

**WAML Spring 2011 Meeting  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
May 18-21, 2011  
Program and Minutes**

**PROGRAM**

All events held in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Dodson Room (302) unless otherwise specified.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011**

2:00 – 5:00pm: **Executive Board Meeting**

6:00 – 9:00pm: **Early Bird Dinner**, Walter C. Koerner Library, 7th Floor Staff Lounge

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**

9:00 – 10:00am: **Continuing Education Session: Ergonomic Considerations in Safely Working With a Paper Map Collection**, *Kathy Stroud*, University of Oregon.

10:00 – 10:15am: Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:15am: **Continuing Education Breakout Discussion Groups:**

- **Student Help in the Map Collection**, *Ilene Raynes*, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- **Exhibits in the Map Collection**, *Kathy Rankin*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- **Data Services: The GIS Librarian's Role**, *Matthew Parsons*, University of Washington.

11:30am – 12:15pm: **Rare Map Collection Exhibition – Session 1**, Rare Books and Special Collections, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Room 110, *Katherine Kalsbeek & Shirin Eshghi*

12:00 – 1:00pm: **Registration**

1:00 – 1:15pm: **Meeting opening**, *Lea Starr*, AUL, Public Services, UBC Library; *Michael Smith*, WAML President

1:15 – 2:15pm: **Historical Atlas of the North American Railroad**, *Derek Hayes*, author, President, Historical Map Society of British Columbia

2:15 – 2:45pm: **The Survival of Paper Maps in the Next Decade**, *Jack Joyce*, International Travel Maps and Books (ITMB)

2:45 – 3:15pm: Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:15pm: **Native Vancouver: the City's Original Landscape**, *Bruce MacDonald*, historian

6:00 – 10:00pm: **Banquet**, SAGE Bistro at University Centre

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011**

9:00 – 9:45am: **Geological Survey of Canada Earth Science Databases**, *Diane Thompson*, Natural Resources Canada Library

9:45 – 10:15am: **GIS Trends in Libraries**, *Nancy Meuth & Mia Costa*, Indiana University, Bloomington

10:15 – 10:45am: Refreshment Break

10:45 – 11:00am: **Meeting the Information Needs of Crisis Mappers**, *Hannah Winkler*, University of North Carolina

11:00 – 11:45am: **FOSS-GIS: QGIS & Grass**, *Daniel Brendle-Moczuk*, University of Victoria

11:45am – 1:30pm: Lunch on your own

12:00 – 12:45pm: **Rare Map Collection Exhibition – Session 2**, Rare Books and Special Collections, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Room 110, *Shirin Eshghi*

1:30 – 2:30pm: **Are You on the Map for Geospatial Data Applications and Hosting?**, *Tony Monsour & Rod Buhrsmith*, EastView Cartographic

2:30 – 3:00pm: Refreshment Break

3:00 – 4:30pm: **Business Meeting and Sounding Board**, *Michael Smith*, WAML President

## **SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**

10:00am – 3:30pm: **Field Trip to Granville Island**

## **MINUTES**

### **Executive Board Minutes May 18, 2011**

Executive Board members (present): Michael Smith (President), Cynthia Moriconi (Vice President/President-Elect), Yvonne Wilson (Treasurer), Brian Quigley (Secretary), Matthew Parsons (Past President).

Others attending: Tom Brittnacher, Dorothy McGarry, Ken Rockwell.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Michael Smith.

### **OFFICER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Secretary (Brian Quigley):** Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of March 2010 were approved previously. Michael Smith proposed to archive meeting minutes electronically on the website, and the Board agreed.

#### **Treasurer (Yvonne Wilson):**

##### Current Balances:

Checking: \$13,845.84 (as of 5/16/2011)

Savings: \$10,724.98 (as of 4/12/2011)

##### From 3/13/2010-5/16/2011:

Income: \$6,588

Expenses: \$11,562.80

There was a loss of \$4,974.80.

The Eugene conference saw a profit of about \$245.

**Vice President/President-Elect (Cynthia Moriconi):** Cynthia presented the agenda for the joint meeting with the Western History Association (WHA) in Oakland this fall. Tamsen Hert, Michael Smith,

and Cynthia have been working on the agenda. The meeting will be held October 13-16 at the Marriott City Center. WAML members will be able to register at the WHA member rate (approximately \$90). WAML may provide a list of recommended hotels in the area.

The Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, the banquet will be held on Friday evening, and the Business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon. WAML speakers include Rebecca Solnit and Richard White, and their will be a field trip to Stanford on Friday afternoon to tour their new scanning lab. There will be no WAML events on Sunday, but members can attend WHA programs. There will be book bags at the conference, and we have been asked to contribute WAML swag for them.

The Fall 2012 meeting will be held at the University of Hawaii-Manoa Hamilton Library from October 31-November 3/4, 2012. The Executive Board meeting and early bird dinner will be held on October 31. Continuing education, speakers, business meeting, and banquet will be held November 1-2. The field trip will be scheduled for November 3 or November 3-4. The planning committee consists of Mabel Suzuki, Salim Mohammed, Ross Togashi, and Riley Moffat.

There will also be only one meeting in 2013. The possibility of Yosemite in the Fall was discussed. The membership will be polled for interest at the Business Meeting.

### **APPOINTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Archivist (Jane Ingalls):** Submitted written report. Jane continues to archive items that are sent to her in bankers boxes.

**Atlas & Book Review Editor (John Russell):** No report. Tom Brittnacher noted that John continues to edit reviews for the Information Bulletin (IB) with 1-3 reviews per issue.

**Business Manager (Julie Hoff):** Submitted written report covering 4/2010-5/2011. There were 16 Occasional Papers sold for total sales of \$459.

- #4 City Plans in 20th Cent. Guidebooks (2 @ \$6 ea. = \$12)
- #7 City Plans in 19th Cent. Guidebooks (2 @ \$6 ea. = \$12)
- #10 Map index to USGS topo quads (9 @ \$40 ea. = \$360)
- #11 Nevada Directory of Maps (2 @ \$15 ea. = \$30)
- #14 Topo mapping of Africa, Antarctica and Eurasia (1 @ \$45 ea. = \$45)

Payment received for book orders: \$459

Payment received for postage: \$15

Total deposits to WAML Treasurer between 4/10 and 5/1: \$474

Inventory as of May 11, 2011:

- OP 1 Catalogue of Sanborn Atlases, CSU Northridge (34)
- OP 4 City Plans in 20th Cent. Guidebooks (80)
- OP 5 Maps of Fiji (82)
- OP 6 Microcartography (4)
- OP 7 City Plans in 19th Cent. Guidebooks (39)
- OP 8 Printed Maps of Utah to 1900 (225)
- OP 9 Index to the IB (1969-1979) paper copy (1)
- OP 10 Map Index to USGS Topo Quads (154)
- OP 11 Nevada Directory of Maps (39)
- OP 12 Cartobib. of separately Published USGS maps (41)
- OP 14 Topo mapping of Africa, Antarctica and Eurasia (146)

Yvonne will check on the discrepancy between sales figures between the Business Manager's and Treasurer's Reports. Julie expressed an interest to step down as Business Manager.

**IB Editor (Tom Brittnacher):** During the fiscal year July 2010 to June 2011, the following IBs have been produced: v.41 no.3 (July 2010); v.42 no.1 (November 2010); and v.42 no.2 (March 2011). For all three volumes, Tom served as Editor and Matt Parsons served as IB Production Editor.

There are currently six vacancies for State and Province Editor positions. After discussion, the Board decided to discontinue the positions of IB State and Province Editors. Notices will be published in the IB and sent to the email list reminding members to send state and province news to Michael Smith as News & Notes Editor.

Honoraria were also reviewed: \$500 for IB Editor, \$500 for IB Production Editor, \$300 for Subscription Manager, \$300 for Business Manager, \$300 for News & Notes Editor, and \$300 for Webmaster.

Committee membership lists on the website and in the IB need to be reviewed for accuracy. Michael Smith will contact committee chairs about this.

Tom would appreciate any feedback on the IB in general.

**IB Production Editor (Matt Parsons):** Since the Eugene meeting, the following IB issues have been mailed: v.41 no.2; v.41 no.3; and v.42 no.1. Matt has received v.42 no.2 (March 2011) from Tom and will send it the printer this week (May 16-20). Another 270 will likely be printed. Jon Jablonski has agreed to take over as Production Editor beginning with v.42 no.3 (July 2011) when he returns from China.

Dorothy McGarry suggested that there be an e-only option for members. A PDF of each issue could be emailed to members who opt for e-only. The IB Editor, IB Production Editor, Membership Manager, and Subscriptions Manager will investigate and discuss further.

It was agreed that an internal electronic archive for IB was needed, perhaps on the wiki. Matt clarified that the PDF of each issue also needs to be sent to the Subscriptions Manager.

**Membership Manager (Janet Dombrowski):** Submitted written report. For 2010/2011, there are 132 current members (including 7 lifetime), 5 new and 2 returning members, and 10 members did not renew.

Membership summary:

04/05: 143  
05/06: 134  
06/07: 145  
07/08: 148  
08/09: 133  
09/10: 138  
10/11: 132

Option to renew with conference registrations resulted in 4 new members and 9 early renewals. Tom clarified that there were now only 8 early renewals due to one cancellation.

Membership communication: 117 are subscribed, or being added, to the WAML email list; all members who renewed received acknowledgements via e-mail; and all new members received a letter and WAML pin. Janet expressed an interest to step down as Membership Manager.

**Subscriptions Manager (Jim O'Donnell):** No report. According to the Treasurer's Report, there were \$2,813 in IB subscriptions from 3/17/2010-5/16/2011.

**Webmaster (Katie Lage):** Submitted written report. Webmaster is a three-year term, and her second term ends in June. Michael Smith is temporarily serving as webmaster while Katie is on leave. Current members include Melissa Lamont, Tami Morse McGill, Michael Smith, and Linda Zellmer. Michael Smith will contact a potential new webmaster.

**News & Notes Editor (Michael Smith):** Michael receives few news items from members, with some exceptions. He is open to receiving feedback and news items.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Continuing Education (Julie Sweetkind-Singer):** Submitted written report. Julie is continuing to act as chair until Jon Jablonski can take over upon his return from China. There will be no continuing education workshops at the Oakland meeting, but they will return in Hawaii.

**Membership/Hospitality (Yvonne Wilson):** Yvonne will help with registration at both the Early Bird dinner and meeting.

**Nominating (Matt Parsons):** The committee consists of Matt Parsons and Kathy Stroud. The open positions for the upcoming election are Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary. The committee is devising a slate of candidates and will work with the current Secretary to do balloting so that the positions are filled by the end of July 2011.

**Publications Advisory (Ken Rockwell):** Indexing for back issues of IB was completed and posted on the website as a PDF per the suggestion of membership. The Board expressed its appreciation to Ken Rockwell for his work on the IB indexing project.

Laura Shelley, the indexer, has prepared proposals to index the remaining back issues (36:2-42:3) for \$1,495 and to index future issues on an ongoing basis for \$250 per volume. The Board was generally supportive of these proposals. The Board would like clarification on consolidated indexes versus supplemental indexes, as it would prefer one consolidated index, so Ken will clarify with the indexer. He will also prepare draft contracts for further discussion. The Board agreed the contract for ongoing indexing should be reviewed every few years.

The costs for the backfile indexing will be a separate line item, but the costs for ongoing indexing will be considered IB production costs. The indexer will need a set of the electronic versions of the back issues; moving forward, the IB Editor will send the PDF of each issue to the indexer.

The CD/DVD of back issues scanned by the Huxford Brothers was also discussed. The Board previously agreed to sell the CD/DVD as an Occasional Paper for \$35. Jim O'Donnell can produce and mail the CD/DVD to customers, but the Business Manager handles OP sales and will need to let Jim know when this particular OP has been purchased. It was suggested that the Huxford Brothers be compensated for production costs, but no one has been able to locate them recently.

A proposal from EastView Companies to provide access to the IB as a searchable, full-text database was discussed. The Board needs more information, including sample contracts, terms, and conditions.

**Website (Katie Lage):** Discussed as part of the Webmaster report.

**Rules and Procedures (Cynthia Moriconi):** Discussed as part of Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Rules and Procedures Manual:** An ad hoc committee to develop standing rules was established in 2008. Their Rules and Procedures Manual is nearly complete and posted on the wiki. The Board agreed to review, revise, and approve the manual over the next few months; once approved, it will be posted to the website.

**Scholarship Committee Update:** The committee consists of Dorothy McGarry, Janet Dombrowski, and Chris Thiry. The committee will work with the Executive Board on a proposal in hopes of beginning the scholarship for the Fall 2011 meeting.

**Combining Map Scanning Registries with MAGERT:** Katie Lage is working with Chris Kollen at the University of Arizona on this project. Chris has the WAML scanning registry files but has not yet incorporated them into the MAGERT registry.

**Stolen Maps Project:** Kathy Stroud will give an update at the Business Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Status of Committee Chairs/Members & Reps/Liaisons:** As discussed under the IB Editor report, Michael Smith will contact chairs to review the website and IB lists for accuracy. The Board agreed to disband the Rules and Procedures Committee since its work has been completed.

**Call for Volunteers:** Michael Smith will call for volunteers at the Business Meeting for Business Manager, Membership Manager, and the Scholarship Committee.

**Electronic Archiving of Meeting Minutes:** As discussed under the Secretary report, minutes will be archived electronically on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

## **Business Meeting Minutes May 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President Michael Smith.

**Executive Board Meeting Summary:** Yvonne Wilson presented the Treasurer's report summary and added that preliminary estimates indicate a \$450 profit for the Vancouver conference. Brian Quigley presented the remaining summary, ceding the floor to Cynthia Moriconi for an update on the Rules and Procedures Manual and to Kathy Stroud for an update on the Stolen Maps project.

The University of Oregon (UO) has physical possession of the maps recovered from Brubaker by the FBI. WAML has petitioned the FBI for ownership. There are an estimated 3,000-3,500 maps, mostly from government documents. Student workers at the UO are checking the maps to determine whether they come from the Serial Set and if they do, which volume. So far students have searched approximately 20% of the maps. Of that 20%, approximately 75% (483 maps) were matched to Serial Set volumes. Maps identified as being from a specific Serial Set volume were then compared to the UO's Serial Set to determine whether the maps belong to the UO's collection. Approximately 15% of the identified Serial Set maps appear to be from the UO collection. Once all UO maps have been identified, it is WAML's intent that the remaining maps will be offered to other victim libraries.

**Future Meetings Update:** Cynthia Moriconi gave an update on the future meetings as discussed at the Executive Board meeting. For the Fall 2011 meeting, Cynthia added that registration will be through WHA, but WAML may need its own registration form for some events (e.g., the banquet).

For 2013 and beyond, the Executive Board is interested in ideas for future meeting locations. Yosemite and the University of Victoria have been suggested. There was definite interest among members at the Business Meeting for a future meeting at Yosemite. Cynthia will call for volunteers to plan the 2013 meeting and for volunteers to host future meetings.

## **Liaison and Representative Reports**

- **AACCCM (Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials) (Mary Larsgaard):** The work of the committee is concentrated on keeping current "Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2," currently in its second edition (2003; 2004 update pages).

Until we know what the stance of the U.S. library community is [concerning RDA], we are - as Paige Andrew reports in the January-April 2011 WAML news and notes - in a preparation+wait-for-report situation, and should have the report from the 3 national libraries no later than ALA Annual, taking place in New Orleans in late June. As part of the work for a publication for ALA Editions that Paige and Mary are co-authoring on using RDA to catalog cartographic resources, they have put together a beginning list of differences between cataloging using AACR2R and cataloging using RDA, and the list appears to be extensive; revising the manual would therefore seem to be a considerable amount of work.

There is apparently also to be a report from OCLC participating libraries on using RDA. According to a June 2010 press release, the report was to be issued in April 2011:  
<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/rda/policy.htm>.

- **MAGERT (ALA Map and Geography Round Table) (Kathy Rankin):** There may be changes to Midwinter. There may be no exhibits, or possibly Midwinter will be held only every other year. ALA Annual might even be held only every other year. ALA is upgrading its website to Drupal.

MAGERT is proposing a name change from Map and Geography Round Table to Map and Geospatial Information Round Table, which would mean it would be called MAGIRT.

MAGERT is trying to decide what to do with their online journal *Coordinates*. David Allen wants to step down as its editor. They would like it to be indexed in more places.

In spite of the fact that the two new publications, a *Great Moments in Map Librarianship* cartoon book and a guide to making cartographic citations, are being sold at below cost, MAGERT now has a healthy balance of \$19,000 in its treasury.

At ALA Annual in New Orleans MAGERT is having a talk on seven free online resources. The title is *There's a Map for That*, and it is at 1:30-3:30 on Saturday, June 25th. It is sponsored by the Education Committee. MAGERT and the History Section of RUSA are also co-sponsoring a panel discussion about new tools and uses for maps as applied to historical research with a focus on local history applications. The title is *Maps for History: Using Maps to Make Your History Collections More Visual*. It's at the same time.

The MAGERT wiki has been discontinued as of February 1st, 2011. Originally intended as a tool for the various MAGERT committees to share information and works in progress, the wiki never received as much use as originally anticipated and in recent months had been repeatedly vandalized. Committees can conduct business and share documents on ALA Connect ([connect.ala.org](http://connect.ala.org)).

MAGERT has a new electronic publication: *GIS in Every Library: Making It Happen*. This is the top 5 GIS resources from panelists at a MAGERT program at ALA Annual last year and MAGERT Executive Board members.

- **CCISA (Congress of Cartographic Information Specialists Associations) (Linda Zellmer):** CCISA has not met since the International Cartographic Association meeting which was held in Toronto many years ago.
- **CUAC (Cartographic Users Advisory Committee) (Katie Lage & Julie Sweetkind-Singer):** Last year the CUAC meeting was very good. It was held at George Washington University. There were presentations and discussions with USGS, a data.gov representative (also USGS), EPA, LOC, Army Corps of Engineers, National Academy of Sciences, FGDC, BLM, USDA, NRCS, Census, NOAA, USFS, and GPO. Minutes have not yet been posted to the website. WAML members can send Julie any questions or issues for this year's presentations.
- **GSIS (Geoscience Information Society):** Michael Smith led the discussion. Linda Newman has been the liaison but did not attend WAML. Mary Scott from Ohio State University reported that the

GSIS meeting will be in Minneapolis this fall, and it will be held with the Geoinformatics Division of the Geological Society of America (GSA). Cynthia will check whether Linda plans to continue as liaison; if not, Mary Scott agreed to serve as liaison.

- **International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) (Dorothy McGarry):** IFLA has disbanded its Geography and Map Libraries Section. If there is more information at the IFLA meeting, Dorothy will report it at the fall meeting in Oakland.
- **Special Libraries Association, Geography and Maps Division (SLA) (Dorothy McGarry):** It is officially the Geography and Map Section of the Social Sciences Division. Dorothy will report on anything important from the annual conference at the fall meeting in Oakland.

**Call for Volunteers:** Michael Smith called for volunteers for Business Manager and Membership Manager. He also mentioned that a new Webmaster is needed, and he will contact potential volunteers.

**Sounding Board:** Tom Brittnacher as IB Editor requested feedback and suggestions for improvement. He also asked for feedback on whether people would be interested in receiving IB as a PDF only.

Michael Smith requested feedback as well as news items for News and Notes.

Ken Rockwell has been working on metadata for the Western Soundscape Archive. The grant recipients wanted a map showing where the recordings were taken. A staff member wrote a script to feed the place names into an application to get back lat/long pairs so that points could be mapped in Google Maps. Ken will write up something for News & Notes when it becomes available.

A number of library school students attended the meeting. Tim Ross asked about their job searches and prospects. Students reported that there are not a lot of positions available, and you need to be flexible on job type and location to find them. Tim noted that U.S. librarians can work in Canada due to NAFTA.

Tim invited people to visit the map collection in the Koerner Library after the meeting, and Tom Brittnacher offered to show attendees the GIS lab. The group applauded Tim and Tom for their excellent work on planning the Vancouver conference. It was suggested that they create a checklist.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10.