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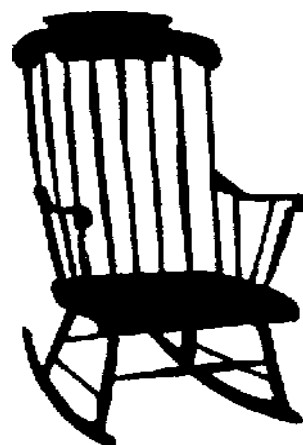
Steve Rogers, Map Room, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue


FROM THE CHAIR

Mark Thomas, Duke University

I hope you all voted in the ALA elections this spring. I know that most MAGERT members can't attend the ALA conferences, but we try to update you on what happens at those meetings as well as what else goes on in the map world in *base line*. Still, it's important that you have a say in what happens in ALA by your vote for ALA officers and councilors as well as for officers of the Round Tables and Divisions of which you're a member.

If you can make it to the Atlanta conference, check out the schedule of MAGERT events in this issue of *base line*. There's a welcome reception (not only for current MAGERT members but for anyone interested) on the first Friday evening, as well as a field trip on Sunday evening along with the Western European Study Section (WESS) of ACRL: a boat cruise of Stone Mountain Lake (information is at <http://www.lib.duke.edu/ias/WESS/Atlanta.htm>). Also in the schedule are several fascinating and educational MAGERT programs.



MAGERT is embarking upon a project to publish a third edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. Below is information on how you can help in this project by being a regional editor, helping ensure that all important map resources in your part of the country are included in the *Guide*. This will be an important reference source to help refer users to appropriate collections. 

GUIDE TO U.S. MAP RESOURCES CALL FOR REGIONAL EDITORS

The Map and Geography Round Table is beginning work on a third edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. The bulk of the information will be gathered electronically via E-mail and the web.

In order to make this important reference source as accurate and complete as possible, however, we need Regional Editors to follow up on responses when needed as well as to help make sure that we include all important collections in the *Guide*. Each Regional Editor will be responsible for accuracy and completeness regarding collections in a particular portion of the country.

To get involved in this exciting project as a Regional Editor, please contact Chris Thiry of the Colorado School of Mines at cthiry@mines.edu or (303) 273-3697.



MAGERT SCHEDULE

ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Mark Crotteau, Boise State University

Map Cataloging Discussion Group meeting ALA Mid-Winter, New Orleans, 20 January 2002

Discussion Group Chair Diana Hagan called the group to order at 8:00 AM in the Chateau Sonesta Hotel Room Lafitte B. She announced that Scott McEathron had agreed to be the new chair of the group.

Diana noted that her library had been doing a lot of work with digital maps and asked the rest of the group to report on their libraries' recent map cataloging experiences. Jimmie Lundgren, who works with Diana at the University of Florida, reported that they have been scanning old maps. They had been cataloging them as facsimiles, but the systems people detected problems in displaying the data on the original maps, so they were working to resolve these problems. Jimmie also noted that they had been doing a lot of minimal level map records for maps of Egypt.

Mark Crotteau said that at Boise State University maps were still on the list of retrospective conversion projects waiting to be done. He had recently begun cataloging some sets of CDs on which had been scanned aerial photographs of Idaho. The BSU library Special Collections Department had created the CDs and wanted to catalog them fairly promptly since other libraries in Idaho had expressed interest in purchasing copies of them. Mark found the article by HelenJane Armstrong and Jimmie Lundgren in the special map cataloging issue of *Cataloging &*

*Classification Quarterly*¹ to be invaluable in this, his first effort to catalog remote-sensing images.

Susan Moore of the University of Northern Iowa stated that they continue slogging away at maps recon, including the cataloging of some old aerial photos. Susan also acknowledged the *CCQ* article on cataloging remote-sensing images.¹

Lucinda Hall at Dartmouth College is still not doing any cataloging herself, but would like to change this situation and start working on recon.

Charlene Kellsey noted that they have a lot of old cartographic items at the University of Colorado-Boulder. The map library there is new and they were doing recon and digitizing old aerial photos.

Nancy Kandoian at the New York Public Library (NYPL) had been cataloging maps of the Middle Atlantic region. They were also involved in a digitizing and conservation project. Another group in the library were adding metadata. The images had not yet been put up on their website.

Nancy had also been investigating the use of the 752 field for place of imprint in records for old maps. This field has been used for this purpose in many bibliographic records, notably by

newspaper catalogers. Indexing may be a problem as RLIN indexes this as a corporate phrase. She wanted to insure that it is not viewed as a subject entry.

people to work in the new environment. There has been a recent effort to share records with the Library of Congress.

Jeff Gibbens of Southern Illinois University Carbondale is a special formats cataloger, doing music, maps, and serials. His background is in music and serials, so he has had to learn about maps. They are doing a small-scale recon project and will try to contract with OCLC. They have over 300,000 maps and 70,000 aerial photos and the collection gets heavy reference use. The finding tool is an LC classed shelflist, not online, using locally created cutter numbers. He was encouraged to hear that slow, gradual map recon projects seem to be the rule.

Barbara Story is the Cataloging Team

quent events have also caused them to work on completing the cataloging for maps of a number of countries in the Islamic world.

Elizabeth Mangan, recently retired as Head of Technical Services at G&M, was in the process of editing the new edition of *Cartographic Materials*, the map cataloging manual produced by the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee on Cartographic Materials (AACCCM). The new edition will include all the new rules for Chapter 3 that have been approved by the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of

be converting their FGDC data to MARC. The paper maps are mainly in the Geology and Geography Library and in the Architecture Library. Included in the latter is a collection on Islamic Architecture, so there has been great interest of late in maps of Islamic countries. Rebecca has been cataloging new maps and doing recon in the Geology and Geography Library, the recon being mostly completed.

Cheri Folkner of UCLA spends 25% of her time cataloging, mostly doing retrospective materials. Lately this has involved a lot of facsimiles.

Brian Falato is primarily a serials cataloger at the University of South Florida. He had been cataloging maps for the past three years, doing mostly depository maps. Some non-depository maps have been selected for cataloging and Brian had been working to learn how to catalog these maps. As he is beginning to catalog GIS materials, he also was in the process of learning GIS.

If a common thread could be seen in the experiences of the meeting participants, it would have to be that retrospective conversion of map records, or the desire to do recon, is prevalent. Nineteen institutions were represented in these reports. Of these, ten were either doing recon or contemplating it. And in many cases it was indeed a slow process, as Jeff Gibbens had commented. There were also at least four people who mentioned digitization projects, and the topics of GIS and FGDC data also came up several times.

Everyone having spoken about their particular situations regarding map cataloging, the discussion was opened to other matters. Lucinda Hall reported that the advertisements had gone out for the pre-conference on map cataloging that will take place at the ALA Annual Convention in Atlanta. The pre-conference is scheduled to take place over Thursday and Friday, but it is possible to sign up for just the Friday afternoon session, which will cover the recent rule changes.

Betsy Mangan noted that ALA was planning to begin publishing AACR2 as a looseleaf only; no bound version will be available. They were intending to publish a new complete volume every year even if there are no amendments, as well as publishing replacement pages. A new index is being prepared. The plan had been to renumber the pages in the full edition each year, but there was concern that the pagination will conflict with that of the updated looseleaf edition, which will use letters added to the page numbers for sections of the rules that will be expanded.

Susan Moore wanted to know if anyone besides OCLC TechPro was doing map recon. Someone mentioned that they had heard of one organization that was intending to start doing it, but the one listed in Kathryn Womble's paper in *CCQ*² (Richert) is no longer doing contract cataloging for maps.

Barbara Story reported that a new core-level cataloging standard for maps has been prepared by a committee chaired

(see *Cataloging* on page 29)

The Round Table Coordinating Committee will be on Friday around mid-day for annual.

Issues from Committee Meetings

The question was raised as to how many programs MAGERT should do. We have been doing three programs with some additional co-sponsorship programs. The suggestion was that MAGERT should have a minimum of two. There was general agreement on this. The Board was reminded that in the past, MAGERT has had a “contributed paper” session which would allow for some flexibility.

There was a question about how the sign-up sheets are used. The chair does look at these to possibly fill vacancies on committees. If the committee chair knows of a vacancy on their committee, they can approach individuals that indicate their interest to see if they are interested in serving on the committee. The committee chair can then give the

names of interested individuals to the chair of MAGERT. There needs to be some review of committee membership and the expectations on committee members.

The Awards Committee brought forward two names for comment from the Executive Board.

The Nominations Committee has a candidate for Chair and a probable candidate for Treasurer.

The Publications Committee reported that the committee decided that state and regional centers for GIS data will be in an appendix to the revised *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*.

Executive Board II adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore
Secretary, Map and Geography Round
Table 



Vice-Chair
Mary McInroy

Deferred to the Programming report.

Past- Chair
Chris Kollen

Deferred to committee reports.

Secretary
Susan Moore

There was a request by the secretary that committee chairs get their reports to her by February 15th.

Treasurer
Steve Rogers

Revenues from dues (\$7,343) were up of 5% in fiscal 2001 from those of the previous year (\$6,977) .

Sales from Occasional Papers and Circulars (a total of \$490) were about \$100 less than those of last year (\$595).

Revenues from base line (\$1,387) were almost exactly the same as those earned in fiscal 2000 Operating expenses for base line were \$3,900.

The overall MAGERT account balance, which carried over to the new fiscal year, was \$12,679.

[See the financial spreadsheet on page 30 of this issue of *base line*. — ed.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cataloging and Classification
Barbara Story

There were 21 people in attendance at the meeting.

The first part of the meeting consisted of reports from the committee's representatives. The OCLC report submitted by Ellen Caplan was presented by the chair in Ms. Caplan's absence. In the MARBI report Susan Moore noted that two proposals of interest to the cartographic community were on the agenda for Sunday afternoon.

The CC:DA report was given by Elizabeth Mangan who reported that the revisions to chapter 3 of AACR2 have been approved by the Joint Steering Committee. The entire chapter will be published as part of the ALA amendments 2002 package. The AACCCM report noted that with the approval of revisions to chapter 3, the revision of *Cartographic Materials, a Manual of Interpretation for AACR2* can be expedited. It is hoped that Cartographic Materials may be published in late 2002.

Nancy Kandoian reported on a meeting she attended of the Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC) of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of ACRL. The BSC is revising their manual, *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Books*. The committee plans to re-title the revision *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials*, and they plan to include a section on cartographic materials. As a liaison, Nancy

has provided the committee with a draft of AACCCM's revisions to the early maps parts of the revised *Cartographic Materials* manual, courtesy of AACCCM early maps subcommittee chair Velma Parker. Some BSC members have looked the draft over, but they have not decided how to proceed with it. The BSC maintains a web site for the revision of their manual, where the project is outlined, members working on various sections are named, and links are maintained to related discussions, principles to be incorporated, and drafts of proposed revisions. That web site is located at <www.folger.edu/bsc/dcrb/dcrbrev.html>.

An update was given for the proposed core record standard for cartographic material. The committee that developed the proposed standard expects to hear from the Program for Cooperative Cataloging soon following the midwinter meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with announcements and a general discussion. The attendees discussed whether it is preferable for map series titles to use 1) 245 ‡a and ‡p or 2) 245 ‡a and 4xx/8xx. Mary Larsgaard noted that she had checked records in OCLC and found that both methods were being used equally.

Constitution and ByLaws

David Cobb

No report.

Education

Chris Kollen for Peter Linberger

The committee continued its work on a program evaluation form. A draft of the form was reviewed and the committee hopes to have the form finalized for use in Atlanta. Melissa Lamont will put the form on the MAGERT web site. The completed forms will be sent to the Education Committee Chair.

There was some discussion about the "Ask a Map Librarian" web site. Right now, there is no way to archive the questions sent and those receiving the questions don't know that the question is coming to them from their listing on the MAGERT site. An idea was that the Education Chair would be carbon copied on a message or a canned subject line could be created. Further ideas will be explored.

The committee discussed updating the ERIC document that the Education Committee published a couple of years ago.

GeoTech

Tsering Wangyal Shawa

We discussed building a Consortium or library community to share non-copyright geospatial data such as DOQs and LandSat images etc. A few ideas were suggested to accomplish our objective:

1. First, we need to conduct a survey to see what sort of non-copyrighted data individual libraries own or plan to buy and whether these libraries are

willing to share those data with other libraries. We also have to find out whether libraries that have data sharing agreements within their states are willing to share with libraries outside their states. We need information about the number of libraries that are willing to share non-copyright data and libraries that own non-copyright data but cannot share the data with others.

2. Second, we need to find out what will make them share the data with others. At this stage we could inform them about advantages of sharing non-copyrighted data.

3. Third, if we find enough libraries to build a data-sharing cooperation, then we could write guidelines of how to inform other libraries about their collections, how to request data from other libraries, and how libraries can give each other access to their data.

We did not set any timetable to accomplish our objective.

We discussed having regional/state/local GIS data web page editors. The web page will be linked to MAGERT's GeoTech Committee's web page. Members suggested that we need to provide proper guidelines to editors about contributing geospatial information. First, the GeoTech Committee Chair will try to assign editorship to committee members. If there are not enough Committee members available, the chair will ask for volunteers.

We also discussed what sort of response we need to give to USGS

about archiving geospatial data that are created in reference to their National Map project. The USGS wants to hear from the library community about the frequency of archiving data. Mark Thomas, the present Chair of MAGERT, will prepare a statement based on suggestions given by members who were present at the committee meeting. He will later share his prepared statement with the Executive board before sending it to USGS.

Honors and Awards

Chris Kollen

There will be a MAGERT award presented at the Friday night reception in Atlanta.

Membership

Mary McInroy

Committee met January 20, 2002.
Present: Mary McInroy, Chair;
Steve Rogers, David Cobb, Mark
Thomas

Group discussed slight increase in MAGERT membership figures. Membership figures as of November 2001 show 382 members, up from 371 at the same time last year. This represents an increase of 2.96%. GODORT is down about that same percentage (a much larger group, so numbers involved are different).

Group went over promotion methods for MAGERT's programs in Atlanta, i.e., 4 MAGERT programs and the ALCTS/MAGERT preconference. Publicity methods discussed included

MAGERT web page, Maps-L and other listservs of appropriate ALA and non-ALA groups. Current Program Chair will send McInroy final listing of program speakers.

Committee discussed the MAGERT booth in Atlanta. Exhibit hours will be longer this time, including an opening reception on Friday night and a take-down time of 4 PM on Tuesday. Discussed whether to revise and reprint the MAGERT brochure to reflect the new web address, or whether to use adhesive labels to correct the address. MAGERT has a large stock of the incorrect brochures on hand. Committee agreed to take this issue to Publications Committee. McInroy would like to give away something at the booth and suggested MAGERT bookmarks. She believes her institution will pay for the bookmarks. Rogers suggested including a simple listing of map scales on the bookmark and offered to send McInroy such a file.

Committee agreed to continue current practices to promote MAGERT, e.g.,

Program Planning

Mary McInroy

Programs for Atlanta are: co-sponsoring an ACRL WESS program on “Mapping the Future of Historical Scholarship” about Europe on Sunday 11-12:30 (Karl Longstreth is one of the speakers); “Mapping the Changing Face of the South” on Sunday 1:30-3:30 (GIS and mapping issues in municipal planning); “Mapping the Civil War” on Saturday 1:30- 3:30; and “What Should a GIS Librarian Do?” on Monday from 1:30-3:30. We’re also a co-sponsor for the cataloging cartographic materials preconference with ALCTS.

Programs for Toronto are beginning to shape up. There will be a GeoTech program on accessing geospatial data and working on a historical Canadian program perhaps on ACMLAA series of bird’s eye view maps and a possibility of a third program.

Publications

Steve Rogers

handout in Atlanta, but the brochure
contains the old URL for the MAGERT

be warehousing many printed charts
themselves, but that this function

include newly announced geographies, including Urbanized Areas and the new Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Finally, Mr. Trainor announced that an RFP is now announced to support the modernization of the TIGER database, to improve accuracy for use in the Census of 2010. Mr. Trainor suggested that this improved database would be contributed to the USGS National Map effort.

Michael Domaratz of the US

Geological Survey focused his report on Survey's National Map initiative, and to policies developed in the wake of terrorist attacks in September 2001. Mr. Domaratz thanked the library community for its comments on the first drafts of *The National Map* plan, and acknowledged that the Library community found several important issues that had been overlooked, including the issue of data archiving and metadata, and the need for closer cooperation with the academic community, including libraries. Mr. Domaratz said that the Survey is unsure what the shape of that cooperation might be, and asked for guidance on

sensitive areas might be held secret and distributed only to the customer or partner if deemed necessary. The policy also allows for other federal agencies to advise USGS to withdraw materials if security necessitates this. Mr. Domaratz emphasized that this is a one-year policy, and that USGS expects that there will be further guidance within the federal government by the end of 2002 regarding issues of security and cartographic operations.

Jim Lusby from the National Imagery and Mapping Agency reported that activities in his agency have been totally focused on Homeland Security since September 2001, including support of emergency response and preparations for the 2002 Olympics. These events have forced NIMA to focus much more of its attention on the United States, rather than foreign nations. Mr. Lusby stated that immediately after the terrorist attacks he contacted several agencies, including USGS, and asked them to withdraw certain materials from distribution. Nearly all of these have

with more to come. Harvard is scanning on demand with a large format scanner, and providing for cost prints. There is clear interest in the use of digital images to both enhance access, reduce use of paper materials, but also (as with Indiana's Sanborn online experience) to increase use of the actual materials. All agreed that film was a poor media for preservation of (and access to) maps, and that digital technologies are useful, but remain expensive. Paper still is the best for many uses.

CRL

Discussion turned to the CRL commitment to state documents changing, as part of the concern about entrusting access and care to consortial or commercial enterprises. Carol was interested in our concerns and in what CRL might do, and if that might include access to commercial digital products.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The discussion did not speak directly to current acquisitions, but there was discussion of the scarcity and cost of many 20th century materials (David Cobb mentioned seeking early official road maps) and that many of these may not be widely held. Doubtless there are many other examples and the community need to be attentive to these things that are collectible and potentially rare.

PROQUEST SANBORN ONLINE MAPS

All noted the expense and only a few were buying, primarily their own state.

Karl discussed a possible project, involving the map library community, in moving toward a more useful project. Mike Furlough said that his students were very pleased with using it, because it expanded their holdings of Sanborns beyond Charlottesville to other cities in Virginia, and because it allowed them to download images to use with GIS files or computer graphics programs. Mark Thomas mentioned the strong preference of many patrons for remote access to material, although the resolution is a little worse in this case than with the film. Also, it was mentioned that in some states cooperative state library agencies were able to negotiate a price for access to their states' Sanborns at many libraries throughout the state, and that made it more economical and worthwhile. ProQuest is working on making better indexing available.

OTHER TOPICS OR CONCERNS

Collecting locally, especially governmental materials.

Collecting and cooperation with other collections of strength at the institution.

Small Map Collections

Discussion Group

Brenda Mathenia

This was my very first meeting as moderator for this group and I was looking forward to discovering the issues that members of this group hope to address/explore. Though we had a very small showing with only two (2) additional members participating in

this meeting, I feel we had a productive meeting. The discussion ranged from types of maps held, how they are cataloged (or not, in many cases), access issues, and what issues might be appropriate for this group to pursue. One thread in the discussion was related to creation of in-house databases to assist in the management of non-cataloged maps or map collections. Another thread revolved around a suggestion to explore the possibility of presenting a formal program at a future meeting on map reference service training for part-time map librarians. Many in this position have little experience with maps and are thrust into the situation with little training in how to deal with map questions, let alone the maps

REPRESENTATIVE/ LIAISON REPORTS

Anglo-American Cataloging Committee for Cartographic Materials

Mary Larsgaard

The report is included in the Committee on Cataloging and Classification minutes.

ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

Nancy Kandoian

The Section is planning a preconference for Atlanta. The

**Government Documents Round
Table**

A new liaison to GODORT is needed, as well as a new liaison to the Rare and Endangered Government Documents Committee.

IFLA

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Portland, Oregon, from October 3-6, 2001. Dan was unable to attend the conference.

The next meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio from October 9-12, 2002.

**Northeast Map Organization
Nancy Kandoian**

reference maps. Some recent examples are listed below. All are available from vendors such as MapLink and Omni.

Lonely Planet, publisher of great travel guides, now also has a nice series of laminated tourist maps of various cities, all measuring 9.5 x 23.5" and retailing for \$5.99. Most of the 40 or so items in the series cover the usual destinations, but one uncommon title is map of *Kathmandu*, with inset maps of several areas of the city as well as of the Central Kathmandu Valley of Nepal and the neighboring cities of Patan and Bhaktapur.

Singapore-based Periplus publishes a variety of city, country, and regional maps worldwide. They too have a handy map of *Kathmandu*, a double-

tography, photos, highlights of tourist spots, large-scale inset maps, and a concise place names index. Some recent ones of out-of-the-way places include *Iceland* at 1:600K, the *Canary Islands* (1:100K & 200K), *Zimbabwe* (2d ed., 1:1.1M), *Cyprus* (1:250K), *Tunisia*, and *Egypt*, all priced at \$8.95.

One of my favorite types of maps is the neat origami-like "pop-out" design published by the British firm Map Group. *Jerusalem & Bethlehem* was issued in 2000, and they have just come out with one for *Mecca & Medina* (*Makkah/Madina*). The beautifully drawn and colored double maps, which open up to two 8.5 x 10" sheets, identify major buildings and other sites. The Jerusalem map sells for \$5.95, Mecca/

Southwest Satellite Imaging has a nice series of highly-detailed Landsat image posters of the southwest. Some 15 titles are available, including such places as Big Bend National Park in Texas, Death Valley National Park, the Grand Canyon, and Petrified Forest in Arizona. The images measure 28 x 39" and are done at scales ranging from 100K to 250K. \$17.95 each from MapLink.

Tahoe Maps has produced three striking "Satellite-Topographic" maps. The latest, a 24 x 28" image of San Juan Islands in Washington state, was created by combining SPOT-4 satellite imagery, 10 meter DEM files, 1:24K digital line graph data, and bathymetric seaf-

The USGS Browse Image Viewer at glovis.usgs.gov lets the user browse and display Landsat 7 and 4/5 images from around the world. The Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, part of Natural Resources Canada, has a "Quicklook Swath Browser" that lets you see the most recent paths or swaths (only a few hours old) of Landsat 7, Radarset, or NOAA/AVHRR satellites. You can view and download the imagery as you scroll down along the swath. There is also access to earlier "Swaths of Interest" showing recent images of such things as floods, hurricanes, forest fires, etc. from around the world. (ceocat.ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca/quicklook)

cluded. Unfortunately it's a rather expensive item, but useful and appropriate for larger map collections.

cated and displayed in close-up, and there are links to historical and artistic sources. The CD is reasonably priced, useful as a teaching tool in several dis-

Atlas of the Celtic World



Cataloging (continued from page 9)

by Paige Andrew. She had heard from Kay Guiles of CPSO that the standard was due out soon. It was in the process of being compared with other core-level standards in order to standardize the language. The standard covers all types of cartographic materials. It was pointed out that there are some who think that they may not be authorized to use core level cataloging. In fact, anyone can create core-level records.

What some libraries may not do is create authenticated core-level records. If you are not a Bibco member library there will be no 042 field in the record.

That's it for this time. I have no specific plans for a column in the June issue, so if you have anything of interest to report please send it to me. My email address is

mcrottea@boisestate.edu. 

WELCOME NEW MAGERT MEMBERS!

MAGERT wishes to extend a welcome to the following new members for December of 2001 through January of 2002. We hope their association with us and with map librarianship is long and fruitful, and we welcome them to become actively involved with the Round Table.

Christopher Coyle

