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This year’s ALA Midwinter Meeting is in the books, and it will be long remembered by those who attended, at least in part, for the blizzard that struck on Sunday. Those of us who attended stayed safe and warm (indoors!), had fun, and got things done! Elsewhere in this issue of base line you will find meeting minutes and reports from the various meetings held in Chicago. I urge you to read them carefully to learn about decisions made and some new directions for MAGIRT.

In addition to the formally published minutes, etc., allow me to point out a Treasurer’s Report showing the status of our financial standing as of the end of 2014, as well as a copy of the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget that was approved at the December Executive Board meeting by your leaders. I am happy to report that we are on sound financial footing, at the same time we are working hard to keep our expenses in line as we approach the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco while providing you, our fellow members, with the opportunities you deserve. Speaking of the forthcoming Annual Conference, allow me to share information about two formal programs we will be hosting and co-hosting, both on Saturday during the conference. In the morning Eric Kansa, Anne Austin and Karl Grossner will present “Open Context and its Role in Research Data and Publication”, http://opencontext.org/about/, sponsored by our GIS Discussion Group. In the afternoon Justin Joque and Angela Zoss will present “Data Visualization in the Library: Collections, Tools and Scalable Services”, co-sponsored by MAGIRT and GODORT (the Government Documents Round Table).

Other activities to share from the recent past include: a small group is working on details from a proposal to publish a new, online and interactive edition of the Guide to U.S. Map Resources; several forthcoming webinars by the Education Committee for you and others to participate in; and ... MAGIRT backed a recent letter co-sponsored by several ALA units and IFLA (authored by the International Documents Task Force of GODORT) to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library at the United Nations about their UN Depository Library Programme and the need to continue to share international documents with library communities. In addition, we have a slate of candidates for our two officer positions that will turn over starting July 1st, Treasurer and Vice-Chair/Chair-elect; and we’re closing in on filling chair and leaders positions as well.

Let me close by saying welcome to all new MAGIRT members, thank you for joining and do not hesitate to reach out and send me a note about yourself please. And since Past Chair Kathleen Weessies has been diligently working towards filling two officer positions and several chair and discussion group positions in recent weeks, I want to thank those of you who have agreed to either run for office or to become a new chair or leader. As you know, the time and effort you give to MAGIRT is extremely valuable, and appreciated. It is heartening to me to also see more of our new members become active in many ways as well. Without willing volunteers to do the wide variety of tasks needed to operate our organization it would simply cease to exist. Many hands make light work, and I am grateful to those who are working alongside me to move MAGIRT forward.
Susan Moore, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:30am. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 13 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Nancy Kandoian, Dorothy McGarry, Louise Ratliff, Iris Taylor, Tsering Wangyal Shawa, 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)
   
   A call went out for someone to take over as Chair after the annual meeting. Two people have expressed interest in serving as Chair. Any members rotating off the committee at the end of their terms of service will be determined by Susan in the annual meeting.

4. **base line cataloging editor report** (Tammy Wong)
   
   The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual, in June, 2014, were approved as published on page 5 of the October 2014 baseline.

5. **ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group report** (Iris Taylor)
   
   Approximately 17 people participated in the joint ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group.

   Discussion topics included:

   - We have a “test case” for proposing a new Relationship Designator with accompanying definition that could be used to learn how the process of submitting new or changed RD proposals for RDA works. Queens Public Library is using “landowner” in some of their historic cadastral records. We could possibly create a template for the process that anyone could use for either submitting a new RD or asking for changes to an existing one in RDA. Has anyone tried submitting a new cartographic relationship designator? Is there interest in formalizing a process such as this via MAGIRT’s Cataloging and Classification Committee or another unit?
• Who is using RDA now to cataloging maps?

• The recent change in PCC policy regarding the requirement to upgrade an existing heading in LCAF from AACR2 form (code “c” in the Rules fixed field) to RDA form (code “z” in the Rules fixed field) when encountered in one’s work.

• Government Printing Office is looking for libraries hosting their digitally scanned topographic maps from the USGS. Would libraries be interested in such a project? What would be the cataloging concerns?

• The use of 006 for ER records.

• CCC Best Practices for RDA cataloging document.

   ALA will declare *Cartographic Materials* to be out of print this year. If you do not have a copy, consider buying one soon.

7. *ISBD report* (Dorothy McGarry)
   ISBD Review Group

   The ISBD Review Group Linked Data Study Group met in October, with several members meeting face-to-face to work on this aspect. Other members received a summary of the day-long meetings by Skype.

   It is not clear yet when the next revision of the ISBD will begin. Unfortunately, the results of the ISBD survey are not ready yet, but it is hoped they will be ready within a couple of months.

   The agenda includes reports from the Chair, Representative of the Library of Congress, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee, liaison of PCC, Representative of MAC, CC:DA webmaster, Representative of ALA Publishing Services TF on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3.

   Minutes of the 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 28 and June 30, 2014

   Chair’s report

   Report of the LC representative, January 2015

   CC:DA agenda:
   http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/?p=1738
Three proposals and two discussion papers were presented. The following might have impacts on cartographic resources.

Proposal from TF on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3
MachineActionableDataElementsinRDAChapter3_5.pdf

Discussion Paper from TF to Investigate the Instructions for Recording Relationships in RDA
Instructions for Recording Structured Descriptions of Related Manifestations
InstructionsforRecordingRelationships_6.pdf

Instructions for Describing Accompanying Material in RDA
InstructionsforRecordingRelationships_7.pdf

9. **LC Geography and Map Division report** (Min Zhang)

**Geography and Map Division (G&M)**

The Geography and Map Division Research Room’s renovation was completed in July 2014, with a new custom designed reference desk, upgraded map reference tables and security systems, state of the art GIS equipment, dedicated large format scanners for public use, an enclosed seminar room/ rarity encloser and separate lecture space with a wall-size interactive whiteboard for showcasing the Division’s collections and distance learning, a display area for Congressional and public orientations, and new display cases for rotating exhibits of the Division’s rare maps, globes, and three dimensional objects. The construction of the new Secured Storage Facility (SSF) for the Geography and Map Division’s rare atlas collections was completed in late September 2014 with the installation of compact shelving.

The Geography and Map Division’s website was visited 1,476,344 times with 6,224,303 maps viewed. The number of maps scanned and available on the Geography and Map Division’s website surpassed 40,000 in February 2014.

The Geography and Map Division acquired several significant cartographic items, including a Comanche pictograph depicting a battle between Comanche and Apache bands in the Sierra Blanca Mountains of New Mexico, certified by Territorial Governor Juan Bautista de Anza in 1787; a set of manuscript maps produced by Agustin Codazzi, shortly after Venezuelan independence (1830), that were used in the production of the first printed atlas of Venezuela, *Atlas físico y político de Venezuela* (Paris, 1841); and geospatial data coverage of Iran (1:25,000 scale vector data) and Myanmar (1:50,000 scale digital vector and raster data).

The G&M Division’s print technology collection was enhanced with the transfer of 19 copper printing plates of topographic maps from the U.S. Geological Survey covering five varied geographic areas in the U.S. as well as the Turkey–Armenia border.

the Library of Congress proved very popular. A second printing of Maps of the First World War was published. The Philip Lee Phillips Map Society passed the one million dollar mark in total donations to date.

The G&M Division greatly leveraged its scanning program through the Library’s Third Party Digitization Program. A team funded by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency scanned nearly 10,000 maps of Africa. Where there are no copyright or sensitivity issues, these maps will become available online in 2015. Another team funded by Historical Information Gatherers scanned 48,674 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. The Sanborn scans will be available on the Library’s website three years after the delivery date.

John Hessler of G&M coordinated the annual Jay I. Kislak Lecture in the Archaeology and History of the Early Americas. The lecturer was the noted archaeologist Richard Hansen, an expert on the northern Maya regions of Guatemala. More than 200 academics, curators and interested members of the general public attended.

The G&M Division and the Philip Lee Phillips Map Society hosted the Division’s annual spring conference, which this year was devoted to 20th century cartography. Twelve invited scholars discussed their research and debated the future of cartography in the digital and computer age during the two-day event entitled, From Terra to Terabytes: The History of Cartography in the 20th Century and Beyond. More than 250 scholars, map collectors, and LOC staff attended.

The G&M Division and the Washington Map Society continued to co-sponsor evening lectures in the G&M Research Center, as they have for the past 35 years.

The Division’s Twitter account (“LOCMaps”) tweeted 207 times to 8,563 followers, an increase of 1,675 followers from fiscal 2013. These tweets, consisting of brief descriptions of maps from the collection accompanied by an image of the map and a direct link to the map, were viewed 468,491 times over the course of the fiscal year. The choice of featured maps for the LOCMaps Twitter site is based on both historical and current events. Additionally, the site advertises the Library’s unparalleled cartographic collections and drives traffic to the LC website. The most popular included a Mother’s Day tweet about a Civil War soldier dedicating a map to his mother (viewed 2,907 times); a map of Washington, D.C.’s Metro (subway) system; a map printed on cloth, which doubles as a lens cleaner (viewed 1,246 times); and a “Daily Mail Map of War and Commerce” outlining the “comparative powers of the belligerent powers” during World War I (viewed 2,282 times).

The Geography and Map Division and the Academia Sinica Digital Center, Taiwan, coauthored a bilingual annotated atlas of 475 historical Chinese maps in the Division’s collection that span approximately 700 years and several Chinese dynasties, titled Reading Imperial Cartography: Ming–Qing Historical Maps in the Library of Congress. Dr. Tien-jen Lin from the National Palace Museum provided descriptive annotations to 157 full-color maps. The G&M Cataloging Team leader, Min Zhang, translated the text in to English. Phillips Society Steering Committee member Cordell Yee of St. John’s College wrote a contextual essay providing historical background for the Chinese maps. A second edition is now available.

10. **OCLC report** (Jay Weitz)

Jay Weitz distributed the full OCLC report to the committee members and guests. Excerpts from the report of OCLC of interests to map catalogers appear below.

News From OCLC – Compiled by Jay Weitz  
For the American Library Association  
Midwinter Meeting – Chicago, Illinois  
2015 January 30 – February 2

**Cataloging and Metadata**

**OCLC and LC Working Together to Clarify Approaches to Library Linked Data**

OCLC and the Library of Congress are actively engaged and committed to working together to address library challenges using linked data technologies. Starting in August 2014, the two groups initiated monthly strategic communications followed by a joint technical workshop in September to dig deeper into the technical complexities. Topics discussed at these meetings included: Structure and content of BIBFRAME pilot records, WorldCat holdings use cases, similarities and differences between BIBFRAME and Schema.org SchemaBibExtend vocabularies. The result was a commitment to co-author a white paper that will clarify how both approaches fit together to address specific library needs and challenges.

11. **MARBI report** (Susan Moore)

MARC Advisory Committee

The committee met twice and all the proposals passed. The discussion paper will be brought back as a proposal at the annual conference. None of the proposals dealt specifically with cartographic resources.

12. **RBMS/DCRMC report** (Nancy Kandoian)

Report on RBMS and DCRMC for MAGIRT CCC

The editorial team for Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic) has completed its draft of DCRMC, so it is now time for the “close reading.” Dave Reser in LC’s Policy and Standards Division is reading it, and it is also going to CC:DA for a close read. In addition, we welcome volunteers from MAGIRT to be involved in this, even if just for a chapter, like Area 3. Please contact me if you are interested. The deadline for comments is March 1st. [The deadline has since been extended to April 1st.] You can download the draft submitted for “close reading” at this link: [http://dcrm.cpbworks.com/](http://dcrm.cpbworks.com/)

As previously reported, there is a task force of RBMS’s Bibliographic Standards Committee working to harmonize all the DCRMs with RDA. That project is referred to as DCRM2. The group is systematically going through RDA and developing guidelines that are modifications to be applied to rare materials of various formats. The idea is to display them on separate tabs that are linked to the basic RDA text like the PCC/PSD rulings. The group’s projected
completion time (optimistic and flexible) is summer 2016. See their work in progress at this link:  [http://dcrmrda.pbworks.com/](http://dcrmrda.pbworks.com/)

The annual RBMS preconference is now known as the RBMS conference. It is to be held in Oakland (CA) in 2015 and in Coral Gables (FL) in 2016. If the publication timing of DCRMC and of the DCRM for music works out, there will be interest in holding workshops for using those new manuals at the 2016 RBMS conference. Go to this link for more information on the Oakland 2015 conference:  [http://www.preconference15.rbms.info/](http://www.preconference15.rbms.info/)

13. Old business

Susan shared the Best Practices for RDA cataloging document with TF members and CCC members. Links to RDA instruction numbers will be added. Email Susan for any comments and suggestions.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.
Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wong

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**MAGIRT Programs Slated for ALA Annual 2015 Conference**

**Data Visualization in the Library: Collections, Tools, and Scalable Services**

1:00-4:00 p.m. (Part 1 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.; Part II from 3:00-4:00 p.m.)
Co-sponsored by MAGIRT and GODORT (Government Documents Round Table)

Data visualization, the use of graphical techniques to better communicate complex geographic and statistical information, is used to interpret the results of data analysis more clearly and to a wider audience. These techniques are being used by a wide range of disciplines. What are the implications of these tools and techniques for library users? Part one describes the landscape of data visualization, library services and patron expectations; part two will be an overview of available tools, criteria for tools and datasets, followed by an open discussion. Join Justin Joque (Univ. of Michigan) and Angela Zoss (Duke University) to learn much more.

**Open Context and its Role in Research Data and Publication**

10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by the MAGIRT GIS Discussion Group

Data Sharing as Publication: The research community increasingly expects access to high-quality data, including the review, documentation, and publication of research data contributed by scholars. One venue that addresses these and other large-scale issues, Open Context, will be presented and discussed by its developer, Eric Kansa, PhD (UC-Berkeley) and two scholars who have used it to publish and organize archaeological field data in geospatial realms, Anne Austin, PhD (Stanford) and Karl Grossner, PhD (Stanford).
There were 17 people in attendance at the Sunday morning meeting.

Below are the topics raised and discussed at the meeting:

1. Using the heading “Landowners” as a “test case” for creating a new relationship designator proposal for RDA, which would include crafting a definition. Paige Andrew was sent an email about this possibility by a librarian at the Queens Public Library. Discussion centered on how it would be used since a topical heading for Landowners is established as a 650 field. Members of the Cataloging and Classification Committee agreed to work on this to see where it leads, if nothing else it will be a learning experience towards how to navigate the PCC Relationship Designator Proposal Form: [http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/RD-Requests.html](http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/RD-Requests.html)

2. Use of RDA
   a. Which libraries are using RDA? Basically all the libraries represented by those present at the meeting are using RDA for cataloging.
   b. Which libraries are adding or updating authority records in RDA? Majority of the libraries are able to update authority records because they are NACO members, except those records with the ‘do not update’ note.

3. The Government Publishing Office asked Richard Huffine, former Chief Librarian of the USGS, about hosting and archiving digital USGS topographic maps with metadata for libraries. Mr. Huffine was encouraging the library community to contact GPO to get the community involved in asking for specific levels and types of services needed, and GPO may provide the services requested.

4. Another topic discussed was use of the 006 field for electronic/digital cartographic resources and which codes were appropriate to add to the field.

5. The MAGIRT Cataloging and Classification Committee’s (CCC) draft “Best Practices for RDA” was discussed, with Susan Moore introducing an updated version and asking for input on potential changes. Some suggestions given were: change title from ‘Best Practices’ to ‘Guidelines’ to mitigate catalogers treating specific cataloging aspects as hard rules; and to host it on our LibGuide page for feedback. It was also suggested to make the document on LibGuide interactive so that individuals can provide added cataloging examples and other feedback. Susan agreed to work on converting the title to “Guidelines” and adding interactive features such as comment boxes at the end of each section so that users are able to assist in providing new or additional examples or any other feedback. Members of the CCC will work on a final draft and plan to have it up on the MAGIRT LibGuide in time for ALA Annual. We all agreed that this should be a “living document” with ongoing changes necessary to keep it useful.

Iris Taylor,
Interest Group Leader
MAGIRT Treasurer’s 2015 Midwinter Conference Report

At the end of the 2014 fiscal year in August, MAGIRT’s total revenue was $12,849 and total expenses were $6,461, for a net gain of $6,388.

The carryover balance from fiscal year 2013 was $34,916, leaving an ending balance of $41,304 for 2013-14.

So far in fiscal year 2015, as of the end of December, total revenue was $2,332 and total expenses were just $262, leaving an ending net balance of $43,398.

MAGIRT’s fiscal standing continues to remain strong.

Michael L. Smith Acting Treasurer MAGIRT
Submitted at the ALA Midwinter Conference Chicago January 2015

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FY 2016 MAGIRT Budget — REVENUE

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http://www.ala.org/magirt/
MAGIRT MEETING MINUTES

TAMI MORSE

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

MAGIRT Executive Board
Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 via Zoom

In Attendance: Paige Andrew (Chair), Beth Cox, Kathleen Weessies, Tami Morse, Mike Smith, Susan Moore, Wade Bishop, Pete Reehling, Jessica Clemons, Sandy Schiefer, Angie Lee, Iris Taylor

Absent: Marcy Bidney, Min Zhang, Eliza Bettinger, Hallie Pritchett, Julie Sweetkind-Singer, Nancy Kandoian

Call to Order

Welcome to New Officers: Tami Morse, Secretary; Mike Smith, interim Treasurer, filling in for one year; Iris Taylor, Interest Group Leader

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Approval of minutes from the June 18 and June 29 Executive Board meetings was tabled. Executive Board members are asked to look the minutes over and send corrections to Carol by Friday, Aug. 22.

Items for Future Discussion

Assistant Treasurer position: Beth and Paige are exploring this and will share what they find. Beth has looked at other Round Tables, and found 6 or 7 with Assistant Treasurer positions (or something similar) that we can use as examples.

Donating to ALA Scholarship Funds: Every other year, MAGIRT makes a donation to ALA’s Spectrum Scholarship Fund. Kathleen has made the suggestion that we might consider other funds as well. ALA has numerous scholarship funds, some of which are directed toward special topics or areas of practice that may tie in to MAGIRT’s focus – for instance, library automation or new media. We can discuss this by email and be ready to make a decision at the next Board meeting. Kathleen will send out a list of potential scholarships we might consider.

Officer stipends: MAGIRT has an ongoing struggle getting people to volunteer for leadership positions. Some positions involve a long time commitment and require attendance at ALA Midwinter and Annual conferences. Travel is becoming increasingly expensive. A stipend would serve as a recruiting tool for MAGIRT officers. Paige is proposing forming a three-person task force to investigate this issue; the Board can then discuss at the next Board meeting.
Program Planning

Midwinter 2015 (Beth) – Beth and Paige have some suggestions for tours at Midwinter, before the Dutch Treat dinner: the Map Library at the Field Museum, the Map Library at the University of Chicago, and the Frank Lloyd Wright house.

Annual 2015 (Paige) – Three events are in the works now for Annual:

1) We are planning a joint MAGIRT/GODORT program; the planning committee is Angie Lee, Andy Ritkowski, Beth, Paige, Helen Sheehy (Chair of GODORT) and Steven Woods (Vice-Chair of GODORT). They already have a couple of speakers lined up.

2) Erik Kansa has agreed to come speak at ALA Annual; the issue is where to slot this in the schedule. The MAGIRT/GODORT program will probably take up two 90 minute back to back sessions on Saturday afternoon, so it may be best to schedule Erik Kansa during the GIS or Geotech DG time slots. Paige is looking for feedback on this.

3) The WAML Board has suggested a joint meeting, probably on Thursday, the first day of ALA. The planning committee is Chris Thiry, Mary Larsgaard, Beth, and Paige. Susan Powell, the new map librarian at UC Berkeley, would like to host a reception, and the committee is considering a half day of programming there as well. Pete suggested a Geotech program as part of the joint programming.

Officer Reports

Chair (Paige) – Paige has a lead on a liaison to RUSA/BRASS. Goals for this year: move MAGIRT forward in some new directions, based on the recommendations from the 2014 Emerging Leaders report. Two that stand out are reaching out and working more with LIS students across the country; Paige already has contacts in the New Members Round Table that are assisting with this. The second standout recommendation is to reconsider LibGuides as a platform for information sharing, and work on improving our social media presence. For the next Board meeting, think about steps we can take to move forward on these recommendations, or any other recommendations from the report that MAGIRT should be acting on. Changing platforms is not a trivial decision, and probably needs to be considered by OPOC and then the entire Board before we take action on it.

Vice Chair (Beth) – Because of the joint WAML meeting, we probably won’t have any other social event at Annual besides the Awards Dinner.

Past Chair (Kathleen) – In October we will send out a call for nominations for the MAGIRT Honors Award. Kathleen already has a couple of names, but more nominations are welcome.

Secretary (Tami) – Thanks to Carol for assisting in updating the LibGuide while I was out. Paige sent out the roster of leadership positions; please send me any updates or corrections you have. Kathleen pointed out a new position on the roster, the LibGuides Coordinator; Paige added this
position based on an email from last spring. It is up to OPOC to create the position and solicit volunteers for the position.

Treasurer (Mike) – We only have figures available for reporting through June, so far. At the end of June we were at $42,728, which is a slight increase from May. Expenses from ALA Annual usually come in in August; our social events bill will be around $4000, but we took in $4000 of sponsor money to use. We should still be in good financial shape after the Annual expenses come in.

Committee Updates

Cataloging & Classification Committee (Susan), submitted via email – Work continues on the best practices document for cataloging cartographic resources using RDA. A draft of the document was shared at the annual conference and several comments have been sent to the chair of the task force. Changes will be made to the document based on the feedback and revisions will be made by the task force with a finalized version done by the end of the fall. At that time, discussion on how to keep the document in alignment with changes in RDA will also be finalized.

Education Committee (Wade) – Eric Glass, Christine Murray, and Anne Zald added to the MAGIRT Education Committee.

GeoTech Committee (Pete) – Pete will make a request for $500 ($250 per year for 2014 and 2015) to add an ArcGIS Online corporate account to their site license for MAGIRT to use. This would enable us to give the membership map a permanent home on the MAGIRT ArcGIS Online account, and start adding other web services. We are getting a 90% discount by adding it to the site license. Pete will write up details and send to Paige to share with the Board; Pete will also copy Jon Jablonski since WAML is also interested in this. The Board will make an up-or-down vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

Membership and Marketing (Jessica) – Jessica is working on updating the committee roster, for both MM and OPOC. She will request the most recent report on our membership once Danielle is back from vacation.

Online Presence (Jessica) – Jessica is making a concerted effort to update the guides and do things more through social media. She’s working with Lee Ann Nolan (member) to develop a MAGIRT Pinterest site. We had a very good response from the Accidental Map Librarian webinar.

Publications (Sandy) – Our distribution manager has left, and shipped everything to Sandy. Is it necessary to find a distribution manager, separate from the Publications Committee chair? This will be a topic of discussion for the committee. There hasn’t been any progress on the digitization project.
CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris), submitted via email:

I would like to start by thanking the MAGIRT Executive Board and the members for allowing me this opportunity to serve as Coordinator/Chair for the ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Materials Cataloging Interest Group.

Transitioning meeting:

Marc McGee provided me via email a very detailed outline of responsibilities associated with the Chair of the ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Materials Cataloging Interest Group.

Marc and I chatted by telephone on July 31st as well concerning the position.

The responsibilities covered: scheduling the meetings at Annual and Mid-Winter, creating the agenda, announcing and posting the meeting, putting out a call for discussion on various listservs, writing reports and facilitating the meeting.

Need to follow-up with making sure I have access to the various listservs: MAPS-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU, magirt@ala.org, magirt-rda@ala.org

Maintain and post announcements to the ALA Connect Cataloging Interest Group Community page: http://connect.ala.org/node/64377

Attend MAGIRT Executive Board meetings

I’ll co-moderate the MAGIRT-RDA listserv with Marc.

I wish to thank Marc for all of his help during this transitioning period.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Next Exec Board Meeting Date: TBD (late September – early October)

MAGIRT Executive Board
Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014 via Zoom

In Attendance: Paige Andrew (Chair), Beth Cox, Kathleen Weessies, Tami Morse, Mike Smith, Susan Moore, Wade Bishop, Pete Reehling, Jessica Clemons, Iris Taylor, Angie Lee, Marcy Bidney, Nancy Kandoian, Carol McAuliffe, Chris Kollen

Absent: Sandy Schiefer

Call to Order
Approval of Past Meeting Minutes. The two sets of meeting minutes from June (June 12 and June 19, 2014) were approved. Approval of the minutes from Aug. 8, 2014 was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Officer Reports

Chair (Paige) – Paige, Beth and Kathleen are meeting regularly and sharing information and tips for doing the Chair’s job. Paige is working on entering needed MAGIRT activities information into ALA’s Midwinter meeting online database. He will start the same work on ALA Annual activities soon. We have a new MAGIRT member volunteer, Rebecca Lowery, who came forward in response to Paige’s repeated calls for volunteers.

Vice Chair (Beth) – Beth is still working on Midwinter events planning and the Dutch treat dinner. Our new volunteer, Rebecca Lowery, is local to Chicago and is helping with suggestions and arrangements.

Secretary (Tami) – Work on the roster is complete. The next step is to send the roster to Danielle, so she can update committee membership and access on ALA Connect.

Last June, Carol McAuliffe got in touch with the ALA Archives about depositing materials, and in the course of that conversation the archivist mentioned the ALA Institutional Repository (ALAIR). I’ve since been in touch with the Archives about depositing electronic material there. ALAIR runs on Drupal and uses simple Dublin Core for its metadata. It’s self-service, so we would deposit materials ourselves, and we’re responsible for filing in our own metadata. A community is already set up for us, but it contains no collections yet. Denise Rayman, the archives assistant who answered my query, sent me a link to the deposition documentation, but I haven’t had time to peruse it yet. I don’t know if we can set up our own collections, or if we have to have someone at the Archives do it for us, and it’s not clear to me what materials should be included in the IR. The Board should probably discuss what materials we want to deposit and how we want them organized, so once I’ve done a little more research I’ll suggest an agenda item for a future Board meeting.

Treasurer (Mike) – (Abbreviated report, submitted by email) for the end of the fiscal year in August:

- Total revenues for the year: $12,849
- Total expenses: $6,461
- For a net revenue of: $6,388

Personal Dues ($7,206) were very close to last year, donations ($4,015) covered ALA meal functions ($3,630) and money was received ($1,191) through the dispersal of funds from the dissolution of CUAC.

I will have a full report as well as more recent budget numbers at Midwinter.
Committee Updates

Bylaws & Governing Documents Committee (Kathleen) – No report.

Nominations and Awards (Kathleen) – Kathleen is close to sending out a call for the MAGIRT Honors Award. She received several suggestions last year and will be encouraging those people to put forward nominations.

Cataloging & Classification Committee (Susan) – No report.

Education Committee (Wade) – The committee has selected a time to meet, a rare accomplishment; they will focus on ideas for future webinars, and how to recruit and promote what we do more effectively and broadly. Wade will report on the Geographic Information Librarianship project as a webinar at Annual in Las Vegas. Danielle has posted a link to the next webinar, on Nov. 13th. Jon Jablonski from WAML got in touch with Wade about the idea of cosponsored webinars. They have some ideas for speakers, and would like to make these webinars free for MAGIRT and WAML members. We can easily validate MAGIRT membership but validating WAML membership might be difficult. Action item for the Board: are we still interested in joint MAGIRT/WAML webinars, and if so, can we make them free given the validation problem? Wade’s GTA created a social media contact list of GIS and I-School people to more broadly publicize his November webinar, which might also be useful for the Membership Committee and broader PR purposes.

GeoTech Committee (Pete) – Pete sent the Board a quote from ESRI for $250 for an ArcGIS subscription dedicated to MAGIRT. The account would be paid for through his institution, USF. The first project will probably be to migrate the ALA membership map to ArcGIS. We may be able to use this to apply for grants, and as a marketing tool. We need to make sure the licensing will support grant applications if paid through USF rather than directly by MAGIRT. The quote is for a level 2 license, 59 users, 2500 credits per year. We could use this license to partner with library schools, be the data management partner in grants. We should work out the payment issue and decide on the license by the end of the year.

Membership and Marketing (Jessica) – MMC met on Sept. 23 to get to know each other, after a year and a half without meeting. The committee is working enthusiastically on the updated MAGIRT brochure, and is coordinating with the MAGIRT Publications Committee. ALA Publications is also working on a brochure for MAGIRT; we need to send them the content we want, and they will handle the production side. They are working on making all the Round Table brochures look consistent, so that may limit our creative flexibility somewhat, but we won’t know for certain until we’ve sent something to them. MMC will meet in early November, and they’re hoping to have something to the Board for approval by the Thanksgiving holiday. We may be able to have something ready to print for Midwinter, but that is a decision the Board will make at the next meeting or the one after. MMC is also thinking about ways to attract new members and show the value of MAGIRT to existing members. Paige recommended using the suggestions from the Emerging Leaders report for ideas.
**Online Presence (Jessica)** – OPOC talked about how and why MAGIRT uses social media, and that we don’t do any one thing on social media very well. The committee is considering other ways to approach it; rather than spreading the responsibility out over many people, OPOC could play a primary role and actually do the updates and make the posts. They are considering the use of the LibGuides and the web site; do we need the redundancy we have there now? We don’t want a presence on every possible social media platform. OPOC is considering a MAGIRT Pinterest account, as a good visual social media platform that would show the fun side of maps and MAGIRT.

**Publications (Sandy)** – Publication Committee minutes were sent out a week before the meeting. Paige is in touch with Danielle about the issue of vetting our publications through ALA; Paige should have an answer from Danielle in the next few days.

**CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris)** – No report.

**Map Collection Management DG (Marcy)** – The DG will meet sometime during Midwinter.

**GIS Discussion Group (Angie)** – Eric Kansa will be the speaker at the GIS DG program at Annual.

**Discussion Items**

Charging a fee for webinars – Paige proposes we use one MAGIRT-only (not joint) webinar in 2015 as a test case, and charge a $20 fee for nonmembers – which is the same as the cost to join MAGIRT. We can gauge reactions, and see if it drives down the number of attendees. Depending on what happens, we can decide how to proceed. Wade already brought up the issue of validating WAML members earlier in this meeting; Paige thinks Danielle might be able to help with this. Paige is also in touch with a potential BRASS liaison, who brought up a similar idea of doing joint BRASS/MAGIRT webinars. Wade will go ahead and contact Danielle. Charging has been a great success for SIG-USE at ASIS&T, though making money is not guaranteed. MAGIRT members should never be charged for webinars, since that’s part of what their dues pay for. No dissenting opinions were expressed, so the Education Committee is tasked with setting this up and giving it a try. Would we give webinar speakers/developers an honorarium if they get enough paying attendees? Once we see how the test case works, and perhaps have an established revenue stream, we have to decide how to spend the money, and honoraria are one possibility. Honoraria may also encourage more people to give webinars.

New edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* – Carol McAuliffe made a proposal to the Publications Committee, that they form a subgroup to look into updating the third edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. The original edition was published in 1986, with the intention of updating every five years. The second edition came out in 1990, but the third edition didn’t come out until 2006. No other updates have been done since then. One opportunity would be to publish the guide as a searchable online database, perhaps even including a map-based search feature, but how the online version would work with the print version is something that needs to be explored. The newly-formed subgroup is Chris Kollen, Kathleen Weessies, and Carol. They will examine a number of issues: the way the last update was done, what pitfalls were
encountered and what improvements can be made; what other guides have been published in the intervening years and how to incorporate successful ideas from them into the new edition; the scope of the project, and whether or not to include online information, what sort of programming would be necessary for a map search database and what their publishing options are. The group would generate a recommendation that they would present to the Executive Board, hopefully in the Spring of 2015. Carol has set up a LibGuide at http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/guideresearch. The group is trying to set up a phone conference with Chris Thiry, who was the editor of the third edition. Pete suggested using ArcGIS online for the map search interface, utilizing the contract he has been working to set up.

Announcements

Eric Kansa will be the GIS Discussion Group speaker, on Saturday morning at ALA Annual.

The joint MAGIRT/GODORT program will be titled “Data Visualization in the Library: Collections, Tools, and Scalable Services.” The speakers are in place and the program planning committee has abstracts and bios from them.

WAML decided not to do a joint meeting with MAGIRT at Annual next year. WAML will hold their next meeting at ESRI instead, but no dates have been set.

Adjournment

Next Exec Board Meeting Date: Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, via Zoom

MAGIRT Executive Board
Friday, December 5, 2014 via Zoom

In Attendance: Paige Andrew (Chair), Beth Cox, Kathleen Weessies, Tami Morse, Mike Smith, Susan Moore, Wade Bishop, Jessica Clemons, Sandy Schiefer, Iris Taylor, Jorge Gonzalez, Carol McAuliffe, Nancy Kandoian

Absent: Pete Reehling, Angie Lee, Marcy Bidney

Call to Order

Officer Reports

Chair (Paige) – Paige used ALA meeting space forms online to set up the meetings for Midwinter, and also for Annual in June, though he doesn’t expect to hear back from ALA about Annual’s meeting spaces until closer to the conference. The meeting schedules for both conferences will go out on base line, the one for Midwinter appearing in the December 2014 issue. Reminder to committee chairs: remember to get your minutes to base line editor John Olson in time for the December issue.

Secretary (Tami) – Paige sent minor edits to both sets of past minutes, which have been incorporated. August 18th minutes were approved; October 2nd minutes were approved pending minor edits to clarify some remarks made by Wade Bishop.
The roster of MAGIRT officers and committee/discussion group/interest group membership is complete and has been sent to Danielle, who should have updated the committee access permissions on Connect; if there are still issues, let Tami know and she will contact Danielle.

*Vice Chair (Beth)* – Beth sent out the draft budget for FY 2016 (Sept. 2015-Aug. 2016) for review before the meeting. After she called for any changes it was moved to approve the draft budget, seconded and approved.

Midwinter social events: Two tours are in the works, one is to the Field Museum’s Research Library and the other to visit the MacLean Collection that Kathleen is putting together. Each will accommodate about 15 people. Only two people responded to the preference survey for the Dutch treat dinner, so Beth will make a restaurant choice. Beth will send out more information about the trips and dinner after the New Year. We will be having a discussion at some point about possibly rearranging our social events schedule at Annual in San Francisco because of all the events going on in the city at that time.

*Treasurer (Mike)* – No report; the latest numbers we have are from August and Mike hasn’t been able to reach Danielle for more recent set of reports.

*Past Chair (Kathleen)* – Nominations are open for the Honors Award; Kathleen sent out a call for nominations in baseline and via the email list; she has a few nominations to be discussed by the Chair Trio. One person suggested an award for David Rumsey, who gave MAGIRT a considerable amount of money during the budget problems a few years ago. An actual nomination has not been made yet, though.

As chair of the Nominations Committee, Kathleen is seeking nominations for the Vice-Chair/Chair/Past Chair circuit and for Treasurer. There are quite a number of committee chairs and other positions coming vacant as well: Cataloging and Classification Committee Chair, Education Committee Chair, GeoTech Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair (Mia Costa at ASU has agreed to take this position), Map Collection Management Discussion Group Coordinator, and RBMS liaison.

We had talked about touching base with the local library science school at Dominican University while we are in Chicago; Kathleen contacted Assistant Dean Diane Foote and she was receptive. Dominican is out in the suburbs so Dean Foote suggested she tell the students to come into town instead. We have some lunch times and evening time slots open to meet with them. We could also hand this off to New Members Round Table and have a set of lightning talks, several librarians talking about their jobs. There are also other schools within a half day’s drive that might be worth contacting.

**Discussion Items**

**ALA Institutional Repository (ALAIR) and MAGIRT’s archives (Tami)** – ALAIR is an implementation of DSpace that ALA is just beginning to work with and publicize. It’s another
platform for archiving information from ALA divisions, round tables, and discussion groups. It is open access, so anyone can see what’s placed in it; it is not limited to ALA members. It’s organized into communities and collections; ALA has already set up communities for all the “sub-units” of ALA, including one for MAGIRT. We need to decide what collections we want to create, and then ALA will set them up for us. Once the collections are established, anyone can submit materials to a collection; it isn’t limited to a few people with administrator privileges. The submission is pretty well documented, but there are some gaps, and some parts of the process won’t be clear until we’ve done a submission or two.

Some good questions were raised during the discussion: can we just do some test submissions once a collection has been set up? Once a collection is set up, we submit records for that collection one by one. Once we understand the submission process, it might be good to have a bulk load function, but at first we would want to try this out on just a few items. There is no requirement to submit everything in a collection all at once.

Have any Round Tables used this yet? It doesn’t seem that any RTs have set up collections yet, it’s mostly the larger divisions and ALA-level committees. Kathleen suggested this might be a topic to bring up at RTCA for discussion, and Paige will send a note to the Round Table list asking if they know about ALAIR and are using it.

Do we actually want to participate in this? We already have more than we can handle when it comes to platforms and information sites to manage; do we want another one? How is the ALAIR different from the ALA Archives, and what is ALA’s intent for this platform? Tami will contact the ALA Archives for clarification on the purpose of the IR, what ALA intends it to be used for, and how we should best use it.

Support for Emerging Leaders Program and ALA scholarships (Kathleen) – Kathleen had an update on one of the scholarships we were considering for donations: the New Media Scholarship is a sponsored scholarship so it isn’t open for contributions. The ALA Scholarship Office suggested we donate to the general scholarship fund; it has no targeted group for its scholarships. MAGIRT can also continue to donate to the Spectrum Scholarship. The Board considered splitting our scholarship donation between Spectrum and the general fund. We normally fund an Emerging Leader one year and donate to a scholarship the next; this was supposed to be the year we fund an Emerging Leader but we’ve missed the deadline. Kathleen moved that we donate $1,000 to the Spectrum Scholarship; the motion was seconded and approved. It was suggested that we add the Emerging Leader deadline to the Chair’s calendar as a reminder.

**Committee Updates**

**Membership and Marketing (Jessica)** – M&M has been working on promotional materials. The committee took content from the 2003 trifold brochure as a basis, updated the content, and sent out a draft for comments. OPOC also took a look at the draft and reduced the content further to fit on a large-format postcard. The printing is handled by ALA, but it isn’t clear if we do the layout or they do. ALA offered to create materials for the Round Tables but they have a fairly fixed trifold layout they want us to use. We may want to do both: a postcard on our own and an
ALA formatted membership brochure. To get something ready for Midwinter, it may be most expedient to contact ALA and see what they will do for us, then put together the postcard for Annual. Hallie Pritchett can be asked to advise on a design. Danielle can put us in touch with printers that ALA uses and help us get pricing information. Once we have production pricing, the Board can discuss and approve funds for any publications we want to develop.

*Online Presence (Jessica)* – OPOC is working to make MAGIRT more active and visible on social media. They will place icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest in the aforementioned brochure. We are targeting only these three social media venues to stay focused and keep our social media activity manageable. There will be a social media “owner” each month, responsible for actively using our social media. Kathleen will be the owner during Midwinter. Next semester, OPOC’s main topic will be reducing duplication between the LibGuides and the website.

*Education Committee (Wade)* – The committee has finalized providing a joint WAML/MAGIRT webinar as of yesterday; we couldn’t work out how to make it free to members of both organizations but charge everyone else, so it’s just free to all. Mark McGee was going to give a webinar in the spring; he was planning to present on a metadata engine, but it hasn’t been delivered yet so the webinar is on hold. The Education committee sent out a call for topics but no response yet. Wade has someone from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory who wants to talk about what they’re doing with remote sensing and metadata. Marc’s webinar would be one we could charge for, since it’s only for MAGIRT members, but charging for webinars is a recurring issue.

*Publications (Sandy)* – The committee will be having an online meeting next Monday.

*CaMMS/MAGIRT Cataloging Interest Group (Iris)* – The next meeting of the Interest Group will take place at Midwinter.

**Announcements**

Planning for both of the formal programs at Annual are moving forward nicely. Planners will be holding a conference call with Eric Kansa to finalize his needs for his presentation; Paige and his GODORT colleagues will be meeting to work on plans and publicity for the joint MAGIRT/GODORT program.

Jorge Gonzalez is now the Map Cataloging representative to the PCC Standing Committee on Training.

**Adjournment**

**Next Exec Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015, via Zoom.
ALA MIDWINTER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
SMALL ROUND TABLES COUNCILOR
Jennifer Jung Gallant

ALA will post Council Minutes and the Implementation Report on ALA Connect for a more complete version of the meetings. Documents and full reports can be found there as some are lengthy. Following are highlights from the sessions. Feel free to share this information as appropriate with your members if there is interest. Sorry that I could not get to more of your sessions, I will try again at Annual.

ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session
Saturday, January 31st, 2015

Standard reports from Courtney Young, ALA President; Sari Feldman, ALA President-Elect; and Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director were given. In general, the first two covered their plans and initiatives and what they had been doing (meetings, travels, speeches, publications, etc.). The last covers ALA activities including highlights from each division.

BARC chair, Patricia Wand, stated that after a lot of fact finding about costs and deliberating, BARC recommends that the Midwinter Program footprint not change. There had been a proposed resolution that more programs be presented at Midwinter which has traditionally been a working committee focused meeting and the Annual meeting hosting programs.

Mario Gonzalez, ALA Treasurer, announced that ALA did well this year because of its investment portfolio and was in the black. Round Table finances did well. ALA membership figures have declined for a number of reasons both economic and demographic among others. Rodney Hersberger, Endowment Chair gave a brief overview and announced that there was 40 million dollars in the Endowment Fund. He answered questions from the floor about investments.

Teri Switzer gave the 2015 ALA Nominating Committee Report.

Council I - Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved and Reports of Nominations for ALA Council Committees were given. Tellers were appointed. Executive Board Actions since the Annual Conference were reviewed. Most of those were approval of budgetary ceilings for the upcoming year. The Implementation Report of Council Actions was reviewed.

Council broke into small groups for input on 3 areas of Strategic Planning – Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional and Leadership Development. Groups reported out.

Council II – Monday, February 2, 2015

The report of the Committee on Accreditation was given by Mary Stansbury, Chair, and was accepted. The Revised Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies was passed. The revision had been posted on ALA Connect and feedback had been reviewed for the new version of the standards.
The report of the Policy Monitoring Committee was given by Henry Stewart, Chair. Changes to the ALA Policy Manual referred to the committee by Council at the Las Vegas Annual Meeting 2014 on committee communication, the lifespan of Membership Initiative Groups, and an interpretation of the Code of Ethics regarding “The Copyright” were made.

The recommendation from the Committee on Organization chaired by Mary E. Rzepczyski addressing term limits on BARC for the ALA Treasurer position was referred back for further clarification of the wording “in a lifetime.”

After a great deal of discussion and debate worthy of Parliamentarian Procedure, it was voted to return to using Robert’s Rules of Order in lieu of what was formerly Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. Kudos to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee chaired by James Rettig for its thorough research and preparatory work.

The Freedom to Read Foundation Report was delivered by chair, Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. and approved.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Programmatic Priorities based on President Courtney Young’s initiatives were passed as presented by ALA Treasurer, Mario Gonzalez.

The Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014 was moved to Council III. The Resolution on ALA Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola as withdrawn pending additional information about the Endowment Fund. The Resolution encouraging Library Directors to Join their Trustees to ALA and United for Libraries was referred back for friendly amending.

COUNCIL III – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY III

Memorials were given for Diane P. Monnier, Jean E. Lowrie, Roger C. Greer, Chris Olson, Ruth V. Bell, Ferol Ann Accola Foos, Miriam Drake, Lois Mai Chan, Judith Hopkins, Mary Woodley, Julia Claire Blixrud, Vivian Blache Cazayoux, Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr., John H. Hunter, Donald J. Sager, Leslie Feinberg, and Paul Kay Sybrowski. Tributes were given for Nathan Scott, The Ferguson Municipal Public Library, Linda H. Lord, Charles Wilt, and Tom Wheeler.

The Resolution Urging Library Directors to Encourage and Support United for Libraries Memberships for Each of their Trustees from Council II had been reworded and clarified and was passed.

Loida Garcia-Febo, Julius C. Jefferson Jr., and Mike Marlin were elected to the ALA Executive Board.

Loida Garcia-Febo, chair of the International Relations Committee, presented a resolution recognizing UNESCO for their achievements and urging Congress to approve funding for the United States to continue as a dues paying member of UNESCO. She also summarized other International Relations Committee activities in her report.

Committee Chair Doug Archer summarized the work of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. It is working on interpretations of Labeling issues which will be brought up at Annual in San Francisco. It is also working on patron privacy concerns. The Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression as Exemplified in the Attack on Charlie Hebdo was passed.

The Committee on Legislation chaired by Vivian Wynn who has done a stellar job answering concerns raised by Councilors via Council Listserv passed their resolution in support
of National Technical Information Service (NTIS) urging the U.S. Congress to fund their digital reports as well as preserving their collections. The resolution also urges Congress to ensure the existence of a national repository to provide public access to these reports if NTIS-enabling legislation is eliminated. (See exact wording of the resolution on ALA Connect). She, too, summarized the COL’s activities. A FLAG Committee (Federal Legislative Advocacy Group) is forming and is intended to be a highly personalized grass roots cadre of advocates for libraries. LSTA is up for reauthorization. The Office of Government Relations has added new staff.

Trevor Dawes, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion reported out. The Task Force was formed to address the issue of holding the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando with regard to Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” laws. After including many interested groups including round tables and soliciting feedback, it was determined that moving ALA’s conference was economically damaging. The full roster of members is available at http://www.ala.org/groups/task-force-equity-diversity-and-inclusion. Presenting educational sessions and serving as change agents would be an alternative plan of action. The task force would like to create a cohesive group of all ALA parties interested in diversity. It has worked on definitions on diversity and is currently surveying members for reactions to these definitions.

After a great deal of passionate discussion on the Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014, the resolution was defeated.

Final attendance at snowy Midwinter was 10,637 (slightly below Seattle and Philadelphia). Feel free to contact me if you have questions.
### MAGIRT ALA Annual Conference San Francisco
June 25th - 30th, 2015

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

Room information and Honors Award Banquet information will be forthcoming in a future issue of *base line*

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### ALA Membership Map

Check out the cool ALA Membership map created by members of the GeoTech Committee with assistance from the ALA Membership Office. Membership can be displayed by State or in a heatcloud pattern by ALA Division or Roundtable. Locate where the MAGIRT hotspots are.

[http://arcweb.forest.usf.edu/flex/ALA/](http://arcweb.forest.usf.edu/flex/ALA/)
The Chair of GODORT, and a colleague of mine here at Penn State, Helen Sheehy, approached me on January 21st about an issue relating to some international boundary files that are on the United Nations library’s website but not accessible to the public. From there she shared a conversation with me from the chair of the International Documents Task Force of GODORT, in which Stephanie Braunstein states “Also, were you aware that the UN Depository is probably going defunct? This fact may be driving all other limitations to free UN materials. Our IDTF meeting will be addressing this issue—for sure!” Efforts at the ALA level to support our own U.S. Federal Depository Library Program have been ongoing for a while now, but it was leaders in GODORT who raised the issue at the international level and began a campaign to garner support for a letter asking the head of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library at the United Nations to work more closely with the library community to make changes so that international data will remain accessible to us and our patrons. MAGIRT backed that recent letter, co-sponsored by several ALA units and IFLA (authored by the International Documents Task Force of GODORT), a copy of which follows.
February 12, 2015

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Dear Mr. Watt and Ms. Paniagua,

The United Nations Depository Libraries Consultation Paper generated a good deal of discussion and commentary when it was distributed in the summer of 2014. Many of the same issues that the UN Depository Library Programme (DLP) is grappling with are facing US Federal and State depository libraries. These issues were discussed at length and with great concern during meetings of the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, and via several list serves and phone calls amongst government information librarians.

We understand that the staff from the UN DLP is preparing an Analysis Report, based on the feedback and comments to the Consultation Paper. In addition to the individual comments that were submitted, the library community within ALA’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) International Documents Task Force (IDTF) would like to highlight several points as the United Nations moves forward with planning and decision-making.

The UN Depository Library Program, including the “extent of deposited material,” is outlined and defined within the UN’s Official Documentation, specifically in:

- ST/Al/189/Add.11/Rev.2, Administrative Instruction, Section V. Extent of Deposited Material, Paragraphs 15-18

These examples of precedent should be considered when deciding on the future shape of the program, the digital repository and eCollection. Specifically, we urge that the same or additional categories of both documents and publications be included in the digital repository, along the lines of open access and open government gaining acceptance world-wide, and that the extent of this digital deposit be as comprehensive as possible.

In the 2014 Activities of the Department of Public Information: outreach and knowledge services Report of the Secretary-General, A/AC.198/2014/4, the basic framework for digitization, digital preservation, metadata creation, and the digital repository are discussed. However, the details of these programs and activities are still unclear, as is the role of UN depository libraries going forward.

In order to assure the community of the UN’s commitment to openness, transparency, and long-term preservation to its information, GODORT IDTF believes several key aspects of the DLP should be highlighted and embedded into the program going forward:

- Utilize the established network of UN depository libraries to provide services and comprehensive access to print and digital UN information.
- Recognize the value of the depository librarians' expertise with UN information and engage with this network of librarians on key issues like designing user interfaces for electronic materials, distributing digital documents and metadata, and developing ways to promote UN publications.
- Develop a structure for providing guidance to current UN depository libraries and other institutions in terms of professional development, current awareness, webinars, and training opportunities.
- Investigate and implement proper preservation/archival practices of digital content within the digital repository and eCollection programs of the UN (examples include The US Government Publishing Office (GPO) FDsys, LOCKSS, Helsinki, Portico).
- Ensure that libraries are able to obtain physical copies of UN official documentation, especially those who do not have stable online connectivity.
- Review and incorporate best practices from established digital repositories like the World Bank Open Knowledge Repository, with particular attention to their Open Access and Open Data Policies.
- Include Open Access for data resources from the statistical, geographic, and publishing arms of the UN.
- Offer significantly discounted pricing for the forthcoming UN eCollection to current UN depository libraries, based on the levels of knowledge and expertise in depository libraries and the longstanding UN tradition of making this information both affordable and widely available worldwide.
- Develop MARC or other metadata records for the eLibrary and digital repository content and make them available for libraries to include in their local online public access catalogs.

We note that the League of Nations enacted the first international organization depository library programme at the close of World War I. This tradition was carried on by the United Nations and has long served as the most admired and emulated model among international governmental organizations. We look forward to learning more about the decisions related to the UN DLP. The United Nations and its depository libraries have worked together for many years and we look forward to continuing and strengthening this relationship in the future. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Courteney Young
President
American Library Association

CC:
Helen Sheehy, Chair, Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)
John G. Andrew, Maps Cataloging Librarian Chair, Maps and Geospatial Information Round Table Cataloging and Metadata Services Dept. (MAGIRT)
Jeremy Darrington, Chair, Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). Law and Political Science Section (LPSS)
Stephanie Brenneman, Coordinator of ALA GODORT International Documents Task Force
James Church, ALA GODORT Representative to the Standing Committee of the IFLA Government Information and Official Publications Section (ICIPS)
Forthcoming MAGIRT-sponsored Webinars

MAGIRT’s Education Committee, under the leadership of Wade Bishop, has been very active since last summer in seeking out, working with ALA to set up, coordinating, and delivering a variety of geospatial/map related webinars. To date all of them have had very good turnouts, so we can consider them each a success. Please be aware that we have two more webinars just around the corner and we encourage you to attend! A link to the DAAC page describing the March 5th webinar’s content can be found within the announcement below.

Once ALA has set up announcements they will include a link for registering for each webinar. Look for advertised announcements coming soon from our webpage, Libguide page, Twitter, and Facebook accounts, the MAGIRT email list, and various listservs as well as future issues of base line.

March 5, 2015, 3:00 - 4:00 PM EST [Free for all attendees]
Yaxing Wei, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
The ORNL DAAC: Environmental Data Management Best Practices
https://ala.adobeconnect.com/e3c7upuiou8/event/speaker_info.html

March 26, 2015, 3:00 - 4:00 PM EST [$20; FREE for MAGIRT members]
Nicole Kong, Purdue University Libraries
Libraries Geospatial Support for the Digital Humanities

PolicyMap for Schools and Universities.
Get unlimited access to data with our easy-to-use, professional mapping tool.
THE LATEST DATA + EASY-TO-USE MAPPING
PolicyMap is an online data and mapping tool that offers access to national data about communities and markets. It is a powerful tool for research, market studies, and business planning.

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www.policymap.com/subscribe-site-license
“Uncharted territory,” I said. “The parts on the maps of our lives that we don’t understand. In cartographer’s language they call these places sleeping beauties.”—Christopher Barzak, The Love We Share Without Knowing.

Well, the UB Map Collection has been moved. All 108,000 lbs. of cabinets, loads of files, extra boxes of maps, some furniture, and numerous other things has finally landed in its new home. All I need to do now is to inspect all 700+ drawers, check for misplaced and damaged maps, look for things out of place, and run a service in my spare time.

I’ve been collecting items of interest in the meantime (insomnia has its benefits) and here are a few things I’ve pulled for you. Since this is just after Midwinter, I will be brief (also since I am still trying to fix things while the semester rages into full swing).

Below are some ideas and concepts, links to useful resources, and a few other things I’ve run into in my travels. I will get back to new maps and books in the near future as I am now back reading and finding some new items that you may find of interest.

**News and Ideas**

**Let’s Watch a Movie!**

Some days I come across interesting knowledge displays while I am not even looking for them. I stumbled onto a string of lectures on video that discuss geography and map making concepts that are currently useful to my daily work and that are relevant to my patrons. Several are listed below. Once you visit these and watch, you will find more topics along the margin of the video page. These are a great way to pick up knowledge that can help with learning new geo-concepts, or for enhancing your current abilities.

**The Frightening Future of Digital Maps** (Monica Stephens at TEDxEureka)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhLrEAgeMs4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhLrEAgeMs4)

Recently I gave an instructional session in a class on GIS data access. After the class I was looking at some materials on the professor and found a lecture she did regarding online maps and crowd-sourcing. The video is available and worth viewing. It does raise questions on how people perceive their environment based on the limited and skewed input they receive from their online experience, especially when their world involves twitter, yelp, Facebook, and other social media.

Dr. Stephens is one of the geographers at Floating Sheep [http://www.floatingsheep.org/](http://www.floatingsheep.org/), a group that studies the geospatial aspects of social media on the world.
Maps & Macroscopes: Gaining Insights from BIG Data (Katy Börner at TEDxBloomington)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQbBQCpVa8s

This lecture gives some ideas for the future of mapping and visualization of geo-referenced data. The theme of the maps being discussed maps science. For a further look at Dr. Börner’s work, see her web page http://ella.slis.indiana.edu/~katy/.

For more on maps in science, visit Places & Spaces: Mapping Science http://scimaps.org/iteration to see examples of the variety of maps that visualize science. A new exhibit in the series is being displayed starting this month.

Those Crazy Americans

Americans Were Asked To Place European Countries on a Map
http://www.buzzfeed.com/summeranne/americans-try-to-place-european-countries-on-a-map#.pm662JDKOOk

In November, Buzzfeed ran a survey, in which Americans were presented with an outline map of Europe that they had to complete by writing in the name of each country. A selection of the results is here.

Overall, the respondents did not do too well. In perspective, this is a social-media driven survey that may not be as objective as a more serious one, but it does offer clues as to geo-literacy in America (or anywhere else).

And Those British Nutters…

For a comparison, Britons were asked to fill in an outline map of the United States with equally sad success rates http://www.buzzfeed.com/robinedds/its-thanksgiving-so-we-asked-some-brits-to-label-the-us-stat#.xoB9qEGMI2.

Canadian Geographic Resources

The monthly magazine is only a fraction of the map materials available from this publisher. Online, they have a complete array of resources and I’ve chosen a selection of current items to provide examples. New articles are added regularly.

Mapping Canada's Busiest Airports
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1432

View a visual report of airline traffic across Canada using an interactive map that provides data as you hover over an airport.
A huge map was created to show bird and animal migrations across the continent. This is available through CG as a loan to educators (through a drawing) and is cosponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

**Geography Lingo to Impress Your Friends**
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1450
Test your geo-literacy with this short quiz

**How Maps Were Used To Politicize Early Canada**
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID=1402
This article describes the work of Herman Moll and the promoting of Canada. Shown are maps starting with Moll’s 1697 World map.

**Canadian Geographic Atlas Online**
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlas/
Explore Canada through maps. Good collection with search features to access maps. Includes sections for learning and education.

**CG Interactive Maps**
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/mapping/interactive-maps/
Examine maps showing a variety of themes, both national and worldwide.
You Are Here: 80 Years of Canadian Geographic Maps
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/vous_etes_ici-you_are_here/

Search a database of maps that were featured in the magazine. There is a timeline that lets you select maps by year, along with standard search features.

A feature in this section Cartography 101 http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/vous_etes_ici-you_are_here/?path=english/cartographie_101-cartography_101 Provides learning pages on what maps are, how they are made, glossaries, and other resources. Included are articles that give more in-depth discussions on mapping in Canada.

Off the Map
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/mapping/offthemap.asp

Take a more esoteric and humorous look at Canadian geography with this series of maps. Featured are maps showing Canadian place names relating to themes (e.g., Place names for procrastinators), which provide locations and names of cities and towns relating to the specific theme. Has zoom control to make it easier to read.

Overall, the Canadian Geographic site has a lot to offer in terms of maps and geographic articles. It is worth bookmarking and reading regularly. The materials will fulfill the needs of learners at any level. It also contains educational materials for school use.

Do not forget that the print edition is also an excellent publication and resource that will interest readers of all ages.

Websites

Not in Your Backyard?
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/superfund/?source=ngm_more

This map of the United States provides a visual status report on more than 1,700 Superfund cleanup sites. The sites are color-coded by status (i.e., Active, Construction Completed), and if you move the cursor to a site, a brief description appears. Find sites by navigating the map, or type an address or zip code to find out how many miles you live from the nearest Superfund site—or sites.
In addition, graphs provide additional visualizations of the sites in general. Again, hovering over a line on the graph will provide direct data on a specific site.

Watch 2,600 Years of Western Culture Unfold in One Beautiful Animated Map

Animated maps can visualize large sets of data in ways that static maps cannot. This is especially true when time and space studies are made. Last summer the journal Nature published an article “Humanity’s cultural history captured in 5-minute film” http://www.nature.com/news/humanity-s-cultural-history-captured-in-5-minute-film-1.15650 that provides a wonderful visual map of more than 120,000 notable figures in Western cultural history, and which describes each individual’s movement from birth to death. As the blog article above mentions, the Nature article did not emphasize that this study shows “Western” rather than “World” culture trends.

Births are shown in blue and deaths in red. This shows the changes in Western culture over the centuries and provides graphic depictions of the movement from the Mediterranean world to Los Angeles and New York.

The visual presentation is attractive, easy to follow, and interesting to watch. Individual names appear on the map as they move from birth to death, though given the number of people involved, names are not all readable. The shift from red to blue sections, visually demonstrates migration and settlement patterns along with growth of cultural centers. The narration helps viewing, giving verbal cues. See the article on the research that led to the map: Schich, M. et
al. “A Network Framework of Cultural History” Science 345, 558–562 (2014). The original article contains links to a PowerPoint slide that can be used for teaching, along with numerous references.

The movement of each individual is made from the place of their birth to the place of death so it is not an actual route through life, but instead, is basically straight line, or arc. But this still provides a graphic that can be used to make connections and comparisons of these moves.

The map is worth viewing by high school through adult learner and is a great idea-generating tool for students and professionals.

Search Thames: Where Thames Smooth Waters Glide
http://thames.me.uk/s000_search.htm

This is a map that provides an active look at the Thames River. It shows ships in transit, allowing selection and identification of individual vessels (similar to flightradar24 (air) and MarineTraffic (ships)), links to local features along the route, and a detailed index of all features on, and near the river.

You can search for a feature, search through an index, or choose to show regions of the river to begin browsing. The map covers the entire Thames watershed from the start to the sea and viewers may switch between satellite and map view. It uses a Google map interface so you can zoom in, see identified features (with markers), and can do a number of other activities.

Also included are tide and bridge times, along with links to additional data. There are charts of tides, tide clocks, and related data. Other features include lock information.

The ship location feature works with the MarineTraffic website http://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ to provide data on each ship, with its trip schedule, identification, and other data. This alone is worth examining.

Along with the map view, there are nautical charts and other maps that may be viewed below the main map. This is not apparent until you scroll down the page as the main map covers most of the active page, which is a good feature.

Also included are context-related photographs and resources for areas on the section of map being viewed. It makes studying the region more complete without having to refer to other resources outside this site.
This map is easier to describe by seeing it and examining the possibilities created by it. There is a lot of material here and it is not the most intuitive interface, however, this is a great resource and will assist anyone studying the Thames River region, or for someone wishing to take a virtual tour of the river, or for studying interactive maps as examples of what can be done with this system.

MarineTraffic

As long as I mentioned MarineTraffic, I will briefly describe its features. This is a useful tool to have at hand for studying international trade and travel, along with studies of human movement and interaction by sea.
You can view ships anywhere in the World, including the Great Lakes. Click on a ship and find its name, type of vessel, course, speed, destination, size, and other data. Included are private craft (see example in picture). The level of detail is amazing. Also included are photographs of the vessel and brief history data.

This web resource can provide a great amount of data for transportation studies as well as for other research. Along with sites featuring air and land travel, this provides the full range of transportation links to the World.

Real Time Satellite Tracking and Predictions
http://www.n2yo.com/

As long as we are tracking things, here is one site (among others) that tracks satellites over the Earth. Included are listings of some of the satellites available; you can organize lists by the type of satellite as well.

In addition, you can set up alerts for the arrival of the satellite overhead, or view other features of individual items orbiting the planet. Additional pages provide in-depth looks at some of the satellites. The ISS page is an example:

Live Streaming From International Space Station
http://www.n2yo.com/space-station/

Want to see what the ISS is seeing outside their window? Right now? This page provides live feeds of images, up to HD quality. Several views are available. Included on this page is a timetable for your current location showing what time the ISS will pass over/near you.
Re-Visions of Minard
http://www.datavis.ca/gallery/re-minard.php

I just reviewed a new book *Mapping Time* (ISBN: 9781589483125), which is a study of the famous flow line map of Charles Joseph Minard that describes Napoleon’s 1812 Russian Campaign. In the process, I did some online searching of related resources and came up with this page that shows current map makers versions of the map.

The page author states that “I use ‘re-vision’ in the sense of both ‘to revise’ and ‘to see again’, possibly from a new perspective.”

Included are links to articles on Minard, submissions of variant maps by designers, and additional materials. This page shows how data can be displayed in different ways to show the same theme. The DataVis website has more visualizations on other topics and is also worth exploring.

This Is the True Size of Africa
http://www.iflscience.com/environment/africas-size-perspective

I have looked for comparison maps for many years, to the point that I ended up drawing my own for professors and patrons. So when I find a map that is worth saving, it is also worth telling you about.

This map, by Kal Krause, is offered by the cartographer to the World, in order to boost awareness of the real size of things. Our perceptions can sometimes be swayed by a variety of forces, not intentional, that give us a less than accurate idea of what really exists. This map [http://i.imgur.com/ocPOCRj.jpg](http://i.imgur.com/ocPOCRj.jpg) provides Africa with the other countries fit inside its boundaries. Also given are lists of countries with their area and rankings in size.

Population Map of India 2015

India has a sizeable and diverse population. *India Online* provides maps showing the population using various themes. The main map shows general population statistics by state. A menu lists other thematic population data (no maps), such as Literacy rate, Slum population, Religion, and other topics.
The statistical data would be useful for creating maps on the various themes. One thing that I noted is that the split of Andhra Pradesh into that state and the new state of Telangana is not indicated on the map, nor on the tables. Otherwise, the statistical tables will provide a useful resource to anyone studying India.

**Why World Maps Are Misleading**

Along with perceptions about Africa, the Economist offers another explanation of the old “Mercator distortion” story. The article does not express one important detail about the Mercator projection, mainly its proper use, while again supporting the idea that it is a tool for imperial nations and racism.

This argument is important to relate occasionally as map people need to remind the world that projections serve a purpose and each has its inherent strengths and weaknesses. The use should determine the best projection, but it is always important to remember that no method is perfect.

One feature of the *Economist* article is that you can slide the tool across the map to compare Mercator and Peters projections. This is useful for people to visualize the difference. It also shows just one method for trying to provide an equal area view of the Earth.

Why the more accurate projections are not considered (i.e., Robinson) is something that I hope future journalists discover as they may find a more “real” view of things.

**Conclusion**

I hope that your weather improves soon. Here we are in sub-zero temperatures, with snow that won’t go anywhere. But next issue, things should be starting to bloom and I will have my stack of new books out for show. Also, I will have some new map items, including interesting topics, such as the New Silk Road.–DJB

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I see that you’re wearing a Cordiform map projection for Valentine’s Day!

Yes, it’s a Werner. Not very practical, but it’s fun for today.

I like the way it enhances your Northern Hemisphere!

Yeah, but my Australia feels really distorted.