinter, we found out that our Emerging Leaders proposal had been accepted. We have an enthusiastic group that will be working with Louise to design and implement an archiving program for MAGIRT using the American Library Association Institutional Repository (ALAIR). Our leaders are: Craig Boman, Melissa Stoner, Chelcie Rowell, and Harriet Wintermute. Stay tuned for more from them at and around Annual Conference.

Speaking of Annual, we have begun planning for Orlando. I am particularly excited to announce the pre-conference that we will be co-sponsoring with GODORT as a follow-up to one of our programs last year. Justin Joque and Angela Zoss, joined by Andy Rutkowski, will present a full day workshop, "Making Sense of Data through Visualization." The pre-conference program will be more hands-on than the program in San Francisco. Space is limited, so I encourage you to register as early as possible. Information will be posted on the MAGIRT website, ALA Connect, and the e-mail distribution list.

Conference planning at the ALA level has been moved back this year, so we will not have a preliminary schedule until late March or early April. As soon as we have this information, we will share it in all the usual places!

The MAGIRT Executive Board will meet online in April and June. These meetings are open to the membership. As the dates approach, I will post the agenda online. Please feel free to join us.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about MAGIRT, please feel free to contact me directly at [bcoc@lib.siu.edu](mailto:bcoc@lib.siu.edu), or e-mail the Executive Board at [magirtbd@lists.ala.org](mailto:magirtbd@lists.ala.org).



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# ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

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## **MAGIRT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC)**

ALA-Annual Conference - Boston : Sunday, January 10, 2016 10:30-11:30am

Carolyn Kadri, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 19 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Catherine Hodge, Nancy Kandoian, Tim Kiser, Dorothy McGarry, Iris Taylor, Tsering Wangyal Shawa, Jay Weitz, Tammy Wong, and Min Zhang.

**1. Call to order (Carolyn Kadri)**

**2. Welcome and introductions**

CCC members and guests introduced themselves.

**3. Membership (Carolyn Kadri)**

Carolyn welcomed two new members of CCC: Catherine Hodge, University of Iowa and Tim Kiser, Michigan State University.

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

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual, in June, 2015, were approved as published on page 5 of the August 2015 *base line*.

**5. ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group report (Iris Taylor)**

**ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Materials Cataloging Interest Group**

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston, MA – Sunday, January 10, 2016

- Marc McGee, Harvard Library, provided background information and updates on the Linked Data for Libraries Cartographic Materials project grant proposal. This sub-project of the Linked Data for Libraries: Linked Data for Production project explores best practices for creating linked data descriptions for library cartographic resources including printed maps, atlases, digital geospatial datasets, and other cartographic information resources.
- Ryan Mattke, University of Minnesota, discussed the CIC Geospatial Data Discovery Project, and its metadata creation process.

- Iris Taylor and Tammy Wong hosted a demo of LC's BIBFRAME Pilot Project. They welcome map community's input on the various fields and the design of the form for the BIBFRAME Editor. Please send your comments to: [itaylor@loc.gov](mailto:itaylor@loc.gov), [twon@loc.gov](mailto:twon@loc.gov), [stsu@loc.gov](mailto:stsu@loc.gov), or [mapcat@loc.gov](mailto:mapcat@loc.gov).

## 6. CC:DA report (Min Zhang)

The agenda includes reports from the Chair, Representative of the Library of Congress, ALA Representative to the RDA Steering Committee, CC:DA webmaster, PCC Liaison, Chair of the RSC, MAC Liaison, and ALA Publishing Services.

### RDA Governance and Name Changes

Various changes associated with RDA governance happened prior to the JSC's November meeting. This included making the Examples Editor an official (non-voting) member of the JSC and establishing a single representative for the United Kingdom (instead of the previous two representatives, one from CILIP and one from the BL).

At the close of the JSC meeting, the committee was renamed the RDA Steering Committee, and the Committee of Principals became the RDA Board. These name changes are reflected in the RSC's website, which is now at [www.rda-rsc.org](http://www.rda-rsc.org) (the old address redirects here). Future proposals and discussion papers will no longer use the 6JSC/... document numbering; instead, the new series will start RSC/....

A multi-year plan is in place to transition the RSC representation from the current JSC constituency model to a RSC regional community model. By 2019, this will result in having a single North American representative, instead of the current three: ALA, CCC, and LC. ALA will continue to have a representative to the RSC until the new North American representation model is finalized.

- Minutes of the 2015 Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 27 and 29, 2015 : <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/min201506.pdf>
- Chair's report — After Annual 2015, CC:DA voted to approve five RDA revision proposals and one discussion paper originally discussed at that meeting and subsequently revised. <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CCDAChair2015-201602.pdf>
- Report of the LC representative, January 2016 : <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/LC-2016-01.pdf>
- CC:DA agenda: <http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/?p=2504>

## 7. LC Geography and Map Division report (Min Zhang)

### Geography and Map Division (G&M)

A total of 43,395 cartographic items were acquired by the Geography and Map Division (G&M) including 38,937 maps, 1,123 atlases, 3,096 geospatial data files, and 235 publications. These were acquired through government transfers, government deposits, the Department of State's Federal Map Procurement Program (FMPP), copyright deposits, donations, and purchases.

During the past year, G&M acquired the three remaining items associated with Johannes Schöner's portfolio that originally contained Martin Waldseemüller's 1507 *Universalis cosmographiae*, which the Library obtained in 2003. These new items included (1) Waldseemüller's 1516 *Carta Marina* along with (2) a manuscript sheet of West Africa plate, both donated by Jay Kislak, and (3) Albrecht Dürer's 1515 star chart of the Southern Hemisphere. (The entire portfolio is valued at \$30,000,000)

G&M initiated an acquisition program focused on the technical and personal papers of leading cartographers and geographers involved in the earliest development of GIS and computer cartography. Important archives acquired included the papers of Nickolas Chrisman, who worked at the Harvard Laboratory for Computer Graphics, and Roger Tomlinson, considered by many to be the father of modern GIS.

G&M became the custodian for the Library of Congress' large collection of Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican artifacts. These objects, of which there are more than 1,500, represent one of the premier study collections in the United States. While many of these objects are displayed in the Exploring the Early Americas Exhibit in the Thomas Jefferson Building, the remainder are now housed in a scholar accessible study collection in the Geography and Map Division Research Center.

The renovation of G&M's public research center was completed, which included the installation of a new custom designed reference desk, an upgraded map security system, two state-of-the-art GIS workstations, three dedicated large format overhead and sheet-feed scanners for public use, an enclosed seminar room/ rarity enclosure, and a media corner with a wall-size interactive whiteboard for showcasing the Division's collections and distance learning.

G&M's online website was visited 3.4 million times by 2.7 million unique visitors who viewed 10.7 million map images.

A total of 218,087 historic maps were scanned under G&M's Third-Party Digitization Program: The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency scanned large scale set-maps of Africa and the Middle East while a Minneapolis environmental data research firm, Historical Information Gathers (HIG), scanned out-of-copyright fire insurance maps for 35 states.

G&M initiated an EAD finding aids program to describe the history, scope, and contents of some 200 special cartographic collections. These EAD's are attached to collection-level cataloging records and are searchable online. Six collections were processed that control some 1,500 maps, 96 reels of maps on microfilm, and 192 linear feet of correspondence and documents.

G&M designed, constructed and tested a dynamic state-of-the-art online interactive platform for its large-scale set-maps covering crisis regions around the world. Some 26,000 maps were digitized, geo-rectified, and indexed.

Some 400 members of the Philip Lee Phillips Map Society of the Library of Congress donated \$53,900 during the year, which brought the total amount donated to the Society to \$1,035,000. The Society funded the publication of four quarterly newsletters and two Occasional Papers, *Maps of Stephen F. Austin: An Illustrated Essay of the Early Cartography of Texas* (30 pp.) by Dennis Reinhartz, and *From Alterity to Allegory: Depictions of Cannibalism on Early European Maps of the New World* (30 pp.) by James Walker.

Five G&M social media sites were active during the year. These include: *Philip Lee Phillips Map Society of the Library of Congress Online Publications* ([www.loc.gov/phillips](http://www.loc.gov/phillips)); “Places in the News” (<http://www.loc.gov/today/placesinthenews/>); “Places in History” (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/placesinhistory/>); and G&M’s Twitter account (“LOCMaps”). In November, the Division initiated a blog, *World Revealed: Geography & Maps at the Library of Congress Blog* (<http://blogs.loc.gov/maps/>).

Three major conferences were sponsored or cosponsored by G&M: *Society of Woman Geographers Annual Spring Symposium; Traditions and Transitions: Celebrating the 125 Anniversary of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names*; and *Finding the Antipodes: A cartographic history of polar mapping and exploration*. The *Washington Map Society-Geography and Map Division Evening Lecture Series* hosted seven lectures. G&M also hosted a week history of cartography course sponsored by the *Rare Book School, University of Virginia*.

Staff members authored several books and articles:

- \* Ralph Ehrenberg, *Mapping the West with Lewis and Clark* (Levenger Press and Library of Congress, 2015, 112 pp.).
- \* John Hessler, *MAP: Exploring the World* (Phaidon Press Ltd. Released August 24, 2015, 315 pp.)
- \* Min Zhang, *Reading Imperial Cartography: Ming-Qing Historical Maps in the Library of Congress*, edited by Tien-ren Lin and translated by Min Zhang. Taipei: Academia Sinica Digital Center in Association with the Library of Congress, 2014

## **8. OCLC report (Jay Weitz)**

Jay Weitz distributed the full OCLC report to the committee members and guests. Excerpts from the report of OCLC of interests to map catalogers appear below.

**News From OCLC**  
Compiled by Jay Weitz  
For the American Library Association  
Midwinter Meeting  
Boston, Massachusetts  
2016 January 8-11

## **Cataloging and Metadata**

### **OCLC Prints Last Library Catalog Cards**

OCLC printed its last library catalog cards on 2015 October 1, officially closing the book on what was once a familiar resource for generations of information seekers who now use computer catalogs and online search engines to access library collections around the world. This final print run marked the end of a service that has steadily decreased over the past few decades as libraries have moved their catalogs online. As a leading global library cooperative, OCLC provides the shared technology services, original research, and programs libraries need to better fuel learning, research, and innovation. Through OCLC, member libraries cooperatively produce and maintain WorldCat, the world's most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services. OCLC built the world's first online shared cataloging system in 1971 and, over decades, merged the catalogs of thousands of libraries through a computer network and database. That database, now known as WorldCat, not only made it possible for libraries to catalog cooperatively, but also to share resources held in other libraries on the network. It also made it possible for libraries to order custom-printed catalog cards that would be delivered to the library already sorted and ready to be filed. OCLC began automated catalog card production in 1971, when the shared cataloging system first went online. Card production increased to its peak in 1985, when OCLC printed 131 million. At peak production, OCLC routinely shipped 8 tons of cards each week, or some 4,000 packages. Card production steadily decreased since then as more and more libraries began replacing their printed cards with electronic catalogs. OCLC has printed more than 1.9 billion catalog cards since 1971. Today, most libraries use online public access catalogs (OPACs) as part of an integrated library system, or a cloud-based library management system like OCLC's WorldShare Management Services, where the library catalog and services are hosted and maintained outside the library, in the cloud. WorldCat represents a "collective collection" of the world's libraries. WorldCat connects library users to hundreds of millions of electronic resources, including e-books, licensed databases, online periodicals, and collections of digital items. As the needs of libraries and their users expand, OCLC works with libraries to collect, manage, and share new types of library data to ensure libraries are meeting the expectations of users.

### **9. MARC Advisory Committee report (Susan Moore)**

The MARC Advisory Committee met twice during the conference. There were two proposals before the group, both of which concerned sound recordings and passed. There were sixteen discussion papers, one of which may be of interest to the cartographic resource cataloging community. The Online Audiovisual Catalogers suggests in MARC Discussion Paper 2016-DP07 to broaden the use of field 257 (Country of Producing Entity) in the bibliographic format to allow for the use of certain autonomous regions in the field. They note in particular the need to allow for the use of "Hong Kong" and "Palestine" for films created in these autonomous regions that cannot currently be recorded in this field. They will bring back a proposal at the annual conference in Orlando. Discussion Paper no. 2016-DP10 suggests defining field 347 (Digital File Characteristics) in the MARC Holdings Format to allow for the recording of copy specific technical specifications in the holdings record. This too will come back as a proposal.

## 10. RBMS/DCRMC report (Nancy Kandoian)

### 2016 January, ALA Midwinter, Boston Report to MAGIRT CCC on RBMS and DCRMC

Since early December, the Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC) of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section worked on a final review of the text of *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)* (DCRMC). As always, you can see the editorial group's responses to the review comments at our wiki, <http://dcrmc.pbworks.com/>. The final draft of the manual is now posted on the wiki, and BSC is scheduled to vote on its publication via ALA Connect between January 19 and 24. The next steps will be to update the BIBCO Standard Record and CONSER Standard Record and get revisions into the LC-PCC PS to reflect DCRMC. The cover for DCRMC has yet to be finalized, and an index will be added later.

The BSC has established a task force “to explore data elements for rare materials description,” headed up by Allison Jai O'Dell, metadata librarian at the University of Florida. For details on the group's charge and working documents, see <http://derm.pbworks.com/>. It seems as though it will make contributions toward quality description of and access to rare materials in the BIBFRAME and linked data environments. The Task Force is reaching out to “community partners” for knowledge of the needs of special formats.

A few members of the DCRMC editorial committee will be conducting a workshop on using DCRMC at the RBMS 2016 annual conference in Coral Gables, Florida, just prior to ALA Annual in Orlando. Watch for more detailed announcements at <http://www.preconference15.rbms.info/events/rbms-2016-coral-gables-fl/>. Todd Fell of Yale, Randy Brandt of UC-Berkeley, and yours truly of NYPL will be working to put this workshop together. It was scheduled with the confidence that our manual will be published by then.

RBMS and MAGIRT have a new liaison: Margaret Gamm, Special Collections Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian at the University of Iowa. She will normally be reporting on MAGIRT activities at meetings of the RBMS Information Exchange, which is usually held late Sunday afternoon at both the Annual and Midwinter meetings of ALA. She will also be reporting to MAGIRT on RBMS activities of interest to us at the MAGIRT board meetings at each ALA, or via the MAGIRT board meeting minutes. For the time being, I will continue to report to MAGIRT CCC on the cataloging-related issues of RBMS (their Bibliographic Standards Committee).

## 11. Old business

Susan Moore gave an update on the status of the document “Guidelines for Cataloging Cartographic Resources using RDA.” She is revising it based on the suggestions received during the Annual Conference and will send the revised document to CCC.

## 12. New business

Presentation-“Cataloging Maps Defensively: When to Input a New Record in the Age of DDR”-  
Jay Weitz

Download Jay’s slides at the link under the entry for CCC in the MAGIRT Midwinter schedule, <http://www.ala.org/magirt/2016-midwinter-schedule> or from the link under the entry for Cataloging Defensively Resources on the OCLC website, <http://www.oclc.org/rda/about.en.html>.

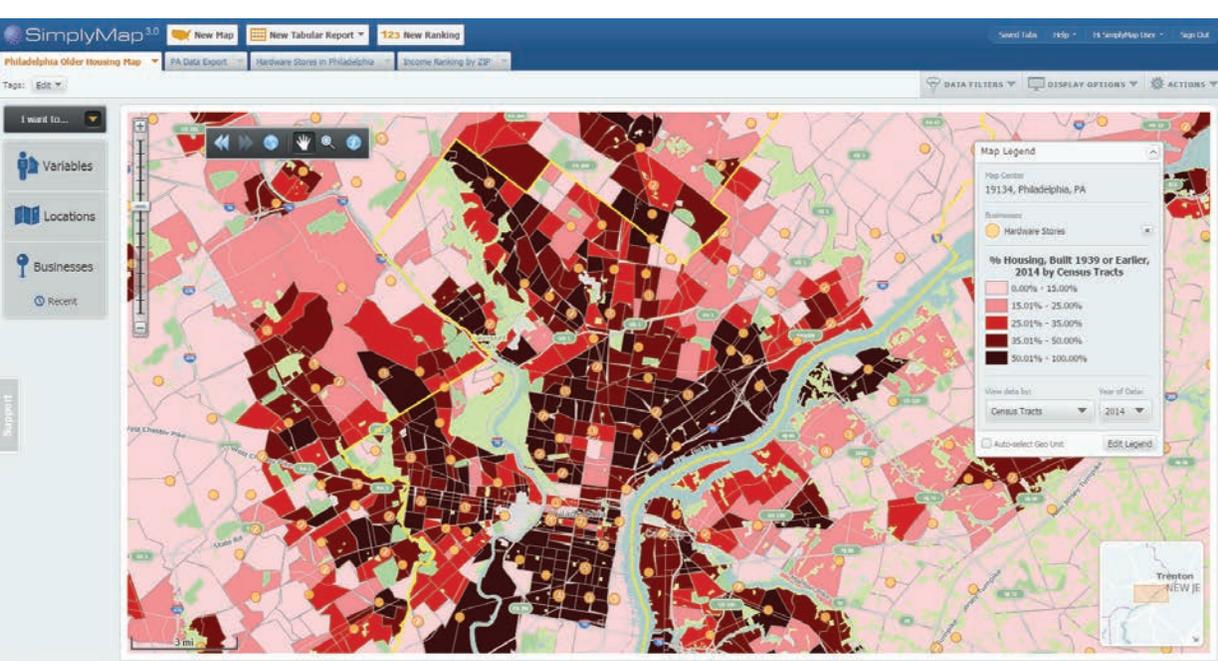
## 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Wong



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# **MAGIRT Executive Board**

**Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); Jessica Clemons, Nicole Kong, Angela Lee, Maggie Long, Dorothy McGarry, Sandy Schiefer, Iris Taylor

**Absent:** Susan Moore (Treasurer), Carolyn Cadri, Mia Costa, Carol McAuliffe, Anne Zald

## **Call to Order**

### **Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the Aug. 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

## **Officer Reports**

### **Chair (Beth) –**

- Update on Midwinter 2016 scheduling: Beth has submitted all our scheduling for the Midwinter meeting. She expects to hear within the next month about preliminary locations for our meetings.
- Update on Annual 2016 planning: We're still moving ahead with the joint MAGIRT-GODORT preconference. Things are going very smoothly, and no issues have arisen at this point. The Planning Committee has two new members and now consists of Andy Rutkowski, Angela Zoss, Baxter Andrews, Beth Cox, Carol McAuliffe, Justin Joque, Rich Gause, and Sarah Erikson. Paige reports that University of Central Florida is providing the facility for the preconference, at no cost to MAGIRT. We will probably be utilizing a training room that holds 50 people and has laptops available for participants (though we plan to limit the attendance to 30-40.) UCF only asks that we hold two seats at the preconference for the Library Director and/or members of his staff.

### **Vice Chair (Louise) –**

- Update on Midwinter 2016 social events: Louise has sent an email to a list of MAGIRT members in the Boston area, asking for suggestions and help with planning our social events. She is particularly looking for assistance with logistics; we'll want to stay inside as much as possible!
- Louise submitted our proposal for an Emerging Leaders project. Thanks to Jessica for her help with this. We won't know if our proposal has been accepted until probably the end of November.

### **Secretary (Tami) –**

- No report. Progress on utilizing the ALAIR is on hold until the new Connect platform is implemented, so we can see how well the two integrate. The new platform was supposed to be up and running in September or October, but there's no sign of it at this point. Beth will ask Danielle about it.

Treasurer (Beth for Susan) –

- Susan submitted her report via email prior to the meeting; she says:

At the end of August 2015, MAGIRT's total revenue was \$12,398 and total expenses were \$8,148 (primarily connected to the annual conference), for a net gain of \$4,250. The carryover balance from fiscal year 2014 was \$41,328, leaving an ending balance of \$45,578.

Other than dues, revenue sources include \$174 in book sales, \$720 in webinars, \$700 in advertising, and \$3,750 in donations. As expected, the charges from the Annual Conference generated most of the group's FY expenses.

We continue to have a strong fiscal standing.

- Detailed reports are included as Appendix A on page 15 of this issue of *base line*.
- Paige and Beth received an email from Danielle on income from our webinars; due to the per-member charge that ALA levies, we actually netted about \$350, not \$720.

Past Chair (Paige) –

- Paige will discuss several items further on in the meeting.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Discussion Items**

Delay in messages from non-Board members: Kathleen has been seeing delays in posting messages to the magirtbd email list, of up to five days. Danielle mentioned that everything sent to the Board list from non-Board members is moderated. We don't know who is doing the moderation, though it might be Danielle. Louise raised the suggestion that one of the Board members could do the moderation. Beth will check with Danielle about this.

Representation at other conferences: The report from the Emerging Leaders last year suggested that MAGIRT be more proactive in marketing ourselves at other conferences. The Emerging Leaders particularly suggested that we staff a table at PLA's conference, and also mentioned state library association meetings. This may cost us some money for registration at these other conferences, but we have a line item in our budget for this kind of thing. Jessica also suggested that we brainstorm about non-library associations to approach as well. Paige will pursue this by contacting some of the participants from the Emerging Leaders for their help.

Copyright question: Danielle contacted us about a faculty member at George Mason University, who produced a publication in our Electronic Publications Series and now wants to archive it in GMU's institutional repository. She wanted to confirm that this is an allowable use of the materials, and also wanted to know if the copyright holder for MAGIRT publications is the author or MAGIRT. MAGIRT does not have documentation on use or copyright, but the Board doesn't see a problem with this use of the material. This is most likely a policy issue for ALA, not for MAGIRT alone, and Louise suggested we ask Danielle to ask ALA Publishing. Jessica

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made the suggestion that we ask the repository to link back to our publications page. Beth suggested that we put a note on our publications web page with a link back to the ALA Rights and Permissions Guidelines, and the Board agreed that that would be a good idea.

### Committee Updates

- Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige) – Paige is working on the proposal for the new Assistant Treasurer position, as required by our Bylaws. Paige, Beth and Louise have also identified some things in the Bylaws and Organization Manual that will need attention, both because of the addition of a new officer and for cleanup and clarity. Watch for forthcoming changes.

Paige has put out the call for nominations in *base line*. The call in the next issue will include the new Assistant Treasurer position. We have openings for two, possibly three, officers, two committee chair positions, and one or two interest or discussion group leader positions. Paige will ask the social media contact from OPOC to advertise the nominations through social media.

Paige will send a message soliciting nominations for the MAGIRT Honors Award when he returns from vacation.

- Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – No report.
- Education Committee (Beth for Anne) – Anne asked that Beth remind us of the call for webinar proposals she sent out. At the last committee meeting they also discussed possibilities for outreach to graduate students.
- GeoTech Committee (Nicole) – The committee has a meeting scheduled for this Friday afternoon (Oct. 9). Nicole sent out the meeting time on the MAGIRT members' list, and received expressions of interest from three or four additional MAGIRT members.
- Membership and Marketing (Mia) – No report.
- Online Presence Oversight Committee (Jessica) – OPOC met last month. Colleen has recruited two backup webmasters, Kathleen Weessies and Hallie Pritchett. Colleen has been documenting the work she does, and cleaned up some old feeds and broken links on our ALA web page. OPOC has finalized the social media contact schedule. Kathleen is the contact for this month, and is working on updating and streamlining the LibGuide. There are still some issues with how the web site connects to the LibGuide and what can and cannot be updated.
- ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – The Interest Group will be meeting with the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division catalogers who are working on the BIBFRAME pilot, and with Mark McGee, who is working on a cartographic project on linked data. The IG is thinking of having Mark come to Midwinter to present on the current state of BIBFRAME and his proposal regarding linked data, and have some of the G&M catalogers come speak of their work with BIBFRAME as well. If this proves to be more than the IG's meeting time can accommodate, they could do this as a separate session at Annual (or at Midwinter if GIS or GeoTech want to sponsor it.)

- GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – Angie would be willing to collaborate with Iris on their meeting; she also suggested a presentation on the GeoBlacklight project.
- Cartographic Collections Management Discussion Group (Carol) – No report. Carol is working with Hallie Pritchett to attend the FDLP annual meeting and present on government maps and how we use them in map libraries, and how important it is for us to have paper copies of these maps.

### Announcements

- John Olson asked Beth to remind us that the deadline for the next issue of *base line* is on Wednesday (Oct 7.)
- Tami announced that she is leaving the University of Wyoming, and taking a position as cataloger with the U.S. Geological Survey in Virginia.
- Jessica is now the Interim Director of College Libraries at SUNY-ESF.
- Carol McAuliffe is engaged, with the wedding to take place in August.

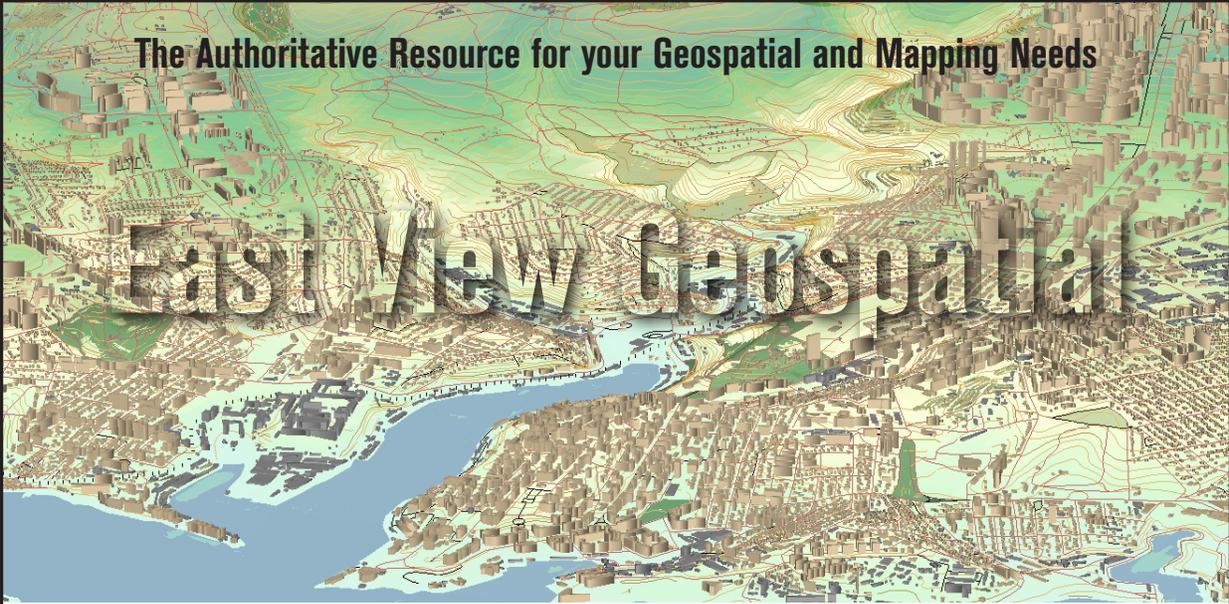
### Adjournment

**Next Executive Board meeting date:** Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, via Zoom.

submitted by  
Tami Morse (Secretary)



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## Appendix A: Treasurer's Reports

Map and Geography Round Table Treasurer's Midwinter Report, FY 15 (2014-2015)					
Through August 31, 2015					
	Code # Account Title	Admin. Budgeted	Admin. thru 8/15	Total Budgeted	Total thru 8/15
Beginning Balance					
	3000 Carryover from 2013/2014				\$41,328
Revenue					
	4000-4003 Dues	\$9,925	\$7,054	\$9,925	\$7,054
	4100-4101 Sales/Books, Pamphlets	\$2,200	\$174	\$2,200	\$174
	4105 Sales/Webinars	\$0	\$720		
	4109 Sales/Misc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	4110 Subscriptions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	4140 Advertising	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$700
	4200 Registration Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	4400 Donations/Honoraria	\$0	\$3,750	\$0	\$0
	4490 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,125</b>	<b>\$12,398</b>	<b>\$12,125</b>	<b>\$7,928</b>
Expenses					
	5122 Bank S/C	\$150	\$197	\$150	\$31
	5210 Transportation	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0
	5212 Lodging & Meals	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
	5300 Facilities Rental	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
	5301 Conf. Equip. Rental	\$1,100	\$0	\$1,100	\$0
	5302 Meal Functions	\$2,000	\$2,288	\$2,000	\$2,288
	5304 Speaker/Guest Expense	\$1,500	\$120	\$1,500	\$120
	5306 Awards	\$650	\$350	\$650	\$350
	5309 A/V Equip Rental & Labor	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,250
	5402 Printing-Outside	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0
	5410 Mail Service-Outside	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
	5414 Supplies/Production		\$7	\$0	\$7
	5433 Order Processing	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$3
	5500 Supplies/Operating	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0
	5501 Equip/Software	\$600	\$799	\$600	\$799
	5523 Postage/E-mail	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	5550 Promotion	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
	5560 Organization Support	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	5599 Miscellaneous Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,800</b>	<b>\$6,014</b>	<b>\$11,800</b>	<b>\$5,848</b>
	5902-5910 Inter-Unit Transfers	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0
	5940 IUT Registration Processing	\$0	\$379	\$0	\$379
	5911 Overhead	\$800	\$705	\$800	\$705
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>	<b>\$8,148</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>	<b>\$8,148</b>
	<b>Net Revenue/(Expense)</b>		<b>\$4,250</b>		<b>\$4,250</b>
Ending Balance as of December 2014					<b>\$41,108</b>

Fund: (13)OPERATING/RND TABLES FUND (13)																	
Unit: (609)MAP/GEOGRAPHY RND TBL (MAGIRT)				American Library Association													
Project: (All -)All Projects				Performance Report													
For the 12 Months Ending August 2015																	
August 2015				Year-To-Date													
Base	Base	Base			Base	Base	Base	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD		YTD		YTD	Remaining
Actual	Budget	Prior Year Actual			Annual Budget	Var.	Var. %	Actual	Budget	Prior Year Actual	Annual Budget	Var.	Var.	Var. %	Var. %	Prior Year Actual	Current Budget
41,328	0	34,916	3000	BEGINNING NET ASSETS	0	-41,328	0	41,328	0	34,916	0	-41,328	41,328	0	100.00%	34,916	-41,328
				REV													
610	471	593	4000	DUES/PERSONAL	5,600	-139	-0	7,054	5,600	7,206	5,600	-1,454	1,454	-0	25.96%	7,206	-1,454
0	350	0	4001	DUES/ ORGANIZATIONAL	4,200	350	1	0	4,200	0	4,200	4,200	-4,200	1	-100.00%	0	4,200
0	15	0	4003	DUES/LIFE MEMBERS-CURRENT	125	15	1	0	125	0	125	125	-125	1	-100.00%	0	125
610	836	593		Subtotal Dues	9,925	226	0	7,054	9,925	7,206	9,925	2,871	-2,871	0	-28.93%	7,206	2,871
16	160	60	4100	SALES/BOOKS	2,000	144	1	174	2,000	252	2,000	1,826	-1,826	1	-91.29%	252	1,826
0	0	0	4601	RETURNS/CREDITS	0	0	0	0	0	-16	0	0	0	0	0.00%	-16	0
16	160	60		Subtotal Sales-Net	2,000	144	1	174	2,000	236	2,000	1,826	-1,826	1	-91.29%	236	1,826
0	16	0	4101	SALES/PAMPHLETS	200	16	1	0	200	0	200	200	-200	1	-100.00%	0	200
0	0	0	4105	SALES/WEBINARS/ WEBCASTS/WEB CE	0	0	0	720	0	0	0	-720	720	0	100.00%	0	-720
0	16	0		Subtotal Other Sales	200	16	1	720	200	0	200	-520	520	-3	260.00%	0	-520
0	0	0	4140	ADVERTISING/GROSS	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	-100	100	0	100.00%	0	-100
100	0	0	4143	ADVERTISING/ ON-LINE	0	-100	0	600	0	100	0	-600	600	0	100.00%	100	-600
0	0	0	4142	ADVERTISING/ CLASSIFIED	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0.00%	100	0
100	0	0		Subtotal Advertising	0	-100	0	700	0	200	0	-700	700	0	100.00%	200	-700
0	0	15	4400	DONATIONS/ HONORARIA	0	0	0	3,750	0	4,015	0	-3,750	3,750	0	100.00%	4,015	-3,750
0	0	1,191	4490	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	1,191	0	0	0	0	0.00%	1,191	0
0	0	1,206		Subtotal Misc.	0	0	0	3,750	0	5,206	0	-3,750	3,750	0	100.00%	5,206	-3,750
726	1,012	1,860		Total Revenues	12,125	286	0	12,398	12,125	12,849	12,125	-273	273	-0	2.25%	12,849	-273
				EXP													
9	6	4	5122	BANK S/C	75	-3	-1	197	75	168	75	-122	-122	-2	-162.56%	168	-122
9	6	4		Outside Services	75	-3	-1	197	75	168	75	-122	-122	-2	-162.56%	168	-122
0	300	0	5210	TRANSPORTATION	600	300	1	0	600	0	600	600	600	1	100.00%	0	600
0	100	0	5212	LODGING & MEALS	200	100	1	0	200	0	200	200	200	1	100.00%	0	200
0	400	0		Travel and Related Expenses	800	400	1	0	800	0	800	800	800	1	100.00%	0	800
0	100	0	5300	FACILITIES RENT	200	100	1	0	200	0	200	200	200	1	100.00%	0	200
0	550	0	5301	CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,100	550	1	0	1,100	0	1,100	1,100	1,100	1	100.00%	0	1,100
0	1,000	0	5302	MEAL FUNCTIONS	2,000	1,000	1	2,288	2,000	3,630	2,000	-288	-288	-0	-14.39%	3,630	-288
0	750	0	5304	SPEAKER/GUEST EXPENSE	1,500	750	1	120	1,500	0	1,500	1,380	1,380	1	91.99%	0	1,380
0	350	0	5306	AWARDS	350	350	1	321	350	319	350	29	29	0	8.24%	319	29

900	625	0	5309	AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL & LABOR	1,250	-275	-0	2,329	1,250	0	1,250	-1,079	-1,079	-1	-86.30%	0	-1,079
900	3,375	0		Meetings and Conferences	6,400	2,475	1	5,058	6,400	3,949	6,400	1,342	1,342	0	20.97%	3,949	1,342
0	62	0	5402	PRINTING-OUTSIDE	125	62	1	0	125	129	125	125	125	1	100.00%	129	125
0	16	0	5410	MAIL SERVICE- OUTSIDE	200	16	1	0	200	0	200	200	200	1	100.00%	0	200
7	0	0	5414	SUPPLIES/ PRODUCTION	0	-7	0	7	0	0	0	-7	-7	0	-100.00%	0	-7
3	0	0	5433	ORDER PROCESSING/ FULFILLMENT	0	-3	0	3	0	-1	0	-3	-3	0	-100.00%	-1	-3
10	78	0		Publication Related Expenses	325	68	1	10	325	128	325	315	315	1	97.02%	128	315
0	50	24	5500	SUPPLIES/ OPERATING	600	50	1	0	600	54	600	600	600	1	100.00%	54	600
0	50	0	5501	EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE/MINOR	600	50	1	799	600	748	600	-199	-199	-0	-33.17%	748	-199
0	0	0	5523	POSTAGE/E-MAIL	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0.00%	25	0
0	175	0	5550	PROMOTION	350	175	1	0	350	466	350	350	350	1	100.00%	466	350
0	44	0	5560	ORG SUPPORT/ CONTRIBUTION	500	44	1	1,000	500	0	500	-500	-500	-1	-100.00%	0	-500
0	0	40	5599	MISC EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0.00%	40	0
0	319	63		Operating Expenses	2,050	319	1	1,799	2,050	1,333	2,050	251	251	0	12.24%	1,333	251
919	4,178	68		Total Direct Expenses	9,650	3,259	1	7,063	9,650	5,578	9,650	2,587	2,587	0	26.80%	5,578	2,587
0	6	0	5902	IUT/DATA PROC	50	6	1	0	50	0	50	50	50	1	100.00%	0	50
0	6	0	5905	IUT/TELEPHONE	50	6	1	0	50	0	50	50	50	1	100.00%	0	50
0	12	0	5909	IUT/DIST CTR	150	12	1	0	150	11	150	150	150	1	100.00%	11	150
0	44	0	5910	IUT/REPRO CTR	500	44	1	0	500	128	500	500	500	1	100.00%	128	500
220	0	0	5940	IUT/REGISTRATION PROCESSING	0	-220	0	379	0	0	0	-379	-379	0	-100.00%	0	-379
220	68	0		Total Indirect Expenses	750	-152	-2	379	750	139	750	371	371	0	49.42%	139	371
1,140	4,246	68		TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE OH & TAXES	10,400	3,106	1	7,443	10,400	5,717	10,400	2,957	2,957	0	28.43%	5,717	2,957
-414	-3,234	1,792		CONTRIBUTION MARGIN	1,725	-2,820	1	4,955	1,725	7,132	1,725	-3,230	3,230	-2	187.27%	7,132	-3,230
61	80	59	5911	IUT/OVERHEAD	993	19	0	705	993	720	993	288	288	0	29.04%	720	288
61	80	59		TOTAL OVERHEAD / TAXES	993	19	0	705	993	720	993	288	288	0	29.04%	720	288
1,201	4,326	127		TOTAL EXPENSES	11,393	3,125	1	8,148	11,393	6,437	11,393	3,245	3,245	0	28.49%	6,437	3,245
-475	-3,314	1,733		NET REV/(EXP) FROM OPERATIONS	732	-2,839	1	4,251	732	6,412	732	-3,519	3,519	-5	480.69%	6,412	-3,519
-475	-3,314	1,733		NET REVENUE/ (EXPENSE)	732	-2,839	1	4,251	732	6,412	732	-3,519	3,519	-5	480.69%	6,412	-3,519
40,853	-3,314	36,649		ENDING NET ASSET BALANCE	732	-44,167	13	45,579	732	41,328	732	-44,847	44,847	-61	6126.59%	41,328	-44,847



# **MAGIRT Executive Board**

**Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Susan Moore (Treasurer), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); Baxter Andrews, Nicole Kong, Carol McAuliffe, Sandy Schiefer, Anne Zald

**Absent:** Carolyn Kadri, Jessica Clemons, Mia Costa, Angela Lee, Iris Taylor

## **Call to Order**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes from Oct. 5 meeting was tabled. Approval will take place via email, or at the Board's Midwinter meeting.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Chair (Beth) –**

- Midwinter schedule and attendance – Sandy, Baxter, and Nicole will not be going to Midwinter.
- Update on Annual 2016 planning – All the paperwork for the preconference is done. We will need to go through the process of scheduling the meetings for Annual, but that is not due until March so is not an immediate concern.
- Assistant Treasurer voting update – We have 93 votes so far, only three of which are no's. Deadline for voting is December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Vice Chair (Louise) –**

- Emerging Leaders update – Leaders have chosen their topics and are configuring their teams. We do not know yet whether or not our project was chosen, but we should find out soon.
- ALA Midwinter field trip and Dutch treat dinner – Planning is on track. Ron Grim at the Boston Public Library estimates that the tour of the Leventhal Map Center should take about an hour and a half; the library closes at 5:00 on Fridays. We will adjourn to the Champion Sports Bar for our dutch treat dinner, just a few blocks away. Louise's contact in Boston is Kate Nyhan, who is willing to be our guide. Our current plans are to meet at the Boston Public Library at 3:00.

**Secretary (Tami) –** No report

### Treasurer (Susan) –

- Susan has no financial report; ALA switched systems and hasn't been able to generate financial statements. This should be fixed soon.
- FY17 budget draft – No one has reported major plans for FY 2017, so the draft Susan distributed is a “steady-state” budget. An adjustment was made to line item 5911, an internal ALA item; Susan increased this to reflect our increasing overhead. We have conflicting information from ALA on our member numbers, which affects our dues revenue. Concern was expressed that the budget shows deficit spending; this is due to several factors. It is an active budget and doesn't reflect expenditures out of savings; MAGIRT has a current balance of around \$45,000 in savings. We also budget for things we don't usually spend for, like postage for promotional material. This year we may have some unusual expenditures for the preconference at Annual, and we budget just in case those expenditures do arise. Susan will update the budget with 2015 actuals once she has that data.

### Past Chair (Paige) –

- Honors Award – We have not received any nominations for a recipient. We have full control over this process, so we can push the deadline out into the Spring if we want to. We can also not award it, if we don't have any nominees.
- Officer positions – We have three open positions. So far, we don't have any volunteers for the Vice Chair position, and two people willing to run for Secretary. It sounds as if the Assistant Treasurer position will pass, and we have one person already interested in it. Paige will put out another call for volunteers after the position has been made official.
- Leadership positions – Sandy is rotating off as leader of the Publications Committee; Jessica is rotating off OPOC; Angie Lee is rotating off GIS and Joy Suh is interested in this position if Angie is not; Iris is interested in staying as leader of the Cataloging Interest Group.

### New Business

Louise has started looking into a partnership with RUSA for a program for Annual 2017 on maps and family history, and the use of maps and raster imagery in genealogy.

### Discussion Items

There is still no information on the new platform for Connect.

### Committee Updates

- Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige) – No report.
- Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – No report.
- Education Committee (Anne) – Committee sent out a call for proposals for webinars, and has not received any responses. If the Board has any ideas or leads for webinars, Anne would appreciate knowing about them. Hallie may have something soon. Mark McGee's project is still in software development so he isn't ready to give a webinar yet.

- GeoTech Committee (Nicole) – GeoTech Committee had a video conference in October, and the members discussed their interests. Two interests emerged: using ArcGIS Online in libraries, and building geoportals using available tools. Angie Lee has offered MAGIRT a one year trial version of ArcGIS online, and she and Pete Reehling are working to set it up. It will be available as a sublicense under the University of Southern Florida’s license. The Committee will meet again in January to set up a discussion meeting on how libraries can use ArcGIS.
- Membership and Marketing (Mia) – No report.
- Online Presence (Jessica) – No report.
- Publications (Sandy) – No report.
- CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – No report.
- GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – No report.
- Map Collection Management Discussion Group (Carol) – Carol gave a presentation at the FDLP conference on the proposed new online *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* and a possible partnership with GPO. They weren’t able to include questions related to it in their biannual survey, so we’ll have to take a different approach. Carol hasn’t had a chance to talk with Hallie about how to proceed.

### **Announcements**

- The deadline for the December issue of *base line* is Wednesday, Dec. 9.
- Our next Executive Board meeting will take place at the Midwinter Meeting in Boston in January 2016.
- The son of Muriel Strickland, a long-time WAML member, passed away. We have no further news on this item.

### **Adjournment**

Next Executive Board meeting date: January 10, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Room 157C, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston, MA.



# MAGIRT Executive Board

Room 157C, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting

Boston, MA Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016

**In Attendance:** Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Susan Moore (Treasurer), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); David Brackus, Nancy Kandoian, Maggie Long, Raquel Lynn, Carol McAuliffe, Hallie Pritchett, Wangyal Shawa, Mike Smith, Tim Utter

**Absent:** Baxter Andrews, Jessica Clemons, Mia Costa, Carolyn Kadri, Nicole Kong, Angela Lee, Sandy Schiefer, Iris Taylor, Anne Zald

**Call to Order:** A quorum was not present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the Oct. 5 and Dec. 7 meetings could not be approved. Tami will ask for another email vote.

## **Officer Reports**

Chair (Beth) –

- **Deadlines for Annual Conference** – The hard deadline for submitting information for meetings at the Orlando Annual Conference is March 1. Beth asked all officers and group leaders to think about whether and when you will be meeting in Orlando and what setup and audiovisual equipment you will need. We may have already missed the deadline for submitting programs, but we don't necessarily need to go through the formal ALA procedure.
- **Round Table Coordinating Assembly Meeting** – Beth and Paige attended as representatives of MAGIRT. There are Round Tables that are growing significantly, and one, the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table that is considering disbanding. The main issue discussed is getting new members and getting them involved. MAGIRT's Chair Trio has been making efforts to talk to people one-on-one and in group meetings, and this has been effective. Financially, most Round Tables are in the black. Three Divisions and eleven Round Tables have increased membership. The Past President and Treasurer of ALA came to speak to the RTCA about the current initiative, "Libraries Transform," and suggested some talking points for this initiative. More information about this initiative can be found at <http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/>
- **Vice Chair (Louise)** –  
**Social events** – We had a well-attended and interesting tour of the Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library at this conference, including a map of Champlain's expeditions in America which was stolen by Smiley and recovered recently. Louise is working to develop a field trip in Orlando for Annual, and will be sending out an email to the MAGIRT list for suggestions. Carol McAuliffe will make inquiries, and we could check *base line* to see

what we did in 2004, the last time ALA Annual was held in Orlando. Other suggestions included seeing if Disney has a library or collection focused on maps or land use planning, and checking to see if there are possibilities near the University of Central Florida, where our preconference will be held.

- Emerging Leaders project – On Friday Paige and Louise met with the 4-person ALA Emerging Leaders (EL) team which is working on an archiving project for MAGIRT. The team members are: Craig Boman, Harriet Wintermute, Melissa Stoner and Chelcie Rowell. We reviewed the scope of the project, determined our methods for communication, and decided on the tools that we will use: Google Groups and Google Drive for email and document storage, and Trello for project management. Craig will set up the Google environment, and Harriet will launch a Trello board. The team met again on Saturday and set up the online environment and the project management. As work progresses, Louise will serve as EL Member Guide and primary contact person for MAGIRT, and our group will work with members of the MAGIRT executive board in various phases of the project. The team will send Louise a progress report prior to each MAGIRT EB meeting so that she can report on progress. The final outcome of the project will be a presentation at ALA Annual in Orlando, and a formal ALA poster session with the other Emerging Leaders and their projects. This project could be good publicity for the ALAIR and for archiving in ALA, and one suggestion was to make a presentation at the Round Table Coordinating Assembly to promote archiving Round Table documents.

Secretary (Tami) – No report

Treasurer (Susan) –

- FY17 budget draft – We have not received September budget reports due to issues at ALA; the actuals for FY 2015 are from the August report. Susan presented a revised budget. Only a few line items had significant changes from the previous draft. One was the line item for bank charges, which we don't control. The other changes were in the line items for transportation and lodging/meals; we had discussed sending a MAGIRT Board member to a non-ALA event, and Susan added to these line items to cover that. We spent more than usual on meal functions in 2015 because it was an anniversary year, and because of the higher expenses at the Las Vegas conference. Some minor corrections were suggested, but no vote was taken because of the lack of a quorum.

Past Chair (Paige) –

- Candidates for offices – Open offices for 2016-2017 are Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. Coming into this conference we had one candidate each for Vice Chair and Secretary and are looking for a candidate for Assistant Treasurer. The deadline to fill out the biographical information form that ALA requires is Jan. 28. We also have openings for the chairs of the Online Presence Oversight Committee and the Publications Committee. Joy Suh has volunteered to head the GIS Discussion Group, and Iris Taylor will continue as the leader of the Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group.

- Honors Award – We have had no nominations for the Honors Award as of this meeting. We usually close the nominations process by the end of the calendar year, but we are making an exception this year in hopes of getting one or more late nominations. We will need to close the process at some point, though, so the people involved have time to prepare for Annual.
- ALA Membership Promotion Task Force meeting – Paige and Louise attended the meeting for this task force. There were 20-25 attendees, mostly from Round Tables but there were three representatives from Divisions. Most Divisions and some Round Tables have set up a “Unit 101” program where they share basic information about what the unit does (e.g., ALCTS 101.) These are sometimes presented as a webinar. Paige and Louise also learned that ALA has a direct targeted email marketing system called Informz. MAGIRT may want to pursue some of the ideas raised in this meeting, such as creating a “MAGIRT 101” program and using Informz to market our programs.

### **Old Business**

Depository Library Council meeting – Hallie Pritchett is the Chair of the Depository Library Council, and she and Carol McAuliffe made a presentation at the DLC meeting in October, titled, “Mapping the Nation and Beyond: Maps from the Federal Government.” The issue of concern is that many Federal cartographic resources are no longer published in print, and those that are superseded by electronic versions may not be retained by FDLP libraries. The Government Printing Office would like to know which libraries are retaining paper maps; these libraries are prospective partners in the Federal Information Preservation Network. Carol discussed the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* and MAGIRT’s plan to update it to an online format. This work could give GPO the information they need about where paper maps are being retained, and they might be able to give some support to the project. GPO had intended to add some questions to this year’s biennial survey of depository libraries concerning maps and map retention, but due to the structure of the survey this was not possible. Hallie and Carol will write up a proposal based on their discussions at the Council meeting, and present it to interested parties for approval.

### **New Business**

Wording of the criteria for the Honors Award – The current wording of the criteria for the Honors Award is, “The MAGIRT Honors Award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement and major contributions to map and geospatial librarianship and to the Round Table.” A concern was raised about the phrase “and to the Round Table,” which implies that the honoree must have made contributions to the Round Table, as well as to the profession. The question was also raised: can someone win twice? In the past, we have made the award to people who were not members of the Round Table and this seemed unfair to some, but is that something we want to reconsider – honoring contributions to the profession regardless of membership in MAGIRT? Do we want to add language to specify that the award can be given to the same person once every five years, for example? A good discussion ensued. The attendees at this meeting were leaning toward limiting the award to MAGIRT members. It was suggested that we consider giving the award to a previous awardee only if they have made significant contributions since they last received the award. It was also suggested that we could create more than one award, perhaps a special award given on an occasional basis. The Nominating Committee will draft a revision to the criteria and present it to the Board at Annual.

Core Competencies document – Anne Zald, Chair of the Education Committee, has pointed out that our document, *Map, GIS, and Cataloging/Metadata Librarian Core Competencies*, adopted at the ALA level as an official core competency, was finalized in 2008. The Education Committee has other big projects on their plate, so should we consider creating an Executive Board-level task force to revise it? The Board agreed that this would be a good idea, and the suggestion was made that the task force could have subgroups work on sections related to specific areas of the profession. It would also be worthwhile to discuss core competencies in committee meetings. Beth will write up a brief description of what we want to do and submit it to the membership, asking for volunteers.

### **Discussion Items**

Beth received an email from Jim Neal, University Librarian emeritus at Columbia University and candidate for ALA President, asking to engage with the membership of the Round Table and learn about our interests and concerns. He spoke at the RTCA meeting as well. Beth will forward the email to the MAGIRT list, ask for anything the members of MAGIRT would like to pass on, and forward our comments to Mr. Neal.

### **Committee Updates**

- Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige) – Report made earlier in the meeting.
- Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – Paige reported for Carolyn: there were 18-20 attendees at the committee meeting this morning. Min reported on CC:DA and the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division. The Librarian of Congress stepped down last fall, and the current interim is a law librarian. LC's budget appropriation was up slightly from last year, so they are planning to fill at least some of their 30+ cataloger vacancies, and they have hired two new catalogers, one with Persian language expertise and another with expertise in Japanese. Students are building a new platform to interactively index large map sets and series. They've started a new blog. The new edition of the LC Map Cataloging Manual will be available on line in the next two to three months. Nancy made a report on DCRM(C). Jay Weitz made a presentation on cataloging with OCLC's Duplicate Detection and Resolution software in mind; a large number of map records have been incorrectly merged, so Carolyn asked Jay to talk to the Committee about this. Creating differing edition statements is one way to prevent that from happening. Beth will post the slides from the presentation on the LibGuide and the Scheduler. Susan reported on the cataloging best practices document that has been in process; it was going to go online last fall, but Susan is waiting until the new Connect platform is running before posting it.
- Education Committee (Anne) – Beth reported for Anne: the Education Committee had a small number of attendees but a lively discussion. A major area of concern is the lack of webinars for this year. Two people have committed to giving webinars, but their projects will not be ready to present on until the Fall. Anne is looking for ideas for topics she can take to people as suggestions. Anne might talk to OPOC, Membership and Marketing, or other committees to see if they have topics; she might consider a webinar on core competencies. Maria

Gorbanova and Tim Furlow updated the committee on their project to do outreach to student chapters at library schools.

- GeoTech Committee (Nicole) – Wangyal reported for Nicole: The GeoTech Committee met yesterday, and 26 people attended. Attendees introduced themselves and talked about projects, particularly metadata projects, going on at their institutions. Wangyal organized the meeting around themes. One theme was infrastructure, and a discussion of the many different tools the attendees are using. Another theme was digital humanities; they are mostly interested in data visualization, and tend to use GIS but not “core” GIS, so their approach is much different from that of GIS developers. Academics tend to teach courses using ArcGIS but utilize open source tools for research. GIS software was another theme. Tom talked about PolicyMap and particular datasets he has licensed. There is an interest in syllabi from courses using GIS – not just library courses but also from other departments. The Education Committee has started a list on our LibGuide of library schools with GIS classes.
- Membership and Marketing (Mia) – No report.
- Online Presence (Jessica) – No report.
- Publications (Sandy) – No report.
- CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – Beth reported for Iris: Marc McGee presented an overview of the cartographic portion of the Linked Data for Production (LD4P) project; Ryan Mattke discussed the CIC Geospatial Data Discovery Project (CIC GDDP); Iris and Tammy Wong demonstrated Library of Congress’ BIBFRAME editor, which they are using as participants in LC’s BIBFRAME pilot project.
- GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – No report.
- Map Collection Management Discussion Group (Carol) – The Discussion Group had around 20 attendees at their meeting. Nancy Kandoian talked about an NEH grant-funded project at the New York Public Library to catalog and digitize maps of America before 1900. This led to a discussion of NYPL’s crowdsourcing activities. Other cartographic crowdsourcing projects are active now. Maine State Library has digitized their Appalachian Trail maps along with historical commentary about the maps. They will be talking to some of the Appalachian Trail societies and recording oral histories about the trail. They discussed DPLA and libraries signing up as service hubs; maps are not well represented at this time, but this area is growing. Ryan talked about the CIC Geospatial Data Discovery Project based on GeoBlacklight. They also talked about collecting and managing faculty and student data; Patrick mentioned GeoNetwork is working on OGP technology support hosting services and consulting services. They discussed digital humanities and how that is affecting library services, including data visualization. Anne asked about weeding print materials owned by many different libraries, especially the USGS topo maps, which led back to a discussion of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*.

## **Announcements**

- The Program Planning Committee is meeting at 4:30, at the Westin Waterfront; they will be discussing a workshop on maps and genealogy for 2017, among other things.
- Louise related some information from Nancy Kandoian, who reported from the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section: the draft of DCRM(C) has been through several rounds of reviews and comments. Once changes are made based on these reviews, the Bibliographic Standards Committee will review the revised version and vote on accepting it. The next step will be to make prepublication editorial decisions (things like cover design etc.) The published version may be out in February. Lots of people are interested, so it may be good to have a webinar introducing the tool – Beth will talk to Anne about it. Nancy’s full report is appended to these minutes.
- Hallie reported as our GODORT: GODORT is talking about reorganizing their structure. They currently have over 100 positions that need to be filled, which constitutes about 17% of their membership. They will convene a task force to examine their current organizational structure. Hallie received comments that they like the way MAGIRT does things, in particular, our program planning and how we do sponsorship-in-name-only with other groups.
- Kathy Rankin submitted her WAML liaison report via email, which is appended to these minutes.

## **Adjournment**

Next Executive Board meeting date: February 3, 2016, via Zoom.

## **Appendix: Liaison Reports**

Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) Liason Report – (Kathy Rankin) via email:

- WAML’s 2015 meeting was held on September 23-25<sup>th</sup> at the Esri Corporate Headquarters in Redlands, California. On the 23rd there was a workshop on building and sharing historical map collections online. There was a presentation on the same topic by Aileen Buckley of Esri, who also led the workshop. Other presentations covered topics such as the Esri spatial data library, findings and proposals from the California statewide map digitization meeting, an introduction to ArcGIS open data, using open data and ArcGIS.com in a freshman environmental studies course, the challenges and discoveries of processing maps in railway collections, updating fire insurance maps, making and sharing web maps, creating and using spatial bibliographies in ArcGIS, generating vector features from scanned historical maps using image enhancement and remote sensing techniques in a GIS, GIS at Stanford, and introducing the Living Atlas of the World. There were also lightning talks and tours of the Esri Library as well as a tour of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and of the A.K. Smiley Library.
- The new WAML officers are president, Chris Thiry, vice-president/president-elect, Kim Duarte, and Melissa Lamont is still treasurer and Chrissy Klenke stayed on as secretary.

- The positions of Membership and Subscription Managers have been combined, and that position is called Community Manager. Greg Armento is the Community Manager. The Hospitality and Rules Committee has been dissolved, and the Publicity and Website Committees have been merged. Digitizing the WAML publications is being discussed. There is a members only section of the IB website where member can make comments on articles. Pages from the WAML website work on various devices. WAML did two webinars in conjunction with MAGIRT this year and plans to do three to four next year.
- A time and place has not been announced for the 2016 WAML meeting, but it may be held at Stanford so that people can see the new room for the David Rumsey Collection. A future meeting may be held at UT Austin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Rankin, WAML Liaison

ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Liaison Report – Submitted by Nancy Kandoian, via email:

- Since early December, the text of Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic) (DCRMC) has been undergoing its final review, by the Bibliographic Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. As always, you can see the editorial group's responses to the review comments at our wiki, <http://dcrmc.pbworks.com/>.
- A few members of the DCRMC editorial committee will be conducting a workshop on using DCRMC at the RBMS 2016 annual conference in Coral Gables, Florida, just prior to ALA Annual in Orlando. Watch for more detailed announcements at <http://www.preconference15.rbms.info/events/rbms-2016-coral-gables-fl/>. Todd Fell of Yale, Randy Brandt of UC-Berkeley, and yours truly of NYPL will be working to put this workshop together. It was scheduled with the confidence that our manual will be published by then.
- RBMS and MAGIRT have a new liaison: Margaret Gamm, Special Collections Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian at the University of Iowa. She will be reporting on MAGIRT activities at the RBMS Information Exchange, which is usually held late Sunday afternoon at both the Annual and Midwinter meetings of ALA. She will also be reporting to MAGIRT on RBMS activities of interest to us at the MAGIRT board meetings at each ALA, or via the MAGIRT board meeting minutes. For the time being, I will continue to report to MAGIRT CCC on the cataloging-related issues of RBMS (their Bibliographic Standards Committee).

Nancy Kandoian



## National Geospatial Advisory Committee Update

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee has issued a report entitled, “The Changing Geospatial Landscape: A Second Look.” This paper is designed to do the following:

“In this document, the committee contributes its perceptions of incipient technologies that we expect will guide, define or determine the development of this industry in the near and medium term. Of even greater importance, the report highlights those aspects of innovation that bear directly on public policy and on individual privacy and security. The NGAC has also prepared this report to help inform the development of the next iteration of the strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) and the development of transition recommendations for the next Presidential administration.”

It’s an interesting read and gives you an overview of what this committee is thinking about now and into the near future. The report is available here:

<https://www.fgdc.gov/ngac/meetings/december-2015/the-changing-geospatial-landscape-second-look.pdf>

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# ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT

## Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group

**Meeting at ALA Midwinter — Boston, Massachusetts**

**Sunday, January 10, 8:30-10:00 AM**

**Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Room 153C**

26 people in attendance

The Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group meeting is an open discussion session for addressing topics of interest to the cartographic and geospatial resources cataloging community. The Interest group meeting was comprised of three presentations plus a discussion on the MARC bibliographic field tag 052. The meeting progressed in the following order of presentations and discussions:

The Interest Group opened with Elizabeth Cox, chair of MAGIRT, who shared informative information regarding MAGIRT and its leadership roles. Beth encouraged the group to become or remain active within the organization by serving either as an officer or a committee chair. She also encouraged any non-MAGIRT members present to join us.

Our first presentation was delivered by Marc McGee, who is the Geospatial Metadata Librarian at the Harvard Library. He provided background information and updates on the *Linked Data for Libraries Cartographic Materials* project grant proposal. This sub-project of the *Linked Data for Libraries: Linked Data for Production (LD4P)* project will explore best practices for creating linked data descriptions for library cartographic resources including printed maps, atlases, digital geospatial datasets, and other cartographic information resources.

The project proposal will be divided into two parts: *Linked Data for Production (LD4P)*--which is the development of the ability to produce metadata and the enhancement of the BIBFRAME ontology to encompass the multiple resource formats; and *Linked Data for Libraries Labs (LD4L-Labs)*, which will create and assemble tools, ontologies, services, and approaches that use linked data to improve the discovery, use, and understanding of scholarly information resources. The Linked Data project partners consist of six institutions: Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, the Library of Congress, Princeton, and Stanford. The Labs for Research services and the ontology for cataloging the linked data descriptions will need to be tested for at least two years. Marc presented a time-line and asked for volunteers to participate in the project. He said parts of the project could start as early as March 2016.

Discussion followed as many audience attendees had questions regarding the Linked Data for Libraries Project proposal.

The second presentation was given by Ryan Mattke, Map Librarian and Head of the John R. Borchert Map Library at the University of Minnesota. He discussed the Committee on Institutional Cooperation's (CIC) Geospatial Data Discovery Project and the related metadata creation process project by providing background information and mentioning expected goals. Ryan stated that scholars across academia increasingly demand access to geospatial data to facilitate their research. The 2012 CIC Center for Learning Initiatives (CLI) conference "Finding Our Way: Collaborative Strategies for Developing Geospatial Services" focused on ways to meet

this demand. A group of geospatial librarians from three CIC universities subsequently worked on a proposal to figure out how to best provide users across the CIC access to geospatial data. Once the proposal was shared amongst the Deans and Directors of the fourteen CIC libraries, the University of Minnesota plus eight other CIC institutions expressed interest in participating in a two-year pilot project. Ryan stated that by collaborating we can more effectively combine our efforts and expertise for the benefit of the consortium. The participating institutions include: the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, the University of Iowa, the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Minnesota, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mainly, the project goal is a collaborative effort to provide discoverability of, facilitate access to, and connect scholars across the CIC to geospatial data resources. The project will support the creation and aggregation of discovery-focused metadata describing geospatial data resources from participating institutions and will make those resources discoverable via an open source geoportal. The project is providing the technology project staffing and infrastructure at the University of Minnesota to host needed services.

A question and answer session followed the CIC Geospatial Data Discovery Project presentation.

The Interest Group then provided the forum for discussion on whether or not to keep the MARC tag 052 in bibliographic records? Is it necessary? This was a very interesting discussion. A summary of discussion points raised include:

- Some stated the 052 field is more specific to the geographic location and is more comprehensible than the MARC filed tag 043.
- Some thought that the 052 field was used redundantly, because it is similar to the classification (050 field).
- One attendee queried the group on how many libraries use this field and how could we use it more efficiently with the geographic materials that we catalog?
- The 052 field has more specificity, if all libraries used it. Location data is very important to the geographic community; since this field contains coded content it is potentially machine-manipulative and can be used across all barriers, especially language.

However, Marc McGee suggested that the 052 field should be used in our authority records instead of bibliographic records. The authority record would be more complete and data linked geographically. Another attendee noted that since this is a coded field, users would not know the codes themselves and thus the information is not helpful to them, though it is useful to fellow catalogers. A positive however, is that the field can be made searchable in local systems and can thus collocate all cartographic resources based on a given code(s) for geographic places together. On the other hand, a primary problem is that our records in OCLC may or may not have this field included; therefore inconsistent use by catalogers presents challenges to enhancing those records lacking the field and its information. We also discussed whether the field could be replicated and also compatible with other systems in the future? Will it provide convenient usability with different user interfaces? The advantages of using the 052 field are: catalogers do not have to memorize the Library of Congress G-Schedule because the base classification number can be

pulled from the call number; the codes are in a non-language numerical format; the field and its codes are searchable; and it can bring together related cartographic resources via searching by a given code in this field.

Finally, Tammy Wong and I hosted a demonstration of LC's BIBFRAME Pilot Project. We demonstrated the use of the BIBFRAME Editor for cartographic resources. We encouraged members of the audience to give feedback on the various features on the form that we shared. We especially concentrated on the design of the form, the search mechanisms, and the tools for the BIBFRAME Editor. We discussed the Library of Congress testers' focus, which have been on data evaluation and identifying problems or errors when creating data from scratch using the BIBFRAME editor. During the demonstration we primarily focused our attention on how BIBFRAME works with Resource Description and Access (RDA) instead of how BIBFRAME works with MARC. As a result of participating in the training sessions on the use of the BIBFRAME Editor, I stated we shouldn't be too concerned if BIBFRAME doesn't handle all of the MARC fields and subfields, rather, "we need to shift our focus from MARC." Many audience members were excited to test the BIBFRAME editor for digital library and linked data work on cartographic resources.

Best regards,

Iris Taylor

Chair, ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group

<http://www.ala.org/alcts/mgrps/camms/grps/ats-ccsdgmap>

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## MAGIRT Education Committee

Minutes of the MAGIRT Education Committee for the Midwinter 2016 meeting minutes have been posted to the ALAConnect site.

<http://connect.ala.org/node/250130>

Anne Zald

Chair, MAGIRT Education Committee



## Slate of Candidates for MAGIRT Officers

The MAGIRT Nominations and Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the following individuals have volunteered to run for three offices, with the Assistant Treasurer position being a brand new one.

**Vice Chair:** Leslie Wagner (Univ. of Texas-Arlington)

**Secretary:** Cathy Hodge (Univ. of Iowa)

**Asst. Treasurer:** Maggie Long (New York University)  
David Hodnefield (Historical Information Gatherers (Firm))

Each of these individuals is a member of MAGIRT in good standing, and are willing to serve for the appointed amount of time needed for each of these leadership positions, stated requirements to run for an elected office. For more detailed information see Section III. Nominations and Elections in the MAGIRT Bylaws.

ALA is currently finalizing ballots for the forthcoming election for association and unit offices and similar. From the ALA Elections website is the following important information and dates:

“The 2016 elections will open on March 15 and close on April 22. Results will be announced on April 29. For the 2016 elections, eligible members will be sent their voting credentials via email between March 15-18, 2016.”

Please be sure to participate in the upcoming ALA elections and share in the process of determining our new MAGIRT leaders!

Sincerely,

Paige Andrew  
Chair, Nominations and Awards Committee and Past Chair, MAGIRT



# MAGIRT Honors Award Nominations for 2016 Extended

At the most-recent (February 3rd) MAGIRT Executive Board meeting your MAGIRT leaders approved keeping the door open to accepting nominations for the annual MAGIRT Honors Award for a while longer.

The Committee is still seeking more nominations from you for an individual you feel deserves our Honors Award. The deadline for accepting nominations via email is **March 11, 2016**.

We would appreciate letters of nomination that include specific information that addresses the “... in recognition of outstanding achievement and major contributions to map and geospatial librarianship and to the Round Table” criterion, the more specific the better.

For information about the MAGIRT Honors Award and a list of past recipients please see: <http://www.ala.org/magirt/honorsawards>

Finally, please address your emailed nomination to the three members of this committee, Paige Andrew ([pga2@psu.edu](mailto:pga2@psu.edu)), Beth Cox ([bcox@lib.siu.edu](mailto:bcox@lib.siu.edu)) and Louise Ratliff ([lratliff@library.ucla.edu](mailto:lratliff@library.ucla.edu)).

Paige Andrew  
Chair, MAGIRT Nominations and Award Committee



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# NEW MAPS AND CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

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*“If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten-thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos.”—E.O. Wilson*

This quote is cited in an article in Canadian Geographic (Anthony, Leslie. “We Know that insects are being lost across the planet... but no one is really looking” Dec. 2015: 50-56, 58). It discusses the vital role that insects play in Earth’s ecosystem, and offers some thought-provoking commentary. My column contains a few environmental items that will make you wonder, and that should also be high on your list of things to worry about. These are also things that your patrons are probably interested in too.

February is already half gone. Between teaching classes and handling requests, along with scheduling of more instruction, the semester is flying along.

During my daily duties, however, I manage to stumble upon all sorts of new and interesting cartographic wonders. Some requests require a bit of data mining and occasionally you strike gold where you don’t expect it.

I will be brief this issue to allow my colleagues to report on Midwinter activities. There are many unique resources and I couldn’t wait to show a few. I decided at the last minute to hold several goodies until the next issue just to keep you in suspense.

## Curiosity of the Month

### Artist Uses GPS Tracking to Write Giant Message Across Globe

<http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1826>

Many years ago, an artist sent a GPS transmitter around the World using a predetermined series of Federal Express routes, so that he could produce a self-portrait on the map. While not as elaborate, a Japanese artist decided to create a simpler message that was created when he uploaded the data onto Google Earth.

Take a look at the recent work by “GPS artist” Yassan Takahashi. It will be a nice start to any day. It appeared on the Canadian Geographic blog on February 5.

## Articles of Interest

### Why Satellite Imagery Makes Maps Worse

<http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1804>



A headline that catches the attention; this is the story of the Internet, where too many distractions are a normal page's way of enticing you to run off in all directions, instead of continuing to learn what you came to learn.

The author discusses how mapping techniques affect our perceptions and how they can be used to show data in relevant, insightful ways, or how some methods can reduce the map's effectiveness in relating its message. This is not so much a criticism, as it is a brief discussion on when to use appropriate techniques to make maps better at describing their theme.

Cartographers will find this interesting and possibly amusing. Map enthusiasts will enjoy the comments that articulate differences in styles of maps.

### Why Children Still Need to Read (and Draw) Maps

[http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2016/01/children-still-need-read-draw-maps/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=pbsofficial&utm\\_campaign=parents\\_expert](http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2016/01/children-still-need-read-draw-maps/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=pbsofficial&utm_campaign=parents_expert)

Technology brings great strides in the things we can do. It has improved many facets of our existence and provides tools we use every day. But, with all things, progress has some side-effects and not all of them have the effect intended.

I have been collecting a number of articles on research that shows the effect of reliance on technology in terms of how it affects the brain and spatial cognition. In most of these, it is agreed that certain brain functions are lost from this dependency.

GPS units are great (most of the time) for navigation, especially when rapid travel requires quick decisions for turns and distance judgement. Navigation systems allow people to travel with confidence.

But, this in turn, changes the way our brain works. We lose spatial context and the ability to relate places to each other. Our circuitry redesigns our spatial cognition. In children this

is even more evident as they may never have had the opportunity to read a map, or to learn spatial concepts so they can form the essential spatial wiring that the brain needs. The effect carries on to other areas of learning and cognition as well.

Visualization skills develop as we experience our surroundings and get a feel for places and locations, in relation to other places. Not just maps; writing, art, language, and other skills are enhanced by spatial training.

This article is a sampling of trends in learning studies that raises questions about the effect of technology on learning skills. It suggests too that technologies do not necessarily replace older ones completely. The fact is, there is always a place for every technology.

I feel that this is not only a matter for developing children. Adults need to refresh and practice these skills as well. The article is valid for all levels and we should encourage map use, cartography (even simple drawing of maps), and similar skills that maintain a healthy mind.

This article also includes a list of “Mapping Books for Children” and “Digital Resources” to assist educators, as well as some hands-on activities that are designed to focus on spatial skills.

### **Cartography Skills and Errors: Why it Pays to Pay Attention**

Good maps and cartographic skills are as important today as they were in the past. So much relies upon accurate data and calculations.

An article in the *Democrat and Chronicle* (Rochester, N.Y.) describes an instance where an error caused a century of headaches for land developers and property owners in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

Colonel Hugh Maxwell may have had a momentary lapse of judgement when he began mapping what was supposed to be a North-South line, but instead became a Northwest line to Lake Ontario.

This error threw surveys off considerably and would have been a larger problem had not a sharp-eyed assistant noted the error on paper and made adjustments. Even with the corrections, problems persisted for some time after.

To read this article, read: “The Finger Lakes Border Fiasco: What Happened When a Trusted Surveyor Got it Wrong” (<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/rochester-magazine/finger-lakes/2015/07/24/past-tense-august-2015-history-survey-line-compass-error-true-north-property-deeds-land-claims-col-hugh-maxwell/30234001/>). The article appears in print in *Rochester Magazine* (Aug. 2015): 62-63.

Included is a facsimile of his survey journal and a few maps.

## **GPS Mix-Up Brings Wrong Turn, and Celebrity, to an American in Iceland**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/05/world/europe/iceland-american-tourist-gps.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/05/world/europe/iceland-american-tourist-gps.html?_r=0)

And speaking of GPS and technology, here is a good example of what happens when you misspell a word. The fame was gained because the user didn't enter a name correctly, then followed the directions for hours, instead of minutes. Computers are not forgiving...

## **Atlases**

### ***Korean History in Maps: From Prehistory to the Twenty-First Century.***

Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2014 (9781107098466 (hbk.); 9781107490239). Scales differ. 1 atlas (xi, 196 pages): illustrations (some color), maps (color); 28 cm.

The World is filled with mysteries and endless wonder. There is more on Earth than we can ever see in our lifetime, much less that we can learn. Geography and cartography focus on uncovering these histories and mysteries so that we can better understand the World and our place in it.

The current work describes the history of the Korean Peninsula and the cultures that inhabited it from prehistory, through the present. It includes maps, chronologies, and pictures of artifacts, architecture, and relevant subjects. Text provides explanatory details for each period and map. This publication is one of the first atlases made specifically for English-speakers.

Chapters are arranged by period or kingdom. These are delineated along the history of Korea. The color maps were drawn for this book and cover a variety of themes, such as migrations, prehistoric sites, trade and commerce, wars, and culture, among others.

Appendices include other historic resources, including a few historic maps, calendar conversion tables, lists of rulers, and additional items.

This atlas is filled with data and materials that are well-organized and clearly stated. It would be a good acquisition for high school through adult learning collections and will open readers to a part of the World that is not well known.

## **Websites & Online Resources**

### **Plastic To Outweigh All Of The Fish In The Ocean by 2050**

<http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1797>

Seems that I began an environmental theme this issue. It is not hard to do. Some items though need to be distributed to raise awareness of threats and trends that will impact life as we know it. The problem with plastic overwhelms all else as it is toxic to life and cannot be ignored for much longer.

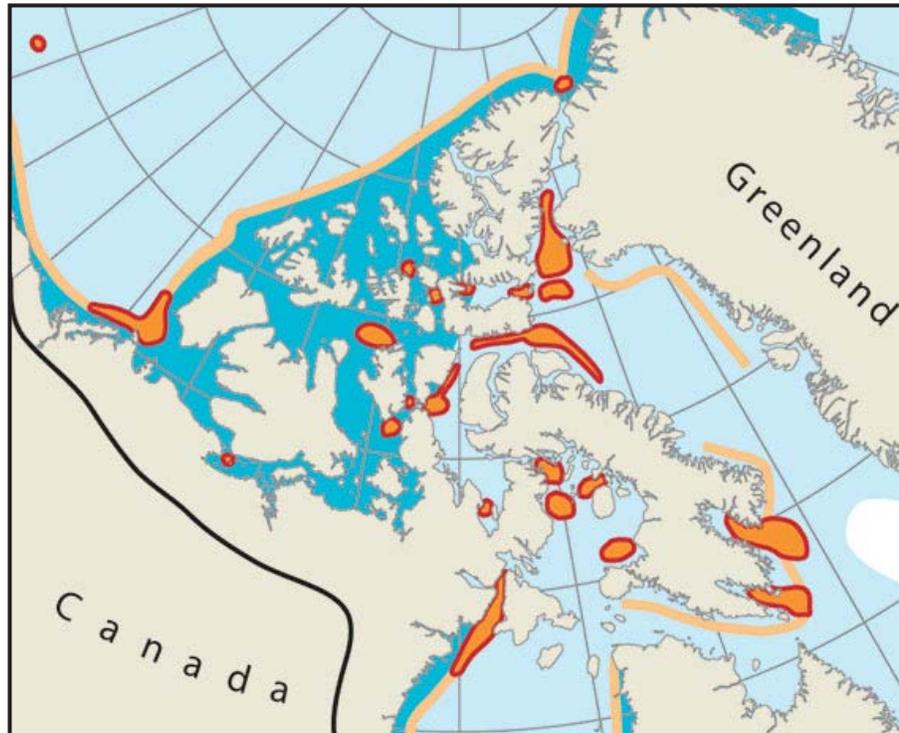
In addition to this brief article highlighting the situation, there is a World Economic Forum report, published in January 2016 that goes into detail. *The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the Future of Plastics* is available online.

[http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_The\\_New\\_Plastics\\_Economy.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_The_New_Plastics_Economy.pdf)

### Canada's Polynyas

<http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/magazine/dec15/map/>

Polynyas are open water areas that are surrounded by sea ice. The Arctic has a number of polynyas that are critical habitats for marine mammals and birds.” The Arctic and Antarctic regions show greater sensitivity to climate change and are important regions for environmental and climate research. Latent heat in the land and water can cause a polynya to form as ice crushes in during winter.



Because these regions are changing (some polynyas remain year-round now), the effect on wildlife is critical. This interactive map depicts Canada's 23 polynyas. Selecting a section of the map brings up a description of each polynya and its wildlife connection. Included are the type of formation, dates of formation/recession, and species of animals that inhabit the polynya.

Be sure to add this to your list of Arctic studies and environmental studies resources.

### Administrative Divisions of Countries (“Statoids”)

<http://www.statoids.com/statoids.html>

Occasionally I find useful web resources while I am searching for something else completely. Recently I was looking for data on a specific foreign word that I believed was an administrative subdivision. The search path crossed this site and so I stopped to look around.

The primary intent of this website is to provide listings of countries, broken down into administrative subdivisions. Not only are these listed for each country, there are translation lists to define words in different countries and languages.

But more important, the site then goes on to provide statistical data on the countries and subdivisions, using data gathered from official sources. For each division of a country, there are descriptions and links to data, maps, and other relevant materials.

The term “statoid” was created by the author of the site, who describes the term:

“The land area of the world is divided into countries (*see note #1 in the Details section*). Most of the countries are, in turn, divided into smaller units. These units may be called states, provinces, regions, governorates, and so on. A phrase that describes them all is “major administrative divisions of countries”. I will use the term “statoid” for short. Since the word has no other accepted meaning (*see note #2 in the Details section*), it can be used as a search term on search engines to target this site. The ‘a’ of statoid is long.”

The author also states that the site can be used as is, but that it may be used in conjunction with the monograph: *Administrative Subdivisions of Countries*, by Gwillim Law (McFarland & Company, Jefferson, North Carolina)

The website uses ISO 3166 for its reference to countries and subdivisions so it is consistent with data from international sources. Included are explanations and references to other resources, tables of country codes, trivial type data on places, and a bibliography of sources cited.

Here’s an example of the levels included in this work:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Tertiary</b>
France	region	department	arrondissement

Detailed statistics and data are given from country, down to tertiary subdivision. Also included are official names (from a series of sources), name origins, geographical information, history of changes to names and subdivisions, and other details. Time zones are given for each area and links to maps from a number of sources as they have been located.

This website would be a useful supplement to gazetteers, almanacs, atlases, and statistics resources and would be useful for students from upper grade school through adult learner. It is a rich resource worth remembering for the future.

## **Old Maps Online**

<http://www.oldmapsonline.org/>

Historic maps are in great demand but not everyone has access to a local collection that houses them. The move toward digitizing and not printing many maps also means that in future studies, finding and accessing maps will be more limited than ever.

Old Maps Online is a search interface that is working to make locating historic maps easier and also to make it possible for access to facsimiles that will assist research. A number of government and private organizations are participating in this project.

The search can be made by named feature or by identifying an area of interest on a map. Once done, the user is presented with an illustrated list of maps that cover any part of that region. I discovered this while assisting a patron recently and was able to provide her with New York topo maps of a few places that we did not have coverage. I was able to then send her links so she could download the maps for use in legal research that her firm was performing. They were thrilled.

I have yet to go back to do more examination of the site, but so far, it has enabled me to assist patrons quite well. This is a good resource to refer to when looking for historic maps, especially for various editions of the maps.

## Books

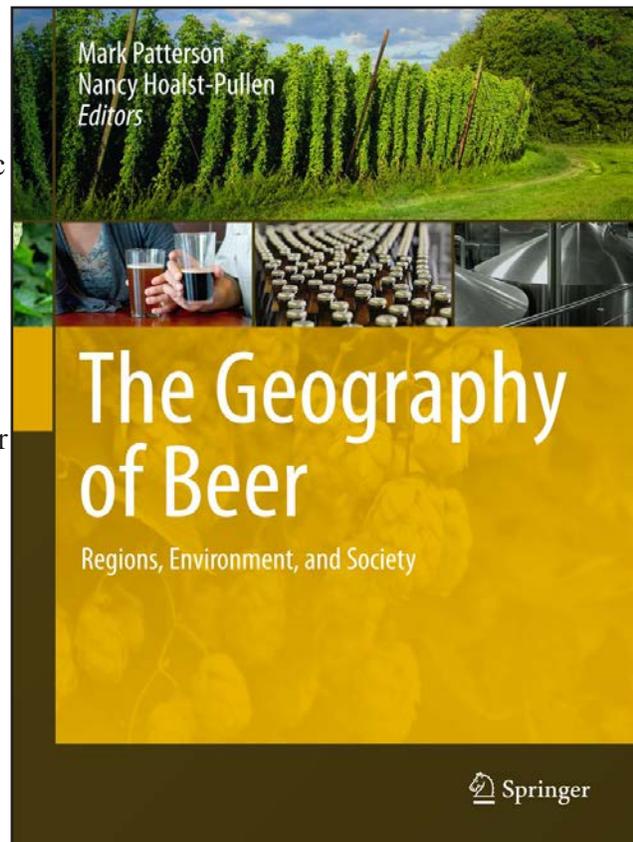
Patterson, Mark, and Nancy Hoalst-Pullen. *The Geography of Beer: Regions, Environment, and Societies*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2014 (9789400777866). xiii, 212 p.: ill. (some col.), maps (some col.).

Geography is a part of almost every discipline and relies on the serious study of places and people. The impact of geographic studies on all fields of learning and doing makes it a good profession.

Geography isn't only dull statistics and observation. Geography can also be fun and interesting. This book, while being a serious study, is on a topic that would appear to make it more fun than most topics. The Beer and ale industry is an intense one that goes back to ancient times. Today's mega-breweries and global exchange have made beer sales a leading factor in the economics of most countries.

This publication is a wonderful study of the brewing industry from early times to the present. It covers global and micro levels of beer production, consumption, and geography. Some chapters were written by non-geographers, but instead by brewing industry workers, which adds to the depth of the topics that are covered. Geographers worked with the authors to include the spatial dimension to their work.

The maps, tables, and text clearly describe each topic. Visuals add to this work: beer bottle labels (in color) add true flavor to a serious study. This work will be useful for geographers,



business scholars, historians, and for those who love beer. It is a good geography publication for college and adult learning collections.

***Mapping the West With Lewis & Clark.*** First ed. Delray Beach, Florida, USA; Washington, D.C.: Published by Levensger Press; in association with the Library of Congress, 2015 (9781929154562). Scales differ. 1 atlas (viii, 111 pages): illustrations (some color), maps (some color); 37 cm.

The Corps of Discovery, better known as the Lewis and Clark Expedition, is one of the amazing feats in the world of exploration and cartography. The extent of the land surveyed and observed was vast, with little assistance available, yet the Corps returned without loss and with a wealth of data and research on the West.

Now 200 years later, a volume is available that gives a cartographic history of the maps that were drawn from field surveys and notes during this expedition. Each chapter covers a region or aspect of the work, with descriptive text that gives context to the work.

The maps are also reproduced in the book for further study. Tucked into pockets at the front and back are large reproductions of two original maps based on the expedition's work:

1803, A composite map of the American West: Lewis and Clark pre-expedition map / Nicholas King -- 1805, A map of part of the continent of North America: Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan map / William Clark, copy by Nicholas King.

Reference and index maps are included to assist the reader; routes are superimposed on several modern maps showing the routes taken. The reproductions are good considering the age and condition of some of the maps. Research into the series provides a rich description of the events and gives researchers a good reference to work with.

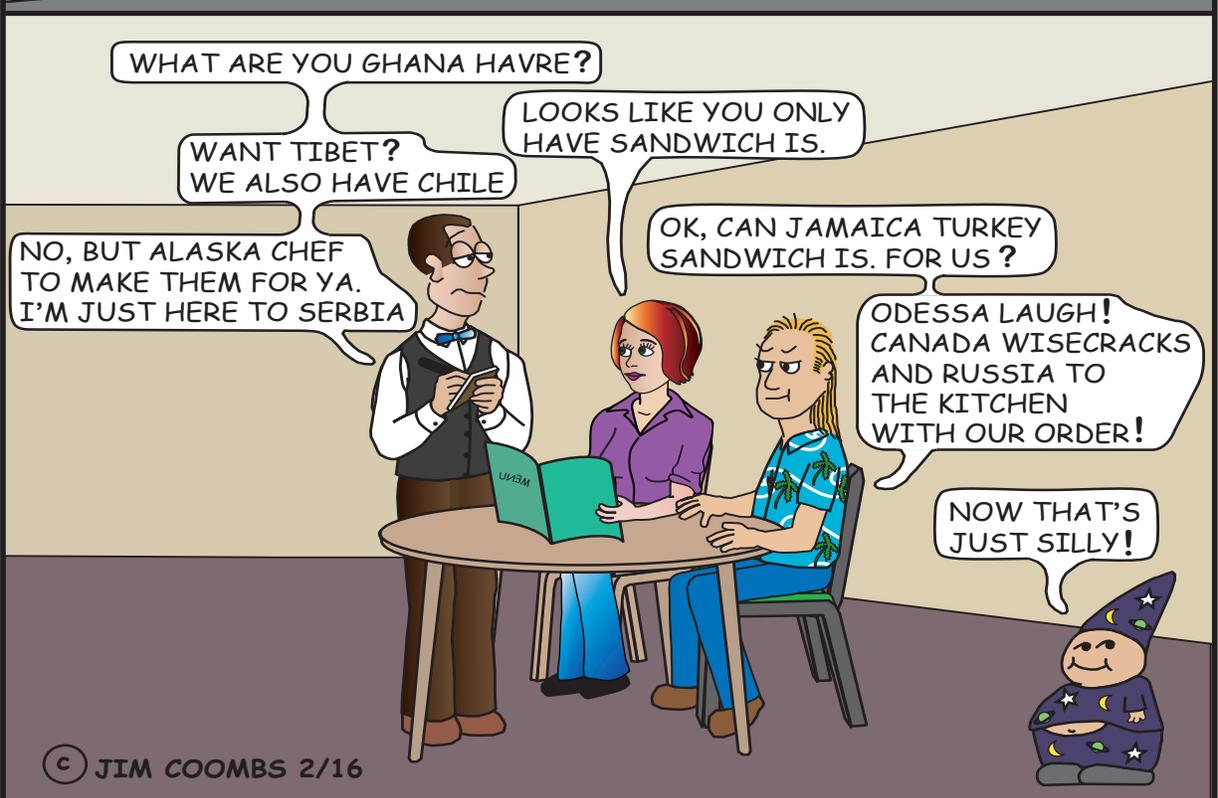
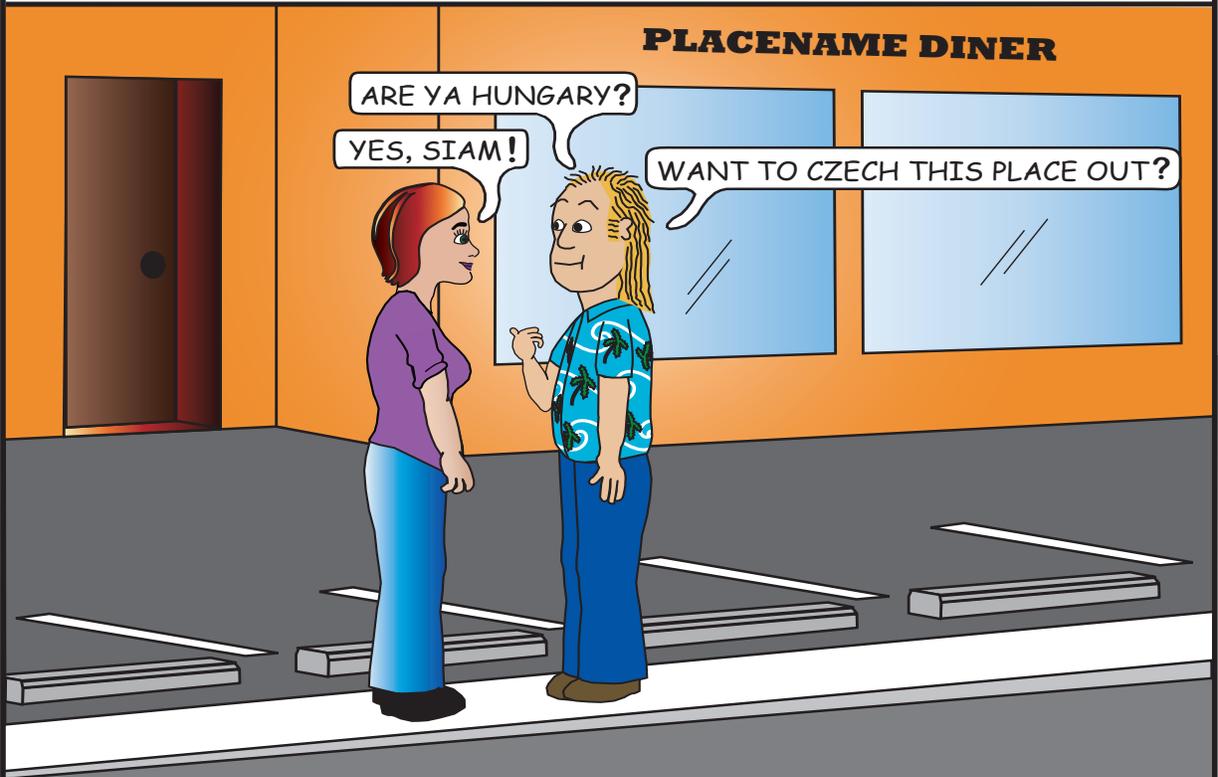
The binding and printing is very good, making this a worthy book for any collection, especially college through adult learner. It is within the realm of being a decent gift book as well.

## Conclusion

Mardi Gras is over, Chinese New Year scrambled in like monkeys, and now we are off toward spring. Enjoy the maps in your everyday journey.–DJB



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