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FROM THE CHAIR

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Because I was curious, this week I took a look through the MAPS-L email archive to review what mapping needs have been posted there recently. Scholars, students, professors and researchers requested maps of all types, both historical and contemporary, in whatever format they can find (print, digital, GIS).

The topics vary widely. Most recent was a request for bedrock geology maps or GIS data of Southeast Asia. Another person needed maps of the St. Lawrence drainage system, possibly showing the Ohio Valley – modern maps or historic ones from the New France Era. An anthropology professor would like street-level maps of antebellum Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi. Census tract maps, datasets of urban change in Las Vegas, aerial photos, OSS maps were all subjects of recent inquiries. MAGIRT members constantly pose and answer requests such as these.



Maps and GIS resources are vital to scholars doing research in geology, history, the social sciences, digital humanities and more, and MAGIRT members are invaluable partners in the research process. I am greatly energized by this dynamic community, and it is my goal as MAGIRT chair to support and sustain a high level of professional growth and development offerings to our members and help guide the organization as it serves the profession of map and geospatial librarianship.

During the past year we formed the *Online Guide to U.S. Map Resources* Task Force to update the 2005 edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. Goals for the *Guide* include raising awareness of hidden map collections, identifying websites and creating a searchable map interface. Task Force chair Carol McAuliffe and her team recently sent out a survey to gather information about map resources across the United States. Please respond to the survey when you receive it, and share it with your colleagues so that we gather as much information as possible.

Another task force has begun work to update the *Map, GIS and Cataloging/Metadata Librarian Core Competencies*, first published in 2008 by the MAGERT Education Committee. Task Force chair Maggie Long is guiding a group to bring the core competencies for map and GIS librarians and cartographic cataloging and metadata librarians into the 21st century.

Three of our committees are tasked to update our online website and LibGuide, present webinars, and plan programs for the 2017 ALA Annual Conference. We plan to have a pre-conference workshop on how to catalog maps according to the recently published *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials* (Cartographic) (also known as DCRM(C)). In addition, the Program Planning Committee is planning a two-part program on maps and family history, part of which will be a tutorial on how to use digitized maps to show locations of people and events in your family history. Committee members include librarians from NYPL and the Newberry Library, among others, and it should be a lively presentation.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find our meeting schedule for the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting to be held in Atlanta, GA. As you can see, thanks to many enthusiastic and committed members, MAGIRT is thriving!

Please, if you have comments, suggestions, ideas, or words of wisdom, I ask you to share them with me or any other member of the Executive Board. We rely on your input to keep us moving forward! Information about current officers may be found on the MAGIRT website, here: <http://www.ala.org/magirt/officerscommchairs>.

Cheers, and happy mapping!
Louise



MAGIRT Meeting Schedule

ALA Midwinter 2017

Atlanta GA

January 20-24, 2017

<http://2017.alamidwinter.org/>

Locations will be available sometime in November and will be posted on the MAGIRT website and published in the December issue of *base line*.

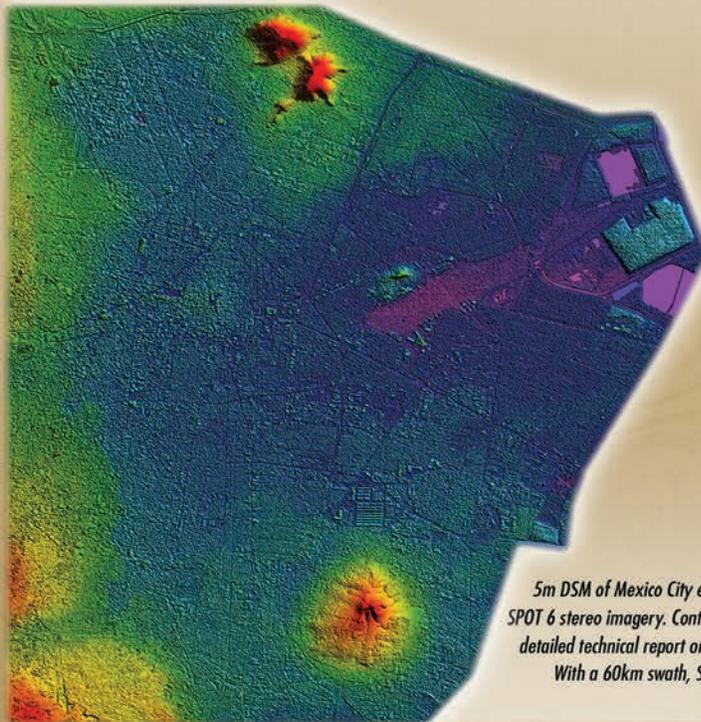
Friday, January 20, 2017	
Afternoon	Field Trip (To be determined)
5:30pm-	Dutch Treat Dinner (To be determined)
Saturday, January 21, 2017	
10:30am – 11:30am	Publications Committee
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Geo Tech Committee and GIS Discussion Group
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Map Collection Management Discussion Group
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Core Competencies Task Force
Sunday, January 22, 2017	
8:30am – 10:00am	Cataloging of Cartographic Resources Interest Group
10:30am – 11:30am	Cataloging & Classification Committee
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Membership Meeting & Executive Board I
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Membership Meeting & Executive Board II
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Program Planning Committee



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ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

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RDA Toolkit Release, August 9, 2016

A new release of the RDA Toolkit will be published on Tuesday, August 9. Some noteworthy changes that might be of interest to map catalogers:

TOPIC 1: Revisions to RDA Reference and related instructions

TOPIC 2: Change in Content in LC-PCC PSs

TOPIC 1: Revisions to RDA Reference and related instructions

While these changes impact the vocabularies and instructions in RDA, in most cases these are RDA infrastructure changes and do not impact the application of the instructions. The list of RDA instructions changed as a result of this work are at: <http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/RSC-Sec-4.pdf>. While you are encouraged to peruse the original document, the most significant changes are highlighted below:

- Digital representation of cartographic content (p. 1) – Structure reorganized; more examples are provided and explained in object type and number of objects categories; sources of cartographic data type are listed.
- Extent (p. 11) – Many examples are added under recording Extent and Recording Extent of a cartographic resource; Extent of cartographic resources are collapsed and merged with other sub-vocabularies (such as Extent of still image, Extent of three-dimensional form) to form a single list of Carrier extent unit vocabulary – the aim is to register certain elements and vocabularies to support linked data applications; minor revisions in the Cartographic resources and Three dimensional forms under Exceptions; list of extent remained the same for cartographic resources.
- Layout (p. 41) – “Both sides” and “Back to back” under cartographic images were incorporated to a single list of Layout vocabulary in 3.11.1.3.
- Material (p. 45) Here is another case of collapsing vocabularies for different RDA elements into a single vocabulary. A single new Material vocabulary is now used for the RDA elements Base material, Applied materials, and Mount due to the overlapping nature of the terms.
- Production method (p. 53) – Revisions and added examples in Manuscripts under Exceptions.

- Scale (p. 66) – There are now separate sections for “Scale designation” (7.25.6) for still images or three dimensional forms (7.25.2) and cartographic content (75.3-7.25.4). The instructions for recording scale of cartographic content when there is a lack of scale designation are found in section 7.25.6.3.

Generally, strikeout is used to show deletions and double underlining is used to show additions. For some changes, only a clean-copy version is shown in the original document. Only the major additions are highlighted below, please refer to the original document for the complete changes.

Digital representation of cartographic content:

3.19.8.3 Recording Digital Representation of Cartographic Content For digitally encoded cartographic content, record the following information if it can be readily ascertained and is considered important for identification or selection:

a) data type (see 3.19.8.5 i.e., raster, vector, or point)

b) object type (e.g., point, line, polygon, pixel)

EXAMPLE

pixel

Object type for cartographic content encoded as raster data

point

line

polygon

Object types for cartographic content encoded as vector data

c) number of objects used to represent spatial information.

EXAMPLE

5,000 x 5,000

Number of pixels

3,765,480

Number of points

7,464

841

841

4

Number of complete chains, entity points, GT-polygons composed of chains, and points for a geological map encoded as vector data

Record details of digital representation of cartographic content as instructed at 3.19.8.4.

3.19.8.4 Details of Digital Representation of Cartographic Content

Record details of digital representation of cartographic content ▼ if considered important for identification or selection. For scope and sources of information, see 3.19.8.1 and 3.19.8.2.

3.19.8.5 Cartographic Data Type

3.19.8.5.1 Scope

Cartographic data type ▼ is a machine-readable representation of geospatial features.

3.19.8.5.2 Sources of Information

Use evidence presented by the resource itself (or on any accompanying material or container) as the basis for recording the digital representation of cartographic content. Take additional evidence from any source.

3.19.8.5.3 Recording Cartographic Data Types

For digitally encoded cartographic content, record the data type if it can be readily ascertained and is considered important for identification or selection. Use an appropriate term from the following list:

point

raster

vector

If none of the terms in the list is appropriate or sufficiently specific, use another concise term or terms to indicate the cartographic data type.

Record details of cartographic data type as instructed at 3.19.8.5.4.

3.19.8.5.4 Details of Cartographic Data Type

Record **details of cartographic data type** if considered important for identification or selection. For scope and sources of information, see 3.19.8.5.1 and 3.19.8.5.2.

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Extent:

3.4.1.3 Recording Extent

Exceptions

Cartographic resources. For a printed, manuscript, graphic, or three-dimensional resource consisting of cartographic content (with or without accompanying text and/or illustrations), use an appropriate term from the following list and apply the additional instructions at see 3.4.2.

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Three-dimensional forms. For resources consisting of one or more three-dimensional forms, use an appropriate term from the following list and apply the additional instructions at see 3.4.6.

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atlas

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diagram

globe

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map

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model

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profile

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remote-sensing image

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Section

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view

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3.4.2.2 Recording Extent of a Cartographic Resource

Record the extent of the resource by giving the number of units and an appropriate term from the list at 3.4.1.3, following list. Record the term in the singular or plural, as applicable.

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Scale:

7.25.1 Basic Instructions on Recording Scale

7.25.1.1 Scope

Scale ▼ is the a ratio of the dimensions of the content of an image or three-dimensional form ~~contained or embodied in a resource~~ to the dimensions of the thing it represents.

Scale applies to:

still images or three dimensional forms (see 7.25.2)
cartographic content (see 7.25.3–7.25.4).

Scale can apply to horizontal, vertical, angular, and/or other measurements represented in the resource.

Record a nonlinear scale designation as additional scale information (see 7.25.5).

Record a scale designation (see 7.25.6) if:

- a) the scale is not found in a scale statement or as part of the title proper or other title information
- b) the scale cannot be determined or estimated by the means outlined in this instruction
- c) the cartographic content is not drawn to scale
- d) the scale within one image, map, etc., varies and the values are not known
- e) the resource consists of more than one image, map, etc., and the main images, maps, etc., are of more than one scale.

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7.25.6 Scale Designation

7.25.6.1 Scope

Scale designation ▼ is a general designation of the lack of a ratio of the dimensions of the content of an image or three-dimensional form to the dimensions of the thing it represents.

7.25.6.2 Sources of Information

Take information on scale designation from any source.

7.25.6.3 Recording Scale Designations

For cartographic content, if recording the scale is not possible according to the instructions at 7.25.1.3-7.25.5, record a term from the following list.

not drawn to scale

scale not given

scale varies

scales differ

Apply the terms listed as follows:

- a) Record “not drawn to scale” if the content is not drawn to scale.
- b) Record “scale not given” if the scale cannot be determined or estimated (see 7.25.1.3).
- c) Record “scale varies” if the scale within one image, map, etc., varies and the scale values are not known.
- d) Record “scales differ” if the resource consists of more than one image, map, etc., and the main images, maps, etc., are of more than one scale.

Alternative

Record each scale separately.

EXAMPLE

1:50,000

1:250,000

Scales for a resource containing maps of different scales

approximately 1:37,000

approximately 1:750,000

Estimated scales for a resource containing maps of different scales

TOPIC 2: Change in Content in LC-PCC PSs

A summary of LC-PCC PS updates is also available at http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/lcps_access.html. Most of the changes are new/revised PCC practices related to the cataloging of rare cartographic materials due to the publication of the Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic) standard (referred to as DCRM(C)):

Chapter 2: Identifying Manifestations and Items

2.4.2: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording statement of responsibility relating to the title proper in rare atlases.

2.8.2: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording place of publication.

2.8.4: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording publisher's name.

2.8.6: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording date of publication.

2.9.2: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording place of distribution.

2.9.4: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording distributor's name.

2.9.6: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording date of distribution.

2.10.2: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording place of manufacture.

2.10.4: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording manufacturer's name.

2.10.6: Added reference to DCRM(C) in recording date of manufacture.

2.17.3: Added guidance when providing note on statement of responsibility for rare atlases (DCRM(C)).

Chapter 3: Describing Carriers

3.12: Added guidance when recording book format for rare atlases (DCRM(C)).

Chapter 6: Identifying Works and Expressions

6.2.2.9.1, 6.2.2.9.2: New guidance on the use of general terms and numbers when recording the preferred title of a part of a work.

Chapter 7: Describing Content

7.3: Added guidance when recording coverage of content for rare cartographic resources.

7.4.2: Added guidance in determining longitude and latitude for rare cartographic resources.

7.4.2.3: New guidance on the punctuation used for separating coordinates when recording longitude and latitude.

7.25: New guidance for recording scale of cartographic resources and reference to DCRM(C).

7.26: Added guidance for recording projection of cartographic content for rare cartographic resources (DCRM(C)).

7.27: New guidance for recording other details of cartographic content for rare cartographic resources (DCRM(C)).

Chapter 9: Identifying Persons

9.16.1.3: Added guidance on the selection of terms for profession or occupation that do not contain an indication of the person's gender, nationality, religion, etc., in most cases.

Chapter 16: Identifying Places

16.2.2.3: Added guidance on selecting the preferred name of a place for foreign place names outside of Australia, Canada, Great Britain, and New Zealand, especially when more than one conventional or approved form is found in GEOnet.

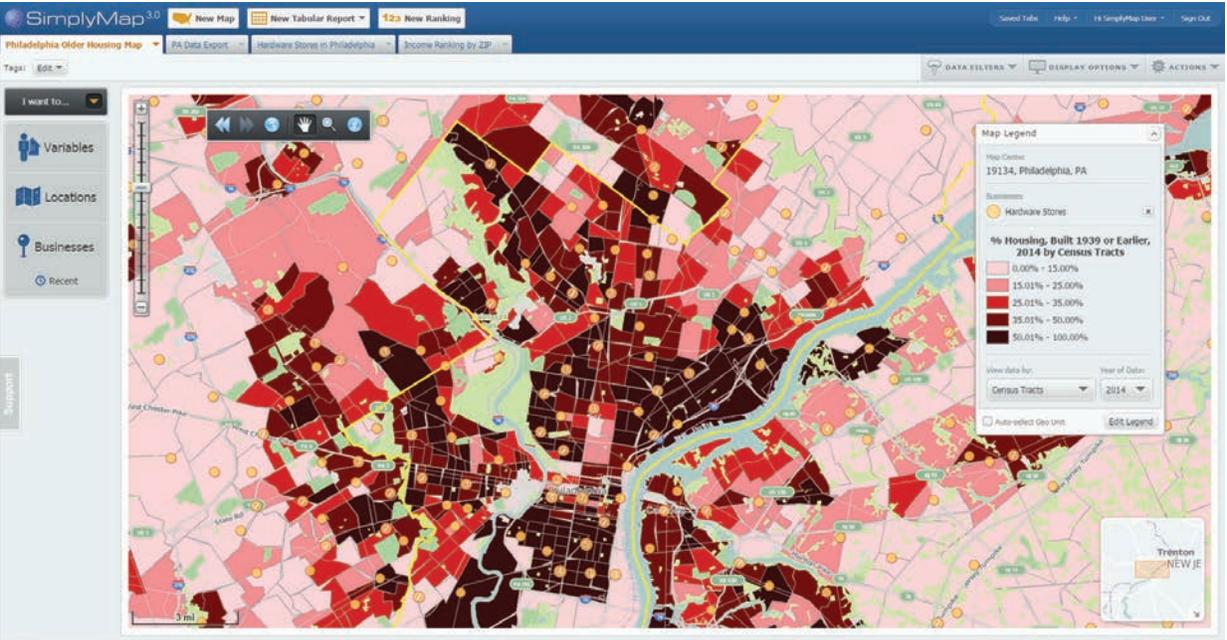
16.2.2.5: Added guidance for names of places that have been transliterated.

The next planned release of the RDA Toolkit will be in October 2016.





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National Geospatial Advisory Group Holds Fall Meeting

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<https://library.stanford.edu/blogs/stanford-libraries-blog/2016/10/national-geospatial-advisory-group-holds-fall-meeting>

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) held its fall meeting at the National Conservation Training Center near Shepherdstown, West Virginia on September 27-28, 2016. The NGAC is a Federal Advisory Committee (FACA) to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). The role of the NGAC is to provide advice and recommendations related to the national geospatial program and the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. Full minutes of the meeting, PowerPoints, and lightning talks will be available on the [NGAC website](#) shortly.

Camille Touton, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water & Science at the Department of Interior and Chair of the FGDC, opened the meeting. She discussed the FGDC's priorities as well as the work the FGDC is doing to prepare for the transition to the new administration after the November election. The priorities of the FGDC include continued work on the [Geospatial Platform](#), advancing the [National Spatial Data Infrastructure](#), support of the creation of the [National Address Database](#) and the [3DEP Elevation Program](#), and support for the [Open Water Data Initiative](#).

Fifteen members of the committee will complete their terms at the end of December with six rotating off the committee due to term limits. New members, including those who have reapplied from their first three year term, will be announced in January.

The NGAC heard reports from four subcommittees, three of whom are researching and preparing white papers that will be completed by the end of December. The subcommittees include the following:

- The Emerging Technologies subcommittee is providing information and perspectives on technologies that will impact the geospatial community within a three to five year time horizon. They are considering overriding trends such as real time data collection and analytics, personalization, miniaturization, and expanded access.
- The Policy Framework team was asked to review the [OMB Circular A-16](#) providing advice on ways to update it and make it more relevant to today's geospatial landscape. This document was originally released in 1990 and then revised in 2002. The Circular was established to provide a "coordinated approach to electronically develop the National Spatial Data Infrastructure."
- The Standards team seeks to provide advice on the greater adoption and utilization of standards.
- The Landsat Advisory Group will work on an investigation of the small satellite landscape as well as research interest in temporal data cubes.

NGAC Vice Chair, Keith Masback, convened a panel of experts to discuss emerging technologies and their impacts on the geospatial communities. David Tohn, of [BTS Software Solutions](#) discussed facial recognition innovations and real time data capture and analysis. Aaron Gussman of [HumanGeo](#) talked about the use of big data analytics for social media. Suzanne Foss of [Esri](#) discussed real time integration of sensors and with immediate analysis. Sarah Battersby of [Tableau Software](#) (and a member of the NGAC) spoke about effective visualization and meaningful output for making decisions.

The group discussed the next phase of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Plan as the present plan was written to cover work done between 2014-2016. The plan has five key elements: policy, data, technology, standards, and people. The NGAC discussed how the NSDI could be more relevant to the nation, how the plan should encourage engagement with partners outside the Federal government sphere, and how to expand outreach beyond the traditional geospatial sectors to include those integrating geospatial in their products. During 2017 the FGDC will work on a plan that will govern the NSDI over the next few years.

During the 2008 election cycle, the NGAC developed a [Transition Paper](#) laying out importance of geospatial technologies to the nation and explaining the role of the Federal government in supporting the nation's geospatial infrastructure. The NGAC leadership is in the process of writing a Transition Paper for the current candidates. The paper is designed to raise awareness of the importance of geospatial technologies focusing on its current applications and impacts. It will define the role of the Federal community and explain the major initiatives now underway. It will identify key areas where Federal leadership can provide opportunities for economic growth, cost savings, and strengthening of the nation's infrastructure. The expectation is that this short paper will be completed by the end of October and delivered to the new administration in early November.

The meeting was rounded out by a series of lightning talks by a dozen NGAC members discussing topics as varied as the [boundary survey between North and South Carolina](#), [DataUSA](#), [Arctic elevation data](#), geologic map standards, and Utah's high resolution imagery survey.

The last NGAC meeting of the year will be a conference call to be held in early to mid December.

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Online Guide to U.S. Map Resources

A Call to Action

The *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* is a detailed directory of hundreds of map collections and cartographic resources in libraries and repositories throughout the country. In the decade since the Guide was last updated, there have been many changes in how libraries and other institutions collect and provide access to geospatial information in all formats. A task force was formed in 2015 to consider Carol McAuliffe's idea of creating an online, interactive new edition of the *Guide*, our recommendation to do so was approved by the Executive Board and we have been hard at work ever since.

So, after producing three editions in paper, MAGIRT is taking the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* online! In addition to serving as the definitive directory to U.S. map collections of all shapes, sizes, and formats, the new *Online Guide* will include a searchable map interface so that collections can be easily identified and located geographically. Like its previous editions, the *Online Guide* will help promote map collections and related expertise, which in turn will promote MAGIRT members and their institutions.

In order to create the *Online Guide*, MAGIRT has created a survey to gather information about map collections in libraries. The data we gather will be compiled and organized into a geospatial-enabled database and map interface that will be launched in the Spring 2017. MAGIRT needs YOUR help to create the new *Online Guide* – take the survey and tell us about your map collection!

Get on the Map! Take the survey here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/hrZJmEO0N9v4UmlS2>

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Update from the GeoBlacklight team of Developers

[GeoBlacklight](#) 1.0 Released

During the two week stretch from July 25 to August 5, 2016 Jack Reed, Darren Hardy, (Stanford University), Stephen Balogh (New York University), Eliot Jordan (Princeton University), and several others put in some incredible work (over 40 merged pull requests and 108 commits) to release version 1.0 of *GeoBlacklight*. With the release of version 1.0 of *GeoBlacklight* comes an array of improvements on the design and user interface. According to Jack Reed, these improvements include compatibility with *Blacklight* 6, autocomplete and spelling suggestions on text searches in the default application, customizable Leaflet map and plugins, and a simplified metadata schema that removes some redundant and unused fields and allows for a more sophisticated way to present data documentation to users. The development of 1.0 also coincides with the release of a large batch of *GeoBlacklight* metadata and the launch of a portal by the CIC Geospatial Data Discovery Project. Congrats to Karen Majewicz and everyone else on the team of Big 10 institutions for releasing hundreds of records. Their records, as well as the existing set of records, are available at OpenGeoMetadata.

Perhaps the most important development of the sprint is the revision of the original version of the *GeoBlacklight* schema, which was profiled in Darren Hardy's and Kim Durante's 2014 article. The overhaul and simplification of the *GeoBlacklight* schema is the result of both the community sprint and previous discussions about the need to show more complex relationships between spatial datasets within a single collection. Similarly, other fields have been deemed to be redundant and have been depreciated. This new field allows you to display parent-child relations between individual layers or records within a catalog.

Adapting to the new metadata schema is fairly straightforward. Darren Hardy has constructed a series of scripts that omit the obsolete fields, and he's already submitted a pull request to correct those elements of the metadata in our repository (as well as Stanford's). Other tweaks will still need to be made.

A longer version of this [summary](#) of the sprint is available on my blog.

Andrew Battista



MAGIRT Executive Board

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 via Zoom

In Attendance: Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Susan Moore (Treasurer), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); Jessica Clemons, Carol McAuliffe, Sandy Schiefer, Mike Smith, Katherine Strickland, Tim Utter, Leslie Wagner, Anne Zald

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Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Oct. 5, 2015, Dec. 7, 2015, and Jan. 10, 2016 were approved.

Officer Reports

Chair (Beth) –

Beth has a lot going on, mainly planning for the preconference, but no news or events to report on at this time. We do need to schedule our committee meetings for Annual; Beth will send out a note about this later. We also need to plan for recording and Internet access for programs, so committee chairs need to think about this and let Beth know in the next couple of weeks.

Vice Chair (Louise) –

Our tour of the Leventhal Map Center at Midwinter was a big success. We had about 25 people come, and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. Louise asks that anyone who has photos or comments about the field trip to please send them to Jessica Clemons for addition to the LibGuide.

Planning for ALA Annual in Orlando: The MAGIRT Honors Award Dinner will be held Friday night. Louise will be soliciting suggestions for the field trip and dinner venues.

We had a very good meeting with the Emerging Leaders and a good discussion. They are gathering information about ALAIR, including its metadata schema, and researching the current location of *base line* and *Coordinates*; the current plan is that if the publications are already housed in an institutional repository, they can stay there rather than be moved to the ALAIR. The team has a question for the Board: who in MAGIRT should have access to the ALAIR for submitting documents? The Secretary, certainly, but what about the Publications Committee; any others?

Secretary (Tami) – No report.

Treasurer (Susan) –

The FY17 budget was approved.

Past Chair (Paige) –

Paige announced the slate of candidates for officers for this year: for Vice-Chair, Leslie Wagner (University of Texas -Arlington); for Secretary, Cathy Hodge (University of Iowa); for

Assistant Treasurer, Maggie Long (New York University) and David Hodnefield (Historical Information Gatherers). The slate has been finalized and submitted to ALA. We also have volunteers for each of the committee chair openings and the GIS Discussion Group leader. Iris Taylor agreed to continue as the leader of the Interest Group. Beth announced that Mia Costa has resigned as chair of the Membership and Marketing Committee; Beth will contact the members of that committee to see if one of them would serve as chair at least for the rest of the year.

We do have a nominee for the MAGIRT Honors Award. Paige would like to have two or more to consider, so he will put out another call for nominations, with a March 1 deadline.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Free membership for vendor donors: The idea has been raised in the past, that since we are asking our vendors to donate \$1000-\$1500, perhaps we should offer them a free membership to MAGIRT. Our liaison, Danielle Alderson, has confirmed that this is possible. Good questions were raised: how are unpaid memberships accounted for at the ALA level, do the vendors need to be ALA members, what are the benefits of institutional membership, or are we talking about offering memberships to individuals from these vendors, are there implications for receiving something “in exchange for” a donation? Beth will research answers to these questions; current discussions have only touched on whether or not this was possible. Paige mentioned that he believes Angie Lee’s membership is already paid for by Esri, so again, it’s not clear what benefit a free membership would provide. We already cover vendor representatives’ costs for the Honor Awards dinner, and vendors receive free advertising in *base line* in return for their donation.

Discussion Items

None at this time.

Committee Updates

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige) – Report given earlier in the meeting.

Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – No report.

Education Committee (Anne) – The committee had a really good meeting at Midwinter, with good discussion on webinars, revising the core competencies, and outreach to students and library schools. Anne has received suggestions for webinars as well.

GeoTech Committee (Beth for Nicole) – The committee had a virtual conference on Jan. 15, with nine attendees. They discussed the use of ArcGIS Online in libraries, in terms of use cases and administration; they are forming a task force to produce a white paper on the subject.

Membership and Marketing Committee (Mia) – No report.

Online Presence and Oversight Committee (Jessica) – The committee has established a Google Group for communication with the committee: magirt-opoc@googlegroups.com. Everyone on the committee will be alerted when someone emails the Google Group, and the appropriate person can connect to the LibGuide and social media.

OPOC has set up their social media lineup for the next six months.

Kathleen Weessies is now our official webmaster backup.

The membership numbers on the MAGIRT LibGuide are out of date and need to be updated. OPOC wants to update these numbers probably every six months before Annual and Midwinter. In general, OPOC wants to add a date and attribution for information and statistics on the LibGuide, and make sure it's updated regularly.

Publications Committee (Sandy) – A discussion has been going on over the past couple of days about the archival status of *Coordinates* and *Meridian*, to make sure the Emerging Leaders have the correct information about these publications. This has all been straightened out.

CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – No report.

GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – No report.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group (Carol) – No report.

Announcements

The deadline for the next *base line* is Feb. 10.

Beth asks that anyone who generated a signup sheet for their meetings at Midwinter, please scan or copy them and send them to Beth. She is particularly interested in attendees who are not current MAGIRT members, so we can reach out to them.

The Executive Board is convening a task force to examine the core competencies document, which is now eight years old. Beth will send out a description and ask for volunteers; they already have a volunteer to coordinate the project.

Adjournment

Next Executive Board meeting date: April 7, 2016, via Zoom.



MAGIRT Executive Board

Thursday, April 7, 2016 via Zoom

In Attendance: Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Susan Moore (Treasurer), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); Jessica Clemons, Eric Johnson, Carol McAuliffe, Sandy Schieffer, Kathleen Strickland

Absent: Andrew Battista, Colleen Connor, Carolyn Kadri, Nicole Kong, Angela Lee, Iris Taylor, Anne Zald

Call to Order – A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from our Feb. 3, 2016 meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Officer Reports

Chair (Beth) –

As of Monday, we have 14 registrants for the MAGIRT/GODORT preconference at Annual. Announcements have been posted to WAML, NACIS, MAPS-L, ACMLA, as well as push announcements to MAGIRT members. We do not have a schedule for Annual yet.

Colleen Connor (Esri) and Andrew Battista (NYU) have agreed to be co-chairs of the Membership and Marketing Committee. The Chair Trio will be meeting with them next week via Zoom to get them started.

Tim Utter (University of Michigan) has agreed to be our new liaison to NACIS.

Beth will be meeting with the Core Competencies Task Force soon. Maggie Long (NYU) is the Task Force leader.

Beth sent letters this week to our generous vendor/sponsors thanking them for their past support and asking for contributions. She also wrote to five new potential sponsors: the Washington (D.C.) Map Society, the Philip Lee Phillips Society (a “Friends” group for the Map and Geography Division at the Library of Congress), DeLorme, Readex, and Lizard Tech, who makes Geo Express among other geospatial products.

Vice Chair (Louise) –

We will not have a field trip at ALA Annual, because there are no free map or geospatial-related places to go nearby in Orlando. Louise has four possible venues for our awards dinner. She is also working on a program for Annual 2017, and will be seeking volunteers to help with that when she has the plans a little further along.

The Emerging Leaders group is working on recommendations for archiving *base line* in the ALAIR and best practices for metadata, in particular describing and grouping issues of a serial title. One of the members, Chelcie, knows quite a bit about DSpace (the platform for the ALAIR) and will be contacting the ALAIR staff about possibly making some metadata customizations. It will be the Executive Board’s task to develop a records retention policy.

For example, the Chair Trio has agreed that older versions of the Organizational Manual and Bylaws should be archived, and the latest version kept on the website. The EL group is trying to find out if we can make *base line* a subcollection in the MAGIRT community. They will talk tomorrow about the deliverables and start to inventory MAGIRT documents that might be scattered around. Louise will send out an email to the list asking for any documents that MAGIRT members may have on their hard drives, and we also have a good number of documents stored on ALA Connect to get started with.

Secretary (Tami) –

No report.

Treasurer (Susan) –

We had to submit a revised budget, because ALA no longer allows budgets that are not balanced. Changes were minor and time was short, so the new budget was not sent to the Executive Board for a vote. There is no Treasurer's Report because we do not have a recent report from Danielle.

Past Chair (Paige) –

We have received several nominations for the MAGIRT Honors Award. The committee will meet April 18th to review the nominations, make their choice, and then go on with necessary preparations for the awards ceremony in Orlando.

ALA elections are under way, and run through April 22nd. Soon after that, we should find out who our new Vice Chair, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer will be. With our new co-chairs for Membership and Marketing, we now have all the vacancies for committee chairs and discussion group leaders filled, and have only one liaison position to fill. Iris is staying on as Interest Group leader; Joy Suh is our new GIS Discussion Group leader; Mike Smith is our new OPOC chair; and Kathleen Strickland is our new Publications chair. The Chair Trio is working on getting letters out to all the new chairs and leaders.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

LibGuide – The Chair Trio would like to do a critical examination of LibGuides as a platform for MAGIRT's content. It has a very high subscription cost, and the Chair Trio would like to consider alternatives. Jessica Clemons, our outgoing OPOC chair, estimates that the LibGuide costs us over \$3 per view. The most popular content seems to be pictures and webinars, and a LibGuide is an unwieldy platform for such simple uses. OPOC has been taking more control of MAGIRT's web presence, reformatting content that people submit and pushing it out, and that system is working well. It could be used to manage all our content, utilizing a simpler and less expensive platform like Wordpress, eliminating the need for a LibGuide.

Organizational manual updates – Beth is planning a project next year revising the Bylaws and Organizational Manual. In preparations, she has sent all the committee chairs and discussion group and interest group leaders copies of the descriptions of their groups from the Organizational Manual. She is asking them to make revisions as needed.

Discussion Items

We have been asked to provide volunteers for the “Check Out a Librarian” event at ALA Annual.

Committee Updates

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige)
– Report made earlier in this meeting as part of the Past Chair’s report.

Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – No report.

Education Committee (Beth for Anne) – A scheduled Education Committee virtual meeting was cancelled due to illness. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 14. We will be fleshing out ideas generated at Midwinter related to outreach to graduate students. The committee chair has been in communication with Jon Jablonski who, as a member of the now defunct CUAC group, has been working with MAGIRT to identify webinar speakers from among the federal agencies providing geospatial data. We’re hoping to identify two speakers, and provide webinars in May and August, but all is still tentative.

GeoTech Committee (Nicole) – No report.

Membership and Marketing Committee (Beth for Colleen Connor and Andrew Battista) – We need to order more swag before Annual.

Online Presence and Oversight Committee (Jessica) – Lee Nolan is the social media contact for April.

Publications Committee (Sandy) – No report.

CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – No report.

GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – No report.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group (Carol) – The Print Archive Network is meeting Friday morning at ALA. They have asked Carol, as a MAGIRT representative, to speak at one of their meetings about shared print agreements for maps. PAN may have been assuming that formal agreements are already in place, but Carol informed them that that isn’t the case at this time. There may be some collaboration possibilities with PAN on the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*, which will include a collection development aspect, intended to clarify what print collections reside at different institutions, and how they relate to GPO’s FIPNet initiative. Carol accepted their invitation to speak, and will discuss basically the same topics she presented at the Depository Library Council meeting last October. She will report on the results at the Executive Board meeting at Annual.

Announcements

Deadline for *base line* submissions is Monday, April 11. There are no submissions to this point. The Board ended its meeting by brainstorming submissions to send to editor John Olson for this issue.

Adjournment

Next Executive Board meeting date: June 15, 2016, via Zoom.



MAGIRT Executive Board

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 via Zoom

In Attendance: Beth Cox (Chair), Louise Ratliff (Vice Chair), Tami Morse (Secretary), Susan Moore (Treasurer), Paige Andrew (Past Chair); Jessica Clemons, Colleen Conner, Catherine Hodge, Carol McAuliffe, John Olson, Katherine Strickland, Leslie Wagner

Absent: Andrew Battista, Carolyn Kadri, Nicole Kong, Angie Lee, Iris Murdoch, Sandy Schiefer, Anne Zald

Call to Order – A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from our February 3 and April 7 meetings could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Officer Reports

Chair (Beth) –

Annual Conference – We have 25 registrants for our preconference. There was a jump in enrollment once GODORT was able to get their notices out on their listserv.

We have received two vendor donations, from PolicyMap and Simply Map. They will be sending some promotional materials to the University of Central Florida to hand out at the preconference. John has their ads in *base line*. Beth will send letters/reminders to the other vendors that usually make donations.

At the Executive Board meeting, we have a couple of special items on the agenda. Our Emerging Leaders group will give a presentation on their project at the beginning of the meeting, in addition to the poster session they will present on Friday. The Board will be presenting two certificates to members of MAGIRT: to Dorothy McGarry, on the occasion of her last Annual Conference, to recognize her for her many contributions, and to Nancy Kandoian for her work on the recently published DCRM(C). Beth is also sending certificates to the other members of the DCRM(C) editorial team to thank them for their efforts.

Vice Chair (Louise) –

2017 Annual program – Louise will begin work in earnest on her “Maps and Family History” program after Annual. She is tentatively planning an hour and a half program with three panelists: one to talk about family history, one to talk about maps, and one to talk about another related topic. She has approached RUSA to cosponsor the program with us. This would bring MAGIRT and RUSA people together, so map people could learn about how patrons are using maps in their genealogical work – historical maps as well as tools like Esri’s Story Maps, and putting maps on their web sites to illustrate their family story. Topics of interest include tools to overlay photographs on digital maps as a way of documenting family history, georeferencing historical maps, and free or inexpensive user tools for working with geospatial data that are simpler than a full GIS application.

After some discussion, MAGIRT and RUSA decided to cosponsor each other's programs, in name only, and market both programs to both their memberships. The Public Library Association would be another group to approach as a cosponsor, since public librarians are often actively involved with genealogists.

Honors Dinner at Annual – We have 28 people signed up for the Honors Dinner; Danielle will cut a check for thirty.

Emerging Leaders – Our EL team sent in their final report to Beatrice, the coordinator of the EL program. The team has its last online meeting this Friday, and that's pretty much the deadline for all the deliverables. They will give their poster session at 3:00 p.m. on Friday; it will include a poster describing the project, and a video running on an iPad that will introduce people to ALAIR. The EL team will also make a brief presentation at our Executive Board and Membership meeting on Sunday. Once the EL report is finalized, the Board will have some policy decisions to make, such as document retention schedules and archiving responsibilities, based on the recommendations generated by the EL team.

Secretary (Tami) – No report.

Treasurer (Susan) –

The Treasurer's report is in the Appendix below. Bank charges are running over the amount budgeted, so that line item will need to be adjusted in future budgets. We have expended \$1117 on meal functions. The \$520 we just spent on swag for the conference is not included in this report. Some of the income may be from preconference registrations, which we will split with GODORT once preconference expenses are deducted, after Annual. We are expecting other expenses from Annual, including payment for the Honors Award dinner and some small printing expenses.

Past Chair (Paige) –

We do have a recipient for the Honors Award this year. The Honors Award dinner is at 6:00, with a reception beginning at 5:00. We are not accepting any more RSVP's for the dinner at this point.

New Business

What is the status of updating content on our web site, especially the committee rosters? Beth will work with Colleen Cahill to get those updated either right before or right after Annual. On a related topic, Beth asks committee heads to start getting in touch with their committee members to see if they want to stay on for another year or rotate off, and let the Board know if they need more members.

Recently we've lost touch with one committee member: Baxter Andrews. She was on the Membership and Marketing Committee and was involved in the Program Planning committee. Emails to her are bouncing, so for now she will be removed from the committee rosters.

Discussion Items

None at this time.

Committee Updates

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee and Nominations & Awards Committee (Paige)
– Report made earlier in the meeting.

Cataloging & Classification Committee (Carolyn) – No report. The Committee will be meeting at Annual.

Education Committee (Anne) – No report. The Committee will be meeting at Annual.

GeoTech Committee (Nicole) – No report. The Committee will be meeting jointly with the GIS Discussion Group at Annual.

Membership and Marketing (Colleen Conner and Andrew Batista) – Colleen has been unable to reach Baxter Andrews, too. Beth reports that we've ordered MAGIRT sticky notes and pens. Louise suggested having some of these at the Emerging Leaders poster session table.

Online Presence (Jessica) – magirt-opoc@googlegroups.com is a new Google group to use to contact OPOC. Send pictures or other content to this email address and the committee will post them to MAGIRT social media. Social media account information is on the OPOC LibGuide, if members want to post on their own.

Publications (Sandy) – Sandy sent out notes from the committee's last meeting on May 25. Items of interest include:

Hallie and Carol have been looking into restarting the process of updating the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. Since FDLP didn't include Hallie and Carol's suggested questions in their survey, the *Guide* task force will have to conduct its own. Members of last year's steering group will contribute questions.

The Publications Committee is looking into updating older publications on the MAGIRT website.

The Publications Committee is holding off on archiving documents until after they receive the Emerging Leaders' report.

CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris) – No report.

GIS Discussion Group (Angie) – No report.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group (Carol) – Regarding the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*, we will be resurrecting the task force to create a survey to potentially go out this fall. Carol is hoping to get someone from the GeoTech committee on board to see what we can do to create an online map/database; Pete Reehling was suggested as a good choice for this. We will be looking for ideas at the Map Collection Management Discussion Group.

Announcements

Our next Executive Board meeting will take place at Annual, and it is also a Membership meeting so everyone is invited. The Program Planning meeting Sunday at 1:00 has been cancelled.

Adjournment

Next Executive Board meeting date: June 26, 2016, 3:00 p.m., Rosen Centre, Salon 12, ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Appendix – Treasurer’s Report

***MAGIRT TREASURER’S REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2016***

This report is based on the April 2016 MAGIRT performance report.

Overview:

Total Net Assets for MAGIRT as of April 30, 2016 = **\$44,918**
TOTAL INCOME [Sept. 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016] = **\$ 8,759**
TOTAL EXPENSES [Sept. 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016] = **\$ 2,799**
Current balance (income minus expenses 2015/16 ALA fiscal year) = **\$ 5,960**

Comments:

Total revenues YTD are \$8,759. As reported previously, the majority of these funds are from personal memberships, plus some additional sales and registration fees since the last report.

Expenses for the same period have not been substantial, totaling \$2,799. One item to note is that bank fees are already above the budgeted amount for the year. We budgeted \$75 and the fees YTD are \$143. Not reflected in expenses is the charge for conference swag, which came to \$520.

Susan Moore
Treasurer, MAGIRT (2015-2017)



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Who doesn't love a fun geography quiz? Below are a few web links where one can take all types of map and geography quizzes. Some are easy while some are downright hard. So have a go at some of these fun quizzes and don't get caught by your boss. If you do, just say you're honing your geography skills. Have fun!

National Geographic Geo Bee Quiz

http://nationalgeographic.org/bee/study-corner/?utm_source=NatGeocom

Includes lesson plans for teaching as well as an online Geo Bee Quiz with 10 questions to answer and will refresh with 10 new questions after the site scores your results. At the bottom of the site's page is the Geo Bee Challenge App for your mobile device.

Trivia Plaza

<http://www.triviaplaza.com/geography-world-quizzes/>

This site has many quizzes, and for more subjects than just geography. Each of the geography quizzes has the average score attained, so one can see how they compare to the average score afterward. There are 111 quizzes listed. I took the "Skyscraper Quiz" and scored an eight.

JetPunk – Geography Quizzes

<http://www.jetpunk.com/tags/geography>

There are quizzes for many different subjects on this site. Most of these quizzes are written in quizzes and are timed as well, but you can turn off the timer if you need lots of time. It also requires you to spell the names correctly. No autocorrect here. There are 91 geography quizzes listed by how many times they have been taken. At the bottom of the page the quizzes are also grouped by linked sub-categories. It took the "Random Capital to Country" quiz, with the timer running, and although I thought I did poorly, my score was higher than the average for this quiz. You can also share these quizzes and scores on Facebook ... if you wish.

World Geography Games

<http://world-geography-games.com/>

Nineteen different geography games. All are location games played against a nice colorful map backdrop. There are not time limits and the game tells you when you've made correct and incorrect choices and lets you choose again when you have an incorrect guess. I took the "Straits" game and completed the 20 questions with only four misses and the "Mountain Ranges" game with six misses.

Sporcle

<http://www.sporcle.com/games/category/geography/all>

Sporcle's site claims to be the web's leading trivia site. This site claims to list all games and quizzes published for Geography. As of this writing the site listed 2686 games and quizzes which are all linked and listed alphabetically and gives the number of times each has been played.

Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs

HEY BOSS, WHICH COMES FIRST, ARIZONA OR NEW MEXICO?

WELL, IF YOU'RE DRIVING EAST FROM CALIFORNIA, THEN ARIZONA COMES FIRST. IF YOU'RE COMING WEST FROM TEXAS, THEN NEW MEXICO COMES FIRST.



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