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The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Patrick McGlamery, Chair. Other officers present were: April Carlucci, Vice-chair/Chair-elect; Margaret Brill, Treasurer; and Jenny Marie Johnson, Secretary.

There was unanimous approval of the minutes from the 1992 Annual meeting as published in the October 1992 base line.

There were no announcements.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of August 1992 MAGERT had a balance of $12,827. Expenses have been slightly more than revenues but revenues exceeded what had been projected in the budget. The Executive Board passed the proposed 1993/1994 budget.

Committee Reports

Cataloging and Classification — Chris Kollen
MARBI — Susan Moore reported on changes to computer files downloaded from the Internet.
Satellite Imagery Subcommittee — Susan Moore distributed "Draft Proposal for LC Office of Subject Policy and Support Office" which was discussed. The 007 and satellite imagery will be discussed at the Annual Conference.
CC.DA — Discussions go on about guidelines for cataloging; a number of task forces have been formed to deal with different issues and formats. The On-line AV Group and the Computer Files Discussion Group appear to be interested in having a basic map cataloging workshop.
AACCCM — The text has been converted to WordPerfect and is being edited.
LC G&M — The division is working on subject subdivisions for remote sensing and catalog simplification. Combining atlases with other cartographic materials in one file after format integration is being considered.
OCLC — Revised country codes for Czechoslovakia and Slovakia have not yet been received from LC. New "USSR" were published in the OCLC August
1992 update. Keyword searching will be available sometime in the spring. Ellen Caplin is MAGERT's OCLC Liaison.

Constitution and Bylaws -- Jenny Marie Johnson
No report.

Education -- Jim O'Donnell
No report.

Geographic Information Technology (GEOTECH) -- Nan Butkovich
The committee met Sunday. Items discussed were: negotiating the purchase of computer hardware at discount prices by MAGERT members; training and orientation for new CD-ROM products; a bibliography being compiled by Linda Zelmer of spatially accessible databases; and Patrick McGlamery's monitoring of a variety of list servers.

Honors and Awards -- Patrick McGlamery for Jim Walsh
HelenJane Armstrong, University of Florida, will be the 1993 recipient of the MAGERT Honors Award. She will be in New Orleans for the Annual meeting in June and award will be presented at a MAGERT reception similar to the reception and presentation in San Francisco at the 1992 meeting.

Membership -- Kathy Rankin
The most recent report from ALA, dated November 1992, indicates that MAGERT has 439 members, 9 more than last year. Because the new membership brochures are not yet available, the project to send a mailing to all of the names in Guide to U.S. Map Resources, 2nd ed., has been put on hold. The committee continues to hope to do this mailing in the spring. Claire Englander continues to send mailings to new and rejoining members and also to those who drop their membership. Harry Davis has agreed to take care of MAGERT's booth at the New Orleans exhibits but will be unable to do so after that. The committee is also considering having a member attend meetings of the New Members Round Table.

Nominating -- Patrick McGlamery for Jim Walsh
The committee has completed its work and the 1993 MAGERT slate of candidates is:
   Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term):
       Nancy J. Butkovich
       Pennsylvania State University
(unopposed)

Secretary (2-year term)
Barbara E. Haner
University of California, Riverside

John A Stevenson
University of Delaware

It is important to note that the Nominations Committee had a very difficult time coming up with the above slate. Many were interested in running for an office but due to job position responsibilities and a limited travel budget they were not able to make a two or three year commitment to travel to the ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting.

Program Planning, Miami -- April Carlucci
Three program ideas were suggested, revolving around the need to share information about maps: basic map cataloging (perhaps a double session or a longer than normal session); local interest/geography; and preservation issues for maps. There will not be a pre-conference.

Program Planning, New Orleans -- Patrick McGlamery
Three programs are planned: statistics; cataloging spatial data (cosponsored by MAGERT and ALCTS); and trends and innovation in geographic information systems. The Hotel St. Marie will be the MAGERT hotel. A post-conference tour to Bay St. Louis followed by a "crab feed" is being organized. All arrangements, schedules, along with paper abstracts will appear in the June 1993 base line.

Publications -- Peter Stark
Meridian -- Charley Seavey is now editor. Issues 7 and 8 were released in a six month period; 9 will be mailed in March.
base line -- Nancy Butkovich is editor and is compiling a new manual based on the manual put together by Jim Walsh in 1985. Contributions and news notes are needed and everyone needs to remember that not everyone subscribes to Maps-L on e-mail. base line is another good forum for communication.
Occasional Paper Series -- OP3 ("Index to Wheat") was released last spring and was celebrated at a reception in San Francisco. OP4 (Exploration and Mapping of the National Parks) will appear in 1993. An application is being worked on to submit to the National Endowment for the Humanities for grant funding to assist with publication costs.
Circular Series — Number 2 is in the works and will be a guide to map and atlas classification expanding the index to the Library of Congress G Classification Schedule; it should appear in 1993. An additional series of reprints has been proposed. The first possible candidate is USGS Bulletin 222, an index to post-Civil War surveys. The committee is also working on a publications manual/guidebook.

Task Force and Group Reports

Cartographic Statistics — Charley Seavey
No report.

Cartographic Users Advisory Committee (CUAC) — Margaret Brill
The most recent meeting was held in Washington, DC, in September 1992. Minutes have not yet been issued. There will be another meeting in May. MAGERT needs to nominate a new representative. Interested members should contact Patrick McGlamery.

Exhibits — Patrick McGlamery for Harry Davis
New Orleans will be the last meeting Harry will be responsible for the MAGERT booth; a replacement curator is needed.

Maps in Small Libraries — Ann Sanders
The group is eager to work with other MAGERT committees but is having difficulties meeting because its members are unable to attend meetings easily. It will pursue posting information in base line and on Maps-L.

Research Libraries Acquisitions Group (RLAG) — Mary Larsgaard
RLAG is interested in changing its name to the Research Libraries Collection Management Group to better reflect the nature of discussions; this may be proposed to the Executive Board at the New Orleans meeting. David Allen’s union list of topographic sets was briefly discussed as was the sets of Soviet topographic maps being offered by Omni Resources. Each of the attendees also described recent developments in their collections.

Liaison Reports

ACRL-RBMS — Donna Koepp
No report.

ALCTS-CCS CC:DA — Chris Kollen
A number of items are being discussed including: ISBD's, reproductions, interactive media, multiple versions, and computer files. A pre-conference will be held in 1994 on the bibliographic description of conference procedures.

Anglo-American Cataloging Committee for Cartographic Materials -- Nancy Edstrom

Committee on Southern Map Libraries -- Ann Sanders
The last meeting was held in Louisville, KY, in November 1992. While attendance was small the meeting was quite informative. There is a possibility that the group will re-organize; updates will be in base line and on Maps-L.

Freedom to Read Foundation -- Alice Hudson
No report.

Geological Society of America -- Nan Butkovich
The October 1992 meeting was in Cincinnati. Some of the discussions revolved around serials pricing and preservation of geologic information.

Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) -- David Cobb
No report.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) -- Gary North
The 1992 meeting was held in New Delhi. Attendance was poor and many of those who were there became ill. Workshops were canceled and the geographers enjoyed touring the countryside. The 1993 meeting will be in Barcelona. The next edition of the World Directory of Map Collections has been sent to the Hague for publishing and the group hopes to quickly finish up its manual on managing spatial data collections. IFLA's budget is being cut and activities are being pared down. Gary is finishing 12 years of attending IFLA meetings.

Library and Information Technology (LITA) -- Patrick McGlamery
At the association's September 1992 meeting in Denver, Pat organized a program on GIS. Donna Koepp spoke on reference service; Pat read a paper on behalf of Mary Larsgaard on cataloging spatial data; and there was also an overview of GIS. A special interest group (SIG) was formed with Pat as the Vice-chair; LITA SIG's have lifespans of three years.

Library Education Assembly -- Charley Seavey
No report.

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Library of Congress Geography and Map Division (LCG&M) -- Chris Kollen for Elizabeth Mangan
Cataloging simplification will be discussed in New Orleans.

Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information (MARBI) --
No report.

National Technical Information Service (NTIS) -- Jim Walsh
No report.

North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) -- Dan Seldin for Patrick McGlamery
The next meeting will be in St. Paul in October.

North East Map Organization (NEMO) -- Patrick McGlamery
The last meeting was in June 1992 at Princeton; the next will be in Buffalo, NY.

Special Libraries Association, Geography & Map Division (SLAG&MD) --
No report.

US Geological Survey (USGS) -- Gary North
Any claims for USGS 15' quadrangles need to be made immediately because the stock is going to be removed from the shelves and will no longer be available. USGS is running a new program with USDA to produce 14,000 CD-ROMs of digital orthophoto quadrangles at 1:12,000; these will be produced state-by-state, county-by-county. Offices have been closed in Los Angeles, downtown Denver, and San Francisco. Kent Swanard is replacing Wendy Hassibe (who is still with USGS but in its Salt Lake office). The Denver Distribution Center is undergoing asbestos abatement so there might be some longer than normal delays and mix-ups.

Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) -- Peter Stark for Greg Armento
The association celebrated its 25th anniversary with a meeting in Hawaii. The next meeting will be hosted by Lavonne Jacobson at San Francisco State in May.

Other Reports

RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT Joint Committee on Rare Documents -- John Stevenson
The preservation packet the committee has been compiling is ready to be distributed. The committee will continue to meet because there are a number of other items to work on. It might be desirable to have the committee's charge come from GODORT.

ALCTS/CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group — Michael Carpenter
No report.

ARL-GIS — Donna Koepp
The second group of participants has been trained bringing the number of institutions involved to 62. The project is communicating through a listserver.

Old Business
None

New Business

Margaret Brill attended the meeting of the round tables at the beginning of the Midwinter Meeting. The two major topics of discussion were the need for round table representation on the ALA Council and the upcoming ALA self-study. Two resolutions were made, seconded, and unanimously approved:
  That each round table have a representative on the ALA Council; and
  That MAGERT be included in the ALA self-study.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Marie Johnson,  
Secretary

Attendance

Brent Allison  
Margaret Brill  
Nan Butkovich  
April Carlucci  
Suzanne Clark  

Univ. of Minnesota  
Duke Univ.  
Penn State Univ.  
New York Public Library  
Hawaii Medical Library

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Donna Koepp
Chris Kollen
Patrick McGlamery
Gary North
Katherine Rankin
Barbara Rapaport
Ken Rockwell
Ann Sanders
Daniel T. Seldin
Peter Stark
John Stevenson
Mark Thomas
Linda Zelmer

Univ. of Washington
Univ. of Kansas
Univ. of Arizona
Univ. of Connecticut
US Geological Survey
Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas
Univ. of California, Los Angeles
Univ. of Utah
Tennessee Tech Univ.
Indiana Univ.
Univ. of Oregon
Univ. of Delaware
Texas A&M Univ.
Univ. of Wyoming
# MAGERT PROPOSED BUDGET

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MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: Annual Report 1991/92
8/31/92
The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) has recently published a Manual of Federal Geographic Data Products. The FGDC was established to promote the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geographic data. A number of federal agencies compose the committee, including the Departments of the Interior and of Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives and Records Administration, among others. This manual describes over 150 products that are commonly distributed to the public by 21 Federal Agencies. The products include maps, digital data, aerial photography and multi-spectral imagery, as well as other geographically-referenced data sets. Most of the products provide coverage for all or parts of the United States.

The products are grouped by producing agency. The descriptions include information about the content of the product, available coverage, and ordering. Cross-references help readers find products that contain information about different data categories.

To obtain a copy of the Manual, write:
FGDC Secretariat
U.S. Geological Survey
590 National Center
Reston, VA 22092
Fax: (703) 648-5755
E-mail: gdc@usgs.gov

The FGDC is also busy establishing an FTP site. The directories are not completed yet, but they plan subdirectories for current events, a file of documents including the FGDC Newsletter, and a list of subcommittees and their work. To access: anonymous FTP to isdres.er.usgs.gov (130.11.48.2). The README.DOC is in the gdc directory.

For information on PC mapping check out the latest issue of PC World, "Getting there with Software Maps" pages 182-189, March 1993. Although not especially analytical, the article is a decent overview of both high and low-end PC mapping products. Included is a chart of products with producer names and telephone numbers, system requirements and capabilities, and prices.

PERSONALS

From Geonet-I:
Dena Hanson is now the Science Reference Librarian for the Superconducting Super Collider Lab in Texas. Her new address is:
SSCL Library
2550 Beckleymeade Ave. MS2010
Dallas, TX 75237-3946

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ON THE CATALOGING/ CATALOGUING FRONT

This is a report from the Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting at ALA Midwinter in Denver. The Library of Congress is investigating appropriate subject headings for remote sensing images. As part of its cataloging simplification program, LC is considering dropping coordinates, source of acquisition, and fixed fields for type of relief, projection and prime meridian. LC is also asking for feedback on its proposal to combine atlases in one file with other forms of cartographic material, especial after format integration.

Mary Larsgaard gave the CC:DA report. That committee is working on a simplified ISBN for monographs. They have written guide-lines for the bibliographic description of multiple formats. These guidelines include a section on maps. They eventually will become part of AACR2 after they have been tried out and after there is input from AV catalogers. The guidelines will be discussed at ALA in New Orleans. Mary Larsgaard posted a message on MAPS-L on how to obtain these guidelines. There will be a preconference at ALA in 1994 on the bibliographic description of conference proceedings.

AACCCM is now a WordPerfect file and is being edited. Mary Edstrom is our liaison to that committee.

MAGERT will have a program at ALA in New Orleans in June on cataloging spatial data. HelenJane Armstrong and Michael Carpenter will be the speakers.

Ellen Kaplan is our OCLC liaison. Country code changes have been done for Yugoslavia. OCLC hadn't heard yet from LC about Czechoslovakia, but the country codes will probably remain the same with the addition of a code for Slovakia. The 074 field, which is the GPO item number, has been updated so that multi-item numbers can be in the same field separated by a comma. The subfield a is repeatable. As part of a cleanup project on Prism, 1100 map records were corrected. On records with an 034 field with no indicator, the information was removed to a 500 field. Some subject headings and fixed fields were corrected. They will work on USGS records next. If the 034 is input incorrectly, they will delete it and move the information to a 500 field. They are also completing the 034 information in pre-AACR2 records and moving it to a 500 field. If people have validation problems in OCLC records, they should contact Ellen. Keyword searching should be up this spring.
Members of OLAC, the On-Line Audiovisual Catalogers group, have expressed a need for a basic map cataloging workshop. We are considering having such a workshop as part of a long program at ALA in 1994.

NEW BOOKS AND ATLASES


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QUESTIONS...
AND ANSWERS?

"I am working toward a master's in library science. This summer I will be doing an independent study of the maps collections of UNC Wilmington's Randall Library. One of my projects will entail developing a user's guide for the map collections. Do you have any samples of these guides that you can share with me? I would be helpful to see the approach others have used in pulling something like this together. Thanks for any assistance you can give me."

Allison Rankin/Coordinator for Prospect Research/The University of North Carolina at Wilmington/Randall Library/601 S. College Road/Wilmington, NC 28403-3297/E-mail: rankina@uncwil.bitnet

NEW ORLEANS
SCHEDULE CHANGES

The only changes to the schedule as announced in the previous issue of base line are as follows:

Monday, 28 June 1993
MAGERT/ALCTS/CCS (M. Carpenter) has been moved to 3:30 - 4:30.

Wednesday, 30 June 1993
Morning: Bus tour of Historic New Orleans
Afternoon: Tour and Crab Feed at USGS/NASA facility at Bay St. Louis.

And from the Editor....

If your favorite feature didn't make this issue of base line, don't despair... It should be back next time. (I just didn't have enough copy for 4 more pages.)

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