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## FROM THE CHAIR

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This issue of *base line* finds us fresh off the Midwinter conference in Philadelphia. Vice-Chair Paige Andrew did an excellent job organizing a tour of the famous Philadelphia Print Shop led by co-owner Don Cresswell. We had two different dutch-treat dinners, one for those who took the 40 minute train ride up to the tour and another group who met closer to the convention center. I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling like these opportunities to connect with our MAGIRT colleagues are the highlight of the conference.

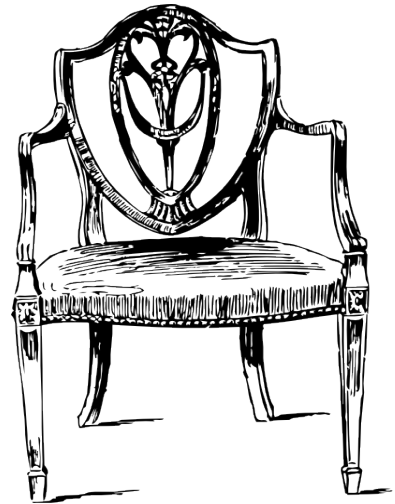
At the Round Table Coordinating Assembly, MAGIRT had its usually excellent showing of four officers. Past-chair Tracey Hughes urged ALA, challenged them even, to open up this meeting to virtual attendance so that Round Table leaders can sit in on meetings even when they are unable to attend the conference.

In addition to the usual discussion groups and meetings, we additionally had a Saturday afternoon session at which Patrick Florence of Tufts University and Rod Buhrsmith of Eastview Geospatial presented background and overviews of OpenGeoPortal and EVGeoCloud respectively and took questions from the audience. The session was moderated by GIS Discussion Group Leader Angie Lee. The session was well attended and lively, and I was pleased to provide conference attendees the opportunity to learn and discuss these new ways of indexing geospatial data.

This conference was an opportunity for several of us to meet with MAGIRT's Emerging Leader group, who have already begun meeting (to their credit, they began even before Midwinter!) and working on tasks related to our project, "MAGIRT Assessment and Outreach Capabilities." They will be working with Vice Chair Paige Andrew in anticipation of delivering the results of their work to MAGIRT at the Executive Board meeting in Las Vegas. Our group (Team H!) consists of: Brittany Byrd of the Lewis & Clark Library System in Helena, Montana; Andrew Coulon of Jacksonville Public Library (FL), Anne Gaines of the University of Idaho, and Ariana Hussain of the District of Columbia Public Library in Washington DC. We welcome their perspective on how MAGIRT can better serve its membership.

Aside from connecting with colleagues, Midwinter allowed us to fine tune our plans for the 2014 conference program, "The Accidental Map Librarian," which we now know will be held on Saturday June 28, 2014 at 1 pm, location to be announced. We even had a chance to meet with GODORT Chair-elect Helen Sheehy to discuss potential collaborations for the 2015 conference in San Francisco.

The MAGIRT Executive Board will meet online in March, May, and early June. These meetings are open to the membership. As the dates approach I will post an agenda online and instructions for joining us. You need not travel to a conference to participate in MAGIRT!



# COMMITTEE & DISCUSSION REPORTS

FROM ALA MIDWINTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA - JANUARY 2014

## Bylaws & Governing Documents

As of February 2014, there are no pending revisions for either the MAGIRT Bylaws or the MAGIRT Organizational Manual. Tracey Hughes, Chair of Bylaws & Governing Documents, will be reviewing the larger ALA documents to attempt to ensure that there are no conflicts between those governing documents and our own.

As Chair, Tracey has been keeping a list of items for potential future discussion with regard to the governing documents i.e. a 'parking lot'. At this time, there is one item on the list which was discussed and determined not to be acted upon at this time. This item is:

- Section V d viii. Standing Committees - Program Planning - this section was to be discussed at the in-person Program Planning meeting in Chicago; as written, it reflects current practice of the past several years of having the Vice Chair chair the committee during their first year in office, and then manage the program that is put on during their year as Chair. Discussion was to look at the structure of that committee and move it to a more regular committee with a 2 year chairperson who is not the MAGIRT Chair.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for the governing documents, please forward them to Tracey at [thughes@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:thughes@coloradomtn.edu). You can review our governing documents via the link on either the MAGIRT website at <http://www.ala.org/magirt/policies-procedures> or via the MAGIRT LibGuide at <http://magirt.ala.libguides.com/resources>.

## Online Presence Oversight Committee

The Committee meets every month via Skype and last met on January 20, 2014. At this meeting, discussion occurred regarding the upcoming change of leadership of the Committee, our outreach plans for ALA Midwinter 2014, and our next steps with regard to working with the Publications Committee/*base line* Editor on exploring ways we can better integrate *base line* content into the LibGuide.

Leadership: Jessica Clemons will be taking over as Chair of the Online Presence Oversight Committee at the conclusion of ALA Annual 2014, and we are all excited to have her move into this leadership role.

Outreach Plans for ALA Midwinter 2014: Jessica and Tracey will continue to be available during the Saturday 1-2:30 pm timeslot for assistance with the LibGuide. At that time, Tracey

and Jessica worked with Angie Lee, GIS Discussion Group Leader, to integrate and update content for that section of the LibGuide.

Publications Committee/*base line* Editor: Tracey will be contacting John Olson to see if he can attend the February 17, 2014 meeting of the Online Presence Committee to talk about potential ways to better integrate *base line* content into the LibGuide.

## Nominations & Awards

The Nominations & Awards Committee was busy during Fall 2014. We are pleased to have selected the 2014 MAGIRT Honors Awardee, successfully recruited and submitted two candidates for elected offices, and filled two upcoming Committee Chair vacancies!

MAGIRT Honors Awardee: The winner will be announced at ALA Annual 2014 during the MAGIRT Reception (time/date TBD). Thank you to those of you who submitted nominations – we listened to you and very much appreciated your input!

Elected Officer Candidates: We are extremely pleased to be putting forth new candidates for two elected officer positions which expire in June 2014. Tami Morse will be on the ballot for Secretary, and Beth Cox (our current Treasurer) will be running for Vice Chair of MAGIRT. **WHEN YOU SEE THE BALLOT COME OUT, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE VOTE! THERE IS SHAMEFULLY LOW ELECTION PARTICIPATION AND THE CHAIR TRIO WAS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ENCOURAGE OUR ROUND TABLES TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, SO HERE IS YOUR STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT!**

In the likely event that Beth Cox is elected as Vice-Chair, MAGIRT will be in need of a one year, temporary Treasurer. If you have any interest in this position, and hopefully interest in running for that position during the 2015 ALA Election, please contact Tracey Hughes at your earliest convenience at [thughes@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:thughes@coloradomtn.edu) and she will be happy to talk with you more about this leadership opportunity.

Committee Chair Vacancies/Replacements: Two Committees have their Chair terms expiring at the end of ALA Annual 2014 – the Online Presence Oversight Committee and the Publications Committee. We are pleased to have two excellent existing Committee members agree to step forward into those roles – Jessica Clemons for Online Presence and Sandy Schiefer for Publications. Many thanks to Roger for his hard work on the Publications Committee as Chair for the last few years!

Submitted by Tracey Hughes. 

## Map Collection Manager's Discussion Group

Saturday, January 25, 10:30-11:30am

Report by Kathleen Weessies who was standing in for the stand-in of the discussion group leader. I began by reading some of the highlights of the Discussion Group conversation from 10 years ago. Some topics hold up over time but we've also seen some evolution in map collection concerns. This day conversation was mostly dominated with concern for storing, indexing,

discovering, and providing access to geospatial data, both locally stored data and elsewhere stored data. The two leading solutions are OpenGeoPortal (an open source solution championed by Tufts and Harvard) and EVGeoCloud a very new vendor-based solution. Conversely, University of New Hampshire recently won an IMLS grant of \$450,000 to build a database that searches and provides access to geospatial materials. They plan to create a toolkit for other institutions to use. A tool that could help everyone would be an open source geocoder. Another useful tool is web-based georeferencing, three examples given were “Mapwarp Project,” ArcMap and a British Library/NYPL crowdsourcing project.

The government shutdown brought to our attention how much we rely on government sources of map, geodata, and names data servers. Several librarians in the room had agreements with their local governments to back up and archive geospatial data. We talked about the nature of the agreements. National Digital Elevation Program (NDEP) has a robust data exchange agreement that possibly could be looked at as a model.

Kathy Weimer reported on the Digital Humanities conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. She had founded geohumanities.org. They are interested in gazetteers and are planning a program on gazetteers.

Submitted by Kathleen Weessies. 

## **GIS Discussion Group meeting**

Saturday, January 25, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Primary topics covered at the GIS Discussion Group include Open Geoportal and EVGeoCloud, technologies for providing online access to geospatial data; gazetteers and geo-referencing place names; and strategies for preserving GIS data, especially data created by government agencies that do not have policies for preserving data.

Open Geoportal is a community-built web application for the rapid discover of geospatial data created and maintained by a consortium led by Tufts University, Harvard University and MIT. More information is available at [opengeoportal.org](http://opengeoportal.org). EVGeoCloud is a platform for hosting maps and geospatial data in an online environment managed by East View Geospatial. More information is available at [geospatial.com](http://geospatial.com).

A question about how libraries provided access to government information during the federal government shutdown sparked a lively conversation about preservation of geospatial data created by government agencies. Some institutions have agreements (formal and informal) with state and local government agencies to preserve GIS data. The consensus was that strategies vary widely from state to state (or city to city). The GeoMapp project was recommended as a source of information and recommendations; more information is available at [www.geomapp.net](http://www.geomapp.net).

Submitted by Angie Lee 



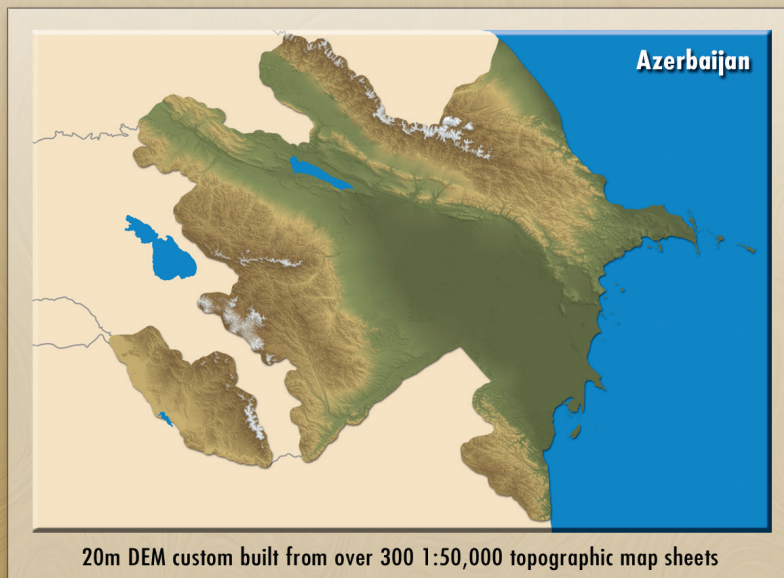
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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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### ***MAGIRT TREASURER'S REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ALA MIDWINTER MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2014***

This report covers the first four months of Fiscal Year 2014 and is based on the December 2013 MAGIRT performance report.

#### **Overview:**

Total Net Assets for MAGIRT as of August 30, 2013 = **\$34,916**

TOTAL INCOME [Sept. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013] = **\$ 2,679**

TOTAL EXPENSES [Sept. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013] = **\$ 305**

Current balance (income minus expenses 2013/14 ALA fiscal year) = **\$ 2,374**

Total Net Assets for MAGIRT as of December 31, 2013 = **\$37,290**

#### **Comments:**

There is very little to report at this point in the budget year. We have received about 45% of our expected income for dues.

The majority of our expenses come from the two conferences, so we will see a significant increase in funds spent on the February and/or March performance reports.

Beth Cox

Treasurer, MAGIRT (2013-2015) 

<b>FY2015 MAGIRT Budget Sept. 1, 2014 - Aug. 31, 2015</b>		
<b>Line#</b>	<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>FY2015 Budget</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
4000	Dues/Personal	\$5,720
4001	Dues/Organizational	\$2,400
4003	Dues Life Members-Current	\$-
4100	Sales/Books	\$750
4101	Sales/Pamphlets	\$-
4142	Advertising	\$100
4400	Donations/Honoraria	\$2,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,970</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
5122	Bank/SC	\$150
5210	Transportation	\$600
5212	Lodging & Meals	\$200
5300	Facilities Rent	\$200
5301	Conference Equipment Rental	\$1,100
5302	Meal Functions	\$2,000
5304	Speaker/Guest Expenses	\$1,500
5306	Awards	\$650
5309	A/V Equip. Rental	\$2,500
5402	Printing - Outside	\$300
5410	Mail Service - Outside	\$200
5433	Order Processing	\$-
5500	Supplies/Operating	\$300
5501	Equip/Software/Minor	\$600
5550	Promotion	\$500
5560	Organization Support	\$1,000
5599	Misc. Expense	\$-
5902	IUT-ITTS	\$50
5905	IUT-Telephone	\$50
5909	IUT-Dist. Center	\$75
5910	IUT-Repro.	\$500
5911	IUT-General Overhead	\$800
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,275</b>

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (Sept. 1, 2014-Aug. 31, 2015) was voted on and approved at the Executive Board meeting at Midwinter. A copy of the approved budget follows.

# ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

TAMMY WONG

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

## MAGIRT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC)

Sunday, January 26, 2014 10:30 – 11:30 am

Susan Moore, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 14 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Nancy Kandoian, Dorothy McGarry, 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. ***base line* cataloging editor report (Tammy Wong)**

The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual, in June, 2013, were approved as published on page 7 of the August 2013 *base line*.

It was a real pleasure to work with Steve Rogers, editor of *base line* in the past seven years. I look forward to working with the new editor, John Olson.

### 4. **ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group report (Summary report for CCC Marc McGee, CIG Coordinator)**

ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Materials Cataloging Interest Group ALA: Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Sunday, January 26, 2014

Approximately 28 people participated in the joint ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Materials Cataloging Interest Group.

## Announcements and Updates:

### MAGIRT-RDA Listserv

A new listserv ([magirt-rda@ala.org](mailto:magirt-rda@ala.org)) was established in October 2013 as a dedicated forum for discussing the cataloging of cartographic materials using RDA. As of late January 2014 there were 72 subscribers to the list and 3 dozen posts. The list is hosted by the ALA Mail List Service and an archive of posts is maintained on the ALA lists web site. The list is open to ALA members and non-members alike. To sign-up: <http://lists.ala.org/sympa/info/magirt-rda>

### OpenGeoportal Metadata Working Group

The first OpenGeoportal National Summit was held Oct. 27-28, 2013 in Boston, Mass. Over 40 people participated in the Summit and one of the action items of the meeting was to form a Metadata Working Group (MWG) to coordinate metadata standards and best practices among participating institutions. More information is available on the OpenGeoportal MWG wiki: <http://opengeoportal.org/working-groups/metadata/> Participation in the MWG is voluntary and open. If you'd like to participate in the group please contact MWG co-coordinator, Marc McGee ([mmcgee@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:mmcgee@fas.harvard.edu)).

### RDA for Cartographic Resources

A manuscript draft of *RDA for Cartographic Resources* by Paige Andrew, Mary Larsgaard, and Susan Moore has been completed and submitted to the publisher, ALA Editions, on time in early January 2014. The authors are waiting to receive feedback from the publisher but are hopeful of a publication date in time for ALA Annual 2014.

### Cartographic Resources Manual, Library of Congress Geography & Map Division

The Library of Congress Geography & Map Division has been working on a Cartographic Resources Manual which will replace the LC Map Cataloging Manual. When it is finished the manual will be published and made freely available on the Library of Congress web site. The tentative release date is sometime in 2014.

### Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)

Nancy Kandoian, part of the Editorial Team for the *DCRM(C)*, reported that the draft is still being worked on. *DCRM(C)* will be published as a free, online resource as a pdf and through Cataloger's Desktop. The publication date still unknown but possibly sometime in 2014. A draft version is available for review: <http://dcrmc.pbworks.com/> Nancy also noted that the *DCRM(-Graphics)* has been finished and published online: <http://rbms.info/dcrm/dcrmg/> and is also available through Cataloger's Desktop.

Discussion topics included:

- Applying the WEMI model to editions for cartographic materials
- Digital gazetteers and linked open data
- The purpose and limits of geographic coordinates in authority records
- Using geographic coordinate data in MARC records for spatial search interfaces
- Best practices for recording geographic coordinate data in MARC (DDMMSS vs. decimal degrees; and place-holding zeroes in 255s)
- Status of BIBFRAME
- OCLC's Bibliographic Record Notification service & the utility of minimal-level records for cartographic material
- Use of collection level/finding aid records to address map collection backlogs
- Library of Congress interlibrary loan services
- MarcEdit as a cataloging tool

A more detailed report of the Cataloging Interest Group meeting will be published in *base line* and the *ALCTS Newsletter Online*.

#### **5. Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials report (Paige Andrew for Mary Larsgaard)**

MAGIRT liaison to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials  
RE: Report on AACCCM work to MAGIRT  
DATE: 1/14/2014

The Members of the AACCCM are from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the U.S; usually there is one representative from each map librarianship organization, map-library-association member, and a member from the national library.

The major work of the committee – keeping current *Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2*, currently in its second edition (2003; 2004 update pages) – has come to an end. In August and September of 2013, members conducted an email discussion and decided there would be no further updates or revisions to the manual. So many changes would be required to the manual to make it RDA-compliant, everything from phrasing (it's “cartographic resources,” not “cartographic materials”) to the major theoretical difference of the concept of work-expression-manifestation-item, that a full revision of the manual would be the only appropriate way to reach that goal. This would be an expensive and time-consuming procedure, and the royalties from the sale of the manual (now at about \$4,000) would not begin to cover the cost involved.



Committee members perceived that map catalogers could use the to-come forthcoming revision of LCG&M's Map Cataloging Manual (perhaps spring of 2014?) and the forthcoming ALA Editions book, *RDA and Cartographic Resources* (perhaps by June 2014), by Paige Andrew, Susan Moore, and myself. Several members also noted that the present version of the manual remains vastly useful for guidance in matters not covered in RDA.

In September 2013, I emailed the head of ALA Editions, Don Chatham, to inform him that there would be no further updates or revisions to the manual.

The committee does need to stay in existence until ALA Editions formally declares the manual to be out of print; the time that will occur has not been decided. I shall check with Don Chatham on that matter.

At that time, committee members will make a decision on how to use the any existing royalties. Some committee members have expressed interest in using these funds for a continuing-education event for map catalogers.

I am resigning as liaison from MAGIRT to the committee effective January 31, 2014. I recommend that Susan Moore be appointed the new MAGIRT liaison. I shall continue maintaining the email reflector for the committee until such time as another committee member takes that task on.

## **6. ISBD report (Dorothy McGarry)**

Report on ISBD activities this year.

Information on the ISBD is included in the IFLA Cataloguing Section Strategic Plan, although this is still in draft form until after the IFLA conference in August. The ISBD Review Group also has a web page on the IFLA site.

The Linked Data Study Group has been working actively and some of its members met in Paris last October to work in person.

“*The IDBD profile in RDA*” was completed and is on the web. It shows mandatory ISBD areas and elements, refers to the RDA instructions (prior to the RDA July update) and, when there are options or alternatives, or no corresponding instruction, what the ISBD Review Group recommends.

The Review Group will conduct a survey this spring on uses of, and expectations for, the ISBD. It is anticipated that the survey will be analyzed in time to be reported to the Cataloguing Section Standing Committee at the August conference, and will then be published.

A special issue of *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly* will deal with the ISBD.

It is not expected that a new revision will be begun before 2-3 years. When it is done, it is anticipated that it will include stipulations for manuscripts.

## 7. CC:DA report (Min Zhang)

The agenda includes reports from the Chair, Representative of the Library of Congress, ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee, Chair of the JSC, Representative of MAC, PCC liaison, ALA Publishing Services, TF on Machine-Actionable Data, TF on Place Names, and Chair on CCS Executive Committee meetings. Five proposals from the ALA representative to the JSC were presented.

*Minutes of the 2013 Annual Conference* in Seattle, June 28 and July 1, 2013

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/?p=940>

*Chair's report*

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/chair201401.pdf>

*Report of the LC representative, January 2014*

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/LC201401.pdf>

*CC:DA agenda*

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/?p=979>

Five proposals from the ALA representative to the JSC were presented. The following three proposals might have impacts on cartographic resources.

*CC:DA/JSC Rep/KPG/2013/5*

Date of Production and Date of Manufacture elements – should a priority order be provided to prefer data in the resource itself first?

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/JSCrepGlennan201305.pdf>

There is a problem identifying the source of information for Date of Production (RDA 2.7.6.2) and Date of Manufacture (RDA 2.10.6.2).

*CC:DA/JSC Rep/KPG/2013/4*

Core elements in Distribution and Manufacture Statements: what constitutes “applicable and readily ascertainable”?

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/JSCrepGlennan201304.pdf>

There are two interpretations in RDA 2.9 (Distribution Statement), which interpretation is desired?

*CC:DA/JSC Rep/KPG/2013/2*

Problems with RDA 3.4.5.9, Leaves or Pages of Plates

<http://alcts.ala.org/ccdablog/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/JSCrepGlennan201302.pdf>

There is a conflict between the instructions in the first paragraph to record the number of leaves or pages of plates and the final paragraph which says to disregard unnumbered sequences of plates unless they meet certain criteria.

In this instruction, “plate” is defined obliquely, without reference to the RDA Glossary definition.

The instruction mentions the ability to record unnumbered plates, but does not contain information about how to do so.

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

Geography and Map Division Pre-ALA Mid-Winter 2014 Briefing Report

Compiled by Ralph Ehrenberg

The Office of the Architect of the Capitol began construction of a new Secured Storage Facility (SSF) within the Geography and Map Division, designed to house the Division’s platinum and gold atlas collections. This 1,625-square-foot facility, begun on November 1, 2012, is the most significant alteration/addition to the physical layout of the Division since it moved into the Madison Building in March 1980. This construction involved the relocation of approximately one quarter of the collection. Following the move of these maps, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) construction crew began the abatement process and installed a secured passageway, security monitors, and a shower decontamination unit within the Division. AOC also removed the asbestos floor tiling in the room under construction. The compact shelving contract was awarded and the interior of the new Secured Storage facility was completed (lights installed, wall and ceiling painted). The Division now awaits the arrival and installation of compact shelving units, which have been ordered.

\* The Geography and Map Division Reading Room will be temporarily relocated for eight weeks during a major renovation, starting in March 2014.

\* A “Memorandum of Understanding” was signed with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which provides ten staff members to the Geography and Map Division for one year to scan some 100,000 Geography and Map Division maps as part of a Defense Intelligence Agency contract with IBM.

\* The Geography and Map Division, the Philip Lee Phillips Society, and the John Carter Brown Library co-sponsored a one-day conference in the Coolidge Auditorium on May 17, 2013 titled *Re-Drawing Ptolemy: The Cartographic Creations of Martin Waldseemüller*.

\* The Geography and Map Division is in the process of acquiring a Geospatial digital data file of 1:25,000 scale vector data, consisting of 7,000 tiles (70 percent coverage) of Iran, dated from 2002-2008. This difficult-to-acquire purchase provides detailed recent coverage of a country constantly in the news and of great interest to Congress and the general public.

\* The Geography and Map Division Cataloging Team continues to work on the new edition of the *Map Cataloging Manual*.

\* The Geography and Map Division's online website remained the most effective method for reaching map users worldwide. Patrons visited the cartographic website nearly one and a-half million times, and viewed more than six million maps during the year. The Division's Digital Conversion Team added over 800 newly scanned maps since the last ALA meeting, for a total of more than 45,000 cartographic items online.

\* The Geography and Map Division's Congressional Cartography Program processed 28 customized geospatial data services for Congressional offices. Topics related to major US river basins, coastal and inland ports, homeland security, state poverty rates, new Congressional District boundaries, state boundaries and infrastructure, military command centers, climate and precipitation, historic land surveys, natural disasters and federal storm response, US and foreign energy, the populations of the states, international terrorism, the 2012 Presidential election, US borders, and places of worship.

\* The District of Columbia Early Americas Working Group (formerly based at George Washington University) was transferred to the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress. This group is a coalition of partners from local universities and other museums such as the Museum of Native American History and Dumbarton Oaks who also have important collections and interest in the history of the early Americas. Two seminars were held at Library of Congress in 2013: "Aztec and Mayan Religion" and "Aztec Linguistics."

\* The Library of Congress partnered with the Folger Institute for the first time to develop a graduate program for advanced students and early-career academics on the history of the early Americas. Marcy Norton of George Washington University and John Hessler of the Geography and Map Division led this group, which consisted of 12 students. The group worked extensively with primary sources and objects from the Kislak Collection in the fields of Imperial Ethnographies and Native Informants, Aesthetics and Objects in Early New Spain, and Science and Healing in Early Ethnographies.

\* Reference Specialist Edward Redmond of the Geography and Map Division participated in a collaborative project among Washington College, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and the Geography and Map Division. The project, slated for completion in 2014, is tentatively titled "Washington's World," and will be hosted on the Mount Vernon online website. This project will be the digital successor of the published George Washington Atlas and will prominently feature maps from the Geography and Map Division.

\* Washington, D. C. historian Pamela Scott was hired on a one-year contract with National Geographic Society Gift funds to complete the Historical Atlas on Washington, DC, begun by Richard W. Stephenson.

## 9. 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

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January, 24-27 2014

### *Pilot Project for Merging Duplicate Records in WorldCat*

OCLC has begun working with a few selected institutions on a pilot to explore extending the capability to merge duplicate bibliographic records to member libraries. The pilot will continue through the end of May as both the institutions and OCLC explore the feasibility of this extension to the Enhance Program and the Expert Community.

### *Updating Bibliographic Formats and Standards*

The updating of *Bibliographic Formats and Standards* to incorporate the OCLC-MARC Updates from Technical Bulletins 261 and 262 has been completed. The larger project of thoroughly updating BFAS to incorporate RDA examples and practices will continue for many months. Fields that have been revised now have a “Last Revised” note at the bottom. Thanks for your patience during this massive project.

### *Connexion Client 2.5 is Released*

Connexion client version 2.50 is now available for download at <http://psw.oclc.org/software.htm>. You will be required to upgrade to version 2.50 by 2014 March 31. An upgrade warning message will begin appearing when you start version 2.40 beginning in early February 2014. View the upgrade instructions (<http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/support/connexion/documentation/client/gettingstarted/gettingstarted/gettingstarted.pdf#page=32>) before installing version 2.50. To install the client on Windows XP, an account with administrative rights is required. To help prevent installation problems with Windows Vista, 7, and 8, right-click the file you downloaded and click Run as Administrator. Version 2.50 includes the following enhancements:



- Armenian, Ethiopic, and Syriac scripts are now supported.
- New RDA authority workforms for Family and Name Title have been implemented.
- New authority indexes Cataloging Source, Descriptive Conventions, Keyword, and Notes available for searching via the Keyword/Numeric Search drop down lists; these were previously available only via command line searching.
- GenerateAuthorityRecord macro updated to fully recognize the 264 field.
- GenerateERecord macro updated to better handle Unicode characters.
- Help, Useful Web Links list updated to link to OCLC-MARC Records documentation.

### Enhancements to WorldCat Knowledge Base, December 2013

On 2013 December 28, OCLC released a number of enhancements to the WorldCat knowledge base. Release notes are available at [http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/support/release-notes/knowledge-base/releases/kb\\_release\\_notes\\_2013-12-28.pdf](http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/support/release-notes/knowledge-base/releases/kb_release_notes_2013-12-28.pdf) and include details on new features, enhancements, bug fixes, and known issues. Highlights for this quarterly release include:

- Addition of a collection level history.
- Inclusion of coverage dates from year 1450 forward.
- Improvements to the WorldShare user interface.

### WorldCat Metadata API Powers Enhancements in Latest MarcEdit Release

MarcEdit, the popular free library metadata software suite, includes new functionality that will give OCLC member libraries the ability to contribute and enhance their bibliographic and holdings data within WorldCat while using MarcEdit. The new functionality will provide catalogers with a new way to interact with their OCLC data, as well as provide another option for libraries looking to streamline their metadata workflows. The new functionality in MarcEdit is made possible by leveraging the WorldCat Metadata API, one of the many APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) being made available from OCLC through the WorldShare Platform. In addition to the new functionality being made available in MarcEdit, Mr. Reese has released the source code used to interact with a variety of OCLC WorldShare Platform Services. The code library, written in C#, is available via github at: [https://github.com/reese/oclc\\_api](https://github.com/reese/oclc_api), and includes support for OCLC's Metadata API, Search API, Classify web services, and FAST web services. API-eligible libraries that also use MarcEdit will now be able to upload new records to WorldCat or create new WorldCat-derived records through MarcEdit. In addition, libraries can now update WorldCat holdings, with options to add or delete holdings in batch. In order to utilize the new features in MarcEdit, libraries will need to request a Web Services Key (WSKey) that supports both the WorldCat Metadata API and the WorldCat Search API. The WSKey enables OCLC to authenticate users and activity so libraries can be confident about updating their data

through third party or locally-built applications. WSKeys can be requested through OCLC's Service Configuration (<https://www.worldcat.org/config/>) and used across applications. If institutions already have a WSkey for the WorldCat Metadata API and WorldCat Search API, they can put the new functionality in MarcEdit to use immediately. MarcEdit also uses two additional OCLC Web Services, notably the FAST service to generate subject headings and Classify, to provide classification recommendations based on a control number. OCLC Libraries that use MarcEdit are encouraged to go to OCLC Service Configuration and request a WSKey for the WorldCat Metadata API. Then, simply plug it into the preferences area in the latest version (5.9) of MarcEdit. More information related specifically to MarcEdit's integration with the WorldCat Metadata APIs can be found at "MarcEdit and the OCLC Metadata API: Introduction" at <http://blog.reeset.net/archives/1245>.

## 10. MARBI report (Susan Moore)

MARC Advisory Committee - Susan Moore

This midwinter meeting marks the start of the new MARC Advisory Committee which in some ways continues the work of the Committee for Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information (MARBI). As such, it is the first meeting that the MAGIRT representative got to vote on the proposals. The chief discussion paper of interest to the MAGIRT community was Discussion Paper no. 2014-DP03: "Miscellaneous information" in Topical Term and Geographic Name Fields of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats. The paper was issued by the German National Library which needs to be able to provide greater granularity for certain headings. The paper largely address terms that require qualification to clarify the term being used, such as New York (State) or Organ (Musical instrument). A proposal based on the discussion will be brought back at the annual conference.

Proposal no. 2014-03: Renaming and Redefining 347\$f (Transmission speed) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format renames the subfield Encoded bitrate and redefines it to mean the speed at which streaming audio, video, etc., is designed to play. The proposal passed.

## 11. RBMS/DCRMC report (Nancy Kandoian)

The most recent publication to come out of the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee is the *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics)*, which is available free online in pdf at [rbms.info/dcrm/dcrmg](http://rbms.info/dcrm/dcrmg), as well as on Cataloger's Desktop. It is not yet available as a code to use in the OCLC 040 field to designate materials cataloged according to its rules, but this change should come with the next OCLC update.

Other publications in the pipeline are *DCRM (Manuscripts)* and *Standard Citation Forms for Rare Book Cataloging*, both of which were having public hearings on their drafts at this Midwinter. Of course *DCRM(C)* for cartographic materials is also in the works. We had hoped to have it ready for release at the end of 2013, but the editorial group met the day before the MAGIRT CCC meeting and we are still working through some issues, such as the treatment of dedications and whether to consider composite atlases as collections or as monographs.

For those cataloging rare or early materials and wanting to consult other genre term lists besides LC, RBMS has an active group maintaining their "[controlled vocabularies](#)" such as relationship designators, and terms for printing and publishing, provenance, paper, and binding.

## 12. Old business

A task force on Best Practices for RDA cataloging has been appointed. Susan Moore is the Chair of the group, and she is working with Paige Andrew and other TF members to develop a “best practices” resource for the map cataloging community. Min will share updated documentation on LC best practice document to the group.

## 13. Announcements

A joint publication with the Academia Sinica Digital Center in Taiwan titled, *Reading Imperial Cartography: Ming-Qing Historical Maps in the Library of Congress* was released in November. It includes contributions and translations from Min Zhang, G&M Head of Cataloging, Cordell Yee of St. John’s College and a member of the Phillips Society’s Academic Advisors, prepared a contextual essay. Ralph Ehrenberg wrote an introduction on the acquisition of the maps. Tien-jen Lin from the National Palace Museum, Taiwan provided descriptive annotations to 157 maps.

As part of the project to update OCLC’s *Bibliographic Formats and Standards (BFAS)*, Jay Weitz is looking for experts in remote-sensing to provide intellectual review of the definitions of the coding in 007. If you are interested, please contact Jay at [weitzj@oclc.org](mailto:weitzj@oclc.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.


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## FROM THE EDITOR

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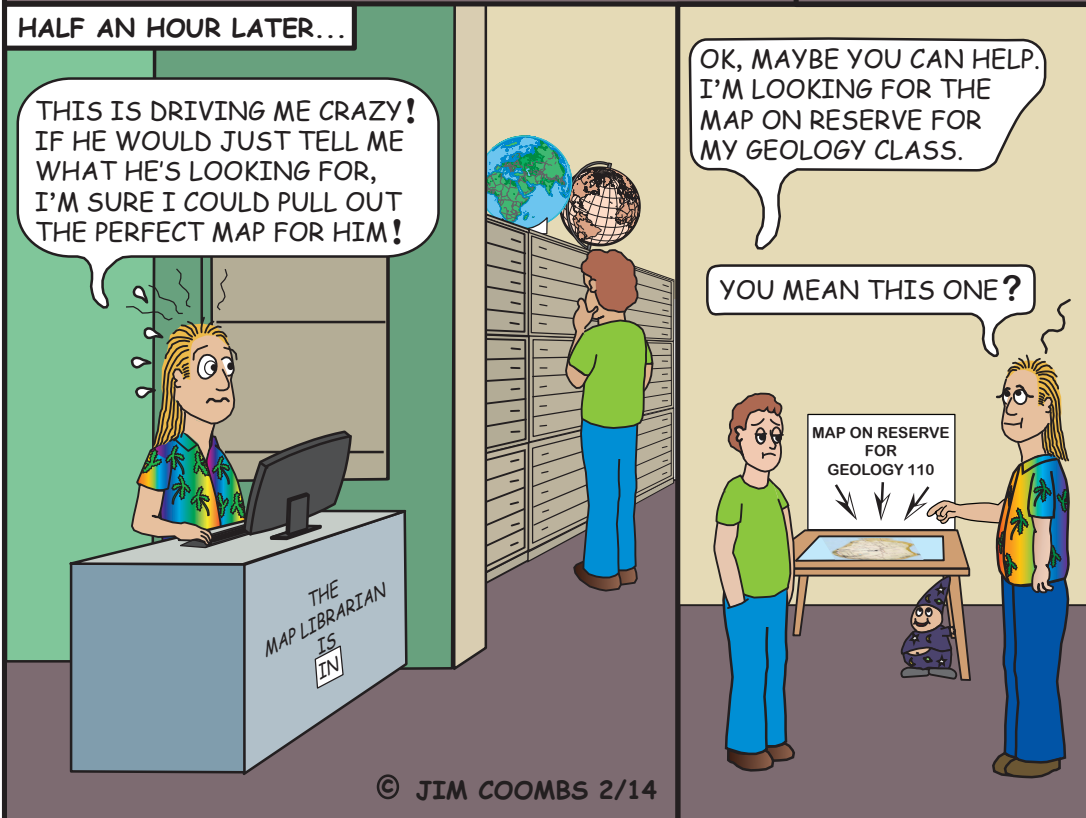
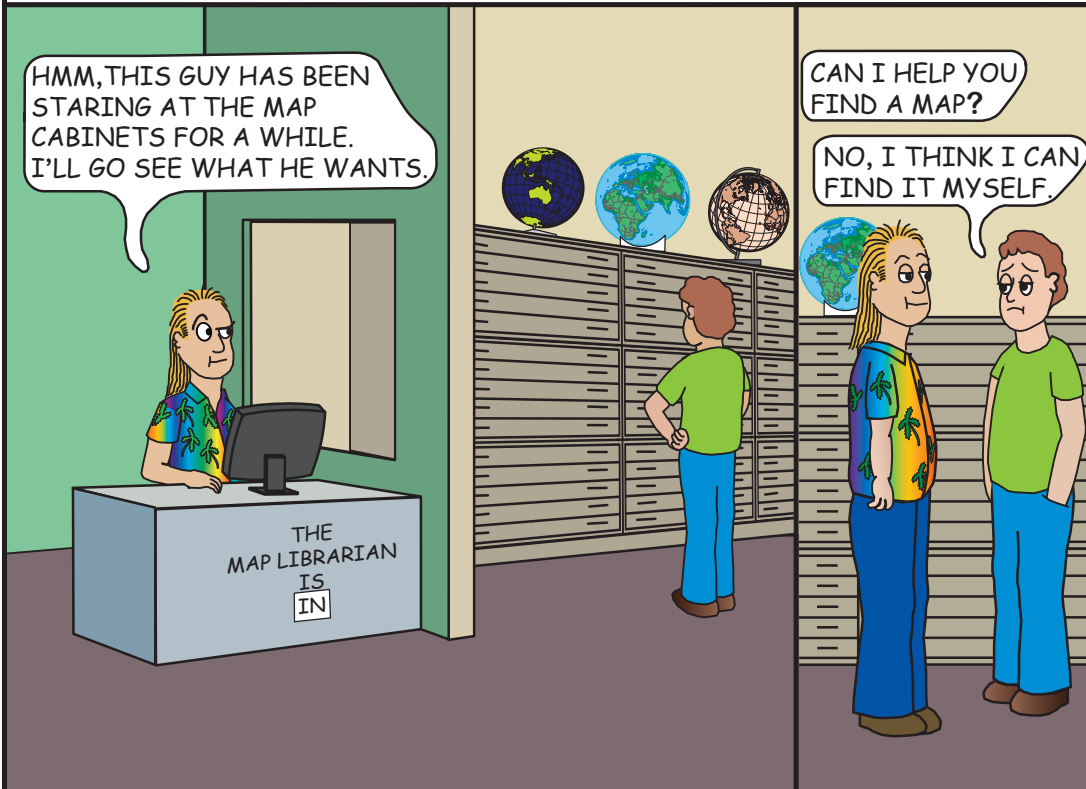
First and foremost I would like to thank Steve Rogers for his years of dedication, not only to MAGIRT, but for his service as Editor of *base line*. Not that you have big feet Steve, but I do have some big shoes to fill. I hope I do the members of MAGIRT justice as the new editor with this first issue on my watch. As with all things new there may be a few small bumps along the way as I settle in with compiling the first few issues. So please bear with me as I get up to speed.

My vision is to continue publishing the regular columns, news items, minutes, etc. and of course, the cartoon, that we see in each issue. Down the road you will see a few minor stylistic changes and a few added bells and whistles to the functionality of *base line*. Feedback is always welcome. Contact me if you like something or you don’t. This is your newsletter and I would like to know your opinions on what you want to see in this publication. 

Editor’s note:

The “New Maps and Cartographic Materials” column will return in the April issue of *base line*.

# Great Moments In Map Librarianship by Jim Coombs



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