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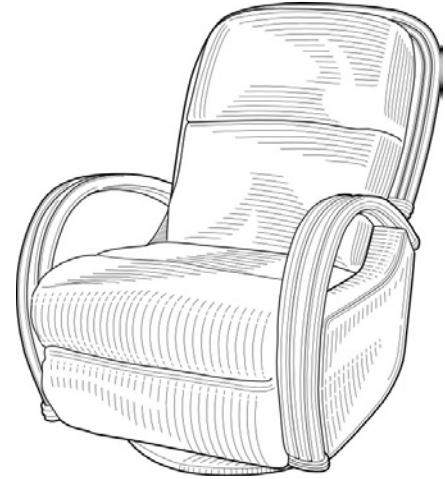


## FROM THE CHAIR

TIM KISER

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On the occasion of my first column as MAGIRT chair, I will take a moment to introduce myself. Since 2014 I have served as Catalog Librarian for Maps at Michigan State University, where I am chipping away at our backlog of many thousands of uncatalogued maps, and where I am fortunate to work alongside past MAGIRT chair Kathleen Weessies.



I arrived to librarianship later in life than some, and my entryway to library employment came via work-study programs. I grew up in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in a time and place where white collar career guidance was generally lacking. Even as an avid library user and self-directed learner (and major map and geography nerd), the idea of a career in libraries or academia never entered my mind. I graduated with a BFA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) in 1998, equipped with a rewarding hobby in landscape photography, and having bonded with the MCAD Library through work-study employment. I worked as a library assistant there until the early 2010s, by which time MCAD's librarians had helped me find my calling as a cataloger, and I began library school at the University of Michigan. At first I expected my career path would involve art libraries, until I discovered that work-study positions in map cataloging were available at UM's map library, which I fortunately recognized as a life-changing opportunity. I got my first training in map cataloging there, from Tim Utter, and was off and running with a new career focus.

As a new librarian in 2014-2015 I met Paige Andrew for the first time at his map cataloging workshop at an OLAC conference and attended my first meetings of MAGIRT's cataloging interest group and committee, where I was warmly welcomed. Little did I know that in the years ahead, I would fill in for Paige as a workshop instructor at OLAC, serve as chair of both the interest group and committee, and ultimately as chair of MAGIRT itself. The connections and opportunities I have gained through MAGIRT have advanced my professional development greatly, and I intend to pay that forward however I can.

I will close with congratulations and thanks to this year's MAGIRT Honors Award recipient, Nicole Kong of Purdue University; and to Paige Andrew of Penn State, who will retire in September. Thank you both for your years of generous service to MAGIRT and to our profession.



# ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

TAMMY WONG

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

## MAGIRT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC)

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 10:30-11:30 am – Chicago

Tim Kiser, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 14 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Tim Kiser, Maggie Long, Susan Moore, Laura Ramsey, Amy Swanson, Tammy Wong, and Min Zhang.

### 1. Call to order (Tim Kiser)

### 2. Welcome and introductions

CCC members and guests introduced themselves.

### 3. *base line* cataloging editor report (Tammy Wong)

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual Conference, in June 2022, were approved as published on [pages 16-22 of the August 2022 base line](#).

### 4. ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group Report (Amy Swanson)

Twelve people attended the meeting of the Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group held at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

- The meeting opened with a short discussion of useful resources to get started in the field as there were several attendees new to cartographic cataloging. The discussion then turned to different approaches libraries are taking to address harmful vocabularies in their library catalogs. A few attendees stated that they change how vocabularies display to the public in their library catalogs, with one institution contracting with the company Backstage Library Works to flip problematic headings. Two other approaches mentioned by attendees were to utilize the 650 field with a second indicator of 4 to add local headings or the 590 field to provide a local note about subject heading usage.
- The next topic of discussion was about processes for addressing and prioritizing backlogs of cartographic materials. Most attendees noted that they focus first on cataloging cartographic materials of the local geographic area where their institution or organization resides, then move outward geographically from there. Rare and historical maps, as well as maps deemed to have high research value, are also given cataloging priority. Several people mentioned that their institutions consider current politics

when setting cataloging priorities. Attendees offered assorted strategies for providing both internal and/or patron access to backlog materials without full catalog records. These include creating inventories, finding aids, digital images, and assigning Library of Congress call numbers to all maps, even those unprocessed.

- The discussion next moved to weeding of cartographic materials and advocating for map collections. Attendees agreed that it is vital to show library leadership the importance of a collection if it is being considered for weeding. This entails educating them on holdings, how faculty and researchers benefit and utilize the collection, and reinforcing the role maps play in history and for the future. Attendees concurred that different projects and programming help promote and advocate for map collections.
- There was a brief discussion of MARC proposal 2023-02 about adding subfield \$3 (Materials specified) to field 041 (Language code) so there would be a better indication of what part of a resource is in a particular language. This could be particularly beneficial for cartographic materials in relation to languages of map legends. There was some question as to whether this enhancement is really needed since there is already a language note in the 546 field, but it was ultimately decided that having more details, as this subfield provides, is beneficial.
- The final topic of discussion was the new RDA Toolkit. Since there is no formal training yet as to how to use the new toolkit, no one present at the meeting has a plan to utilize it until training modules on its practical use come out.

## **5. CC:DA report (Min Zhang)**

CC:DA annual meeting is going to take place virtually on Friday, July 14, 1-4pm and Friday, July 21, 12-3 pm (times in CDT, please adjust as necessary for your location).

This year's annual meeting will be virtual, but next year's annual meeting will be in-person in conjunction with the ALA Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. The Winter CC:DA meeting will be virtual, sometime in January 2024.

## **Bibliographic Framework Initiative**

Initiated by the Library of Congress, BIBFRAME provides a foundation for the future of bibliographic description, both on the web, and in the broader networked world that is grounded in Linked Data techniques. A major focus of the initiative is to determine a transition path for the MARC 21 formats while preserving a robust data exchange that has supported resource sharing and cataloging cost savings in recent decades.

## **BIBFRAME 2.0 to MARC 21 Conversion Specifications**

The following specifications were developed to support a pilot in the use of BIBFRAME 2.0 at the Library of Congress. They specify the conversion of BIBFRAME Work and Instance descriptions to MARC Bibliographic records.

## **BIBFRAME Conversion Specifications**

- 008 (Excel, 15 KB, 09/22/2022)
- Work (Excel, 81 KB, 01/11/2023)
- Instance (Excel, 134 KB, 11/02/2022)
- Item (Excel, 78 KB, 01/18/2023)
- Admin Metadata (Excel, 88 KB, 09/29/2022)
- Process notes (Word, 18KB, 09/22/2022)

The Specifications use the vocabularies and authorities that are in ID.LOC.GOV – Linked Data Service at <http://id.loc.gov> as they are resident in the Library’s BIBFRAME descriptions.

Note that these Specifications will be changed as needed as we develop the system for the BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot. Revisions to specifications will be indicated in the file name and the URI on the document will indicate a revision (e.g., v1.0, v1.1, v1.2, ...).

## **MARC Conventions used in the Conversions**

In the BIBFRAME to MARC conversion, it was occasionally necessary to make choices about the placement of data elements. In addition, the Library of Congress makes extensive use of URIs in BIBFRAME data and wished to avoid the loss of these URIs in the MARC version of a description. The following conventions were used:

- The 008 and 007/00 and 007/01 fields are created but they are also duplicated in other fields where a URI for the value could be recorded.
- For data elements that could have multiple locations in a MARC record, only one location was usually chosen.
- Selected 880 fields were created to pair with the 245, 250, 264 and 490 fields. Non-Latin data will appear in non-880 fields and there is less transliteration of non-Latin data.
- For LCSH subject headings, a URI only appears if it matches the entire heading. Complex headings that are created from free-floating subdivisions will not include URIs.
- Punctuation at subfield boundaries is not inserted if it is not carried in the corresponding BIBFRAME element.
- URIs are carried in the MARC \$0 subfields.

## **The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit**

PCC is currently developing a report detailing toolkit usability among PCC catalogers and subsequent evaluator recommendations regarding revisions to LC-PCC policy statements and Metadata Guidance Documents (MGDs).

PTCP is also overseeing the development of MGDs addressing string-encoding scheme instructions for cataloging elements with official RDA. More information about RDA content structure, policy statements, and MGDs is available through the ALA on-demand webinar, “RDA Webinar Series (Part Three): RDA, Policy Statements, and MGDs: How the Documentation Works Together.”



## **Subject Cataloging & Classification**

In April, ABA collaborated with the Indigenous Knowledge Standing Committee of the Council of Prairie & Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL), a consortium of university libraries in western Canada, to discuss reparative description for Indigenous peoples. The Library presentation to COPPUL will be posted to the ABA website.

## **Expanding Inclusion of Armenian and Thai Scripts in Bibliographic Records**

ABA divisions are working to expand the use of non-Latin scripts in bibliographic description, beyond the traditional MARC-8 repertoire of UTF-8 (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Perso-Arabic, Hebrew/Yiddish, and Cyrillic), most recently resulting in a recommendation to include Armenian and Thai scripts bibliographic records.

## **Digital Services Directorate (DSD)**

### **Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative (FADGI)**

The FADGI Still Image Working Group published “Technical Guidelines for Digitizing Cultural Heritage Materials: Third Edition,” and the Audio-Visual Working Group published “Definitions for Key Accessibility Features for Digital Audiovisual Collections Content.” The Audio-Visual and Still Images Working Groups also began a new joint project to define standard output packages for imaged audio created by non-contact scanning of original artifacts.

### **Sustainability of Digital Formats**

The Sustainability of Digital Formats’ work-plan for 2022–2023 prioritizes areas from the Recommended Formats Statement in geospatial and 3D, virtual-reality, and related design formats. Additional areas of focus include accessibility formats supporting audio players, screen readers, audiovisual captioning, and subtitles.

### **By the People: Volunteer-Crowdsourced Transcription**

Since 2018, By the People volunteers have transcribed more than 650,000 pages via crowd.loc.gov – improving discovery Library materials and supporting computational research through the release of bulk transcription datasets. The program’s open-source Concordia transcription software is continuously improved with new features. Current transcription campaigns can be found at [crowd.loc.gov/campaigns-topics](https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns-topics).

## **Web Archiving**

Recent updates to the Library’s web archive collections included the Protests Against Racism Web Archive, documenting activism in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd. Read the press release for more information. The Web Archiving program preserved nearly 600 TB of content this year and enabled access to more than 31,500 web archives.

## **Stacks**

Stacks provides reading-room access to rights-restricted digital materials from the Library’s permanent collection. It contains 162,853 books, 358,404 newspaper articles, and 738,981 journal articles and continues to expand.

## **Collections Discovery & Metadata Services**

The Collections Discovery and Metadata Services Division (CDMS), formerly the ILS Program Office, is leading the implementation of the Library Collections Access Platform (L-CAP) along with the Office of the Chief Information Officer. EBSCO was selected to implement FOLIO and the L-CAP discovery layer—an open-source IT platform that will revolutionize how the Library’s vast collections are managed and made accessible—slated for launch in October 2024.

CDMS also manages the Library’s ILS, e-Resource Management System, OpenURL resolver, Shibboleth authentication service, and Z39.50 access to Library metadata. Updates include the following:

**§ Integrated Library System (ILS)** Utilizing Voyager 10.3 software, the ILS contains more than 20,309,900 bibliographic, 22,964,430 holdings, 28,964,430 item, and 11,788,975 authority records and receives approximately 68 million views per year.

**§ Finding Aids Search** 3,027 Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids currently enable user access to 83.5 million archival Library collection items.

**§ LC Persistent Identifiers** The handle server, which creates persistent identifiers for Library-managed digital resources, supports 5,197,275 handles and processed 23,903,735 requests from October–May.

## **6. LC Geography and Map Division report (Paulette Hasier)**

Since the reopening of the G&M Reading Room in April 2022, the division has welcomed an increasing number of walk-in researchers as well as those making appointments, and presented multiple successful subject specific and general [virtual orientations](#) and on-site displays for Congressional members and staff, for academic and professional groups, and for the general public.

In fiscal 2023, G&M acquired many noteworthy cartographic items and collections; both analog and digital, from early maps produced in developing countries to current map data. Maps were also received from transfers of cartographic materials from U.S. Federal agencies and other Library divisions. Deposits from the Copyright office Acquisitions and Deposit Division slowed are slowly increasing to pre-pandemic numbers.

G&M continues to share expertise with online patrons by publishing new research guides, including [a Guide to Maps and Geographic Reference Materials related to Afghanistan](#) and resources highlighting [Cartographic Railroad Resources at the Library of Congress](#). The Division continues to expand social media engagement, through an active Twitter presence with over 679,000 impressions to date, and its [Worlds Revealed](#) blog which has received more than 158,000 unique visits and more than 93,000 views, exposing the breadth of the collection to a wide audience.

Since March 2018, G&M has published 85 online interactive applications that highlight creative ways to facilitate the accessibility of thousands of collections, using the Geographic Information Systems (GIS)-based tool [Story Maps](#) and have garnered well over 731,000 views. The division has also published several interactive web map



applications highlighting Library collections, including the [Climatological Database for the World's Oceans, 1750-1850](#), [View from Above: Exploring the Panoramic Map Collection](#), and our very popular [Sanborn Atlas Volume Finder](#).

G&M's Cataloging Team (CT) is working on several projects that increase user discoverability and expand access to the library's cartographic collections. One of them is Gaihozu Project. CT created more than 690 bibliographic records describing Japan's World War II Imperial map collection, including over 9,700 maps at sheet level. In addition, approximately 140 maps of Sakhalin Region (Russia) have recently been discovered and added to the Gaihozu collection. They are now available to researchers and the general public.

Members of G&M continue to be active in ALA. Min Zhang is the past chair of the Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT). Min Zhang, Iris Taylor, and Tammy Wong serve on the MAGIRT Cataloging & Classification Committee.

## 7. OCLC report (Laura Ramsey)

### MAGIRT Cataloging & Classification Committee

2023 ALA Annual Conference

June 2023

Prepared by Laura Ramsey

### Metadata Quality News

- **Virtual ASKQC Office Hours:** we continue to present office hours most months, offering each monthly session twice. Upcoming sessions:
  - July: De-biasing Dewey: righting the past by rewriting the classification
  - August: Rapid harm reduction with locally preferred subjects in WorldCat Discovery
  - September: Get informed about genre/form terms
  - November: MARC fields for manuscripts and archival collections

See [oclc.org/askqc](https://oclc.org/askqc) for topics, registration, and recordings of past office hours.

- **Member Merge:** OCLC now has 68 member libraries merging duplicate bibliographic records. The only requirement is that your library be a PCC member. If interested in participating, let [askqc@oclc.org](mailto:askqc@oclc.org) know. **Coming soon** is merging functionality in Record Manager!
- **DDC enrichment project:**
  - Add DDC numbers to records that lack them
  - Class number comes from other records in the same work cluster
  - ~33 million records processed out of 85 million

- **NACO authority file updates:**
  - Removing field 375 with gender from 1.3 million records
  - Recoding family names as valid for subject use in 1200 records
  - Waiting on authorization from the Library of Congress
- **OCLC data labelling project:**
  - Collected data on 34,356 pairs of potential duplicate records used to train duplicate model
  - Data Quality staff reviewed results of model
  - Results of model to be applied to WorldCat in the next few months to eliminate millions of duplicate records (books format only)
  - For more details on our machine learning efforts, see the April 2023 VAOH session recording
- **Jay Weitz retiring after 41 years!**
  - [Kudoboard](#)

## 8. MARC Advisory Committee representative report (Susan Moore)

The MARC Advisory Committee met over Zoom June 28 and 29, 2023.

There were two Fast Track proposals approved between the January and June meetings of MAC.

- FT01 - adds \$0 and \$1 to Field 658 - Index Term-Curriculum Objective.
- FT02 - Field 368 Other Attributes of Person or Corporate Body \$d renamed and redefined from Title of person to Term of rank or honor or office.

### **Proposal 2023-05:** Attributes of Family in the MARC 21 Authority Format

After some discussion regarding the necessity of adding information regarding occupation and addresses of families. Addresses and occupations would not need to be recorded for living persons. Motion passed.

### **Proposal 2023-06:** Defining a New Field for Cluster ISSNs in the MARC 21 Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings Format

There was a question raised about the lead time for implementing cluster ISSNs. The ISSN Center plans on giving a lead time of at least 6 months before issuing cluster ISSNs. Motion passed.

### **Discussion Paper 2023-DP05** Refinement of Accessibility Field 341 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format.

Discussion largely concerned how to handle situations where the terms recorded may come from different vocabularies. Various ways of addressing these situations were brought up. After a straw poll, there was a slight preference for the second option, which would allow terms from any vocabulary identified in \$2 to be used. The writers will take the discussion under consideration as they revise the paper.

## **2023-DP06 Adding Subfield \$3 to Field 532 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format**

Since various components of a resource can have different ways of making the components accessible, this discussion paper suggests adding \$3 to Field 532 (Accessibility Note). MAC voted to fast track this discussion paper to a proposal. The potential need for a best practice for the use of \$3 was also brought up.

## **2023-DP08 Adding Subfields \$0, \$1, and \$5 to Linking Fields 76X-78X in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format.**

OCLC will bring back a separate proposal for adding \$5 to selected linking fields. Discussion focused on the options presented and whether the linkages would be to works or expressions. The examples will be corrected since we shouldn't be trying to link to a specific manifestation of a work. OCLC will bring back a revised discussion paper concerning \$0 and \$1.

### **Discussion on \$0 and \$1**

Given that we had a couple of papers and a proposal that included adding \$0 and \$1 to various fields, we had an addition to the agenda to have a general discussion about these two subfields and how they are used. With all of these communities requesting adding both \$0 and \$1, we had a discussion as to what these fields are meant to do. They may be hedging their bets by asking for both fields. Should we still try to make a distinction between the \$0 and \$1? \$0 points to an authority record (a document on the web) while \$1 points to a real-world object. In the linked data world, the \$1 does the linkage work in computer systems. We looked at the [PCC documentation on URIs](#) to help inform our discussion. The group discussed whether there is still a case to have the distinction between \$0 and \$1. Most of the proposals coming before MAC with ideas for these subfields propose adding both, possibly due to confusion as to what the differences are. PCC is setting up a new task group on URIs to reevaluate and consider next steps. There seems to be a case to be made to keep both. Guidance needs to be provided as to what each subfield does and is needed. This is probably not MAC's role. A helpful [table on how various identifiers are used](#) was shared. The fact that it has been 5 years since we created \$0 and \$1, the question on how the people creating linked data are using these data was raised. The rep from the ISSN Review Group reminded us that since that group is international, they can't follow either PCC or [RSC guidelines](#).

## **9. RBMS/DCRMC report (Amy Swanson)**

### **RBMS/DCRMC Report to MAGIRT – ALA Annual Conference 2023**

#### **1. Controlled Vocabulary for Rare Materials Cataloging (RBMS CVRMC)**

The Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group officially launched the Controlled Vocabulary of Rare Materials Cataloging in March 2023. The [linked data thesaurus](#) combines the six former RBMS thesauri into one resource with a new structure with a hierarchical browse/view on the landing page hosted by the Library of Congress Linked Data Service. The group is currently in the process of creating a crosswalk spreadsheet to aid in bibliographic file maintenance. There will also be a new

form for submitting proposed terms and change suggestions coming soon. The Prejudicial Materials Working Group of RBMS's Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group has proposed 50 new and revised terms for the thesaurus. Feedback was due May 26, 2023 and will be taken into account when deciding whether to add these terms.

## 2. RBMS Conference

The RBMS 2023 Conference will be held on June 27-30 in Bloomington, Indiana. The theme is A New Kind of Professional and will discuss how to welcome, prepare, and retain new workers for the complex demands of the profession. It will focus on continuing education, critical library theory, and new approaches to collections and careers.

## 3. Liaison Roles within RBMS

The RBMS Executive Committee has been working toward a concrete definition of what it means to be an official liaison in the context of RBMS work.

## 10. Announcement (Tim Kiser)

The chair of this committee is available. Please contact Tim Kiser ([tkiser@msu.edu](mailto:tkiser@msu.edu)) or any MAGIRT officer if interested in serving.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Wong



## MAGIRT Exec Board & Membership Meeting Announced August 21, 2023

Please join us for August's MAGIRT Executive Board and Membership meeting, to be held remotely on Monday, August 21, at 3pm EDT/12pm PDT. Our Zoom link will be shared via ALA Connect and MAPS-L. Of special note is that *base line* editor John A. Olson, who will leave that role in December, will be joining us to talk about the workflows and time commitments of editing *base line*. Serving as our newsletter editor is an opportunity to build experience in editorship, and to lead in MAGIRT without an expectation of in-person conference attendance, and we hope you'll consider volunteering. We also have several other vacant leadership positions. As always, if you are interested in professional service opportunities through MAGIRT, feel free to contact Tim Kiser ([tkiser@msu.edu](mailto:tkiser@msu.edu)) or any MAGIRT officer.



# **MAGIRT Executive Board and Membership Meeting**

## **ALA Annual Conference 2023 - Chicago**

### **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**Time:** 2023-06-25, 4:00-5:30 PM Central Time

**Present:** see sign in sheet

**Regrets:** Craig Haggit, Iris Taylor, Min Zhang

- 1. Call to order - 4:05 pm Central**
- 2. Call for changes to Agenda**
  - a. (no changes)
- 3. Secretary--Minutes from past meeting (Laura McElfresh)**
  - a. Board last met in March; minutes are in [base line April issue](#) (v.44:no.2)
- 4. Officer Reports**
  - a. Chair - Kevin Dyke**
    - i. no report
  - b. Vice Chair - Tim Kiser**
    - i. MAGIRT Honors Award Dinner at Maggiano's was successful
    - ii. Looking forward to the year ahead as chair of MAGIRT
  - c. Secretary - Laura McElfresh**
    - i. Laura is without her laptop and will have to do handwritten notes instead of typing them in real time. So, minutes for this meeting will be later than usual, but should be done in time to get them ready for the August *base line*.
    - ii. Additionally, she is currently experiencing near-total hearing loss in one ear. Please help fill in gaps and correct errors (as usual, but more so).
    - iii. That said, she is grateful to have been elected to a second term as Secretary!
  - d. Webmaster - Craig Haggit** (report given by Kevin)
    - i. Craig couldn't make it to ALA Annual. Additionally, due to his new role he is leaving ALA and therefore MAGIRT, so we need a new webmaster.
    - ii. See also Website update under Membership & Marketing Committee (7. e. iii.)
  - e. Treasurer - Iris Taylor** (report given by Kevin)
    - i. Iris submitted her report via email; see **Appendices A-C** of Board minutes (**pgs. 17-18**)
    - ii. Brief discussion of the report and proposed budget; no objections
  - f. Past Chair - Min Zhang**
    - i. Min had a conflict with the PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging) meeting.
- 5. Old Business - none**

## 6. New Business

### a. The Geotech Committee and GIS Discussion Group combined their meetings.

- i. discussion about viability for GIS in map libraries (MAGIRT)
- ii. Raised possibility of creating a virtual GIS group to be able to meet outside of ALA conferences, have more online events; but Wangyal would need help

## 7. Committee/DG/IG Reports

### a. Bylaws & Governing Documents/Nominations & Awards Committee

- i. Kevin is part of an RTCA task force to take up bylaws updating that began several years ago but paused due to ALA bylaws change.

### b. Cataloging & Classification Committee

- i. Met this morning (2023-06-25)
- ii. Discussion point for future: maybe consider moving online to better align with other cataloging policy committee meetings, many of which now meet online after ALA
- iii. Minutes will be ready for *base line* August issue
- iv. CCC Chair position available; we have one potential fall back volunteer

### c. Education Committee — vacant

### d. Geographic Technologies (GeoTech) Committee/GODORT GIS DG

- i. Wangyal looking to take a step back
- ii. 9 attendees
  - 1. May have been difficult to get people because the GeoTech/GIS meeting was miles away from the Convention Center (where all other MAGIRT meetings were held)
- iii. Eastview and HIG discussed new products/offerings; Wangyal asked for writeups to put in *base line* (for people who couldn't attend & for reach beyond MAGIRT)
- iv. Attendees talked about their projects

### e. Membership & Marketing Committee

- i. Membership stats
  - 1. March 2023 (243 members, 10% increase over 2022)
- ii. Plan to revitalize MAGIRT
  - 1. Current members: people do read *base line*, need to keep it going!
  - 2. Students: Education Committee can help
  - 3. Other ALA members
    - a. Individuals in public libraries, other situations
  - 4. Other map/GIS librarians who aren't current MAGIRT members
  - 5. Collaboration within ALA
    - a. Other round tables
      - i. GODORT is a natural partner, but other possibilities too
      - ii. Comics RT? (since some fiction includes maps)
      - iii. Gaming RT has "Round Table Round Table" events, where RTs get together to play online games



- b. Affinity groups that might have interest in maps, mapping, GIS
  - 6. Webinars/online events to engage current MAGIRT members and attract new ones
    - a. Map Librarianship 101: rotating themed intros for cataloging, GIS, map curation...
    - b. Regularly-scheduled drop-in events where people could get together to share what they're working on
    - c. Advertise these to library schools (and LIS faculty) too, so that students in need of map library content will know we're here
- iii. Website update
  - 1. Front page has been revamped
  - 2. Content has been produced, mainly just needs to get pushed up
    - a. Need a new qualified webmaster
- iv. Vacancies - current
  - 1. OPPC — newly combined, needs Chair
  - 2. Map Collection Management DG Chair
  - 3. Cataloging and Classification Committee Chair
  - 4. Geotech and GIS Committee Chair (newly combined as well)
  - 5. Education Committee Chair (also serves as liaison to ALA Education Committee)
  - 6. Webmaster
  - 7. *base line* newsletter editor (upcoming vacancy December 2023)
  - 8. *base line* "New Maps and Cartographic Materials" columnist
- v. Looking ahead — it's been difficult for MAGIRT the past few years, but Erin thinks we do have a future!
  - 1. We need to come together and make things happen. What does MAGIRT offer that other organizations do not?
- vi. Briefly discussed Board meeting structure & schedule
  - 1. Bimonthly(ish) meetings, next one will be in August
  - 2. Think about opening up Board meetings to the whole MAGIRT membership?
  - 3. Also maybe publicize Board meetings beyond just ALA Connect.

**f. Online Presence & Publications Committee (OPPC) — vacant**

**g. Cataloging of Cartographic Resources IG**

- i. 12 people were present; some were new to map cataloging, and we promoted some MAGIRT resources
- ii. Discussed 041 \$3 field (could be used to represent languages of map legends)
- iii. Talked about the approaches libraries are taking to address harmful vocabulary in their catalogs — local subject headings; public display settings
- iv. RDA — no one at the meeting is using new RDA much; generally taking a wait-and-see approach

- v. Processes for addressing and prioritizing backlogs
- vi. Weeding/advocacy for collections
- h. Map Collection Management DG**
  - i. Did not meet at ALA Annual, but the Cataloging IG ended up talking about collection management anyway (weeding; defending collections)!
  - ii. If no Chair is found, maybe “share” Cataloging and Collection Management meetings for the time being
  - iii. Wangyal also suggests GeoTech/GIS as a temporary meeting partner for CM
- i. Freedom to Read Foundation**
  - i. (Waiting to see if Iris has a report — just emailed her on 7/6)
- j. WAML liaison report**
  - i. Kathy emailed her report; see **Appendix D (page 19)**
- k. CC:DA Report**
  - i. Tim will include Min’s report with the Cartographic Cataloging Committee report in *base line*
- 8. Passing of the Gavel:** picture below; blame Laura/her phone for photo quality (or not)
- 9. Next Board Meeting:** We will not meet in July. The next MAGIRT Executive Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 22** at 3pm EDT/2pm CDT via Zoom. **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**
- 10. Adjournment:** 5:23 pm CDT



### Kevin Dyke and Tim Kiser pass the MAGIRT gavel



Photo by Laura McElfresh

## Appendix A:

# MAGIRT TREASURER'S REPORT

## June 22, 2023

This report is based on the ALA/MAGIRT performance report for FY23 ending **February 2023**. May 2023 Performance report will be published shortly!

### Overview:

Beginning Net Assets for MAGIRT as of February 2023	<b>\$ 60,735.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,386.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 473.00</b>
Current balance (income minus expenses as of February 2023)	<b><u>\$ 1,913.00</u></b>
Total Ending Net Assets for MAGIRT as of February 2023	<b><u>\$ 62,648.00</u></b>

### Comments:

- The \$2,386 of the income listed above comes from Dues/Personal.
- Treasurers attended a virtual Round Table Learning Session - ***Performance Reports & Endowments*** on May 16, 2023
- Outstanding invoices from ALA for MAGIRT Swag (estimated proposal attached \$342.05) and an invoice request by John Olson to Ana K. Niedermaier, Editorial Manager at East View Companies, for full-page ads for past issues of *base line*.
- Attached is a final Proposed Budget for adoption for 2023-2024 at the Executive Board meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2023, in Chicago at the ALA Annual Conference. Also attached to the emailed report was a completed ALA FY2024 Budget template with amounts included (not appended to these minutes).
- Here are a few suggestions:
  - Establish a scholarship/fellowship for MAGIRT members as part of any membership-building campaign.
  - Offer discounted membership fees with coupons or codes
  - LinkedIn Campaign

***(At any point, ALA may reduce these funds)***

Respectfully submitted, June 22, 2023 by Iris Taylor  
Treasurer, MAGIRT (2022-2023)



## Appendix B: MAGIRT Swag Proposal

### MAGIRT Swag Proposal

May 24, 2023  
Membership & Marketing Committee

**Funding Request:** 300 bookmarks and 200 sticker sheets (proofs attached)

**Justification:** This swag order will help MAGIRT attract new members. Current members will likewise receive these items in appreciation of their contributions to MAGIRT.

The bookmarks will be distributed at the ALA Annual Conference and LibLearnX. MAGIRT members can distribute the bookmarks during outreach on the expo floor, by visiting divisions and other roundtables, and during any other opportunities for MAGIRT recruiting.

Stickers will be distributed to current members and any potential members who attend MAGIRT meetings.

**Responsibility:** Danielle Ponton will order the stickers and bookmarks using MAGIRT funds, once approved.

**Cost:** \$342.05

## Appendix C: Proposed Budget for FY 2024 (2023/24)

MAGIRT				Memo Only
Line#	Line Item Description			
Adopted Budget for FY2024				
Projected #0000				
Fund: OPERATING/RND TABLES FUND (13)				
Unit Project: MAP/GEOSPATIAL RND TBL--Administrative 609-0000				
				Explanation
REVENUE				
4000	DUES/Personal	12 x \$483 = \$5,800		5,800
4142	Advertising/Online	12 x \$50 = \$600		600
4400	Donations/Honoraria	12 x \$42 = \$500		500
Total Revenue				
EXPENSES				
5122	Bank S/C	Banking transaction fees for MAGIRT purchases		
5300	Facilities Rent	Rental fees at Annual		
5302	Meal Functions	Meal functions for Annual Conference		
5304	Speaker/Guest Expense	Charges for any guest or speaker invited to a unit function at meetings & conferences		
5305	Speaker/Guest Honorarium	Honorarium for speaker at Annual Conference		
5306	Awards	Charges for any award items given as part of the MAGIRT Honors Award		
5309	Audio/Visual Equipment Rental & Labor	Charges for any audio/visual equipment rented (projectors, screens, laptops, etc.) at meetings & conferences		
5414	Supplies/Production	Supplies needed for MAGIRT/SWAG expenses for conferences (budgeted amounts \$149 Oct plus \$149 Apr)	\$	297.00
5911	IUT-Overhead	Charge 10% to the unit (MAGIRT) on personal dues revenue		
(TEI) Total Expenses plus Taxes/Income				
Net				

## Appendix D:

### **WAML Liaison Report to MAGIRT June 25, 2023**

The last WAML (Western Association of Map Libraries) conference took place via Zoom on September 19th-20th, 2022. The program included talks on subjects such as The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Collaboration makes it happen: lessons learned assessing GitHub learning materials, Santa's got a gun: a case study of cultural stereotypes revealed on a map, Exploring what can be done with map annotations: georeferencing metadata development and machine learning, The Mountain Legacy Project: real physical world collaboration, and Karl Baedeker and his handbooks for travelers. There were also lightning talks on topics such as Using ArcGIS field maps for collecting sensitive data, Dutton's Atlas: how cartography helped the Canyon become Grand, and Using GeoNames APIs to create geospatial metadata.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, WAML's officers are: President, Jessica Benner, vice president/president elect, Meg Miller, secretary, Lena Denis, treasurer, Bruce Godfrey, and past president, Kat Strickland.

This year's WAML conference will be held at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, from Wednesday, August 9th through Saturday, August 12th, 2023.

Presenters must present in person, but a limited version of the conference will be live-streamed on Thursday and Friday for virtual audiences, but not recorded. Registration for this event is separate from the main in-person conference registration. If people are not attending the conference in person but would like to watch the live-streamed presentations on Thursday and Friday, they should visit the virtual conference information page for program and information about how to register. In-person programs include talks on topics such as: Where in the world do we put wall maps?, A survey of student employment and geospatial services in academic libraries, GIS Librarians for Open Workflows (GLOW), and Teaching GIS for community engagement. There will also be lightning talks on topics such as Thinking about accessibility and our work, Digital pin map-a new way to browse a map collection, Cartographic puberty: the emergence of the Canadian Geographic Information system, and British Columbia's Dominion land surveys. There will also be workshops on OpenIndexMaps, and Weeding for the uncertain gardener: advice for massive map weeding projects. There will also be a memorial gathering for Stan Stevens and Phil Hoehn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rankin, WAML liaison



## MAGIRT Honors Award for 2023

### Presented to Nicole Kong

The MAGIRT Nominations and Awards Committee selected Ms. Nicole Kong, professor at Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies, as the recipient of the 2023 MAGIRT Honors Award. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement and major contributions to map and geospatial librarianship and to the Round Table. The presentation was made on June 24, 2023 at the MAGIRT Honors Award Celebration during the ALA Annual Conference. The award was presented by Past Chair Min Zhang. Portions of that presentation follow.

The nomination statements submitted to the Committee noted Nicole's significant contributions to both the field of cartographic librarianship and to MAGIRT. Nicole has provided leadership within MAGIRT, serving as the GeoTech committee chair from 2015 to 2019, for two consecutive terms, during which she shared her substantive knowledge on various projects. Under Nicole's leadership, the committee successfully addressed critical questions, opportunities, and challenges around emerging technologies through the creation of high-quality and tangible outputs. More specifically, as an expert in geospatial data portal and GIS server, Nicole helped the advancement of key topics such as online geospatial portal creation and geospatial data management.

She continues to be an active MAGIRT member. Nomination letters highlighted her motivational and resilient leadership as Chair from 2015 to 2019. MAGIRT Members strongly expressed their appreciation of her advocacy on behalf of MAGIRT to continue as a visible and independent Round Table within the larger ALA organization.



Photos by Tammy Wong



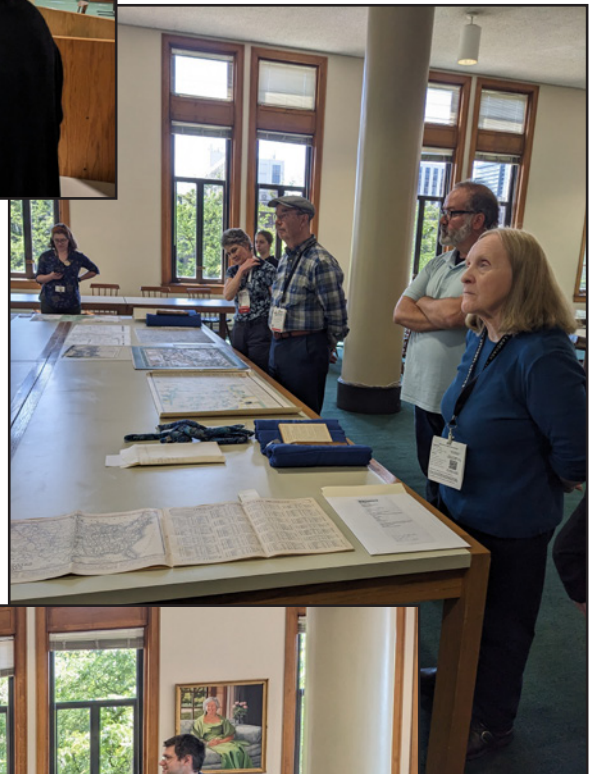


## MAGIRT Honors Award Dinner at Maggiano's



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## MAGIRT tour of the Newberry Library map collection with maps curator David Weimer



Photos by Kevin Dyke



## NEW MAPS AND CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

Your Name HERE

YOUR INSTITUTION NAME HERE

### WANTED!

#### New Maps and Cartographic Materials columnist

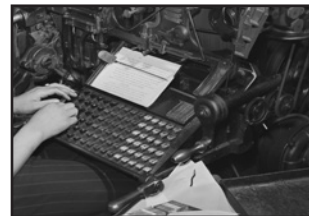
If you enjoy finding and exploring new atlases, maps and websites and also enjoy writing, why not combine the two together and write about them. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impactful contribution to our part of the library profession.

I would like to encourage any MAGIRT member who is interested and wishes to continue this important column in *base line*. It also looks great in that tenure or promotion portfolio. Please contact the Editor if you would like more information or are interested in writing this column.

### From the Editor's Keyboard

We are looking for a new Editor for *base line*.

After ten years, I would like to pass the Editor's torch on to another individual that will take this publication into the future and to the next level. I will continue as Editor of *base line* until the December issue.



It has been a privilege and honor to serve in this capacity to the membership of MAGIRT and to promote our corner of the library profession. So, it's been a good run for me, but I feel it's now time to turn it over to someone else.

If you are interested, I will gladly discuss with you the duties of this position.

## GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP by Jim Coombs

HEY BOSS, CHECK OUT THIS MAP I'M CATALOGING. IT HAS A WIERD SET OF ISLAND INSETS. I RECOGNISE HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO, BUT WHAT IS THIS ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE?



THAT'S NOT AN ISLAND! IT'S THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA!

WOW, WHAT BAD MAP DESIGN! NO INSET LABELS EITHER!

