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Minutes

WAML Executive Board Meeting

2/25/2026

9 am Pacific/12 pm Eastern

Registration link:

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

Call meeting to order at 9:02 Pacific/12:02 Eastern

Officers in attendance:

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)

Absent:

- Meg Miller (Past President)
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)

Other attendees:

Emilie Ducourneau, Theresa Quill, Georgia Brown, Kevin Dyke

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- [2026-1-28 Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approved by email on February 6, 2026



Officer Reports & Check-In

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
 - “By March 1st each year, the President shall appoint a three-member Nominating Committee which shall include the Past President.”
<https://waml.org/about-waml/waml-bylaws/#elections>
 - Sierra, Emilie, and Meg on the election committee.
 - Do local hosts have to pay for WAML conference registration? VP who is helping to organize? This has been questioned a few times, so should be written in the conference manual whatever the decision is?
 - Nothing is written down for this.
 - Sierra: Local host shouldn't have to/this should be at no cost for local host. Agreement from Cheyenne.
 - Banquet and field trip are separate from this.
 - Jo-Ann has asked what scholarships look like this year. We've (sam and I) concluded that 2 scholarship winners at \$1,000 each (same as last year per that discussion).
 - Received email from George Carhart regarding his hosting in Texas. He had the date of 2027, but I reminded him that Milwaukee was already in the running for that year and the earliest date would be 2028 if that's what was decided.
 - For the 2026 conference, Kevin mentioned transitioning from Paypal to using Stripe. In doing this we need a phone number. It was mentioned that maybe using Google Voice to forward the calls to sam? Using this service, we need access to Google Workspace to do this. Kevin is trying to set up the Stripe account and will join us later for this meeting to talk about it.
 - Kevin: Needs to provide a name of someone to act as a business representative. Treasurer for name, using the treasurer email for the account. Google voice is also an option.
 - Kevin: For the address of WAML we use the Stanford address (557 Escondido Mall?)
 - Kevin: Getting the sponsorship page up and running.
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
 - Continuing to work with Craig on the 2026 conference
 - Looking for field trip ideas.
 - Potential: Argo Mill and Tunnel. Has a historical society with map collection.



- Potentially getting a new sponsor.
- Began conversation on setting up the sponsorship page for the conference.
- Meg Miller (Past President)
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)
 - No reports.
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)
 - I'm officially the account holder for Bank of America now. I'll be ordering a new credit card in my name so future costs can be addressed to me
 - Backup access to the bank account in the bylaws is given to the incoming president, so I'll reach out to Sierra to set up a meeting to add her information to the account.
 - I can login to paypal and am the name on the account.

Actions approved over email by E-Board since January 2026 E-Board meeting

- N/A

Appointed Position Reports

- Sarah Zhang (Information Bulletin Editor)
- Ilene Raynes (IB Book and Geospatial Resources Review Editor)
- Emma Slayton (IB Features Editor)
- Nick Beyelia (Membership Manager)
- Chrissy Klenke (New Mapping Editor)
 - No updates. Hopes all is well.
- Zoe Dilles (WAML Archivist)
- Kevin Dyke (Web Administrator)
 - Move from Paypal to Stripe

Updates from task forces, committees, etc.

- Continuing Education (Kat Strickland)
- Communications Committee (Georgia Brown)
 - Scheduling a meeting soon to plan the next editing party.
- Scholarship Committee (Jo-Ann Wong)
- MAGIRT/ALA Liaison Report (Kathy Rankin)
 - John and Kathy are on a two-week tour of South America. They've been to



Buenos Aires, Peru and they're flying to the Igazu Falls area followed by Rio. Kathy doesn't have any updates on MAGIRT.

- ACMLA Liaison Report (daniel Brendle-Moczuk)
- NACIS Liaison Report (Theresa Quill)
 - No updates from Theresa and NACIS!
- GSIS (Chrissy Klenke)
 - No updates. Hopes all is well.
- NGAC (Ryan Mattke)
- MAGIRT Online Guide to US Map Collections (Stephen Appel)-
 - Meeting on Thursday the 26th to discuss next steps for the Online List of Map Collections. In case anyone else is interested in joining, here's the link:

<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/91820572980?pwd=OL0bF7mc8tfjlyG0G1YieVLFd96HHW.1>

Stephen Appel is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: WAML Ad hoc committee for MAGIRT Online Guide

Time: Feb 26, 2026 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/91820572980?pwd=OL0bF7mc8tfjlyG0G1YieVLFd96HHW.1>

Meeting ID: 918 2057 2980

Passcode: 909972

Old Business

- Previous action items:
 - Meg: Add Alyssa and UNLV to the conference manual as a potential future location.
 - 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 March 25, 2026 at 9 AM Pacific/12 PM Eastern

Meeting adjourned: 9:27 Pacific/12:27 Eastern

Minutes submitted by Jack Tiezsen (Secretary).

Approved by the Executive Board by email on March 4

Action Items

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