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Minutes

WAML Executive Board Meeting

3/25/2026

9 am Pacific/12 pm Eastern

Registration link:

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

Call meeting to order at 9:04 Pacific/12:04 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:

Georgia Brown, Stephan Appel, Zoe Dilles, Ken Rockwell

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- [2026-2-25 Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approved by email on March 4, 2026

Officer Reports & Check-In

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)



- See information in New Business.
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
 - We should be getting the final contract for the banquet soon.
 - Have an idea for the field trip, but need further things to align for it to be fully committed.
- Meg Miller (Past President)
 - ACMLA is having their annual conference in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Geographers. It is in Victoria this year at the beginning of June.
 - Link: <https://event.fourwaves.com/cagcarto2026/pages>
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)
 - No reports.
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)
 - Doing tax forms at the moment

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)
 - No updates
- Emma Slayton (IB Features Editor)
- Nick Beyelia (Membership Manager)
- Chrissy Klenke (New Mapping Editor)
 - No updates. Hopes all is well.
- Zoe Dilles (WAML Archivist)
 - Been collecting files from last conference. Julie Sweetkind-Singer is retiring. Setting up priority lists of gathering information before she leaves, mainly the history of WAML programming.
 - MOU for having WAML address with Stanford won't be affected, point of contact interim needs to be set up. Likely to be Evan.
- Kevin Dyke (Web Administrator)
 - Move from Paypal to Stripe. Only using for conference sponsorship set up currently, will move other things (like membership, etc.) over in the next few months.



Updates from task forces, committees, etc.

- Continuing Education (Kat Strickland)
- Communications Committee (Georgia Brown)
 - Getting data and info from Stephen.
- Scholarship Committee (Jo-Ann Wong)
- MAGIRT/ALA Liaison Report (Kathy Rankin)
- ACMLA Liaison Report (daniel Brendle-Moczuk)
- NACIS Liaison Report (Theresa Quill)-
 - No updates.
- GSIS (Chrissy Klenke)
- NGAC (Ryan Mattke)
- MAGIRT Online Guide to US Map Collections (Stephen Appel)-
 - There was a follow up meeting on 3/24. We have some data to work with in the form of a spreadsheet. Recommendation: There is interest in taking on the guide to US map libraries and folding it into the map librarian's toolbox. Spoke about the audience for the guide and how it was mainly map librarians so the thought is to keep it internal (though still public). Will become part of the regular update workflows for the toolbox.
 - Planning to bring it up at the next toolbox meeting.

Old Business

- Previous action items:
 - None
- “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.
- WAML 2026 in Denver discussion:
 - Agreement that local hosts shouldn't have to pay for registration.
 - Transitioning from Paypal to Stripe.
 - Potential field trip ideas and discussions on looking for a new sponsors.

New Business

- Should we chat about current airport situations and travel prices?



- Do we have a backup plan for the conference?
 - Education committee updates on potential online symposiums?
 - There was a discussion on the possibility of doing a smaller virtual conference (not as a backup but as a followup like in previous years).
 - It was brought up that one should indicate that it is a separate event from the conference because of potential funding issues for those who wish to attend the conference.
- There was a conversation between members of the executive board concerning appointed positions and checking in to make sure that people who wish to leave are able to do so if they are no longer able to fulfill the expectations of their role.

Potential Features Announcements

Next Meeting

- Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 9 AM Pacific/12 PM Eastern

Meeting adjourned: 9:26 Pacific/ 12:26 Eastern

Minutes submitted by Jack Tiezsen (Secretary).

Approved by the Executive Board by email on April 1, 2026

Action Items

- Meg: Check to see if there are any existing mechanisms for people leaving their positions (such as membership manager).

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