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# Minutes

## WAML Executive Board Meeting

### 1/28/2026

### 9 am Pacific/12 pm Eastern

Registration link:

<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/4431959620>

**Call meeting to order at 9:00 am Pacific/12:00 pm Eastern**

#### **Officers in attendance:**

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
- Meg Miller (Past President)
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)

#### **Absent:**

#### **Other attendees:**

Stephen Appel, Ken Rockwell, Emma Slayton

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

- [2025-11-26 Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approved by email on December 1, 2025



## Officer Reports & Check-In

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
  - Alyssa Renteria of UNLV is interested in hosting the annual conference! The last Vegas conference was in 2008 organized by Kathy Rankin.
    - There was a larger discussion on what the near future of conferences looked like (with concerns to the ability for Canadian members to participate in person).
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
  - Continuing to work with Craig on 2026 meeting
    - Potential banquet location.
- Meg Miller (Past President)
  - Bylaw wording to be discussed in old business
  - Draft cribbed from Texas amendment- needs work [Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Add Yukon to the Principal Region](#)
  - Draft for ballot on conference in 2027

### [Subject: Important Vote: 2027 Conference Location](#)

- Voting platform: Google Poll, Survey Methods also recommended as a potential platform.
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)
  - No reports.
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)
  - Switched over documents to sam, should be ok to sign checks.

Actions approved over email by E-Board since November 2025 E-Board meeting

- N/A

## Appointed Position Reports

- Sarah Zhang (Information Bulletin Editor)
- Ilene Raynes (IB Book and Geospatial Resources Review Editor)
  - No updates from me! All is good with book reviews.
- Emma Slayton (IB Features Editor)
  - Any feedback on past features would be appreciated.
- Nick Beyelia (Membership Manager)



- Chrissy Klenke (New Mapping Editor)
  - Nothing to report. Hopes all is well.
- Zoe Dilles (WAML Archivist)
- Kevin Dyke (Web Administrator)

## Updates from task forces, committees, etc.

- Continuing Education (Kat Strickland)
- Communications Committee (Georgia Brown)
  - Hi, no updates from me as Communications chair.
- Scholarship Committee (Jo-Ann Wong)
- MAGIRT/ALA Liaison Report (Kathy Rankin)
  - No updates from MAGIRT. Kathy and her husband are going on a rail tour in South America and will be gone February 11-27th.
- ACMLA Liaison Report (daniel Brendle-Moczuk)
- NACIS Liaison Report (Theresa Quill) -
- GSIS (Chrissy Klenke)
  - Nothing to report. Hopes all is well.
- NGAC (Ryan Mattke)
- MAGIRT Online Guide to US Map Collections (Stephen Appel)
  - A group has been organized to lead this endeavor. Stephen wants to make sure he has info he needs to start meetings/discussions.
    - We aren't at the point to decide whether or not WAML wants to do this. A meeting will be made to discuss this process.

## Old Business

- Previous action items:
  - Meg: Go through bylaws and see what needs to be updated. [Bylaws with comments](#)
  - Cheyenne: Send an email for ALA Liaison and new mapping editor.
- MAGIRT Ad-hoc committee.
- Hotel block agreement signed for WAML 2026 in Denver
- Amending principal region discussion.
  - Proposing the amendment with a written document submitted by the secretary.



## New Business

- N/A

## Potential Features Announcements

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 9 AM Pacific/12 PM Eastern

**Meeting adjourned: 9:25 Pacific and 12:25 Eastern**

Minutes submitted by Jack Tiezsen (Secretary).

Approved by the Executive Board by email on February 5

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## Action Items

- Meg: Add Alyssa and UNVL to the conference manual as a potential future location.
- Cheyenne: Send an email for ALA Liaison and new mapping editor.

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