

# Agenda

## MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting

November 18, 2025

Time: November 18, 3:00 PM Eastern Time via [Zoom](#)

Present: Iris Taylor, Sam Kim, Susan Moore, Laura McElfresh

1. Call to order - 3:05 pm Eastern
2. Call for changes to Agenda — none
3. Secretary—Minutes from past meeting
  - a. [September notes](#) went out over email; haven't had any corrections
  - b. Minutes for September (& November if they're ready in time) will run in December [base line](#).
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Chair (Susan)
    - i. ALA Annual schedule
      1. ALA is in Chicago this time (June 25-29) & is the 150th anniversary of ALA.
        - a. This means there will be more no-conflict times than usual (including our usual Exec Board time slot).
        - b. No-conflict times: Fri. 6/26, 4pm-10pm; Sat 6/27, 5:30pm-7:30pm; Sun. 6/28, 4pm-5:30pm; Mon. 6/29, 3:30pm-8pm
      2. Last time, we discussed having a single meeting with all IGs/Committees together. Right now we have several groups that don't have leaders. This would be an opportunity to discuss which groups we still need and, for the groups we want to keep, how do we get them going again?
      3. Chair's Program: Susan is thinking of a maps cataloging information session — how to do it, what makes maps cataloging different? We have done these in the past and they've been well attended. For a program like this, might want tables rather than theater seating.
      4. In the past, MAGIRT would have 3 programs (GeoTech would do one, plus Chair's Program, plus one on the geography of the ALA host city.)
      5. Outcome: Susan will be scheduling 4 sessions:
        - a. Cataloging IG (usual time)
        - b. Chair's Program (time/date is whatever ALA gives us)
        - c. Exec Board (note: usual slot is in a no-conflict time)
        - d. Membership/large joint IG & Committees meeting (maybe at CCC usual time).
    - b. Vice Chair (Iris)
      - i. ALA President-Elect Maria McCauley is having a discussion session for all incoming Round Table Chairs: December 9, 2025, at 1:00 pm CT/2:00 pm ET.
      - ii. When do we need to get started on planning the map library tour & Awards Dinner?
        1. Definitely still having the tour. Not certain we are still doing the dinner; should perhaps do a survey to gauge how many people are going to Annual this year and whether they would attend the 1) tour; 2) dinner after the tour; 3) Awards Dinner.

2. If there aren't enough people to make a private room necessary or feasible, we could just get a reservation and have the Awards Dinner at a restaurant. Or, we could present the award at Exec Board.
3. Tour: Obama Presidential Library is in Hoffman Estates, a half hour away from O'Hare (not on the bus line!) We went to the Newberry last time we were in Chicago; Rand McNally is also a tour possibility.
4. Due dates for ALA scheduling:
  - a. Ticketed Events and President's/Chair's Program: due January 6, 2026
  - b. Meetings and other events: due February 10, 2026
  - c. Offsite events: due April 8, 2026
- c. **Secretary** (Laura)
  - i. Not Secretary (or *base line*) related, but I was a guest speaker in Wade Bishop's map librarianship class last month & talked a little bit about MAGIRT, including the webinar
- d. **Webmaster** (Kevin) — not here
- e. **Treasurer** (Pete) — Sam is here instead
  - i. Iris says that ALA held a training session on financial statements for incoming Round Table Treasurers in October. She forwarded the training link to Sam; Sam has reached out to Danielle.
- f. **Past Chair** (Erin) — not here

## 5. Old Business

- i. MAGIRT webinar 10/23: "Four Collections in Four Days: A Map Librarian's Journey"
  1. Went well! Good attendance, engaging subject. [The recording](#) is now on [MAGIRT's YouTube channel](#).
  2. Will we be doing more webinars, perhaps regularly? — GODORT has "Friday chats". Do we want to try something like this to stoke interest in what's going on with MAGIRT, build up more participation? Weekly is probably too much; thinking maybe monthly or bimonthly. (Laura thinks monthly would be better.) Start in January perhaps? "Mappy Hour"?
- ii. Discussion at WAML conference: future of the *Online Guide to U.S. Map Collections*
  1. There was an inquiry on MAPS-L about the *Online Guide* just this morning — luckily Paige stepped in to answer!
  2. Laura will look at email from Paige & fill in some stuff

## 6. New Business

- i. Question from Laura: Some of our committees & IGs have gone quite a while without activity. Are they on actual hiatus? Are we just letting it ride till ALA Annual and the big IG combo meeting? (Answered already during "Chair" portion of the agenda — we're letting it ride till the big combo meeting at ALA Annual)
- ii. Recruiting for elections (VC/CE; Assistant Treasurer)
  1. Nominations are due Dec. 12th. None received so far
  2. Is VC/CE required to attend ALA Annual?
- iii. Melanie Wacker approached Tim & Susan for input on cartographic needs for Bibframe. Susan pointed her to the cartographic cataloging & RDA report on our website; Melanie will get back to her.

## 7. Committee/DG/IG/Liaison Reports

- a. **Bylaws & Governing Documents/Nominations & Awards Committee** — none
- b. **Cataloging & Classification Committee**

- i. CCC will meet virtually, either before or after Annual
  - ii. Next RBMS-BSC meeting (Wed. January 21st) has MAGIRT on the reporting schedule.  
Laura's report will be due in advance (probably Fri. Jan. 16th) so please let me know if there's anything I need to share.
    - 1. CCC might have something to report if BIG (Bibframe Interoperability Group) gets back to us; otherwise
  - c. **Education Committee** — none
  - d. **Geographic Technologies (GeoTech)/GODORT GIS DG**
    - i. (why does this say GODORT? did the groups merge? Laura, look into this)
  - e. **Membership & Marketing Committee** — none
  - f. **Online Presence & Publications Committee (OPPC)** — not here
  - g. **Cataloging of Cartographic Resources IG** — none
  - h. **Map Collection Management DG** — not here
  - i. **Freedom to Read Foundation** — not here
  - j. **WAML liaison report** — none
  - k. **CC:DA Report** — none
8. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 20th, at 3pm Eastern via [Zoom](#)
9. **Adjournment:** 3:55pm Eastern