

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee Meeting ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio, 16 January 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Story at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday in the Chevalier Room of the Plaza San Antonio Hotel. This was to be an unusual meeting, since the main order of business was to vote on whether to approve a long list of proposals for new rules and rule changes. If approved, the proposals would be sent on to CC:DA, which was to meet the following day. Before proceeding to the discussion of the rule proposals, the usual reports were delivered in a somewhat abbreviated form.

OCLC report

Barbara Story gave the OCLC report for Ellen Caplan, who was not in attendance at the meeting. OCLC is still working on accomplishing the MARC bibliographic update, planning to implement the changes in USMARC Updates 2 and 3 and those in the MARC 21 announcement. No date has yet been set for these changes. One change of interest to cartographic catalogers is the discontinuation of the fixed field element Prme for prime meridian. Removing this element will involve changing all non-blank entries to blank in about 12,000 records and making all non-blank values obsolete. Later these values will be declared invalid.

MARBI report

Susan Moore gave the MARBI report. At MARBI's first session at Midwinter, they had received an update on the seriality issues from Jean Hiron. Proposals will be submitted to MARBI for the summer meeting as a result of actions recently taken by the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) concerning seriality.

Of proposals already discussed, Proposal 2000-04 had passed. This proposal is concerned with establishing a subfield in X00 (Personal Name) fields for data relating to attribution of anonymous works. This is primarily useful for anonymous works of art, but could also be useful for cataloging rare and antique maps. Two options were presented in the proposal: use subfield ‡g, currently defined for miscellaneous information and largely unused, or create a new subfield ‡j for this purpose. The latter option was selected.

Proposal 2000-06 was to be discussed on Sunday afternoon -- on defining a subfield for URLs in several fields -- and no meeting was scheduled for Monday.

Susan also noted that Joe Winkler, Chair of MAGERT, had contacted MARBI concerning the possibility of having a program at the annual meeting in Chicago on less than full level MARC cataloging for maps, covering Dublin Core and related issues.

Library of Congress report

Barbara Story delivered the brief LC report. She announced that the Library of Congress has a new Chief, John Hébert. The National Digital Library project is continuing, with the railroad maps being nearly completed. They should all be scanned later in January and the cataloging records will be available in February. The Civil War maps will follow.

CC:DA report

Elizabeth Mangan gave the CC:DA report. Four task forces have been discharged by CC:DA, having completed their duties. Two new task forces were formed: one on major/minor changes, dealing with when to create a new record; and one on recommendation 2 from the Rule 0.24 report, dealing with multiple formats. Recommendations 1 and 3 had already been accepted by JSC. A report on musical works was continuing to be discussed. A new report from JSC discussing changing to one spelling of "disk" to replace the current practice of using "disk" for magnetic media and "disc" for optically-encoded items was also being discussed. CC:DA was to meet again on Monday, and would be discussing the MAGERT proposals if the present committee voted to send them on to CC:DA with its recommendation.

Inquiry from David Allen regarding Dublin Core guidelines

The draft of a document regarding Dublin Core guidelines for cartographic materials is in the works. David Allen (Past-Chair of MAGERT) was appealing to map catalogers who might want to work on a subcommittee to develop this idea. More information can be found on this at www.sunysb.edu/libmap/corcart.htm.

Discussion of MAGERT proposals

Barbara Story passed around a summary of the proposals for rule revisions and new rules, along with printouts of comments received from committee members, and also a handout detailing changes that had been made as a result of discussions occurring after the initial distribution of the proposals. For this report I am reproducing Barbara's summary only, which reflects the changes. More details will follow in the future in this column, at which time I will also try to report on the result of the CC:DA discussions.

Here is the summary of the proposals:

1.1C1 Revision of the rule to change the general material designation (GMD) used for cartographic materials from "globe" and "map" to "cartographic material."

1.1C3 Revision of the rule for reproductions, to allow for the use of two GMDs, one for the original format and one for the format of the reproduction.

1.1C5 New rule to allow the use of different GMDs to identify the content of the item and the carrier of the item when they are different.

3.1B3 Revision of the rule to add instructions for giving the location of the title chosen as title proper in some instances.

3.1F2 Deletion of the rule, which deals with transcription of the statement of responsibility. The rule is not carried into any other chapter and leads to confusion as to the necessity of a statement of responsibility.

3.3 Revision of the rule to add additional types of mathematical data.

3.3A3 New rule to indicate that the Mathematical Data Area should be repeated for two, non-related scales.

3.3A4 New rule to specify the order when multiple mathematical and other material-specific details are included.

3.3B1 Revision of the rule on determining scale to correct language for calculating scale using a bar scale, and adds use of "Scale not given. "

3.3B2 Change to correct the examples. (Substitute abbreviation for "inch.")

3.3B4 Revision of the rule for items having two scales to use separate scale statements.

3.3B5 Revision of the rule to use "scales differ" rather than "scales vary."

3.3B6 Revision of the rule to use "scales differ" rather than "scales vary."

3.3B7 Revision of the rule to clarify the use of "not drawn to scale."

3.3B8 Revision of the rule to cover two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional items.

3.3B9 New rule to provide instructions on scale for electronic resources.

3.3C1 Change to correct an example. ("Conic" should be capitalized.)

3.3C2 Revision of the rule to clarify additions to the projection statement and to move information about ellipsoids to the notes.

- 3.3D1 Revision of the rule to clarify the instructions for the bounding coordinates and to add instructions for recording decimal degrees for electronic resources.
- 3.3D2 Revision of the rule to clarify the use of "chart" for cartographic materials.
- 3.3F New rule to accommodate Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) data on the digital graphic representation method used for electronic resources.
- 3.3G New rule to accommodate FGDC data on the geospatial reference method used for electronic resources.
- 3.5B1 Revision of the rule to add a specific material designation (SMD) for electronic resources and to modify the SMD for "relief model" and "map section."
- 3.5B2 Change to correct the example. ("Map section" changed to "section.")
- 3.5B6 New rule for the physical description of tangible electronic resources.
- 3.5C1 Revision of the rule to include additional information as part of other physical details.
- 3.5C4 New rule to include medium as part of other physical details. (Current rule 3.5C4 renumbered to 3.5C6.)
- 3.5C5 New rule to include production method as part of other physical details. (Current rule 3.5C5 renumbered to 3.5C7.)
- 3.7B3 Revision of the rule to add instruction for giving the location of the title chosen as title proper in some instances.

That's it for this report. As stated above, I intend to provide more details about the rule changes in a later column. Till then, keep cataloging those maps, err..., cartographic resources.

— *Mark Crotteau*

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EXECUTIVE BOARD I MINUTES

Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

January 14, 2000

The minutes from the annual meeting held in New Orleans were approved.

Bylaws changes

Margaret Brill has resigned as chair of the Bylaws Committee. David Allen agreed to serve as interim chair and later agreed to be the chair. The procedures concerning proposed changes to the bylaws for the charge to the Education Committee and the election of the shared Round Table Councilor will be deferred until the annual meeting. Tsering Wangyal Shawa, chair of the Education Committee, was unable to attend this meeting due to a family crisis.

Round Table Coordinating Committee

The Round Table Coordinating Committee has a new, revised handbook on their web page. The meeting time for annual has been changed. There is a new ALA plan for 2005. The debate continued on who speaks for ALA.

Core Values Statement

A task force, called the ALA Core Values Task Force, has been formed to develop a statement of core values for the profession and to get feedback from the divisions, round tables, affiliates, and so on during the Midwinter meeting. Janet Swan Hill will be attending the second Executive Board meeting to get our feedback. Joseph Winkler distributed copies of the proposed text for review by those present and will be distributing copies at the Education Committee, as these are the two groups in MAGERT most concerned with the issue. Anyone who has comments on the text should share them at Executive Board II.

CUAC representative

Mark Thomas has been the MAGERT representative to CUAC for one three-year term. His term will be up this year. He is willing to serve another term and any other candidate names should be brought to Executive Board II.

Member Roster Situation

Mary McInroy reported that Danielle Alderson had sent her membership statistics, and they are from the new system. There was some discussion about getting monthly statistics about the membership and getting a membership roster showing the names, institutional affiliations, and E-mail addresses for the individual members of MAGERT. There will be a nominal fee for getting the roster and it may be available on a disk. Preference was expressed to get the roster in alphabetical order by name of member. Further details will be worked out with Danielle.

Publications Survey

Joseph Winkler distributed the results of the survey he conducted with the Executive Board on the publications currently done by MAGERT. Donna Koepp has expressed interest in stepping down as chair of the Publications Committee so we are looking for a new chair. Joseph summarized the results of the survey, and people may use the summary to measure how opinions are running.

Scheduling

The Membership Committee meeting has been moved from the San Antonio Public Library to the Convention Center 006a. Mary McInroy distributed printouts about the committees for the chairs to pass out to interested members of the audience. There were some problems in scheduling meetings that usually meet back-to-back in the same room. The request was made that these meetings be held in the same place; this did not occur, and although changes were requested, the scheduling was not corrected. Danielle will talk to Conference Services to work on solving the problem.

Executive Board II and General Membership

Agendas for the meetings were distributed. The chair suggested that the verbal reports at the meetings reflect the highlights or issues of immediate concern and that full reports be reserved for publication in base line.

Nominations and Awards

Still looking for candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and for the Honor and Awards.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Moore, Secretary

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ELECTRONIC MAPPING

New Conference

In December 1999, a message was circulated announcing a new ESRI-sponsored conference, the International Conference on GIS in Education (www.esri.com/industries/k-12/gisedcon.html). The July 15 -19, 2000 conference at California State University, San Bernardino, is aimed at educators, administrators, and librarians, and is planned to be much smaller than the annual ESRI conference, with a limit of 750 attendees. (The registration fee is also a lot lower, at \$150.) CSU and ESRI have collaborated to offer informational sessions, paper presentations and technical workshops on GIS in education and libraries in an effort to provide the latest information in a more focused atmosphere. The conference announcement lists topics to be covered by the conference, including viewing GIS from different perspectives; implementation strategies; applications for K-12, college and university faculty, and administrators; hands-on training and demonstrations, grant writing for technology funding, and special applications for libraries.

The new conference is scheduled a few weeks before the annual ESRI User Conference, to be held June 26-30, 2000 in San Diego -- a much bigger, more technical conference that draws nearly 10,000 people. Many people are wondering whether to attend this conference, the annual ESRI User Conference, or both. I asked Angela Lee, from the ESRI Schools and Libraries Program, to answer a few questions about the conference. While Angela didn't exactly recommend one conference over the other, she did include some additional conference information that wasn't available in the original posting. She also stressed that they've extended the deadlines for proposals to February 29, 2000, and mentioned that they're still looking for additional presenters on a variety of topics. The conference looks like we map folks could have a significant role in shaping what gets presented -- get your presentation proposals out there! (See www.esri.com/industries/k-12/gisedcon.html for more information.)

I've included Angela's responses here, as well as a current call for presentations for the conference -- this newer conference is a great opportunity for GIS library folks to become more visible, and learn from each others' efforts.

Who was responsible for the premiere of this conference? Is this conference (for educators/librarians) a replacement to attending the ESRI annual conference in San Diego?

The conference is being organized by ESRI's Education Team (Higher Education, K-12 Education, and Libraries and Museums) and the California State University-San Bernardino (Colleges of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Extended Learning). The idea for the conference came from ESRI while CSU-SB is organizing the conference. The conference is designed for educators, and is meant to be an alternative to the ESRI User Conference, but not necessarily a replacement. Because the

Conference on GIS in Education focuses on the role of GIS in education, the sessions should focus more on issues of interest to teachers, researchers, librarians, and museum personnel than would be the case at the User Conference, where the diversity of topics is greater. The GIS in Education conference also should provide good opportunities for networking with other educators/librarians because of the more intimate feel (< 1,000 people vs. 9,000+). However, the User Conference provides a great opportunity to learn about the newest technology, and to learn about other applications of GIS (e.g., health, planning, crime analysis).

Are any of the poster sessions/papers/presentations finalized yet? Has a preliminary schedule been put together?

None of the sessions are finalized yet, but the general structure of the conference is as follows:

Sat & Sunday (7/15 & 7/16)

- Half and Full day GIS workshops
- Topics (tentatively) include Intro to ArcView GIS, GIS in Libraries, GIS Resources for K-12 Education, GIS resources for Higher Education, Intro to GPS, ArcInfo 8, Intro to ArcView Spatial Analyst Extension & ArcView 3-D Analyst Extension, Intro to Remote Sensing and ArcView Image Analysis Extension.

Monday - Wednesday (7/17 - 7/19)

- Keynote speaker
- Exhibits
- Concurrent sessions
- Lunch
- Concurrent sessions
- break
- Concurrent sessions

- On Wednesday, a town-hall style wrap-up session.

The concurrent session would be 90 minute blocks, generally three 30-minute presentations. The hour immediately following the Keynote would be exhibits only time. We also are planning to have a "Doctor's Office" set up in the exhibit hall where folks can ask technical questions/get help with any problems they're having.

What kind of training opportunities are planned for the conference? Will sessions be in the introductory style of the education trainings before the national conference, or will they be more intermediate/expert, hands-on, solutions training?

The pre-conference training sessions are kind of a mix of introductory and intermediate workshops. The Introduction to ArcView session will be a general introduction, while the GIS in Libraries workshop will be more focused, but still introductory. The Spatial Analyst & 3-D Analyst workshop will be intermediate, as will the ArcInfo session. There also are opportunities for 90-minute workshops during the week, so if anyone would like to see other workshops, that could be arranged. Perhaps someone would like to do a Metadata workshop, or a workshop all about Census data, or an Internet workshop.

Software

I recently found a very helpful extension for ArcView, called AVPrimed. The 3.x extension does things like document your work session and the changes made to shapefiles, and rework some of the common ArcView functions for easier use. For example, when converting a theme to a shapefile, the name of the file is recognized and does not need to be re-entered (though you are given the opportunity to do so). Other features include automatic generation of log files; copying of documents within and between projects; automatic repetition of your last action; the ability to archive projects; the ability to shuffle the order of themes in the table of contents by alphabetical or draw order; and many more. I opened a simple project with a few themes, converted one to a shapefile, added a table and joined it to one of the themes, changed the classification for one of the themes, etc., and generated this watch file:

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20000120161414	Saved project: x:\public\gis\proj1.apr

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20000120162342	Added file x:\public\gis\island_pop90.dbf as table: island_pop90.dbf
20000120162349	Joining table [island_pop90.dbf] to table [Attributes of Block Groups (Clipped) - Island County, WA] by field [Blockgrwsx]
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20000120162354	Edit Legend of: Block Groups (Clipped) - Island County, WA
20000120162416	Saved project: x:\public\gis\proj1.apr

It's a tiny download (106KB) and the installation process is simply putting the file in your extensions directory. I haven't had a chance yet to explore the full functionality, but so far the script has made documentation of ArcView projects a whole lot simpler, which is enough in itself! The script is available from the ArcScripts website. More information is available at www.ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/davet/avprimed/avprimed.htm.

— *Jenny Stone, GIS Librarian, University of Washington*

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NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

New Maps

New Maps from IGN

Besides putting on spectacular New Year's celebrations, the French are also pretty good at making maps, and their national mapping agency, the Institut Geographique National (IGN), is especially prolific. Among their recent publications is *Afrique Politique*, a new political map of Africa at a 1:12,000,000 scale, 34 x 34", that replaces their earlier 1:10,000,000 editions. Their new map of *Haiti* is a welcome addition, since few maps for that area are available. It's a 1:300,000, 43 x 35" satellite image map, with tourist information and legends in French and English.

Examples of other recent IGN products include *France Tourisme Equestre*, for those who would like to see France (but not Paris I presume) on horseback; Edition 2000 of the *Atlas IGN Routier & Touristique France*, a nice road atlas with legends in French, English, German and Dutch; and *Cayenne - Kourou*, a map of the two major cities in French Guiana, once a penal colony but now noted for being the home of the European Space Agency launch site. IGN also has a new series of 1:25,000 topo maps of French Guiana covering mainly the coastal areas.

IGN is constantly updating and adding to its many map series, and all of them can be seen in the "La Boutique cartes IGN" section of their web site. One nice feature of their site are monthly lists of new maps, retained for a year, which makes it easy to keep up with recent releases. (www.ign.fr)

Big maps of small countries

I wanted to segue from the IGN to a French speaking country like Luxembourg. But in the interests of accuracy (and to procrastinate further in the compilation of this column), I did some web surfing on that little nation. Besides learning that even a small country can have lots of web sites, I also discovered that while French may indeed be the official language, most folks speak Luxembourgian (or Letzebuergesch). In any case, the Grand Duchy is a well-mapped place. A new series of appropriately large-scale topographic maps is being issued by the Administration du Cadastre et de la Topographie (ACT). *Grand-Duché de Luxembourg - Carte topographie*, a 1:20,000 set, is scheduled for completion in 2001 in 21 sheets, about a third of which are now available. Each sheet sells for about \$10 from GeoCenter. If you crave those really large scale topo series, but can't justify the cost and storage requirements that most countries entail, this is about as cheap a fix as you can find.

Changes in Poland

In case you missed it (and I certainly did), the local government of Poland has been reorganized. In 1999 the former 49 voivodeships (provinces or regional governments) were replaced by 16 larger ones. In the three-tier territorial system of municipalities, counties, and voivodeships, the latter are responsible for, among other things, public education, health care, culture, urban and rural planning, environmental protection, and roads. Two recent maps by Polish publishers show these new divisions. Warsaw based GGK (Główny Geodeta Kraju) and PPWK both have issued maps with identical titles, *Rzeczpospolita Polska, Mapa Administracyjna*, identical scales (1:750,000), and similar sizes (34 x 37"). The GGK version sells for 15.5 DM (about \$8), the PPWK for 14.5 DM (\$7.50) from GeoCenter or through East View (www.missingmaps.com). For those whose Polish is a little rusty, new editions of road maps of Poland have just been issued by Michelin (no. 974), for \$10.95, and by Hungarian publisher Cartographia Kft. with legends in English, French, German, and Hungarian.

Once Yugoslavia

FAMA International is a self-described "Sarajevo-based media publishing house" whose focus is the "Phenomenon of the Sarajevo Siege, 1992-96." A while back they produced a very vivid pictorial map of the siege of Sarajevo titled *Sarajevo Survival Map 92-96*. Now they have come out with another equally vivid, colorful, and unusual pictorial map depicting events in the former Yugoslavia between 1991 and 1999. The Fall of Yugoslavia 1991-1999 is filled with images of tanks, planes, flags and other symbols representing various military groups, battles, destroyed sites, detention centers, and massacre sites. It's all a bit overwhelming, especially since the map is surrounded by a border of scenes from a classic antique map. There is some explanatory text in English on the front side of the map, and a detailed "Chronology 1980-1999" on the reverse with listings of events in various places in Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina. FAMA certainly doesn't hide its agenda, but as a curiosity piece and an historical document, the map is worth acquiring. MapLink had a few copies in stock at one time, but for \$15 plus \$5 shipping it's cheaper, although somewhat complicated, to order direct. Although the Fall of Yugoslavia was not listed when I last checked, FAMA has an interesting web site describing their products and how they can be ordered. (www.famainternational.com)

One part of the former Yugoslavia that has remained relatively unscathed during the post-breakup troubles is Slovenia. Perhaps because of this they have been able to produce some high quality maps. A good recent example is the set of 1:50,000 scale topographic maps, *Republika Slovenija topografska karta 1:50,000*, from Geodetski zavod Slovenija. The 64 maps that cover the entire country carry a 1996 copyright and are very well done. Measuring 19 x 27", they come folded to a 5 x 9" size, and include such nice features as a full legend on the front and an index to the whole set on the reverse of each sheet. Available from MapLink and reasonably priced at \$360 for the set.

Down Under Again

The Australian Survey & Land Information Group (AUSLIG) is issuing a new edition of its NATMAP 1:250,000 topo maps. Over the next 8 to 10 years AUSLIG plans to concentrate on revising the 1:250,000 series and digital data. Most of the currently available maps in the series are focused on the coast, and an index map of available sheets can be seen on their web site. (www.auslig.gov.au)

AUSLIG produces a number of interesting products, such as *Australia Unfolded*, a CD-ROM atlas that lets users create their own maps of any area in Australia at various scales. The second edition was released in late 1999 and sells for \$100 from OMNI or MapLink.

If you follow such things, you may have heard that a new product from Hema Maps was a winner of the 1999 IMTA (International Map Trade Organization) Asia Pacific Map Awards. The prize winner is *Great Desert Tracks of Australia*, a series of four 1:1,250,000 sheet maps that cover the huge, remote region between the "Stuart Highway in the east and the Pilbara in the west and between the Great Australian Blight in the south and the Kimberley in the north." What little I know of the great interior spaces of Australia comes from the Mad Max series of movies with Mel Gibson trying to survive in a post-apocalypse wasteland. But I do know that there's not much out there. The maps show the complete lengths of some of Australia's legendary routes: the Canning Stock Route, Tanami Track, Gunbarrel Highway, Connie Sue Highway, Sandy Blight Junction Road, Kidson Track and more, with detailed land information, road distances, and tourist information "including fuel supplies and important phone numbers." *The Great Desert Tracks of Australia Map Pack* includes the four maps and a 12-page illustrated booklet telling the story of the "Hema-Auslig Great Desert Tracks Mapping Expedition," all packaged inside a hard covered folder. \$65A (about \$42).

Another item from Hema that I wish I had discovered before Christmas is their "Upside Down Year 2000 Calendar." The calendar displays Hema's famous upside down world map above a twelve month calendar "where the months are also upside down -- January appears in the bottom right hand corner and December in the top left" (www.hemamaps.com.au)

Appalachian Trail

Serious hikers in the east often have visions of hiking all or part of the great Appalachian Trail which extends from Maine to Georgia. The Appalachian Trail Conference, a non-profit volunteer group that maintains the 2000+ mile trail, also publishes a series of *Appalachian Trail Guides* and maps. The 11 *Guides*, each of which covers a section of the trail, are updated every 3 to 5 years. Each guide includes a pocket-sized book and a set of up to 12 separate topo maps. The books provide background information, identify points of interest, and describe long and short-distance hikes on the AT and major side trails.

Sets of maps from the guides as well as some individual maps can be purchased separately. For example, the Mass./Conn. set includes 5 color maps (on 3 sheets) which cover 140 miles

from the Vermont border to the Connecticut/New York line at a 1:38,750 scale. Prices vary, but a complete set of maps is available for \$154. More information can be found on their interesting web site (www.atconf.org).

Briefly Noted

From the Cleveland Map Company comes a third "Millennium Edition" of the *Visitor's Map and Guide to Cleveland*. The 18 x 24" map, which focuses on downtown and University Circle, is nicely done, and a bargain at \$3.95. For some reason, Cleveland Map's only other product is a *Transportation Infrastructure Map of Mozambique*. In English and Portuguese, it shows primary and secondary roads, ports, railroads, airports (and "all domestic and international flights to and from any Mozambican airport"). The full color, 12 x 18" flat map sells for \$17.95. (www.clevelandmap.com)

Israeli publisher Kronenberg-Vilenski has created two sets of historical map reproductions of *The Holy Land and Jerusalem*. Each contains six colorful maps from the 16th to 18th centuries, in a uniform 12 x 15" size, housed in an attractive portfolio. \$29.95 each from MapLink.

Grace Welch from the University of Ottawa pointed out to MAPS-L readers the "70th Anniversary Edition" special issue of *Canadian Geographic*. (How do serial catalogers handle an issue marked "2000 Annual, Vol. 120, No. 1"?) The issue has a "Mapping at the Millennium" theme, with several interesting map-related articles. The issue also included a large *New Century Map of Canada* which can also be purchased separately. Seeing this issue reminded me that *CG* is a really high quality magazine, and I've resolved to become a more regular reader.

For no discernible reason I seem to be hoarding those new state commemorative quarters. To the rescue of people like me, as well as novice coin collectors, comes the "United States Coin Album Map" from University Games. The folded album (26 x 16" opened) is a map of the U.S. with spaces for the coins on or near their respective states. There are other similar products out there, but this one is available from the Map Store of Minnesota for \$15.95 plus \$7 S&H. (www.freemap.com)

New Books

For Collectors and Historians

Thomas Suarez is a noted map dealer and authority on Southeast Asia, so I awaited with anticipation his new book, *Early Mapping of Southeast Asia* (Periplus Editions, 1999. 280 p., \$65. ISBN: 9625934707). It was mentioned briefly in the October *base line* before its

publication date, so I was unsure what to expect. Now that I've seen a copy I can say that it exceeded all my expectations. It's a wonderful book, with first-rate production values, a great deal of informative text, and many beautiful illustrations, some in color. The text is especially valuable, as Suarez covers in depth the history, culture, and geography of the area, as well as the map making from the 16th to the 19th centuries. It's a truly valuable book, and a necessary addition to all map collections.

Collecting Antique Maps: an Introduction to the History of Cartography, by Jonathan Potter. (London: J. Potter, 1999. £18 (c. \$29.50). ISBN: 0951157752). The well-known London map dealer has a new edition of one of the best introductions to old maps. It expands on a work first published in 1988 as *Country Life Book of Antique Maps*, with additional chapters on 19th century cartography, up-dated market information, and a new bibliography. The basic arrangement remains the same, with three major sections. "Looking at Maps" focuses on collecting and identifying antique maps; "Mapping the World and Its Countries" covers the major maps and map makers of various countries and continents; and the final and perhaps most fun section concerns "Globes, Curiosities and Miniatures." The book is heavily illustrated, the text accessible, and it's one of the first books I show to someone who wants a quick and painless introduction to the history of maps. (As of this writing the book was available from the UK site of Amazon.com, from Map Collector Publications (www.mapcollector.com), and from Jonathan Potter Ltd. (www.jpmaps.co.uk).)

For those with a more scholarly bent come two books from the University of Chicago Press, one of the few publishers issuing works on the history of cartography and geography. *Geography Unbound: French Geographic Science from Cassini to Humboldt*, by Anne Marie Godlewska, (Chicago, 1999, 456 p., \$65, ISBN: 0226300463), is a detailed study of geography and geographers in 18th century France. *Geography and Enlightenment*, edited by David N. Livingston and Charles W. J. Withers (Chicago, 1999. 455 p., \$52, ISBN: 0226487202) is a collection of essays that "explore both the Enlightenment as a geographical phenomenon and the place of geography in the Enlightenment." Some map related chapters include "Global Illumination and Enlightenment in the Geographies of Vincenzo Coronelli and Athansius Kirchner" by Denis Cosgrove, and "Reconsidering Enlightenment Geography and Map Making: Reconnaissance, Mapping, Archive" by Matthew Edney of the Osher Map Library at the University of Southern Maine. (This allows me to mention the new exhibit at the Osher, "Worldly Treasures: A Fifth Anniversary Exhibition," which will run until March 2000 and which can be seen on their web site (www.usm.maine.edu/maps).)

L'Italia nell'antica cartografia: 1477-1799. Edited by Roberto Borri. Ivrea (Turin): Priuli & Verlucca, 1999. 190 p. 200,000 Lire (c. \$105). (ISBN: 8880681346). This is a chronological listing of the printed maps of Italy from 1477 to 1799. Nearly 300 maps are included, with basic identification data and a brief description along with a rarity grading. The text is in Italian, with no summaries in other languages, but all the maps are beautifully illustrated, many in color, in a large 12 x 13" format.

Road Warriors

I freely admit to being the least adventuresome of travelers, and on long auto trips never pull off the interstate unless the golden arches of McDonald's or the Holiday Inn sign are in clear view from the highway. A godsend for travel wimps like me is the *Exit Authority*, a guide to every business and service at every exit on every U.S. Interstate. The publisher, Interstate America, annually surveys all interstate highways for businesses serving travelers located within a quarter mile of each exit. The listings include such things as restaurants, fuel and diesel stops, hotels and lodging, RV dump stations, outlet malls (something for the ladies), medical facilities, and ATM machines. The big (656 p.) 2000 edition of the *Exit Authority* retails for \$21.95 at finer bookstores and map dealers (ISBN: 188047722X).

Interstate America also publishes several other directories for the folks who drive for a living. *Travel Centers and Truckstops* (ISBN: 1880477211) lists over 5000 "RV friendly" stops, while their *Truck Stops* is directed toward professional truckers. The *Exit Guide* is another trucker's reference to services, businesses (including Wal-Marts!), and truck parking availability along interstates. Their newest product, *The Vacation Planner*, has detailed maps of the U.S. and Canada and major metro areas, descriptive listings of regional historic sites and attractions, and profiles of national and state parks. More information on all Interstate America products can be found at (www.interstateamerica.com).

Benchmark Maps, which is producing a great series of state road atlases, has added a new title to their list. The *Washington Road & Recreation Atlas* has Benchmark's trademark "Landscape Maps" which combine terrain shading and altitude coloration to produce an attractive product. In addition to 80 pages of maps at 1:200,000 scale, the atlas has a 22-page Recreation Guide section with information on public lands, and a special Seattle Recreation Guide. (\$19.95; ISBN: 0929591534). Benchmark has also recently revised its *New Mexico Road & Recreation Atlas*, the first in the series, adding for the 3rd edition latitude and longitude grids for use with GPS receivers. Other states published to date are Arizona, California, and Oregon. Available from most dealers, but more information can be seen at (www.benchmarkmaps.com).

— Fred Musto

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MAGERT Treasurer's Annual Report, Year ending Aug. 31, 1999

Code #	Account Title	Admin. Budgeted	Admin. Actual	Meridian Budgeted	Meridian Actual	base line Budgeted	base line Actual	Total Budgeted	Total Actual
Beginning Balance									
3000	Carryover from 1997/98								\$16,316
Revenue									
4000-4003	Dues	\$7,675	\$7,428					\$7,675	\$7,428
4100-4101	Sales/Books, Pamphlets	\$4,500	\$556					\$4,500	\$556
4110	Subscriptions			\$300	\$3,015	\$2,000	\$1,045	\$2,300	\$4,060
4140-4142	Advertising			\$1,000	\$0			\$1,000	\$0
Total Revenue		\$12,175	\$7,984	\$1,300	\$3,015	\$2,000	\$1,045	\$15,475	\$12,044
Expenses									
5122	Bank Service Fees	\$0	\$2					\$0	\$2
5150	Messenger Service	\$0	\$33			\$0	\$12	\$0	\$45
5210	Transportation	\$0	\$146					\$0	\$146
5212	Lodging & Meals	\$300	\$379					\$300	\$379
5300-5305	Conference Expenses	\$3,300	\$3,627					\$3,300	\$3,627
5306	Awards	\$100	\$0					\$100	\$0
5400-5420	Publishing/Printing	\$3,800	\$885	\$6,300	\$3,985	\$4,500	\$4,610	\$14,600	\$9,480
5500-5599	Operating	\$1,600	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$61	\$2,100	\$61
Total Direct Expenses		\$9,100	\$5,072	\$6,550	\$3,985	\$4,750	\$4,683	\$20,400	\$13,740
5902-5999	Inter-Unit Transfers	\$734	\$393	\$50	\$23	\$160	\$137	\$944	\$553
Total Expenses		\$9,834	\$5,465	\$6,600	\$4,008	\$4,910	\$4,820	\$21,344	\$14,293
Project Balances		\$2,341	\$2,519	(\$5,300)	(\$993)	(\$2,910)	(\$3,775)	(\$5,869)	(\$2,249)
Ending Balance (Carryover to 99/00)									\$14,067

(Submitted at Midwinter Meeting - San Antonio, January 2000 / Steve Rogers, Treasurer)

Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs

LET'S PLAY
"WHICH MAP BEST SUITS YOUR NEEDS!"

DO YOU HAVE ANY MAPS
OF THE UNITED STATES?

HMM...
I'M NOT SURE.
JUST LET ME SEE
WHAT YOU HAVE.

SURE, THESE DRAWERS
ARE FULL OF THEM.
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO SEE:
RELIEF? CITIES? ROADS?



WELL, I LIKE THIS ONE...
BUT THAT ONE'S GOOD, TOO...
AND THIS ONE WOULD BE GREAT
IF IT WAS A LITTLE BIGGER...
AND THAT ONE... HMM...
I CAN'T DECIDE...

OK, I'LL TAKE THIS ONE!

IS THAT
YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT
THIS MAKES NO SENSE
TO ANYONE WHO HASN'T WATCHED
"WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE!"

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