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FROM THE CHAIR

First, baseline will soon have a new and very capable editor. I am sure that all Magert members join me in thanking Pat and Charley Seavey for editing baseline for the past several years. And, we welcome Mark Thomas, who will assume editorship after this issue.

Secondly, in this issue you will find the minutes of a meeting called to discuss the current status of map and cartography professional journals. A few librarians, concerned about delayed publications and reduced issues and pages, brought the chairs of publications committees, and other organization officers together to discuss possible new joint ventures. This could be an opportunity to further cooperation among the various map librarian professional organizations. Please feel free to add your opinions to the discussion by contacting any of the participants.

Lastly, this issue is full of ALA Annual Conference information. Do join us at the Friday evening welcome reception at the Pickwick Hotel. Munchies and beverages will be served in the Merlin Room, just off the main lobby, from 7pm until 9pm. Also, Claire Englander is working on the final arrangements for a tour of the Anchor Brewing Company. The tour will follow the program on the Geographies of Wine, Coffee, and Beer on Monday afternoon. A number of familiar faces and a couple of new folks will be presenting at another Magert program, Maps on a Shoestring: budget conscious hints for the small map collection, on Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who helped bring the Annual Conference together. It's been a fun and hectic year, I wish Karl Longstreth all the best as he assumes the chair.

Melissa
From the Editors

This is the last issue being put together at Casa Seavey. Times change, people move on, and it was time for us to do a little of both. Pat is now serials librarian at the State Library of New Mexico, and Charley is spending a lot of time on Interstates 10 and 25. We wish Mark Thomas, Karl Longstreth, and the Round Table all the best. It has been fun.....

Pat and Charley

Map and Geography Round Table
American Library Association
Annual Conference Schedule
San Francisco CA
June 26, 1997 - July 3, 1997

Friday June 27
7 - 9pm
!!!!Welcome Reception!!!!
Pickwick Hotel, Merlin Room

Saturday June 28
8 - 9am
Executive Board I
Moscone Center, 256
11:30 - 12:30am
Research Libraries Collection Management Group
Hotel Nikko, Pink Pearl
2 - 4pm
Publications Committee I
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 23 & 24
2 - 4pm
Education Committee
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 22

Sunday June 29
8 - 9am
Map Cataloging Discussion Group
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 6
9:30 - 11
Cataloging and Classification Committee
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 6
9:30 - 11
Publications Committee II
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra Ste. E
11:30am - 12:30pm
Membership Committee
Moscone Center 252
11:30am - 12:30pm
Program Planning Committee
Grand Hyatt, Sausalito
Sunday June 29 (Continued)

2 - 5pm Magert Program I
Maps on a Shoestring: Budget Conscious
Hints for the Small Map Collection,
San Francisco Marriott, Golden Gate CI

Monday June 30

8:30 - 11am GIS Discussion Group and Geotech Committee
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 13

11:30am - 12:30pm Cartographic Users Task Force
San Francisco Hilton, Union Sq. 4

2 - 4pm Magert Program II
The Geographies of Wine, Coffee and Beer
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan D

4 - 6pm Magert Microbrewery Field Trip

Tuesday July 1

8 - 9am Executive Board II
Moscone Center, 113

9:30 - 11am General Membership Meeting
Moscone Center, 113

1pm - 3pm Walking Tour of San Francisco led by Phil Hoehn

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Magert Programs
1997 ALA Annual Conference

The Geographies of Wine, Coffee, and Beer

Presenters: William Crowley, Professor of Geography, Sonoma State University; Jerry Baldwin, Chair, Peet’s Coffee; Jack Erickson, Director of Industry Development, Craft Brewing Institute, Sonoma State University.
Monday June 30, 1997
2-4pm
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan D

Wine has always had a certain cultural appeal and now microbreweries and exotic coffees are all the rage. The presenters will discuss the development and diffusion of these fascinating industries. Join us after the program for a tour of one of San Francisco’s leading microbreweries.

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Maps on a Shoestring: Budget Conscious Hints for the Small Map Collection.

Presenters: Zip Kellogg, University of Southern Maine; Gary North, North Arrow, ltd.; Emo Bonebaker, Maplink; Paige Andrew, Penn State; Margaret Brill, Duke University.

Sunday June 29, 1997
2-5pm
San Francisco Marriott, Golden Gate C1

Especially for librarians responsible for small map collections, or anyone who would like to be more comfortable with map and atlas reference questions. The presenters will offer basic map reading skills, effective organization techniques, tips on collecting maps and atlases, and suggestions for electronic mapping. The emphasis is on creating a small, quality, affordable map collection.

GODORT and ILERT to Join ASCLA?

There has been serious discussion regarding the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) proposal to bring selected roundtables into its division of the American Library Association. MAGERT was approached and decided to take no action regarding the invitation, preferring to retain roundtable status even when some suggested that ALA might do away with roundtables. Notes from the meetings prepared by Kathy E. Tezla, a member GODORT Ad Hoc Committee on Organization have appeared on GOVDOC-L, along with lively discussion.

A series of meetings regarding the proposal have been held. At this time, it appears that there is serious consideration within the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) and Independent Librarians Exchange Round Table (ILERT) to form a new division within ALA. For GODORT, which has many parts and activities, the details of such a merger are complex and involve such issues as representation, dues structure, organizational structure, programming and publishing activities. Loss of autonomy appears to be an issue, with the potential advantage of giving GODORT representation at ALA Headquarters. There will be a hearing at ALA Annual in San Francisco, and a ballot to members after the conference.

More Information can be found at http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/orgcomm.html which includes Ms. Tezla's minutes to the GODORT Ad Hoc Committee on Organization Public Hearing, ALA-Midwinter Meeting 1997, as well as the background document on the ASCLA proposal (Documents to the People, Sept. 1996 issue) and discussion documents.

John A. Stevenson
GODORT Liaison
Minutes of Meetings Past

MAGERT Midwinter:

Executive Board I
Saturday, February 15, 1997
Mariott Metro Center - Paris Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Melissa Lamont, Chair. Other officers present included Margaret Brill, Past-chair; Karl Longstreth, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Steve Rogers, Treasurer; and John Stevenson, Secretary. The minutes from the annual meeting were approved as published in baseline.

Announcements

Ms. Lamont reported on the meeting held at the Library of Congress to discussing the future of map librarianship journals. Most are in trouble. Representation would be sought from ALA, MAGERT, ACMLA, NACIS, SLA G&M, WAML, and others. The possibility keeping all of the various individual newsletters but producing a scholarly journal was discussed.

Related to this discussion is the question of whether baseline itself should be distributed electronically, or in paper format. The time lag in publishing makes it less useful for some time-sensitive information distribution than electronic means, such as the MAPS-L listserve.

Old Business

There was discussion establishing a joint committee to discuss GIS topics. GODORT is interested in participating and perhaps LITA or MAGERT could sponsor such a committee. MAGERT is best situated for this role. Discussion focused on whether there should be a formal joint committee structure or a more loose agreement between the various groups to coordinate programs and workshops. It was decided to pursue a structured approach, based on the Rare and Endangered Documents Committee structure. J. Stevenson, GODORT liaison will assist. P. McGlamery expects to have worked out details by the Annual Conference.

Program Committee for San Francisco

Ms. Lamont reported that the committee has lined up programs for the Annual Conference in San Francisco which will include a program for budget-conscious libraries, tentatively called, Maps on a Shoestring. A program of more general interest, Geographies of Wine, Beer, and Coffee is also planned, to be followed by a field trip to
local micro breweries.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stevenson, Secretary

Attendees

Margaret Brill  Duke University
Donna Koepp  University of Kansas
Chris Kollen  University of Arizona
Melissa Lamont  Penn State University
Karl Longstreth  University of Michigan
Pat McGlamery  University of Connecticut
Steve Rogers  Ohio State University
Dan Seldin  Indiana University
John Stevenson  University of Delaware

MAGERT Midwinter, Exec Board II

Executive Board II
Tuesday, February 18, 1997
Grand Hyatt - Constitution A

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Melissa Lamont, Chair. Other officers present included Margaret Brill, Past-chair; Karl Longstreth, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and John Stevenson, Secretary. There were no announcements.

Reports

Publications Committee

The committee met Sunday, February 16, 1997, 2 - 4 p.m. in the Governor’s House, State Room. Donna Koepp submitted the minutes of the meeting as her report:

Attendance: Donna Koepp, Chair, Robert S. Martin, David A. Cobb, Peter Linberger, Steve Rogers, Alice Hudson, Chris Kollen, Melissa Lamont, David Allen, Joseph Winkler.

Donna Koepp, Chair, reported for Jim Coombs on base line production. Koepp announced that the Seaveys have announced their resignation as editors of base line effective following this summer’s issue. A discussion followed on a successor, and also if base line should be a paper publication or electronic. It was decided that the new editor would be asked to produce it in both electronic and paper. Koepp has the name base line 18(2/3): 9
of one member who may be interested in the editorship. She will follow up on the contact.

*Meridian* 11 is about a week away from going to press. Koepp explained some of the reasons why it had been delayed. Most of this is due to all the *Meridian* staff being new to their respective duties, and having to learn new procedures. Kevin Spradlin, who is doing the production at the University of Nebraska, will be moving in March to a new position at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. He has expressed his willingness to take the production responsibilities with him, and also to learn enough about *Pagemaker* in order to be able to do more of the preliminary typesetting and layout work himself.

David Cobb reported on forthcoming issues of *Meridian*. Plans have been laid for issues 12 through 16, into the next century. Chris Kollen reported on subscriptions and claims on past issues. Alice Hudson reported on advertising that she has sold for issue 11 and her plans for selling ads for forthcoming issues. Nothing was done with trades with other journals for issue 11, but this will be more actively pursued for forthcoming issues.

David Allen reported that the MAGERT Homepage is up and running. He would like to continue to enhance the page, and would like to develop more information on it at the committee level. Committee chairs and others wanting to add information to the homepage can do this by mounting this on their own sites directory, and Allen can bring it into the MAGERT Homepage from there.

Steve Rogers and Joe Winkler have reviewed the MAGERT brochure and are recommending revisions. It will need to be reprinted before our Annual meeting. Winkler and Rogers will forward a revised copy to Koepp who will fax it to the rest of the committee. After input has been received from everyone, it will be reprinted at the University of Akron by Peter Linberger.

Cobb reported on the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. We have a signed contract with ALA Publications, but we are behind schedule and we will have to renegotiate the timetable. Cobb plans to have the final survey by Annual meeting, and will contact all regional editors and invite them to the Publications Committee meeting in San Francisco that will be devoted to the Guide. ALA will provide a template in *Access* for the data entry from the survey. This will also allow the kinds of data analysis that we have had in the two previous editions of the Guide. Cobb plans to implement the survey in the fall.

Koepp talked to the Committee about the need for a promotion person who would be responsible for promoting and marketing all MAGERT publications. This would include sending out announcements of our publications, advertising in journals, working out discounts, and distribution agreements with other presses. Peter Linberger has volunteered for this position.

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Allen and Coombs will work on getting our Open File Reports onto our homepage. This would be a way of making them more easily available to more users.

We should consider approaching the authors of Circular No. 1, the Cartographic Citations: a Style Guide, for a revised edition. Koepp will follow through on this.

**Cartographic Users Task Force**

Mark Thomas, a MAGERT representative to CUAC, presented the following report of the task force meeting on February 17, 1997:

**NIMA:**
Denise Stephens (University of Virginia) reported that depository distribution from NIMA (formerly, DMA) will be handled by the Defense Logistics Agency out of St. Louis. Their computerized customer profile has to be reconfigured; this raises the potential for errors and for material to fall out of the depository program. We don’t have any precise information on who is updating the database or when it will occur. While NIMA’s depository program is in a state of disarray, their official depository contact is, unfortunately, out of the loop, and the best contact Denise has found is a person in distribution. It complicates matters for NIMA that they have several user groups (e.g., sales, military, depositories).

In this environment, there may be an incentive for individual libraries to contact NIMA directly, but this wouldn’t be very effective and we should try to avoid it. We need to work through Robin Haun-Mohamed at GPO to send a unified voice to NIMA to straighten things out.

Denise will try to contact NIMA monthly to keep up with what’s happening.

**NOAA:**
Dan Seldin (University of Indiana) reported that NOS wants to transfer aeronautical charting to the FAA and specialize only in nautical charts. (The people at NOAA who actually work in the production of aeronautical charts apparently would rather stay with NOAA.) There is a danger that the nautical charts will go to a cost-recovery basis and be dropped from the depository program.

**Census:**
Mark Thomas (Duke University) reports that mapping plans for the 2000 census are not yet decided. Most probably, there will be no paper map products distributed to libraries. Census will be testing sample wording for questions later this year. There possibly will be no long form for the 2000 census.
USGS:

Beth Duff from USGS attended the meeting; she and the group shared valuable information with each other.

Regarding the DRG (Digital Raster Graphic) discs, the corrections to the geotiff header are too expensive and the sales have been too low to warrant re-producing them with the corrected header. For the DRG program, USGS will switch to on-demand production of the discs, and no distribution is set for libraries. USGS and GPO are still looking at various production and distribution options.

Beth emphasized that USGS designed the DRG’s only as backdrops for GIS products; the resolution isn’t good enough to produce printed maps from them. They will continue to produce printed maps and distribute them to libraries for the foreseeable future.

Distribution of the DOQ (Digital Orthophoto Quadrangle) discs is currently on hold by GPO. There was a general feeling among the librarians at the meeting that these are more useful for our users than the DRG discs (although we don’t want to discourage USGS and GPO from trying to work out production and distribution problems with the DRG’s). USGS has more DOQ data in the pipeline, in cases where an entire county has yet to be compiled; this data can be purchased from them by the quarter quadrangle, although it is expensive. Pat McGlamery at the University of Connecticut pointed out problems in reading the DOQ header files that don’t conform to spatial metadata standards; Beth said that USGS is aware of this and has plans to work on the problem.

USGS digital data in general will be available through the EROS data center in Sioux Falls, SD. The regional ESIC’s will possibly be able to manage data for their area. Beth was reminded not to forget libraries when looking for partners willing to help distribute their digital data.

Dan Seldin pointed out that recent issues of DMA’s world maps, distributed by USGS, were given an item number for geologic maps (even though they are topographic maps). Distributing agencies need to take care with this sort of thing since at some universities the geologic maps are sent to different libraries than the topos.

The USGS buyout was over in December; the National Mapping Division lost about 10% of its staff and is currently working to reassign people to fill gaps left by those retiring early.

USGS has plans to put topo indexes on the web, beginning with the graphics showing status of mapping. The indexes are their most popular product, but they give them away. They’re hoping that web availability will help cut requests for these and help
reduce their costs.

GPO:
Chip Woodward, a map cataloger at GPO, attended the meeting. One of GPO’s map catalogers recently retired and another transferred to their electronic transition staff. They still have 3 map catalogers. They do now have Internet access (they are involved in cataloging Internet products) and all will soon have access to email.

John Stevenson (University of Delaware) pointed out to Beth and Chip that some one-off items from USGS are not getting sent to GPO for cataloging (e.g., the colorful map, Ground Shaking in San Francisco), even though this was distributed under the same item number as the 7.5-minute quadrangles. Most libraries will wait for GPO to catalog an item (i.e., for it to appear on a GPO cataloging tape or for GPO copy to appear on OCLC) before it gets into their catalog. The problem was noted. Chip explained the fine line between posters and maps; items with coordinates, a scale, and other map-like characteristics will get cataloged as maps using the OCLC map format.

CUAC annual meeting:
Melissa Lamont is finalizing arrangements with Joel Morrison, CUAC’s liaison at Census, for the annual CUAC meeting to take place at their facility in Suitland, MD, on Thursday and Friday, May 8-9. This would include a tour of their geography division. Attendees would probably stay at a hotel that isn’t in the vicinity, with transportation (e.g., vans) provided to Census. Final plans depend on whether representatives from other agencies can make it at this time to this place, and Melissa will send out information to CUAC members.

ALA Annual, Washington, 1998:
There were suggestions that we plan some sort of cartographic agency update for the 1998 ALA annual. Donna Koepp (University of Kansas) will be talking with chair-elect Karl Longstreth (University of Michigan) about such an update as a program or in the CUAC time slot.

MAGERT 1998 Conference Program Planning Committee
Karl Longstreth presented the following report of the committee’s February 16 meeting:

Attendees: Alice Hudson, Donna Koepp, Melissa Lamont, Karl Longstreth.

Development and coordination of programs with GeoTech Committee, LITA Geographic Information Systems (GIS) SIG and with GODORT and others with interest in GIS.

Discussion of possible programs for the 1998 Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

mental and Non-Governmental Organizations, GIS in the Third World, in Sustainable Development, in Applied Anthropology, etc.


New indicatives and activities in the Federal Government.
- National Biological Survey
- Gap Analysis Project
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Scientific Assessment Strategy Team
- NIMA

Interactive Cartography and GIS on Internet

Maps and Plans and the History of Urban Washington, DC
Local Exhibits

Federal funding agencies and Congressional committees and their role.

Vendors of digital or cartographic information (SPOT)

Local Sponsors and Organizers
K. Longstreth will make initial contacts.

Potential Speakers
D. Koepp, A. Hudson, and K. Longstreth will make initial contacts.

Mapping and GIS within Government (GIS as an analysis tool)

State Department
The meeting notes will be circulated to solicit additional comment and suggestions.

Coordinate Conference hotel with GODORT.

Honors Awards Committee

Chair, Margaret Brill reported that the Honors Awards Committee did not meet during ALA. The subject was discussed during Executive Board, and the Chair agreed to design a form which members could use to nominate people for the MAGERT Award. The deadline will be May 1. The form will be available on the MAGERT Website, and in base line. A message will be sent to MAPS-L announcing it.
Bylaws Committee

Chair, Margaret Brill reported that she is working to revise the MAGERT Organization Manual and is seeking corrections and revisions. Please send suggestions to her. She presented two proposed changes in the Organization Manual which the Executive Board voted to adopt:

1. A sentence to be added under Honors:
   “The recipient need not be a member of ALA or MAGERT.”

2. Add the following to Past-Chair:
   “The Past Chair is responsible for scheduling all meetings of the Round Table at both midwinter and annual conferences and for arranging for audio-visual needs and any other special requirements. The Past Chair consults with the Past Chair of GODORT to avoid conflicts in the meeting schedules.” These sentences would be removed from the Duties of the Chair.

Nominating Committee

Chair, Margaret Brill reported that the Nominating committee completed its task before ALA. The following people have agreed to run in the spring election:

For Vice Chair/Chair Elect:
David Allen (SUNY Stony Brook) and Christopher Thiry (Colorado School of Mines)

For Secretary:
Susan Moore (University of Arizona) and Peter Limburger (University of Akron)

MAGERT Education Committee

Chair, Chris Kollen submitted the following report:
The Committee met from 11:30-1:30 on Feb. 18, 1997. Present at the meeting were:
Committee members: Peter Linberger, Deborah Wassertzug, Joseph Winkler and Chris Kollen. Visiting: Victoria Packard
Our guest Victoria Packard is interested in joining the committee, so we have a new committee member!

The committee is working on an article. All members had previously completed drafts for sections of the article. We discussed each section and gave each other constructive feedback. We plan on revising our sections, taking a final look at it, then having others take a look at it. Victoria Packard (our new committee member) agreed to review our article. We were not able to discuss adding information to the MAGERT home page.
MAGERT representative to the ALA Education Assembly, Chris Kollen, submitted the following report: The Assembly met February 15, 1997 9:30-11:30.

Discussed the change in how foreign credentials are evaluated. In the past, a group in ALA, Country resource Panel would evaluate credentials from another country about its equivalency. Due to the increase in the number of credentials they were increasingly were requested to evaluate and concerns of liability, ALA decided to stop this evaluations. ALA did not ask for any feedback from other groups within ALA. The Chair of the ALA Education Assembly wrote a letter of protest. ALA is now referring people to a private contractor, AACRAO, who evaluates credentials for other professions. However, they charge $75 for ALA members and $100 for non-members. This can be a sizable portion of a foreign person’s salary.

There was much discussion. The Chair of the Education Assembly had not received all of the documentation she should have. There was a meeting scheduled between the Chair of the Education Assembly, members of the ALA Committee on Education and key players in ALA after this meeting. I can forward further developments to baseline.

**Geographic Technologies (GeoTech) Committee and GIS Discussion Group**

Pat McGlamery submitted the following report of the GeoTech meeting and discussion group:

The GIS Discussion group convened at 8:30 a.m. with eighteen attendees. There was lively discussion of copyright and storage issues. Storage or reference?

The GeoTech Committee convened at 10:15 a.m.

Old Business:

- It was agreed to put two chapters up on the web:
  - Catalog
  - Reference

P. McGlamery will contact authors for possible revisions and okay. Will be done by Annual. P. McGlamery will work with D. Allen.

New Business:

1. It was agreed that GeoTech will sponsor a program at Annual as its primary responsibilities. This will be the focus of the Committee. We will plan 98 at the second meeting.

2. It was agreed that GeoTech would sponsor a joint committee with LITA GISIG and GODORT to cooperate and plan programs and activities. Two members volun-
Barbara Story also gave an update on the status of the revision for Cartographic Materials. She reported that new rules may be submitted to CC:DA at the annual conference in San Francisco. Further, it is hoped that prior to publication of the new rules, some interim guidance can be provided by posting the proposed guidelines to a line 18(2/3): 17
The OCLC report was given by the chair for Ellen Caplan who was unable to attend. Ellen's report noted that there was not much to report for OCLC quality control activity on maps records in the WorldCat. She mentioned that duplicate and error reports are being processed as received. Policies on correcting errors, processing duplicates, etc., can be found in Bibliographic Formats and Standards, section 5. Ellen's report also noted that OCLC still intends to convert atlas records via a database scan (17,000 LC records and 30,000 member records). The atlas scan has not been given as high a priority in relation to other batch load projects as Ellen would like. In the meantime, OCLC users are welcome to continue reporting records which need type code changes. If LC converts its atlas records, OCLC will have to convert theirs to avoid duplicates. Ellen asked that any concerns related to OCLC be sent to her. She will either address the concerns or bring them to the attention of other staff at OCLC and bring information to ALA Annual or respond earlier as appropriate.

Discussion

The committee discussed issues of concern to its members:

1. The committee discussed the need for additional members. The chair asked anyone present who is not currently a member to consider becoming a committee member. Three people did volunteer. Barbara will follow up on this with the MAGERT chair.

2. One member asked whether there has been any talk of a core level record for maps. It was noted that several other special formats have developed a core level record (e.g., graphic materials, moving images, sound recordings, CONSER, computer files.) The committee discussed the pros and cons of a core level record. The chair will look into the status of a core level record, and committee members will continue to think about this issue.

3. The committee addressed the issue of comments to liaisons on MARBI or CC:DA issues. There was a question as to whether anyone responds to requests for comments. Susan Moore advised the committee about the responses she receives and how responses can assist her with her responsibilities as MAGERT liaison.

4. The committee discussed the issue of a lack of cataloging issues on MAPS-L. There was some discussion as to whether we should have a separate list serve for map cataloging. A suggestion was made to put the results of MARBI meetings on MAPS-L. The committee decided this was a good idea. Committee members will also try to encourage the posting of cataloging questions to MAPS-L.
MARDILiaison Report

MAGERT liaison to MARBI, Susan Moore presented the following report:

Proposal 96-8 concerned a number of changes suggested to facilitate the alignment of Canadian MARC and USMARC. One component of the proposal suggests additional codes for various segments of the Maps 007 field. For Map 007/04 (Physical Medium) add codes:

- j - Glass
- q - Flexible base photographic medium, positive
- r - Flexible base photographic medium, negative
- s - Non-flexible base photographic medium, positive
- t - Non-flexible base photographic medium, negative
- y - Other photographic medium

Also suggested are additions to the description of code e in Map 007/04 the term “Mylar”, so that it would read (e.g. plastic, vinyl, Mylar). For Map 007/06 (Production/ reproduction details) add the code:

- p - Pre-production (e.g. proofsheets)

For Map 008/25 (Type of cartographic material), add codes:

- f - Separate supplement to another work
- g - Bound as part of another work
- u - unknown
- z - other

This proposal passed with the addition of “transparent polyester sheet” instead of “Mylar” to prevent conflict with a trademarked name.

Proposal 97-6 proposed a new 007 field for remote-sensing images in the Bibliographic and Holdings formats. The new field will enable the cartographic cataloging community to code certain physical characteristics for remote-sensing images. These characteristics are coded for in an 009 field in CAN/MARC and, as part of format harmonization, the National Archives of Canada would like to move the coding into a non-local field. The categories of information proposed for this field are Category of material, Specific material designation, Altitude of sensor, Attitude of sensor, Cloud cover, Platform construction type, Platform use category, Sensor type, and Data type. This proposal passed.

Discussion Paper 98 explored establishing geographic area codes for subentities for countries other than the United States, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. The ISO standard for representation of names countries and their subdivisions does not have an internal consistency and may not be easily used. Questions for further consideration are whether or not a new subfield for subentities should be established for fields base line 18(2/3): 19
043 and 044, should the ISO standard be considered in creating a list of codes, and what impact would these new codes have on validation?

After some interesting discussion, the Library of Congress proposed taking the discussion into consideration along with happenings in the international standards arena and bringing the issue back at the annual meeting.

Proposal 97-1 suggests defining a second indicator for field 856 that would indicate the relationship between the entity having its location described in the 856 field and the entity described in the bibliographic record. This proposal passed.

**Membership Committee**

Chair, Joseph Winkler, presented the following report:

As of the end of December, there were 369 members of MAGERT, 12 fewer than at the end of last year, a decrease of 3.15%. All but one of the difference were personal members. There are currently 295 personal members and 74 institutional members.

Since the last report in July, there have been 24 new memberships and 4 reinstatements, but 33 resignations, resulting in a net loss of 5. Most of the drops occurred during the summer months, while most of the new members signed on in the fall.

Names of new members are listed in *base line*. Claire Englander in Oakland sends information packets and ribbons to the new members, and brief surveys to those who have resigned their memberships. A summary of these surveys for the year June 1996 to May 1997 will be delivered at the annual meeting in San Francisco.

As a reminder, the MAGERT exhibit will be set up at the annual conference in June/July 1997. Volunteers will be welcome, as well as necessary.

Following Mr. Winkler's report, there was a discussion of the relative merits of maintaining a MAGERT booth at ALA Annual in light of the costs. It costs about $120 to send the booth to conference and return it to the Exhibits chair, and while all round tables have this option, many do not choose to exercise it. It is possible to distribute literature at ALA without a booth using the numbered literature boxes.

**GODORT Liaison**

Liaison, John Stevenson reported that GODORT is considering a merger with the ASCLA division of ALA. Discussions are ongoing, and Mr. Stevenson will report further on this proposal in a base line article. *(see page 7, eds.)*
Treasurer’s Report

Melissa Lamont distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report as Steve Rogers was unable to attend the meeting. The report is in spreadsheet format on page 29.

Secretary’s Report

Mr. Stevenson asked the Executive Board for feedback on the attendance sheets that he prepared and distributed for their use. Properly used, attendance sheets will assist in recruiting new members, and aid in identifying candidates for committee membership.

Announcements

Chair, Melissa Lamont announced that GODORT has asked MAGERT to cosponsor a meeting on GILS. A request to cosponsor a joint GODORT/MAGERT reception is expected. MAGERT could also be asked to support IFLA registration costs for its delegates. This last issue will be voted on at the Annual meeting in June.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stevenson,
Secretary

Attendees

David Allen  SUNY Stony Brook
Margaret Brill  Duke University
Judy Hambrick  MAGERT Liaison (ALA Headquarters)
Donna Koepp  University of Kansas
Chris Kollen  University of Arizona
Melissa Lamont  Penn State University
Karl Longstreth  University of Michigan
Pat McGlamery  University of Connecticut
Susan Moore  University of Northern Iowa
Dan Seldin  Indiana University
John Stevenson  University of Delaware
Barbara Story  Library of Congress
Mark Thomas  Duke University
Joseph Winkler  St. Louis Public Library
Ad Hoc Committee on Cartographic Information Society Publication Potential

February 14, 1997, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division Conference Room, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Attendance
James Boxall (Dalhousie University), Margaret Brill (Duke University), David Cobb (Harvard University), Jim Gillespie (Johns Hopkins University), Ronald Grimm (Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division), Lucinda Hall (University of Minnesota), Donna Koepp (University of Kansas), Melissa Lamont (Penn State University), John Stevenson (University of Delaware), Lisa Recupero (Penn State University), Yvonne Wilson (University of California-Irvine).

Purpose
In response to concerns about quality, quantity, timeliness and consistency in cartographic information society publications [see statistics in Appendix A], the above met to discuss alternative outlets for scholarly publications and other collaborative opportunities.

Discussion
Meeting convened with introductions and overviews of the present status of existing publications. The majority of the represented titles are still being published with some regularity. Most representatives, felt that their publications were struggling to meet traditional publication schedules. All the publications have experienced delays in the past several years and/or have reduced the number of issues per year. Discussion of the present situation and future opportunities raised the following issues:

Membership concerns:

Concern was voiced about each individual organization losing identity if an "umbrella" publication was formed.

Each organization has a strong identity, very often this identity is tied to its publications. A new title would need to prove itself (long-term), before it became a true alternative publication outlet.

How large is the membership overlap among the organizations? Will a consolidated subscription base be large enough to support a new title?

If an organization exists to communicate and bring people with common
interests together, publications are the main vehicles for communication between members. Individual newsletters would still be necessary to convey organization information, such as meeting minutes and conference announcements, to the membership.

Members should receive something for their membership in a society, but need to remember that a publication does not a society make.

**Format/Content concerns:**

How would a new publication deal with the various content levels in the existing publications? For instance, WAML IB has a focus more on practical and “how we do it good” type articles, compared to the more scholarly/research orientation of G&M, ACMLA and MAGERT’s *Meridian*.

A merger with ACMLA has additional issues, including:

1) ACMLA receives a federal subsidy to keep the organization together in a way to represent each province. How would a merger with three US organizations affect that charge?

2) The Canadian government is supplying funding to it’s subsidized organizations to explore developing electronic publications as an alternative to print. How would the format of a new publication impact this money?

3) Publications shared with ACMLA would have to address issues of bilingualism.

What are we NOT seeing in the current journals that a new journal might address?

Suggestions were made regarding format:

1) Issue a collaborative monographic series rather than a serial.

2) Issue each of the existing four titles under one cover to reduce production/shipping costs for each organization.

3) Produce one title, but have each issue produced by a separate organization (e.g. Spring WAML, Summer ACMLA, Fall MAGERT, Winter G&M), with a shared editorial board.

Electronic journal concerns, included:

1) Many members still want print publications, something tangible that they receive in their mailboxes.

2) If an electronic journal was pursued, could ‘interactive’ media be explored?

3) If distributed storage was used, then an editor could be appointed to maintain links.
Copyright problems were discussed regarding whether or not an independent publication could publish papers presented at annual conferences. (These papers are typically a primary source of article submissions to existing journals).

**Financial concerns:**
How would the continuing crisis of drastically strained serials budgets impact a new title? Would libraries have money to pick-up a new title, even if they were potentially dropping 4 publications and replacing it with 1?

What is the financial climate for smaller journals?

Who will support/pay for an umbrella publication and handle its on-going financial issues? Who within each organization will approve finances? Will organizations lose income by not producing an independent title?

Concerns about using a commercial publisher vs. producing it in-house were discussed. Would costs be reduced by using a publisher? Publishers generally assume the cost of advertising and carry the finances. Would the organizations sacrifice some editorial control?

**General concerns:**
Concern was voiced about the planned publication schedules for existing publications. This lead to discussion regarding the time-frame for implementing a new publication. A two to three year planning and implementation process was considered necessary.

If an archive for Maps-L, or a related listserv was created, that could store threads (or related messages on a particular topic, regardless of when they were posted), would this replace the "how to do it well" and news/announcement features that current publications support?

It will be very difficult to go back to separate publications once the titles are merged into a combined title. Organizations run the risk of losing an established title.

Other fields within librarianship have different publication expectations. A comparison was made to documents librarians where the majority of the literature is published outside of its societies and organizations; map librarians expect their organizations to publish their literature.

In what time-frame do we want to broach this idea to respective organizations? It was suggested that each organization will need to ask its executive boards and constituency "Where do we want to be in 5 years?" and base line 18(2/3): 24
"Where will we be if we do not do anything?"

**Conclusion**

*Action*

Minutes will be distributed to participants
All participants will be connected via e-mail listserv
Participants will take minutes to their executive boards and memberships for further discussion
Participation may be broadened to include the North American Cartographic Information Society, the International Map Trade Association, and the map librarianship organizations of Australia, Britain and Mexico.

A follow up meeting will be scheduled for fall of 1997 to discuss feedback from the organizations

**Outcome**

While no consensus was reached it was decided to continue the discussion after receiving feedback from the members of the organizations.

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**New Maps**

Folks, sad to say that this will be my last contribution to this column. All of you are aware just how quickly work-related priorities can change. Due to my recent election to a PSU Libraries faculty office, an upcoming move to a different building on campus for the duration of construction of the new Paterno Library here at PSU, pressures to continue research and publication efforts for tenure, and some new assignments related to metadata work I must drop this activity altogether.

It has been a pleasure providing you all with information about some of the latest maps available to our collections these past eighteen months. I hope this information has been useful to at least a few of you, and I hope that baseline’s new editor can recruit another MAGERT member to take over the column.

In this last column I have included a variety of titles, most of which are 1997 publications, which we are beginning to see regularly. There are a couple of 1996 titles as well, I’m considering them recent enough or interesting enough to include.

*Paige Andrew*
Maps Cataloger
The Pennsylvania State University Libraries

*New Maps, next page*
I. Geologic maps

Mexico


Even though this map set has been an ongoing publication for quite some time we are receiving a number of sheets to the set that have been published within the last three years. This particular record is a set record but we are cataloging the sheets separately in-house and classifying them under one call number. So, if you would like to follow our practice you can see these individual sheet records by going on the Web and into our online catalog “The Cat” by searching the URL http://wwwlibraries.psu.edu which will get you to our Libraries homepage. From there click on “LIAS” and you can begin searching the online catalog.

Nevada


One of the latest maps in the Nevada Bureau of Mines map series, it comes in a bright yellow envelope with accompanying text titled “Stratigraphic and structural framework of the Fire Mountain quadrangle, Arizona and Nevada”.

Rocky Mountains


We just received this map/poster as I am completing the column so thought I would add it in. Unfortunately, there isn’t any publication information on the map, just a USGS logo in the upper right hand corner. There are six maps on the sheet showing the same geographic area but each shows different subject content relating to coal and its geologic history of deposition. There is a separate index map outlining the various major coal basins in the region, a stratigraphic cross-section, a table, text, and col. ill. I will get this cataloged and into OCLC in the coming days.
II. Rock Products maps

Here's a couple of titles to a group of maps mostly being published by Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company. They are a bit unique in that they display locations of manufacturing, production, and distribution plants for various kinds of building materials, such as cement, aggregate minerals, and gypsum. One of these is a 1994 publication but is of the same type of map so I include it below. They all show plant locations throughout the United States and in southern Canada. A search on OCLC of the author "Maclean Hunter Publishing Company" reveals about 10 titles, most of them cataloged by the Library of Congress.

Scale [ca. 1:6,000,000]. Chicago, IL: Maclean Hunter Publishing Co., c1994. OCLC# 36848582


Maclean Hunter Publishing Co.  
29 Wacker Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60606

III. European Union

EUROpean Employment Services. map by Lovell Johns; issuing department, European Commission.  
Scale 1:10,000,000; Postel’s azimuthal equidistant proj. Luxembourg: published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, c1996. OCLC# 36848587

This map shows employment agencies throughout Europe and in other member countries around the world working with the European Commission on all aspects of labor and employment.

IV. Tourist-type maps

United States

United States next page

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A note says that the map does not show all of the wildlife refuges, just the ones that provided recreational and educational opportunities to USFWS headquarters. Still, there is a lot here for those interested in visiting a wildlife refuge near their home or vacation spot. Includes Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A very impressive table listing the refuges alphabetically by state and indicating the best viewing seasons for wildlife lovers and recreational facilities available is on the verso.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1849 C Street, NW, MS 130  
Washington, D.C. 20240

**Colorado**


I included this map because of the way the city of Aspen is displayed in front of a beautiful backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. This is a very large scale map showing individual buildings pictorially as well as showing relief pictorially. It includes an ancillary regional map showing the profile of the Rocky Mountains from Hayden Peak to Mt. Daly with Aspen, other towns, and the road network in front. The verso includes a lengthy business directory/tourist guide with advertisements.

Aspen Historical Society  
970-925-3254

**New Hampshire**


Covering the White Mountains region of New Hampshire this new map includes plenty of tourist information, including hotels and other facilities and lots of attractions. Lots of col. illustrations and advertisements.

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Streetcar to Subduction Walk, Tuesday, July 2, about 1:00-3:00 p.m.

A short streetcar ride launch us on a quick tour of geologic features right in the heart of San Francisco that have resulted from spreading ocean ridges, tectonic plate movement, and subduction. These include mid-ocean ridge basalt, folded beds of radiolarian chert and the mirror-smooth face of an earthquake fault. Along the way we’ll see Mint Hill (site of the “new” U.S. mint), and historic Alamo Square (with the postcard views of Victorian houses in the foreground and downtown high rises in the distance). Then we’ll walk along Buena Vista Park to Corona Heights to get some nice views of the Bay Area (weather cooperating). We’ll leave from the main entrance of the Moscone Convention Center. The walk will be about 3 miles long and include an elevation gain of about 300 feet (where comfortable shoes and dress in layers). While there is no sign-up required, if you think you will participate, please let Phil Hoehn know (phoehn@library.berkeley.edu or write Map Collection, Earth Sciences and Map Library, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-6000). This will help in estimating the number of handouts needed.

Phil Hoehn
Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs

I heard you can find maps on the web and print them!

Yes, but we have "old fashioned" paper maps, too.

Mmm, that depends. Anyway, here's the computer. Click on this site and you'll see their maps.

But the web is quicker and more up to date, right?

Here's one for all you Luddites.

How come I can't see a close-up view and an overview at the same time?

Why do the words cover up other stuff?

Because the computer software wasn't programmed to show both.

Because its computer cartography. A real cartographer would know better.

Wow, this really prints slow!

Yep. It takes about 15 minutes per page.

Um, I'm kind of in a hurry. Could I see a paper map of the place?

Here ya go.