From the Chair
MAGERT Wiki Taken Down
On the Cataloging/Cataloguing Front
Cataloging & Classification Ctte
ALA Midwinter, San Diego, Jan. 2011
LC G&M Division Report, Jan. 2011
OCLC Report
Executive Board I Minutes, ALA Midwinter
Treasurer's Report, 2009-2010
Executive Board II Minutes, ALA Midwinter
Educ/GeoTech/Publications Ctte Minutes
Great Moments in Map Librarianship

http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/index.cfm

Volume 32, Number 1
February 2011
**base line** is an official publication of the American Library Association’s Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT). The purpose of **base line** is to provide current information on cartographic materials, other publications of interest to map and geography librarians, meetings, related governmental activities, and map librarianship. It is a medium of communication for members of MAGERT and information of interest is welcome. The opinions expressed by contributors are their own and do not necessarily represent those of the American Library Association and MAGERT. Contributions should be sent to the appropriate editor listed below.

**Editor:** Steve Rogers, Map Librarian (retired), Thompson Library, Ohio State University, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210  
E-mail: rogers.20@osu.edu

**Distribution Manager:** James A. Coombs, Maps Library, Missouri State University, 901 S. National, #175, Springfield, MO 65897  
Tel.: 417/836-4534  
E-mail: JimCoombs@MissouriState.edu

**Cataloging Editor:** Tammy T. Wong, Cartographic Materials Cataloger, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20540-2232  
Tel: 202/707-6735  
E-mail: twon@loc.gov

**Electronic Mapping Editor:** C.C. Miller, Geographic Information Systems Specialist, Purdue University Libraries, 2215 Civil Engineering Bldg., West Lafayette, IN 47907  
Tel: 765/496-9474  
E-mail: ccmiller@purdue.edu

**New Maps and Books Editor:** David J. Bertuca, Map Librarian, Science & Engineering Library, 225 Capen Hall, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260-1672  
Tel: 716/645-2947 x229  
Fax: 716/645-3710  
E-mail: dbertuca@buffalo.edu

**Membership Committee Chairperson:** Roger Knouff, Map/GIS Librarian, Arizona State University, Noble Science & Engineering Library, P.O. Box 871006, Tempe, AZ 85287-1006  
Tel: 480/965-5973  
E-mail: roger.knouff@asu.edu

**Advertising Rates:** For one issue: full page $100; half page $50; quarter page $25. Opposite “Great Moments in Map Librarianship”: full page $150; half page $80; quarter page $40.  
Send graphic or word processing file as an email attachment to the editor or mail hard copy to editor. Submissions will be re-formatted to the extent necessary to fit the size and proportion requested. Consider that the final size and proportion of a full page is 5.5 x 8.5 inches. Advertisers will be invoiced. Mail checks to the MAGERT Treasurer, payable in U.S. dollars to ALA-MAGERT.

© American Library Association 2011  
312/944-6780  
Published by the Map and Geography Round Table
base line is published electronically six times a year: in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Single printed pre-2008 issues of base line are available at a cost of $5.00 per issue, U.S. and Canadian orders; $7.00 per issue for all other foreign orders. Checks, payable to the American Library Association, should be mailed to Jim Coombs, base line Production Manager, Maps Library, Missouri State University, 901 S. National, #175, Springfield, MO 65804-0095.

Members of MAGERT can access base line as a benefit of their memberships. Non-member subscription rates are $25.00, U.S. and Canada; $30.00 for all other foreign subscriptions. Checks, payable to the American Library Association, should be mailed to Peter Linberger, Subscription Manager, base line, Bierce Library, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-1709. Tel: 330/972-8230. Fax: 330/972-7225. E-mail: pl@uakron.edu

American Library Association personal and institutional members may choose MAGERT membership for $20.00 (personal) or $60.00 (institutional) by so advising the American Library Association, 50 W. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

MAGERT OFFICERS:

Chairperson:
Marcy Bidney, Head, Donald W. Hamer Maps Library, Pennsylvania State University Libraries, 1 Central Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802-1807 Tel: 814/865-0139 E-mail: mma17@psulias.psu.edu

Vice-Chairperson (Chair-Elect):
Hallie Pritchett, Head, Map and Federal Regional Depository Librarian, University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA 30602 Tel: 706/542-0690 E-mail: hpritch@uga.edu

Secretary:
Edith Scarletto, Head, Map Library, Subject Librarian for Geography & Geology, Kent State University, University Libraries, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001 Tel: 330/672-1674 (a.m.) / 330/672-2017 (p.m.) E-mail: escarlet@kent.edu

Treasurer:
Michael Smith, Map Librarian, University of California, San Diego, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive, #0175-R, La Jolla, CA 92093 Tel: 858/534-1248 FAX: 858/534-7548 E-mail: mls003@ucsd.edu

Past Chairperson:
Kathy Weimer, Coordinator of Map and GIS Collections and Services, Texas A&M University Libraries, Evans Library, Rm. 202, College Station, TX 77843-5000 Tel: 979/845-6588 E-mail: k-weimer@tamu.edu

http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/index.cfm
FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.

FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.

FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.

FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.

FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.

FROM THE CHAIR
Marcy Bidney, Pennsylvania State University

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone who attended the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego had a good conference and enjoyed the beautiful San Diego area. MAGERT had an incredibly productive meeting where we voted to allow students to join MAGERT for free, finished up the bylaw changes, formed a group to work on setting guidelines for scanning maps and took the beginning steps of changing our name.

On the spring ALA ballot you should see two important items: a link leading you to our new bylaws and the opportunity to vote on our new name.

The bylaw changes are straightforward and you will receive a copy of them via email in the coming weeks for review. Please make sure you take the time to read over them and provide any feedback you may have and then vote on the ballot in the spring.

As the times have changed in what we do the Executive Board felt that our name no longer accurately reflected who we are. At our first Board meeting at Midwinter we voted to propose the following name change:

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)

Yes, this is different than what we have always have known but the board felt this name more accurately reflects the nature of the information we work with on a daily basis and reflects the common nomenclature in the field today.

Our program at the Annual Conference in New Orleans is on and shaping up to be a very informative session. “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” is the title of the program and it will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Spread the word to your non-map librarian colleagues, since this will be a program they won’t want to miss. If you have any questions or want more information about the program, please contact me or Carol McAuliffe.

Keep an eye out for more promotional information regarding the program and our other activities in New Orleans. I hope that everyone is staying warm, surviving this crazy winter. I look forward to seeing you at Annual.
MAGERT Wiki Taken Down

The MAGERT wiki has been discontinued as of February 1st, 2011. Originally intended as a tool for the various MAGERT committees to share information and works in progress, the wiki never received as much use as originally anticipated and in recent months had been repeatedly vandalized. Committees can conduct business and share documents on ALA Connect (connect.ala.org); further information about MAGERT can be found on our Web site (www.ala.org/ala/magert).

NEW TITLES IN MAGERT’S ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION SERIES!!

No.8 - Map Collection Security Guidelines
MAGERT Task Force on Library Security
for Cartographic Resources

No.9 - GIS in EVERY Library: Making it Happen
The Top 5 GIS Resources from our panelists
and ALA MAGERT Board Members

AVAILABLE ON THE MAGERT PUBLICATIONS PAGE
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgps/rits/magert/publicationsab/publicationsca.cfm
MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC)  
Sunday, January 9, 2011  10:00 a.m.  
San Diego  

Susan Moore, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She  
welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 11 attendees in total.  
Members present: Paige Andrew, Nancy Kandoian, Dorothy McGarry, Jay Weitz,  
Tammy Wong, and Min Zhang.  

1. Call to order (Susan Moore)  

2. Welcome and introductions  

CCC members and guests introduced themselves.  

3. Membership (Susan Moore)  

Susan announced a change in committee membership: Cheri Folkner from Boise  
State University has ended her term on the committee. Membership list on the  
website will be updated once we have access to it.  

4. base line cataloging editor report (Tammy Wong)  

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Midwinter in June 2010 were  
approved as published on page 10 of the August 2010 base line.  

5. Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials  
report (Mary Larsgaard)  

Since July of 2010, the work of the committee has been to read RDA and  
determine how it treats cartographic resources. I’ll be sending out a reminder  
e-mail to committee members this month for their overview comments as to  
revisions required; I am the email-reflector’s administrator so I’ve been acting  
informally as a secretary for the group.  

Dorothy McGarry has kindly already sent in her remarks. The evaluation and  
testing being conducted by the Library of Congress (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/  
cpso/RDAtest/rdatestrecords.html) and the report that is apparently still slated to  
come out of OCLC in April 2011 are quite important to the committee for making  
decisions. The next goal date, the end of May 2011, is for committee members to
have solid ideas regarding specific revisions.

6. CC:DA report, including RDA status (Dorothy McGarry for Betsy Man- gan)

CC:DA met only once at Midwinter on Saturday afternoon.

John Attig, ALA representative to the Joint Steering Committee, reported that the JSC has been working on correcting errors in RDA. Preliminary discussions of some of the larger and more important of the deferred issues have taken place. Most of the discussions are still ongoing. The JSC will continue to hold monthly conference calls. July 2011 will be earliest date for the next JSC meeting and it may not be held that soon. In the next few months the JSC will start to receive proposals from other constituencies. Proposals from the JSC are on the JSC website, so we will hear when a new document is available. Lori Robaire, chair of CC:DA, will post the document on the CC:DA site for comments. Comments will be expected within two weeks of the posting for most documents. At the end of the comment period a small group will assess the comments and decide on priority discussions by CC:DA. Following a vote, John will draft the ALA response. Someone will proofread and it will be sent to the JSC and then it will be distributed as a JSC document. An informal small group will be formed. There should be a couple of proposals soon, including a small one from Canada.

A proposal will be sent from LC on the structure of the chapter on subject relationships. This can’t be dealt with in the normal way because it will affect both CC:DA and the Subject Analysis Committee. No one in ALA is authorized to draft an ALA reply. A plan is to give a proposal to the CCS Executive Committee. There need to be sufficient procedures for consultation. How it can be worked through is still being considered. There will be a proposal on the table at Annual. John Attig recommends a joint meeting of CC:DA and SAC.

A question was asked to what extent this process will be informed by FRSAD (the Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Data). It is not clear how useful that will be for library applications. There are now three models with differences in approaches to the subject entities. The chair suggested we could review the three different approaches at a joint meeting with SAC at Annual. Gordon Dunsire is doing some work with this. A suggestion was made to invite someone from the Getty to a joint meeting. The IFLA FRBR Review Group will be working on harmonizing these too.

Revision proposals from the American Association of Law Libraries were discussed. One had to do with geographic qualifications for some countries. Some thought Malaysia could be dropped from the list of countries qualified by states. Most users in this part of the world are not familiar with the states of Malaysia. The rules should reflect what has happened to Yugoslavia. There is still some use when cataloging something from that time period, but the rules
shouldn’t continue to talk about it that way. It was suggested that it is useful to make explicit how you qualify a place, e.g., we don’t use France with Guadalupe. John Attig suggested perhaps we should start with the treatment of the Soviet Union. John Hostage said there is a major difference in application and policy of some republics having a different form of name before and after 1991. Someone suggested the rules are not sufficient yet to deal with some of the more complicated cases.

John Attig would prefer not to deal with these in exceptional ways. He said the four exceptions to qualifying by the country are the Anglo-American cases. We should recognize that explicitly and decide how to treat them, as a general rule or treat exceptionally. The question remained about how to treat the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia—according to a general rule or as exceptions. It was suggested to add “the former” to the U.S.S.R. and to Yugoslavia and to create new instructions at 16.2.2.11 for overseas territories and insular areas, including changing the latter to “island areas” and to move some areas and some examples to other rules.

A second AALL proposal was trying to simplify the decision process related to reports of one court. The proposal was discussed and approved, with the decision to delete a reference to “nominate reports.” It was suggested that people know it if they work with them. In general, the proposal greatly simplifies the process.

A report of the Task Force on RDA Instructions for Heads of State and Heads of Government was given. The Task Force wants to treat the two types the same. Now, a head of government is established using the language of the jurisdiction and a head of state the language preferred by the cataloging agency. AACR2 specified English. A chronological list resulted. If changed, and the language of jurisdiction is used for all, it will remove the chronology. For many names, there wouldn’t be a change in chronology. The Task Force tried to find gender-neutral terms in the language of the jurisdiction, but that was very difficult. It was asked if this type of construction is needed. No solution has yet been found. The Task Force is continuing its work.

A report of the Task Force on RDA Instructions for Governmental and Non-Governmental Corporate Bodies was given. The Task Force has identified the major issues and will develop a proposal that will go to CC:DA for the annual conference.

Troy Linker gave a report from ALA Publishing Services. When RDA had open access, there were more than 5,000 institutions and many more people. The double user offer has been popular. There have been webinars on tool kit training. There were more than 1,500 subscribers to a recent one. There have been several updates to the content—typos, spaces … They have added to the document collection, and LC policy statements have been integrated so one can link back and forth. RDA in print has been published. It has been successful beyond their expectations.
User surveys are underway. ALA Publishing will get more involved with social media including vendors and other national libraries. It is working on how to communicate what’s changed when the JSC has made a change. It also will use a blog.

Lori received a written report from the RDA Training Task Force. It will be sent out after the conference. The Task Force did a number of webinars. Another series of webinars will be held.

A report from the RDA Programming Task Force was given. June Abbas, chair of the Task Force said 210 people were at last June’s pre-conference. The Task Force is currently planning for next year. CCS will extend the Task Force for at least a year. There will be a two-day pre-conference and individuals can register for one day or two. RDA 201 will include a hands-on application of RDA. It will cover a lot of formats. There will be another update forum for Annual, potentially a vendor’s forum. It is trying to plan a non-MARC forum, too, and is planning a pre-conference for Annual 2012. Sessions have been held also for non-ALA groups.

The CC:DA webmaster would like feedback on the website. John Attig is posting all documents only in PDF format.

The meeting adjourned early and there is to be no meeting on Monday.

7. ISBD report (Dorothy McGarry)

The revision to the preliminary consolidated edition of the ISBD has been completed and sent to the Standing Committee of the IFLA Cataloguing Section for a vote. Full examples should be ready for the revision within a few months. It is anticipated that the ISBD will be updated every two to three years. CCC members are asked to look at the ISBD when it is published and identify any errors or omissions that are present.

8. LC Geography and Map Division (Min Zhang)

ALA report
Geography and Map Division
January 2011

The Geography and Map Division in FY2010 noted an increase in access to its hidden collections, through the African Set map project funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources, the collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency to scan and to inventory its +32,000 Coast and Geodetic Survey chart holdings, and through the continuing inventory of its foreign nautical chart holdings. To date more than 130,000 sheets from the three projects are now inventoried and in the Library’s catalog data base. The Division is pleased with the completion of the Congressional Geospatial
Data System, through which basic Geographic Information Systems functions are provided to staff, the Congressional Research Service, and eventually, Congressional staff. The Division, on a down note, has seen a substantial reduction in the amount of geospatial materials acquired through Copyright deposit or Federal mapping agency deposits.

In reviewing statistics for FY2009 and FY2010, it is clear that some 20% fewer items were acquired, 26,823 in FY2010 as compared to 35,000 in FY2009. We did note a 16% increase in the number of items cataloged in FY2010, 7,437 items cataloged with some 66% non-English language items as we maintain and enhance our global holdings. An increase (+60%) in researcher usage was noted with some 17,740 researchers using the G&M Research Room. The Division hosted 27 public programs, including the May 21-22 Portolan Map Conference with Phillips Society support. These programs included midday map talks and the evening Washington Map Society programs. During FY2010 we added 5,897 scanned images to our website and added some 57,000 newly cataloged (7,437) and inventoried (50,000) items.

The Division continued to collect both contemporary and retrospective items for its collection, which is the largest map collection in the world. We added a 1:50,000 topographic set and complete nautical chart coverage of Iran produced by the Iranian National Cartographic Center; the Cormac McConnell Map and Economic Survey Collection, 290+ maps and related economic surveys covering the economic development of Southern California from the 1920s-1970s; the manuscript archive from the US-Great Britain dispute over the Canadian border (1802) from one of the three commissioners Egbert Benson, and the Geographers on Film Archive of the Association of American Geographers with over 380 hours of video interviews of noted 20th-century geographers.

The Division planned and hosted the Portolan Map Conference of May 21-22, participated in the Matteo Ricci Chinese world map display from January-April, and hosted the monthly meetings of the Washington Map Society. In addition, the Chief gave keynote addresses to the Association of American Geographers, the International Map Trade Association and the Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Conference, John Hessler produced a book on the Henry David Thoreau maps in G&M.

The Division staff has remained active in the work of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the Federal Geospatial Data Committee, helping to develop Federal policies in both areas. The continuing work of the Division’s Digital Team has placed increased items on the Web, for global access; the map library community depends upon the Cataloging Team of the Geography and Map Division to provide records for the collection, especially for items from outside of the U.S. The broader research community calls upon the Division for assistance and guidance; internationally, the Division remains a much used source for the
study of boundary issues and its collections, built up over a century, are unique for that very important work. The Reference Team provides highly specialized assistance to researchers who use the collection, either in person or from afar. It assists the work of other Federal agencies, especially the U.S. Department of State, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Geological Survey, and others, as well as the Congress of the United States; it is addressing geospatial needs of those bodies. In addition, the Reference Team reached out to the Association of American Geographers, the American Library Association, and the participants in the May Portolan Conference by hosting Saturday open houses to showcase key objects in the collection.

The Geography and Map Division during fiscal year 2010 engaged in a wide range of programs that included acquisitions, cataloging, inventory control, collection maintenance, digital conversion, reference services, cartography for congress, research, and public outreach.

One of the most important efforts and challenges that the Division faces is the integration of digital cartography with the traditional paper cartography in our collections in order to create a seamless body of data over the history of the field. We have been approached by both institutional and commercial bodies who wish to work with us or assist us to capture portions of our historical map collection in digital form. Examples of these projects are those with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency regarding the scanning of Coast survey and Lake survey charts and the project to inventory African set maps funded through a grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources. For some time we have had an agreement with Readex who is involved in a project to capture the colored maps in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. At this moment, some 9,000 colored maps in that Set have been scanned in the Geography and Map Division.

Our program is directed towards a continuing desire to create greater access to our unparalleled collections, to acquire increasingly digital geospatial data for a whole new body of users, and to improve access to our collections among traditional users. With increased use and dependence of researchers using collection content on the Internet it is apparent to all of us that there is a whole new community of casual and serious researchers who will benefit from knowledge about maps, map holdings, and reproduction of maps for a whole range of uses. While traditional users will continue to find utility in historical and contemporary materials, it is expected that new applications of geographic information systems by traditional scholars and traditional disciplines will bring a whole host of new users who will be encouraged to integrate cartographic objects in their research.

The G&M Division collected both contemporarily relevant geospatial items, as well as, historical items to fill in gaps in its collection. The Division expended its entire acquisition budget of appropriated funds, as well as the special
allotment from the Phillips Society, and continued to receive materials from the Foreign Map Procurement Program at the State Department (for which the Library pays an annual fee). It continued to build on its outstanding collection of U.S. county atlases and maps and panoramic maps of American cities. The Division reached broadly in its efforts to collect and to preserve the cartographic/geographic record of America’s creativity and the world’s knowledge through acquisition efforts that included the use of other Federal and State mapping agencies, the Library’s Overseas Offices, purchases, and donations. The Division oversaw the completion of the 5-year rehousing of its U.S. map collections, with more than 185,000 items rehoused. Through its African Set Map Project, G&M has created records for more than 70,000 sheets of multi-sheet maps sets on Africa; some 4,000 of its +32,000 Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart collection has been scanned. The Division’s scanning team has produced more than 5,890 scanned maps this fiscal year, with an online total of more than 30,000 maps on its American Memory website; in terms of growth in production, in FY2006 the Division celebrated the completion of 10,000 maps scanned. The Reference Team, with the valued work of Diane Schug-O’Neill in the Digital Team, posted the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map holdings list on line, a listing in excess of 700,000 individual map sheets related to coverage of U.S. cities; in addition, the data base is used to point to digital images of Sanborn map sheets prepared by the Digital Team. The Congressional Cartography Program completed the release of the Congressional Geospatial Data System, a Geographic Information Systems program for Congressional use. That Program completed more than 200 maps in response to Congressional request, including day-by-day tracking of the Gulf Oil Spill in the spring and summer of 2010. The Collections Management Team placed some 363,288 items in circulation during the year, in response to some 17,740 in person research use in the Reading Room, and a total of 21,015 direct reference services. A sizeable portion of the circulation numbers including the work of rehousing the American map collection, the Soviet Union maps conversion, and the African set map project materials.

The Geography and Map Division has remained active in developing its cartographic holdings, in making known those holdings, and in providing service to its patrons. The Division holds more than 5.5 million maps; 80,000 atlases; 500 globes and globe gores; 3,000 raised relief images; and over 20,000 digital files.

John R. Hébert  
Chief, Geography and Map Division  
Library of Congress  
December 7, 2010
9. MARBI report (Susan Moore)

The Committee on Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information (MARBI) met twice in San Diego. There was one proposal concerning coding for original language in Field 041 of the Bibliographic Format, which passed. The four discussion papers all concerned aspects of handling FRBR and RDA components in the MARC21 formats. Many will be coming back as proposals at the annual conference in New Orleans, with one probably coming back as a discussion paper.

10. OCLC report (Jay Weitz)

**Making Changes to BIBCO Records**

Expanding the ability to make changes to BIBCO records (Bibliographic records in WorldCat coded “pcc” in field 042) was one of the needs identified in the Expert Community Experiment. Proposals to allow editing of these records by all NACO authorizations was discussed at the 2010 PCC Policy Committee meeting. OCLC is in discussions for necessary development with a target for some time in 2011.

****

**Connexion Client 2.30**

- Links to RDA Toolkit
- Display of 029 moved to bottom of record
- Language of Cataloging enhancements
  - Language of Cataloging Limiter in Search WorldCat dialog
    - Users can limit WorldCat searches by language of cataloging by selecting a language from a dropdown in the Search WorldCat dialog. The limiter can be checked or un-checked as needed. It is retained until changed.
    - The language of cataloging limiter applies to the Command Line and Keyword/Numeric areas of the Search WorldCat dialog and the quick tool search on the toolbar.
  - Language of Cataloging display in local bibliographic save file search results
    - A CatL column is added to the Column Settings list in the local bibliographic save file search results.
    - Users must select the CatL column to display it: In a search results list, right click and select **List Settings**. In the Column Settings window, select the **CatL** check box and use the **Move Up** and **Move Down** buttons to reorder the list.
    - The language code displayed is based on data in the 040 $b of the record. If no 040 $b exists, the cell is blank.
- MARC XML import and export
OCLC-MARC Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Formats Update 2011

In conjunction with the release of the Connexion client Version 2.30, OCLC plans to implement the changes related to the OCLC-MARC Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Formats Update 2011. This will include MARC 21 Update No. 12, dated October 2010, elements from other recent MARC 21 Updates whose implementations had been postponed, code list additions and changes published chiefly since May 2010, and other suggestions from WorldCat users and OCLC staff. Many of these elements, including those from MARC 21 Update No. 12, are related to Resource Description and Access (RDA). Details will be published in an upcoming OCLC Technical Bulletin. Among the points of interest:

- Definition of a new “Descriptive Cataloging Form” (Leader/18; OCLC Fixed Field: Desc) value “c” indicating “ISBD Punctuation Omitted” in the Bibliographic Format.
- Implementation of four additional 007 fields (“Physical Description Fixed Fields”) for Kit, Notated Music, Text, and Unspecified, in the Bibliographic and Holdings Formats.
- Implementation of a new fixed field element in the Computer File format, “Form of Item” (Computer File 008/23 and 006/06; OCLC Fixed Field: Form) in the Bibliographic Format.
- Implementation of a new subfield $3 “Materials Specified” in field 034 “Coded Cartographic Mathematical Data” in the Bibliographic and Authority Formats.
- Implementation of a new subfield $u “Uniform Resource Identifier” in field 561 “Ownership and Custodial History” in the Bibliographic and Holdings Formats.
- Implementation of a new subfield $i “Relationship Information” in OCLC-defined 79X “Local Added Entry” fields in the Bibliographic Format.
- Implementation of a new subfield $5 “Institution to Which Field Applies” in Series Added Entry fields 800, 810, 811, and 830 in the Bibliographic
Format.
• Validation of the “No Attempt to Code” Fill Character (ASCII character 7C hex) in OCLC 006 and 008 fields, with corresponding changes to Bibliographic workform defaults in the Bibliographic Format.
• Implementation of two new Bibliographic indexes: “Date Entered” and “Provenance.”

Any appropriate data conversions will begin following the installation, which is currently scheduled for the first half of the 2011 calendar year.

*****

Duplicate Detection and Resolution (DDR)
Reimplementation and expansion of previous software
• Now handles all types of material (not just books)
• Brings Batchload matching and DDR matching into close alignment

Fully operational in early 2010 in 2 separate processes
• “Walking the database” (Complete September 2010): starting at OCLC #1 and moving progressively through WorldCat
  166.4 million records processed; 5.1 million records merged
• Selected records from each day’s daily journal files (Ongoing): focusing on records added and replaced by online users, not on adds and replaces from Batchloading (since the two matching processes are now aligned)
  31.5 million records processed; 1.9 million records merged
  The result is “continuous cleaning” of WorldCat

*****

Enhancements That Benefit the Community
Updated subject headings
• Recent example: Cookery changed to Cooking
• Over 314,000 records affected
• About 75 new subject headings proposed to the Library of Congress

Adding Linking ISSNs (ISSN-L)
• Added to about 800,000 records thus far (quarterly updates)

Converting e-resource records to be “provider-neutral”
• Over 1 million records so far

*****
Changes for Genre Heading
LC announcement: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformthesaurus.html
New coding in authority records
  • 008/11: z ("Other")
  • 040$f: lcgt
New coding in bibliographic records
  • 655 -7 $a [Term]. $2 lcgt
OCLC changes to support searching and controlling to be coordinated with LC’s schedule
There will be some changes in how controlling works
Watch for a TB that will have full information about these changes

*****

BIBCO & CONSER Standard Records
BIBCO Standard Records (BSRs) created by PCC participants:
  • ELvl: ‘blank’
Member library records created following BSR/CSR:
  • ELvl: ‘I’
Full implementation of the “fill character” coming soon

11. RBMS and DCRM(C) report (Nancy Kandoian)
Report for MAGERT CCC on cataloging-related activity of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)

The main news items of interest from RBMS for the MAGERT CCC relate to the progress on the manual for Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic) (DCRM(C)). The editorial group now has a permanent chair, Todd Fell, of Yale University, and the other members of the group are Manon Theroux, Larry Creider, Randy Brandt, and myself, Nancy Kandoian. Those of us on the East Coast (Todd, Manon, and I) met in October at NYPL, and the whole group met at ALA Midwinter for an all-day meeting on Friday. Our current draft of the manual has been reviewed by all of us through area 4 (publication, etc., area). You are welcome to view the latest draft on the wiki (at http://dcrmc.pbworks.com/w/page/6107912/FrontPage, click on “current master draft”). In addition, on the wiki you can see a separate draft for chapter 5, our next area to be discussed (“chapters under discussion”). We decided at our latest meeting to continue our discussions directly on the wiki rather than conducting them via email, so you should be able to see our give and take on particular rules as we get the discussion base line 32(1): 16
going again. There is a page for “Deviations from Cartographic Materials” (under “Pages & files,” scroll down; it’s different from “CM comparison”) which we will expand so that it will be a useful place for map folks to get a quick idea of proposed differences. For example, I have introduced some changes into area 3 regarding scale, and there are changes in area 4 in the treatment of manuscript maps.

In our meeting, we discussed a paper by John Attig and Robert Maxwell on “Reconsidering DCRM in the Light of RDA” (http://www.rbms.info/committees/bibliographic_standards/committee-docs/DCRM_RDA-DP-20101214.pdf). DCRM(C) people were interested to know what map people thought about the impact of RDA on map cataloging.

The DCRM group for graphic materials held a public hearing on their draft document on the Saturday night of Midwinter. That served as a general forum for reviewing the draft and discussing and answering any questions from attendees. We will have such a public hearing for DCRM(C) in due course.

For any of you who missed the RBMS program held on Sunday afternoon at ALA Annual 2010 in Washington, “To Catch a Thief: Cataloging and the Security of Special Collections,” there is now an audio version of it available at the RBMS website at http://www.rbms.info/conferences/conf-docs/2010/index.shtml.

12. Old business

Bibliographic Standard Record for cartographic material

Task Group on BIBCO Standard Record Requirements for Cartographic Materials (BSR/CART) submitted a draft of the Bibliographic Standard Record for cartographic material to Rebecca Culbertson, Chair of the PCC Standing Committee on Standards.

The members of the task group are Susan Moore, Paige Andrew, Jimmie Lundgren, Elizabeth (Beth) Cox, and Louise Ratliff.

13. New business

Paige Andrew and Mary Lynette Larsgaard are now working on a guidebook for cataloging cartographic materials using RDA. The anticipated date of publication of the book is late 2011 or early 2012.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. 🌚

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wong
Executive Board I
ALA Midwinter Meeting
Jan. 8, 2011
San Diego, California

Attendees: Marcy Bidney, Colleen Cahill, John Clark (guest), Greg Marsh (incoming Geotech Chair), Tracey Hughes, Nancy Kandoian, Carol McAuliffe, Mary McInroy, Susan Moore, Hallie Pritchett, Edith Scarletto, Dan Seldin, Mike Smith, Kathleen Weessies, Kathy Weimer.

I. Welcome and Introductions
Marcy began the meeting with introductions.

II. Minutes were approved as written

III. Officer Reports
a. Chair’s Report (Marcy Bidney)
The ALA budget is turning around. Only one week of furloughs was instituted this year and they were able to pay folks back at the end of the year. The big question is what to do about Midwinter, how it should work and what its purpose is.
Mary McInroy noted that Midwinter is more informal, with more discussion groups. There was a general discussion about timing the conferences and how they relate to the timing of other conferences like ACRL.
ALA is trying to streamline the program proposal process. Marcy notes that this is a good idea, as she also had difficulty with the process.

Website migration (Colleen Cahill). The Web plug-in Java was recently updated, ALA was not prepared for this upgrade and it won’t work with Collage. In Sept, ALA will upgrade its website management tool from Collage to Drupal. Everything will be up by that date and they are staging the process until then. They have sent out error reports based on what is needed for the Drupal upgrade. Basically Colleen has to translate it from http to XML. Colleen is happy to have help on the website after the transition. She has not heard anything yet from ALA about training for Drupal.

b. Vice Chair’s Report (Hallie Pritchett)
The MAGERT Wiki still seems to be acquiring spam, despite the filters, so we will need to talk about migrating the content to ALA Connect.
MAGERT Listserv
Hallie notes that it is not used much and each posting seems to receive more notes from people who would like to be removed from the list. She wants to see if we can move things to ALA Connect and check with ALA
to see if we are able to clean up the MAGERT-L with our membership list or if it has to be done on their end.

c. Past Chair’s Report (Kathy Weimer)
The subcommittee is still working on By Laws revisions and should have something soon.

d. Treasurer’s Report Mike Smith.
MAGERT is still doing well. Mike is still waiting for the revenue from the book sales to be posted. The Cartoon book is being sold below cost, by 81 cents. Mike notes that any books that were sold at Annual are not in the report. Kathy has the accounting for the book sales that were cash at Annual. There is an overall net gain of $1,300. Mike is still waiting for the starting balance from Danielle (ALA).

e. Secretary’s Report (Edith Scarletto)
Please send all reports to Edith by Jan. 31.

IV. Committee/Discussion Group Reports
a. Cataloging and Classification (Susan Moore)
The group will be meeting to discuss draft of standard cataloging records for maps.

b. Publications (Kathleen Weessies)
Coordinates: Coordinates is the scholarly journal of MAGERT. David Allen will be stepping down as editor, and the committee sees this as a time for retooling the journal. It is really hard to find, not indexed, hard to sell (paid for by check and through mail only). Mary McInroy will check with ALA about selling non-ALA publications.

c. Education Committee (Carol McAuliffe)
The committee is planning outreach to New Orleans library schools next year; looking into an educational resources website they are working on, using ALA connect for hot topics. They will also discuss Webinars, I-Link, and revisit the core competencies. Carol also mentioned an email from Cynthia Deetz, asking about a one-credit courses librarians teach for students (Geoliteracy-type class). She also mentioned a discussion about train-the-trainer classes for us. Carol asked for a volunteer to go to the ALA education assembly since it conflicts with our Planning meeting. Kathy Weimer will go in her place.

d. GeoTech (Tracey Hughes)
Tracey has made some effort to find out about the commitments of members on committees and virtual membership. Some people dropped out due to non-response. The committee rewrote its purpose, duties and
membership and will discuss it at the meeting.

e. Federal Spatial Data/Map Collection Management Discussion Group
(Marcy Bidney for Rebecca Lowery)
Rebecca can’t make it to this conference and Marcy will be facilitating the
discussion group.

f. ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group (Louise
Ratliff)
Not attending.

g. Nominations Committee (Kathy Weimer)
The committee is in discussions, but has no announcements at the
moment.

h. Program Planning (Carol McAuliffe)
The committee will meet today. The title of the program is now *There’s
a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Haven’t Heard About*. We will have
seven different resources with 3 categories: static, interactive, and make
a map. RUSA, PLA will cosponsor, as long as no money is involved.
GODORT is still talking about cosponsoring.

i. Bylaws (Kathy Weimer)
The committee is meeting tomorrow and is very close to finishing the
revisions.

V. Liaison reports will be included in base line.
The Freedom to Read liaison, Susan Moore, is at the end of her term. We
will need to find another volunteer for this position.
Marcy will look into it and will review our liaison representation.

a. Rare Books and Manuscripts (Nancy Kandoian)
The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) will have its 2011
preconference in Baton Rouge, with the theme “In the Hurricane’s Eye:
Challenges of Collecting in the 21st Century.” For more info, see [http://
www.rbms.info/conferences/index.shtml#preconference2011](http://
www.rbms.info/conferences/index.shtml#preconference2011). The RBMS
2011 conference program (as distinct from the pre-conference), which is
usually scheduled for Sunday afternoon, will be a moderated conversatation
format with the title “You Can’t Always Get What You Want (But If
You Try Sometimes You Might Find You Get What You Need): Special
Collections in Tough Economic Times.” Jennifer Schaffner (OCLC
Research) will moderate. Panelists will be Richard Oram (Harry Ransom
Center, University of Texas at Austin), Kris Kiesling (University of
Minnesota), and Ellen Dunlap (American Antiquarian Society).
An audio recording of the 2010 RBMS conference program, “To Catch

base line 32(1): 20
“a Thief: Cataloging and the Security of Special Collections,” is now available via the Web. Go to http://www.rbms.info/conferences/conf-docs/2010/index.shtml. As mentioned in a previous report, RBMS has introduced regional workshops to try to bring successful programs from their past preconferences to a wider audience. There was one in Indiana in October on cataloging Latin materials, and there’s going to be one in February at Berkeley on building collections and relationships with dealers. For more information on the Berkeley workshop, see http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/ALA_print_layout_1_615020_615020.cfm

Your MAGERT liaison with RBMS continues to serve on the editorial group of the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee, which is working to create a manual for cataloging rare cartographic materials (Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)). To see the workings and progress of this editorial group, go to http://dcrmc.pbworks.com

b. WAML (Katherine Rankin)
WAML did not hold a meeting in fall 2010 because no one volunteered to host a meeting. The WAML spring 2011 meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 18-21st. Tim Ross of the University of British Columbia is the host for that meeting. The fall 2011 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Western Historical Association. The meeting will be held in Oakland, California on October 13-16th. The meeting organizers are Tamsen Hert, Cynthia Moriconi, and Mike Smith.

VI. Old Business
a. Marketing and Fundraising Position
We have still not found someone willing to take on the new Marketing and Fundraising position for MAGERT. There was a discussion of how to fill the position or redistribute the duties. It seems to fall within the Membership Committee to organize marketing. This is a good opportunity for virtual members. Nancy asked if the Emerging Leaders might be asked to do this. Marcy will check to see if we should change the committee name Membership to Membership and Marketing or if we can just change the charge of the Membership Committee to include marketing. Roger will put out a call for people on the Membership Committee to help with this and contact the one emerging leader who might be a virtual member to see if he/she is interested.

Fundraising. We seem to be contacting the same vendors over the past several years for fundraising. We had discussed that we might not contact them every year. Right now, the Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair will come up with fundraising guidelines and bring them to the Annual Conference.
Kathleen asked who should clear the text and locations for press releases
for upcoming publications. The Chair, Vice Chair and Past chair agreed that as the Publications Committee chair the chair is an official voice for MAGERT, so it is fine to do this. The chair should be copied on all press releases to remain informed.

b. MAGERT Name Change
The idea of a MAGERT name change was discussed back in Boston in Jan. 2010. The online discussion came to a halt and no decision was made. Hallie Pritchett moves to change the name of MAGERT.
Seconded by Tracey Hughes.
Discussion: none.
Vote on the motion: All in favor, voice vote. No opposing, one abstaining.
Motion to change name is approved.
Tracey suggests that the name of the Map and Geography Round Table (keeping the acronym), be changed to Map and GIS Round Table.
Seconded by Colleen Cahill.
There was some discussion of using GIS or Geospatial. Kathy noted that GIS is software and data, while Geographic Information is any format. Map and Geographic Information Round Table was suggested. There was a suggestion for using a digital format identifier.
The buzz for government was Geospatial for a while, Geospatial information was suggested.
GIS or Geospatial Information; Geographic Information; Geospatial; MAGIRT was discussed.
Friendly amendment: Hallie Pritchett offers to amend her motion to Map and Geospatial Information Round Table with the acronym MAGIRT.
Tracey accepted the amendment. As second, Coleen approves.
No discussion. Nancy asked how this should be discussed with the membership.
Motion: To change the name of the Map and Geography Round Table to with Friendly amendment: Hallie Pritchett amended the motion to Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT).
Vote: 10 for
Against: 0 ; abstaining: 1
Motion passes.

c. Emerging Leaders
We have already addressed many of the recommendations from the report, including a Facebook page. There are many suggestions on improving webpage but Colleen is waiting for the change to Drupal to address most of them.
As for collaborating with other groups for programs, we have been working on this, and will continue to address it for the Annual Conference in New Orleans.
Carol notes that RUSA, the history section, is having a map related
program. It might be the same program at which Kathleen and Marcy are speaking.
Marcy encouraged everyone to think about how the committees can implement the suggestions in the report. Think outside the box. Think outside the scope of committee, and if it needs to change.
There was a question about who is responsible for the Facebook page. Carol has taken that on in general but all on the Executive Board are encouraged to post. Be sure to link to base line when it comes out.

d. Other business
We had previously talked about going to state conference and talking about MAGERT. Folks are welcome to pursue this as a personal initiative, if you have one that you go to. Make yourself known as a MAGERT person and mention it when you do proposals or presentations.
Motion to adjourn by Hallie Pritchett.
Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

---

MAGERT
Treasurer’s 2011 Midwinter Conference Report

MAGERT’s fiscal standing remains steady. We incurred some large printing costs in the past year (which should in the future be somewhat offset with book sales), but revenues still grew slightly from the previous fiscal year. A large meal functions expense was mostly covered through donations.

At the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year in August, MAGERT’s total revenues were $12,072 and total expenses were $10,760, for a net gain of $1,312. The carryover balance from fiscal year 2008-09 was $18,163, leaving an ending balance of $19,475 for fiscal year 2009-10.

MAGERT’s fiscal well-being should remain strong for the foreseeable future.

Michael L. Smith
Treasurer

Submitted at the ALA Midwinter Conference
January 2011
San Diego
Executive Board II
ALA Midwinter Meeting
Jan. 10, 2011
San Diego, California

Attendees: Marcy Bidney, Tracey Hughes, Roger Knouff, Chris Kollen, Carol McAuliffe, Susan Moore, Hallie Pritchett, Katherine Rankin, Pete Reehling, G. Salim, Dan Seldin, Edith Scarletto, T. Wangyal Shawa, Mike Smith, Kathleen Weessies

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Officer Reports
   a. Chair’s Report (Marcy Bidney)
      The committee finished the revisions of Bylaws. A draft will be going out to membership soon. The draft does not include the name change voted on at the previous Executive Board meeting that will be a separate document and vote.
      Program planning is pretty set for 2011. We are still waiting on the timing of the program.

   b. Vice Chair’s Report (Hallie Pritchett)
      The MAGERT Wiki will be taken down by the end of the month and Hallie will contact groups to move their content to ALA Connect. She is looking for a tour on Friday or Saturday in New Orleans. Tracey suggested a dinner cruise.

   c. Past Chair’s Report (Kathy Weimer)
      - Not available

   d. Treasurer’s Report (Mike Smith)
      Mike asks that any outstanding charges be sent to him as soon as possible to wrap up last year’s figures.

   e. Secretary’s Report (Edith Scarletto)
      Please send all liaison and committee reports to Edith by Jan 30-31 for inclusion in the next base line issue.

III. Committee/Discussion Group Reports
   a. Cataloging and Classification Committee (Susan Moore)
      Susan noted that they had eleven attendees and she will be submitting a full report for base line.

   b. Publications Committee (Kathleen Weessies)
      The committee is in the process of overhauling Coordinates, our scholarly
journal. The current editor will warn editorial board of changes to come. They will be putting back issues onto the website. There will be an investigation of using Texas Digital Library open journal system as an electronic platform for the future of Coordinates.

c. Education Committee (Carol McAuliffe)
There is a possibility of outreach in New Orleans. It is in the planning stages with Kathy Weimer, an LSU library school alumna, and possibly non-library school geography departments. The committee is working with the Educational resources website, working to link to the core competencies and find complimentary resources, helpful links, tutorials, and possible webinars. The committee has not yet settled on a webinar platform. The site should have some content by the Annual Conference. ALA chats are suspended so make sure if have hot topic chats that they are marketed to various groups who might be interested. Carol is looking at how we can use the I-Link system for webinars, or open recorded session for instruction or training.
Edith mentioned that ACRL’s Science and Technology Section does a science information literacy chat on Facebook once a month. She will forward the information literacy to Marcy and Carol for investigation.

d. GeoTech (Tracey Hughes)
There was a full agenda and Tracey encouraged virtual participation. The main discussion was to make products that are visible and distributed. Fifteen people attended the physical meeting. Tracey asked about trying to schedule nearer to the GIS discussion group. Marcy noted that she had attempted to do so, but ALA did not schedule that way.
There was also a discussion of spatial portals, who was using them, and vendors available.

e. GIS, Data, and Map Collection Discussion Group (Marcy Bidney for Rebecca Lowery)
There was a variety of topics and combined discussion. Marcy noted that the combined discussion forum seems to be working.

f. ALCTS/CCS/Cataloging Interest Group (Susan Moore)
The group had twenty-four people. The room was small, so they pulled in eight chairs. Someone asked about the usual attendance and the timing (Sunday at 8 a.m.). Susan noted that at Annual they often have 40-50 people and it seems well attended. Someone asked about the percentage of MAGERT folks and Susan noted that almost all were MAGERT. Annual usually sees more ALCTS folks who do not belong to MAGERT. They discussed Cartographic Resources as well as RDA, form/genre terms 655, use of web 2.0 in working with cataloging and the possibility of crowd sourcing for coordinates.
g. Nominations
Greg Marsh is the new GeoTech chair, Louise Ratcliff is the new Cataloging Interest Group leader, and Paige Andrew has tentatively agreed to be Treasurer, but Marcy needs to confirm with him.

h. Program Planning (Carol McAuliffe)
Our upcoming program, “There’s a Map for That: Maps and Tools You Didn’t Know About” will include static, interactive, and advice on how to create maps. Carol is waiting to confirm RUSA/MARS cosponsoring the program. She is not yet sure of the total fundraising options for the program. Tracey suggests contacting the School Librarians and maybe YALSA. There was a discussion about the cost of Internet for the program. We are looking at getting a vendor donation for a raffle. Some marketing is set up: base line ads, Facebook, Save the Date email flyers.

i. Bylaws
These have been completed and will be sent out to the membership.

j. Membership
MAGERT numbers are down a little for personal and down a few for organizational members. Do we want to revitalize and offer a value for membership? What benefit would be accrued (Kathleen)? Marcy asks that we talk about this issue next time. If you have ideas for benefits to organizational members, send them to Roger. One corporate member—East View—dropped. Roger will send them a letter. Kathleen noted that many people (companies) are offering map-like products and we should approach them as map authorities. Chris noted that we sometimes ask them to help sponsor a reception. Roger will take that up with Marcy. Student membership is also down. There was a discussion about free membership for students.
Marcy commented that other round tables have eliminated fees for student membership. This is how ESRI got into schools, offering cheap stuff. We should encourage students to become members. We could do it as a trial to boost membership. Hallie asked current cost ($10). Wangyal recommended a $1 fee so that it is not totally free. Carol McAuliffe moved that we make the student membership free. Hallie Pritchett second. Discussion - no additional discussion.
Vote: Nine for
None against
None abstaining
The motion passes.
Marcy will notify ALA of the change. Someone asks how we will know we have new student members. Roger sends them a welcome letter and we will keep track. The ALA student rate is limited to 5 years, so we could
track if they remain members.

IV. Old Business

a. Virtual Meetings
Marcy suggests we move this to the agenda for Annual and do some background investigation in the meantime. You will be hearing from Marcy as she sends out information for virtual meetings from other groups. There will be an active conversation among the Executive Board.

b. Which communication tools to use when? Website, Wiki, Connect, etc.
1. Hallie talked about the wiki. The ALA wiki used to be for works in progress and it has been used, but we have had extensive issues with vandalizing and spam. It was locked down, but has had even more spam recently. When the wiki went up, we had fewer options for discussion and draft forums. Now have the ALA Connect option. She suggests that we drop the wiki and move to using ALA Connect. Folks will have until the end of month to move content over.

2. MAGERT Website. We do not know what it will look like yet after ALA transitions to the Drupal platform. It should be much easier. Colleen has served as our webmaster for a long time, and will continue but would like help after the transition. What do people think of having one person from each committee be responsible? Hallie notes that there are several concerns to keep in mind: 1) Drupal may be difficult to learn; 2) many editors could make the site less consistent and more fractured in content; 3) we don’t know how many editors ALA will allow us; 4) how will we divide up the content responsibilities? Marcy notes that assuming we can have as many editors as we need, do we want to divide up some of the responsibilities by committee? Carol thinks that the Continuing Education Committee would like to have this capability, especially with their aspirations of developing more content for their pages. Hallie is concerned that we find people who are comfortable with the software. Wangyal asks if Colleen will be okay with sharing the responsibilities? Also, each committee member may not really want to do it. While Education is interested, maybe others are not. Or we could split the difference, so Colleen has help. Susan said that it is her impression that Colleen would welcome the help, and is excited to have the new Drupal book. Having someone from each committee may make the Web a heavy committee assignment for some while others would not have much content to maintain. It might be better to select just a few folks to share the Web responsibilities with Colleen. Hallie suggests maybe assign certain duties related to the website to some people. Tracey asks that we make sure that we are being clear what we are using the website for. We talked about trying to keep things less scattered and moving that to committees. We should make sure that we have good guidelines to prevent
fragmentation. Hallie notes there will be a template for committee pages. Marcy noted that she will pursue allowing access for more than one person, and then divide it into different sections. Colleen has to do this on her own time, so having it done more quickly might help her out.

3. ALA Connect. For all our formal communications, we all should be on ALA Connect. From now on it will be our official tool. Please use it for any committee work that is being done. Chats (when they come back) are great ways to keep virtual members and groups working. As a chair you can do your committee group work in closed sections if you wish. Content is not visible to the public, so working documents can be posted.

4. Listserv. Hallie asked if we could talk about the magert@ala listserv. The list seems to include many people who are not on the membership list. GODORT doesn’t use their ALA listserv anymore; instead they use ALA Connect. Apparently, the list was not correct and they weren’t getting to the right members. Hallie notes that our list is not heavily trafficked. She forwarded the unsubscribe information for someone who contacted the list saying they were getting the email in error. Also, we also have Maps-L as a vehicle to the larger community. Tracey asked why can’t we push ALA to make it more accurate, while we use other avenues? Kathleen agreed. She also wants us to keep GIS folks involved in those groups as well and keep pushing out into that realm.

5. MAGERT Logo. There are several options for use of the logo. Keep to the rules of the logo when you use it. It can be found on ALA Connect/online documents/Magert Logo/zip file (http://connect.ala.org/node/126123) with 3 versions, and a read me file with use rules. If you have questions, Hallie did put link to Exec for contacts. Roger asked about the name change. Hallie noted that if we do change the name then we can revise the logo then. Hallie noted that if we do change the name then we can revise the logo then. For now, we can use the one we have.

V. New Business
Marcy asked for any new business.

Wangyal wanted to discuss the conflict in meeting times. Different times would be helpful. He had to choose between the GeoTech committee and the Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting. While he knows more people come for discussion group it would be nice to have no conflicts.

Kathleen asked how things are scheduled? And what about the 2011 Annual Program timing? Marcy noted that we give ALA 1 or 2 options, and that we have no control over the final scheduling. We see it when the schedule comes out. Carol notes that RUSA knows our requested times.
and didn’t mention a conflict. Marcy will try to not schedule conflicting times for meetings, but it is not in our control. One exception: our meetings will not be scheduled during our program.

Wangyal wanted to discuss combined discussion group GIS/Map Collection. He wants us to make sure that those who come to talk about either topic have it covered properly. The leader should try to encourage discussion for both topics. Marcy noted that she thought the discussion was very well rounded and that we will continue to encourage all sides of the discussion.

Kathleen asked about additional ribbons for MAGERT and maybe vendors. This falls to Roger on membership to order them for the conference.

G. Salim asked about recommended vendors for maps and atlases. Some of those mentioned included: East View, Proquest, Geographic Research, National Geographic Society, Oxford, LexisNexis, and Readex.

Susan moved to adjourn.

---

**Education Committee Minutes**

Saturday, January 8, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. held at the Horton Grand in room Regency East.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Chair of the Education Committee, Carol McAuliffe. There were 9 attendees in total. Members present: Angie Lee, Edith Scarletto, John Abresch, Greg Marsh, and Tracey Hughes.

Call to Order (Carol McAuliffe).

Approval of Past Minutes.

Introduction of Members and Update on Committee. New to the committee is Greg March of the University of Tennessee and Angie Lee from ESRI. (Addendum: After Mid-Winter it was announced via email that Kathy Weimer would be taking over as the incoming chair of the Education Committee after the 2011 Annual Conference.)

Outreach Possibilities in New Orleans. Outreach to library programs is an important role of the organization and the Education Committee. It was discussed that the LSU School of Library and Information Sciences would be a good place for such outreach since they are currently under siege from university administration. A visit would help show support as well as educate their students on the possibilities of map and GIS librarianship. As an alumna
of the school, Kathy Weimer would help to coordinate the visit. Another possibility that was discussed is visiting Geography Departments when schools with library programs are not available.

Educational Resources Website and Core Competencies. John Abresch and Pete Reehling of the University of South Florida presented a tiered approach to displaying resource information to specific audiences. Differing levels such as a General, Intermediate, and Map/GIS Librarian would be identified. Eventually, the resources could be linked to a series of learning modules for different audience levels. A new graduate could work through the modules to learn a new skill or an experienced librarian could update their skills. The entire resource would be built into the core competencies. First step is to get a draft up for the website to be reviewed by the 2011 Annual Conference. After that is in place requests will be made to members of various MAGERT committees to help with the content of the educational resources website. This will go hand and hand with updating the resources at the end of the Core Competencies document. Additional resources such as testimonials from various MAGERT members about how they got into the profession will also be added to the website.

“Hot Topic” chats in ALA Connect. The “Hot Topic” chats are currently on hold until we know if ALA Connect’s chat feature will be back up and running. In the meantime we will be testing out other chat options in Facebook and Skype.

Use of iLINC for webinars. At the meeting it was reported that iLINC was not currently open to round tables. (Addendum: At the ALA Education Assembly later that day, the MAGERT representative was told that is not the case and everyone has access to iLINC). Webnair Taskforce will look at how iLINC is being used by various ALA groups and come up with a plan to develop a webinar.

---

**MAGERT GeoTech Committee**  
**ALA MidWinter 2011 Minutes**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2011 — 10 a.m. to Noon**  
**Manchester Grand Hyatt — Edwards A/B**

1. **Introductions** – Introductions were made. Attendee list is at the end of this document.

2. **Acceptance/modification of agenda** – No changes were made to the agenda.

3. **Approval of Minutes from Annual 2010 (draft of minutes is on ALA Connect in GeoTech Committee area)** – Minutes were approved with no
4. **Membership Update** – Leadership will be turning over to Greg March immediately after Annual 2011 in New Orleans. Members of the committee were asked to actively participate either virtually or in person on projects. This was fairly successful and will be continued.

5. **GeoTech Discussion and Subcommittee Updates**
   a. **Purpose/Duties/Membership rewrite (Tracey, John & Chris)** – The proposed text was endorsed by the majority of those present and will be forwarded to the Executive Board to go through the appropriate process for official adoption. Discussion occurred regarding what was appropriate for the GeoTech Committee to do. The following questions/comments were made:

   i. Programs: It was suggested that GIS/Geotech programs to come from GeoTech Committee. Brief discussion of the 2011 Annual program which will be called “There’s a Map for That.” If the committee members have ideas for future programs, they should make that known through ALA Connect.

   ii. Scope of GeoTech: Discussion occurred regarding if static maps part of GeoTech. No formal answer was given but if it is geotech, then it shouldn’t matter if it’s static maps or not.

   iii. ALA Connect is a hurdle but it will take a learning curve. In ALA Connect, members can and are able to start a discussion topic on their own, in addition to whatever subcommittee responsibilities they might hold. While we recognized the limitations and/or challenges of Connect, it is the tool we need to use.

   iv. There is the potential for spatial literacy collaboration with other ALA information literacy efforts.

   b. **Bounding Box Project Update (Angie, Wangyal, Kim Edwin & Joy)** – Angie reported out and will post their findings to ALA Connect and also communicate their findings to the chair of the Cataloging Committee. They worked and coordinated with Library of Congress to determine if they should generate a list of for all states and counties for cataloging purposes. There was a question regarding NHGIS and how it relates to the Newberry data. It seemed that the Newberry information was a much more exhaustive project and that NHGIS seemed to concentrate on population changes and were more concerned about the boundaries only during the census years. The
final decision was to use the Newberry information, which the Library of Congress will load into the authority file.

Angie will write up the findings of the subcommittee and put it on ALA Connect and send it to the Cataloging Committee chair. She will also work with the Publications Committee to finalize the partial bounding box list that is currently on the MAGERT website/publications page.

c. Map-like Apps Update (Kathleen, Greg, Eva) – Kathleen presented a document that the subcommittee created on this which focuses on mostly subscription-based map-like resources. This handout will be refined and included as a supplementary resource at the Annual 2011 program. Tracey clarified that the original idea was to complete the work in time to feed into the Annual 2011 program. There was much discussion about how this could be incorporated into an online resource the Education Committee is beginning. Kathleen, Greg, Tracey & Marcy to work together to move it forward into a more widely advertised and valuable resource.

Suggestions for this resource include using a true database technology that can tag each resource, to separate out free versus paid products, and to make a clear distinction between embedded map resources and geotech products.

d. Existing geotech & their applicability update (Greg, Tracey, Eva) – (This discussion was merged with the Map-like Apps discussion.) Greg presented the document that was produced by this subcommittee.

e. GIS Librarian Core Competencies – report out on your 1 item – (Chris, Tracey) – Chris and Tracey did not have a chance to meet on this, but all present agreed that it was reasonable for each GeoTech Committee member to post one item by 1/31 that should be included in the Core Competencies. This could be a book, website or any key resource. These should be posted to ALA Connect NO LATER than 1/31.

f. ALA Connect discussion re geospatial portals at your institution (All) - Chris reported on her subcommittee’s group work on who has a spatial data catalog. They are planning to look at more details and then contact each institution to get more info on what they’ve done, and then provide a resource with recommendations for libraries to use that want to develop their own spatial data catalogs.

Tracey provided an update on what was happening at UCSD regarding spatial data catalogs, which is that they are beginning discussions
about it as it relates to a project they are doing to collect and preserve local San Diego geospatial resources. There is no product in place as of yet. Currently, the UCSD GIS data is a flat file structure, which is organized geographically and then topically and accessible through the Data & GIS Lab computers only. There may be the potential to work with the San Diego SuperComputer Center on the UCSD campus as her project moves forward.

Marcy reported that Penn State is working on a project called LionGIS for faculty to deposit geospatial information and they are working on this in collaboration with their cyberinfrastructure group. The project will be part Penn State only and partly public access. There is a lot to figure out regarding how to make it work and there are many people involved. The platform will likely be homegrown with distributed data locations, downloadable/accessible data and also just metadata. It is a collaboration of the library plus ITS and other research institutes. They are at the talking stage and trying to figure out how to manage all the different types of data.

Chris reported that at the University of Arizona, their Atlas data moved into a distributed digital library/repositories and that it’s a list of files. There was a recent release of the campus repository service and they are starting a pilot to get interested faculty into the repository. It is a first step to help define what they need in the future.

Joy reported that George Mason has a geospatial server with APACHE and their files are stored in file folder structure and can be viewed/downloaded only from campus. They are exploring GeoNetwork software because it’s a Web-based catalog and can harvest data from servers. George Mason is moving towards an institutional repository and exploring the associated issues.

Carol reported that the University of Florida has made their scanned maps accessible through homegrown map interface with Google Maps API, which can be selected using a point or bounding box. They have not yet included coordinates in records so you can’t find cataloged but unscanned maps. Their aerials interface is Google Maps-based so you can see all the aerials and is much easier to use.

Wangyal reported that Princeton has their Digital Map & Geospatial Portal, which differentiates between georeferenced and non-georeferenced items, data, and has public and private aspects to it. They also have different databases for different research projects but the metadata is shared. Student projects have different databases. Procedures are part of the project. Discoverability and searchability
is the goal and they try to just share data with researchers rather than ‘give’ data to them.

As part of a wish list for a geospatial portal, its main focus would be to make items geographically and topically discoverable. It would be more than a catalog for the data in that it, dependent on permissions, data would be downloadable. Editing capabilities go a step beyond a geospatial portal. Sample interfaces include Voyager GIS Data Discovery, and Data Doors for ArcGIS.

g. Increase membership/participation on GeoTech – call for volunteers - (All to brainstorm)

6. **Map Scanning** – Subcommittee call to create a document that lists minimum standards and metadata collection for map scanning. Task is to look at what various libraries are using and come up with a draft of the best of the best and go from there. May be used for a program on map scanning in the future. Wangyal, John, Salim, Kathy, and Marcy volunteered for this. Discussion included the potential for collaborative map scanning grants jointly across multiple institutions. The project will ask the subcommittee to set guidelines and work with the Library of Congress to do this. They may use the draft guidelines from 2007 but the goal is more of a best practices document, which would include metadata and georeferencing. This may turn into a publication.

It is highly likely that there will be a 2012 Annual program on map scanning that this resource would directly feed into.

7. **Updates from other MAGERT groups & members**
   a. MAGERT Committees/Discussion Groups (as needed and offered)

8. **New Discussion Items**
   a. Much discussion occurred regarding volunteered geographic information as the wave of the future with items like OpenStreetMap. A subcommittee was formed to bring information back and lead a discussion at Annual. Joy and Cynthia are co-subchairs and Angie is also on the subcommittee.
   b. It was requested that at Annual, MAGERT in general be provided with an update on the Census. Hallie will look into potentially contacting a Census employee to come speak at some point during Annual 2011 in New Orleans.

9. **Next Steps**
GeoTech Membership Committee List as of November 2010

Tracey Hughes, Chair (UC San Diego)
T. Wangyal Shawa (Princeton University)
Chris Kollen (University of Arizona)
John Olson (Syracuse University)
Joy Suh (George Mason University)
Angela Lee (ESRI)
Cynthia Dietz (SUNY - Stony Brook) – waiting to be assigned to project
Jen Doty (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) - waiting to be assigned to project
Eva Dodsworth (University of Waterloo)
Gregory March (University of Tennessee)
Kathleen Weessies (Michigan State University)
Becky Lowery (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign)
Kim Edwin

Future Discussion Topics

- Potential creation of a needs document to enable geotech to happen/further discussion of Geospatial Standards in Libraries which might include short case studies and potential publication of that needs document in something such as CRL News
- Additional discussion of the new requirement for NSF grantees to deposit data
- Campus GIS update
- Ask for blogs/listservs
- Emerging technology section in base line/for agenda discussion
- Metadata for GIS
- Object oriented databases
- National Geospatial Digital Archive – NGDA: *Intended discussion to focus on if any of us are collecting historical geospatial data for our communities, and if so, what can we learn from each other.*
- Geographic literacy

To Do Checklist:

ALL: Each GeoTech Committee member to post one item by 1/31 that should be included in the Core Competencies. This could be a book, website or any key resource and should include a one or two sentence annotation describing the item. These should be posted to ALA Connect NO LATER than 1/31/11.

Angie: Angie to post bounding box subcommittee findings to ALA Connect, communicate same to the chair of the MAGERT Cataloging Committee, and work with the Publications Committee to finalize the partial bounding box list that is
currently on the MAGERT website/publications page.

**Cynthia:** Requested to post her online free geospatial technologies paper to ALA Connect so that it can be incorporated into the map-like apps/geotech resource.

**Hallie:** Investigate potential for a Census employee to give MAGERT members an update on Census 2010, American Factfinder and other Census news.

**Tracey:** Tracey to forward text for rewrite of purpose/duties/members to the Executive Board to go through the appropriate process for official adoption. *(Email sent 1/25/11 to Marcy, Kathy & Hallie inquiring about process)*

**Kathleen, Greg, Tracey & Marcy:** All to work together to move the map-like apps document forward into a more widely-advertised and valuable resource that will likely integrate with the education resource that the Education Committee is working on, and the refined handout will be included as a supplementary resource at the Annual 2011 program. The subcommittee needs to take a thorough look at the work done to date and make a proposal on how to help MAGERT present our tangible educational resources such as this in such a way that they are accessible and easily updatable.

Additions to the resources could include: Geolytics, Fragstats, R and the part of the FEMA website that has mapping and a mashup of digitized maps and digital layers.

**Cynthia, Joy & Angie:** Subcommittee to work between now and Annual to provide a discussion forum on ALA Connect and to produce a resource by Annual regarding volunteered geographic information.

**Wangyal, John, Salim, Kathy & Marcy:** Subcommittee to work with the Library of Congress for a best practices map scanning resource. A discussion forum will be set up so that other members can offer input and a report will be made at or before Annual 2011.

**NOTES FOR OTHER PARTS OF MAGERT:**

- MAGERT needs to decide where/how we should locate and organize our resources. For example, Tracey took the resources in the GIS Librarian Core Competencies, and put them in her UCSD LibGuide.

- MAGERT needs to investigate if there is a way items can be posted publically on ALA Connect, and pushed from our website to have it both places.
MAGERT Publications Committee
ALA Midwinter 2011 Minutes

When: Saturday, January 8th, 2011; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, San Diego, CA; Gibbons Rooms (4th floor, Harbor Tower)
Who: Kathleen Weessies, Kathy Weimer, Hallie Pritchett, Marcy Bidney, Greg Marsh, Mike Smith, Pete Reeling, Wangyal Shawa, Roger Knouff, Nancy Kandoian, Edith Scarletto, Chris Kollen, Paige Andrew

1. Read & Discuss the task force recommendations on reorganizing Coordinates: A task force composed of Hallie Pritchett, Kathy Weimer, Roger Knouff, and Kathleen Weessies met several times (by phone and chat) to write a proposal for the retooling of Coordinates in light of David Allen’s pending resignation as Editor. The committee voted to accept the proposal, which changes the scope of the journal to a more practical-oriented publication, meant to suit the needs of the MAGERT membership while retaining a scholarly peer-reviewed content. The recommendations included a rewritten job description for a new editor, an associate editor, and service expectations for the editorial body.

The Publications Committee is to change the hosting of the journal from the Stony Brook University website to the Texas Open Journal System.

Book Reviews at some point may be moved from base line to Coordinates, although Coordinates is for the time being going to remain an irregular publication without issues. How to present the book reviews among irregular articles is to be worked out in the upcoming months. Wangyal suggested that the editor set a goal of publishing a certain number of articles each year and with the editorial board members recruit authors to reach that goal.
Finally, once the publication has moved to its new Web presence, indexing for the journal will be sought through Wilson and EBSCO.

2. Project Updates:

   • *base line* update:

   • *Coordinates* update: In light of the approval of the Task Force Recommendations, The Publications Committee must advertise the rewritten job description of *Coordinates* editor. David Allen should contact the current Board and advise them that changes are afoot, and they may expect to be contacted by the new editor about their role in the future.

   • Updates on other MAGERT publications

   • MAGERT Map Scanning Registry update: Chris received the WAML registry database in December. The fields almost perfectly match up with the MAGERT registry fields. Chris believes merging the two databases is possible.

   • MAGERT publications digitization projects (and their hosting)

     o *Meridian* - These files are ready to upload. Hallie thinks they ought to go to the Texas Open Journal System also since *Coordinates* is going there.

     o *base line* – Paige and Tracey have a run of these, and Marcy has a sheet-fed scanner. Jim Coombs also has a full run of *base lines*. Kathleen has staff time to assist with editing and packaging the scans.

   • Website update

   • MAGERT wiki update

3. New Initiative: Marketing of MAGERT Publications (discussion, brainstorming)

The new paper publications *Cartographic Citations* and *Great Moments in Map Librarianship* must receive greater exposure in order to sell more copies. Press releases have gone out on maps-l, maphist, and soon one will go out on a new Comic Art Librarians listserv.

Kathleen proposed that we pursue selling both books through Amazon so that we may accept credit card payments. Kathleen will look into this.

We also decided the books need to be reviewed in periodicals. Free copies will be sent to a number of book review editors, including those of RUSQ (Edith will arrange), WAML Bulletin (Mike S. will arrange), and probably RSR and C&RL News.
Announcements:

Our illustrious MAGERT President decrees that we will all make every effort to adopt ALA Connect as our Web forum for conducting committee work. Committee chairs are expect to set an example in using it.

The MAGERT wiki is going to be decommissioned by the end of January. Committee chairs must remove any material from there to ALA Connect or to the regular website.

Note: I don’t believe I formally called for approval of the minutes from ALA Annual 2010, which are available in the October 2010 issue of base line, pgs. 8, 10-12 http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/publicationsab/baseline/31_5.pdf

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Weessies
24 January 2011
Jim has been a member of MAGERT since it started. He told me that he’s forgotten more about the history of MAGERT than most people will ever learn.

Go ahead, ask him something.

Great Moments In Map Librarianship  
by Jim Coombs

Ok, who was the 3rd Chairperson of MAGERT?

I forget. See?