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FROM THE CHAIR

A truly hectic semester is nearly over!

I saw the preliminary Midwinter schedule for Philadelphia, and it doesn’t look like there are any changes from what was published in the October base line. The final schedule with room assignments won’t be available until sometime in December.

I still need volunteers for local arrangements for Chicago. If you’re interested, please contact me ASAP(!!) at the address on the masthead.

Nan

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

The topic of this column is format integration and how it will affect map cataloging. This information came from three workshops and presentations attended at professional conferences this year. One workshop was a map cataloging workshop given by Betsy Mangan and Mary Larsgaard held at ALA in Miami in June. Another presentation was by Glenn Patton of OCLC at the Online AV Catalogers and Music Online Users Group decennial conference held in Oak Brook, Illinois, in October. The last was a presentation given by Rosario Garza of the Bibliographic Center for Research at the Nevada Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association conference held in Incline Village, Nevada, in late October.

Format integration is the extension of all fields to all formats. Some fields will be combined or made more specific. A few fields will be made obsolete, a few new fields will be added, some indicator values will change, and some subfield codes will change.
One of the new fields that will be added is the 856 field, which is for electronic location and access. Some of the things that can be recorded in this field are whether the access to electronic information is via FTP or telnet or some other method, the host name, the IP address, compression information, password, and whom to contact for assistance in accessing the material. One of the fields that will become partially obsolete is the 740 field for varying forms of the title. Most of these will be put in the 246 field instead of the 740. The 246 field, which was formerly used only in the serials format, will be extended to all formats. An enhanced option will be added to the 505 (contents note) field so that subfields can be added for miscellaneous information such as durations, statements of responsibility, and titles. This may help in indexing for keyword searches in local systems.

Format integration also provides the means to describe serial-related aspects of items in any format. It will be possible to have multiple fixed fields in one bibliographic record to either bring out different aspects of one item such as a serial map or a map that is a puzzle or to allow for something which contains more than one type of material such as a book accompanied by a portfolio of maps. Local automated systems will have to be rewritten to accommodate format integration. There will be two phases to format integration. The variable fields phase will be done in early 1995, and the control (such as the 007) and fixed field phase will be done by the end of 1995. Linking fields from the serials format will be implemented as part of format integration.

For cartographic material, the cataloger would use the 006 (fixed field) for cartographic material and just record any information that is different to bring out another aspect of the material in an additional 006 field. For something that crosses formats, the cataloger would pick the format that seems most suitable and then add appropriate fields that are not currently being used in that format. Different formats can be searched together. However, otherwise searching in OCLC will not change, nor will the workforms or displays change.

Here is a selected bibliography on format integration compiled by Rich Greene in August, 1994.


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Kathy

MAGERT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 27, 1994
Fontainbleu - Lorraine

The Board was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by April Carlucci, Chair. Other officers present included: Margaret Brill, Treasurer, and John Stevenson, Secretary. Following announcements by the chair, the minutes of the 1993 Annual Conference and 1994 Midwinter Executive Board meetings were approved as they appeared in base line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR - April Carlucci

Reports were requested to be left to the General Membership meeting as much as possible. The computer mouse pads with the Geosphere graphic were shown off as the "new" fund raising item, instead of t-shirts. A boat cruise, courtesy of MapLink, was also announced.

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TREASURER’S REPORT - Margaret Brill

The Treasurer’s Report was distributed by Margaret Brill. She noted that it should give an idea of the balances as of April 1994, despite the misleading absence of several bills for expenses not posted at the time of the report. No areas of concern were noted despite these omissions. A proposal for a procedural change was suggested, so that before an expenditure could occur beyond a stated limit of $50 that it should be cleared with the treasurer. There was general consensus that these were appropriate limits and that they might already be covered in the MAGERT bylaws.

MAGERT ELECTION RESULTS - April Carlucci

The election results were announced. The new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is Margaret Brill, and the new Treasurer is Mark Thomas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spatial Information Task Force - Julia Gelfand

The calendar is set for the GIS cookbook project and will benefit from the work of Steve Sissler of Apple Computer as a reader and user. It will be submitted in early October with whatever revisions are suggested. She had five of the eight chapters in her possession. It will be submitted to ALA first, and the task force should know by Midwinter whether ALA will publish. A manuscript of this size, with editing, could come out in eight months. Title options can be discussed at Midwinter, with suggestions like “electronic spatial information in a library context.”

Cataloging and Classification - Betsy Mangan

(Report to be sent to base line later.)

MAGERT/GODORT/RBMS/LITA Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents - Mark Thomas

This report was prepared by Mark Thomas in the absence of Amiee Piscitelli:

Jim Gravois, of Auburn, was elected chair and the name was changed from the “Joint Committee on Government Documents as Rare Books” to the “Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents.” (This may need further approval from the various sponsoring groups.)
The meeting had been scheduled by MAGERT this time, which worked well (it got on the schedule!). None of those attending had any specific ideas for tangible committee projects that they wanted to follow through with at present; the idea of making it a discussion group may be investigated further. Jim Gravois will work to get the meeting scheduled at a more popular time and will contact others who may be interested in order to solidify the committee’s membership and invigorate it with new blood.

**GeoTech - Nan Butkovitch**

The question of whether the GeoTech committee should be dissolved and reconstituted in another form was discussed. It was decided to examine the issue over the next six months and make a final resolution at the Midwinter Meeting.

**Honors - April Carlucci**

There are two recipients of honors this year, which will be formally announced at the General Membership Meeting. The award recipients are Phil Hoehn and David Carrigan, neither of whom was in attendance in Miami Beach.

**Membership - Kathy Rankin**

(Steve Rogers will give report at the General Membership Meeting.)

**Nominating - April Carlucci for Pat McGlammery**

No report following elections.

**Publications - Nan Butkovitch for Jim Coombs**

There was no regular meeting. As regards base line, Nan Butkovitch resigned as editor and gave the following report:

1. **base line**

   Pat Seavey has volunteered to be the new editor of *base line*. Arlyn Sherwood is resigning as Subscriptions Manager as of 12/94. The call for a replacement is going into the August *base line*. Problems with mailing delays due to non-payment of bills by ALA Headquarters seem to be over. The mailing service now faxes copies of bills to Judy Hambrick at ALA headquarters. The results of the *base line* reader survey will appear in *base line*. The offer by Pat and Charley Seavey to
edit MAGERT publications for three years in exchange for $600 to help with the purchase of software and a laser printer was approved by the Executive Board, with the further requirement that at least one editor would attend ALA and ALA/MAGERT Annual and Midwinter meetings. The attendance of ALA/MAGERT meetings was viewed as important to the maintenance of good contact with the membership of MAGERT. It is planned that they will take over the additional duties of production manager duties for MAGERT publications at a later date.

2. Open File Reports
The new Open File Report, Christopher J.J. Thiry's Index to Russia 1:200,000 has resulted in eleven orders so far. Only two included the requested payment; the rest were returned with ordering instructions. There were 15 other orders for Open File Reports processed since 7/1/93, three of which were for the entire Open File Report set.

3. OP 4
1050 copies of Occasional Paper 4 were made; 16 had flaws. 41 copies were mailed: 19 copies sold and 22 free copies. Of the free copies, 11 were to authors and 11 to reviewers. This title is not available at the ALA store at the Conference because last year MAGERT sold 3 copies of the Circular and 1 copy of OP 3. The results were not worth the hassle. Donna Koepp has placed ads in the next issues of C&RL, ABBBookman, RBML, WAML IB, and ACML Bulletin. Prices per copy are $40 for individual copies, $30 each for multiple copies, and $25 per copy to authors.

4. Meridian
David Cobb is resigning as Advertising Manager effective June 30, 1994.

David Cobb is editor, and wants to start the process in Spring 1995, expecting to publish in Fall 1995. He wants input on timing of procedures and changes in the questionnaire (i.e.: computer hardware, software, and technology).

6. Possible new publications
Alberta and Jim's cataloging guide - Circular 2
Olga Besher's Cartobibliography of the West Indies and Florida, a possible Circular 3
The LC G&M Geographic Cutter update - either as a MAGERT publication or MAGERT/WAML publication
Acta Cartographica Index to the 24 volumes. 36 p. long, based on article titles.
SIGIS guide to GIS in libraries - Julia Gelfand has five of the eight chapters with her at this conference.
Volunteers were found to edit MAGERT publications: A proposal for Pat Seavey to become the editor of *base line* and for Charley Seavey to become the editor of *Meridian* for the next three years was discussed. It was agreed that $600 of MAGERT funds would be spent to help underwrite their purchase of a laser printer and appropriate software with the understanding that there would be a presence by one or both of the editors at MAGERT meetings at ALA Annual and Midwinter. The Executive Board voted to recognize the contributions of Nan Butkovitch over the years as a member of the Publications Committee.

**TASK FORCES AND DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS**

**Cartographic Statistics - April Carlucci for Charley Seavey**

No report.

**CUAC - Margaret Brill**

Report to be made at the General Membership Meeting.

**MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Joint Discussion Group - April Carlucci for Karl Longstreth**

No report.

**Maps in Small Libraries - April Carlucci for Ann Sanders**

The group has apparently become inactive for a number of ALA meetings. It was unanimously voted to abolish it.

**Research Libraries Collection Management Group - Mary Larsgaard**

Helen Jane Armstrong gave an excellent presentation on acquisition tips and traps. She will refine the talk into a paper and decide where to submit it for publication. It may be suitable for distribution as a MAGERT *Circular*.

**Spatial Information/GIS - Julia Gelfand**

No report.
LIAISON REPORTS

AACCCM - Mary Larsgaard

The manual for cataloging cartographic materials is out of print and should be revised. There will be a report on this in the next base line. The AACCCM Secretariat needs changes information in August to incorporate them. A meeting to discuss this is planned for the Fall of 1995, with possible publication of a new edition in December 1996.

ALCTS CC:DA - Betsy Mangan

No report.

CCISA - April Carlucci

No report.

COSML - Helen Jane Armstrong

No report.

Geographic Information Society - Jim O’Donnell

No report.

GODORT - Margaret Brill

Report to be given at General Membership Meeting.

LITA - Pat McGlammery

No report.

LC G&M - Besty Mangan

Report to appear in base line.

MARBI - Susan Moore

No report.
NACIS - Nancy Kandoian
No report.

NEMO - Jim Walsh
No report.

RBMS - Aimee Piscitelli
No report.

SLA G&M - April Carlucci for Alice Hudson

April Carlucci read a letter from SLA Chair to the MAGERT chair, signed by Alice Hudson for Paige Andrew, Chair, SLA G&M. The letter stated that at the Special Libraries Association annual meeting 1994 in Atlanta, Georgia, the SLA G&M Publications Advisory Committee cited ALA MAGERT’s work on “‘map library standards for the future.’ We understand that these new standards would apply to all spatial data in map libraries. Speaking for the members of the Executive Board of the SLA G&M, I applaud this initiative. We offer our support in your endeavors and I am pleased that the standards for map libraries published by the SLA G&M have served as the basis for your work. We hope this is a harbinger for future cooperative efforts in the map library communities.”

WAML - Julia Gelfand for Greg Armento

WAML met in March. The next meeting is being held at the University of Wyoming Map Libraries and will be held at Jackson Hole September 8. Kathy Rankin is the incoming chair of WAML.

Constitution and Bylaws - Jenny Johnson

No report.

Education - Chris Kollen

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that MAGERT plan and produce a rotating set of regular programs for non-map librarians at ALA annual meetings which would include acquisitions, cataloging, reference, “what are maps?” and maybe one dealing with maps in public libraries. The cataloging program was well attended by non-MAGERT members and was mentioned prominently in the ALCTS newsletter. All such programs should include “for non-map librarians” in the title. There were many requests for the unedited tape of the MAGERT cataloging program. It was suggested that Jim Coombs be contacted to see what might be involved in having ALA distribute copies of the tapes.

Nan Butkovitch suggested that geographic education or geographic literacy could be developed as a preconference topic, noting that many visitors to the MAGERT booth expressed an interest in geographic education for young adults. Other librarians groups might be interested in cosponsoring this. The Geographic Alliance in each state, and the National Council for Geographic Education were also mentioned as possible cosponsors. Charley Seavey has agreed to a program on the use of cartography in geographic education. There could also be a professional issues open forum with a moderator/referee for hot topics. Anyone with ideas for programs should contact Nan. The hardest thing about scheduling a preconference is that it takes about three years to plan one. Standards for staffing levels was suggested as a timely topic. Attending professional meetings in other disciplines as continuing education is something MAGERT might sponsor, coordinated with the program cycle for map librarians. This should be discussed at the Midwinter meeting.

Betsy Mangan suggested that a standard set schedule of MAGERT meetings would allow members to plan ahead, and would facilitate the liaison work of members who attend meetings not scheduled by MAGERT. The Chair requested that liaisons inform her as to conflicts and promised to do her best to avoid schedule conflicts.

Margaret Brill announced that HelenJane Armstrong had volunteered to make the local arrangements for the ALA Annual scheduled for Orlando.

April Carlucci noted that several groups within ALA are working with Geographic Information Systems and suggested that MAGERT do what it can to be considered and used as a resource within ALA. There was interest in consolidating the GIS meetings to avoid duplication of effort.

There was some discussion of the map buyers and sellers session held Friday evening. MapLink, Omni, EastView, and USGS were the sellers represented. The commercial dealers are concerned that ALA is an expensive show to attend and display at. Some major map producers were not represented at all (e.g.: Rand
McNally). Might a Friday night showing of new maps and products be good, with a later meeting for in-depth questions and answers? The ALA no-conflict time slots complicate scheduling. A Sunday morning meeting could tie in with the new members breakfast and could be announced at the MAGERT booth. Late Saturday might also work. A variety of vendors who do not find it profitable to attend ALA as booth exhibitors could be invited. There was interest in trying this at the 1995 Midwinter meeting.

Judy Hambrick, ALA liaison, explained that making tapes of meetings is more complicated than it appears. The program chair needs to obtain signed speaker waiver release forms from all speakers and ALA must be asked to produce the tapes. Tapes made by MAGERT, without cooperation from ALA, could be duplicated informally, but it would be preferable to have the tapes transcribed and corrected and sell the edited transcripts.

The Executive Board decided that the new chair should send a letter to SLA G&M acknowledging their letter and cooperation. It was also decided that the Secretary create a list of MAGERT Officers, Committee, and Task Force Chairs, Liaisons, and their contact information, and that this sent to Judy Hambrick for publication in the ALA Handbook of Organization and be published in base line.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stevenson
Secretary

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MAGERT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, June 27, 1994
Seacoast Towers - State

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. by April Carlucci, Chair. Other officers present included: Margaret Brill, Treasurer; and John Stevenson, Secretary.

Announcements by Chair - April Carlucci

Chairs of Committees, Task Forces, and Discussion Groups, and Liaisons were asked to limit their reports at this meeting to five minutes so that everyone might be heard. Gary North’s USGS liaison report was added to the printed agenda. Members were reminded that the cruise for MAGERT members and others, sponsored by MapLink, would embark from the Bayside Marketplace. The minutes of the two previous meetings were approved at the Executive Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Report - Margaret Brill

Margaret Brill reviewed the April 30, 1994 statement from ALA, which showed a high balance. She noted that any new bills should be sent to Mark Thomas, and that new expenditures of $50 or more should be cleared with the Treasurer.

Results of MAGERT Elections - April Carlucci

April Carlucci congratulated Margaret Brill, the new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Mark Thomas, the new Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cataloging and Classification - Betsy Mangan

Full report to appear in base line.

Constitution and Bylaws - Jenny Johnson

No report.
Education - Chris Kollen

There were six committee members present, and one non-committee member. The committee is outlining ways that library science educators can integrate map librarianship in their classes. The committee has prepared drafts for including aspects of maps librarianship in reference, cataloging, preservation, collection development, and government information and talked about how to get this information out, including preparing an article with outlines as appendices. Such outlines might be published as an open file report. The Committee will try to have the outlines finalized by Midwinter.

GeoTech - Nan Butkovich

See the report in the Executive Board Meeting Minutes, elsewhere in base line.

Honors - April Carlucci for Pat McGlammery

R. Philip Hoehn was recognized with the Honors Award for his outstanding record of service to MAGERT. This year the Round Table also had the opportunity to honor David K. Carrington as well. The full text of these awards is to be published elsewhere in base line.

MAGERT/GODORT/ RBMS/LITA Joint Committee on Rare and Endangered Government Documents - April Carlucci for Aimee Piscitelli and Mark Thomas

The report presented by Mark Thomas at to the Executive Board appears in the Executive Board Meeting Minutes elsewhere in base line.

Membership - Steve Rogers for Kathy Rankin

In the absence of Kathy Rankin, Steve Rogers presented the committee’s report, which appears below:

MAGERT has 325 members this year as compared to 338 members last year. This has been a busy year for the Membership Committee. We have sent out a mailing to all the ALA-accredited library schools in the United States and Canada to encourage library school students to consider map librarianship as a career and to join MAGERT and/or a regional map group. We sent out 1240 letters, membership brochures, handouts on basic map librarianship, and cartographic statistics forms to the people listed in the names index of the Guide to U.S. Map Resources to encourage them to join MAGERT and we also posted information on MAPS-L about joining MAGERT.
We have sent 500 membership brochures about MAGERT to the New Member Round Table to give out at their orientation to the ALA annual conference for first time attendees. We have made up flyers about MAGERT to hand out at the MAGERT programs at this conference. Claire Englander continues to send out welcoming letters, packets of information and MAGERT ribbons to new members and to people who have dropped their memberships. We list the names of the new members in *base line*. This committee also handles the MAGERT booth, and Steve Rogers is the new Exhibits Coordinator. He will be Chair of the committee after July 1st when Kathy Rankin's term as Chair ends.

**Nominating - April Carlucci for Pat McGlammery**

Margaret Brill and Karl Longstreth were persuaded to run for Chair-Elect. Mark Thomas and Mark Proteau were persuaded to run for Treasurer. After the candidates were procured, the ballot was word processed. Unfortunately, there was an error in the ballot. The office of “Treasurer” was worded as “Secretary”. John Stevenson pointed out the error quickly. [Pat McGlammery] was in contact with Judy Hambrick, and... affected a correction in a timely manner. The cost of the additional mailing was $300. Margaret Brill and Mark Thomas were the winners of the election.

**Publications - Nan Butkovich for Jim Coombs**

Same report as given in Executive Board Minutes.

**TASK FORCES AND DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS**

**Cartographic Statistics - Charley Seavey**

No report.

**CUAC - Margaret Brill**

Marsha Selmer, the SLA representative, is the CUAC Chair. The new Defense Mapping Agency liaison is Mark Ward. He confirmed that 55 copies of the first *Digital Chart of the World* have been distributed to Regional Depository libraries. The Census Bureau’s *USA Counties*, to come out in August, will be distributed with a mini-LandView software to allow some map creation. There will be a new version of *TIGER/Line* in the Fall with a new version of Land View software that is supposed to have some kind of thematic mapping capability. Gary North’s report on USGS activities appears later in these minutes.
MAGERT/CCS/ALCTS Joint Discussion Group - April Carlucci for Karl Longstreth

Due to illness, Karl Longstreth was unable to attend. There was no report. Four people showed up for the meeting.

Maps in Small Libraries - Ann Sanders

No report. Due to the lack of activity in the past several years, the MAGERT Executive Board voted to disband this committee in the morning session.

Research Libraries Collection Management Group - April Carlucci for Mary Larsgaard

There is interest in publishing "Acquisitions Tips and Traps". It might be appropriate as a MAGERT Circular.

Spatial Information/GIS - April Carlucci for Julia Gelfand

Same report as in Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

LIAISON REPORTS

AACCCM - April Carlucci for Mary Larsgaard

People working on changes to map cataloging rules should have them to Betsy Mangan by the end of August, for a tentative publication date of August 1996.

ALCTS CC:DA - Betsy Mangan

To appear in base line.

CCISA - April Carlucci

The Congress is proposing a letter to directors of ARL libraries on how it is bad not to fill vacant positions, and to leave map collections unattended.

COSML - Helen Jane Armstrong

This year there will be a meeting over the Thanksgiving weekend in Virginia Beach. Tentative program topics include: Southern mapping; World War II mapping; and electronic mapping. Melissa Lamont has been invited. They want to base line 15 (6): 18
examine the relationships between map libraries and geography departments with cartographic laboratories. They are also looking forward to welcoming ALA to Orlando.

**Geographic Information Society - Jim O’Donnell**

No report.

**GODORT - Margaret Brill**

GODORT is continuing its self-examination and considering reorganizing its structure to reduce the number of committees. There is a proposal to form a new organization outside SLA, ALA, etc. for Depository Librarians. The Documents to the People Honors Award went to Gary Cornwall, University of Florida.

**LITA - Pat McGlammery**

No report.

**LC G&M - Betsy Mangan**

Report to appear in *base line*.

**MARBI - Susan Moore**

No report.

**NACIS - Daniel Seldin for Nancy Kandoian**

NACIS met last October following the “Map Library in Transition” meeting in Washington, DC. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Ottawa in conjunction with the Canadian Map Library Association.

**NEMO - Jim Walsh**

No report.

**RBMS - Aimee Piscitelli**

No report.
SLA G&M - HelenJane Armstrong for Alice Hudson

SLA Annual Conference was held in Atlanta. The Chair of that meeting was Alice Hudson, New York Public Library, and the incoming Chair is Paige Andrews, University of Georgia. Chair-Elect is Ellie Clement, Penn State University, who is the new maps editor for *baseline*. Some topics of interest were a session on global data, and a GIS session by Melissa Lamont, who compared GIS strategies at University of Virginia and University of Connecticut. "Women as Travellers" in the 19th Century was also a very interesting presentation. The award for the best article to appear in the SLA *Bulletin* went to Harry O. Davis. Dorothy McGary was elected to be a fellow of the Special Library Association. She is a former John Cotton Dana award winner.

April Carlucci read from the letter for SLA G&M from Paige Andrews that was presented at the Executive Board meeting and noted that "We’re all cooperating."

USGS - Gary North

World Wide Web and Mosaic are being used on the Internet more extensively than ever. Federal agencies are being asked to ante up $100,000 each to bankroll expansion and future development of the Internet and gain some degree of control and standardization. USGS has been dragged into a whole new world where data is being distributed for no charge. The data for 1:100,000, 1:2,000,000, and the digital elevations for the country are now available on the Internet through the EROS Center in Sioux Falls.

Dr. Gordon Eaton is the new director at USGS. The retirement buy-out has resulted in a large number of retirements, including 583 from the Geological Survey as of May third. USGS must reduce its personnel totals by this number to meet its goals and meet shortages by reassignment. Of these, 153 were from National Mapping; 10 from the branch of Earth Science Information (23% of the staff). No one has been assigned to replace Bruce Hubbard, the depository point of contact, who retired. Wendy Hassibe is now in Denver on the Mapping Center staff, working on the National Performance Review.

The USGS is a National Performance Review (NPR) reinvention laboratory and was the recipient of a "Hammer" award from Vice President Al Gore. The NPR has affected the three tiers of information, distribution, and product delivery. Goals in the NPR include a common, seamless, across the board electronic access to the USGS storefronts. In the near future, there will be a 24-hour commercial gateway with special delivery services.

Digital data sets are being moved from Reston’s National Digital Cartographic base line 15 (6): 20
Data Base to the EROS Data Center and are available in three forms from USGS: online (via the Internet, at no charge); prepackaged data sets on CD-ROM; and custom requests.

The Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles (DOQ's) are being produced. The program is being expanded to include color infrared (CIR) instead of just black and white photography. States taking this option include Maryland and Massachusetts. A new product entering the market is called a Digital Raster Graphic (DRG). Although the name may be changed, the plan is to scan all existing maps in color to produce CD-ROM products, starting with the 1:24,000 scale maps. This will assist the production program, since on-screen editing matching the DOQ's with the DRG’s can greatly speed the revision process. Specifications and standards are being set up now. The last two of the fourteen disks in the transportation/hydrography 1:100,000 scale CD-ROM’s were released in January. The last of the new single sheet indexes is in the printing plant. USGS has been receiving letters to go back to the booklet style of index, and USGS is now looking at printing the sales catalog data on the backside.

Ground was broken in May for a 65,000 square foot, two story addition to the Sioux Falls EROS Data Center, to house future land data from NASA’s Mission to Planet Earth satellites. It is anticipated that in the late 1990’s more data will be collected in a single week than was collected in twenty years of LANDSAT. The USGS Open File Reports manual data base is being transferred to an Oracle relational data base to improve access. Sources for Digital Spatial Data and Sources for Cartographic Software are now available at $22.00 for each printed document. There are 600 data sets in the first and 900 listed in the second.

The abandonment of the 15-Minute map program has entered its final phase. Dealers were allowed to trade old stock first, followed by a public sale. State geologists and cartographers petitioned to have stock distributed for educational purposes, which was granted, although such agencies would have to pay shipping and handling. The remaining maps will be sold to be recycled into map stationary and will all be gone by the end of August.

The latest educational packet for high school levels, “Exploring Maps” can be ordered by calling 1-800-USA-MAPS or the nearest ESIC. These materials are designed to be reproduced on photocopiers. A pre-school package should be available soon, with a story and map grid designed to be unfolded and used on the floor.

USGS is examining all product flows and agreements with other agencies. In agreement with other agencies, each agency is now responsible for its own data layers (e.g: USGS would be responsible for geology, the Census Bureau for population information.). The USGS and USFS have adopted standards which allow
them to eliminate duplicate editions of maps and the first cooperative U.S. Geological Survey/U.S. Forest Service maps are currently in production.

WAML - April Carlucci for Julia Gelfand

See the report in the Executive Board Meeting Minutes, elsewhere in base line.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of the two MAGERT programs at the Conference. "Mapping the Changing Face of South Florida" drew about fifty people, and the "Basic Map Cataloging for Non-Map Librarians" drew about one hundred and ten. Both programs were deemed successful. The idea of having MAGERT produce a series of four regular programs on a rotating basis was discussed. See the Executive Board Meeting Minutes for details.

The idea of working with other groups to share GIS expertise was widely accepted. There were three GIS programs at ALA this year, and it was suggested that MAGERT members might work in conjunction with other groups to share their knowledge.

The issue of how best to get interested map buyers and sellers together to talk about new products, issues, and problems was discussed. Dealers and producers may not wish to maintain a booth at ALA conferences due to the costs involved, but want to reach interested ALA members. A new products session appears desirable and MAGERT may facilitate a meeting of this type at Midwinter.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was suggested that the joint GODORT/MAGERT reception be the site of future award announcements. The Executive Board has discussed this and suggests that the Chair and the Honors Committee Chair announce awards to MAGERT members at an early MAGERT honors reception and at a later joint GODORT/MAGERT reception.

Paul Stout reported the continuation of a MAGERT tradition of championship race walking teams, the MAGERT team having won in seven of the last nine years at ALA Annual Meetings. Honored were Melissa Lamont (first in her age group), Daniel Seldin (first in his age group), and Margaret Brill, Susan Tulis, and Janet...
Jenks and others. Paul presented the first place team award to Dan in recognition of his participation since the beginning. Dan reported that Paul had come in first overall. All were given a round of applause. Further recognition was given to Dan Seldon and Mark Kartosa for their contributions in support of the cataloging and classification workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stevenson
Secretary

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MISCELLANEOUS

HERITAGE MAP MUSEUM,
55 North Water Street, Lititz, PA 17543, 717-626-5003

The Heritage Museum displays 15th-19th century maps in environment designed to enhance interest in history, science, geography, religion, and cosmography. The purpose of the museum is to support individual efforts in learning more about history so that we can direct our current purpose, meaning and identity in positive ways for our community and world. There are hundreds of cartographic masterpieces for viewing and purchase. Appraisals and collection consultation to individuals, corporations, museums, and libraries are offered. A Museum library is available for the serious collector and antiquarian dealer.

JBP
Many of you have heard by now that ALA has changed the 1996 meeting site from Orlando to New York. The following is from ALA’s posting on the Internet:

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MAGERT OPEN FILE REPORTS

Titles in this series are generally of an ephemeral nature or are too specialized to warrant general distribution as formal publications. They are available as on-demand photocopies, as a service to the map library community. New reports appear in bold type. All orders must be prepaid with a check or money order made payable to Jim Coombs, MAGERT Open File Reports Production Manager. There is a minimum charge of $5.00 US per order. The full set of OFR's (336 sheets) can be purchased for $30.00 (a savings of $3.60). Prices include postage and handling. Send orders to Jim Coombs, SMSU Maps Library, 901 S. National #175, Springfield, MO 65804-0095.

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Okay... Would you like a general or subject map? Current or historical?

I don't care. Just so it's colorful...

Well, we have a wide variety of world maps. I can help you better if you can tell me what you're going to use it for.

Oh, I'm going to use it to wrap Christmas presents!

Doh!

Jim Coombs
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