Gone But Not Forgotten

WAML Members Who Have Passed Away Since 1984

Edwin H. Bryan was one of the founding members of WAML in 1967 and remained a member until he retired in 1978. He founded the Pacific Scientific Information Center in connection with the Bishop Museum. It was a cartographic repository for material about Hawaii and the Pacific. He was Map Librarian and also served as curator for the Museum.

Roy Vernon Boswell was named honorary WAML life member in Sept. 1983. He established the Collection for the History of Cartography at California State University, Fullerton, that was later named for him, and he was its sole volunteer-curator.

Sue Trevitt-Clark was president of WAML in 1982-83 and began the tradition of WAML lists of officers, committee members and liaisons that appears in the IB. Sue was also the Oregon editor for the IB for many years. She first worked as a student worker in the map room at University of Oregon. She was a permanent employee there from 1970 for over 27 years until her death, and her main assignment was the aerial photo collection.

Wendy Romney Hassibe started her career with the USGS as Information Specialist in the Salt Lake City office, then worked as the Chief of the Branch of Information Services, Rocky Mountain Mapping Center in Denver, Colo. In 1987 she moved to Reston, Va., and maintained a national network of 63 state ESICs. She hosted a WAML meeting in Salt Lake in 1993.
Ed Thatcher was the founding father of WAML. He was the map librarian at University of Oregon and also taught map librarianship there. He received the first honorary WAML life membership on March 26, 1981.

Elizabeth Winroth was the map librarian at the Oregon Historical Society and a longtime member of WAML. She hosted a WAML meeting in fall 2001. She also had several publications and served on the Oregon Geographic Names Board for years.

Ron Whistance-Smith was the maps librarian at the University of Alberta from 1971 to 1994. He served as president of WAML in 1984-85, held other offices, wrote book reviews for the IB, and made presentations at meetings. He hosted a meeting in 1981. WAML awarded him an honorary life membership in 1995, and he received ACMLA’s Honours Award in 2000.

Maureen F. Wilson joined the University of British Columbia Library’s Map Division in 1959 and was its head from 1965 until her retirement in 1989. She also taught courses in map librarianship at UBC. She was a founding member of ACMLA in 1967 and held various committee chairships and executive and editorial positions in it. Maureen joined WAML in 1970 and cohosted a number of WAML and ACMLA conferences with Frances Woodward.
James Allen Rothenberger was the former Head of the Government Publications and Maps Dept. at the University of California, Riverside. He retired in 1991. He was a WAML member. Before UCR, Jim was a librarian at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Mary Schell was head of Government Documents at the California State Library for many years. She may have been there in the 1950s. She was both editor of the Information Bulletin and president of WAML in 1970-71.

Rich Spohn was head of the Geology Library at the University of Cincinnati until he retired in 2001. He had been president of WAML and chair of CUAC and was active in GNIS.

Bea Lukens was the earth sciences librarian at the University of California, Berkeley in the 1980s. She was treasurer of the Geoscience Information Society in 1982 and 1983. She was a charter member of WAML, president of WAML 1973-1974, and chair of the Membership & Hospitality Committee for several years in the 80s. Bea was also chair of a GIS committee on producing a bibliography of geologic fieldtrip guides. She retired in October 1983.
Carlos Hagen-Lautrup III was the first and only head of the UCLA map library. He had a master’s degree in geography and mentored many of his employees. Carlos also was one of the founders of WAML and was one of its earliest presidents. He eventually moved to Iceland after he retired and immersed himself in Icelandic culture.

Barbara Haner worked as an earth sciences librarian at the University of California, Riverside. In 1995 Barbara transferred to UCLA as Earth, Space and Atmospheric Sciences Librarian where she served until her retirement in 2002. She served as Geological Editor and as a member of the Publications Committee for WAML and also hosted the spring 1994 meeting in Riverside. She also published extensively.

Edward Jestes was the Geology Librarian at the University of California, Davis, from the mid-1960s until his retirement in the 1990s. He attended the charter meeting for WAML and attended many WAML meetings. Edward was also a member of the UC/Stanford Map Librarians Group and of GSIS. He published both articles and book reviews in the IB.

Jim O’Donnell became the acting head of the Geology-Geophysics Library at UCLA in 1981. Then he worked as the science librarian at Trinity University in Texas. He worked at Cal Tech in Pasadena where he held several positions until his illness caused him to no longer be able to work. He had been president of WAML, hosted several meetings, and was Subscription Manager. He was also very active in the Geoscience Information Society and the Geological Society of America.