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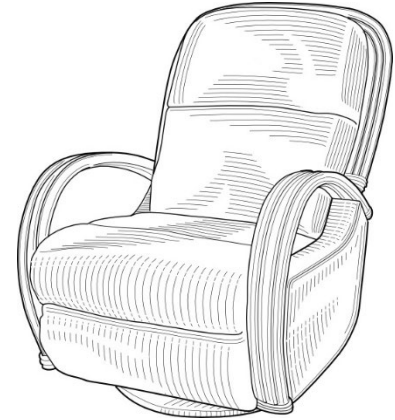


## From The Chair

Tim Kiser

Michigan State University

Greetings, MAGIRT members! This is my final column as 2023-2024 MAGIRT chair, and I want to thank everybody who has contributed to our successes this year. Please join me in welcoming incoming Chair Erin Cheever and incoming Vice Chair Susan Moore. I greatly appreciate their willingness to serve, and as Past Chair I will support their leadership in any way I can. For those who will be attending ALA Annual 2024 in San Diego, I look forward to seeing you!



In the past year, MAGIRT has undertaken new endeavors in online programming, and I will continue to encourage that trend in the coming years. We continue to face difficulties in maintaining and increasing our volunteer leadership base, and I believe that our path forward will require us to shift more of our ALA conference programming to online/remote environments. In recent years, entire categories of non-MAGIRT programming have shifted from ALA Annual to online settings, or to separate conferences entirely (such as ALA Core Forum). I believe that this has been a significant factor driving the reduction in numbers of in-person ALA Annual attendees that we have been seeing from MAGIRT's communities, particularly among academic librarians, who have long comprised a large portion of our volunteer leadership. (As a personal aside, I can report that outside MAGIRT, as a faculty catalog librarian, I have felt quite acutely the reduction of ALA Annual's cataloging- and metadata-related programming in recent years, and I expect that I will soon need to direct my professional development activity elsewhere.)

I want to highlight, in particular, two important MAGIRT roles that are unfilled: We are seeking coordinators of our Map Collections and GIS interest groups, respectively. Responsibilities in these roles are easy to achieve and may be undertaken remotely, and the positions are suitable for librarians at any point in their careers. I hope you'll consider volunteering, and/or sharing the opportunity with others who may be interested. I can guarantee that rescuing these vital discussion venues from their forced hiatuses will be met with great appreciation from our professional community. Please contact me or any member of MAGIRT's leadership team with questions, or to volunteer.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer!

# On The Cataloging/Cataloguing Front

Tammy Wong

Library of Congress

## *PCC Operations Committee Held*

On May 2-3, the [Program for Cooperative Cataloging](#) (PCC) held a hybrid Operations Committee (OpCo) meeting. The meeting was hosted and organized by the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) Division of the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) Directorate.

PTCP policy specialists led the following presentations:

Modernizing LC's Approach to Controlled Vocabularies

- LC Classification <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Soderquist-LCC.pdf>
- LC Subject Headings <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Polutta-LCSH.pdf>
- LC Genre/Form Terms <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Kurtz-LCGFT.pdf>
- LC Demographic Group Terms <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Ranieri-LCDGT.pdf>

Updates about the Subject Authority Cooperative Program (SACO) program

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Berthoud-SACO-Projects.pdf>

Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) Training

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Mackenzie-NACO-Training.pdf>

Cooperative Serials (CONSER) Training <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Brellenthin-Phillips-CONSER-Training.pdf>

Exploring artificial intelligence (AI) in cataloging

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Potter-Saccucci-Machine-Learning.pdf>

Non-Latin script input in [BIBFRAME](#) and [FOLIO](#)

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Zoom-Embracing-Authenticity.pdf>

ISSN program update

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2024/Reynolds-ISSN-update.pdf>

The [agenda](#) and presentation recordings are available on the PCC webpage.

### ***PCC Guidelines for the Application of Relationship Designators in NACO Authority Records***

PCC has published an updated version of [PCC Guidelines for the Application of Relationship Designators in NACO Authority Records](#) (May 2024). The document represents the PCC guidelines for the use of relationship designators in NACO Authority File (NAF) records. The relevant changes are found in sections 13 and 15. The guidelines do not apply to subject authority records.

Places with sequential and other non-sequential relationships (e.g. part/whole) are included in section 13 of the document.

Catalogers may now use relationship designators for related places in field 551 in NACO Authority Records, using subfield \$i in combination with subfield \$w value “r.” Appropriate relationship designators can be found in RDA Appendix K.4.3 for successive place names, merges, splits, etc. For example:

```
151 Oslo (Norway)
551 $w r $i Predecessor: $a Kristiania (Norway)

151 Kristiania (Norway)
551 $w r $i Successor: $a Oslo (Norway)
```

Optionally, relationships other than sequential place-to-place relationships, including hierarchical place-to-place relationships and relationships of other entities to places may also be recorded in 551 \$i, using appropriate relationship designators from RDA Appendix K (for agent-to-place relationships) or Appendix I (for work/expression-to-place relationships). The updated guidelines provide some additional guidance and examples.

# MAGIRT at ALA in San Diego

## Meetings and Activities

All times are Pacific (PDT). All meetings are in the San Diego Convention Center.

### MAGIRT meetings and sessions at ALA Annual 2024

Session	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
MAGIRT – Chair’s Program	Sat 6/29/2024	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Room 29 (A-B-C)
MAGIRT – Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group	Sun 6/30/2024	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Room 13
MAGIRT – Cataloging and Classification Committee	Sun 6/30/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Room 13
MAGIRT – Executive Board and Annual Membership Meeting	Sun 6/30/2024	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Room 10

### MAGIRT social events at ALA Annual 2024

#### Tour of the Map Collection at the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park + Casual Pay-Your-Own-Way Dinner

Friday, 6/28/2024 2:30pm

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101

Meet at the South Entrance Steps, next to the big fountain

Getting there: The Natural History Museum is a 1 hour walk/30 minute bus ride/11 minute drive from the convention center (travel time is about the same for those arriving from the airport). ([Location](#))

#### Membership Appreciation Dinner at Peohe’s on Coronado Island

Saturday, 6/29/2024 6:00pm (RSVP was required)

1201 1st St, Coronado, CA 92118

Getting there: Peohe’s is a 15-minute walk/15 minute ferry ride/10 minute drive from the convention center. ([Location](#))

## **WAML Liaison Report to MAGIRT Executive Board**

**Katherine Rankin, WAML Liaison**

WAML will hold its annual conference in person in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the University of New Mexico September 25<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Only the business meeting, the executive board meeting, and sounding board will be hybrid. WAML will be hosting a virtual symposium on October 10<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to present virtually.

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque Downtown. The rate is \$139.00 a night plus taxes and parking fees. Information on how to make a reservation is on the WAML web page under the tab 2024 conference at [waml.org](http://waml.org).

WAML will award three scholarships of \$750 each to attend the WAML Albuquerque conference plus a one-year membership in WAML, free conference registration, and the opportunity to present at the conference. The application deadline is May 31, 2024. More information and the application form is available at [WAML conference scholarship application](#).

More information on the conference will be forthcoming on the WAML website <http://waml.org/>

Submitted April 30, 2024 by Katherine Rankin, WAML liaison

# MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 PM Eastern Time via [Zoom](#)

**Present:** Erin Cheever, Kevin Dyke, Tim Kiser, Laura McElfresh, Susan Moore, Amy Swanson, Iris Taylor, Min Zhang

1. **Call to order - 3:02 pm Eastern**
2. **Call for changes to Agenda - none**
3. **Secretary--Minutes from past meeting:** Feb. 27th minutes are in [base line 45:1 \(March 2024\)](#)
4. **Officer Reports**
  - a. **Chair**
    - i. Congratulations to Susan Moore, elected to serve in the vice chair/chair/past chair cycle starting in July. Thank you, Susan!
    - ii. Thanks to all who helped with Leap into MAGIRT! on February 29th. The event was a success. Tim would like to have it become an annual event to increase MAGIRT's reach and help fill the void left by Midwinter. The recording is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_ikabnpN1k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ikabnpN1k) (thanks to Laura for cleaning up the captions!)
    - iii. ALA Annual
      1. Schedule:
        - a. [Meeting/session schedule is here](#) (also see p. 6)
        - b. All meetings are in the convention center (no outlying hotels!) This makes travel much easier; plus we get conference wifi.
      2. Chair's Program (Sat. 6/29, 1pm)
        - a. Vanessa Viola (Art & Architecture Librarian, NY Institute of Technology) & her colleague Elijah Williams will present on their experiences teaching maps & geospatial data in the context of architecture & design education. This is not only interesting in its own right, but also means MAGIRT supporting people who don't necessarily have "Map Librarian" or "GIS Librarian" in their title.
          - i. They get some travel support from NYIT but it won't cover this trip
          - ii. Per Danielle, we have a \$500 budget for honoraria



and \$500 for “speaker expenses”. I propose we offer it to Vanessa & Elijah. – Passed unanimously!

3. GIS IG/GeoTech Committee

- a. Haven’t heard back from the chair; cancel? — Meeting was sparsely attended last year (though to be fair, it was not in such a convenient location). Consensus: cancel.
- b. May also wish to transition GIS/GeoTech into a virtual group — could increase participation and make it less challenging for the Chair.

b. **Vice Chair**

- i. Conference planning for the tour & awards dinner — touring map collection at San Diego Natural History Museum (casual dinner after).
- ii. Awards dinner — Erin is trying for a restaurant on the island across from the Conference Center; accessible via boat or 15-min walk via footbridge. Erin is following up to make sure they can accommodate us. We will want to get our reservation sooner rather than later. (Will also need to talk with Danielle so she can issue a check to the restaurant.)
- iii. Slightly delayed on the swag process; will talk with Danielle and Iris
- iv. Promoting MAGIRT at the Membership Pavilion; has been talking with Danielle and with Tina Coleman about audiences such as school librarians, other folks we maybe haven’t reached out to in the past
  1. Iris seems to remember sessions like an open house for Round Tables — groups sit & talk with people, hand out goodies? (Erin thinks the Membership Pavilion has taken the place of this kind of thing. Susan suspects it may be a casualty of COVID.) Iris is willing to volunteer if needed.

c. **Secretary**

- i. My first *base line* issue came off okay 1) thanks to Kevin; 2) except I’m not sure the image alt texts carried over from Word to PDF. (Kevin says they did!) Very grateful to John for his assistance in the Editor transition and for his work over the years.
  1. Tim is still willing to take over as *base line* editor when he has completed his Chair responsibilities.
  2. Still no ad requests — was perhaps expecting one from East View, but it never came through. Iris & Laura can check on this.
- ii. I’ve fixed the captions in the Leap Into MAGIRT! recording.

d. **Webmaster**

- i. We’re moving to a new website (Drupal 10) and Kevin had a training session last week. It is much simpler, more intuitive; more similar to working with WordPress
  1. [Demo of new site from Drupal back end]

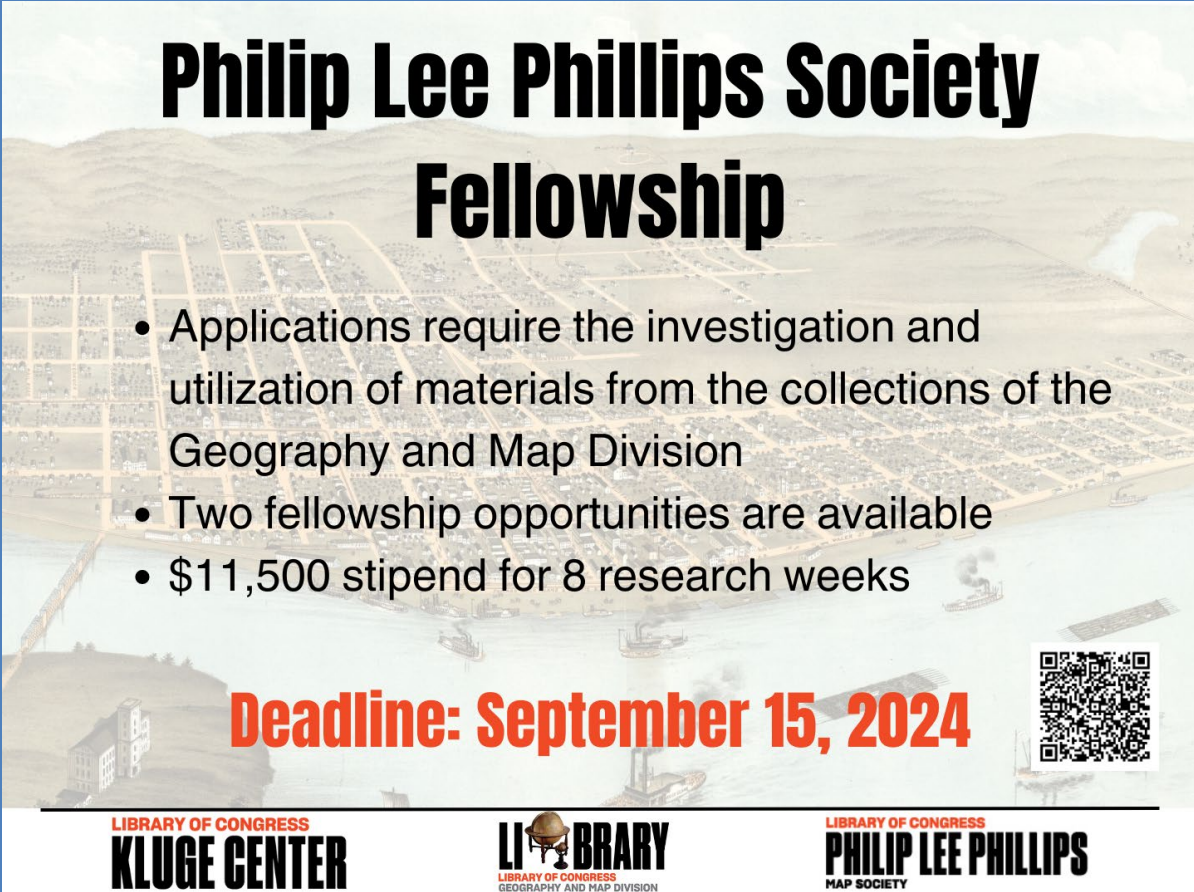
- 2. Launching tomorrow (May 1st), surprise!
- 3. Kevin should be able to work in the new site much more quickly and easily, and have an easier time sharing the work with others.
- ii. Not sure if the same sandbox thing will hold as far as training, etc. — probably easiest for Laura to just send the next newsletter issue to Kevin for upload.
- e. **Treasurer**
  - i. Latest report Iris has received is November 2023 but she can run through the numbers with us. We're in good financial shape though!
- f. **Past Chair**
  - i. We have not received nominations for the MAGIRT Award; we will regroup for next year and have declared this year's dinner to be Membership Appreciation instead (in the spirit of *Time's* Person Of The Year = "YOU"!).
- 5. **Old Business - none**
- 6. **New Business - none**
- 7. **Committee/DG/IG Reports**
  - a. **Bylaws & Governing Docs/Nominations & Awards Committee** - none
  - b. **Cataloging & Classification Committee**
    - i. Susan has gotten emails about what she needs to do to upload documents for the meeting at Annual; Tim has been handling things, so believes it is all set and Susan doesn't need to do anything more.
  - c. **Education Committee** - none
  - d. **Geographic Technologies (GeoTech)/GODORT GIS DG** - none
  - e. **Membership & Marketing Committee** - none
  - f. **Online Presence & Publications Committee (OPPC)** - none
  - g. **Cataloging of Cartographic Resources IG**
    - i. Generating ideas for discussion at ALA; will send out the usual email to call for topics. Looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego!
    - ii. Tim suggests the new cartographic genre/form terms as a discussion topic (e.g. transit maps, glad to see that one!)
  - h. **Map Collection Management DG** - none
  - i. **Freedom to Read Foundation** - none
  - j. **WAML liaison report**
    - i. Kathy emailed her report in; it will be included separately in *base line*.
  - k. **CC:DA Report**
    - i. As usual, the Core Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access will meet on Saturday & Monday at ALA Annual. (Note that CC:DA *has* met in person again following pandemic shutdowns; it is the MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) that has remained online only.)
    - ii. CC:DA I – Saturday June 29, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Marriott Marquis (Marina Salon E)

iii. CC:DA II – Monday July 1, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Marriott Marquis  
(Marina Salon E)

**8. Next meeting:**

- a. Tim is out of office for the May meeting; next meeting in San Diego? We will cancel the May meeting; handle any loose ends via email; and see each other at Annual.

**9. Adjournment: 3:44 pm EDT**



# Philip Lee Phillips Society Fellowship

- Applications require the investigation and utilization of materials from the collections of the Geography and Map Division
- Two fellowship opportunities are available
- \$11,500 stipend for 8 research weeks

**Deadline: September 15, 2024**



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